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Evidence of alternate suspect excluded from 1976 murder trial

Judge rules Vannieuwenhoven's attorneys didn't quite make their case

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

For the second time, a Marinette County judge has rejected an elderly Lakewood man's motion to allow testimony that someone else shot and killed a Green Bay couple in 1976.

Raymand L. Vannieuwenhoven, 84, is scheduled to stand trial starting July 19 on two counts of first-degree murder in the shooting deaths of David Schuldes, 25, and Ellen Matheys, 24, at the McClintock Park campground in the Town of Silver Cliff in Marinette County. Matheys had also been sexually assaulted.

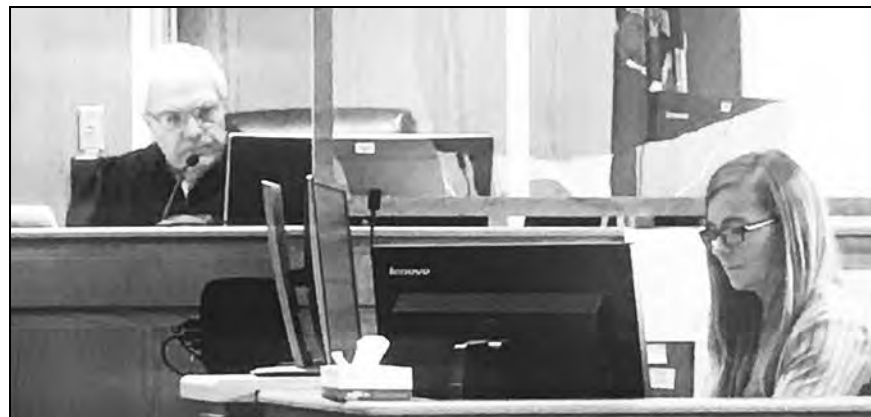
The case went unsolved for more than 40 years until, investigators say, modern technology was able to positively match DNA found with Matheys' body to Vannieuwenhoven in early 2019.

Defense attorneys had filed motions to allow testimony about two other men investigators over the years believed could be suspects in the murders, Mervin Walker and Robert Lukesh. Judge James Morrison denied the motion regarding Walker earlier this spring, saying the defense failed to make the case that Walker had motive, opportunity and a direct connection to the crime — the three factors that previous courts have ruled defenders must show in presenting an alternative suspect.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys also submitted briefs regarding whether Lukesh, who is now deceased, could have committed the crimes, and Morrison held an additional hearing June 3 to take oral arguments.

Defense attorney Travis Crowell said his team's brief provided 20 bullet points and 24 exhibits — emphasizing that the materials all came from sheriff's investigators looking into the case — that taken as a whole show that Lukesh could have killed the couple.

As for motive, "He had long stated to other people that he wanted to commit the perfect crime, see if he could get away with it," Crowell said.



Marinette County Judge James Morrison, left, checks the video feed prior to a motions hearing June 3 in the case of Raymand Vannieuwenhoven, 84, of Lakewood, who is scheduled to stand trial next month for a 1976 double murder.

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"We believe that's what he did here, and other evidence basically shows that he had the opportunity and the motive and the direct connection to do that."

The defense has noted that on the afternoon Schuldes' body was found, Lukesh brought coffee and sandwiches to the investigating officers in part to learn more about the incident. While he was there, he made the comment that he thought it smelled like the odor of a dead woman, and Mathys' body was not discovered until the next day, Crowell said.

Lukesh was a brutal man who abused family members, he had an obsession with murder, and in later years he described to friends what he believed happened to the couple in detail that suggested he had been there, the defense attorney said.

District Attorney DeShea Morrow countered that DNA testing in the 1990s had excluded Lukesh as a suspect in the sexual assault tied to Matheys' murder.

Although Lukesh appeared to talk about the crime in a first-person account, he didn't get his facts straight.

"Most all of those were wrong," Morrow said. Lukesh talked about a handgun, but they were shot with a rifle. He talked about the suspect chasing the victims down a hill, but there is no hill at the murder scene. He said the murders happened dur-

ing a robbery, but Schuldes' watch and camera were found next to the body.

Morrow said all of the defense arguments about how Lukesh could have committed the crime could be made about Walker, whom Morrison had already excluded in the previous ruling.

Morrison issued a written ruling June 4, saying that both sides made compelling arguments but in the end the defense did not make a convincing enough case that Lukesh had a direct connection to the crime.

Citing a Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling, Morrison wrote that a "remote possibility, a theory without a direct connection" is not enough to support allowing Lukesh to be introduced as an alternative suspect.

The judge conceded during the hearing that it was a close call.

"What's clear to me is that Mr. Lukesh was a very, very despicable human being who did unspeakably horrible things to people. No question about that," Morrison said.

The judge also ruled on a variety of motions regarding jury instructions and other nuts and bolts of the trial. A final pre-trial conference is scheduled for June 22 and a motion hearing for June 23 heading into the July 19 trial. Two weeks have been set aside for the trial.

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CORRECTIONS

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Alsteen Farms to host breakfast for 5,000 Sunday

Annual Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm ready to roll

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Among the highlights of any summer is the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm, which has been known to feed as many as 5,000 visitors in five hours.

This year's host is Alsteen Farms LLC, 9399 Belgian Road, Lena. Breakfast is scheduled to be served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 13.

The menu is scrambled eggs with cheese and ham, pancakes, sausages, yogurt, apple sauce, cheese, milk, orange juice, ice cream, coffee and water, all for \$8 per guest. Live music, antique demonstrations and children's activities are also to be part of the mix.

Alsteen Farms was originally slated to host the 2020 Breakfast on the Farm, but the event was canceled because of COVID-19 pandemic concerns. The dairy was established in 1900 and then purchased in 1959 by Harvey and Marian Alsteen.

The Alsteens raised their three

sons – Dave, Mike and Dan – on the farm. In 1993, Mike, his wife, Pam, and their three children – Colby, Courtney and Carolyn – purchased the farm, which at that time consisted of 85 cows and 400 acres.

The farm has continued to grow and adapt to new technology, and today the dairy milks 500 cows twice a day. The 85-stall stanchion barn was retrofitted into a double 10 parallel parlor in 1998. With cow comfort in mind, the free-stall barn has mattresses that are bedded with straw and sawdust and is equipped with sprinklers, fans and cow brushes.

The Alsteens' acreage has also increased, now farming 1,800 acres of corn, soybeans, alfalfa and wheat with nine full-time, three part-time and seasonal employees.

Tickets can be purchased at the farm or in advance at Lena Fast Stop; NEW Credit Union branches in Oconto, Oconto Falls and Suring; or Peshtigo National Bank branches in Coleman, Oconto Falls and Gillett.



Human and bovine getting a good look at each other is part of the fun at Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm, as at the Rockledge Farms dairy barn during the 2017 event. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Body found in Little Suamico was gunshot victim

Green Bay man charged with driving victim to remote area, killing him

By WARREN BLUHM
Editor-in-chief

A Green Bay man has been arrested in connection with the death of a man whose body was found in an isolated area of Little Suamico in February.

A first-degree intentional homicide charge was filed June 7 in Oconto County Circuit Court against Manuel Antonio Herrera-Hernandez, 32.

Herrera-Hernandez was charged May 20 with two counts of felony bail jumping but had yet to make an initial court appearance on those charges. He was already scheduled to stand trial in November 2020 on charges of possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of THC and drug paraphernalia. He had been free after posting \$25,000 cash bond in the earlier case.

A man's body was found the morning of Feb. 22 in the parking area of the Green Bay Shores State Wildlife Area on Lade Beach Road in the Town of Little Suamico. He had been shot several times, Sheriff Todd Skarban



MANUEL ANTONIO
HERRERA-
HERNANDEZ

said in a news release. No weapon was found at the scene.

The victim had no identification, but he had a cellphone in his pocket. A search warrant was obtained and a search of the phone led to the man being

identified. Skarban and the criminal complaint refer to the victim as MGP, a 35-year-old African-American or Hispanic man, and an autopsy confirmed he died of multiple gunshot wounds.

"Throughout the course of the investigation, it was determined that on Sunday Feb. 21, MGP left a residence in the 1100 block of Walnut Street in the city of Green Bay," Skarban said. "Witnesses indicated MGP left voluntarily with an unknown individual. Witnesses indicated after leaving the residence MGP did not return, and no one had any other contact with him."

Law enforcement teams conducted numerous interviews, executed numerous search warrants and continued with the follow-up investigation, Skarban said.

The break in the case came May 17, when Herrera-Hernandez and a 30-year-old woman identified as MV were arrested during a traffic stop in the city of Green Bay. The May 20 criminal complaint indicates that 44.71 grams of fentanyl and 360.93 grams of methamphetamine were seized from the car.

During the initial interview with MV, she told investigators that Herrera-Hernandez admitted to her that he had shot and killed MGP, according to the homicide complaint. In a follow-up interview, she said that she and Herrera-Hernandez had picked up MGP from a residence on Walnut Street in Green Bay and they drove to a secluded area where Herrera-Hernandez shot and killed MGP, then drove away.

Investigators interviewed Herrera-Hernandez on May 19, and he said he picked up MGP with MV and drove to the wildlife area, where the two men

argued and MGP tried to take the gun away. During the ensuing fight, he said "the gun just went off," according to the criminal complaint. They left the victim lying on the ground "in pain," the complaint said.

"Herrera-Hernandez said that MGP had his phone with him so he could call 911," the complaint said.

The complaint was filed late Monday afternoon, and Herrera-Hernandez likely will make an initial court appearance on the homicide charge June 15.

Skarban credited a number of agencies for helping the investigation, including the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation, State Crime Lab, Green Bay Police Department, Brown County Sheriff's Office and its Drug Task Force, Shawano County Sheriff's Office, Shawano Police Department, Waupaca County Sheriff's Office, Clintonville Police Department, Oconto County District Attorney's Office, Brown County Medical Examiner's Office and the Dane County Medical Examiner's Office.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of June 1

Nathan John Lloyd, 20, Milwaukee, was sentenced to three years in prison, followed by three years of extended supervision, for third-degree sexual assault, in connection with an incident that occurred April 25, 2020. He was given credit for 292 days already served in the county jail. Judge Michael T. Judge issued a no-contact order and ruled that Lloyd must register as a sex offender

and comply with the rules of that program, among other conditions of his extended supervision.

Dominic V. Mancini Sr., 58, Pulaski, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), in connection with an incident that occurred June 20, 2020. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Aug. 17 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for

Timothy M. Johnson, 29, Hortonville, after he was charged with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 29. His initial appearance was adjourned until June 17.

Proceedings of May 26

Lee W. Phillips, 40, Oconto, was placed on three years of probation

after a prison term was imposed and stayed for strangulation-suffocation, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 22. Judge James A. Morrison ordered Phillips to pay a total of \$1,863 in fines and court costs, maintain absolute sobriety and undergo an alcohol and other drug abuse assessment and a psychological examination, following through with recommended treatment and counseling.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

June 3

Deputies responded to 55 calls, including suspicious behavior along Pine Avenue in the Town of Oconto, suspicious behavior near state Highway 22 and County Road J in the Town of Oconto, suspicious behavior along state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, property damage on Sandalwood Road in the Town of Abrams, a wanted person on County Road SS in the Town of Pensaukee, a disturbance along Elm Avenue in the City of Oconto Falls, suspicious behavior along West Frontier Road in the Town of Little Suamico, drugs at an address in the Town of Morgan, seven traffic stops, three traffic offenses, three citizen assists, eight miscellaneous traffic incidents; two 911 hangups and two open lines; two crashes, both involving deer.

June 2

Deputies responded to 56 calls, including suspicious behavior along state Highway 32 in the Town of Gillett, a carbon monoxide alarm on Lilac Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious behavior along County Road B in the Town of Oconto Falls, trespassing on Stiles Road in the Town of Stiles, harassment on Pleasant View Drive in the Town of Chase, suspicious behavior on Doran Street in the Town of Oconto, suspicious behavior along Bay Road in the Town of Little River, a weapon offense along Frog Pond Road in the Town of Oconto, a disturbance on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a weapon offense on Lilly Road in the Town of Little Suamico, property damage on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, suspicious behavior

along Wickman Way in the Town of Abrams, a wanted person on Green Bay Avenue in the City of Oconto Falls, five traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, four miscellaneous traffic incidents; four 911 hangups and two open lines; two ambulance calls; two crashes.

