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Kylee Stelzer of Suring FFA leads the grand champion beef market steer into the auction ring during the 2021 Sale of Champions at the Oconto County Youth Fair in Gillett on Aug. 22. SEE MORE FAIR PHOTOS INSIDE NEW MEDIA SUMMER, INSIDE.

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Gillett School Board votes to open school fully

School will operate in same fashion as before pandemic

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

The Gillett School Board voted to approve fully opening the school for the 2021-22 school year.

"We are going to return to normal operations and programming for the fall," said Gillett School District Superintendent Todd Hencsik. "All students will be in school five days a week. There will be normal start times and end times for students. Lunch will be served like normal in the past."

Hencsik also said that masks will be optional to wear.

If a student were to get sick at school, Hencsik said that they will return to protocols that were in place before the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes notifying parents when a student's temperature reaches 100.1 F or higher. Students can then return to school if their fever goes down over a span of 24 hours. Parents will also have the option to have their child tested for COVID-19. It is no longer mandated.

"We will increase sanitizing and hand washing stations in the schools," said Hencsik. "We will also increase electrostatic disinfectant spray use. We will also stay in contact with local school districts and

the Oconto County Health Department to analyze or make modifications on our plan."

Students who are participating in WIAA sponsored events will still have to follow COVID-19 protocols.

"If a student tests positive for COVID-19, that student must quarantine for 10 days and be symptom free before returning to school and practice," said Hencsik. "A student must quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure to a positive case if unvaccinated for practice and events."

Hencsik went on to say that if a student has been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, that student has the option to quarantine but can return to school if they aren't exhibiting symptoms. That student may not practice or participate in games though.

"When traveling to other schools for events, we will follow the host school's guidelines," said Hencsik.

He added that school districts surrounding Gillett are all opening in a similar manner.

If an outbreak were to occur, Hencsik said that optional mitigation strategies may be implemented.

"If an outbreak occurs, we may have to increase social distancing and masking," said Hencsik.

Board member Katie Daul sug-

gested changing the wording from athletes to students for a point made about traveling to other schools.

"We just don't travel to other schools for athletics," said Daul. "We travel there for other extracurricular activities as well. That way we are including all students, rather than just student athletes."

Board member Jaime Heroux suggested that the board would be given an opportunity to speak with a representative of the health department if they change their recommendations for schools.

"If there is a request that we have to do something and you (Hencsik) agree with it and we are going to go with this request, I would like the opportunity to understand why it happened," said Heroux.

With the uncertainty of a representative from the Oconto County Health Department being available for a board meeting, Hencsik said that he will try set up a communication method between the board and a representative.

The plan to reopen the Gillett schools was unanimously approved by the board.

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Oconto County sees COVID resurgence

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

Positive cases for COVID-19 have seen a resurgence in Oconto County since the end of July, to the point where the county is now considered at higher risk in the state, Health and Human Services Director Mike Reimer told the county board Aug. 19.

Reimer said county public health officials are recommending increased precautions, including continued social distancing and frequent hand washing, as well as masking in some

situations.

As of Aug. 22, the state Department of Health Services had recorded 4,720 total cases of COVID-19 in the county since March 2020, an increase of 155 since the end of July.

Oconto County saw a peak in new cases last September and October before starting to tail off in November, Reimer said.

"Once we hit that top, we have not gone up since, we've been seeing it go down the whole time," he said. "Now we're seeing it going up again."

He said that in its 2022 budget re-

quest the health and human services department would be recommending a new position, an environment professional or sanitarian.

"We are seeing a need for everybody to understand better hygiene habits in their organization, better kinds of practices, and we looked at this pretty seriously," Reimer said.

The sanitarian would be a credentialed person who could make suggestions for such issues as dilapidated properties or ambulance cleanliness, he said.

CORRECTIONS

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Sentencing scheduled in 1976 murders

Guidelines say Vannieuwenhoven would not be eligible for parole for 20 years

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

The terms of an elderly Lakewood man's life sentences are scheduled to be determined Aug. 26 in Marinette County Circuit Court.

A jury July 27 convicted Ray Vannieuwenhoven, 84, of two counts of first-degree murder in the 1976 shooting deaths of David Schuldes, 25, and Ellen Matheys, 24, at the McClintock Park campground in the Town of Silver Cliff in Marinette County.

Judge James A. Morrison asked prosecution and defense attorneys each to submit a memorandum outlining the options for sentencing Vannieuwenhoven, who was not on investigators' radar until 21st century DNA technology identified him in



VANNIEUWENHOVEN

2019 as the only man who could have committed the crime based on evidence found on Matheys' clothing. Those memos were filed Aug. 2.

He was charged with first-degree murder because that was the name of the offense in July 1976, and Morrison must abide by the sentencing guidelines in effect at the time of the crime, which is now called first-degree intentional homicide.

In her memo, District Attorney DeShea Morrow said those earlier statutes require that the defendant be sentenced to life in prison and not be eligible for parole for 20 years, when

UPDATE ONLINE

The sentencing hearing for Ray Vannieuwenhoven was scheduled for Aug. 26, before this edition went to press. A report on that hearing will be posted at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Vannieuwenhoven would be 104 years old.

Defense attorney Travis Crowell asked that Morrison consider "a sentence that is sufficient, but not greater than necessary to either comply with any statutory directives or comport with any applicable case law as were of record in 1976."

Crowell cited a 1968 American Bar Association document on alternative sentencing that said in part, "The sentence imposed in each case should call for the minimum amount of custody or confinement which is consistent with the protection of

the public, the gravity of the offense and the rehabilitation needs of the defendant."

While conceding that Vannieuwenhoven understands the seriousness of the crimes he committed, Crowell noted his client's "litany of health and medical issues" since his arrest in March 2019.

"He has maintained a close relationship with his children who have supported him," Crowell wrote. "His children and grandchildren are understandably shocked and devastated by both the charges and subsequent convictions."

Victim impact statements were filed with the court on Aug. 19, but those documents are not released to the public.

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Suring firm merges with Mississippi company

Diversified Casework, of Suring, and Sheldon Labs, of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, providers of laboratory work stations and equipment, will merge and retain the Diversified Casework name.

In the announcement, the firm said it will continue to promote and innovate Sheldon Labs' products, such as the Axis Infinity and TEII Series, while incorporating the flexibility of Diversified Casework's modern manufacturing facility. Diversified Casework plans to provide

a complete offering of laboratory-grade casework, science furniture, and equipment, with an aim to create a unified, stronger presence in the laboratory marketplace.

"This consolidation will provide the market with the largest manufacturer of wood laboratory casework in the United States, focused on providing the highest level of service combined with premium quality products for the next 100 years," said Dave Jahnke, president of Diversified Woodcrafts Inc.

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Suring Labor Day grand marshals announced



Jerry and Sharon Kopatz are the senior citizen/grand marshal award winners for this year's Suring Labor Day Celebration.

CONTRIBUTED

Jerry and Sharon Kopatz, representing the Town of Bagley, have been announced as the 2021 senior citizen/grand marshal award winners for this year's Suring Labor Day Celebration.

The Kopatzes are lifetime residents of the Suring area, and both were former Suring School students. They started their education at East Side Elementary School, which is now known as the Bagley Town Hall. They have known each other their whole lives, have been married 57 years and have owned and operated Kopatz Logging since 1964. Together they have four children, Sheri, Jill, Ryan and Troy, along with six grandchildren.

The couple will be honored during the 91st annual Suring Labor Day Parade, which is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Sept. 6. There will be an awards ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park Band Stand in Suring following the parade.

Visit www.suringlaborday.com for a complete list of the celebration schedule.

Meanwhile, the Friends of Suring Area Public Library have scheduled

several events during Labor Day weekend. The annual used book sale, "Twice Sold Tales," will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Sept. 2-4, at the Village Municipal Building Learning Center, 604 Main St., Suring. A \$3 bag sale is planned all day Sept. 4.

The Friends' Mini "Furniture Only" Rummage Sale will be held in the backyard garage and tent at 229 N. Mill St., Suring, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 3-4.

Quilt and basket prize tickets will be sold by the Friends at the Book Sale, the Furniture Rummage Sale, and at most Labor Day activities at Suring's Veterans Park. Drawing for the Quilt and 17 different basket prizes will be held after the noon presentation and music by the Pulaski High School Band at the shelter in Veterans Park.

All proceeds from sales of books, media, candy bars, mini furniture rummage, and raffle tickets, will be used toward the purchase of the new digital sign in front of the library, plus other projects, materials and programs for the library that are not covered by the trustee budget.

Oconto County Board approves ARPA spending plan

Federal allocation must be spent on eligible projects by the end of 2024

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

How do you spend \$7.4 million in "free" money?

That's the challenge facing the Oconto County Board as it determines what to do with its allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds. ARPA is the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 stimulus package that the U.S. Congress passed earlier this year.

The board passed County Administrator Kevin Hamann's plan 28-0 during its Aug. 19 meeting.

"The U.S. Treasury came out with a 162-page guidance, and we reviewed that for eligible projects," Hamann told supervisors. "We asked departments to submit their requests. We reviewed those and drafted a plan, reviewed those with the Finance/Insurance Committee on two separate occasions, and that

is the recommendation for the plan," referring to the project summary that ultimately was approved by the board.

The money was allocated to the county with a requirement that it must be spent on eligible projects by the end of 2024, he said. The plan is fairly specific for the rest of this year and 2022 but more general for 2023 and 2024.

"This is just a plan; it will be adjusted," Hamann said. "You are going to have to constantly adjust this based on the guidance."

One project was approved minutes after the entire plan passed: replacement of the footbridge over Chute Pond that was destroyed in the July 2019 windstorm that also leveled hundreds of thousands of trees in northern Oconto County. Michels Foundations was contracted to build a new, accessible bridge using

\$100,000 in ARPA funds, \$105,000 of funds remaining from a FEMA grant to repair storm damage and \$136,000 from the county's insurance carrier.

