

Flooding info sessions off

Informational meetings about preparing for high water this spring have been canceled due to the coronavirus.

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DNR wardens approach with caution when a skunk gets its head stuck in a soup can.

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COVID-19 CONCERNS GROW

The Oconto County Courthouse has always had Purell dispensers near the entrances during the flu season, but with the public health emergency declared due to the coronavirus COVID-19, "Cough and Cover" advice and a supply of masks has been added - with a reminder to "only take one mask if you are ill." Gov. Tony Evers ordered schools closed effective 5 p.m. Wednesday until April 6, and a number of local events have been postponed or canceled, in response to the pandemic. **SEE COVERAGE ON PAGES 18-19.**

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Water from Green Bay surges across North Bay Shore Road in Oconto in this photo taken Dec. 1 by Oconto Fire & Rescue.

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Informational sessions for waterfront landowners canceled

COVID-19 concerns override high water level issues

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

OCONTO — Meetings designed for property owners who are bracing for spring flooding along the bay and Oconto River were canceled Monday after Gov. Tony Evers banned gatherings of 50 or more people throughout the state, effective immediately, because of concerns over the spread of coronavirus.

A number of Oconto County agencies were expected to be on hand to let people know about resources needed for flood preparation and response.

On Sunday, the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention issued guidance recommending that for the next eight weeks, organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States. Evers' ban was in response to that guidance.

Due to decreased river levels, Oconto County officials said they now believe the risk of flooding has diminished. As a result, the decision has been made to cancel the informational meeting that that would have been held March 18-19 at the Conference Center of the Law Enforcement Center.

County officials anticipate that the areas to be affected are the towns of Little River, Little Suamico, Oconto and Pensaukee, and the city of Oconto.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced last week that despite a dry February across the Great Lakes

basin, water levels on all of the Great Lakes remain very high going into the spring. Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron and Erie set new monthly records for February.

"After months of generally wet conditions, February was finally drier across most of the Great Lakes," said John Allis, chief of the Great Lakes Hydraulics and Hydrology Office for the Detroit district. "However, levels remain above or near record highs for this time of year, and we expect impacts to those along the coastline to increase as water levels now begin rising toward their seasonal peaks."

The most recent six-month forecast of Great Lakes water levels still predicts water levels could peak very near last year's records.

To stay informed on flooding, visit www.co.oconto.wi.us and click on "Flooding Information" under Quick Links.

CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Oconto County Times Herald, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 920-848-3427.



Warden Jamin Leuzzo approaches to help free a skunk stuck in a soup can.

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Wardens save souped-up skunk on county lake

By JOANNE M. HAAS

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

BRAZEAU — Soup often is considered one of those cozy, comfort foods that is akin to wearing an electric blanket in your gut.

And then there is the skunk's version. Let's call it concussion comfort, shall we?

Jam that head into the soup can as far as possible — and get every single last hint of taste until the cylinder is licked clean.

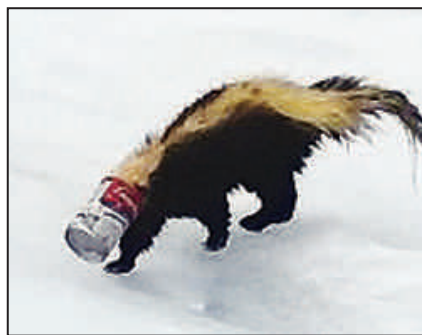
Then what?

Wait for someone to come with the dessert tray - complete with pliers. Or, tap dance in a circle until someone notices that something is not quite right with one of our wildlife friends. In this case, it was a person ice fishing as the skunk waddled about.

So, the angler called 911 to report a skunk wearing a soup can on White Potato Lake in Oconto County.

Wardens Jamin Leuzzo and Tim Werner responded to the scene on Monday, March 9, not sure what they would find. Sure enough, the report was spot on - or make that, soup's on!

There was the skunk neck-deep in a soup can. It truly was not funny



This skunk enjoyed the soup too much.

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so they quickly hatched a plan. One would approach the skunk with a box and trap it before wearing its cologne. Warden Jamin Leuzzo did OK. The box? Not so lucky.

Once the skunk was inside the box, Warden Tim Werner approached the perturbed skunk from the safer end, put his hand under the lifted box end and freed the skunk's head from the can. The wardens quickly backed off as the box was tossed. The skunk skedaddled off the ice pretty quickly - no doubt in search of a slice of pie and a cup of coffee.

As Werner noted, "Just another day in the life of a warden!"

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OPINION: YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Public hearings need ample notice

During the hectic legislative session in February, one thing got lost: the public's ability to participate fully in the process.

That's because the public wasn't given adequate notice of some public hearings.

Take Feb. 13. Two Assembly hearings that day were held at 11:01 a.m. and 12:01 p.m. For both these hearings, the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign received an email



MATT ROTHSCHILD

from the Wisconsin State Legislature Notification Service at 5:19 a.m. that very morning!

The clerks and committee chairs may have been abiding by the letter of the law (despite a 2011 state Supreme Court ruling that largely allows them to violate it at will) by physically posting notices at the Capitol and in the press room 24 hours ahead of time. But they weren't abiding by the spirit of the law, which is to make sure the public is informed — and has an opportunity to participate in — public hearings.

The instructions from the Department of Justice on abiding by the open meetings law are clear: "The notice must be written such that it is reasonably likely to apprise members of the public and the news media of this information ... It is important to note that notice to the public and notice to a news medium are separate requirements."

That separate requirement to give "notice to the public" is not being fulfilled.

Members of the public aren't wan-

dering into the Capitol pressroom to find out when hearings are scheduled to occur.

Today, many groups, concerned citizens and others who closely watch the legislative calendar rely on the Legislative Notification Service, which sends out emails about bills that have been introduced and hearings that are upcoming.

This has become the de facto notification for just about all interested parties.

There is no reason subscribers to the Notification Service shouldn't be properly noticed — not five hours and 42 minutes before the actual hearing! Or else the Legislature needs to find some other prompt way to notify interested members of the public by e-mail or text messaging systems.

In this technological age, there's no excuse for not letting the citizens of Wisconsin know, right away, when there's going to be a public hearing.

I'd also like to see the law changed from 24 hours of notice to 48 hours, so that interested Wisconsinites who live far from Madison could have time to arrange their schedules to come to the hearings.

Here's the fundamental point: What good is it to have a "public hearing" when the public doesn't hear about it in time to participate?

Public hearings are a crucial part of our democracy. They are designed so members of the public can make their voices heard. They are not designed — and should not be used — for bill sponsors and the special interest drafters to promote their points of view to committee members with as little public input as possible, as so often happens.

Please, let's have genuine public hearings, where the members of the public are given sufficient notice so they can actually attend and testify, if they so desire.

Otherwise, public hearings are just a mockery.

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Matt Rothschild is the executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign.

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CLUB NOTES



Ciara Urbanek receives the Lena Lions Student of the Month award at the club's March meeting. From left, Christie Urbanek, Lion President Mike Diehlmann, Lion Ben Pyleski, Ciara Urbanek and Jane Marquardt.

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Ciara Marie Urbanek, daughter of Christie and James Urbanek, received the Student of the Month award at the March meeting of the Lena Lions Club. Ben Pyleski, Lena School District administrator and elementary principal, presented the award.

Ciara is a senior at Lena High School. Her school activities include cross-country, track, softball, cheerleading and wrestling (manager). She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Hi-Q team and the L-Club. She was a Badger Girls State representative. Her friends say she is hardworking, intelligent,

considerate, caring, funny and driven.

Ciara's hobbies include listening to music, watching wrestling, hanging out with her friends and playing with her dogs. Her community activities are helping with the Red Cross blood drives, Lion's Club fish fry, National Night Out, bike rodeo, Toss for Charity, Lena Dairyfest, highway cleanup and the adopt-a-family program.

