

SEND-OFF FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

A line of vehicles carrying Oconto Falls High School seniors parades down Main Street on Sunday, the day they would have lined up inside the high school fieldhouse for commencement. The traditional in-person graduation is not canceled for the time being, but school officials acknowledge it may be tough to schedule this summer given COVID-19 related restrictions. SEE STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 15.

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Temporary quarters for Oconto County supervisors

COVID cases totaled 34 in Oconto County as of early this week

By **WARREN BLUHM**

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OCOnton — Holy Trinity Parish Hall will serve as the meeting place for the Oconto County Board for at least two more months, county officials said May 21.

Supervisors were seated at folding tables in a room that allowed officials, staff and the general public to provide at least 6 feet of space between everyone. Many people wore masks as recommended by some health officials.

The quarters were spacious in comparison with the County Board chambers at the courthouse down the street, where the board is seated side by side and spectators bunch together in church-style pews.

The church is permitting the

board to use its facility for the months of May through July at least, County Board Chairman Paul Bednarik said.

Administrative Coordinator Kevin Hamann distributed draft guidelines for reopening the courthouse to the general public on Thursday, May 28. Under Gov. Tony Evers' Safer at Home executive order the courthouse has been closed since March 24, and county staff have been interacting with the public online, over the phone or by mail.

Departments were asked to develop social distancing plans to maintain 6-foot social distancing. Key factors for consideration are physical workspace modifications and limiting in-person interaction and physical contact.

The state was reporting 34 confirmed cases of coronavirus in Oconto County as of Tuesday, with 18 reported in the southeastern census tract that includes the towns of Little Suamico, Chase and Morgan, and the rest scattered around the county. The other census tracts all had between zero and four positive tests.

The Forest County census tract along the northern border of Oconto County showed between five and 10 cases as of Tuesday.

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Wellens leaves County Board

She was the longest serving among current board members

By **WARREN BLUHM**

News Editor



MELISSA WELLENS

LENA — Longtime Oconto County Board supervisor Melissa Wellens has submitted her resignation.

Wellens' May 5 resignation letter, effective immediately, was read at the beginning of the board's May 21 meeting. No reason was given, although County Board Chairman Paul Bednarik hinted at health issues.

"We wish her well in her battle forward," he said.

Having been appointed on June 15, 1992, to fill an unexpired term, Wellens cited the enactment of a county sales tax — "although I was not a supporter at the beginning" — upgrade of the county radio system and construction of the new Law Enforcement Center as highlights of her years in office.

She praised County Board Chairman Paul Bednarik, Vice Chairman Al Sleeter and Clerk Kim Pytleski for their leadership, and especially thanked county Administrative Coordinator Kevin Hamann.

"You have been and are a true asset to our county and county

board," Wellens said of Hamann. "Because of your love of charts and statistics, you have made our county business much easier to understand and make our decisions. Oconto County is fortunate to have so many good employees."

Bednarik said he has known Wellens "forever" and noted the depth of her knowledge after years on the Board of Adjustment and the Law Enforcement/Judiciary and Emergency Management committees.

Her 28-year tenure in office was the longest among current supervisors. She represented District 16, which includes parts of the towns of Stiles and Oconto. The board will appoint a successor later this summer.

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CORRECTIONS

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Fallen soldiers honored



TOP: Members of the Amercian Legion Post 283 honored veterans who died in service to their country at a ceremony at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Suring, on Monday. The event followed a traditional format of small ceremonies at local cemeteries throughout the area.

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ABOVE: Carol Suring, left, and Jeanette Kootaka placed geraniums on family plots at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church cemetery in Frostville, near Suring. This has been a tradition for many years, they said.

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RIGHT: Tina Hanson, Suring, brought daughters Evie, left, and Rya Hanson to visit the graves of ancestors going back five generations at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church cemetery near Suring. The family attended the Memorial Day service with Tina Hanson's father, a Vietnam War veteran. In other years, the event would have been followed by a large family picnic, she said, but this year called for a more private commemoration.

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Board delays vote on emergency powers

Proposed ordinance creates \$100-\$500 fines for defying public health orders

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

OCONTO — The Oconto County Board hesitated to authorize sweeping new communicable diseases enforcement powers and penalties during its May 21 monthly meeting, sending an ordinance amendment back to committee on a 17-11 vote.

Some board members were more hesitant than others.

“This is the scariest thing I have read since ‘1984,” shouted Supervisor Gary Frank, not necessarily emotional as wanting to be heard in the expanse of Holy Trinity Parish Hall, which was equipped with only one microphone that was used sparingly.