Other 2021 projects in the ARPA plan include: \$1 million to help build new emergency radio towers; \$500,000 in matching funds for northern Oconto County broadband service; \$365,000 toward the \$1.7 million construction project for New Beginnings in Gillett; a \$200,000 body scanner at the jail to reduce physical contact between staff and inmates as a COVID mitigation tactic; and \$252,458 to remodel the county board room at the courthouse to allow greater social distancing.

The county board approved the broadband funds earlier this summer. Supervisors have been meeting for more than a year in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, down the street from the courthouse,

to allow the board to spread out more than is possible in the board room's previous configuration.

Supervisor Diane Nichols suggested that the county consider adopting a program being run in Marinette County where properties taken for delinquent taxes are donated to NEWCAP, which then renovates or razes the homes, resells them and gives the profits back to the county.

A program like that could increase the stock of local affordable housing, Nichols said.

"It is a desperate need throughout this county," she said. "Every community needs affordable housing, and if the county got into this, I could see this as a revolving loan fund. ... As those properties are sold, those monies go back in, and in the meantime you're putting property back on the tax rolls."

OBITUARIES

Thomas A. Pagel

Thomas "Tom" A. Pagel, 74, of Abrams, passed away into heaven on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021, at Bellin Hospital with his family by his side. He was born May 18, 1947, in Oconto Falls to the late Donald and Gloria (Osweiler) Pagel. He was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart Linda Valley on Feb. 4, 1967, in Oconto Falls.

Tom graduated from Oconto Falls High School and went on to continue his education at UW-Madison where he received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy. He did all this while working two jobs and raising his young family. Tom worked at Snyder Drug, Beaumont Pharmacy, Cub Pharmacy, Pamida and Oconto Falls Pharmacy, where he retired after a 40-year career as a pharmacist.

Tom and Linda have been longtime members at Ss. Edward and Isidore Parish in Suamico. They also were a part of several biker groups, first being the Wildfire Forever Riders and, later, Doc's Harley Group



Wolf River Chapter.

Tom had many enjoyments in his life, ranging in many aspects. He loved live music, spending time outdoors, hunting, fishing and riding his motorcycles. He treasured spending time with his nine brothers and sisters and their families, especially up north at the Pagel Spike Camp (where the deer are few but the memories are plenty). He also in his younger years loved playing basketball and sharing stories of his pastime.

Through his years academically, Tom always shot for the moon. He always ranked high and was a part of the honor society all the way through. His family would describe him as larger than life — he was always there when needed and even when he wasn't. His greatest mo-



ments were spent with his family watching not only his two sons grow, but also his grandchildren.

Some of Tom's favorite sayings were "agree to disagree" and "never turn down an opportunity for an adventure." He truly lived that life. When asked, "I have fun when..." Tom answered, "I have fun pretty much in everything I do," and he did. He was the guy who became friends with everybody, everywhere. Every campground, rally, workplace, hunting camp, chili cookoff, restaurant, elevator, neighborhood, he was a friend to all.

Left to cherish Tom's memory are his wife, Linda; sons, Jeffrey (Debbie) Pagel, of Hobart, and Andy (Sandy) Pagel, of Abrams; grandchildren, Morgan, Lauren, Tyler, Samantha and Mikayla Pagel; his siblings, Ger-

ald (Suzanne) Warzon, Larry (Becky) Pagel, Billy (Cathy) Pagel, Jerry (Gloria) Bigelow, David (Gale) Pagel, Paul (Beverly) DeWolfe, Doug (Kara) Meyers, Curt (Lisa) Lotter and Keith Pagel. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A memorial Mass will be held for Tom at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, at Ss. Edward and Isidore Parish, 3667 Flintville Road, Suamico. The Rev. David Hoffman will be the officiant. Visitation will be held at the church from 1 p.m. until the time of the service. Tom will be laid to rest in the Oconto Falls Cemetery. Tom's funeral will be live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/Ss-Edward-Isidore-Church-562136803967841>.

The family would like to send a special thank you to the staff at Bellin ICU, DaVita Dialysis and Dr. Robert Mead for all the care and support they gave Tom.

Ray Krause

Ray Krause, 69, Oconto Falls, died Thursday evening, Aug. 19, 2021, with his family present, following complications from Parkinson's disease diagnosed nine years ago. The second oldest child of Kenneth and Alva "Jean" (Lusha) Krause was born June 12, 1952, in Oconto Falls. Ray grew up in Oconto Falls where he attended public schools, graduating from high school with the Class of 1970. Following graduation, he went to work for the Scott Paper Co. In 1972, he married Debra Belongia, and the couple had two sons together.

While living in Oconto Falls, Ray worked at the local paper mill and also was proud to serve as an EMT for the Oconto Falls Ambulance Service for many years. In 1995, he



took the opportunity to move to Kimberly Clark's Owensboro, Kentucky, plant where he continued his 43-year career with the company until retirement. On Nov. 10, 2001,

he married the love of his life, Suzi Witt, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Oconto Falls. As a longtime golfer and member of River Island Golf Club in Oconto Falls, Ray will be fondly remembered as a student of the game who enjoyed practicing almost as much as playing the game. While living in Kentucky, he and his wife Suzi actually lived on a golf

course. He was a onetime member of the Oconto River Bowman and Wisconsin Bow Hunters Association as well as taught hunter's safety. Ray also enjoyed following the Green Bay Packers and attending games with his brothers-in-law.

Survivors are his wife of 20 years, Suzi Witt-Krause, Oconto Falls, two sons, Derek (Denise) Krause, Iola; Kevin Krause, Oconto Falls; one very special grandson, Justin Krause; two sisters, Marsha (Ed) Loesch, Henderson, Nevada; Lori (Reggie) Comins, Lena; Suzi's siblings, Karla Nacion, Illinois; Steve, David (Terri) and Tom (Linda) Witt, all of Oconto Falls; his fur baby dog, Laci.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Ronnie "Mouse"

Krause and in-laws, Jerry and Leona Witt.

Visitation with the urn present will take place after 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls until the time of service. Funeral services will be held 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Gary Olson officiating. Burial will take place 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, at St. Anthony Cemetery in Oconto Falls.

The Krause family would like to thank Meadowbrook health care facility in Oconto Falls for their care and compassion shown Ray and his family during his illness.

Linda L. Schmidt

Linda L. (Van Lanen) Schmidt, 72, was called to heaven on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021, with family by her side. Linda was born March 2, 1949, to the late Merlin VanLanen and Priscilla "Percy" Van Lanen Knaub. On Sept. 14, 1968, Linda married Randall Schmidt.

They raised their two children in Green Bay and then moved to Lakewood. In 1990, they took over ownership and operated the Lakewood Hotel and Bar for over 20 years. Linda obtained her firefighter certification and joined the Lakewood Volunteer



Fire Department in 2002, along with her son and husband. Linda enjoyed family fishing trips to Canada, reading, Packers games, baking, camping and every moment with her grandchildren.

Linda is survived by her husband, Randy; her daughter, Tammy Steitzer; son, Tim Schmidt and fiancée, Dawn; three grandchildren, Jordan

Lynn, Brandon James and Amber Marie; brother, Mike (Kathy) Van Lanen. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, and other close family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Fred Knaub; sister, Kathy "Gomer" Wichman; niece, Robyn Van Lanen Saindon.

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

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to Bellin Hospital and the ICU staff for their amazing care, compassion and sense of humor. You all are true heroes for everything you do. Further thanks to Gruetzmacher Funeral Home for being friends to the family and taking care of our loved ones



OBITUARIES

Doris E. Aderman, 98, of Embarrass, formerly of Marion, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at the Pines in Embarrass.

Doris Elaine Marth was born May 30, 1923, in Plymouth as the daughter of the late Edward and Margaret (Arnold) Marth. She graduated from Plymouth High School and was united in marriage to Robert H. Aderman in 1947. The couple resided in Plymouth where Doris worked at Kraft Foods. Robert's job brought them to the Marion area in 1960. The couple became members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Marion and have been ever since.

Doris was definitely a homebody, but she was a wonderful cook who was always a hard worker through-



out her life. She loved tending to her many gardens and in late summer was very busy canning the fruits of her labors. Her pickles were the best. Doris also enjoyed nature and taking walks in the woods. She was dedicated to her family her entire life and will certainly be missed.

Survivors include her daughters, Judy (Ronald) Grunewald and Ann (James) Mattes; her son, Robert D. "Clyde" (Nancy Hart-Aderman) Aderman; her grandchildren, Brady (Kim) Aderman, Heather (Dean) Schro-

eder, Laurel (Kevin) Grunewald, Ben (Chris) Aderman, Gina (Ted) Jobe, Jamie (Ron) Cannon, Greg Grunewald, Dan Mattes, Michael (Mary) Mattes, Eric (Samantha) Mattes, Todd (Lori) Mattes and Brian Mattes; her great-grandchildren, Maggie and Nathan Aderman, Leah, Allen and Bethany Jobe, Marlee, Zhenya, River, Reed and Ruby Mattes, Rayne Cannon, Zoey, Noah, McKenzie, Aaron, Logan, and Caden Grunewald, and Hunter Aderman; her sister, Mildred Forstner; and a sister-in-law: Jean Harder.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert, in 2012; a son, James "Fred" Aderman; brothers, Robert and Ralph Marth; and brothers-in-law, Sylvester Forstner and Kenneth Harder.

Doris' funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, at the St. John's Lutheran Church, Marion with the Rev. Sara Gorman officiating. If attending the service, please be advised that the church does require masks be worn. Interment will take place at the Roseland Cemetery, Township of Dupont, Waupaca County. Friends may call at the church on Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of the service.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Marion, is assisting her family with the arrangements. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Doris' family would like to thank the staff of The Pines and also The-daCare at Home Hospice for all their care and support during Doris' stay.

Roger E. Piehl

Roger Piehl, 83, of Shawano, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021. Roger was born March 19, 1938, to the late Henry and Viola (Kriewaldt) Piehl in Shawano. In 1956, Roger graduated from Shawano High School. He went on to attend UW-River Falls, where he played football and earned his bachelor's degree in teaching.

