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Lena man charged with long-term child abuse

23 new felony counts filed, dating back to 2005

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

An Oconto County judge has set bond at \$1 million cash for a Lena man charged with 23 felony counts, includ-

ing child sexual assault and other abuses of children between 2005 and 2016.

Victor J. Alberts, 54, is charged with three counts of repeated sexual assault of the same child, nine counts of child abuse, five counts of causing mental harm to a child and two counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child, among other related allegations.

Alberts was already facing a May 18, 2021, jury trial on two counts of felony child abuse, in connection with

incidents that allegedly occurred Dec. 1, 2019, and Jan. 17. The new charges were filed Dec. 22, the day after the jury trial was scheduled.

He made an initial appearance before Oconto County Judge Jay N. Conley, who set bail conditions that included he have no contact with any of the victims named in the complaint or any minor children. He also is prohibited from living in his own residence.

Conley adjourned Alberts' initial appearance until Jan. 11.

Harbor Assistance Grant OK'd for Oconto breakwater

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The City of Oconto has been allocated \$100,000 to repair a damaged breakwater structure protecting Oconto Harbor at Breakwater Park.

The grant is one of nine harbor maintenance and improvement projects in Wisconsin announced by Gov. Tony Evers' office last week. The improvements are intended to boost statewide economic development by promoting waterborne freight, harbor infrastructure and passenger cruise facilities.

"Wisconsin is fortunate to have a robust system of ports and harbors

with our Great Lakes and the Mississippi River that border our state," Evers was quoted as saying in the announcement. "We are committed to investing in strengthening our shipbuilding industry to support one of the most efficient transportation resources for our farmers and manufacturers, bolster economic development, and support good, family-supporting jobs."

"The ripple effect of the harbor grants is felt statewide," said Craig Thompson, Department of Transportation (WisDOT) secretary-designee. "The department makes continued investments in our commercial waterfronts because investing in transporta-

tion pays off in our quality of life and in our state's economic growth and well-being."

Created in 1979, WisDOT's Harbor Assistance Program helps harbor communities maintain and improve waterborne commerce. Applications are reviewed by the Harbor Advisory Council, which includes members from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, UW Sea Grant, Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and alumni from the Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute.

Snowmobile trails not open yet, clubs association says

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Although much of Wisconsin has experienced colder temperatures and snow is starting to appear in some weather forecasts, the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) reminds snowmobilers the 25,000 miles of public snowmobile trails in the state are not open yet. Before a trail can be opened, the

ground under the snow needs to be frozen to ensure trails crossing wet areas are safe. In agricultural areas, adequate snow is necessary to protect the ground and crops.

Oconto County maintains regular reports when the trails are open at www.ocontocounty.org/trail-reports. To find out when local trails are open elsewhere in the state, go to awsc.org or travelwisconsin.com/snowreport/snowmobile for the latest information.

After trails are opened, the association advises riding cautiously as early season trail conditions magnify possible hazards under the snow. Snowmobilers should always ride with caution and never ride on trails that cross lakes or rivers that aren't marked by the local snowmobile club.

Puppy love at assisted living home

Oliver is a big hit at The Bay at Suring

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Patients and residents at The Bay at Suring love getting a visit from Oliver, a four-legged caregiver who dispenses joy and a few licks around the facility.

Oliver is a 2-year-old Shih Tzu/Bichon mix, which is also known as a “Teddy Bear.” He comes into the facility with her owner, Tracy Prochnow, a medication technician who has worked at The Bay at Suring for more than 15 years.

“It’s all about the unconditional love from him,” Prochnow said. “Oliver makes them happy and brightens their day. He’s a different face, it breaks up the routine and they look forward to seeing him when he comes through the front door.”

Oliver has been coming to The Bay at Suring since he was just a puppy so that Prochnow could potty train Oliver while she did her job. But what started out as workplace flexibility turned into Oliver becoming a part of the family at the facility.

“Oliver knows the machinery that I work with, he knows when to get out of the way and doesn’t get scared by some of the sounds that my equipment makes,” Prochnow said.

Now Oliver is able to go around the facility on his own to visit residents and sometimes even gets a few treats from some of his friends who are residents at the facility.

Nancy Andrade, a resident at The Bay at Suring, is known as the “Treat Lady.” Whenever Oliver is in the center, he knows where to go to get his fix of bacon-wrapped sweet potato-flavored dog treats.



Nancy Andrade, a resident at The Bay at Suring, says Oliver and her owner, medication technician Tracy Prochnow, have been a source of cheer during challenging times.