Referring to a passage that spells out the powers of the public health officer or designee, he pointed to incumbent Deb Konitzer and said, “I trust our public health officer — this one — but what if we have a different one? Or ‘designee,’ it could mean anyone.”

The proposed ordinance sets fines of \$100 to \$500 for willful violate or obstruction of any state statute or local health officer’s order or rule relating to the control of communicable diseases during a state of emergency.

“I was so petrified reading this,” Frank said. “I said this cannot be happening anywhere, and yet we’re going to start to do this in Oconto County?”

At the request of Health and Human Services Board chair Al Sleeter, Konitzer explained that the language referring to a “designee” refers to a chain of command required by law to define who’s in charge if the public health officer is unavailable.

“That has been in place at least 10 years,” she said.

District Attorney Robert Burke told the board the ordinance amendment was mostly his idea, to give the public health division’s efforts some enforcement authority in emergency conditions.

With visitors swarming to the area as the summer tourism season begins, Burke said he had concerns about enforceability.

“If we don’t have an outbreak, OK,” he said. “If we do have an outbreak and Public Health has to



Oconto County Board Chairman Paul Bednarik, left, and Administrative Coordinator Kevin Hamann prepare for the May 21 board meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Oconto.

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do something, how do we enforce that?”

Burke and Sheriff Todd Skarban said the first approach to an individual or business ignoring public health guidelines in an emergency, for example, would be to educate, then warn, and finally enforcement as a last resort.

“Am I ever going to have to write a ticket? I haven’t yet,” Skarban said. “I haven’t arrested anybody in the last 60 days under that rule, and I could have ... Education and guidance is absolutely our best tool to get the job done.”

Ninety-nine percent of business owners will agree to close if presented with information, Skarban said.

“If I come to you and ask you, ‘Hey, we have a little emergency here at your business, can you please shut down for just a couple

of days, we’ll get you open just as quick as we can, we need to do some cleaning and those types of things,’ and we’re offering you proof and statistical data that people got sick in your business, as a reasonable person you’re going to say, ‘Absolutely.’”

That being said, the ordinance would give the county a tool to convince the less reasonable, the sheriff said.

Sleeter said he’s not going to advocate for the county going in and breaking up wedding parties, for example.

“I think this being a safety net for the sheriff’s department or for the health department would be, I think, critical for this county,” he said, referring to last year’s huge windstorm and flooding conditions in the eastern part of the county this spring. “Most of it is education, information, that’s the priority, but as (Skarban) said, there’s always some cases where people are just going to go off on their own by themselves.”

The Health and Human Services Committee recommended the new ordinance during a special meeting

45 minutes before the supervisors convened, and a number of supervisors objected to passing it on the same day they first received it.

Supervisor Don Bartels Jr. described the ordinance as a massive overreach.

“Let’s put aside the COVID crisis right now, let’s say we have a bad flu season — we could just shut everybody down. It happened once, it could happen again,” Bartels said. “I’m real hesitant to give the government that much authority.”

Supervisor Diane Nichols said before county officials could act, they would need a proclamation from the County Board chairman in consultation with the administrative coordinator and public health officer.

“The bottom line is do we trust them and their discretion,” Nichols said.

The successful motion by Supervisor Guy Gooding sends the measure back to the Law Enforcement/Judiciary Committee and Health and Human Services Board for further review and recommendations.

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Celebrating from a distance

Senior drives and veterans parade replace large gatherings for 2020

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

OCONTO FALLS — There was no high school graduation ceremony, no community festival or parade for Memorial Day 2020 in Oconto Falls, as there usually would be, but the community found ways to celebrate the unofficial first weekend of summer anyway.

A “senior drive” Sunday afternoon down Main Street had a parade-like atmosphere, with hundreds of friends and family lining Main Street standing and in lawn chairs, occasionally scrambling to grab candy tossed toward them from the passing vehicles.

On Monday morning, a line of vehicles drove past a small group of veterans gathered at the new Oconto Falls Area Veterans Monument in a Memorial Day parade, waving and saluting them from a distance.

The drives were organized as an alternative to a commencement ceremony at the high school, which is closed until June 30 under an executive order Gov. Tony Evers issued March 12 and later extended. That decision was not affected by the state Supreme Court ruling that the Evers administration improperly tried to extend his March 16 “Safer at Home” order without legislative approval. Officials have also encouraged gatherings be limited to 10 or fewer people.

Seniors gathered at Memorial Field after the drive for group photos in their caps and gowns.

The school district has not given up on the idea of an in-person commencement sometime this summer, Superintendent Dean Hess said during the Oconto Falls School Board’s May 11 meeting, which was held online using Zoom videoconfer-



Oconto Falls High School teachers gathered near Main and Cherry streets Sunday to congratulate the Class of 2020 as they drove by. From left, Tyler Laszkoski, Hannah Zidon, Danielle Love, Kelli Lawless and Melissa Plank.