Ciara's work experience includes working at McGuire's Sports Bar and Restaurant and the Lena Bavarian Inn as a waitress.

Ciara plans to attend Michigan Technological University to earn a degree in environmental engineering.

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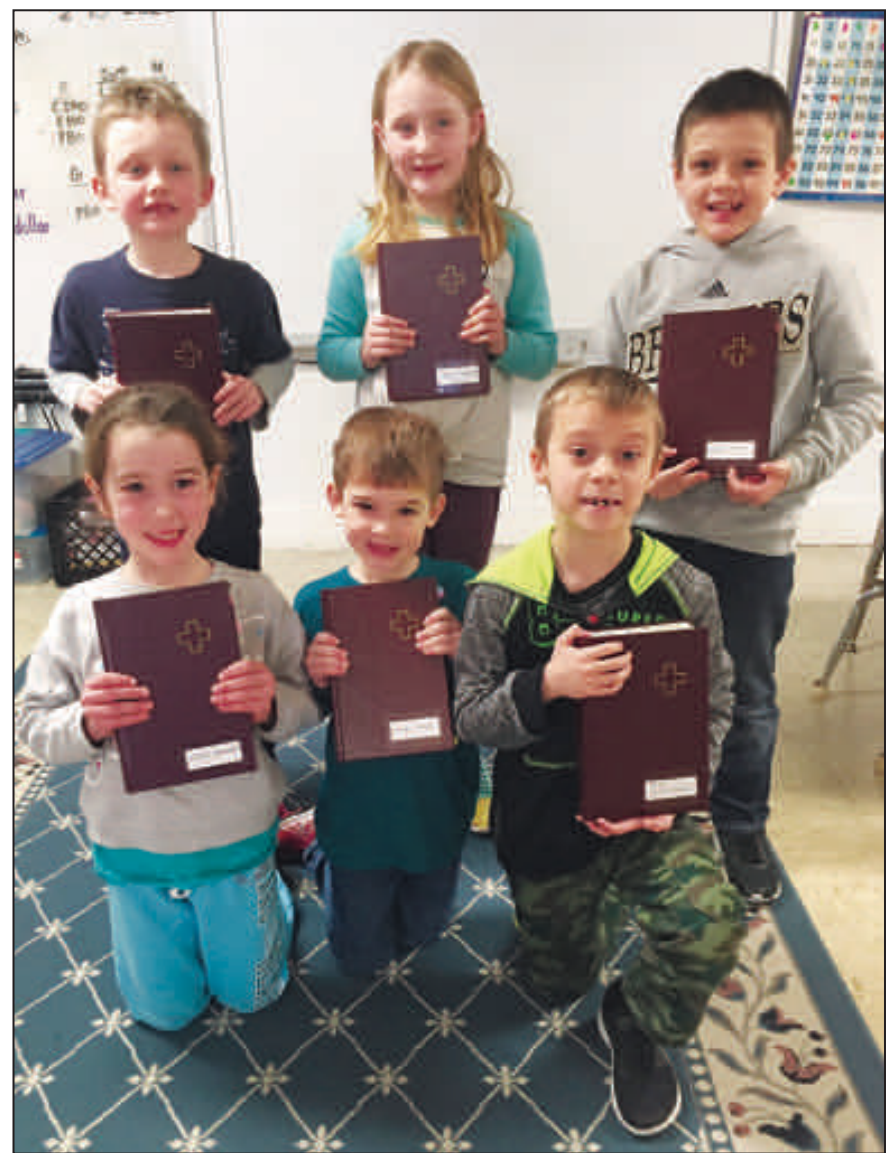
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SECOND-GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

Second-graders at St. John's Lutheran School in Suring show their new Faith Alive Student Bibles, a gift from the St. John Ladies' Group: from left, Peyton Buhrandt, Carson Peters, Erick Bohmbach, Elizabeth Cornell, and Dana Rakow.

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Road projects receive one-time funding

Oconto, Lena, Gillett and Underhill work is affected

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers has announced that 152 Wisconsin communities will receive grants from the Multimodal Local Supplement, a one-time \$75 million funding program for local transportation projects. Statewide, 84 towns, 34 cities and villages, and 34 counties will receive funding.

“No matter where you go in Wisconsin, folks can all agree that we need to fix our crumbling roads,” Evers said. “These newly funded projects are going to impact folks all across our state, improving safety,

connectivity and economic growth in each community.”

Four grants were awarded in Oconto County. The city of Oconto will receive \$1 million for harbor improvements. The town of Lena is allocated \$435,369.97 for work on Goatsville Road. The city of Gillett will receive \$300,000 for the Washington Street bridge. The town of Underhill will receive \$217,136.54 for improvements to Red Banks Road.

In January and February, three committees composed of local representatives from counties, cities, villages and towns met to review the applications. While the program allowed up to 90 percent state funding to any project, the committee chose to increase the local match in order to spread the funds as widely as possible. As a result, 152 projects were funded in nearly all of Wisconsin’s 72 counties.

Changes to federal honeybee program

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency has updated to the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program. Honeybee producers should be aware that the program, which used to be administered on

the FSA’s fiscal year, now follows the calendar year.

Additionally, producers who wish to file a honeybee notice of loss now must do so within 15 days, down from 30.

For information, visit farmers.gov/recover.

NOTICE TOWN OF BAGLEY PUBLIC TEST

The Town of Bagley will test the electronic tabulating machine to be used for the APRIL 7, 2020 ELECTION on MONDAY MARCH 23RD. at 6:00 PM at the Bagley Town Hall 9812 COUNTY HWY Z POUND, WI. 54161

This test is open to the public.

ALAN SLEETER, CLERK
TOWN OF BAGLEY

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PERMIT

The Berry Lake Property Owners Association (BLPOA), in Oconto County intends to apply for an aquatic plant management permit with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to treat 10.1 contiguous acres of Berry Lake to target non-native nuisance aquatic plants (Hybrid Watermilfoil) with a florypyrauxifen-benzyl herbicide. The proposed treatment may occur between April 1, 2020 and October 15, 2020.

Any request for a public meeting on the proposed treatments must be made within five days after this notice is published. The request must specify the topics to be discussed at the meeting, including problems and alternatives, and must be sent in writing to: Marc Harris, Aquatic Biologists, Inc., N4828 Highway 45 S., Fond du Lac, WI 54937 and Brenda Nordin, Wisconsin DNR – Shawano Service Center, 647 Lakeland Road Shawano, WI 54166.

This notice is required by Chapter NR107, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

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CITY OF GILLETT PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE Council Chambers – Municipal Building 150 N McKenzie Ave – Gillett, WI 54124

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Automatic Tabulating Equipment to be used at the April 7, 2020 Election in the City of Gillett will be conducted on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 12:30 pm at Gillett City Hall, 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI. This test is open to the public.

Chelsea Anderson, Deputy Clerk Treasurer

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CITY OF GILLETT NOTICE OF ORDINANCE APPROVAL

The following Ordinance has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Gillett.

ORDINANCE NO.: 16-30
INTRODUCED BY: Debbie Rudie
SECONDED BY: Marie Blaser

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GILLETT, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that Chapter 16, PEACE AND GOOD ORDER, is hereby amended to add the following subsection: 16-30, Mailboxes

§ 16-30. Mailboxes.

A full text of said Resolution may be obtained from the City of Gillett Clerk’s Office located at 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett WI 54124. Phone 920-855-2255.

Adopted: March 5, 2020
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF UNDERHILL

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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020 – 8:30 PM

The Town Board of the Town of Underhill will conduct a public hearing regarding its proposed application for Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) funds on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 8:30 PM. The public is invited to attend to learn about the CDBG program, to help identify additional community development needs, and to comment on the activities proposed to be included in the CDBG application.

The agenda for the public hearing is as follows:

1. Identification of total potential funds
2. Eligible CDBG activities
3. Presentation of identified community development needs
4. Identification of any community development needs by public
5. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application, including potential residential displacement.
6. Citizen input regarding proposed and other CDBG activities

Residents of the Town of Underhill are encouraged to attend, especially residents with low to moderate incomes. The meeting room is handicapped accessible.