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“Oliver is just cheerful, he’s such a nice little guy – I love him and he loves everybody,” said Andrade, who over the last two years of calling The Bay at Suring her home, has watched Oliver grow up from a puppy. “I love animals and I had a dog when I lived at home.”

COVID-19 visitation restrictions have not been easy for residents in

Wisconsin’s long-term care facilities since the pandemic began and Prochnow said a visit from Oliver always seems to brighten up the residents’ day.

“Family members know about Oliver and love the fact that he comes to the facility,” Prochnow says. “Even the staff get excited when I bring Oliver.”

“He is just the sweetest dog in the world,” said Jenny Lemke, who works as the unit clerk in the facility. “He always puts a smile on my face. Our residents are always excited as soon as he walks in the room. He puts his little paws up on the bed. Oliver just gives them a sense of normalcy and he makes their day.”

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OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Dec. 22

Deputies logged 51 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of Mayflower Lane, Underhill, 12:12 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 5000 block of Cream City Road, Town of Oconto, 12:20 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 12000 block of Kingston Road, Mountain, 2:18 p.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 8000 block of Hale Road, Little River, 6:02 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged 10 traffic stops, three traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, and three miscellaneous traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers conducted two welfare checks.

911 — two 911 hangups and three open lines were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash in the 4000 block of state Highway 22, Town of Oconto, 7:14 a.m.; a personal-injury crash in the 4000 block of state Highway 22, Town of Oconto, 7:14 a.m.; an accident in the 12000 block of South White Potato Lake Road, Brazeau, 9:43 a.m.; an accident near Hoffman Road and Boldt Lane, Spruce, 1:07 p.m.; and a personal-injury crash in the 2000 block of County Road S, Little Suamico, 1:33 p.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — three ambulance calls were received.

Dec. 21

Deputies logged 43 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 8000 block of Schroeder Road, Morgan, 11:47 a.m.

Missing person — reported in the 300 block of East First Street, City of Gillett, 5:05 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 15000 block of Leroy Lane, Doty, 11:26 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged nine traffic stops, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist and one miscellaneous traffic incident.

911 — five 911 hangups and one open line were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident near U.S. 41-141 and County Road D, Abrams, 7:38 a.m.; a personal-injury crash near U.S. 41 and Brookside Road, Pensaukee, 8:06 a.m.; a property-damage crash near U.S. 41 and Frog Pond Road, Town of Oconto, 8:23 a.m.; a property-damage crash near U.S. 141 and Norway Woods Lane, Abrams, 8:28 a.m.; a property-damage crash near U.S. 41 and County Road J, 8:41 a.m.; a property-damage crash near Daly Creek and Balcom Lake roads, Town of Oconto Falls, 6:27 p.m.; and a property-damage crash near U.S. 41-141 and County Road D, Abrams, 6:51 p.m.; and logged three deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — two ambulance calls were received.

Dec. 20

Deputies logged 30 incidents, including the following:

Structure fire — reported in the 18000 block of state Highway 32, Townsend, 12:31 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 100 block of Memorial Drive, City of Oconto, 12:53 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 15000 block of Pleasant Hill Drive, Lakewood, 2:04 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near the Morgan

Town Hall, 3276 County Road C, Morgan, 5:17 a.m.

Structure fire — reported in the 5000 block of Trails Nook Road, Town of Oconto, 8:48 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 400 block of Cedar Avenue, City of Oconto Falls, 12:05 p.m.

Property damage — reported in the 100 block of Deckard Lane, Little Suamico, 3:34 p.m.

Property damage — reported in the 1000 block of Careful Lane, Little Suamico, 4:19 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 13000 block of County Road AA, Breed, 9:39 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged one traffic stop, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist and two miscellaneous traffic incidents.

Welfare check — Officers conducted one welfare check.

911 — eight 911 hangups and two open lines were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near state Highway 32 and Four Towns Road, Maple Valley, 8:37 a.m.; and an accident in the 9000 block of River Road, How, 10:56 a.m.

Dec. 19

Deputies logged 44 incidents, including the following:

Structure fire — reported in the 14000 block of Doran Road, Mountain, 5:03 a.m.

Fire — reported in the 18000 block of state Highway 32, Townsend, 11:47 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 6000 block of Cream City Road, Town of Oconto, 1:48 p.m.

Drugs — reported at an address in the Town of Gillett, 3:45 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 2500

block of County Road EE, Abrams, 6:33 p.m.

Unwanted party — reported in the 5000 block of Chicken Shack Road, Stiles, 7:19 p.m.

Traffic — Deputies logged eight traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, three citizen assists and three miscellaneous traffic incidents.