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The Oconto Falls High School seniors’ path through the city ended with a drive-by of the campus where they spent most of the last four years.

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encing technology. The board will discuss possibly setting a date at its next meeting, currently scheduled for June 8.

In the meantime, the school is developing a series of videos representing “virtual” graduation speeches and scholarships and awards presentations. Principal Jake Beschta said the award videos can be

viewed anytime by going to the district website, ofpanthers.com, going to the high school page and clicking on the three links under the headline “Honoring 2020 Seniors” or on the Oconto Falls High School Facebook page.

Still to come is the virtual presentation of diplomas. Beschta clarified that the presentation is not live,

but a Google website that will have many pre-produced components.

“I want to keep some of them a surprise, but I can tell you there are seven to eight different elements of that presentation alone that have approximately 40 people contributing in different capacities,” Beschta said.

The presentation is scheduled to be released June 3.

Social media has been the option of choice for the Lena, Gillett and Suring school districts, which have been spotlighting the seniors with individual profiles in the weeks leading up to their original graduation dates.

Suring held a similar senior drive Saturday afternoon, May 23, down the village’s Main Street, and a group of parents in Gillett, which would have held its graduation this Sunday, is organizing a senior parade at 2 p.m. Sunday using the July 4 route through downtown beginning and ending at the sports complex.

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Breakfasts postponed, but you can still explore agriculture

The host farms and planning committees for both the Oconto and Marinette county Breakfast on the Farm events have made the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 events until 2021. The risks of bringing thousands of people onto one farm for these events are too substantial for coronavirus transfer, thus necessitating these decisions.

The farms that had graciously volunteered to host the 2020 events are excited to have another year to prepare their farms for memorable events in 2021. The Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm is postponed to June 13, 2021, and will be hosted by Alsteen Farms on Belgium Road in Lena. The Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm is postponed to June 27, 2021, and will be hosted by Brian and Brenda Hartwig at their farm on Town Hall Road in the town of Grover.

Both host farms and sponsoring committees hope you place these 2021 dates onto your calendars and plan on coming out to these fun-filled, educational, and very nutritious events. Between now and then, there are still many different ways that families can learn more about agriculture in the area.

The Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin (wisconsindairy.org) website is set up to help you understand more about the Wisconsin dairy industry, including a Meet our Farmers documentary series that showcases six different farms' stories from across the state. Don't forget that the beef industry has a large role in Wisconsin agriculture, with over \$2 billion in sales every year. Their checkoff



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funded website at beeftips.com has beef recipes, educational resources, grower information, and also has a "Get to know our farmers" section.

On the crops side of agriculture, the Wisconsin

Corn Growers (wicorn.org) have industry news, educational resources, and explanations of their promotion and other efforts. The Wisconsin Soybean Growers (wisoybean.org) also have similar resources and a meet our farms section.

Other grower groups that have websites allowing you to learn more about their production practices, producers, and how to utilize products in nutritious recipes include the Wisconsin Apple Growers (waga.org), Wisconsin Berry Growers (wiberries.org), Wisconsin Grape Growers (wigrapes.org), Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers (wisconsinpotatoes.com), Wisconsin Cranberry Growers (wiscran.org), and others, as well.

Lastly, if you want to find more localized information, you can visit marinette.extension.wisc.edu and go through the agriculture and/or horticulture tabs to learn about many different aspects, as well as see updates on local events.

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July 2-4 citywide rummage sales for Gillett still on

GILLETT — The Gillett Woman's Club will be in charge of Gillett's annual citywide rummage sales, which are still scheduled from July 2-4.

Sale forms can be picked up at area businesses until June 19, by downloading the form at gillettwomanclub.weebly.com, or by contacting Wendy Vorpahl at 920-618-1131.

Forms can be returned to Gillett Handiworks, 124 E. Main St., Gillett; by email at gillettrumragesales@gmail.com; or by regular mail at P.O. Box 466, Gillett, WI 54124.

YEARS GONE BY

110 years ago • May 26, 1910 • Oconto Falls Herald

OCONTO FALLS: The Morgan Telephone Company of Oconto Falls is the title of the new telephone company which was organized in this village the first of the week.

OCONTO: A dispatch from Oconto to the Green Bay Gazette says: "It is reported that a petition addressed to Judge Samuel D. Hastings of Green Bay, Circuit Court Judge, for a grand jury investigation into the affairs of Oconto county is now in circulation in the county. The action is taken on account of charges of alleged shortage in H.H. Behms' accounts during his term as county treasurer.