On July 9, 1960, Roger was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Sally Moede, in Shawano. Sally and Roger recently celebrated 61 years of marriage. Roger started his teaching career at Seneca High School in southwestern Wisconsin, then Howard where he worked for WPS for a short time and eventually Bay Port High



finished his teaching career at NWTC where he looked forward to the farm calls with his students.

Roger was an avid walleye fisherman and loved being outdoors. He also enjoyed hunting, camping and listening to and dancing to polka music. He was an excellent handyman and could build or fix just about anything.

School. While teaching agriculture at Bay Port High School, he coached various sports and officiated for high school and college football and basketball games. He

He enjoyed sports and followed the Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee Bucks and the Green Bay Packers. He was an extremely proud grandfather and loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events, concerts and shows.

Roger was an active member of St. Jakobi Lutheran Church and had a strong faith and a deep love for his family. He was a kind and outgoing man, always smiling, helpful and friendly, and he made friends wherever he went. Roger was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend and will be deeply missed.

Roger is survived by his wife, Sally; two daughters, Ann (Myron) Geiser, of Kaukauna, and Susan (Robert) Woelfel, of Hilbert; four grandchildren,

Zachary (Samantha) Woelfel, McKayla (Brady Roovers) Geiser, Alec Woelfel and Erin (Isaac Hoffman) Geiser; and one great-granddaughter, Gracie Lyn. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two grandchildren, Bradley Geiser and Logan Woelfel; and one brother, Arthur "Art" Piehl.

A funeral service for Roger was held on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2021, at 11 a.m. at St. Jakobi Lutheran Church with Rev. Travis Kleinschmidt officiating. Inurnment will be in Lake Drive Cemetery in the Town of Wescott.

Swedberg Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Florence Schmidt

Florence Mae (Phalen) Schmidt, 94, of Shawano, met her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, after a life full of love and family. She was born in Shawano on May 27, 1927, to the late John and Dagmar (Sorensen) Phalen. She attended Shawano High School and worked for years at Spurgeon's creating the merchandise displays in the front window facing Main Street.

Florence was united in marriage to Norman A. Schmidt on July 23, 1949, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano. The couple was married for over 45 years before Norman's passing. Together they created many happy memories for their children and grandchildren from Friday night pizzas to



celebrated the annual Schmidt Cookie Bake with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren each December, where hundreds of cookies would be made, and dozens of rounds of sheephead would be played. She loved when her Rockstead nieces would visit, especially when Pam would make the entire room laugh.

playing records on the stereo to keep their grandchildren dancing in the living room.

Florence volunteered her time at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish and always

Florence is survived by her son, Michael (Linda) Schmidt; her daughters, Sue (Tom) Porath and Linda (Michael) Griesbach; grandchildren, Tracy Porath, Jason (Courtney) Schmidt, Michael (Jennifer) Griesbach Jr., Tiffany (Nicholas Olson) Porath, Brian (Melanie Carrigan) Schmidt, Jennifer Griesbach and Tomissa (David) Freisleben; great-grandchildren, Ashley Griesbach, Aubriella Schmidt, Brayden Schmidt, Nicole Griesbach and Henry Freisleben; and step-grandchildren, David (Micki), Greg (Cheryl) and Tom Sylvester.

She is further survived by many nieces and nephews, as well as their families.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, Norman A. Schmidt; parents, John and Dagmar Phalen; and her siblings, George, Mary Ann, and John Jr.

A funeral Mass will be held for Florence at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Scott Valentyn officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

The family of Florence would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Paisers Oak Haven for the care and love shown to her in her final years. Also, to Heartland Hospice, especially Tina, for their care and compassion these final months.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Sharon A. Briske

Sharon A. Briske, 85, of Pella, passed away Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Clintonville.

Russell F. Adams

Russell F. Adams, 96, of Clintonville, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

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

Accidental author coming to Shawano

New York Times bestseller Michael Perry to present humor, rural life at library event

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Michael Perry considers himself to be an accidental author, not even thinking about writing as a profession until after he was out of college.

Perry had planned to become a nurse originally, but his detour into writing has definitely reduced the chances he could be splattered with bodily fluids. Perry has been on the New York Times bestseller list, toured many different places to tell his tales of Midwest life and even had one of his memoirs turned into a stage play. He has produced some humorous albums, raised a couple of children and some chickens and still finds time every once in a while to put out fires in his community of New Auburn.

Now, Perry will be visiting Shawano in September to share stories from his various books with titles like “Population: 485,” “The Jesus Cow,” “Truck: A Love Story” and “Off Main Street.” With life being as serious as it is today, Perry believes folks can use a little humor now more than ever.

“Some of the ways that we’re mean to each other in this world are also the things that make us ridiculous and goofy,” Perry said. “That just leads to humor. I grew up in a place where pain was a reality, whether it was just hitting your thumb with a hammer or your best milk cow dying or just growing up poor, and one thing that roughnecks turned to all the time was humor. Sometimes there’s nothing to do but laugh at the ridiculousness of your fate.”

Perry’s presentation is expected to please locals when he talks about rural living at 6 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Shawano Public Library, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano. With Shawano



MICHAEL PERRY

was raised by farmers, loggers and truckers.

“I definitely try to tailor a little of what I do with wherever I’m going. But the thing that I always stress with my library and book events especially is that, if people are going to take time to come to an event like that, they ought to get a little bit of entertainment,” Perry said. “We always have a lot of fun. I always focus on the humorous aspect of how I write just because that works best in the live situation.”

Perry started off his writing career as a freelancer for various magazines, “back when magazines still existed,” he said. Back then, he considered book authors to be people living on either coast of the United States, not in the heart of farming country.

“I feel like I walked into it backwards, but once I got there, I just feel really fortunate,” Perry said. “Every morning when I get up, all I want to do is write.”

Perry self-published his first four books at a time before the era of print-on-demand through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other online companies. He

recalled having to find a local printer, print a pre-arranged number of books and then try to sell them one at a time. He remembered trying to get the names and contact information of each person who bought a book so he could notify them when his next book published.

What got the attention of publishing companies was when Perry wrote a story about volunteer firefighting for Esquire and another story about being an emergency medical technician for Salon. An agent from New York saw those articles and asked Perry if he could write a book based on those items. He was able to show the four books he’d published himself, and that’s when he signed with Harper Collins to get “Population: 485” published.

“That’s one of those books that, even today, continues to sell under the radar,” Perry said.

“Population: 485” was adapted for the stage when Perry was talking with a musician friend — who was a neighbor — and that friend suggested turning the book into a musical. Perry thought that meant a collaboration, but he soon realized the friend meant he needed to do it on his own. So he researched play scripts and holed himself up in a chicken coop once owned by renowned author Norbert Blei but now in possession of Write On, Door County to turn it into a script.

“I wasn’t allowed to come out,” Perry said. “I

took a Thermos of coffee and two granola bars, and I wasn’t allowed

to come out until I made a certain word count. Three days of doing that, I finished the draft.”

For a time, Perry took the script on the road and hired actors to make “Population: 485” come alive. The play has also been performed by a number of community theater groups, as

well. There have been a couple of times when the book was optioned by Hollywood for a movie, but nothing has come of it, he said.

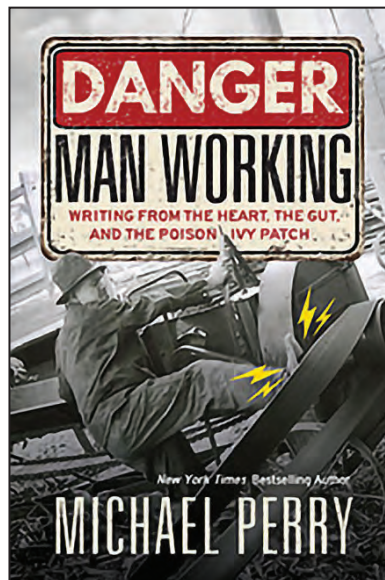
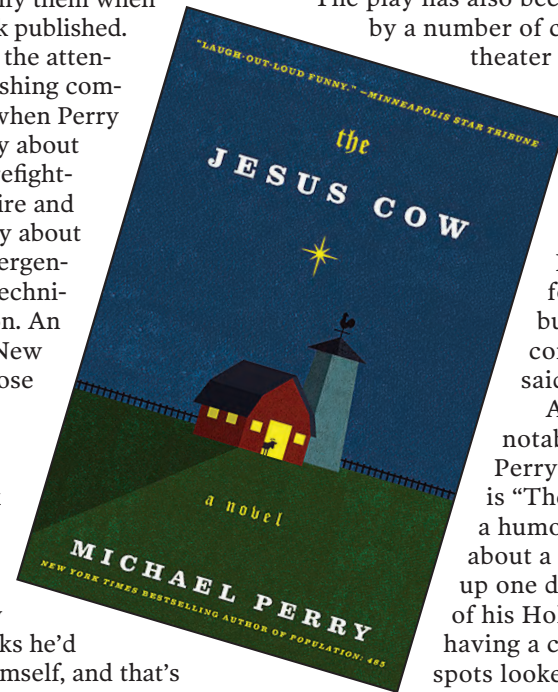
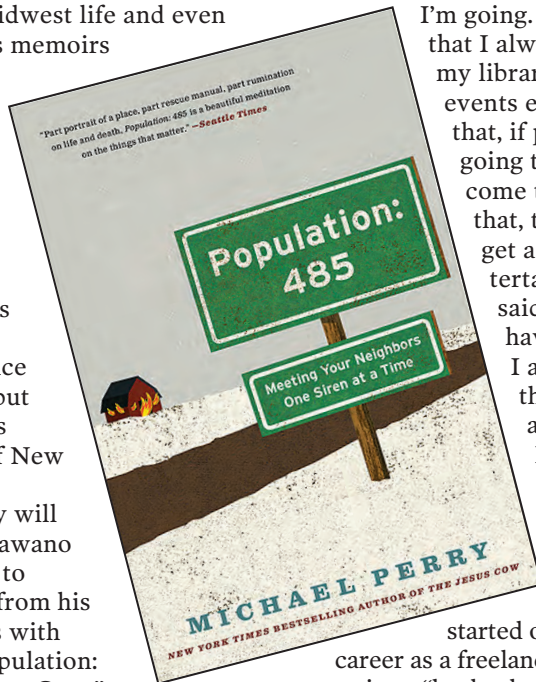
Another notable title in Perry’s collection is “The Jesus Cow,” a humorous novel about a farmer waking up one day to one of his Holstein cows having a calf whose spots looked like they formed an image of Jesus.