Persons needing additional accommodations or those with questions or concerns should contact Tracy Winkler, Town Clerk at telephone number (920) 655-8565 or email: townunderhill@plbb.us.

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OBITUARIES

Marion M. Jenko

Marion M. Jenko, 93, of Kelly Lake, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.

Marion was born on July 1, 1926, to the late Roney and Esther (Gieske) Mills in Sheboygan. On Sept. 20, 1947, Marion married Jacob Jenko at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sheboygan. The couple raised their family in Sheboygan, and Marion was a homemaker for most of her life. After retirement, the couple moved to Kelly Lake where she worked at Romy's Holiday Inn.

Marion greatly enjoyed spending time with her family, playing cards, going to the casino, doing yard work and tending to her flowers. She was a very good cook, and her family will greatly miss her pasties, potica and homemade pickles.

Marion is survived by her husband of 72 years, Jacob; five children, Jacob (Ann) Jenko, Gary (Doddie) Jenko, Jeanne Soukup, Judy (Steve) Western and Joan (Kerry) Harder; nine grandchildren, Jodi (Paul) Arenal, Kelly Soukup, Sarah Soukup (special friend Corey), Nick (Amanda) Western, Carrie (Greg) Sommersberger, Jessica (Chris) Greger, Amy Western, Jared (Becky) Jenko and Jordan (Nikki) Harder; and nine great-grandchildren. She is further survived by many



nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Caroline and Carmoline; a brother, Reuben; daughter-in-law, Cherie Jenko; son-

in-law, Jim "Ticket" Soukup.

Per Marion'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.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.

The family would like to thank Unity Hospice and its staff for all the care and support offered to Marion and her family in their time of need.



Lyle A. Perkins III

Lyle A. Perkins III, 68, of Mountain, passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2020.

Lyle was born on April 25, 1951, to the late Lyle II and Audree (Dowling) Perkins. He attended school in Neenah. For many years, Lyle worked at R. Sabee Paper of Appleton. After retiring and moving to Mountain, Lyle worked at Nicolet Farms.

Lyle greatly enjoyed spending time in his garden, watching the animals, and spending time outside.

Lyle is survived by his five siblings, Patricia Allen, of Menasha, Lynn Burton, of Appleton, Loreen (Ron) Perkins-Pozolinski, of Menasha, Lonny (Debby) Perkins, of Larsen, and Lisa (Bob) Sample, of Mountain; dear friend, Sue Gering. He is further survived by a niece, many nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lyle was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Penny; and son, Lyle Perkins IV.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at Gruetzmacher



Funeral Home in Suring from 11 a.m. until the memorial service at 1 p.m. with Pastor Bill Krauss officiating. Lyle will be interred at Lake View Memorial Park in Oshkosh beside his son.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.



MORGAN MUSINGS

Meet the Morgan candidates for the Oconto County Board

Greetings, Morgan! The spring election on Tuesday, April 7, is quickly approaching. One of the races on the ballot is for Oconto County Board supervisor. Morgan residents are represented by supervisors from two different County Board districts: District 7 and District 21.

District 7 are those parts of the town of Morgan that are south of County Road E and west of County Road C, as well as a portion of the town of Chase.

Dave Behrend is the incumbent supervisor for District 7. He



MEGAN OSWALD

has served one two-year term on the County Board and during that time has served on the Health and Human Services Board, a role that he hopes will promote quality of life and provide necessary services for Oconto County residents.

Dave is retired from the Coast Guard. During his time in the Coast Guard, he served in Desert Storm, and years ago he also served in the Navy in Vietnam. As a County Board member, Dave prioritizes addressing the concerns of those citizens he represents.

Fran Wranosky is challenging Dave Behrend for the District 7 County Board supervisor position. An active community member, he has been on the Morgan town board since 2003 and has been the town chairperson since 2009. He has assisted the town in planning community-minded projects to utilize the funds received from American Transmission Company over the years. Additionally, Fran has been the chairperson of the Oconto



DAVE BEHREND



FRAN WRANOSKY

County Unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association for four years, a member of the Maple Valley Insurance board of directors for 20 years, and previously served on the Oconto County Fair Board for over 20 years. While on the Fair Board, Fran gained experience working closely with the County Board in the planning and completion of the current modern fairground buildings in Gillett.

District 21 is that portion of Morgan situated north of County Road E and east of County Road C, as well as a portion of the town of Oconto Falls.

Leonard Wahl is the incumbent supervisor for District 21 and is running unopposed for re-election. He is finishing his first two-year term on the County Board and has served on three committees during that time: Land Conservation Committee, Solid Waste/Planning & Zoning Committee and MAR-OCO Landfill Committee.

Leonard has also participated on the Leadership Oconto County panel at the invitation of the county clerk. He truly enjoys serving on the board and is confident that those he works with have the best interests of the people of Oconto County at heart. Leonard also serves as the Green Valley-Morgan Fire Department chief.

Respectfully submitted by "Megan from Morgan,"
Megan (Stranz) Oswald.

Chain of Hearts campaign benefits hospitals

OCONTO FALLS — N.E.W. Credit Union's Chain of Hearts campaign for 2020 raised \$2,858 for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals of Wisconsin.

The campaign is a statewide effort by Wisconsin's credit unions to raise funds for the local nonprofit hospitals of the state during February. Credit union staff, members, community

residents and area businesses are asked to remember the special people in their lives during the valentine season by purchasing a link or heart.

Those who donate have their names or the names of their loved ones displayed in the credit union's lobby. Paper "links" bearing these names will sell for \$1 each and hearts for \$5, \$25 or \$50.

16 OFHS choir students sing at St. Norbert fest

DE PERE — Sixteen Oconto Falls High School choir members were selected to perform in the St. Norbert High School Choral Festival on Feb. 21 at St. Norbert College.

The festival featured area choral students who rehearsed throughout the day with Sarah Parks, choral director and associate professor of music at St. Norbert College, and guest artist Byron J. Smith, associate professor of music at Los Angeles Harbor College and founder/director of the Spirit Chorale of Los Angeles.

The Honors Festival Choir was joined by the St. Norbert College Choirs to perform "Flight Song," "The Lake Isle," "Shout Glory" and "Just Can't Tell It All" during a performance in the Walter Theatre.

Representing Oconto Falls High School Choirs were sopranos Mika Barnier, Autumn Canavera, Catelyn Kramer and Khloe Van Dornick; altos Emma Bliskey, Isabella Rennie, Lydia Romback and Carina Wirtley; tenors Ethan Rennie, Connor Romandine, Hunter Schaden, Parker Sonnenburg and Alex Waschbisch; and basses Colter McCormick, Simon Pumplun and Keith Van Dornick.



Oconto Falls students chosen to sing at the St. Norbert High School Choral Festival include, front row from left, Carina Wirtley, Mika Barnier, Ethan Rennie, Isabella Rennie, Alex Waschbisch, Catelyn Kramer, Autumn Canavera and Lydia Romback; and back row, Khloe Van Dornick, Connor Romandine, Colter McCormick, Simon Pumplun, Hunter Schaden, Keith Van Dornick, Emma Bliskey and Parker Sonnenburg.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Concordia University

MEQUON — Olivia Estep, of Lena, and Kyle Steenport, of Abrams, made the fall honors list at Concordia University. Estep is a freshman majoring in music education for kindergarten

through 12th grade. Steenport is a senior majoring in elementary education.

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
LA CROSSE

— Three Oconto

County students completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in December. Sabrina Brasier, of Oconto Falls, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Jennifer Maronek, of Sobieski, earned a Master of Science degree in occupational therapy. Sarah Waara, of Lena, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication studies with an emphasis on media studies and graduated with honors.