100 years ago • May 28, 1920 • Farmer Herald

OCONTO FALLS: W.J. Kadlec of the Falls Motor and Implement Company arrived yesterday with five cars which he had driven overland from Flint, Michigan, and left last night for the Michigan city to bring nine more Chevrolet cars. He will be back next Wednesday.

OCONTO FALLS: Mrs. Orrie Saunders was on Tuesday taken to the Deaconess Hospital at Green Bay to be operated on for appendicitis. Latest reports are that she is progressing finely.

90 years ago • May 29, 1930 • Gillett Times

WABENO: Formation of a new county with Laona, Blackwell, Freedom and Wabeno, four towns in Southeastern Forest County, as a nucleus was proposed by A.P. Euler, principal of Wabeno Schools.

OCONTO FALLS: Oscar Christensen, who has been a student at Lawrence University, Appleton for the past year, has returned to his home for the summer vacation.

mer vacation.

90 years ago • May 29, 1930 • Oconto Falls Herald

OCONTO FALLS: William Mleziva was killed and Irene Kadlec suffered a fractured jaw in a three-car collision on County C.

OCONTO FALLS: Plain's Filling Station will hold its grand opening this weekend, according to owner Joseph Plain.

LENA: Claire Pelishek exchanged vows with Bert Rosera at St. Charles Catholic Church.

80 years ago • May 30, 1940 • Oconto Falls Herald

OCONTO FALLS: Claudine Andrus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Andrus, was a prize winner on the Children's Amateur Parade at WTAQ, Green Bay.

LENA: Sam Davis ran to win first place at the Madison State Meet with a time of 4:42.9 for Class C.

SAMPSON: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cihantek held a wedding dance at the Green Valley Pavillion.

70 years ago • May 25, 1950 • Oconto Falls Herald

SURING: A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Stewart.

HICKORY: Fire destroyed a hog house and a number of little pigs on the Ambrose Schoenborn farm.

KELLY LAKE: Walter Rasmussen sold his farm to Charles Wood and will move to a new farm in Gillett.

60 years ago • May 26, 1960 • Times Herald

GILLETT: Bonnie Trieber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trieber, was valedictorian of Gillett High School's Class of 1960.

PULASKI: The Pickle-Rite Corporation Inc sponsored a free tulip show at the Pickle Rite Acres.

HAYES: Bruce Hischke and Vernon Schuettpelz took part in the Uncle Tom's Television Program filmed in Green Bay.

50 years ago • May 28, 1970 • Times Herald

SURING: The Suring School Board, Suring Education Association and employees of the school district sponsored a surprise dinner for Mr. R.M. Wicke who retired after 46 years of teaching in Oconto County Schools.

LENA: Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Thomson are the proud parents of their first child, Amy Jo.

40 years ago • May 28, 1980 • Times Herald

GILLETT: Lisa Temple, Pulcifer, was the recipient of the Gillett High School National School Choral Award.

SURING: A railroad train pulled its last load through the village of Suring, with the Gillett to Scott Lake portion of this line being abandoned by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad.

30 years ago • May 30, 1990 • Times Herald

SURING: Thirty-seven young hunters completed the Wisconsin Hunter Education courses sponsored by the Suring Sportsmen's Club and the Department of Natural Resources.

GILLETT: The Gillett S.A.D.D. Foundation received a \$1,000 grant from the Wisconsin Alcohol and Drug Education Network.

OCONTO FALLS: The annual Masonic scholarship was awarded to Amanda Fabry by Oconto Falls Lodge No. 293.

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Identities released in officer-involved shooting

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

OCONTO — The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) has identified the man killed in an officer-involved shooting May 16 in the town of Bagley.

Jacob W. Bubb, 26, of rural Suring died at the scene after two Oconto County Sheriff's deputies came to the residence on a report that he was there. Online court records indicate that Bubb was wanted on a bench warrant after failing to appear for a court hearing Feb. 13.

"After receiving consent to search the residence, law enforcement found the subject in possession of a firearm. During the incident officers deployed deadly force with their firearms, striking the subject," a Department of Justice news release said.

The officers — Deputy Kevin Christensen and Sgt. Ben Schindel —

have been placed on administrative leave in accordance with department policy. Christensen has been an Oconto County deputy for more than three years, and Schindel for more than four years, according to the news release.

DOJ's Division of Criminal Investigation is leading the probe with assistance from the State Crime Laboratory and State Patrol.

Bubb was awaiting trial on a felony charge of substantial battery and misdemeanor charges of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 10, 2019. In another pending case, he faced misdemeanor charges of carrying a concealed weapon, operating a firearm while intoxicated, and possession of drug paraphernalia after an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 6, 2019.