He said it was fun because most of his books are non-fiction, but it was fun to create characters and a whole new world without real-world repercussions.

“Like any piece of fiction, it draws on real life,” Perry said. “There was a coffee house in Nashville, and they had this cinnamon bun that everyone said looked like the head of Mother Teresa, and it was called the nun bun. It just planted a seed in me about seeing a stain on a table or a wet spot on a concrete wall, and some people believe they’re seeing the image of Christ or the image of the Virgin Mary.”

Even though it’s a profession where he gets to sneak a little “art and heart” into his work, Perry said he approaches writing as a job that has to get done, no matter what.

“I write a weekly newspaper column, and I do it on Wednesdays,” he said. “It doesn’t matter if I ran out of my special candles or if I didn’t feel inspired. There’s a job to do, and you turn it in, and you go on to the next thing.”





Work has begun on a new wedding venue, The Barn at Sunset Acres, which will be located in Pulaski and can accommodate weddings with up to 375 people, providing a rustic look intermingled with state-of-the-art accommodations.

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Barn at Sunset Acres breaks ground

Wedding venue expected to bring couples and guests to Pulaski area

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Remnants of corn stalks lay near where an interesting new wedding venue broke ground Aug. 23 in the village of Pulaski.

The Barn at Sunset Acres is being touted as a state-of-the-art facility that will combine the rustic feel of a barn wedding with modern equipment that will make a couple's special day seem like the best of their lives. Completion is expected in summer 2022.

The facility will use reclaimed barn wood on the exterior, while the interior will include a bridal suite, groom's pad, a private family room and a banquet hall for up to 375 people, complete with catering kitchen. There will also be cottages available for wedding parties to stay at, providing convenience for when the big day arrives, according to partner Lauren Cusack. The 12-acre property at 451 N. St. Augustine St. will have a pond, gardens and other green space



The official groundbreaking for the Barn at Sunset Acres on the north side of Pulaski took place Aug. 23, but in the background, heavy equipment is already flattening the area so building can begin and hopefully be complete by summer 2022.

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"We're really creating a venue experience and destination versus just a wedding day," Cusack said. "After your wedding or your event, you're able to rent them out. There's going to be six initially, but they'll be for family, friends, guests, etc."

The venue will be able to host indoor and outdoor ceremonies, according to Cusack.

"There's a lot of space to work with that makes it unique, as well," she said.

Steve Fischer, one of the partners

for Sunset Acres, noted that Pulaski is an ideal location for a wedding venue, and the village hasn't had one in the vicinity for about 20 years.

"Pulaski just needed it and has needed it for a long time," Fischer said. "I think it's a great, small community and is welcoming. It's a growing community."

Sunset Acres will provide a country backdrop but still allow for weddings to have all the traditions and trimming, according to Fischer. He noted wedding parties will have the run of the 12

acres for the full day, not just a couple of hours for the wedding ceremony.

"It's going to create the country wedding, but it's going to bring in an elegant feel to it, as well," Fischer said. "It's going to be a state-of-the-art venue to compete with anything in the state."

Fischer said he understands the interest in old barns as a site and symbol for matrimony, but he believes couples shouldn't have to decide between the past and the future when figuring out their special day, which is why the facility is being built from scratch.

"In the old barns, I don't know that you can give the elegant feel out of the barn like you can if you build it," Fischer said. "We really want that. It's going to be a barn, but it's going to be an over-the-top barn with modern amenities that we couldn't get with a traditional barn. It's a lot of work to renovate those old barns."

Even though ground has just broke, the Barn at Sunset Acres is already accepting reservations for summer 2022 and beyond into 2023. Details about the facility can be found at www.barnatsunsetacres.com.

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Help available for postpartum depression, baby blues

Postpartum depression and the baby blues are two common experiences that mothers may have during their pregnancy and postpartum.

A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study found that one out of 10 women in the United States reported symptoms of major depression in the last year. That study estimates that the number of women affected by postpartum depression differ by age, race and ethnicity. In addition, postpartum depression estimates vary by state, and can be as high as one in five women.

"There are several ways to know if you or a loved one is experiencing postpartum blues (baby blues) or is developing postpartum depression," said Dr. Karen Hulbert, a family medicine physician with ThedaCare Physicians-Markesan. "Baby blues are milder, peak in a couple days and are typically resolved by two weeks. The symptoms of postpartum depression last longer and interfere with daily life. A typical symptom of major depression is that it causes significant distress or prevents you from functioning how you want to with your baby, your partner or maybe even your family."

Symptoms of postpartum depression can include fatigue, feeling sad or hopeless, feeling withdrawn or disconnected, feelings of guilt or anger, worrying and anxiety about the health of the baby, concern about one's ability to care for their baby, or a lack of response to support and

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Here are some recommendations on dealing with baby blues and postpartum depression:

- Sleep as much as you can, and rest when your baby is napping.
- Eat foods that are good for you.
- Go for a walk. Exercise, fresh air, and sunshine can do wonders.
- Accept help when people offer it.
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With baby blues, symptoms include insomnia, fatigue, decrease in concentration, loss of appetite and sadness.

Hulbert said that when women begin to have these feelings or experiences, or if they're questioning themselves, then it's time to seek help. She added that women with baby blues can have up to 11 times a higher risk of developing postpartum depression.

"It can be difficult to identify it when you're in the middle of it," said Hulbert. "Big changes are taking place — hormone levels vary, there is additional stress, lack of sleep and learning how to be a parent — it's

a lot. We want women, and their partners, to feel empowered to seek help. It takes strength to recognize there could be an issue and ask for guidance."

Postpartum depression is also different because it can start during pregnancy, and it can also occur anytime during the first year of the baby's life.

"I continue screening people for depression through the whole first year of the baby's life because I know it can sneak up on people sometimes," she said. "Our care teams can work through this with families, provide an action plan, and begin the healing process."

If a mother is experiencing symptoms of the postpartum depression or baby blues, Hulbert encouraged communicating how they're feeling with their doctor so they can properly monitor their symptoms. There are several treatment options and care plans.

"Some mothers respond really well to therapy or counseling," she said. "Others need medication, and that is okay. Whether you're breastfeeding or not breastfeeding, there

are treatment options."

Hulbert said she likes to focus on having a relationship with her new parent patients because that trusting connection can be the open door for these difficult and sensitive conversations.

Another CDC study found that about 4% of fathers experience depression in the first year after their child's birth.

"I screen dads and partners, too," she said. "I like to make sure that during an appointment both parents are aware of symptoms to watch for because they may not recognize the signs in themselves or their partner. It's when they go home and see these things happening in everyday life that might spark a conversation."

Hulbert wants families to know while these conversations may be difficult, it best to be open and honest to get help.

"I want all parents to remember, give yourself some grace," said Hulbert. "There's no such thing as a perfect parent — or a perfect baby. Just do the best you can, and remember to take care of yourself so you can be the best parent to your little one."

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How to handle your Medicare coverage if you move

By JIM MILLER

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Moving can indeed affect your Medicare benefits depending on the type of coverage you have and where you move to.

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If you're enrolled in a Medicare

(Part D) prescription drug plan, or a Medicare (Part C) Advantage plan and you move out of your plan's service area, you'll need to choose a new plan that serves your new area. Here's a breakdown of what you'll need to do depending on the type of coverage you have.

If you have a Part D plan: If you're enrolled in original Medicare and have a stand-alone Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, you'll need to contact your Part D plan to find out if it will work in the area you're moving to. If it doesn't, you'll need to enroll in a new plan that provides coverage in your new location.

You can make this switch the month before you move and up to two months after the move.

Otherwise, you'll need to wait until the next open enrollment (in the fall) and could be penalized for having no acceptable prescription drug coverage.

If you have a Medicare Advantage plan: If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, again, contact your plan to find out if it will serve your new area. If it doesn't, you'll need

to enroll in a new plan that does. To shop for new Advantage and/or Part D prescription drug plans in your new location, see [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.Medicare.gov/plan-compare).

You can switch Advantage plans the month before you move and up to two months after you move.

Be aware that, if you relocate out of your Medicare Advantage plan's service area and fail to enroll in a new plan in your new area, you'll automatically be switched to original Medicare. This will happen when your old Medicare Advantage plan is forced to disenroll you because you don't live within its service area anymore.

If you have a Medigap policy: If you're enrolled in original Medicare and have a supplemental Medigap policy, you'll need to notify your provider that you're moving, but you should not need to change insurance companies or plans. (Note: there also are Medicare Select plans, which are Medigap plans that are network-based and are available in a few states. These plans may require you to change.)

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Be aware that Medigap costs vary by location, so your monthly Medigap policy premium may be higher or lower depending on the cost of medical care in your new area.

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If it's not, you could look for a cheaper policy. However, you may have to undergo medical underwriting. Medigap policies come with their own rules for enrolling, and some states have different enrollment standards than others.

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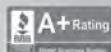
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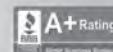
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Police shooting suspect committed to institution

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

The Oconto Falls woman accused of shooting a police officer has been committed to a mental health institution for up to six months.

Alisha M. Kocken, 29, was charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide and eight other charges after she allegedly shot Oconto Falls Police Officer Nicole Blaskowski at Kocken's apartment Aug. 6. Blaskowski, who was struck twice, was released from the hospital after a day.

Kocken's attorney, John Miller Carroll, told Judge Michael T. Judge that he and his client agree with a psychiatrist's report concluding that she is mentally ill and in need of treatment. Carroll and Oconto County Corporation Counsel Beth Ellingson submitted an agreement for Kocken to spend up to six months at Winnebago Mental Health Institute (WMHI) with medication

to be administered involuntarily, if necessary.