June 1

Deputies responded to 59 calls, including property damage at the Park and Ride on Duane Road in the Town of Stiles, threatening behavior along County Road I in the Town of Stiles, harassment on state Highway 32 in the Town of Maple Valley, a K-9 demonstration at Oconto Elementary School in the City of Oconto, threatening behavior on Kapalin Lane in the Town of Brazeau, animal neglect near County Road S and Yurek Road in the Town of Chase, property damage on Liegeois Road in the Town of Pensaukee, harassment on East Anderson Lake Drive in the Town of Breed, squad damage near County Road M and Hayes Road in the Town of How, suspicious behavior along Tower Drive Road in the Town of Lena, property damage on Center Street in the City of Oconto, two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; five 911 hangups and three open lines; two crashes, one involving deer.

May 31

Deputies responded to 64 calls, including threatening behavior on Bucks Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, fire along state Highway 64 in the Town of Mountain, suspicious behavior near state Highway 32 and Carter Town Lane

in the Town of Townsend, a disturbance along Balcom Lake Road in the Town of Gillett, fire along state Highway 64 in the Town of Brazeau, one traffic stop, four traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, seven 911 hangups and 10 open lines; one ambulance call; eight crashes, one involving an ATV and two involving deer.

May 30

Deputies responded to 87 calls, including a noise disturbance at the County Road J boat launch in the Town of Oconto, property damage along County Road C in the Town of Morgan, a wanted person along Joyful Acres Lane in the Town of Morgan, fireworks along Knollwood Lane in the Town of Mountain, theft along County Road E in the Town of Abrams, a noise disturbance along County Road I in the Town of Stiles, a disturbance along County Road I in the Town of Stiles, suspicious behavior near Main Street and Superior Avenue in the City of Oconto, a noise disturbance along Lakeside Drive in the Town of Mountain, a noise disturbance at an address in the Town of Underhill, 21 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; 12 911 hangups and 10 open lines; three ambulance calls; eight crashes, one involving an ATV and three involving deer.

May 29

Deputies responded to 103 calls, including a structure fire on Beech Tree Court in the Town of Brazeau, an overdose at an address in the Town of Little Suamico, a weapon offense near

Horn Lake Road and Forest Hill Drive in the Town of Townsend, suspicious behavior near County Road S and West Frontier Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious behavior along Gohr Road in the Town of Chase, lost property along Archibald Lake Road in the Town of Lakewood, a wanted person on Joyful Acres Lane in the Town of Morgan, a disturbance on Village View Drive in the Town of Townsend, a disturbance along Harris Lane in the Town of Breed, a noise disturbance on Chicken Shack Road in the Town of Stiles, suspicious behavior along County Road I in the Town of Stiles, nine traffic stops, three traffic hazards, seven traffic offenses, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents; 21 911 hangups and 13 open lines; two ambulance calls; five crashes, one involving an ATV and four involving deer.

May 28

Deputies responded to 71 calls, including a disturbance on Burnt Pine Road in the Town of Lakewood, a wanted person along Joyful Acres Lane in the Town of Morgan, a weapon offense along Little Dove Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, an unwanted party on Gray Lake Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, intoxication along state Highway 32 in the Town of Breed, a noise disturbance on West Rocky Run Lane in the Town of Oconto, 23 traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, three citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; four 911 hangups and four open lines; two ambulance calls; three crashes, one involving deer.

Bay at Oconto recognized by industry association

The Bay at Oconto Health and Rehabilitation Center has been recognized as a 2021 recipient of the Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living.

The distinction is the first of three progressive award levels through the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program. The program honors association members across the country that have demonstrated their commitment to improving quality of

care for seniors and people with disabilities.

“On behalf of the hard-working team at The Bay at Oconto Health and Rehabilitation Center, we are proud to be recognized with a Bronze National Quality Award,” said Brianna Gretz-

inger, administrator of the Oconto facility. “This award recognizes the significant effort that our entire team has done as a community facility to advance the quality of care we provide to the older adults whom we are honored to serve.”

Higher lake levels could be approved this month

SAWM annual meeting attendees get review of recent agreement

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

The ongoing discussion over water levels on Shawano Lake could be resolved within the month, members of Shawano Area Waterways Management learned June 5 during the nonprofit's annual meeting at Smalley Park.

Eagle Creek Renewable Energy (ECRE) has submitted a request for a two-year amendment to its current permit that would bring water levels in Shawano Lake, the channel and the Wolf River pool above the dam to its historical level of 802.9 feet above mean sea level (msl) year-round. The level was drawn down to 802.5 above msl in 2015, starting a lengthy controversy.

The Federal Energy Resources Commission plans to expedite the ECRE request, which has the support of SAWM, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and a number of local fishing groups.

SAWM board member Jeff Puissant walked the group through the details of the recent agreement, saying the ultimate goal is a permanent agreement to keep the waterways at their historic level.

"The DNR is supportive from a biological standpoint — that's a very, very key word. They do continue to express concerns about what that level will do to FEMA flood-plain mapping," Puissant said. "If we were required to do full updating of the mapping, that would cost us about a quarter of a million dollars, which obviously as a small association is way beyond what we could manage."

A meeting is being organized later this month with city, county, village and town officials to explain the agreement to them, he said.

The current flood plain as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is 804 feet above msl, just over an inch higher. But Puissant said since the dam was automated about six years ago, it's proved very reliable at maintaining water levels.

"Their concern is if we're starting 4-5 inches higher, do they need to adjust the mapping?" he said. "Our belief is now that the dam has proved that



Tim Day explains the Shawano Area Waterways Management comprehensive plan to attendees at the SAWM annual meeting June 5.

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it's automated, that they can manage the water level extremely well, and so I think it's a non-event. But I'm not a scientist or a dam operator by any means; we're just using human logic."

If the federal commission approves the higher level, the river will rise in a matter of hours, although the lake will take weeks, or longer if it's hot and dry, Puissant said.

DNR Conservation Warden Clark Delzer said it's been a long, involved process.

"I do want to thank you guys for the time and effort, the many meetings that a lot of you have attended to get that amendment. I know that's not easy sometimes, working with those large agencies," Delzer said. "I'm on the lake all the time and I know how shallow it can get, so I definitely understand the concerns."

The warden spoke at the annual meeting to review DNR regulations that boaters need to follow, including requirements for 100 feet between personal watercraft, the fact that the legal limit for blood alcohol content is the same on the water as on the road

(0.08%), and the threshold for what makes a boating accident reportable — \$2,000 in damage and/or injury.

He applauded the 150 or so SAWM members for their active involvement in the issues.

"I've spent a lot of time at different lake association meetings, and it's always really refreshing to come to one where there's a lot of people," Delzer said. "The fact that I had to park two blocks away is a good thing. That really shows that you guys care about our waterways and, you know, put in the time and commitment to make these waterways the best that they can be."

Tim Day reported on the recently completed draft of SAWM's strategic management plan for the next 10 years, saying that it will be a valuable document to guide the group's activities.

"We can focus our efforts better when we have a road map on things like the native invasive plants, water quality and clarity — and that includes things like the water level issue — recreation navigation, the

fishery, shoreline development and education."

Having a comprehensive plan also makes SAWM eligible for a variety of DNR grants, Day said. The plan is expected to go before the group's board for approval later this month, after which it will be distributed to stakeholders and posted on SAWM's website.

The key takeaway from the plan, Day said, is that Shawano Lake contains excellent water quality, especially compared to other shallow, low-land drainage lakes in the state.

Gary DeFere, the group's president, said the turnout at Smalley Park was about average for an annual meeting, in part because of the outdoor setting without the food spread that has been traditional when the group holds its annual meeting indoors. The warm sunny weather was ideal, he said.

"We thought we'd try it outside because of all the crud going on," DeFere said. "We couldn't ask for a better setting."

OBITUARIES

Wilbert J. Knope Jr.

Wilbert J. Knope Jr. (J.R. to those who knew him) passed away due to COVID-19 and other health issues on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, at Theda-Care Medical Center-Shawano.

He was born March 23, 1938, in Shawano, a son of the late Wilbert and Lillian (Grosskopf) Knope. J.R. attended St. James Lutheran School and graduated from Shawano High School with the Class of 1956. He then attended Badger Business School in Green Bay. On Feb. 25, 1961, J.R. was united in marriage to the former Elaine Buettner at St. James Lutheran Church where he was a lifelong member. J.R. worked



for NEW Office Supply in Green Bay where he was a salesman and, later, a purchasing agent.

J.R. played basketball, golf, bowling and softball. He was

a fan of the Milwaukee Brewers, the Green Bay Packers and the Milwaukee Bucks. He enjoyed playing cards, especially Smear, sheephead and cribbage. In his later years, J.R. enjoyed cutting wood.

Survivors include his loving

wife of almost 60 years, Elaine; his daughters, Kelly (Rick) Karcz and Lori (Rik) Acken; his granddaughters, Chelsey Lundquist and Andria Karcz; his step-grandchildren, Kendrick (Abby) Acken, Katie (Josh) Plyter and Keenan Acken; two step-great-grandchildren, Kinley Plyter and Noble Acken; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his infant sister, Patricia; parents-in-law, Delmar and Erna Buettner; and his sister-in-law, Carol Rowan.

A memorial service for Wilbert J. Knope Jr. will be held Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. at Mick-

elson Funeral Service in Shawano. Pastor Mark Drengler will officiate. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until the time of service. Private burial will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery at a later date.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com.



Michael T. Kreevich

Michael T. Kreevich, 81, of Cecil, passed away on Monday, May 31, 2021. Mike was born on Oct. 16, 1939 to the late Michael A. Kreevich and Ann (Gulick) Tally in Pana, Illinois. He started his working life by setting pins in a bowling factory and went on to work the rest of his life as a CNC machinist.

Mike's greatest passion was fishing. Throughout his life, Mike owned many fishing boats, the last being "Blue Saber." This went on to become his handle. He was also an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed gardening, flowers, mushroom hunting, bird hunting, and trapping. Mike enjoyed being a stock car driver in his younger years.

Mike is survived by his three



daughters, Mary Lepscier, Maria Kreevich (Nancy Coffman) and Lorri (Tom) Rosenfeldt Lawton; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Kreevich; grandchildren, Mike

Kreevich (AnnMarie Shaffer), Kelly (Jessie) Sell, Kate (Lee) Mickle, Kolia Hirschke (Lee Zhuckkahosee), Kyla (Corey) Jones and Klint Hirschke; great-grandchildren, Madysen Mickle, Maizy Mickle, Jase Sell, Remy Sell and Greyson Jones. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other

relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Pat Kreevich; brother, Kenneth Kreevich; sister, Barbara Ann Sarver; great-granddaughter, Rosy Sell; son, Mark Kreevich.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Hickory Cemetery at 10 a.m.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank Bonduel and Shawano Emergency Services and the staff and doctors of Shawano and Appleton ThedaCare for the care

and compassion offered to Mike and his family during their time of need.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made in Mike's memory for trout stocking to Oconto River Trout Unlimited, PO Box 252, Gillett, WI 54124.



Wayne Heimke

Wayne "Weiner" Heimke, 82, passed away after complications of a stroke that he had on May 13. Wayne was born to the late Norbert and Lois (Broker) Heimke. He married Karen Gunderson on Aug. 1, 1964. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church of Abrams. Wayne served his country in the Army National Guard, 32nd Division. He gave Jackie Foster Inc. over 50 years of dedicated service. Weiner loved to operate heavy equipment, but he had a special passion for operating bulldozers. He could spend all day on it, and it never felt



like work to him. Many people requested him to do their excavation work, as he had an eye for precision on the jobs he did and made every pass of bulldozing

count. His Komatsu bulldozer was his life! Wayne helped break ground for the Dirt City Off Road race track, Lena. He was a quiet man who had pride in the work he did. He was still working up to the day before his stroke.

Wayne is survived by his wife,

Karen Heimke; children and their children, Korey (Vicky) Heimke (Mason, Shawna and Marcel), Kerry (Charles) Imig, (Khloe and Keegan), Kasey (Sarah) Heimke (Luke (Taylor) Kranz, Kiara (Nate) Phalen (Ashlynn), Franklin and Parker Heimke), Jennifer (Alex) Neta; siblings, Doris (Jerry) Hanson, Darrell (Judy) Heimke, Willard Heimke, Doreen (Robert) Krause, and Donna (Alvin) Cudnohosky; sister-in-law, Patricia Lade; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia (Robert) Lefevre; brothers, Harlan Heimke, William Heimke, sister-in-law, Charlene Heimke; and in-laws, Wilbur and

Geneva Falk, and Burl Gunderson.