University of Minnesota

ST. PAUL — Bailey Wolf, of Oconto Falls, and Jaclyn Willems, of Sobieski, were named to the fall semester dean’s list of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Wolf is a senior at the university’s medical school, and Willems is a junior at the College of Liberal Arts.

Western Governors University

SALT LAKE CITY — Michelle Edwards, of Gillett, has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in educational studies from Western Governors University.

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

EAU CLAIRE — The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire awarded 670 degrees in December. Maya Breed, of Gillett, earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 10 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing or online at MyVote.wi.gov.

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter or you may apply for an absentee ballot online at MyVote.wi.gov. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:
5 pm on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, April 2, 2020.

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk’s office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

Town of Abrams Jean Hansen (920) 826-2299 5877 Main Street Abrams, WI 54101 By appt. only	Town of Little River Amy Peterson (920) 373-7066 3627 County Road A Oconto, WI 54153 By appt. only	Town of Spruce Lisa Peterson (920) 829-5111 PO Box 52 Oconto Falls, WI 54154 By appt. only
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Town of Brazeau Brooke Kriescher (920) 897-3855 10892 Parkway Road Pound, WI 54161 Hours: Mon. – Wed. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. or by appt.	Town of Maple Valley Cindy Tausey (920) 598-0601 PO Box 384 Suring, WI 54174 By appt. only	Town of Townsend Linda Ziegler (715) 276-6855 16564 Elm Street, Townsend, WI 54175 Hours: By appt. during regular clerk hours
Town of Breed Deanna Tachick (920) 842-2166 11155 State Highway 32 Suring, WI 54174 By appt. only	Town of Morgan Julie Belongia (920) 846-0699 4093 Elm Lawn Road, Oconto Falls, WI 54154 By appt. only	Town of Underhill Tracy Winkler (920) 855-2942 5597 Cardinal Road Gillett, WI 54124 By appt. only
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Town of Doty Cheryl Fields (715) 276-7554 14699 County Road T Mountain, WI 54149 By appt. only	Town of Oconto Lori Scanlan (920) 834-4351 3649 Hwy 22, Oconto, WI 54153 Hours: Mon. – Fri. 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. by appt. only*	Village of Suring Carol M. Heise (920) 842-2333 604 E. Main Street Suring, WI 54174 Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.*
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Town of Lakewood Denise A. Jackett (715) 276-3579 17181 Twin Pines Road Lakewood, WI 54138 By appt. only	Town of Riverview Beth Hartman (715) 276-6914 15471 State Hwy 32, PO Box 220 Mountain, WI 54149 By appt. only	City of Oconto Falls Nancy Brye (920) 846-4505 Ext. 106 500 N. Chestnut Ave Oconto Falls, WI 54154 Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.* By appointment only
Town of Lena Dawn VanArk (715) 281-4672 8489 Sunshine Road, Lena, WI 54139 By appt. only		

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk’s office is Friday April 3, 2020 at 5 p.m.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. *Extended in-person absentee voting hours may be available by appointment. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place before the polls close on February 18, 2020. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Mavis Darling has been named The Bay at Suring’s Resident of the Month for March. She was born on June 27, 1930, to Vernon and Nora Darling in Pulcifer. She attended elementary school in Pulcifer and high school in Bonduel and worked for Wisconsin Bell as a telephone operator for 34 years. She also worked in home care and the bank. She was active in the women’s group at Bethel Lutheran Church. She loves reading, and her favorite food is ice cream. She has one brother, Dennis.

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Response to COVID-19 changing rapidly

Cancellations and postponements continue to pour in

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

With information changing almost hourly regarding the coronavirus COVID-19, NEW Media made the decision late last week to provide a free running story on Page 1 of the website newmedia-wi.com.

Access to the site – which includes the Oconto County Times Herald, Shawano Leader, and Wittenberg Enterprise & Birnamwood News – is normally by paid subscription, but as a public service the company is making the COVID-19 updates available for free. Readers may check newmedia-wi.com to learn any coronavirus news that has occurred since the Times Herald went to press at midday Monday.

Gallagher hosts virtual town hall forum

The lack of a vaccine for the coronavirus COVID-19 is a major issue that distinguishes it from influenza, according to Julie Willems Van Dijk, Wisconsin deputy secretary of health services. Van Dijk spoke at a live-streamed forum hosted Wednesday by U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher, R-8th District.

Forum participant Dan Montour called in to say, “The current flu season has already killed thousands and nobody is doing anything about that. I just don’t see where the great panic is for the simple fact that the cases have been mild. I’m having a hard time wrapping my head around it — the cases are mild.”

“You are right. The regular flu has killed thousands,” Van Dijk said. “Any season we lose 60,000, 70,000. That happens even when we have a vaccine that 60-70% (of the population) get. This virus is new. We have no vaccine to protect us against it.”

“Even if you think about 33 million Americans and the disease is mild in 80% of them, that puts us at 6 million Americans who would get critically ill. We don’t have any protection against it; we don’t have any medication for it,” she said.

Gallagher said the response for preventing the spread of COVID-19 should be county-by-county based throughout Wisconsin.

“We are at a point where each

county is going to have to make their own decisions on how they are going to handle it. I recommend canceling any event with over 150, certainly 200 people. Mayors are going to have to make hard decisions about St. Patrick’s Day parades,” Gallagher said.

Library program canceled

The Oconto Falls Community Library on Monday decided to cancel “Tracks in Your Neighborhood: The Story of Railroad in Oconto County,” a program featuring Bob Lettenberger, education director for the National Train Museum in Green Bay, which had been scheduled for March 26.

Abrams musical postponed

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. announced Monday it has postponed the upcoming musical “My Fair Lady,” which was scheduled to open Friday. Future show dates are currently being reviewed.

“The suspension is in support of the well-being of the theater-going public as well as those who work on the production, subject to ongoing assessment by county and state health authorities,” the troupe said in its announcement. “ASPI takes the health and safety of our patrons, staff and community seriously and urge everyone to follow the guidelines set

forth by public health officials.”

ASPI customers with tickets to the show will be contacted via phone or email with further information.

Fire protection meeting, spaghetti dinner postponed

Citing concern for public well-being, the city of Oconto Falls postponed an open house meeting to discuss the possible formation of an area-wide fire protection district that was scheduled for Wednesday evening. Notice will be given when the meeting is rescheduled, the announcement said.

The Fire Department had already moved the date of its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser to April 25.

Nurse’s Nook seeks volunteers

The Nurse’s Nook is seeking volunteers willing to serve community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The Nurse’s Nook is working diligently to gather resources and create plans that best align with our schools in order to serve our students during the COVID-19 crisis,” nurse Nuala Nowicki said Saturday. “We are collaborating with school districts, health-care providers, public health, food pantries, and other community and faith-based organizations.”

The organization plans to contin-

ue offering assistance in the form of food, basic needs and other community referral resources during school closures.

A sign-up sheet is posted online for volunteers willing to help with such tasks as sorting donations, pickup and delivery of large orders and bulk items, food packing, providing child-care resources, monetary donations, or offering internet or educational resources.

For the latest information and a link to the sign-up form, visit Facebook.com/NursesNook.

Chamber cancels monthly meeting

As a precaution of the recent virus outbreak of COVID-19, the Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce canceled its membership meeting for Thursday, March 19.

Members with any issues or agenda items to bring forward were asked to email it ahead of the board of directors’ meeting on March 25.

The next membership meeting is scheduled for noon April 16 at the Oconto Falls School District office.

OEC annual meeting rescheduled

Oconto Electric Cooperative has rescheduled its annual meeting, which had been set for March 28. OEC members are now invited to attend the annual meeting on May 16.