"It's my understanding she will be compliant," Carroll said with regard to the medication.

Judge ruled that Kocken is indeed mentally ill with evidence that there is a substantial probability of physical harm to herself and others without "prompt and adequate treatment" for her illness and ordered the six-month commitment at the locked, in-patient facility near Oshkosh.

According to court documents, Kocken reported that her son was being kidnapped and became combative as Blaskowski investigated, struggling with the officer as she tried to calm her down. Kocken wrestled Blaskowski's gun away and shot her in the head and ballistic vest, the criminal complaint said.

Kocken was transferred from the Oconto County Jail to WMHI after Carroll and jail staff raised concerns about her competency to understand the charges.

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When Sun, September 5,
10am – 5pm

Where Memorial Field,
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Description Open to the Public
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Sunday, September 12

Flea Market - Oconto Falls

When Sun, September 12,
10am – 5pm

Where Memorial Field,
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WI 54154, USA

Description Open to the Public
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Monday, September 13

**Oconto Falls School Board
Meeting**

When Mon, September 13,
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Where Oconto Falls High School,

210 N Farm Rd, Oconto
Falls, WI 54154, USA

Description Meeting in the Falls
Area Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, September 14

**Oconto Falls City Council
Meeting**

When Tue, September 14,
7pm – 8pm

Where City of Oconto Falls
Administration, 500 N
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Sunday, September 19

Flea Market - Oconto Falls

When Sun, September 19,
10am – 5pm

Where Memorial Field,
Jefferson St, Oconto Falls,
WI 54154, USA

Description Open to the Public
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Saturday, September 25

**Run for the Trails 5k Run/Walk,
10k Run & 1/2 Marathon**

When Sat, September 25,
7:00am – 12:30pm

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Flea Market - Oconto Falls

When Sun, September 26,
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Where Memorial Field,
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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Oconto Falls scores in final minute to top Oconto

Hill scores Panthers' touchdowns, Raddatz seals win with INT

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School football team scored the game-tying touchdown in the final minute before converting a two-point conversion try to take down Oconto 14-12 on Aug. 20 in Oconto Falls.

Oconto appeared to be on its way to the win in the game dubbed the "Battle for Highway 22" after capping a seven-plus minute drive with a touchdown with just over three minutes to play, but Oconto Falls didn't panic.

The Panthers struggled throwing the ball all game, but the team had three huge completions on the eventual go-ahead drive. Junior quarterback Carter Hill connected with senior Noah Hirst to convert a third-and-7 play. Oconto Falls picked up another first down when Hill found senior Isaac Raddatz for a 12-yard gain on a third-and-9 play. Hill then found Hirst on a wheel route up the left sideline for a 33-yard gain that set the Panthers up at the Oconto 2-yard line with more than a minute of play remaining.

After the Panthers had two rush attempts net them no yards, Hill powered into the end zone from two yards out with 38 seconds to play to tie the game. Senior Logan Seymour converted the two-point attempt on a run to the left side, beating multiple Oconto defenders to the pylon.

"Practice like you play," said Oconto Falls coach Nick Bohl. "The last thing we did yesterday, Thursday, was a two-minute drill. We executed it. I told them, 'There's going to be a time, it might not have been this game, but there's gonna be a game or two or whenever that we needed to go two minutes and go down the field.' And that's what we did. I just can't say enough about how you practice like you play, and our kids practiced really hard the last three weeks for this moment."



Oconto Falls' Dylan Thomson, right, breaks away from an Oconto defender as several other Panthers block during the team's nonconference game Aug. 20 in Oconto Falls.

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Oconto had a nice return on the ensuing kickoff and started its drive with 27.5 seconds showing on the scoreboard. The Blue Devils tried a double pass on the first play, but Raddatz — playing his first year of high school football — read the play perfectly and intercepted the second pass to seal the win.

"I read the play. I saw that (my guy) was kinda running and all of a sudden he went back, so I took a few steps back. He threw it, and I just jumped up and grabbed it," said Raddatz.

Bohl and Raddatz also both mentioned battling through adversity, something the Panthers saw plenty of in the contest.

The first bout of adversity came before the game even kicked off as a mishap during the coin toss meant Oconto would receive the kickoff to open both the first and second halves.

Oconto Falls was also able to overcome a slow start offensively. The Panthers went three-and-out on their first two possessions, and then after picking up a couple first downs on their third drive, fumbled the ball away.

Oconto Falls ran just 12 offen-

FYI

Nick Anvelink, Marcus Yarie, Trent Nolan, Dylan Waldvogel, Tanner Westphal earned feature wins at the Shawano Speedway on Aug. 21. The full story can be read at www.newmedia-wi.com.

sive plays in the first half but only trailed 6-0 at halftime.

The Panthers scored on their first possession of the second half, with big runs from senior Dylan Thomson and Hill moving the ball down the field before Hill scored from a yard out to tie the game.

"Our defense really stepped up, made a few big stops and then we just finally got things clicking with the offense," said Hill. "We started putting the ball in the end zone."

Junior Kody Vorpahl created some momentum and energy for the Panthers after a couple of big defensive plays at the start of the second half.

After Oconto had converted a third-down run, Vorpahl had a two-yard tackle for loss. The next play, Vorpahl registered a sack that pushed Oconto back an additional eight yards. The Panthers' defense capitalized by forcing a punt, which set up the team's first score.

"I think the strength of our

team is our defense and that really sets the tone for our offense," said Vorpahl. "I try my hardest to get in there every time; I try to make big plays and get everyone going. When our defense is good, our offense is better."

Hill had 46 rushing yards on eight attempts, while Thomson had 61 yards on 10 rushes. Hill completed four passes for 59 yards, with Hirst tallying 44 of those yards on two catches.

Senior Weston Borkovec led the Panthers' defense with eight total tackles, while senior Jake Sager had six. Mitchell Kallies had five total tackles and a forced fumble.

Oconto Falls will look to keep the positive energy going next week when it travels to Clintonville for another nonconference clash.

Oconto 6 0 0 6 — 12

Oconto Falls 0 0 6 8 — 14

First quarter

O: Kyle Bowman 37-yard run (kick failed), 3:01

Third quarter

OF: Carter Hill 1-yard run (run failed), 3:57

Fourth quarter

O: Bowman 3-yard run (run failed), 3:10

OF: Hill 2-yard run (Logan Seymour run), 0:38

Oconto Falls' Tucker Bouche lands \$2,500 scholarship

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Oconto Falls Legion baseball player Tucker Bouche was recently named to the All-Academic Team by The American Legion and the recipient of a pair of scholarships.

Bouche was named the Wisconsin state winner of a \$500 scholarship. He then had his application reviewed by the World Series Scholarship

Committee and was named the Central Plains winner, giving Bouche another \$2,500 scholarship.

He was one of eight players in the country to receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

"I learned about receiving the \$2,500 national academic scholarship from my parents, who were contacted by Jim Davis," said Bouche. "Initially I was stunned, because receiving the state award was unbelievable, but

then to be one of eight people in the nation to receive this generous award left me beyond thankful! It's so cool to be given this award after spending so much time in Legion baseball and building so many great friendships.

"Lastly, I would like to thank Terry Umentum with American Legion Post 302, Jen Swanson with the Wisconsin American Legion and Jim Davis, the VP Chairman of the American Legion Committee on

Youth Education."

The All-Academic Team was announced during the American Legion World Series on Aug. 13.

To be eligible for the scholarships, Bouche was nominated by his post-affiliated team manager or head coach.

For information, visit <https://www.legion.org/baseball/253436/2021-american-legion-baseball-awards-announced>.

BABA PLAYOFF HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

East Division

Gresham 19

Clintonville 7

Gresham rolled to a victory over Clintonville in the East Division final Aug. 22 in Clintonville.

Anthony Leaman doubled three times and posted four hits to lead Gresham at the plate. Cody Reimer homered among his three hits, while Nate Ejnik chipped in two hits.

Lukas Pecore pitched seven innings to earn the win, striking out six batters along the way. Brock Smejkal took the loss.

Smejkal homered and led Clintonville with three hits. Hunter Vollmer and Jordan Koeppen added two hits each.

West Division

Little Falls 8

Caroline 4

Little Falls doubled up Caroline in the West Division final on Aug. 22 in Little Falls.

Chris Dunn struck out 14 batters over nine innings to earn the win for Little Falls.

Kasey Morgan, Cam Gruenwald and Chris Dunn all had two hits for Little Falls, with Gruenwald also driving in a pair. Drew Radies hom-

ered and drove in two.

Justin Reminger drove in two runs for Caroline, while Austin Hoffman finished with two hits. Reminger was the losing pitcher.

South Central Division

Scandinavia 2

Plover 0

Scandinavia blanked Plover in the South Central Division final on Aug. 22 in Scandinavia.

Joe Strigel had two hits to lead Scandinavia at the plate, while Logan Moe drove in a run. Jeremy Dunihoop picked up the win on the mound.

Joey Bartolone had two hits for

Plover. Zack Hintz suffered the loss.

Northern Division

Eland 2

Antigo/Polar 1

Eland defended its home turf and edged Antigo/Polar in the Northern Division final on Aug. 22 in Eland.

No other details from the game were available at press time.

Semifinal games

The BABA season continues Aug. 29 with semifinal playoff games.

Gresham will host Scandinavia and Little Falls will host Eland. Both games are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m.

DAIRYLAND LEAGUE PLAYOFF HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Waupaca 1

Bonduel 0

Waupaca knocked off Bonduel on Aug. 22 in Waupaca in a Dairyland League semifinal playoff contest.

Cam Seidl pitched all nine innings for Waupaca, striking out 15 batters and surrendering just five hits and a walk.

Jason Ellie doubled in Jake Pankratz in the fourth inning for the game's lone run. Pankratz had three hits and a stolen base.

Chase Reinke was dealt the loss, striking out seven batters over eight innings. Eric Gruenwald tallied two of Bonduel's hits.

Hofa Park 9

Hortonville 5

Hofa Park upset Hortonville in

the league's other semifinal matchup on Aug. 22 in Hortonville.