The family will receive relatives and friends at Calvary Lutheran Church, Abrams, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 12, 2021. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Matt Stuebs officiating. Burial will be at Brookside Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.gallagherfuneralhome.net.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given.

A special thank you to everyone who helped and cared for the Heimke family during this journey, especially the staff of Heartland Hospice.

James F. Olson

James F. Olson, 73, of Shawano, passed away on Saturday, May 29, 2021, in the Town of Belle Plaine.

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

Elaine Doris Smith

On May 29, 2021, Elaine Doris Smith, 90, answered the Lord with arms outstretched as He called her name and said, "Come home." Elaine had been suffering with dementia for many years.

Elaine was born March 9, 1931, to Louis and Evelyn (Raasch) Bartz in the township of Belle Plaine. Elaine loved music. Her instrument of choice was the lap steel guitar. Elaine, her sister, Bernice, and a few friends formed a band and entertained at many events.

On a sunny Nov. 14, 1954, Elaine married Harvey Smith. She continued her life on the family farm



in Bonduel. She milked cows and fed calves until her body could no longer accept the challenge.

Elaine found time to continue her love of music, joining Cliff Elertson and becoming part of The Country Partners for over 50 years. Elaine's life went full circle at St. John's Lutheran Church of Belle Plaine — baptism, confirmation, wedding and funeral. She was a faithful servant and though the ill-

ness took her memory away, she had no difficulty in praying The Lord's Prayer.

Elaine is survived by her daughter, Debbie (Mark) Boerst; son, Ron (friend, Lori) Smith; grandsons, Shawn (Amanda) Boerst and Jarod Boerst; granddaughter, Madeline Smith; great-grandchildren, Evan, Nadia and Lara Boerst. She is also survived by her sister, Bernice Drews; nephews, Jeff (Stacy) Drews and Tom (Amy) Drews and their daughter, Caitlin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey; her parents, Louis and Evelyn; her in-laws, Louis and

Ella; brothers-in-law, Ray Drews and Marvin Smith; and a sister and twin brothers in infancy.

Funeral services were held for Elaine on Friday, June 4, 2021, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine with the Rev. Todd Jerabek officiating. Interment was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

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With heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the wonderful and caring staff at Paiser's Oakhaven, where Elaine had resided for many years. Also, grateful to ThedaCare Hospice during her last months.

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Harland W. Zehren

Harland William Zehren, 86, of Bonduel, passed away on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, in Bonduel. Harland was born in New London on Oct. 27, 1934, son of the late William and Irene (Holtz) Zehren. He grew up in Clintonville and graduated from Clintonville High School. He was drafted into the United States Army, serving his country until his honorable discharge. On May 8, 1955, Harland was united in marriage to Lorraine Lohrengel at St. James Lutheran



Church in Shawano.

Harland worked at Badger Breeders and Midwest Breeders for many years. With over 100,000 first breedings, he

was one of the top technicians in the country. In retirement, he loved driving truck and spent time driving gas truck, milk truck, shuttling Peterbilt trucks and delivering parts for his

grandson's business, JR Machine.

In his free time, he enjoyed cutting wood, woodworking, snowmobiling, riding his motorcycle and traveling. Harland loved life, loved people and was the life of the party. He cherished spending time with his beloved family. A wonderful husband, father and grandfather, he will be deeply missed.

Harland is survived by his wife of 66 years, Lorraine; twin daughters, Joy Tumanic, of Rhinelander, and Jane (fiancé Tony Rider) Winter, of Hebron, Kentucky; grandson, Parker (Stephanie) Tumanic; and two great-

granddaughters, Ivanna and Vivian.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lanora Hartfiel.

A funeral service for Harland was held Monday, June 7, 2021, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel with the Rev. Mark Palmer officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with military honors conducted by the Bonduel American Legion.

Harland's family would like to extend special thanks to the staff at Birch Hill as well as ThedaCare at Home Hospice for their wonderful care.

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High-speed chases on rise in county

Bieber wants more deputies so they can focus on traffic patrols, ticketing offenders

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department is seeing an increase in high-speed chases, and it is asking for more punitive consequences in the hopes of getting people to slow down on the county's roads.

"This is something that the district attorney is going to work on with higher punishment rates for folks that take off on law enforcement," Sheriff Adam Bieber said June 2, at the county's public safety committee meeting.

Bieber recounted one instance where a deputy was responding to a call for a domestic disturbance on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott when the driver of the vehicle in front of him suddenly took off at high speed. That vehicle eventually crashed, he said.

"Our guy wasn't chasing him; he just took off," Bieber said. "We've had other high-speed chases, and it's very concerning."

There was another high-speed chase recently that came from Oconto County, the sheriff noted. The case was a peeping tom incident in Gillett and one where folks were concerned about a possible kidnapping, he said.

"That was a very long chase that ended over on (state Highway) 47, when we were able to spike his vehicle," Bieber said.

Shawano County is seeing this problem because other counties have adopted a no-chase policy for its law enforcement, according to Bieber. Many times when someone drastically increases speed, other law enforcement agents will let the vehicle go.

"We're seeing the problem here," Bieber said. "Imagine the Gillett case. You had a guy who was possibly trying to kidnap kids. If you don't stop that guy at that time, you could lose him, and he could have someone kidnapped or locked in the trunk area. You can lose valuable evidence if you just let someone go like that."

The county does not always give chase, Bieber noted, with action determined on a case-by-case basis. Determining factors include the amount of traffic on the road and whether the incident is taking place at a school before or after it's in session.

"We can call off a chase if we think it is too dangerous for the public," Bieber said.

The sheriff's department recently changed its policy about car vs. deer crashes, with deputies only responding if someone is injured or if the road is blocked. Bieber said that should help to free up deputies for other things like traffic patrols.

Reckless driving is the No. 2 complaint that deputies are called to, according to Bieber, with most of them speeding. The No. 1 call is crashes, he added.

"I get about a dozen calls for speeding and extra patrols," he said. "In my opinion, that's the No. 1 concern of our public is traffic safety."

Bieber told the committee that he could hire three extra deputies, solely tasked with traffic control, and the tickets they'd write up could easily make up the salaries and benefits the county would have to provide. He said he could put them on U.S. Highway 45 and state highways 47 and 29, where the speeding incidents are the most frequent and egregious.

"This county definitely needs it," Bieber said. "We have eight to nine state roads that run through Shawano County, and we're unique because no other county has that many. We have a lot of traffic that criss-crosses through our county, and it's a concern. It's on county roads, as well."

The sheriff said he'd be willing to work with the Shawano County Board of Supervisors on a proposal to get more deputies and have them focus on speeding and other traffic violations.

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Sheriff's department needs to replace body cams

Company that furnished current cameras defunct; ARA funding eyed to pay for project

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department has received preliminary approval to replace cameras for deputies, squad vehicles and the sheriff's office itself to the tune of over \$460,000.

The county's public safety committee gave its blessing June 2 after learning that the existing cameras were provided by a company that no longer exists. As such, the department can no longer get replacements when current cameras are damaged.

Chief Deputy George Lenzner told the committee that the replacement project would not be able to wait indefinitely.

"This is a project that, next year, we're going to have to do," Lenzner said. "The body cams that we have, the company is defunct. We're having a hard time getting replacements."

The body cams are utilized as digital evidence with the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's office, according to Lenzner. So having functional cameras are

essential to making cases.

The current body cams desired by the sheriff's department are already being utilized by Shawano Police Department and Bonduel Police Department, and the purchase would be extended to the Stockbridge-Munsee Police Department, Lenzner said.

"It's something that, in this day and age, I can't imagine us going without body cams," Lenzner said. "We can't get this from our own budget."

Lenzner said he was hopeful that some of the \$4 million the county has received from the American Rescue Act could go toward the large expense. He said the replacement would include deputy body cams, cameras in squad vehicles and even the cameras in the interrogation room.

"If that, for some reason, doesn't meet the definition of what we can get with this money, we could go on the capital improvement plan, just to be safe," Lenzner said, noting that the committee's approval was for the capital improvement funds as a safeguard.

The \$460,000 would cover the cameras for a five-year period, accord-

ing to Lenzner. He noted that it could be done in one lump sum if the ARA mandates it, as the five-year period includes an annual subscription fee.

Supervisor Tom Kautza suggested that, if the ARA funding guidelines would not allow the body cams to be purchased, the county might consider getting a grant through the state. He noted that the grants have preliminary approval from the Wisconsin Assembly Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, as of May 27.

"Currently, the use of body cameras is not mandated in Wisconsin," Kautza said. "However, if an agency does utilize this technology, the state does mandate the agency to have written policy regarding use and storage of cameras, limitations on officers that wear the cameras and record retention."

Lenzner said it was unlikely the state would assist, noting the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department is funding its camera replacement on its own, and the Brown County Sheriff's Department is getting some assistance through the Green Bay Packers.

"We don't have the spare body

cams anymore," Lenzner said. "When one's down, we have the problem of officers going out there without body cams now. With all the lawsuits going on in the state, I don't think it's something we want to get into."

Administrative Coordinator James Davel pointed out that while depending on money from the federal government carries its share of risk, he believes the ARA funds would be the best option to get the sheriff's department the cameras it needs. Even if the project gets approval from the capital improvement projects committee, that doesn't then prohibit the county using ARA money instead.

"It's a big bill, but it's something we really need," Davel said. "As we get into this, the amount of video that's asked for in the short time I've been coordinator, it's amazing how many times video has come up, and attorneys are asking for the video. In the age of the lawsuit, and specifically what law enforcement goes through, I think it's a very beneficial thing to our team here."

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GEORGE LENZNER, Shawano County chief deputy

Jail staff getting thin, sheriff's department warns

Higher pay in private sector, issues with inmates among reasons officers leaving

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano County Jail is losing staff at a concerning pace for the sheriff's department, and a number of factors are at work.

Four corrections officers have resigned recently, including two in the last week, Chief Deputy George Lenzner told the county's public safety committee on June 2. He noted there were five new applications for the positions, so he's hoping to fill some of the slots.

"We're going to get some interviews set up very, very quickly,"

Lenzner said.

Also vacant is a mental health coordinator position, which Lenzner reported had no applicants as of the meeting.

The jail administrator, Greg Nelson, is retiring on July 1, and there is currently one applicant to replace him, according to Sheriff Adam Bieber.

One of the resignations came due to getting a better paying job and better benefits at Walmart, according to Lenzner and Administrative Coordinator James Davel.

Supervisor Theresa Serrano, who has been a fierce advocate for the county's law enforcement, was appalled at the news.

"You make more at McDonald's than you can as a county employee," Serrano said.

Davel noted that the resignations include day shift jail workers, which

he noted was unusual, as it's the night shift that is typically more stressful on staff.

Bieber noted that it wasn't just the pay that was causing jail employees to flee. He cited two or three inmates and their demeanor were a factor.

"Their frustrations are with some of the inmates that have been locked up for quite a while," Bieber said. "There's nothing we can do about that."

Lenzner noted that the problem inmates are locals waiting to go off to prison, but with the pandemic forcing the courts to hold off on trials for a year, jail prisoners have been inside longer than normal. Some have been in jail for more than 18 months.

Bieber said he has met with the jail staff to brainstorm solutions, but there are some issues that are difficult to resolve.

"Right now, we're at a critical spot,"

Bieber said. "There's low morale, so we're hoping we can find good leadership with this new jail administrator position that will bring in a new perspective, hopefully."

Bieber also urged the committee to look at a way around the county's current hiring policy, which requires interviews to happen on a set day rather than trying to accommodate applicants' schedules.

"If we set a date, some of these people have already gone and taken jobs somewhere else," Bieber said. "If the date doesn't work for a person, we need to be flexible enough to invite them in for a one-on-one interview. That doesn't necessarily go with our ordinance. We don't have people knocking down the door to get in here. They have other options."