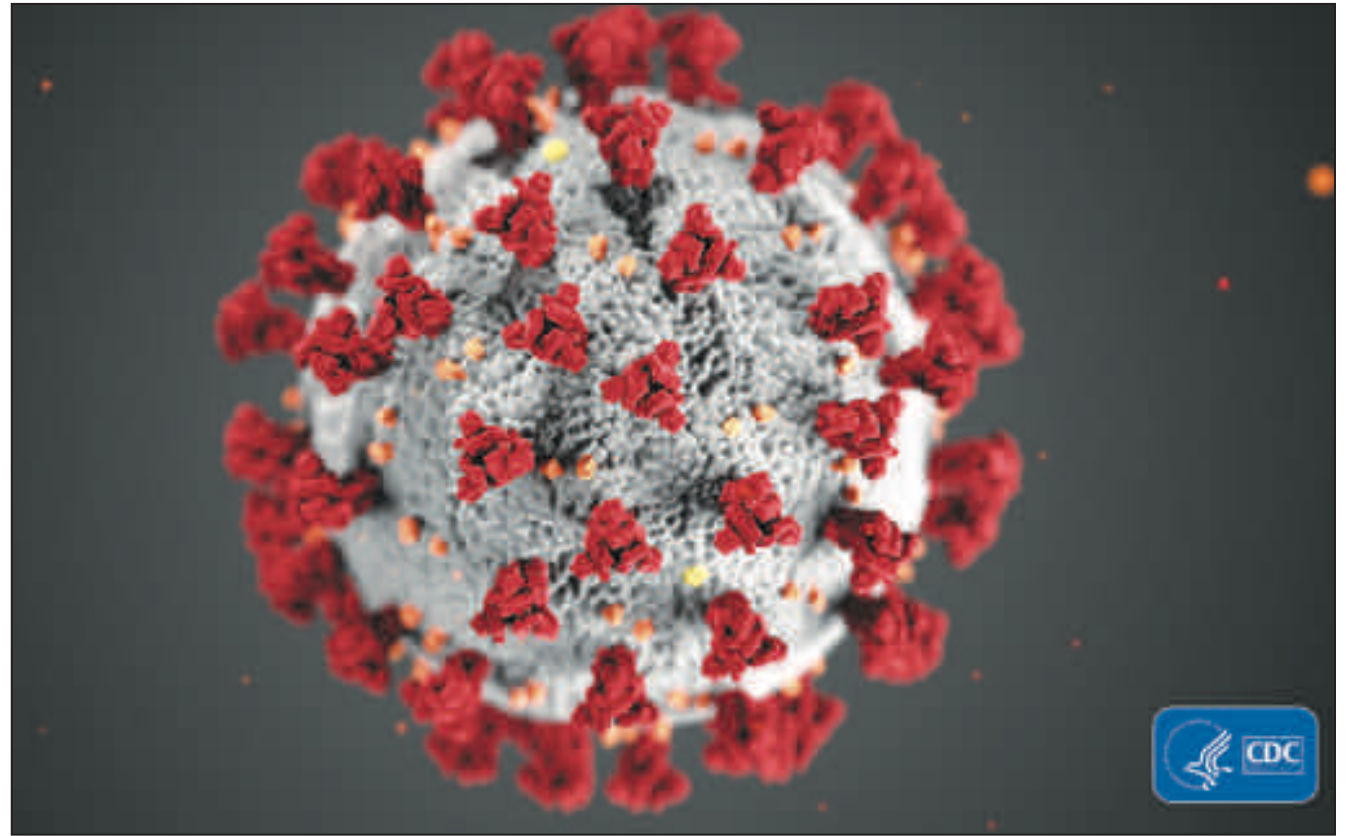


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Libraries closed in Oconto and Lena

Others weighing their options

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

As of Monday, four of the six public libraries serving Oconto County communities were still working to stay open, although regular programming was being scaled back.

OCONTO FALLS

"We are cleaning hard surfaces, handles, keyboards and chair arms several times a day with Clorox wipes. Items that are being returned are being wiped down," said Joan Denis, Oconto Falls Community Library director. "DVDs, because they are a hard surface, will be put out to circulate. Covers of books will be wiped down but not put out to circulate for 48 hours. Soft toys in the children's play area have been removed and the area washed daily."

People with items to return may use the outside dropbox. The library was offering to check out items on the hold shelf and bring them out to the parking lot for people who are not feeling well.

LENA

The Lena Public Library announced Sunday night that it will be closed to the public, effective immediately, until April 6.

Due dates will be adjusted to dates after the library reopens, said Amy Peterson, director. People are asked to call or email the library if they need help with something.

"The safety and well-being of our patrons, staff and community are

of the greatest importance to us," Peterson said.

OCONTO

Farnsworth Public Library announced Saturday that it is closed effective immediately. The plan is to reopen when the schools are back in session April 6.

In the meantime, the Oconto library is offering holds pickup services during regular hours on Mondays and Thursdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to noon). On these days, people can visit the library entrance (off the parking lot) and pick up any items they have on hold, or talk to a librarian who can check out any available items.

For information, call 920-834-7730.

LAKEWOOD

Lakes Country Public Library is suspending programming and most meeting space use from Thursday through April 5. The facility remains open during regular hours.

GILLET

At this time, Gillett Public Library officials said they plan to keep the buildings open as much as is practical. "If you aren't feeling well, please don't go out," the library posted on social media, reminding patrons they can renew materials and download digital materials through infosoup.org or by calling 920-855-6224.

SURING

Suring Area Public Library announced Sunday it is canceling all programming, including story time, and plans to keep patrons updated on a regular basis. For now, the library is still open.

Educators scramble to prepare learning outside schools

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

OCONTO FALLS — Oconto County school districts worked early this week to prepare teachers and students for the mandated shutdown of all schools in the state.

The state Department of Health Services issued an executive order Friday requiring all schools in the state to close from 5 p.m. Wednesday until April 6, with the date of reopening subject to change.

Acting from officials' assessment of the risk from Coronavirus Disease 2019, the order said, "closure is a reasonable and necessary step to prevent, suppress and control this disease."

The order concludes with the statement that it does not prevent a school district from providing virtual instruction while the buildings are closed, and local school districts were developing plans to do just that.

Oconto Falls Public Schools officials were planning to spend Monday and Wednesday working with teachers to help prepare them to provide virtual instruction while the buildings are closed. Students were asked to report to school Tuesday to ensure they were prepared for virtual learning.

"This will include ensuring they have their device and charger, and that they have the base online knowledge to be able to communicate effectively with their instructors in a virtual setting," Superintendent Dean Hess said in a letter to parents Sunday.

The elementary schools planned additional face-to-face meetings Monday evening with parents who feel they need more than a virtual option for their children.

In Lena, Superintendent Ben Pytleski said students were to report to classes Monday through Wednesday, and teachers were to report Thursday and Friday to prepare supplemental learning materials for students during the closure.

"This may be a combination of online or hard-copy resources that will be delivered to each home next week," Pytleski said in a letter sent to parents Sunday. All before- and after-school activities were suspended effective immediately, and plans were being made to deliver lunches and the following day's breakfasts to families in the free and reduced lunch program."

Gillett schools closed Monday, with students asked to report back Tuesday and Wednesday before the mandated closing. Superintendent Todd Carlson said Monday would be used as a teacher in-service day to prepare home instructional packets that students will receive before leaving school Wednesday.

"These packets are intended to reinforce prior skills and are expected to be completed upon return to school in April," Carlson said.

Suring schools were also closed Monday as teachers worked on preparing instructional materials.

In Superintendent Kelly Casper's message, she reminded residents that the idea is to isolate people from each other during the public health crisis.

"Parents, the community is counting on you to ensure that children and teens are not meeting in groups throughout this period of school closure," Casper added. "If we do not all do our part to ensure social distancing, the closing of schools will not serve the necessary purpose."

Hospitals restrict visitors during emergency

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

GREEN BAY — Two Oconto County hospitals are among the HSHS and Bellin Health facilities in eastern Wisconsin that are restricting visitors in response to the public health emergency declared as a result of COVID-19.

Effective Monday, HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls and Bellin Health Oconto Hospital are among facilities that have imposed the restrictions.