James Borick drove in three runs on two hits and scored twice for Hofa Park.

Robert Schuettpelz drove in two runs, while Brinton Anderson and Marcus Hornacek scored two runs each.

Gavin Rusch pitched the first six innings to earn the win, allowing two unearned runs. Eli Frank

pitched two innings before Mike Delgado got the final three outs.

Colan Treml was dealt the loss for Hortonville. Dan Wunderlich and Brett Kramer had two hits each for Hortonville.

Grand Championship

Waupaca will host Hofa Park in the Dairyland League Grand Championship on Aug. 29 in Waupaca.

The game is set for 1:30 p.m.



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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Shawano goes undefeated at home quad

Pulaski posts 1-2 mark

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Community High School girls tennis team finished 3-0 at a home quad on Aug. 19 in Shawano.

Shawano topped Pulaski 6-1, Manitowoc Lincoln 4-3 and Oshkosh North 5-2.

Jenna Ainsworth finished 3-0 on the day, with two of her wins coming in singles action.

Adison Moesch earned two

singles wins, while Nicole Piantek had a singles win and helped in a doubles win.

Pulaski split its other two matches, topping Oshkosh North 6-1 and losing 4-3 to Manitowoc Lincoln.

The duo of Lucy Piczkowski and Kylie Coel won a pair of doubles matches to lead Pulaski.

Rylee Miller had a pair of singles wins.

Shawano 6**Pulaski 1**

Singles: No. 1: Rylie Anderson S def. Kelsey Waggoner, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Jenna Ainsworth S def. Olivia Shelly, 7-5, 6-2; **No. 3:** Adison Moesch S

def. Mikalah Due, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Elise Pyatskowitz S def. Isabella Skalecki, 6-0, 6-0. **Doubles: No.**

1: Kate Williams-Nicole Piantek S def. Paige Vanderveren-Madeline Diefenthaler, 6-2, 6-2; **No.**

2: Lucy Piczkowski-Kylie Coel P def. Anna Etten-Ava Huntington, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 3:** Kylie Teetzen-Brianna Goetsch S def. Cianna Czarnecki-Carlee Elliott, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5), 10-5.

Shawano 4**Manitowoc Lincoln 3**

Singles: No. 1: Olivia Minikel ML def. Anderson, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Mckenna Pleus ML def. Williams, 6-4, 6-7 (8), 11-9; **No. 3:** Sophia Wergin ML def. Pyatskowitz, 6-0, 4-6, 10-7; **No. 4:** Sarah Carroll S def. Allison Gates, 4-6, 6-2, 10-2. **Doubles: No. 1:** Arianna Albert-Etten S def. Maddi Blaaser-Zylia Kleinfeldt, 6-4, 2-6, 10-6; **No. 2:** Kloie Boyles-Jordan Thompson S by forfeit, 2-0, 2-0; **No. 3:** Ainsworth-Adayla Sheldon S by forfeit, 2-0, 2-0.

Shawano 5**Oshkosh North 2**

Singles: No. 1: Ainsworth S def. Julia Bock, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Moesch S def. Madeline Drews, 7-5, retired; **No. 3:** Piantek S def. Sophie Mikle, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 4:** Sheldon S def. Hailey Fox, 6-1, 6-0. **Doubles: No. 1:** Mia Salbego-Avery Doemel ON def. Boyles-Thompson, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Madelyn Dutscheck-Chloe Rockteschel ON def. Ava

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Huntington-Brieanna Luebeck, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 3:** Rylee Trochil-Natalee Jung S def. Alli Venne-Hailee Valdez, 6-3, 6-2.

Pulaski 6**Oshkosh North 1**

Singles: No. 1: Waggoner P def. Julia Bock, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Shelly P def. Madeline Drews, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Due P def. Sophie Mikle, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 4:** Rylee Miller P def. Hailey Fox, 6-2, 6-0. **Doubles: No. 1:** Mia Salbego-Avery Doemel ON def. Vanderveren-Diefenthaler, 5-4, retired; **No. 2:** Piczkowski-Coel P def. Madelyn Dutscheck-Chloe Rockteschel, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Czarnecki-Elliott P def. Hailee Valdez-Alli Venne, 6-1, 6-0.

Manitowoc Lincoln 4**Pulaski 3**

Singles: No. 1: Olivia Minikel ML def. Waggoner, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Sophia Wergin ML def. Coel, 6-2, 5-7, 10-6; **No. 3:** Zylia Kleinfeldt ML def. Elliott, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Miller P def. Allison Gates, 6-2, 7-5 (5). **Doubles: No. 1:** Maddi Blaaser-Mckenna Pleus ML def. Diefenthaler-Piczkowski, 6-3, 5-7, 11-9; **No. 2:** Shelly-Due P by forfeit, 2-0, 2-0; **No. 3:** Czarnecki-Treva Robaidek P by forfeit, 2-0, 2-0.



Shawano's Jenna Ainsworth competes during the team's home quad on Aug. 19 in Shawano. Ainsworth went 3-0 on the day.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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GIRLS SWIM

Stark leads Witt-Birn at pentathlon

Several Wittenberg-Birnamwood swimmers turned in strong finishes during the Marinette Pentathlon on Aug. 21 in Marinette. Swimmers competed against other athletes in their grades.

Senior Olyvia Stark placed third in the senior class with a total time of 3 minutes, 28.69 seconds. Isabella Hegewald came in fourth (3:32.69). Stark won the 50-yard backstroke, while Hegewald was second in the 50 breaststroke.

In the sophomore class, Witt-Birn's Olivia Besette came in fifth (3:36.68), while Ava Hegewald was eighth (3:43.18).

Annika Resch took sixth in the junior class with a total time of 3:27.05. Jessica Storlie was 10th in 3:45.13.

FOOTBALL

Pulaski 38

Green Bay Notre Dame 14

Pulaski pulled away in the fourth quarter to top Green Bay Notre Dame in a Fox River Classic Conference crossover matchup Aug. 20 in Green Bay.

Pulaski led 14-0 in the first quarter before taking a 21-14 lead into halftime. The Red Raiders led by the same score after three quarters before a strong final quarter helped the team seal the victory.

Aaron Maroszek rushed for 169 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries, while Maverick Cole had 109 rushing yards on 17 attempts. Brock Steinbrecher also rushed for a score and 97 yards, while Aidan McDougal had the team's fourth score on the ground.

Derek Block passed for 42 yards and a touchdown to Maroszek.



Menominee Indian's Allen Smith, left, looks for a lane to run through as teammate Wendell Waukau Jr. provides blocking during the team's nonconference game against Auburndale on Aug. 19 in Keshena. The Eagles' offense struggled to move the ball in a 48-0 season-opening loss.

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Jake Adams led the defense with 10 total tackles, while Max Burdette had nine total tackles and a forced fumble. Trevan Fatla posted five tackles and a sack.

Denmark 38

Shawano 27

Shawano fell short in a nonconference clash against Denmark on Aug. 20 in Denmark.

Shawano scored first but trailed 18-13 at halftime. Denmark scored again in the third quarter to extend its lead before both teams scored 14 points in the final quarter.

Shawano's Carson Popp passed for 222 yards and three touchdowns. Elliott Lowney had 110 receiving yards and a touchdown on two catches, while Ashton Henning had two catches for 62 yards and a score. Jacob Landon had four receptions for 38 yards and the other score.

Andrew Popp rushed for 74 yards

and a touchdown on eight attempts.

Witt-Birn 53

Northland Pines 0

Wittenberg-Birnamwood routed Northland Pines in a nonconference matchup Aug. 20 in Eagle River.

Witt-Birn jumped out to a 12-0 lead after one quarter and never looked back in the lopsided win.

Shiocton 20

Bonduel 6

Bonduel was unable to hold on to a halftime lead in a nonconference setback to Shiocton on Aug. 20 in Shiocton.

The Bears led 6-0 at the break before Shiocton scored 20 unanswered points in the final half.

Auburndale 48

Menominee Indian 0

Menominee Indian hung with Auburndale in the first half, but ran out

of gas in the second half of a nonconference matchup Aug. 19 in Keshena.

Menominee Indian trailed 13-0 at halftime. The Eagles' defense made a goal line stand, had Tate Zhuckakahosee recover a fumble in the end zone and had Andre Corn intercept a pass in the first half.

The hosts struggled to get their offense going, only picking up four first downs in the contest. The Eagles allowed five sacks.

Along with his interception, Corn was credited with 14 total tackles and a forced fumble on defense, and he had all four of the team's receptions for 26 yards. Allen Smith was the team's leading rusher, tallying nine attempts for 31 yards.

GIRLS GOLF

Panthers 2nd at NEC meet

Oconto Falls posted a team score of 215 to claim second at a North Eastern Conference match on Aug. 19 at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls.

All five Panthers' varsity golfers finished within five shots of each other. Kenadee Seidl led the way with a nine-hole round of 52.

Kloeigh Seidl and Danielle Darby each carded 54s, with Kate Pytleski at a 55 and Amber Krause a 57.

Oconto Falls takes 2nd in 3-team conference meet

Oconto Falls posted a team score of 214 to place second at a North Eastern Conference match Aug. 17 at Hilly Haven Golf Course in De Pere. Wrightstown (193) took first, while Denmark (234) was third.

Kenadee Seidl was Oconto Falls' top golfer on the day, posting a nine-hole round of 48. Kate Pytleski (51) took second on the team.

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Tate McMillan named Pulaski coach

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He replaces Dennis Bogacz, who resigned following the season.

McMillan, a special education teacher, has been with the Pulaski Community School District since the 2019-20 school year. Prior to that, he taught at Lombardi Middle School in Green Bay from 2017-19. He served as head baseball coach at Green Bay Southwest at that time.

He also taught at Savannah Christian Preparatory School (Georgia) from 2012-15, where he was an assistant baseball coach. He also served as pitching coach at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee, from 2010-12.

He earned a bachelor's of science from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee, in 2010. He also earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from

Lincoln Memorial University in 2012.

McMillan said he'd been looking for a larger school district with a small-town feel, and he found it in Pulaski.