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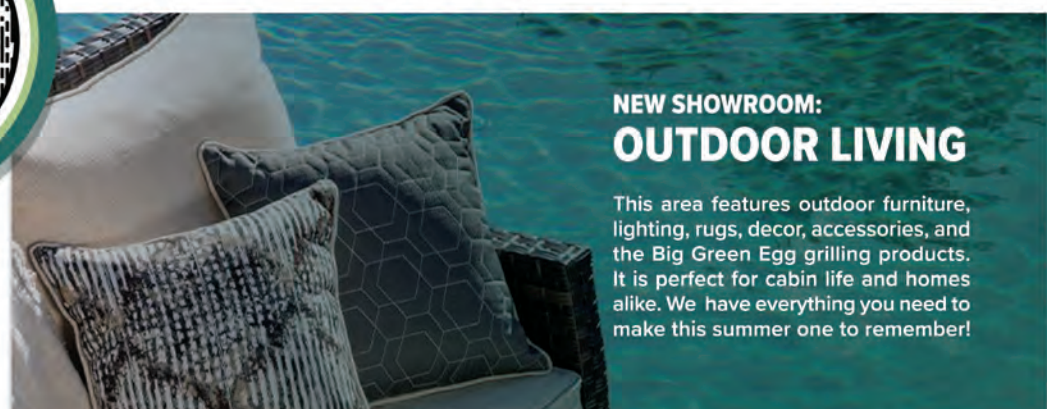
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Field day looks at protecting water quality

On June 24, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., a field day will showcase how the practices utilized by local farmers are protecting local water quality and how others can help at home.

Speakers will provide more details about the types of farming practices, their importance to soil health, and how homeowners can improve the soil health and decrease the run-off at their homes.

The field day will start at Tauchen Harmony Valley, W2648 River Road, Bonduel. The Tauchens are using no-till, interseeding, and grazing to increase their soil health, increase infiltration, and decrease large run-off events.

The second location, starting at 6:30, is the Muellers Farm, W5497 County Road BE, Shawano. The Muellers are using grazing techniques to ensure their dairy cows are happy and healthy. Grazing also adds the benefit of continual ground cover to help slow down and stop any large run-off events.

Water quality has been a growing concern for watershed residents and farmers. In 2019, the Upper Fox and Wolf River Watershed Demonstration Farms Network was established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) and Waupaca County Land

and Water Conservation Department, in partnership with Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Portage, Shawano, and Winnebago counties and the Green Lake Association.

The mission of the network is to demonstrate to farmers and general public that the right combination of traditional conservation practices and other innovative technologies functioning on the landscape can produce viable and sustainable economic and environmental benefit. There are 10 demo farms located within the watershed. Here in Shawano County, Tauchen Harmony Valley is a participating farm.

Register by June 17 at <https://fwwa.org/ShawanoCoFieldDay2021> or by calling 920-851-6472.

This event is being put on with support from Natural Resources Conservation Service, Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farm Network, Waupaca County Land Conservation Department, Shawano County Land Conservation Department, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties, Tilth Agronomy and Connecting Our Waterways.

Treats on the final day



Sacred Heart Catholic School principal Gary Cumberland, center, hands a Dairy Queen Dilly Bar to student Bryce Jessup as teacher Lori Mathwich, in the background, grabs additional Dilly Bars for other students such as Isabelle Bobick, left, and Meah Brunner, during the school's last day on June 3. Students and staff attended a special prayer service followed by shaving cream wiffle ball, mat ball and playground games. They also enjoyed a cookout picnic and an all-school water balloon fight.

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Gone, but not forgotten



Eighth-grade graduates at Sacred Heart Catholic School, from left, Quinn Olson, Alynn Fowler-Doxator, Hannah Yeager and Jack Dietz left their mark in the parish center youth room on their final day at Sacred Heart.

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FRESH Project mobile market opens later this month

The FRESH Project's mobile market will again deliver fresh local produce throughout the area at a bargain price to the customer providing affordable, accessible, and healthy food to all.

The mobile market is in its third year, operating from June 28 through Sept. 30. The market has added the Menominee Farmers Market where we will participate as a vendor

providing locally grown produce and meats from our rural farmers.

"The FRESH Project is a great addition to our efforts to reestablish fresh, wholesome foods in our community," said Gary Besaw, director for the Menominee Tribal Department of Agriculture and Food Systems. "I thank the FRESH Project for the various access points they provide our communities. It may

seem small to some, but it is a treasure to us."

"Our goal is to make food more accessible in underserved communities where people with limited financial resources may not be able to access food through traditional grocery stores," said Barb Mendoza, FRESH Project executive director. "The mobile market will also help us bridge food resources to secure local needs

within our food deserts through partnerships with our rural farmers."

The mobile market will travel to communities in Shawano and Menominee counties. For the full mobile market schedule, go to <http://www.thefreshproject.org/mobile-market>.

For information, contact Mendoza at 715-526-5206 or barbara@thefreshproject.org

Sun Drop Dayz returns after absence

Visitors brave the heat to enjoy a weekend of fun

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

One Shawano community event made its much anticipated return on June 4-5.

Sun Drop Dayz was once again back in order to help Shawano County residents kick off the summer season.

Like usual, the events were held the first weekend in June on Elizabeth Street and at Memorial Park. Sun Drop Dayz activities ranged from listening to live music to enjoying a bite to eat at various food trucks to playing bean bags and other games. These events and activities attracted hundreds of visitors from Shawano County and beyond, young and old alike.

The flea market and the lumberjack competition were major draws for visitors.

“With the lumberjack competition, those competitors come from all over the states,” said Rochelle Jahnke, Sun Drop Dayz board president. “For them traveling from outside of the state, that brings a crowd.”

With temperatures above 90 degrees both Friday and Saturday, many people made their way through the crowds to help themselves to a cold beer inside the beer tent. Others were able to beat the heat by standing inside one of the cooling tents, which contained hoses that misted cool water on people who walked inside.

The live music stage was another popular place to be as visitors found a spot where they could listen to Green Bay cover band Johnny Wad’s rendition of “Ballroom Blitz.” Other performances came from Beer Goggles, TravAce and The Generators, Chad Przybylski and His Polka Rhythms and Grand Union.

New to Sun Drop Dayz this year were members of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin performing a song and dance for those in attendance to see.

On the other side of Elizabeth Street, at Memorial Park, families had the opportunity to play games that were set up. These games included giant Jenga and bean bag toss. Inflatables were also available for



Green Bay cover band Johnny Wad provides music to wrap up the Sun Drop Dayz celebration June 5.

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Jeff Kaster, left, and Tim Konitzer compete in a game of bean bag toss at Shawano Sun Drop Dayz on June 5.

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young children to play on.

Volunteers from the Sun Drop Dayz board gave up a majority of their weekend to make sure everything ran smoothly and that guests felt welcomed.

Jahnke pointed out that the free event, which was established in 2016,

plays a big role in the Shawano area community.

“We hold this event as a community fundraiser,” said Jahnke. “All of the proceeds that we raise are put back into the organizations that help us.”

For the 2021 event, the organizations that helped with the event were

Backpack Blessings of Bonduel, Leadership Shawano County, Toys for Tots — Shawano, Divine Savior Lutheran Food Pantry and The FRESH Project.

As the event was canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Jahnke mentioned that it was a good to have an event that allowed for organizations to hold their fundraisers.

“Especially, snapping back from COVID, a lot of the organizations were not able to hold their fundraisers to keep their programming on their feet,” said Jahnke. “I think that this is just an extra boost to pull back from that.”

Even though Sun Drop Dayz was back after missing last year, Jahnke noticed that there weren’t as many visitors as in previous years.

“We have seen less people this year,” said Jahnke. “I think the weather plays a factor into that with the extreme heat.”

Despite the decrease in attendance, Jahnke added that there were actually more attendees than she’d predicted.

As vaccinations are becoming more readily available and more residents are feeling comfortable enough to gather again, Jahnke said that she had primarily noticed positive feedback from those in attendance.

“From the things that I can see, people are happy to get back to a somewhat normal event,” said Jahnke. “People are happy to get outside with their friends and family. They are happy to gather and socialize and just enjoy the weather.”

Gresham grads look forward to next adventure

14 honored and awarded diplomas at weekend commencement

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Red caps were tossed in the air June 5 as Gresham seniors took their next step in life.

Gresham Community School held its 2021 graduation in their gym with the graduates walking up on stage to receive their diplomas, with family members and community members sitting in chairs on the basketball court. Each graduate was given a set number of ticket to hand out to guests. The guests then sat in the graduate's section to stay socially distant from other families. Masks were also required to be worn in the school's gymnasium.

Fourteen seniors were honored with diplomas, and their next steps in life range from college to joining the workforce to joining the military.

Class president Eben Schmidt opened up the graduation by welcoming the audience to the school, as well as thanking community members and the school's staff for their support.

"I would like to thank the parents and teachers for being there through the hard times in high school," Schmidt said.

Schmidt added that although the class of 2021 had to deal with the pandemic, they were ready for their next step.

"These last couple of years have been a hard time due to COVID-19," said Schmidt. "But, we made it. We are moving on to bright and better things."

After Schmidt's speech, he honored the Gresham graduating class of 1971 on its 50-year anniversary of graduating high school. A moment of silence was taken for those graduates of the 1971 class who have passed away.

Equipped with flowers, graduates were then given the opportunity to walk out into the audience to give those flowers to their loved ones.

School Board President Alpha Creapeau congratulated the 2021 graduating class.

"When you look back, reflect on your accomplishments, not your failures," Creapeau said. "We all fail at something; the difference is that successful people keep trying. Never think that if you failed at one thing that you can't keep trying."



Graduating seniors, from left, Eben Schmidt, Destiny Reindl and Jonah Surprise celebrate with community members and parents as they walk out of the gym at Gresham Community School on June 5.

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Gresham salutatorian Fiona Hoffman spoke about the bonds that the 14 seniors have created over the last 13 years, as well as the many memories that they share.

"Due to having such few members, we were able to get to know each other very well," Hoffman said. "All of our memories have helped us gain skills to use as an advantage to succeed at our different college and career choices."

She went on to say how many different personalities are together in the small graduating class.

"For such a small class size, we are very different," said Hoffman. "We have different passions, career paths, college choices, skills, interests, fami-

lies and friends, but we all came from the same place. We grew up together, and I am honored that we all get to graduate together."

Scholarship awards were also handed out to qualifying recipients. This was highlighted by 13 of the graduating seniors, who were entering some form of education, receiving a scholarship from the Gresham scholarship fund.

Former Gresham teacher Michael Phillips was the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony, and instead of giving a traditional speech, Phillips created a slideshow with each graduate's face photoshopped on a Marvel superhero. Phillips talked about the resilience that the graduating class went through in a pandemic.

"You sometimes may have wanted to escape into an alternate reality," said Phillips. "You always remembered that with great power, comes great responsibility. And in the end, we can't wait to see all of the marvelous things you'll do in this universe."

Gresham Superintendent Newell Haffner fought back tears as he gave a speech about what the 2021 graduating class meant to him, as well as shared a memory of each of the 14 graduates.

"You guys are awesome," said Haffner. "It was an honor to teach you, to be a principal to you, to be a superintendent to you. Just remember that you are also awesome, every single one of you."

Valedictorian Addison Boucher gave a speech wishing her fellow graduates "good luck" on their first few steps into the real world.

"Seniors, we are going to face new challenges, try new things and make new friends," said Boucher. "What we need to remember is that we can do this. There is so much to see out there, and graduating high school is just the beginning of our journey. I think we are all going to love what the future holds."

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Museum tells story of Menominee clans

Exhibit in Oshkosh opens to acclaim, powwow as it features James Frechette's carvings

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

It's rare for a museum to open a new exhibit with a powwow.

In this case, though, Oshkosh Public Museum wouldn't have opened up its exhibit on the Menominee Clans Story any other way.

The new exhibit, featuring over 30 wood carvings created by the late Menominee artist James Frechette that symbolized the various clans and the story itself told in audio in both the English and Menominee languages, opened June 5 with a powwow taking place outside on the grass. Vendors sold Native jewelry, clothing and other attire, and a frybread stand greeted visitors when they crossed the street from the parking lot.

Of all of the exhibits that the museum has opened, this one was the most important to get right, according to director Brad Larson. Oshkosh, like most northeast Wisconsin communities, sits on Menominee ancestral land, and even though it's no longer land specifically for the tribe, Larson felt it was important to honor the people who walked the land centuries earlier.