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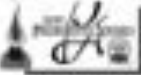


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NOTICE 2020 OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TOWN OF MORGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Town of Morgan of Oconto County shall hold its first meeting on **Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 2020 from 9:00am to 11:00am** at the Town of Morgan Town Hall at 3276 County Rd C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154.

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

No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the Assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of such property being assessed.

After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact or provide information to a member of the Board about the person's objection except at a session of the Board. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the board of review.

The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.

Objections to the amount of valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount of valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all that that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.

When appearing before the Board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the Assessor or the Objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the Assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under Sec. 73.03(2a), Wis. Stats., that the Assessor requests.

The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disables persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.

No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the object is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. Stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 11th day of May, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Belongia, Town Clerk

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SPORTS

5 Panthers prepared for collegiate sports

Four will play in Wisconsin, while one travels to Iowa

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Four girls and one boy from Oconto Falls High School are planning on playing collegiate sports this coming school year.

Three of the five will get another chance to play their spring season after the coronavirus pandemic knocked out their senior years.

Track and field

Ericka Havemeier and Ruthie Zahm will go from teammates to conference opponents as they join college track and field teams. Havemeier is set to compete for UW-La Crosse, while Zahm heads to UW-Stevens Point.

"I chose to attend UW-La Crosse because of their outstanding physical therapy program, as well as the track team and gorgeous campus. It just already felt like home," said Havemeier, who received interest from Division I schools but felt Division III was a better fit for her.

Zahm was already planning on attending Stevens Point — enjoying the close proximity of the camps — before thinking about an athletic career. "My recruitment process was pretty simple. I emailed coach (Brett) Witt and said that I planned on going to Stevens Point and I wanted to run track. He asked me what events I did, and I said hurdles and triple jump and he put me on the recruitment list."

Havemeier, a standout sprinter who made it to state as a freshman and sophomore, said she's been in contact with some of the team members, along with coach Nick Davis and sprints coach Katie Wagner.

Zahm, who called Marissa DeMoulin "one of the best coaches I have ever had," said she's most looking forward to making connections with her new teammates.

Havemeier and Zahm are especially excited to compete in the sport again after having their senior seasons erased.

"I'm extremely grateful for the



Oconto Falls' Ericka Havemeier competes in the 200-yard dash at the 2017 state track meet in La Crosse. Havemeier is set to join the UW-La Crosse track and field team.

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opportunity to continue doing what I love at the collegiate level," said Havemeier, who thanked her family for the support over the years. "Not many athletes get this opportunity, and I intend to make the most of it."

"Since I was not able to run track for my high school my senior year, it really means a lot to me that I get to run for UWSP," said Zahm. "It makes me feel better knowing that my track career isn't just over."

Baseball

Mitchell Manns is in a similar situation to the Panther track and field duo as his senior baseball season was taken away. Manns plans to try out for the UW-Stevens Point baseball team.

"I chose Point because they have great natural resource classes, and that's the area where I want to study," said Manns, who was the Panthers primary catcher.

Manns made the North Eastern Conference second team in his junior season and is hoping to extend his baseball career a few more years.

"I always loved to play baseball, and now that I might be able to play in college is special because not many people get to keep on playing past high school, and I'm going to have fun and try my hardest," said Manns.

The high school catcher thanked family members, coaches and teammates for helping him become the player he is today.

Cross-country

After a high school cross-country career full of strong finishes, Autumn Canavera hopes to find similar success at UW-Eau Claire, where she will try out.

"I chose to go to Eau Claire because I love the feel of the campus, and they have a great nursing program and cross-country team," said Canavera, who thanked her parents, coaches, teammates and friends for their support over her lifetime.

Canavera got to take in a unique recruiting event a couple months back where she met the coaches and some of the current runners.

"I got to run with them and get a feel of how the cross-country/track seasons would go," said Canavera. "Since then, I've been keeping in touch with the coach for updates on the upcoming cross-country season and the college in general."

Volleyball

Samantha Coron played a big role for the Oconto Falls volleyball team over the past few seasons, and she will look for a similar outcome while playing for North Iowa Area Community College (Mason City, Iowa).

"The minute I met the coach (Chris Brandt) on my visit, she was awesome and it seriously felt like I've known her my whole life," said Coron. "I think she and the other girls on the team that I met had a huge factor in why I chose NIACC. Also, the campus was super nice and the dorms were incredible."

Coron wrapped up her high school career on a high note, making the NEC second team and Division 2 honorable mention Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association All-State Team. She hopes to find similar success in college, where she continues a family tradition.

"Getting the opportunity to continue to play the sport I have spent my entire life playing is incredible because it's so important to me," said Coron. "All my life I dreamed of playing in college like my mom (Pam) and then my sister (Shelby), and now me. I am so thankful to get this opportunity, and I think it will help me transition into college and overall help me with life skills."