PHS athletic director Janel Batten is excited with the hire.

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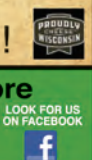
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Lasry stumps in Shawano County for senate

Democrat says Johnson not fighting for Wisconsin's interests in Washington

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Alex Lasry, one of a number of Democrats running for the Senate seat occupied by Ron Johnson, visited the Shawano County Democrats on Aug. 19 and vowed to give Wisconsin's other senator, Tammy Baldwin, a true partner in Washington.

The senior vice president for the Milwaukee Bucks franchise told about 40 people at Kuckuk Park that he feels a change is needed in the federal Capitol, pointing the finger at Johnson as a symptom of the rot that exists in the government.

"Whether it's been his constant conspiracy theorizing, his loyalty to Donald Trump or just a general indifference to the job, Ron Johnson has shown us time and time again that he is not up to the task of being our U.S. senator," Lasry said. "That's been a really big problem for us, because that means for the last 10 years we've only had one senator fighting on our behalf."

Claiming not to be a politician, Lasry said he's worked at the highest level of politics, serving in Barack Obama's White House and leading the bid to have the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Wisconsin.

"I know how politics work, but I've also got a record of accomplishment on a lot of the big issues we're talking about," Lasry said. "When it comes to a \$15 minimum wage, we already pay that (in the Bucks organization). When it



Alex Lasry speaks before a crowd of 40 during a Shawano County Democrats event Aug. 19 at Kuckuk Park, campaigning for the U.S. Senate seat held by Ron Johnson.

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comes to creating jobs, we already do that."

Lasry said he plans to run on progressive values, noting that they're good for the economy and good for the country. He told the story of his father and grandparents immigrating to the United States from Morocco, and how his father received an excellent education, worked his way through college and landed a union job.

"I want to make sure that, no matter your ZIP code, you can get a good school education," Lasry said. "I want to make sure you can go to college or community college or trade school without a crushing amount of debt, and finally that you can find that good union job — one that pays you a living wage so you

don't have to worry about a second or a third job just to support your family."

Lasry touted that his campaign is the only one, he believes, to have a unionized campaign staff. He said that shows his campaign is doing things differently than other politicians.

"If you want to see where someone's values are, see how they run their organization," Lasry said. "That's how you know what we're going to do in Washington."

Lasry said that he plans to follow the practice of Baldwin and Gov. Tony Evers where they visit places that are not dominated by Democrats and that Republicans have taken for granted.

"We're not just going to a representative for the 50-some-odd percent who vote for us, but 100% of the state," Lasry said.

He noted that Democrats needed to battle on two fronts. Besides unseating Johnson, Lasry wants to make sure Evers is elected to a second term.

"That veto pen is very, very

important for ensuring we keep our voting rights and that we make sure that this state continues to move forward," he said.

Lasry said the state needs to make itself attractive for people to move here for work, as well as make sure those who are already here aren't convinced to leave.

"Right now, Wisconsin's greatest export is its people," Lasry said. "We are educating people, we're training them and then they're going to Chicago, Minneapolis, Columbus, etc."

The filibuster is not something that Lasry wants to see remain in the U.S. Senate, saying it keeps work from being done.

"The filibuster, in my opinion, allows politicians to get away with what they want to get away with, which is not actually having to take a vote," he said. "They can run campaigns and say, 'I would do this, but I can't because of the filibuster.' A lot of voters don't care. What they do care about is that nothing's getting done."

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OPINION

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Lawmakers seek to keep misconduct secret

Even Staush Gruszynski didn't want this to happen.

The former state Assembly representative from Green Bay is the subject of an ongoing legal battle over records regarding his sexual harassment of a female staffer. A judge ruled in late June that the Legislature violated the state's open records law in denying media requesters access to these records; that decision is now being appealed, at taxpayer expense.

Gruszynski, who was defeated last year in a Democratic primary election after the allegations against him became known, says that, if it were up to him, the records the Assembly is still seeking to withhold would have been released long ago.

"We were trying to do that, but the Assembly rules wouldn't allow us," Gruszynski told me by phone recently. In fact, he got his own first look at the records when they were released to the media in August 2020, eight months after they were requested and one day after the election in which



BILL LUEDERS

he was soundly defeated.

The records detailed the Legislature's investigation of a legislative aide's complaint that Gruszynski had drunkenly propositioned her in a bar, conduct

to which he admitted. Redacted from the documents were some names and a portion of Gruszynski's statement to investigators related to his health — presumably, his alcoholism.

Media including the Wisconsin State Journal, Capital Times, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and Associated Press sued over the delay and redactions, which Dane County Judge Juan Colas agreed were improper. He ordered the Assembly to provide unredacted versions and pay the media requesters' legal costs. The appeal puts this on hold, and will drive those costs upward.

Gruszynski — who apologized for his behavior, stopped drinking and attended anti-harassment training — says he would have liked for the records to have been released earlier.

"Without having the documents, we had nothing to contradict the claims that were being made," Gruszynski said. "Personally and as a campaign, we would rather have had more information out."

So now the Legislature is spending the public's money to keep the public from seeing these records, contrary to the wishes of the main person they concern.

Colas issued his decision on June 30, the same day that the state Senate followed the state Assembly in unanimously voting to create a new Legislative Human Resources Office with built-in secrecy provisions for lawmakers and their staffs.

The bill as approved would have required this office's records be treated as "confidential," giving the Legislature new ways to avoid complying with the

law it just got caught breaking.

The Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council sounded an alarm, and Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers responded by vetoing the bill.

"The people of Wisconsin have a right to know about misconduct by public officials and employees, including those in the Legislature," Evers wrote in his veto message. "I cannot support a bill that would be used to hide official misconduct from public scrutiny."

It's unclear whether the Legislature will attempt a veto override. Let's hope not. How awful it would be if this were the rare issue that unites Democrats and Republicans — making it easier for them to cover up their own misconduct.

The people of Wisconsin should not let that happen.

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Bill Lueders is the group's president.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town hall needs to open up again

To the editor:

Abuse of the COVID-19 Emergency Order of Wisconsin is happening in the Town of Little Suamico. The town is still claiming an emergency order, and citizens do not have full access to their town office now since April 2020. Over 1½ years later, and the town still feels the emergency order should be in effect when everything else is open. When this happens, citizens have no access to monthly check information as previously provided at meetings (i.e. we have no clue what our tax dollars are being spent on). When transparency is lacking, you lose trust.

I have requested a copy of our monthly expenses to include the check register and documentation for a particular month that we used to receive at town meetings and was denied.

Without transparency, citizens are not aware of what is being spent in our town monthly. Specifically, when checks are being written for approxi-

mately \$9,000, \$7,000, and \$3,000 reimbursements to town employees as listed in the audit book of 2020, we deserve a full explanation.

Taxpayers deserve to have full access to our town hall and not just by email or call. We, as a town, need to demand of our leaders that our office be open full service as we deserve and pay taxes for. Enough is enough; please open up the Little Suamico Town Hall so we have normal full access to our town that the citizens of Little Suamico deserve.

Beth Trudell, Sobieski

Fight food insecurity on a local level

To the editor:

I grew up hearing, "Children are starving in Africa, eat your food." Why do we worry about other countries when we have people starving here in the United States, many in Oconto County?

FeedingAmerica.org identified 8.7% of Oconto County to be food insecure in 2019. That's roughly 3,300 people (1,200 children) who did

not have access to enough food for healthy, active lives. I imagine this number has increased with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Food insecurity goes farther than being hungry. It affects individual health and can lead to chronic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure. For children, food insecurity is particularly devastating. Not having enough healthy food can have serious implications for a child's physical and mental health, academic achievement, and future economic prosperity." — FeedingAmerica.org

Many households that are food insecure do not qualify for federal nutrition programs. It bothers me that so many people fall into this category, especially when we live in an area prolific with food. People have become reliant on grocery stores and buying food. Meanwhile the art of growing, canning, freezing, and dehydrating is disappearing. I firmly believe food insecurity could be lessened if people participated more in grow your own/store your own practices.

Grow your own/store your own practices are long-term solutions as

it requires community education. It does not solve the immediate need of food insecurity. Thankfully, there are many food pantries across Oconto County. They have been supporting our community for years. If you are struggling to with food insecurity, please reach out to these pantries. If you can donate, please do so on a regular basis. The information is listed on these pantries' websites:

- Kingdom Come Food Pantry, Oconto Falls, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays.
- Ruby's Pantry, Gillett, 7:30-9:30 a.m. second Saturday.
- Hillside North Community Food Pantry, Pound/Coleman, 10 a.m. to noon and 3-5:30 p.m. third Wednesday.
- Christian Food Pantry, Lakewood, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.
- Bread by the Bay Food Pantry, Oconto, 3:30-6 p.m. first and third Tuesday.
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Michele Flanagan, Lena

REQUESTS FOR BIDS SNOW PLOWING & REMOVAL

The Gillett School District is accepting bids for snow plowing and snow removal for school property for the 2021-22 & 2022-23 school years. The bid is for two years and rates should be bid on an hourly basis. For specifics please direct questions to Todd Hencsik at 920-855-2137.

Bids must be marked: "Snow Plowing".

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The Gillett School Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Oconto County is seeking applicants for a full time Public Health Nurse position within the Health and Human Services Department. This position promotes population health by applying the nursing process with individuals, families, systems and communities. Interaction with socio-economic and culturally diverse populations and community organizational partners is a key component of work activities. This position requires a Bachelor's degree from an accredited School of Nursing and current WI Registered Nurse License, with public health nursing experience preferred. Familiarity with Oconto County and local community resources, schools and businesses desired.

This position works 37.5 hours per week with a starting wage of \$28.25 per hour, and an excellent fringe benefit package. Finalists may be required to undergo a detailed background check.