"We could have had a smaller exhibit opening, but we didn't want to. We wanted to do it right," Larson said. "We really wanted to honor the clans and the Menominee, and we knew the way to do that is through this powwow. Anything else would be second rate, and we just didn't want to do second rate."

The museum has enjoyed a lengthy relationship with the Menominee tribe, dating back to almost when the facility opened in 1924, according to Larson. Oshkosh has a number of collections that are deeply intertwined with the Menominee culture, he said, with some of it available for people to see in the People of the Waters exhibit one floor down from the clans exhibit.

Richard Frechette, James' son, noted his father started learning about the clans and art when he was very young. He said that James would visit tribal elders and listen to them tell stories in the 1930s and 1940s. The son then learned of the stories from his father.

"He didn't know he was going to do a project like this," Frechette said. "When he went to start carving, he didn't carve. He started painting. Then he decided to carve, and it wasn't just carving. He did in-depth research on every figure. He drew numerous



Many of the bird clans are featured in one area of the Menominee Clans Story Exhibit at Oshkosh Public Museum. Artist James Frechette was meticulous in his depictions of the various clans, basing them from the stories he heard from tribal elders in his youth.

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Josh Zunker, a Ho-Chunk tribal member from Weston, reaches for the sky as other dancers move around the arena June 5 outside the Oshkosh Public Museum.

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drawings — very detailed drawings — of how each figure is and what that carving represented in the clans. Then it went off from there."

Frechette sees his father's work as a way to keep the Menominee culture alive. He said that his father left nothing to chance and would not stop until the figures were perfect.

"Everything he did was very de-

tailed," Frechette said. "He did everything very meticulously."

James Frechette has had a powerful influence on his son, even after passing in 2006.

"I have a picture of him and Mom," Richard Frechette said. "Every morning, I turn to the right, and I see them."

Karen Hoffman, who claims she's just nosy but is also part of the

Frechette family through marriage, said that the exhibit seemed destined to be, although it baffled her how it all came together.

"It was a really organic development of disparate pieces that seemed to come together," Hoffman said. "It was not random and not really happenstance, but not really planned, either."

Hoffman said that James Frechette's work is "huge" to breaking down stereotypes about the Menominee and Native Americans in general.

"Too many people don't realize that Native people still exist, and when they think of us, they think that we're either in the past or locked away on some prison camp reserve," Hoffman said. "They don't realize we work at Toyota. We work at Phillip Morris. We're out and about. We're artists."

Richard Frechette and Hoffman both felt palpable emotion at the powwow during the family dance. Hoffman recalled flippantly saying beforehand that James would be dancing with them that day, but it turned out to be true for them.

"It brought a tear to my eye, I can tell you that," Frechette said. "It was hard to fight it back."

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Applications available online at: www.ocontoelectric.com

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The Oconto County Commission on Aging, Inc., a private non-profit agency, has an immediate opening for a Full-time Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS). This position will be responsible for providing individuals 60 years of age and older, with information, assistance, and advocacy, in the areas of public benefits, housing and consumer issues. The EBS is also responsible for coordinating outreach and education to older persons, service providers and professionals in the community.

This is a full time position with the pay rate at \$20 an hour based on qualifications. Excellent written and verbal communication skills must. A bachelor's degree with education and experience in administration, personnel, and knowledge of public benefits preferred. Finalists may be required to undergo a background check. Interested candidates must apply on-line at www.co.oconto.wi.us. Please include a cover letter, resume and references. For more information, please contact Elora Blum at 920-834-7707. Application deadline is Tuesday, June 30th, at 3 PM.

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF STILES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Please take notice that an open house and subsequent public hearing will be held on a proposed amendment to the Town of Stiles 20 year comprehensive plan. The open house and hearing will be held by the planned commission on July 19, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the open house and at 6:30 p.m. for the public hearing at the town Hall 5718 Watercrest Road Lena Wisconsin 54139.

The proposed amendment is intended to update the comprehensive plan including but not limited to land uses projections and 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 5718 Watercrest Road Lena Wisconsin 54139, by phone at 920-846-3159, or by email clerk@townofstiles.org. 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 notices will be provided

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Instructional material about the assessment and Board of Review procedures will be available at that time as well as information on how to file an objection and the Board of Review procedures under Wisconsin Law

If you have any question you may call the Town of Bagley assessor R & R Assessing Services at 920-846-4250.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCONTO: Copperfest, June 11-13, Copperfest/American Legion Post 74 Park, Oconto.

GILLET: Jim Counter live, 5-8 p.m. Friday, June 11, Primal Eats, 14109 County Road W, Gillett.

BREED: Summer Bands, 3-7 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Arrowhead Saloon, 13486 County Road AA, Breed. Music by 44 Audible.

GILLET: Aaron Vorras live, 5-8 p.m. Saturday, June 12, Primal Eats, 14109 County Road W, Gillett.

LENA: Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 13, Alsteen Farms LLC, 9399 Belgian

Road, Lena.

CHASE: Chase Stone Barn Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at Chase Stone Barn, 8246 County Road S. Crafts and food trucks.

OCONTO: Pie and Ice Cream Social, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 13, Beyer Home & Carriage Museum, 917 Park Ave., Oconto, sponsored by the Oconto County Historical Society. Also featuring an Elegant Junque Sale.

OCONTO FALLS: Flea market, more than 30 vendors, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at Memorial Field Park

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at Highland Plaza, 323 E. Highland Drive, Oconto Falls. Produce, crafts, health and fitness vendors, live music, food, children's activities.

STILES: Public information meeting on Machickanee Flowage drawdown, 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Stiles Town Hall, 5718 Watercrest Road.

OCONTO: Tunes on Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Beyer Home Gazebo, 917 Park Ave., Oconto. Music by Manson.

TOWNSEND: American Red Cross blood drive, 11 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St., Townsend.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Democrats monthly membership meeting, 6 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Senior Center, 512 Caldwell Ave., Oconto Falls.

GILLET: Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show, 10 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, Zippel Park, Gillett. Friday night fireworks, live music after 4 p.m. each night, Saturday night light parade.

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

CLUB NOTES

Lena Lions Club

Brianna Spratlin was the Lena Lions Student of the Month for May. Brianna is the daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth Spratlin and lives on Guelig Road in Lena.

Brianna's activities include volleyball, basketball and Student Council. Her friends describe her



as funny, outgoing, determined, and honest.

Her hobbies include camping, kayaking, and anything outdoors. Her community activities are working at the Ronald McDonald House, making breakfast, and Dirt City concessions.

Brianna's work experience is presently working two jobs, the Lena Dairy Barn and Subway.

She plans to earn a degree in cosmetology and become a hair dresser.

Firehouse Art Club

In 2014 the Firehouse Art Club was started by the late, very talented Mavis Suring. The Suring Fire Department has graciously allowed the club to use their well-lighted conference room to create in.

The group meets from fall into spring every Monday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no teacher, but knowledge is shared by helping

each other to improve their skills. All media from oils, acrylics, watercolors, and even coffee is encouraged. We welcome any and all to join us, if they desire.

On Saturday, June 12, the public is invited to an art show featuring paintings and rosemalings of the club members, and also woodworking projects by Rick Zill, at 223 and 229 N. Mill St. in Suring. Come and see the results of our enjoyment.

OCONTO COUNTY HONORS NURSES



In honor of National Nurses Month in May, Oconto County Board Chairman Paul Bednarik presents medical leaders with a proclamation "that the residents of Oconto County, Wisconsin, celebrate registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this month, but at every opportunity throughout the year." From left, Ashley Lyman, director of nursing and clinic practice for Bellin Health; Colleen Koski, HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital director of patient care services; Bednarik; and Josephine Kowalczyk, team leader of clinic services at Bellin Health Oconto Hospital.

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JEM grant will support Dirt City Duel promotion

The Oconto County Economic Development Corp. has been awarded a \$6,500 Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) grant to help promote the Dirt City Duel at Dirt City Motorplex in Lena.

The third annual Dirt City Duel is scheduled for July 31 and Aug. 1, featuring off-road racing in 14 divisions.

The state Department of Tourism awards JEM grants to provide partnership funding to help nonprofit Wisconsin organizations promote tourism, including 501(c) (6) organizations such as convention and visitors bureaus and chambers of

commerce.

With five rounds of grants throughout the year, the JEM grants are part of an ongoing program to ignite projects and grow economic impact.

"I'm thrilled to recognize the ingenuity and creativity of these organizations across the state," said Acting Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers. "JEM grants reward great ideas and help make them a reality. I can't wait to see these fun events and creative marketing campaigns inviting visitors to discover something unexpected."

Oconto County Teen Court seeks teen panelists

Oconto County Teen Court is looking for people in grades nine through 12 interested in making a difference in their community while meeting other teens from all over the county.

Teen Court meets once a month to hear cases of first-time youth offenders who commit misdemeanor crimes. Panel members, from throughout the county, work as a team to decide on sanctions for offending peers. Training is provided. Applicants should be in grades 9-12 for the 2021-22 school year.

Applications for Teen Court will be available at all public high schools throughout Oconto County and UW-Extension Office (third floor, Building A, Oconto County Courthouse) or print one from the county Extension website at <https://oconto.extension.wisc.edu/teen-court/>. Applications are due by June 30 to Oconto County Teen Court Program, UW-Extension Office, 301 Washington St., Oconto, WI 54153. For more information, call 920-834-6848.

Bond Foundation issues major grant to Nurse's Nook

HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital is in line to receive a \$50,000 grant from the Leon H. and Clymene M. Bond Foundation Inc. that will support the Nurse's Nook program in Oconto County.

Nurse's Nook, a program of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, provides aid to children and families in need in all five school districts

in Oconto County. The program provides aid such as food, personal hygiene products, clothing, medical supplies/devices and transportation assistance for medical appointments.

"As a rural health care provider, HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital recognizes that these Oconto County students are not just local children – they are our patients," said Chris

Brabant, president and CEO, HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital. "Continued action is necessary to meet their basic health care needs. Addressing these needs provides youth with increased opportunities to learn and succeed in school and become healthy, contributing community members."

The hospital is "immensely grate-

ful" to the Bond Foundation for its support of the program, Brabant said.

Nurse's Nook is utilized by students and families at participating schools an estimated 750 times or more each week. The program also distributes an average of 193 food bags each week to help families cover their weekend meals and improve the health and nutrition of children.

Sunshine Child Center plans mortgage burning

The parent board of Sunshine Child Center has scheduled a mortgage burning celebration for 6 p.m. Monday, June 21, at the center, 213 W. Park St., Gillett.

Sunshine Child Center began serving Gillett and the surrounding communities in the fall of 1975 with five children under the direction of Cindy Coley. By 1976 there were 23 children enrolled and in 1977 a total of 48 children.

It soon became obvious that the

basement of Tabor United Methodist Church, which was the center's home at the time, was no longer big enough for the growing center. By July 1979 the children and staff relocated to the former Assembly of God Church building on First Street.

The parent board signed a three-year rent with an option to buy contract, and in August 1981 the center took out a mortgage for the purchase of the building. This mort-

gage was paid in full by July 1984 and the mortgage burning ceremony took place the following month.

While the new facility provided the additional space needed, it was not an ideal setup for child care, and plans were soon under way to build a new center. These dreams became a reality in 2005 when construction began in the spring and concluded with the staff and children once again on the move, this time to the brand-new facility

that now houses the center. Sixteen years later, the current staff of nine cares for an average of 55 children each month, and once again the mortgage has successfully been paid in full.

The public is invited to the mortgage burning to join the center children, staff, parents, and board in celebrating the moral and financial support of the Gillett community. A brief ceremony will be followed by refreshments.

Suring flag memorial effort moves to next phase

Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin is moving ahead to the next phase in its efforts to construct a Veterans Flag Memorial at Riverside Park in Suring. The group last year acquired sponsors for the purchase of two benches at the Flag Memorial, which were recently installed.

Now volunteers are seeking additional sponsors for a black granite engraved monument, honoring all branches of the military, and other future additions and improvements to the memorial.

Plans are to have the new monument installed in September, and organizers envision a dedication taking place during the late fall of this year.

To complete this phase of the project and to move forward into the future, Vets 4 Vets is looking for "Flag Memorial Sponsors" who will donate towards the cost and installation of the granite monument and other future improvements at the memorial site.

With a minimum \$500 tax-deductible donation, donors would

receive an 8" x 8" paver installed at the memorial, inscribed with a veteran's or loved one's name. Individuals and organizations are able to purchase one or more Sponsor Share Pavers on a first-come, first-served basis.