The Bay at Suring celebrates nurses



The Bay at Suring recognized nurses for National Nurses Week on May 7. "Our nurses work tirelessly and selflessly to ensure our residents are given the best care," said Kristina Wright, administrator. "They do a magnificent job, and we are very proud to have them as a part of our team." This year's theme for the annual celebration was "Nurses: A Voice to Lead." Pictured from left are Deborah Courchaine, Rose Heckl, Hamby Alford, Tracy Prochnow and nursing director Necia Jeske; not pictured are nursing staff members Tina Christensen, April Temple, Scott Nowakowski, Rhonda Kroll, Mary Keefe and Lonita VanDrise.

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TOWN OF SPRUCE

NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK

Pursuant to Sec. 70.45 of Wis. Statute the assessment roll for the year 2019 assessment will be open for examination on Monday, the 15th day of June, 2020 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The assessor shall be available at that time also at the Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Road B, Oconto Falls. Instructional material about the information and Board of Review procedures and how to file an objection will be available at that time.

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Spruce, Oconto County, Wisconsin, shall hold its meeting on Tuesday, the 30th day of June, 2020, 2:00 pm. to 4:00 pm at Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Road B, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin.

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

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

Notice is hereby given this 1st day of June 2019.
Lisa Petersen, Spruce Town Clerk

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OPEN BOOK NOTICE

Pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. stats., the Town of Green Valley assessment roll for the year 2019 assessment will be open for examination on Accurate Appraisal's website (www.accurateassessor.com). Due to COVID19, Accurate Appraisal will conduct Open Book over the phone Monday, June 8th, 2020 from 12-2pm. Either schedule an appointment on their website or call Accurate Appraisal at 800-770-3927 or 920-749-8098.

TOWN OF STILES OCONTO COUNTY WISCONSIN

NOTICE TOWN OF STILES

The following have applied for liquor/beer licenses from Town of Stiles for licensing period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021:

- Jolene Barkhaus, JoJo's Diner, 5774 Duame Rd., Lena, WI 54139
- Craig Garfield, The Windmill, 6949 Hwy 22W, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
- Wade Jeske, Lena Swamp Archery, 6640 Hwy 22E, Lena, WI 54139
- Mary Lade, Oconto Falls Sportsman Club, 7974 Co Rd I, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
- Stephanie Wirhanowicz, Steel Moose Bar & Grill, LLC, 7081 Hwy 22, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
- Deborah Wood, RiverWood Saloon, 4998 State Hwy 22, Lena, WI 54139
- KWIK TRIP, INC, 5908 Duame Rd., Lena, WI 54139
- Team Schierl Companies, The Store#65, 5070 Hwy 141, Oconto, WI 54153

Marilyn A. Magnin, Clerk
Town of Stiles

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Town of How, Oconto County Notice for Ditch Mowing Operator

The Town of How is looking to hire an operator to mow the town ditches with a four wheel drive tractor and a power mower. The equipment is owned by the township. This is a seasonal job starting in June and finish by the end of September. Wages between \$12 and \$15 an hour.

Please send a resume with operation qualifications and three job references. Include the job reference person's name, address and phone number. If you have any questions about the position you may contact the town chairman, William Bartz, Jr. at 920-590-3250.

Please send resume and job references to:

Town of How Chairman
William Bartz, Jr.
14410 Cedar Lane
Suring, WI 54174

The resume must be received by 4 p.m. June 8, 2020

Posted and Published
Mary Woods, Clerk/treasurer
Town of How, Oconto County, WI

Legal Notice Village of Suring

The following have made, or will be making application for Beer & Liquor Licenses in the Village of Suring, Oconto County. The licenses will run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Class A Combination Beer and Liquor:

- DOGENCORP, LLC d/b/a DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #21191 611 E. MAIN ST.
- LOTTER'S SURING BP- Franklin & Kay Lotter, 822 E. Main St.
- Krist Oil Company, 916 E. Main Street

Class B Combination Beer and Liquor:

- Legends Trailside, Patricia L. Shank, 635 E. Main Street
- Brooklyn Lanes, LLC, Randy L. Erdmann & Russell P. Borchardt, members, 235 Peshtigo Brook Rd.
- M&S Boarding House Supper Club, LLC, Melisa Stelzer, member, 632 E. Main St.
- Old Smashin's, Robert E. Davis, 700 E. Main St.
- Red Maple Country Club LLC, Travis Suring, 501 Golf Course Road

Licenses will be acted on at June 9, 2020 board meeting.
Carol M. Heise, Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Suring

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Lions aid Kingdom Come



Oconto Falls Lions Tom Clark (far left) and Dick Cromell (far right) present a donation to volunteers Karen Lutz (left center) and Lori Schaden (right center) at the Kingdom Come Food Pantry. The Oconto Falls Lions have made annual donations to the food pantry since its inception in 2005. With the impact of the current pandemic on the community, the club decided to double the amount of its regular donation. The food pantry was started at a local church and initially served nine families. It now serves as many as 320 families every week and is affiliated with five local churches. COVID-19 concerns have forced the food pantry to create a drive-through distribution system to ensure the safety of the patrons and volunteers. They will use the donation to purchase food.