"It is imperative to make these changes for the safety of all patients

and hospital staff to reduce the risk of infection and to preserve important health care resources," HSHS and Bellin Health said in a joint statement.

The hospitals are restricting all visitors at this time.

In most cases, patients will be allowed just one visitor — the person who is most important to the care management of the patient — during the appointment or hospital stay.

Visitors with acute illnesses are not allowed.

Therapy dogs are not allowed during the emergency.

Red Cross calls for donors

The American Red Cross strongly urges healthy people who are feeling well to give blood or platelets to help maintain a sufficient blood supply and prevent shortages as concerns about the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, rise in the U.S.

Cold and flu season has already impacted the nation's ability to maintain its blood supply. As the number

of coronavirus cases grows in the U.S., the number of people eligible to give blood for patients in need could decrease further, the Red Cross said in a news release.

Blood drives will be held in Oconto County from 1-6 p.m. March 30 at Lena High School, 304 E. Main St., and 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 9 at Oconto Falls United Methodist Church, 165 N. Farm Road.



METEOROLOGIST BEYLON AT OFES

Steve Beylon, back right, chief meteorologist from WBAY-TV Channel 2, visited Oconto Falls Elementary School on March 4 to talk with the first-grade classes. Beylon read a story about being a meteorologist and taught the students about being weather-ready. He also showed a video about tornadoes and talked about how thunderstorms form. The group photo was featured on Channel 2 morning news on March 6.

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YEARS GONE BY

110 years ago • March 17, 1910 • Oconto Falls Herald

SURING: The coroner's jury, which has been in session at Suring at intervals since the death of the child, was discharged last Friday, having rendered a verdict to the effect that the child had died from the effect of strychnine poisoning, administered by some person to them unknown.

OCONTO FALLS: Sometime between 12 and 1 o'clock Monday morning, fire broke out in the farm house of Charles Wirtz, about 2½ miles southwest of this village, and it was impossible to save any of the contents. Indeed, it was all that could be done to save the lives of the family as the fire spread rapidly through the house.

100 years ago • March 19, 1920 • Farmer Herald

STILES: Martin VanKylen was killed in a gravel pit Tuesday evening. He had been helping to get gravel for sidewalks in Stiles and was preparing to set dynamite off. A piece of overhanging crust fell and struck him in the temple.

ABRAMS: John Sutrick and his son Toipal were hailed before the Justice of the Peace John Goddard on the complaint of Game Warden Smith of Peshtigo and found guilty of killing two deer last December. They were fined \$50 each and court costs.

90 years ago • March 20, 1930 • Gillett Times

GILLETT: Joseph Kuehl of this village received the sad news on Tuesday of the sudden death of his brother, Edward J. Kuehl, at Kewaunee at about 11:30 that morning. The deceased is a well-known business man of Kewaunee and died while at work at the Cook's pantry store which he managed. His death was caused by heart disease which had troubled him for some time.

GILLETT: R.L. Swanson, who has been the principal at Gillett Grade School for the past two years, has tendered his resignation.

90 years ago • March 20, 1930 • Oconto Falls Herald

STILES: W.W. Crooks received word Saturday from Washington, D.C., that he had been appointed acting postmaster at Stiles.

OCONTO FALLS: A number of neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winters to enjoy a housewarming.

80 years ago • March 21, 1940 • Oconto Falls Herald

LENA: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roseara are the parents of a baby boy born Wednesday, March 13, at a local hospital.

BEAVER LAKE: Farmers near Beaver Lake are timber wolf hunting. Tracks of this predatory animal have been seen

near various barns.

70 years ago • March 16, 1950 • Oconto Falls Herald

LENA: PFC. Stanley J. Checki, USMC, visited three continents during February while serving as a crew member aboard the heavy cruiser USS Newport News.

SURING: March 10 is the birthday of the daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gardebrecht.

OCONTO FALLS: Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Becker entertained a group of sixth-grade girls from St. Anthony's School in honor of their daughter's birthday.

60 years ago • March 17, 1960 • Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS: The Spruce School District was combined with the Oconto Falls School District on Monday evening, March 7. The effective merger date is July 1.

SURING: Leo Thielke escaped injury, however the automobile he was driving was badly damaged Saturday, when he ran into a utility pole.

GILLETT: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnston have purchased the late Al and Mrs. Kasten's Service Station.

50 years ago • March 21, 1970 • Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS: Connie Jo Jarvey and Sandra Hughes, both 17, were fatally injured in a car accident.

KLONDIKE: Miss Sharon Loraine Valenta and Mr. Robert Lee Schroth exchanged wedding vows at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church.

OCONTO FALLS: Glenn Meverden, 42, died following a heart attack in Nekoosa while driving truck for Tisch and Drews.

40 years ago • March 19, 1980 • Times Herald

GILLETT: Evelyn H. Hauser, DDS, has returned to open her own practice. She originally came to Gillett as an employee of General Dentistry S.C.

OCONTO: A car owned by Jean Ragen was stolen and set ablaze destroying the vehicle.

GILLETT: Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Bergmann celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with relatives and friends.

30 years ago • March 14, 1990 • Times Herald

LENA: The Wildcat girls earned a trip to state, their second in school history.

WASHINGTON: Sen. Herb Kohl introduced a bill in which small communities will receive federal assistance to develop waste water treatment plants, recycling centers and landfills.

25 years ago • March 22, 1995 • Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS: Work is under way on the 9,639-square-foot expansion of Witt's Piggly Wiggly.

GILLETT: The Gillett School District passed a \$4,875,000 bond issue for the high school addition.

OCONTO: Veterinarian George Drewery is semi-retiring after 32 years of service.

20 years ago • March 16, 2000 • Times Herald

SURING: Elijah Spencer celebrated his 100th birthday on March 12.

GILLETT: Lisa Christensen was among the 2,194 undergraduate students named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater honor roll for the 1999 fall semester.

OCONTO FALLS: Ron Oninski caught a 43-inch northern pike weighing 23 pounds on the bay of Green Bay.

10 years ago • March 17, 2010 • Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS: Charles Lajoice, 58, was found dead in his home following a fire March 11. Cause of the fire is being investigated. Lajoice lived alone and was the only person at the home when firefighters arrived.

OCONTO FALLS: The Oconto Falls Common Council last week discussed plans to drill a well at Memorial Field for use in irrigating the football field and possible future baseball diamonds.

LENA: Residents in the Lena School District are being asked to support the school through a referendum April 6 that would provide an additional \$2 million over the next five years.