A brat fry fundraiser is scheduled for 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, July 2, at the park, which is located at Riverside Park by the old steel bridge on state Highway 32. Visitors will be able to check out the current progress on the Flag Memorial and learn more about future plans.

Vets 4 Vets of NE WI is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, made up of veterans and non-veterans, that fundraises to support local veterans in Northeast Wisconsin.

Visit the group's Facebook page message board (search Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin), email Vets4vetsnew@gmail.com, mail P.O. Box 135 Suring, WI 54174, or call/text Dan Guendert at 414-627-9866 for more information about donating towards this memorial in honor or in memory of a loved one.

CHATTY HATTERS HONOR 99 YEAR OLD MEMBER



Nineteen of the Oconto Falls Chatty Hatters had a Welcome Back from COVID and surprise birthday party May 18 for their oldest member, Alice Mortell, at the Steel Moose in Oconto Falls. Stephanie Wirhanowicz, the owner, provided them with special decorated cupcakes and beverages. Ruth Mevenden and Sharon Van Ark organized games and prizes for the event. Balloons, gifts, and a special tiara added to the festive party. Alice was officially 99 years old on May 24. Members said they were glad to be together after the pandemic. Anyone interested in joining this club can call 920-639-9458 for information.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Bob Jones

Joshua Stauff, a sophomore communications major from Abrams, was named to the spring 2021 president's list at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina.

Hamline

Peyton Buerman, Gillett, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2021 term at Hamline University School of Business in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Iowa State

Sadie Pankratz, Little Suamico, received a Bachelor of Science in construction engineering from Iowa State University during its commencement exercises in May.

Northern Illinois

Northern Illinois University has named Eliza Bradford, Oconto, Hailey Kofoid, Oconto Falls, and Hannah Kofoid, Oconto Falls, to its spring 2021 dean's list.

St. Norbert

St. Norbert College held its com-

mencement ceremony on May 16, outdoors on the quad west of the Campus Center on the college's De Pere campus. Earning bachelor's degrees from the school were Paige Bain-Vrba, Abrams; Lindsey Dinkelman, Mountain, graduating summa cum laude; Samuel Kussow, Oconto; Zachary Kratky, Sobieski; MariJo Lesatz, Little Suamico, graduating cum laude; and Isabelle Robertson, Sobieski, graduating cum laude.

The spring 2021 dean's list at St. Norbert College, De Pere, includes Paige Bain-Vrba, Abrams; Lindsey Dinkelman, Mountain; Joseph Earley, Oconto; Aaron Gonnering, Oconto Falls; Abigail Gonnering, Oconto; Emily Gonnering, Oconto Falls; Brynna Gray, Little Suamico; Crimson Groh, Sobieski; Scotlynn Host, Sobieski; Julia Johnson, Sobieski; Alex Kroeber, Sobieski; MariJo Lesatz, Little Suamico; Alex Maynard, Oconto; Isabelle Robertson, Sobieski; Lucas Ruechel, Oconto; Lilia Shallow, Lena; Sarah Sprout, Lena; Joslyn Tolzman, Oconto Falls; Jada Vandeveld, Suring; and Andrea Waschbisch, Oconto Falls.

Western Technical College

Elizabeth Ausloos, Oconto Falls, was named to the President's List of High Distinction for the spring 2021 term at Western Technical College in La Crosse.

UW-Madison

Local students named to the dean's honor list at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the 2020-21 spring semester include Alexa Barribeau, Lena; Bethy Olson, Oconto Falls; Scott Russell, Abrams; Helen Treankler, Sobieski; and Michael VerVelde, Abrams.

Named to the UW-Madison dean's list are Kaelyn Allen, Abrams; McKenna Bickel, Oconto; Jacob Christianson, Townsend; Makayla Erdmann, Sobieski; Miranda Gibbons, Oconto; Elizabeth Kallies, Oconto Falls; Jacob Kokko-Ludemann, Lena; Noah Kokko-Ludemann, Lena; Saffron Mears, Oconto Falls; Dylan Nelson, Lena; Autumn Payette, Oconto Falls; Kylie Starry, Oconto Falls; Ellen Stojak, Mountain; Balin Welch, Oconto; Alayna Westenber, Oconto; Ethan Winkler, Oconto Falls; and Brennan

Zahm, Oconto.

UW-Milwaukee

Rebecca Paliwoda, Suring, received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Information Studies during its commencement exercises in May.

UW-Stout

The following students from the area have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester: Carson Burch, Sobieski; Alec Kokko-Ludemann, Lena; Bailey Pedersen, Gillett; Jaden Stenstrup, Oconto; and Andrew Westphal, Oconto.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Mistakes add up for Oconto Falls in pair of losses to Wrightstown

Panthers swept by Wrightstown

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School baseball team was swept by Wrightstown in a North Eastern Conference doubleheader on June 5 in Oconto Falls.

Oconto Falls started the doubleheader strong and grabbed a lead in game one, but lost the lead in the seventh and eventually lost 6-4 in eight innings. The Panthers then lost 14-2 in five innings in the second game, being plagued by one big inning.

"I'm just hoping we got it all out of the way now so it doesn't happen in the playoffs," said Oconto Falls senior Braden Uelmen of the losses. "This wasn't the best game ever, not at all. I'm hoping by the playoffs we just forget about it, move on and it's out of the way."

After starting pitcher Braden VanderMoss worked out of a jam in the top of the first inning of game one, Oconto Falls' offense put up two quick runs.

Jake Sager walked to start the inning before Grant Bouche replaced him on a fielder's choice. Bouche moved to second on a single from VanderMoss. Adam Haines then reached on an error to load the bases.

Uelmen was then plunked by a pitch to plate Bouche before Graeson Pankratz delivered a single to score VanderMoss. The Panthers squandered a chance for an even bigger inning as the next two batters struck out.

After a 1-2-3 innings from VanderMoss in the second, Oconto Falls added two more runs to its lead.

Isaac Raddatz opened the inning with a walk before moving to second on a single from Sager. Bouche then walked to load the bases.

VanderMoss lifted a flyball to center to plate Raddatz and make it 3-0. After a two-out walk by Uelmen re-loaded the bases, Pankratz put the



Oconto Falls' Graeson Pankratz, front, throws to first base for an out as teammate Braden VanderMoss looks on during a June 5 doubleheader against Wrightstown in Oconto Falls.

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ball in play and reached on a single that scored Sager. Again the Panthers weren't able to keep the rally going, as a popout ended the frame.

The first Wrightstown batter in the third reached on an error and came around to score later in the frame. VanderMoss was able to induce a groundout to strand the bases loaded.

Oconto Falls had chances to extend the lead over the next three innings, but wasn't able to do so. A line drive double play in the third, a baserunning mistake in the fourth and strikeouts in

the fifth kept the hosts off the scoreboard.

Wrightstown tacked on a run in the fifth, with an error helping the visitors out.

Sager replaced VanderMoss in the sixth and worked around a couple hits to sustain the two-run lead heading to the seventh.

Wrightstown came through with two singles before a hit batsman loaded the bases in the seventh. Oconto Falls got a huge out at home plate after a wild pitch, but an error on the next

ball put in play allowed the visitors to tie the game. The Panthers escaped without any further damage thanks to a double play.

After going down in order in the bottom of the seventh, another potential double play ball in the top of the eighth went against the Panthers, with the runner being called safe at second. The next batter delivered a go-ahead RBI double before an error allowed a second run to score.

Oconto Falls went down in order in its half of the eighth, striking out two times and bringing their total to 11 strikeouts for the game.

"I think we made a couple errors and then we got kind of down on ourselves and we didn't really pick our heads up and make clean plays after that," said VanderMoss. "I think we compounded the errors and I think our hitting was affected by that also. We just couldn't string hits together and get runs like we did in the first innings."

After letting a scoring chance slip by in the second inning of game two, Oconto Falls — which was serving as the road team — surrendered three runs in the bottom of the second.

After getting a run back on a VanderMoss RBI single that scored Raddatz, Wrightstown blew the game open with a 11-run inning.

Oconto Falls had a chance to limit the damage, but a mental mistake on a sacrifice bunt led to no outs on one play and a dropped foul popup on another gave the visitors a couple of extra opportunities.

Raddatz plated Alex Waschbisch in the top of the fourth for the Panthers, but another squandered opportunity in the fifth ended the game on the 10-run rule. With the bases loaded and nobody out, Oconto Falls struck out for the first out before a liner back to the pitcher turned into a game-ending double play.

The Panthers finished with just three hits in the contest. Uelmen took the loss on the mound, while Waschbisch also pitched.

ATHLETE PROFILE: EVAN JAEGER

Oconto Falls senior golfer helps team achieve postseason success

The Oconto Falls High School boys golf team came into the season with just one experienced varsity golfer on the team in senior Evan Jaeger. Led by Jaeger, the team was able to extend its season after placing third at the Division 2 Clintonville Regional on June 1 at Riverside Golf Course in Clintonville.

Jaeger carded an 18-hole round of 83 to lead the Panthers on the course. With the team's third-place finish, it qualified for sectionals.

Jaeger was consistent during his round, tallying a score of 41 on the front nine before a 42 on the back nine.

Jaeger is no stranger to postseason success, also having qualified for sectionals as an individual during his sophomore season.

That year, Jaeger shot a round of 91 at the Division 2 Bonduel Regional at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil. He then posted a round of 95 at the Mosinee Sectional at Indianhead Golf Course in Mosinee.

Q: When did your interest in golf begin?

A: I've been golfing my whole life. My dad (Justin) really made me motivated to take it serious as I got older.

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

A: Going to new golf courses and playing them for free.

Q: What about golf is appealing to you?

A: It's an individual sport; I don't have to deal with input from others and only have myself to blame if something goes wrong.

Q: You qualified for sectionals as a sophomore but then had your junior season wiped out by the coronavirus. How did you remain positive during the off year and



Oconto Falls' Evan Jaeger tees off during the Division 2 Clintonville Regional on June 1 at Riverside Golf Course in Clintonville.

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AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Evan Jaeger

SPORT: Boys golf

SCHOOL: Oconto Falls High School

YEAR: Senior

put yourself in a position to have a big senior season?

A: I was very disappointed with it happening, but I knew it was canceled for a good reason. I just wanted to use

the off year to get better and prove how good I could be.

Q: With golf being primarily an individual sport, how did you find ways to bounce back after a tough round or few shots?

A: Just don't let it turn into a snowball effect. It can be easy to give up after rough shots, but they can only ruin your round if you let them. I always try to stay as optimistic as possible.

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

A: Making sectionals as a team this year and taking third at our regional when we weren't even projected top five.

Q: Your team qualified for sectionals after a strong regional showing. Talk about how special that moment was to you as a senior and after the missed junior season?

A: It meant the world to me. The guys all played really well, and it feels good to finish out our season strong.

Q: What did the team do well at the regional in order to advance?

A: We practiced the course a few times before our regional match, which I think helped give us an edge. I'm really proud of the team and hopefully we can keep the momentum going.

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

A: I drink a Red Bull, eat a cheddarwurst hot dog from Kwik Trip and listen to music. Some say it's the recipe for birdies.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Breaking Bad." Movie — "The Wolf of Wall Street." Musical artist — \$uicideboy\$

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

A: I'm a fun guy.

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

A: You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish now that high school has wrapped up?

A: I hope to go to college, get my degree and have a beautiful wife and kids.

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Shawano places 3rd at Bay Tournament

Several Hawks claim 2nd

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Community High School boys tennis team placed third at the Bay Conference Tournament on June 4 in De Pere.

The Hawks accumulated 29 points on the day, finishing behind Xavier (41) and West De Pere (31).

Shawano also placed third in the season standings with 87 points, again behind Xavier (119) and West De Pere (99).

Joe Mente (No. 3) and Carson Cummings (No. 4) placed second in singles action for Shawano. The duos of Rory Johnson and Nolan Buck (No. 1), Josh Bergmann and Tristan Szucs (No. 2) and Caden Tetting and Will Myers (No. 3) all placed second in doubles play.

Back in singles play, Leo Liu (No. 2) placed fourth, while Camden Kroll

(No. 1) finished in sixth place.

Kroll and Liu each finished 1-2 at the tournament. Mente and Cummings went 1-1 in their matches. All three doubles duos also went 1-1.