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Updated NOTICE for the City of Oconto Falls Regarding Open Book & Board of Review

Pursuant to Sections 70.45 - 70.47 of Wis. State Stats;

- The assessment roll for the Year 2020 assessment will be open for examination on June 9, 2020 from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM at the City Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue.
- The Board will meet on June 9, 2020 at 6:55 PM for the purpose of calling the Board into session for the first meeting. After electing a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the meeting will be adjourned.
- The Board will reconvene on the 25th of June, 2020 in which the 2 hour meeting will take place from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm to hear objection from property owners who have followed proper Board of Review requirements. See May 15, 2020 publication for complete list of requirements or contact the Clerk's office at 920-846-4505.

Respectfully submitted, City of Oconto Falls Deputy Clerk Nancy M. Brye
Published as a Class I Notice

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Town of How, Oconto County Notice of Bid for Road Work

The Town of How Board is seeking bids for the follow road project.

River Road – 1.1 miles. From State Hwy 32 to Willow road.

Roads are to be milled and resurfaced with 21 feet wide asphalt, 2 inches thick, with 2 feet wide gravel shoulders. A 2 ¾ inch gravel base is to be mixed with pulverized roadbed.

Bidders are required to provide certificate of insurance for \$1,000,000.00 limit of liability, provide a certificate of workers compensation coverage, and performance bond in the amount of the bid.

The deadline for submitting is 4 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020.

Please send bids to:

Town of How
William Bartz, Jr., Chairman
14410 Cedar Lane
Suring, WI 54174

The Town of How Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Mary Woods, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of How, Oconto County, WI

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OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

May 21

Deputies logged 46 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 600 block of Winding Brook Trail, Little Suamico, 3:11 a.m.

Animal neglect — reported in the 800 block of Lilac Road, Little Suamico, 12:48 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 12000 block of Parkway Road, Brazeau, 1:40 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 1000 block of Hazelwood Drive, Sobieski, 2:02 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 600 block of East Main Street, Suring, 8:43 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near state Highway 22 and Messenger Road, Oconto Falls, 9:36 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 200 block of North Main Street, Oconto Falls, 10:32 p.m.

Underage alcohol — reported at an address in the city of Gillett, 11:01 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash at County Road I and Machickanee Lane, Stiles, 6:38 p.m.; a property-damage crash on the 1000 block of East Frontage Road, Little Suamico, 7:48 p.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

May 20

Deputies logged 46 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of County Road N, Oconto, 12:20 a.m.

Structure fire — reported in the 3000 block of County Road S, Pensaukee, 4:59 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 5000 block of County Road N, Oconto, 10:40 a.m.

Utility problem — reported near County Road S and Wood Road, Pensaukee, 12:42 p.m.

Threatening — reported in the 14000 block of Palmer Lane, Mountain, 1:43 p.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 700 block of Lilac Road, Little Suamico, 2:52 p.m.

Attempted fraud — reported in the 7000 block of County Road B, Spruce, 3:31 p.m.

Structure fire — reported in the 8000 block of Downs Lane, Maple Valley, 5:21 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 100 block of East Main Street, Gillett, 8:40 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 5000 block of County Road HH, Underhill, 9:44 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 300 block of Robin Hood Lane, Gillett, 10:23 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage accident at Supervalu, 17186 Twin Pines Road, Lakewood, 1:08 p.m.; and a property-damage accident at Old Town Hall Restaurant, 17767 State Highway 32, Townsend, 3:07 p.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

May 19

Deputies logged 37 incidents, including the following:

Road closing — Safian Road from Van Dornick Road to County Road S, Chase, 7:32 a.m.

Road closing — Pheasant Run and County Road S, Pensaukee, 7:52 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 7000 block of Oakridge Court, Morgan, 12:38 p.m.

Road closing — West Rost Lake Road from Lee Lake Road to East Rost Lake Road, Brazeau, 1:16 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 200 block of South Oakland Avenue, Oconto Falls, 3:31 p.m.