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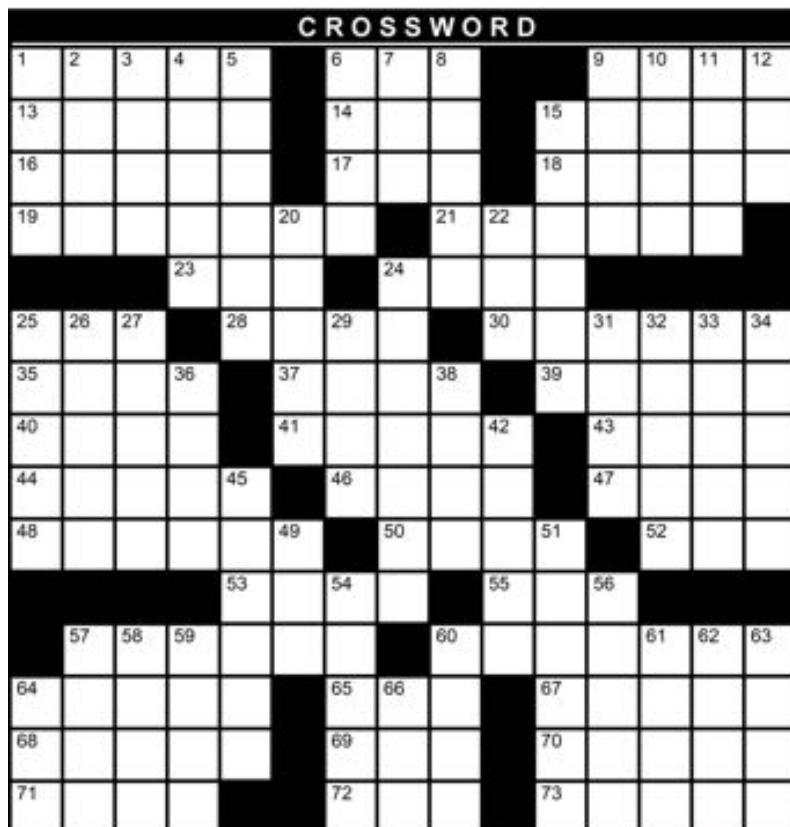
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1. Happen again
6. Promotions
9. Field mouse
13. UV absorber
14. Seek a seat
15. Eagle's nest
16. Jury ____
17. Mad King George's number
18. Bad-tempered one
19. *Two or more people on the road
21. *Fines can do that?
23. Scot's woolen cap
24. Give an impression
25. Last month
28. Willy Wonka mastermind
30. Lay down to rest again
35. Container weight
37. Damaging precipitation
39. One born to Japanese immigrants
40. Windows alternative
41. Clown act
43. London subway
44. What Motion Picture Association of America does
46. Lentil soup
47. Pulitzer winner Bellow
48. Little Women to Aunt March
50. Victorian and Elizabethan ones, e.g.
52. Dropped drug
53. Type of dam
55. Post Malone's genre
57. *Traffic separator
60. *Kind of lane
64. Tiger's and lioness' offspring
65. J. Edgar Hoover's org.
67. Capital of Vietnam
68. Between wash and dry
69. 1985 Kurosawa movie
70. Village V.I.P.
71. Brewer's kiln
72. Play part

DOWN

1. Campus drilling grp.
2. Poet Pound
3. Coconut fiber
4. Not fitting
5. Add a new magazine
6. Seed cover
7. *Punishable driver offense, acr.
8. Like a hurtful remark
9. Action word
10. Like face-to-face exam
11. Don't cross it?
12. Comic cry
15. Keeness in a certain field
20. D-Day beach
22. Old-fashioned over
24. Move like a serpent
25. *Go back the way you came
26. Hawaiian veranda
27. Banal or commonplace
29. **Raised ____, " or "Don't Walk"
31. Small fragments
32. Bar order, with the
33. Puzzle with pictures and letters
34. *Up-side-down triangle sign
36. Biz bigwig
38. Yarn spinner
42. "The Nutcracker" protagonist
45. Crafting with stitches
49. One of Sinbad's seven
51. Miss America's accessory, pl.
54. Prefix for below
56. Church song
57. Actress Sorvino
58. Shining armor
59. Negative contraction
60. Pub order
61. ____-China
62. Christmas season
63. Horizontal wall beam
64. *Keep your hands at ten and ____
66. *Measurement of alcohol in body, acr.

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GOOD EFFORT AND BEHAVIOR

These students have shown good effort and behavior in Jackie Rochon's physical education classes at Abrams Elementary School for the week of March 2: from left, front row, Rachel Savage, first grade, and Hannah Nicholson, second grade; back row, Brendan Curell, third grade; Hope Hirst, fifth grade; and Carson LaLuzerne, fourth grade.

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SPORTS

8 Panthers make all-conference teams

4 girls basketball players honored

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

OCONTO FALLS — The Oconto Falls High School winter sports teams all enjoyed successful seasons, with several individual athletes leading the charge.

A total of eight Panthers were recognized with all-conference honors.

Girls basketball

The Oconto Falls girls earned a 13-5 record in NEC play to finish third, behind only state-ranked Freedom and Wrightstown.

Four members of the team were recognized for their play, led by second team selection Kari Albrecht.

The senior averaged 11.3 points and 4.8 rebounds per conference game. She also totaled 32 steals and 24 assists during the 18-game schedule.

“It is such an honor receiving this award, knowing that multiple coaches in our difficult conference noticed me out of all the great athletes I played with and against,” said Albrecht. “With this being my senior year, I had some high expectations for myself and this was one of my goals that I accomplished.”

Senior Natalie Brauer, junior McKayla Goebel and sophomore Alexis Euclide all made the honorable mention team for the Panthers.

Brauer averaged 9.9 points per conference game and led the team in rebounds (6.9 per game).

“Being named North Eastern Conference honorable mention is a huge honor,” said Brauer. “I have worked extremely hard for the past seven years and getting this award shows that my hard work really has paid off. Getting named as a senior is also very rewarding, knowing that other coaches have recognized me for the past two consecutive years as a top player in the conference — it shows that my dedication and hard work is noticed by them.”

Goebel averaged 7.3 points and 3.8 rebounds per NEC game. She was also in the top 12 in the conference in assists (52) and steals (37).



Oconto Falls' Kari Albrecht shoots a 3-pointer in a North Eastern Conference game against Marinette on Feb. 7 in Oconto Falls. Albrecht made the all-conference second team as a senior.

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Oconto Falls' Mitchell Manns drives to the basket in the team's Division 3 regional quarterfinal playoff game against Brillion on March 3 in Oconto Falls. Manns landed on the North Eastern Conference second team after a strong senior season on the court.

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Euclide averaged similar numbers, tallying 7.2 points and 3.8 rebounds per game. The sophomore also contributed 29 assists and 28 steals.

Boys basketball

The Panther boys upped their overall win total by six in Gary Re-

gal's first year as head coach. Oconto Falls went 7-11 in NEC play, good enough for seventh place in the 10-team conference.

Despite the team's solid season, only senior Mitchell Manns was recognized with a conference honor, landing on the second team.

Manns led Oconto Falls on the offensive end of the court, averaging 14 points per game and leading the conference with 82 assists.

He also turned in strong numbers on the defensive end, averaging 4.4 rebounds per contest and finishing second in the NEC with 51 steals.

“It means a lot to be named second team my senior year,” said Manns. “I’m glad that other coaches saw what I was doing on the court to make my teammates better and help my team win games.”

Wrestling

Clayton Whiting ended his second high school season in the same way he did his freshman season, capturing a Division 2 state title. The sophomore also earned his second-straight all-conference first team honor.

Whiting went 9-0 in his NEC dual matches to be unanimously voted to the first team and help Oconto Falls finish 5-4 in conference duals.

“Honestly means a lot to me to have it two years in a row,” said Whiting of the honor. “Just means that all my hard work is paying off and that I gotta continue making myself better every day. I want to become the best wrestler in the country, so there’s a lot more work I have to do to be the best and beat the best.”

Five of Whiting's wins were by pin and one came by decision. He also earned three forfeits while wrestling at the 160, 170 and 182 weight classes.

Senior Brendan Konitzer landed on the second team after posting a 7-2 record in NEC action.

Three wins for Konitzer came by pin and another was by decision. He too picked up three forfeit wins while wrestling at the 113 or 120 weight classes.

“Ending my high school career on the second team for the North Eastern Conference means a lot to me because it shows all the hard work I put into wrestling to make this year a success,” said Konitzer, who eventually took fifth place at state.

Junior Elijah Zielinski also went 7-2 in conference duals, wrestling exclusively at the 285 class. He made the honorable mention team.

Zielinski won five matches by pin and two by forfeit.

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UW-Eau Claire

Suring graduate Mitch Stegeman, a freshman on the UW-Eau Claire track and field team, placed fourth in the men's heptathlon at the Wartburg Qualifier on March 6 and 7 in Waverly, Iowa. Stegeman was the top finisher in the pole vault (14 feet, 11 inches). He came in fourth in the 1,000-meter run (2 minutes, 52.87 seconds), fifth in the shot put (35-10), sixth in the 60 hurdles (9.05), seventh in the high jump (5-10.75), 10th in the 60 dash (7.62) and 12th in the long jump (18-9.75).