Singles: No. 1: Luke Johnson MENASHA def. Camden Kroll SHAWANO, 6-3, 6-4; Kroll def. Skyler Krouth GREEN BAY WEST, 6-3, 6-0; Eli Stern, FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN def. Kroll 6-0, 3-6, 10-3; **No. 2:** Leo Liu SHAWANO def. Levi Wolfgramm FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN, 6-0, 6-0; Joshua Horak XAVIER def. Liu, 6-1, 6-2; Nate Johnson MENASHA def. Liu, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Joe Mente SHAWANO def. Zeb Zifferblatt, WEST DE PERE, 4-6, 6-2, 10-1; Nana Kofi

Norman XAVIER def. Mente, 7-6 (2), 6-1; **No. 4:** Carson Cummings SHAWANO def. Hanno Gaworek GREEN BAY EAST, 6-0, 6-0; Nate Hall XAVIER def. Cummings, 6-0, 6-3. **Doubles: No. 1:** Rory Johnson-Nolan Buck SHAWANO def. Jeremy Weller-Abram McGrath WEST DE PERE, 6-4, 6-3; Marc Utrie-Ethan Pfaff XAVIER def. Johnson-Buck, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 2:** Josh Bergmann-Tristan Szucs SHAWANO def. Jonah Uhlenbrauk-Owen Oleson FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN, 6-0, 6-4; Patrick Smith-Noah Lombardi XAVIER def. Bergmann-Szucs, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 3:** Caden Tetting-William Myers SHAWANO def. Taisir Khan-Tomas Vasquez WEST DE PERE, 6-0, 6-4; Sean Utrie-Mark Steinlage XAVIER def. Tetting-Myers, 6-0, 6-2.

AUTO RACING

Yarie, Schmidt, Christians cruise to feature wins

Anvelink, Hacker also take 1st

By DAVE BUSS

Special to NEW Media

While last week was the unofficial start to summer, the weather took a week to catch up. Nick Anvelink, Jeremy Christians, Jayden Schmidt, Marcus Yarie and Lucas Hacker all beat the heat and their respective fields to find victory lane at Shawano Speedway on June 5.

In the Late Model division, Troy Springborn looked to get his season on track as he jumped to a large lead in the opening laps of the feature event. Meanwhile, Joel Bennett and Chris Engels were giving chase.

Mechanical issues cut Engel's night short as Bennett quickly found Anvelink hounding him for

second. Anvelink got by Bennett and began to eat into the nearly two-second advantage Springborn had built.

On lap 10, Anvelink made a great run to grab the lead, however, caution reset the field to the previous lap.

Springborn looked like he would be able use his second chance and began to distance himself from Anvelink.

Anvelink's car again came to life a couple laps later and he went to the outside to take the lead. Anvelink cruised to another feature win with Springborn settling for second and Bennett third.

The IMCA Stock Cars were due for a race filled with a little less action up front and Christians decided he would be the one to steal the spotlight. Christians powered to the front early and never looked

back as he picked up another win.

Travis Van Straten was able to wrestle to a runner-up spot after getting by Chucky Forstner and Kyle Frederick. Forstner took the third spot with Frederick fourth. Dan Michonski overcame mechanical issues in his heat race to take fifth.

The IMCA Modifieds saw Yarie power past Marcus Hoeppner and Kevin Feck in the early laps to grab the top spot.

Behind Yarie, Wyatt Block was trying to get into the battle for his second straight feature win as he got by Feck for the runner-up spot as Hoeppner slipped to fourth. Jordan Bartz charged to the fifth spot but would run out of laps in her quest for more.

The IMCA Sport Mods saw Teagan Wudstrack jump out early as Jeffery Teske and Matthew Radtke

tried to best each other for second.

As Teske and Radtke were trying to settle things, Schmidt joined the battle and grabbed the second spot from the two. Schmidt then began to track the leader.

A few laps later, Schmidt pounced and took the lead from Wudstrack. Schmidt wouldn't relinquish the lead, picking up another win. Teske grabbed second and Tyler Sobiesczyk cut through the field to third with Radtke fourth. Wudstrack settled for fifth.

The Mighty 4's closed the night with Hacker leading green to checkers to pick up the win.

Brad Wedde, who always seems to find the front, finished third with Tanner Westphal taking the runner-up spot from him late in the race. Kyle Walters finished fourth with a pack of four cars within a half second of him at the line.



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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Oconto Falls, Witt-Birn qualify for sectionals

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls and Wittenberg-Birnamwood boys golf teams each qualified for sectionals after competing at the Clintonville Regional on June 1 at Riverside Golf Course in Clintonville.

The top four teams all qualified for sectionals. Oconto Falls came in third with a score of 345, while Witt-Birn was fourth with a mark of 348.

Menominee Indian/Gresham placed 10th with a score of 471. The co-op didn't have any golfers place among the top four individual golfers not on a sectional-qualifying team, which would have qualified an individual for sectionals.

Evan Jaeger fired an 18-hole round of 83 to lead Oconto Falls on the course. He tied for 10th as an individual.

Rease Hodkiewicz (85) and Trevor Metzler (86) weren't far behind Jaeger, tying for 15th and 17th as individuals. Caden Leonhardt (91) and Thomas Carmondy (96) rounded out a strong

day for the Panthers.

"The whole team had a good round," said Hodkiewicz. "We all had some blow up holes but we followed up with good holes."

"It's a cool feeling to go to sectionals as a team. Evan is the only returning golfer on our team this year, so the rest of us are new to competitive golf, so it took a little bit to get comfortable playing. We knew we were capable of qualifying but we all had to come out and play well and we did."

Witt-Birn's Ian Resch was the other golfer that posted a round of 83, which was the best mark for a Charger golfer. Calvin Scheurer finished with a round of 85 to tie for 15th.

Maverick Beran (89), Brian Nelson (91) and Nolan Fraaza (93) rounded out the Witt-Birn team.

"I think playing a practice round (May 31) really helped us play the course smart and really played a part in our advancing to sectionals," said Resch.

Saswaen Shawanokasic tallied the top score for the Menominee Indian/

Gresham co-op, carding a 106. Anna Petri (120), Bryson Nelson (122), Corbin Welch (123) and Will Jensen (125) all finished within five shots of each other.

Shawano's Marcell, te Plate advance to sectionals

Shawano's Kaden Marcell and Lucas te Plate each qualified for sectionals after the Division 1 Ashwaubenon Regional on June 1 at Brown County Golf Course in Oneida. Shawano came in sixth as a team.

"It means a lot qualifying as an individual and also since it is my first (time) qualifying it will be a good experience to have," said te Plate.

Marcell will be making his second sectional appearance, after doing so two years ago as a freshman.

Marcell shot an 18-hole round of 81, tied for the fourth-best individual score on the day among all golfers.

"What went well for me out on the course was avoiding making mistakes," said Marcell. "I had a solid round with little to no big mistakes which is what saved me."

Te Plate posted a round of 86 to earn his sectional spot.

Owen Moesch finished third for Shawano with a round of 88. Andrew Puissant fired a 95, while Gage Gorman tallied a 102.

Bonduel, Lena teams, Marion's Gueths also advance

The Bonduel and Lena boys golf teams each qualified for sectionals after putting together strong days at the Bonduel Regional on June 1 at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil.

Bonduel and Oconto tied for the best team score with marks of 361, but Oconto won a tiebreaker to claim the

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top spot at the regional. Lena and St. Thomas Aquinas Academy tied for third place with marks of 412.

Marion placed fifth as a team with a score of 432, but had Isaiah Gueths advance to sectionals as an individual.

Bonduel's Cooper Uelmen tied for the top individual round of the day after carding a 79. Reed Luepke (91), Mason Moore (95), Jake Dreyer (96) and Sam Wolf (117) were Bonduel's other four golfers.

"It means a lot to make sectionals this year because we are all young, and being that none of us are seniors and three of us are freshman, we gained a lot of experience this year that will help us going forward," said Luepke.

Braden McVane and Mason Simonson led Lena with rounds of 96 and 98, respectively.

Evan VanderZanden fired a 107 and K.C. Miller a 111 to cap the Lena team score.

"I think the reason that our team did well today is because we all had faith in each other, we all knew that our teammates would be there for us however we played," said McVane.

Gueths fired a round of 102 to earn his sectional spot as an individual.

"I felt like I was playing good golf on the front nine but coasted to do just well enough on the back nine," said Gueths.

Marion's Ellen Radies (106) and Sam Gueths (108) just missed out on qualifying for sectionals. Kasey Roethle (116) and Quinn Tolan (117) filled out the five-golfer team.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Witt-Birn girls win CWC-Large title behind Rogowski's big day

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls track and field team earned six first-place finishes during the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division Meet on June 5 to take first as a team. The team had 135 points.

The Bonduel girls tied for fourth with 88 points, while Menominee Indian was ninth with 22 points. On the boys side, Bonduel came in sixth with 58.5 points. Witt-Birn (50) claimed ninth and Menominee Indian (2) was 10th.

Reese Rogowski had a huge day to lead the Witt-Birn girls, placing first in four events. She turned in the best leap in the long jump (17 feet) and had the top time in the 100-meter dash (12.55 seconds). She also claimed first in the 200 (26.08) and 400 (1:02.92).

Emma Herb placed first in the discus (106-9), while Jalynn Horacek took first in the triple jump (32-10.75) for the team's other top finishes. Simon Schairer had the Witt-Birn boys only top finish, claiming the 400 in 54.10.

Bonduel's 4x800 relay of Kendra Troxel, Breanna Schnell, Ashlyn Kurey and Kara Troxel took first in 10:39.09 for the girls team's only top finish. Bonduel's Gavin Vance won the boys 200 (23.24). Kaden Bergsbaken, Ayden Dunst, Jack Johnson and Karter Schroeder teamed up for first in the 4x400 relay (3:57.08).

Emma Komanekin placed second in the 1,600 (5:51.78) for the Menominee Indian girls team's best finish. Asenex Turney was eighth in the shot put (38-10.25) and discus (100-2) for the top finishes on the boys team.

Lena/STAA boys, Suring girls girls win M&O team titles

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas

Academy boys and Suring girls each placed first at the Marinette & Oconto Conference Meet on June 4 in Oconto Falls.

The Lena/STAA boys accumulated 166.5 points, comfortably ahead of Gillett (125). The Suring boys scored 102 points to place fourth. The Suring girls racked up 165 points, ahead of Gillett (156). The Lena/STAA girls tallied 80 points for a fourth-place finish.

The Lena/STAA boys 4x100 relay team placed first in 49.42. The co-op's 4x800 team was also first in 10:19.49. Frank DesJarlais and Sidney Sylvester claimed individual top finishes for the Lena/STAA boys. DesJarlais won the discus (109-5), while Sylvester took first in the triple jump (37-10.5).

Christine Sleeter won the triple jump (30-2) to lead the Suring girls. The team's 4x200 relay team placed first in 1:59.83.

The Gillett girls claimed seven top finishes.

Karissa Schaal won the shot put (37-3) and discus (121-5) competitions, while Sylvia Hansen claimed the top times in the 800 (2:36.25), 1,600 (5:45.45) and 3,200 (13:30.89). Aubrey DeBauch was first in the 300 hurdles (49.65), while the 4x800 relay team had the top time of 12:17.96.

Derek Hanson posted first-place finishes in the 1,600 (5:31.43) and 800 (2:19.95) to lead the Gillett boys. Connor Hanson was first in the 400 (54.77), while Alex Peterson took first in the 3,200 (12:03.34).

The Lena/STAA girls were led by Kennedy Marquardt's top finish in the 400 (1:06.3). The girls 4x400 relay team was also first in 4:49.43.

Suring's Leo Taylor was the top finisher in the boys shot put (40-6), while teammate Jeremy Hensel claimed the top mark in the pole vault (11-6). The

Suring boys 4x400 relay team also placed first in 3:56.78.

Gresham/Bowler teams 4th at CWC-Small Meet

The Gresham/Bowler teams earned a first-place finish on the boys and girls side during the CWC-Small Division Meet on June 4 in Plainfield.

Gresham/Bowler's Emmitt Kietlinski won the boys high jump after clearing 6-2. The girls 4x200 relay team of Hannah Cerveney, Isabella Stevens, Valarie Cerveney and Ireland Jensen claimed first with a time of 2:01.89.