A full job description is available on the county website. Interested candidates must apply on-line at www.co.oconto.wi.us and include a cover letter, resume and references. Application deadline is Monday September 27th at 4:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING and PLANNING COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT PLAN AND BOUNDARY AMENDMENT FOR TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT (TID) NUMBER 1 IN THE VILLAGE OF SURING, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Village of Suring will hold a Joint Review Board (JRB) meeting on September 7th, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at the Suring Village Hall, located at 604 E. Main Street. The purpose of this meeting is for the JRB to review the 2020 Annual TID 1 report and to consider the proposed Project Plan Amendment and extension for TID 1. The meeting is open to the public.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Plan Commission, of the Village of Suring, will hold a public hearing on September 7th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., at the Suring Village Hall, 604 E. Main Street, Suring, WI regarding the proposed Project Plan Amendment and Boundary Amendment to TID 1 in the Village.

TID 1 is classified as a blighted district based on the identification and classification of the property included within the District when the District was created. Proposed public project improvements may include but are limited to: site grading, sanitary sewer system improvements, storm water management system improvements, electric service, gas service, communications infrastructure, street improvements, lighting, sidewalks, professional and organizational services, administrative costs, and finance costs.

The proposed costs include projects within the proposed boundary and within a one-half mile radius of the proposed boundary of the District.

At the public hearing, all persons will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed Project Plan and Boundary Amendment. A copy of the TID 1 Project Plan and Boundary is available for inspection and will be provided upon request. Arrangements for either inspection or receipt of a copy of the Project Plan may be made by contacting the Village Clerk, 604 E. Main Street, Suring, WI; Phone 920-842-2333.

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Completed applications are due no later than 8:00 AM on Monday, September 13, 2021. Mail to: City of Oconto Falls – Attn: Street Superintendent, PO Box 70, Oconto Falls, WI 54154 or drop off at City Hall located at 500 N. Chestnut Ave.



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OCEDC chief gives last hurrah

Ehrfurth updates board on grants, broadband in his final report before retiring

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

Paul Ehrfurth was applauded Aug. 19 as he gave his last report to the Oconto County Board as executive director of the Oconto County Economic Development Corp.

Ehrfurth, who has guided the private-public partnership for the past nine years, is retiring Sept. 1. His successor, Jayme Sellen, is scheduled to start work at OCEDC on Aug. 30.

Among other issues, Ehrfurth announced a grant program that will provide \$10,000 for businesses that want to occupy a vacant storefront on Main Street in Wisconsin communities. The grants are being offered through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. and administered by the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission.

"I can tell you that right now Sam



Paul Ehrfurth delivers his last report to the Oconto County Board before retiring as executive director of the Oconto County Economic Development Corp. Ehrfurth's last day is Sept. 1.

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(Boucher, OCEDC tourism director) is working on at least six different applications for that program," Ehrfurth said, asking supervisors to call her if they're aware of any busi-

ness owners who might want to take advantage of the opportunity.

He also updated the board on the applications Bertram Internet has submitted for state grants to improve broadband access in northern Oconto County. The board has committed \$500,000 in matching funds from its allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act.

With \$100 million available, the state Public Service Commission has received 242 applications totaling \$420 million, but Mark Dodge, director of business development for Bertram, seems optimistic, he said.

"He seems to think we're in a pretty good position, because a lot of large providers submitted applications with little or no matching funds, whereas we had a considerable amount of matching funds in our applications," Ehrfurth said.

He then turned to saying his

goodbyes.

"I've enjoyed working with supervisors and staff over these past nine years," Ehrfurth said, adding Sellen has some ties to Oconto County.

Supervisor Rose Stellmacher, who chairs the Economic Development and Tourism Committee, said Ehrfurth has done "a fantastic job" for the county.

"He is dedicated, loyal; he's like a little pit bull that when you try to take his funding away, look out, you're in trouble," Stellmacher said. "It has been a real pleasure working with Paul, and I hope you enjoy your retirement."

County Administrator Kevin Hamann congratulated Ehrfurth on his retirement and teased him a bit about his Chicago Blackhawks. Hamann identified himself as a follower of the Minnesota Wild.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, AUG. 27

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TUESDAY, AUG. 31

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

SURING: Friends of Suring Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Village Municipal Building Learning Center, 604 Main St.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

SURING: Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Burk St. Continues 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

SURING: Friends of Suring Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Village Municipal Building Learning Center, 604 Main St. Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 229 N. Mill St. Continues Saturday.

SURING: Labor Day Celebration, Veterans Park. Truck pull 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

SURING: Labor Day Weekend Celebration, Veterans Park. Tractor pull 10 a.m., chili cookoff 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Farm and NEW Hot Tractor Pull 7 p.m.

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According to the DNR, in 2019 there were 408 recreational vehicle incidents reported or investigated, including 37 fatalities and 270 people injured. It was also reported by the DNR that 11 fatalities occurred using ATV/UTVs alone in 2020 and as of May of this year, 12 total ATV/UTV fatalities have occurred so far. ATVs and ROVs become more dangerous when children drive adult-sized vehicles, or when more than one passenger rides on a vehicle that is built for a single rider. Children under 16 accounted for the third-highest percentage of off-highway vehicle deaths and of those, almost 50 percent were children under 12. (US Consumer Product Safety Commission)

Wisconsin DNR wardens recommend all ATV and UTV operators complete a safety

course. They also require ATV and UTV operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 who are at least 12 years old for ATV and at least 16 years old for UTV, to complete an ATV and UTV safety certification course in order to operate on public ATV/UTV trails and areas throughout our state.

When riding ATVs, UTVs and ROVs, practice safety measures and reduce your risk of injury by following recommendations (listed at right) from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

For more information about ATVs, UTVs and ROVs, including helmet guidance, rollover tests, recalls and more, visit the Wisconsin DNR or U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's websites. Please remember these tips to stay safe so you can enjoy the rest of your summer and fall with family and friends!



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SUNNY DAY AT THE COUNTY FAIR

The fairway was busy Aug. 22 during the final afternoon of the 2021 Oconto County Youth Fair. SEE MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 2.

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Family fun at the Oconto County Fair



The Sugar Bush Boys perform Aug. 22 on the Budweiser Stage at Zippel Park in Gillett, during the fourth and final day of the 2021 Oconto County Youth Fair.



Jeff Bahrke calls out for bids during the 2021 Sale of Champions.



Tri-State Amusements provided the thrills at this year's Oconto County Youth Fair.



There are plenty of friendly faces in the various animal barns. If you missed last weekend's excitement in Gillett, the Shawano County Fair is coming up Sept. 1-6.

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SKI SHARKS FINALE



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Members of the Shawano Ski Sharks line up during the club's final performance of the season on Aug. 16, as the crowd watches from shore. The group performs Wednesday nights throughout the summer at Smalley Park in Shawano and this year hosted the Division 2 Show Ski National Championships, placing second overall.

"Wow. It was incredibly special to put on the performance we did in front of our hometown crowd, with the added pressure of it being the D2 Nationals competition," said show director Jaime Anday after that event in early August, adding that requests have been made already for Shawano to host the championships again.

Also, Shawano Ski Sharks' Faith Passehl placed seventh in the swivel competition at the Division 1 Show Ski National Championships on Aug. 13 at Traxler Park in Janesville.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, AUG. 27

TIGERTON: Lumberjack Days, Community Park, 236 Pine St. Beanbag tournament 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 28

BOWLER: "Stars, Cars and Handlebars," 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Car and motorcycle show, food trucks, DJ.

TIGERTON: Lumberjack Days, Community Park, 236 Pine St. Beanbag tournament 10 a.m., kids activities and bike giveaways, strongman/woman contest 2 p.m., free corn roast 4:30 p.m., live music with Starfire 2 p.m. and Bad News 7 p.m., crowning of Lumberjack Princess between bands around 6:30 p.m.

SHAWANO: Vignettes and Music, 1-3 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Beloved classics and new works.

SUNDAY, AUG. 29

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions flea market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto Falls Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Memorial Field.

TIGERTON: Lumberjack Days, Community Park, 236 Pine St. Parade 1 p.m., kids activities with face painting and balloon artist 1:30-4:30 p.m., lumberjack competition 2 p.m., live music with The Drovers 2-6 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 31

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Highland Plaza, 323 E. Highland Drive.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1

SHAWANO: County Fair, 990 E. Green Bay St. Tractor and truck pull 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

SURING: Friends of Suring Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Village Municipal Building, 604 Main St.

SHAWANO: County Fair, 990 E. Green Bay St. Music by Rocker 7 p.m., fireworks.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

SURING: Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 206 Burk St.

SURING: Friends of Suring Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Village

Municipal Building, 604 Main St. Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 229 N. Mill St.

SHAWANO: County Fair, 990 E. Green Bay St. Music by 308s, 8 p.m.

SURING: Labor Day Weekend Celebration, Veterans Park. Truck pull 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

SURING: Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 206 Burk St.

BONDUEL: Amish Consignment Auction, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., N4310 Hill Road.

SHAWANO: County Fair, 990 E. Green Bay St. Kiddie tractor pull noon, stock car races 8 p.m., music by The Rejects 8:30 p.m.

SURING: Friends of Suring Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Village Municipal Building, 604 Main St. Rummage Sale,, 229 N. Mill St.

SURING: Labor Day Weekend Celebration, Veterans Park. Tractor pull 10 a.m., chili cook-off 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Farm and NEW Hot Tractor Pull 7 p.m.

TOWNSEND: Red Arrow Snowmobile ATV Club Corn Roast, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Old Town Hall Bar and Restaurant, 17757 State Highway 32. Parade 10:30 a.m., Free sweet corn, food, beverages, meat raffle, drawings at 6 p.m.

RIVERVIEW: Fire Department Corn Roast, 11 a.m. to close, fire station, 15471 State Highway 32. Brats, burgers, meat and 50/50 raffles, kids play area.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5

SHAWANO: County Fair, 990 E. Green Bay St. Trailer races 1 p.m., music by Star Six Nine 8 p.m.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto Falls Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Memorial Field Park.

SURING: Labor Day Weekend Celebration, Veterans Park. Demolition derby noon, Suring All School Reunion Dinner at American Legion Hall 4-6:30 p.m., fireworks 9 p.m.

LAKEWOOD: Firefighters picnic, noon-8 p.m., Lakewood Pavilion, North Road and County Road F. Music, food, raffles and sweet corn.

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