Tree down — reported near Green Acres and Rolling Hills lanes, Lakewood, 4:12 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near state Highway 32 and County Road T, Townsend, 9:56 p.m.

May 18

Deputies logged 45 incidents, including the following:

Tree down — reported in the 16000 block of state Highway 32, Riverview, 12:39 a.m.

Suspicious — reported at Riverside Park, 205 E. Main St., Suring, 1:58 a.m.

Tree down — reported along County Road Y, Little River, 2:43 a.m.

Line down — reported near County Road E and Nikodem Lane, Abrams, 8:17 a.m.

Property damage — reported in the 7000 block of County Road Y, Little River,

10:15 a.m.

Fire — reported near state Highway 32 and Maiden Lake Road, Riverview, 10:42 a.m.

Tree down — reported near County Road F and Riverside Road, Lakewood, 11:16 a.m.

Road closing — Lade Beach Road and County Road S, Little Suamico, 11:33 a.m.

Road closing — Geano Beach Road and County Road S, Little Suamico, 11:34 a.m.

Tree down — reported near Sleeter and Peshtigo Brook roads, Bagley, 11:45 a.m.

Tree down — reported along Messenger Road, Oconto Falls, 12:03 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 600 block of East Frontage Road, Little Suamico, 1:49 p.m.

Identity theft — reported in the 12000 block of Leos Road, Mountain, 1:58 p.m.

Suspicious — reported along Waubee Park Lane, Lakewood, 2:40 p.m.

Tree down — reported near County Road T and state Highway 64, Doty, 3:35 p.m.

Property damage — reported in the 5000 block of Spirea Road, Stiles, 6:09 p.m.

Unwanted party — reported in the 100 block of Center Street, Oconto, 6:43 p.m.

Tree down — reported along Holiday Inn Road, Spruce, 7:27 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury crash near Harris and North Branch roads, Breed, 10:51 a.m.

Ambulance — Five ambulance calls were received.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of May 21

Ryan Paul Winslow, 27, Oconto Falls, pleaded not guilty to charges of second-degree sexual assault, victim intimidation, stalking, harassment, two misdemeanor counts of making computer threats, and disorderly conduct in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred in December. A jury trial was scheduled for Nov. 17-18, with a final pre-trial conference set for Nov. 3.

A May 28-29 jury trial was canceled for Curt Porath, 48, Oconto, because of continuing COVID-19 concerns. Porath is being held on charges of manufacture and delivery of amphetamine, possession of methamphetamine precursors, bail jumping, possession of paraphernalia to produce methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine waste, possession of methamphetamine, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred Jan. 1 and Sept. 6, 2019. In an earlier case he faces two other counts of manufacture or delivery of methamphetamine, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred March 21-22, 2018. A status conference was scheduled for June 11.

Thomas E. Neff, 24, Mountain, waived

his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to second-degree sexual assault of an unconscious victim and misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 7, and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 18. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for June 11.

Bond was set at \$20,000 cash for Breanna B. List-Kimball, 28, Oconto, after she was charged with four counts of burglary, two counts of felony bail jumping, and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred in late April early May. Conditions if she makes bail include no contact with four persons and not being at any storage rental unit for which she doesn't have a contract. Her initial appearance was adjourned until June 11.

Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Michael J. Baye, 60, Oconto, after he was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), battery or threat to a law officer, misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked, tampering with or failure

to install an ignition interlock device, three counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly took place May 19. His initial appearance was adjourned until June 11.

Jonathan Noe Tafolla, 22, Green Bay, pleaded not guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), and eight related misdemeanor counts in connection with a one-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 41 just south of Moody Lane at 3 a.m. Feb. 23. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for June 11.

Jesse Brian Rickard, 28, Gillett, pleaded not guilty to charges of strangulation-suffocation and misdemeanor charges of battery, criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct, and three counts bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 23. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for June 11.

Alexander Louis Boatright, 22, Maple Grove, Minnesota, pleaded not guilty to a charge of tampering with a GPS tracking device, in connection with an incident

that allegedly occurred Jan. 8. A plea and sentencing hearing was scheduled for June 17.

Proceedings of May 20

Julie A. Harteau, 62, Coleman, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine precursors, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred last Sept. 6. As part of a plea agreement, three related felonies were dismissed but will be read into the record at sentencing, which Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled for July 31. He ordered a presentence investigation.

Ronald J. Asp, 60, Suring, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on three counts of manufacture and delivery of methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place, and three counts of bail jumping, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred Feb. 10, Feb. 15 and Feb. 19, as well as possession with intent to deliver amphetamine, possession with intent to deliver THC, and two more counts of bail jumping, in connection with a search warrant executed at his home May 6. Arraignment was scheduled for June 11.

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