Kietlinski's top finish helped the boys team take fourth place. The boys team scored 48 points, behind Wild Rose (216), Pittsville (79) and Tri-County (67).

The girls co-op also placed fourth, scoring 84 points. Pittsville (123), Wild Rose (118) and Tri-County (115) finished ahead of Gresham/Bowler. The Tigerton girls scored 25 points to place ninth, while Marion tallied five points and placed 10th.

Tigerton's top finish came from

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Mary Kreklow in the 1,600. She placed third in 7:13.64. Claire Dow was Marion's only competitor. Her top finish was sixth in the 200 (32.79).

Oconto Falls girls 6th at NEC Meet

The Oconto Falls girls scored 40.5 points to place sixth at the North Eastern Conference Championship on June 4 in Appleton. The Oconto Falls boys team tallied 29 points take place 10th.

Hannah Ludemann placed second in the 3,200 with a time of 13:28.44 for the top finish for the Oconto Falls girls. Brailyn St. Louis finished fourth in the high jump (4-8).

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3 Menominee tribal officials suspended by legislature

Tribal Administrator Jonathan Wilber, Human Resources Director Tasha Caldwell and an administrative planner with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin have all been suspended with pay, according to a press release from the tribe.

The release, posted on the tribe's Facebook page, claims that the suspensions are based on a series of facts revealed recently but does not give

specific details about those facts or allegations. The Menominee Tribal Legislature has ordered internal investigations, according to the release, and it will consider further action once the investigations are complete.

The tribe has made interim appointments to keep the government running, according to the release, but it does not specify who is taking charge.

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Educating culturally responsive teachers

Dr. Lauren “Candy” Waukau-Villagomez is a “change agent” for Native American education. In the administrative world, that moniker refers to someone who is hired from outside an organization to be a catalyst for reinvention. For the College of Menominee Nation professor known endearingly as “Dr. Candy,” it means transforming the Western model of education into one that produces culturally responsive teachers.

Serving for the past decade on CMN’s teacher education faculty, Waukau-Villagomez’s commitment to empower future educators has not gone unnoticed in our community. Yet, this year was one in which she was justly lauded.

In April, Waukau-Villagomez was recognized as the 2021 Wisconsin Indian Education Association’s Indian Elder of the Year Award winner, and this past May, she was presented with CMN’s Faculty of the Year Award. While Waukau-Villagomez appreciates the awards, the praise for her efforts is not what motivates her.

“I love teaching,” she said. “I come from a family of educators, and we each try to empower our young people



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fessional calling.

“My mother ran the Head Start Program on the reservation as a part of The War on Poverty. She served as the director for at least 25 years,” she said. “My stepfather didn’t graduate from school, but he was a traditional teacher who’d joke he earned a degree from the school of hard knocks.

“My mother and stepfather had a strong belief in the necessity of educating young people and helping all Menominee people to aspire to something beyond what they were doing. My sisters, Lynn Skenadore, Lisa Waukau, Leslie Teller and I all became teachers. My daughter, Samantha Villagomez, is a special education teacher at the Menominee Tribal School.”

Waukau-Villagomez explained that

to be excellent teachers and leaders in their schools and in the community.”

Waukau-Villagomez credits her mother and stepfather, Delores and Mani Boyd, for her pro-



Lauren “Candy” Waukau-Villagomez, a professor for the College of Menominee Nation, was recognized as the 2021 Wisconsin Indian Education Association’s Indian Elder of the Year Award winner. This past May, she was presented with CMN’s Faculty of the Year Award. She is seen by her peers as a “change agent” for Native American education.

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the trauma of previous generations’ Western education resonates with their descendants.

“Education is still difficult for Natives because of the Boarding Schools whose goal was to change Native children into the white man’s image,” she said. “It didn’t work for many because Natives were too resistant. Native people want an education, but not accultural assimilation.”

Waukau-Villagomez received a bachelor’s degree in child development and preschool from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a master’s degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, a master’s degree in special education from D’Youville College in Buffalo, New York, and her doctorate in educational administration from Penn State.

Waukau-Villagomez conveyed that, while her educational journey wasn’t always easy, it was necessary for her to become the educator she wanted to.

“When things were difficult, I would tell myself that if Grandfather Keshena could make it through Carlisle Indian School, I could make it through Penn State,” she said.

Waukau-Villagomez’s first post-doctorate employer was the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, which was followed with a stint serving the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation in northern Wisconsin. Next, Waukau-Villagomez joined the faculty of her alma mater, D’Youville College, which included teaching future Canadian educators who came to the United States to earn their teaching licenses. In those positions,

Waukau-Villagomez honed her skills for changing a process to reflect the value a strong education brings to a community.

While reflecting on teaching with her sister, Lisa Waukau, the two siblings recognized the necessity of using the regional language known as Menominee Indian English versus teaching solely within the American Standard English vernacular.

“We found that Menominee students learn best from hearing stories read aloud — which is, of course, reflective of the oral tradition,” Waukau-Villagomez said. “They can then discuss concepts using the Menominee Indian English they grew up with. For formal presentations, we expect American Standard English. My daughter, Samantha, recognized this process as the ‘code switching’ required in academia.”

Waukau-Villagomez is happy to be sharing her knowledge as a member of the CMN faculty.

“I love what I do, and I know that my mother and stepfather would be proud that I am helping to train pre-service teachers in the Menominee community,” she said. “I am happy to teach non-Natives too. All teachers need an education that values and responds to cultural differences.”

Waukau-Villagomez’s stepfather gave her the name, Keskesakaeh, which means “the time just before dawn.” The name is prescient, as it evokes the image of a change agent for Native American education that Waukau-Villagomez embodies.

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BUSINESS

Oh My Peonies prepares for busy summer

Marion flower farm contains 2,000 plants with 150 types of flowers

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A local flower farm is looking forward to a busy summer.

Oh My Peonies, located just outside of Marion, is operated by siblings Lee Mielke and Sue Anderson who grew up in the farm house on the property.

In 2000, Mielke started to plant peonies to brighten up the community. He planted peonies while working a job as a farmer. In 2014, he retired from his job and ultimately decided to focus on the peonies. Mielke had originally planted irises, but after troubles with those, he switched to peonies.

"Irises take too much work and too long to bloom," said Mielke. "With peonies, you do not have to tear them out of the ground every year."

Anderson mentioned that Mielke constantly planted more peonies every year. The farm currently houses 2,000 plants with 150 varieties of flowers.

Oh My Peonies is run as a business, where customers are able to order flowers, cut their own or just come to see all of the various peonies in bloom.

The cut-their-own flower option started in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that began in March 2020.

"A lot of people were itching to just get out and be out in the open," said Anderson. "This was a wonderful place for them to come and tour and see the beauty of nature."

Due to the success of the cut-their-own flower events, Mielke and Anderson decided to run that again in 2021.

Anderson said that flowers are often cut for special events, like weddings and other ceremonies. She added that customers are welcome to come to the farm, where they can pick out flowers to take or to visit their website, <https://www.ohmypeonies.com>, where the flowers can be ordered and shipped.

Mielke mentioned that the flowers normally bloom in early to mid-June. With this timeline, Anderson anticipates that June weekends will be very busy.

"People really want to be able



A bee pollinates the faithful dream flower as it continues to bloom June 2 at the Oh My Peonies flower farm.

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Oh My Peonies

WHERE: W12925 Mielke Road, Marion

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday

FYI: The farm houses 2,000 plants with 150 variations of peonies. Siblings Lee Mielke and Sue Anderson established the business in 2014.

WEBSITE: ohmypeonies.com

CONTACT: info@ohmypeonies.com

to come and view the garden," said Anderson. "It is a great time for them to walk around and view the gardens with the different varieties of flowers."

According to Anderson, Oh My Peonies has turned into a destination for people outside of Shawano County to visit.

"I was just talking to a girl who is coming from Upper Michigan," said Anderson. "We have people coming from upper Illinois and the La Crosse area; we have had people travel from four hours away to come here for the day."

Anderson said that she constantly updates the website, as well as their

Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=oh%20my%20peonies>, in order to keep people outside of Shawano County informed about the farm.

With word spreading around and the positive experiences that customers have had at Oh My Peonies, Anderson said that they are receiving order requests from Jan. 1 all the way until the end of the year.

Anderson mentioned that people within the community love seeing the bright colors of the flowers as well as enjoying the aroma.

"People love being able to see Mother Nature at her best," said Anderson. "There are different things that people like about the peonies, like the scent and the peonies' calming presence."

She added that some visitors were able to bring family members and friends out of nursing homes during the pandemic to have a calming experience.

During the pandemic, Oh My Peonies ran in conjunction with Wiscon-

sin's mandates regarding when public places could reopen. They were able to reopen in June 2020. Anderson said that staff and customers felt safe enough during the pandemic due to everyone being outside and socially distant.

With more people getting vaccinated and more people wanting to get outside, Mielke and Anderson expect to see a very busy summer.

According to Anderson, peonies thrive in Wisconsin due to our state's specific growing conditions.

"Wisconsin has just the right weather, in terms of a dormant season," said Anderson. "We do have freezing during the fall and winter months — the roots actually have their best growth period during the fall months."

She added that all of the feedback from customers has been positive.

"We have customers who come back year after year," said Anderson. "The people traveling from La Crosse often say it was worth the road trip."

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NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF SURING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Please take notice that an open house and subsequent public hearing will be held on a proposed amendment to the Village of Suring 20-Year Comprehensive Plan. The open house and public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on Thursday, July 15, 2021 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Village of Suring Municipal Building 604 E Main Street, Suring, WI 54174.

The proposed amendment is intended to update the comprehensive plan including but not limited to land uses, projections, and 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 Village Hall during office hours. 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 Village Clerk, by mail at P.O. Box 31, Suring, WI 54174, by phone at (920) 842-2333, or via email at suringclerk@ci.suring.wi.us. Written comments will be given the same weight as oral testimony and be part of the public record.

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

Dated this 1st day of June, 2021.

Kim Gruetzmacher, Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Suring

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – CITY OF MARINETTE FORESTER ASSISTANT

The City of Marinette Department of Public Works is accepting applications for a Forester Assistant. This position is responsible to perform tree maintenance, brush chipping and other related tasks under the direction of the City Forester for the City of Marinette. Normal work hours are Monday – Friday, 7:00am – 3:00pm, although hours may vary.

Qualifications: Vocational and/or technical training in Forestry, or any combination of education and experience that provides the equivalent knowledge, skills and abilities. Possess and maintain an insurance acceptable driver's license. Possess and maintain a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with tanker endorsement. Applicant shall, within six months of the date of hire, establish residency in the State of Wisconsin. Rate of Pay: \$23.94 per hour. Benefits available. EOE.

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Media Release Summer Food Service Program

Stressing the importance of offering nutritious meals to children during the summer months, the Gillett School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, provides nutritious meals to children during the summer, when free and reduced-price school meals are typically unavailable. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under. Persons over 18 years of age who are determined by a state or local public educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who also participate in a public or private non-profit school program during the regular school year may receive free meals as well.

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Oconto Electric Cooperative

Project No. 1981-044

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND PROTESTS (May 27, 2021)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Application for Temporary Variance of Reservoir Elevation Requirements
- b. Project No: P-1981-044
- c. Date Filed: November 16, 2020
- d. Applicant: Oconto Electric Cooperative (licensee)
- e. Name of Project: Stiles Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the Oconto River in Oconto County, Wisconsin
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Kent A. Lyng, Engineer, Oconto Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 168, 7479 REA Road, Oconto, WI 54154, Phone: (920) 846-2816 extension 1017
- i. FERC Contact: Mark Pawlowski (202) 502-6052, mark.pawlowski@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: June 10, 2021.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-77-306. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

- k. Description of Request: The licensee (or Oconto) requests a 5-foot temporary variance of the minimum impoundment elevation of the Stiles impoundment (Machickanee Flowage) required by Article 401 of the project license. Article 401 requires the licensee maintain a minimum impoundment elevation of 623.2 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum. The purpose of the variance is to reduce invasive plant growth and improve fish habitat. Article 402 of the license requires that any scheduled maintenance impoundment drawdowns below the minimum elevation required by Article 401 must not occur during April, May, and June to protect near-shore fish spawning and nursery activities. The proposed 5-foot drawdown is scheduled to begin in July 2021.
- l. Locations of the Application: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.
- m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.
- n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.
- o. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 C.F.R. 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 C.F.R. 385.2010.

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