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

3 area players make WFCA all-star roster

Trio may compete in 8-player game July 18

By **MORGAN RODE**

Sports Editor

ONLINE

For full rosters and more All-Star Game information, visit www.wifca.org.

OSHKOSH — Chad McVeigh and Logan Stuart of Suring and Gillett's Logan Block were named to the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association 2020 All-Star Game.

The 8-player game is scheduled to be played at 10 a.m. July 18 at UW-Oshkosh's Titan Stadium. All three were named to the South team, which will battle the North in an event that raises money for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

McVeigh and Stuart helped Suring to an 8-2 overall record and MON-LPC-8 title last fall.

McVeigh made the all-conference first team as a defensive lineman and was an honorable mention pick as an

offensive lineman.

"It is very special to me to be able to play another game of the sport I love," said McVeigh. "I put a lot of work into football, and the fact I got picked for the all-star game means a lot to me. It's gonna be a lot of fun to meet new people. It's also a plus to be able to raise money for the children's hospital."

Stuart was the team's leader on offense and defense and was named the conference's offensive and defensive player of the year. Stuart played running back on offense and linebacker on defense.

"It's an honor to be recognized and to be able to play with so many top athletes around the state," said Stuart. "I've heard it's going to be an incredible experience, and I'm looking forward to helping raise money for the children's hospital, as well."

Block played several positions for an injury-riddled Gillett team that finished 3-6 last fall.

He made the all-conference first team as a linebacker and second team as an offensive lineman.

"It is very special to me," said Block, of playing in the all-star game. "It just shows that all the work that was put in was noticed by the other coaches of the conference, and it means a lot to me to be chosen."

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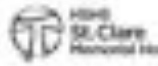
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Defendants

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OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 12

Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including the following:

Theft — reported at Jackie Foster's, 5821 Allen Road, Little Suamico, 8:24 a.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near County Road K and state Highway 22, Oconto Falls, 6:42 p.m., and logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — four ambulance calls were received.

March 11

Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported near Kwik Trip, 102 Main St., Oconto, 4:54 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 8000 block of County Road A, Spruce, 8:34 a.m.

Sexual assault — reported at an address in the town of Underhill, 9:52 a.m.

Suspicious — reported along Executive Circle, Little Suamico, 1:05 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 300 block of South Rosera Street, Lena, 5:23 p.m.

Threatening — reported in the 8000 block of County Road G, Maple Valley, 6:17 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident near U.S. 41 and Froelick Road, Pensaukee, 6:32 a.m.; an accident near Elm Lawn Road and County Road E, Morgan, 6:53 a.m.; and a property-damage crash near County Road J and Brookside Road, Pensaukee, 6:13 p.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — two ambulance calls were received.

March 10

Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including the following:

Jail incident — reported at 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto, 7:52 a.m.

Fraud — reported in the 7000 block of

Meyer Hill Lane, Lena, 11:34 a.m.

Child abuse — reported at an address in the city of Oconto Falls, 12:47 p.m.

Sexual assault — reported at an address in the town of Lena, 2:15 p.m.

Sexual assault — reported at an address in the town of Chase, 2:57 p.m.

Fraud — reported in the 9000 block of Midway Road, Lena, 4:28 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 13000 block of Section 4 Lane, Mountain, 6:04 p.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 4000 block of County Road J, Pensaukee, 6:58 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 8000 block of state Highway 22, Oconto Falls, 8:29 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — five ambulance calls were received.

March 9

Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including the following:

Fraud — reported in the 11000 block of County Road H, Gillett, 8:56 a.m.

Threatening — reported in the 800 block of School House Road, Little Suamico, 9:06 a.m.

Trespassing — reported in the 5000 block of Framnes Lane, Gillett, 9:13 a.m.

Threatening — reported at Suring School, 411 E. Algoma St., Suring, 9:27 a.m.

Burglary — reported in the 14000 block of County Road T, Doty, 1:17 p.m.

March 8

Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including the following:

Controlled-burn fire — in the 9000 block of White Lake Road, Maple Valley, 8:57 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 7000 block of Konitzer Road, Oconto Falls, 1:40 p.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 8000 block of state Highway 32, Maple Valley, 3:03 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 6000 block of County Road S, Little Suamico, 3:49 p.m.

Disturbance — reported near Riverview Church, 628 N. Main St., Oconto Falls, 6:30 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 100 block of Memorial Drive, Oconto, 10:21 p.m.

Squad damage — reported near County Roads A and B, Spruce, 11:54 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident in the 12000 block of County Road H, Underhill, 3:51 a.m.; a property-damage crash in the 6000 block of Allen Road, Little Suamico, 3:53 a.m.; a property-damage crash along Allen Road, Little Suamico, 3:24 p.m.; and an accident along South Range Line Road, Little River, 9 p.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — two ambulance calls were received.

March 7

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 400 block of Baldwin Street, Oconto, 3:28 a.m.

Intoxication — reported in the 7000 block of Zawalick Lane, Chase, 4:47 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 14000 block of County Road T, Doty, 8:13 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near Holiday Inn, 9600 County Road G, Spruce, 9:22 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 15000 block of Island Lake Road, Doty, 9:54 a.m.

ATV accident — reported in the 7000 block of Lower Road, Chase, 1:07 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 6000 block of Tower Drive Road, Stiles, 3:33 p.m.

Structure fire — reported in the 8000

block of County Road A, Spruce, 6:09 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 9000 block of Mulligan Way, Brazeau, 9:09 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of County Road B, Oconto Falls, 9:59 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident near South Range Line and Delcore roads, Oconto, 1:52 p.m.; a property-damage crash in the 7000 block of state Highway 32, Gillett, 4:26 p.m.; and a property-damage crash near Maiden Lake Road and state Highway 32, Riverview, 8:21 a.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — five ambulance calls were received.

March 6

Deputies responded to 52 incidents, including the following:

Threatening — reported in the 8000 block of Lilac Road, Little Suamico, midnight.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 15000 block of Island Lake Road, Doty, 11:53 a.m.

Burglary — reported at storage units, 10447 State Highway 32, Breed, 12:12 p.m.

Threatening — reported in the 900 block of E. Main St., Suring, 2:10 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 100 block of Birch Avenue, Oconto Falls, 7:40 p.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 11000 block of County Road M, Maple Valley, 7:45 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near Cross and Geano Beach roads, Abrams, 8:34 a.m.; and an accident near state Highway 64 and Shadow Lake Road, Doty, 11:55 a.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — two ambulance calls were received.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of March 11

A May 12 jury trial was scheduled for Travis J. Ragen, 30, Lena, who is charged with second-degree reckless homicide in the Nov. 15 crash that killed Melissa J. Cota, 53, of Oconto.

John Joseph Fischer, 25, Oconto, pleaded no contest to possession with intent to deliver amphetamine, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 7. A charge of possession of the materials to produce or store methamphetamine was dismissed but will be read into the record. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for May 14 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

A May 5 jury trial was scheduled for Brian David Miller, 38, Oconto Falls, who is charged

with second-degree recklessly endangering safety, strangulation and suffocation, and child abuse - recklessly causing harm, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 10. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for April 27.

Daryl Lee Johnson, 55, Oshkosh, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of cocaine, possession of THC (both second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 1. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for May 7.

Proceedings of March 10

A jury found David J. SanRoman, 43, Oconto, not guilty of strangulation-suffocation and

misdemeanor battery but guilty of misdemeanor disorderly conduct in connection with a domestic incident that occurred last April 1. A status conference was scheduled for March 20. A preliminary hearing on a new charge of bail jumping, which allegedly occurred Jan. 17, will be held at the same time.

Proceedings of March 6

Alexandria Tonya Beres, 19, Shawano, formerly of Lena, pleaded not guilty to charges of stalking and misdemeanor two counts reckless driving-endangering safety, sending a threatening computer message, and operating a motor vehicle while her license is revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 21. A jury trial was scheduled for May 28 and 29, with a final pre-trial conference set for May 4.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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