911 — four 911 hangups were investigated.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury crash near state Highway 22 and Larson Lane, Stiles, 2:46 a.m.; an accident near County Road W and Bear Paw Road, Mountain, 3:44 a.m.; a property-damage accident near Shawano Line Road and County Road BB, Town of Gillett, 6:38 a.m.; an accident near East Frontage and Sampson roads, 8:29 a.m.; a property-damage crash near Sullivan Springs and Tar Dam roads, Riverview, 3:09 p.m.; and a property-damage crash in the 14000 block of Birchwood Acres Lane, Doty, 9:45 p.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — two ambulance calls were received.

Dec. 18

Deputies logged 39 incidents, including the following:

Structure fire — reported in the 18000 block of state Highway 32, Townsend, 1:55 a.m.

Harassment — reported in the 15000 block of state Highway 32, Riverview, 4:01 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 3000 block of state Highway 22, Town of Oconto, 8:27 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 1000 block of Krause Road, Sobieski, 8:37 a.m.

Burglary — reported in the 2000 block of East Frontage Road, Abrams, 9:08 a.m.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Dec. 23

A Jan. 5 jury trial was rescheduled for May 18-19 for Jasmine Skye Williams, 28, Keshena, who is charged with reckless driving causing great bodily harm, in connection with a crash that occurred Nov. 5, 2019, on County Road VV near County Road HH in the town of Underhill. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for May 7.

Proceedings of Dec. 22

Jonathan Noe Tafolla, 22, Green Bay, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, resisting or obstructing an officer, and bail jumping, in connection with a one-vehicle crash on U.S. 41 just south of Moody Lane at 3 a.m. Feb. 23. Judge

Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for March 5 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Kevin Lynn Ruhnke, 65, Hermanstown, Minnesota, pleaded not guilty to second-degree reckless injury, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 30. A motion hearing was scheduled for Jan. 7 and a pre-trial conference was set for March 11.

Proceedings of Dec. 21

Travis George Knipp, 39, Oconto Falls, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision, for possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred June 1. Judge Jay N. Conley ruled that Knipp is eligible for the substance abuse program that can lead to a reduced sentence on successful completion. During extended supervision he

must maintain absolute sobriety and complete all assessments, counseling and treatment as deemed necessary by his agent.

A May 18-19 jury trial was scheduled for Victor J. Alberts, 54, Lena, who is charged with two counts felony child abuse, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred Dec. 1, 2019, and Jan. 17, 2020, as well as four counts of misdemeanor disorderly conduct. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for May 10.

Proceedings of Dec. 18

Diann L. Moeller, 55, Oconto Falls, was sentenced to a total of four years in prison, followed by seven years of extended supervision for possession of narcotic drugs, in connection with an incident that occurred May 23, 2019, and manufacture and delivery of amphetamine, in connection with

an incident that occurred Sept. 6, 2019. In addition, Judge Michael T. Judge imposed and stayed a prison term for possession of methamphetamine precursors and placed Moeller on five additional years of probation, also in connection with the Sept. 2019 arrest. She was given credit for 474 days already served behind bars. Several other charges were dismissed but read into the record. Judge ruled that during her extended supervision and probation, Moeller must maintain absolute sobriety and undergo an alcohol and other drug abuse assessment and any other assessments, counseling or treatment deemed appropriate by the Department of Corrections, following through on all. He ordered her to have no contact with co-defendants Pat Mocco or Julie Harteau, with contact with another, Greylyn Gilson, to be determined at the conclusion of his case.

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Year-end review starts with flood, ends with fire



Some drivers found out the hard way that New Year's flood waters on Oconto city streets were deeper than they looked.
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A look at the year's stories that were not directly pandemic-related

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

The year 2020 began with the city of Oconto coping with an unprecedented New Year's flood, and it got worse from there.

Here are some of the stories not about COVID-19 that made headlines in Oconto County during 2020, in more or less chronological order. For a regional review of the pandemic, see Page 10.

High water

A heavy rainfall followed by about six inches of snow the weekend between Christmas and New Year's created ice jams that clogged the Oconto River, which went over flood stage Dec. 30 and 31.

The city of Oconto had experienced severe flooding before – during the springs of 1922 and 1986 and at least once in the 1800s – but not in December or January.

The trouble was a side effect of the record-high water levels on Green Bay and Lake Michigan, which were

to peak during the summer and begin to recede.

The extreme levels of rainfall in 2019 led the USDA in February to designate 14 Wisconsin counties — including Oconto County — as primary natural disaster areas, qualifying local farmers for emergency loans.

A public informational hearing was planned in mid-March for bay shore property owners to learn about flood abatement measures, but the session was converted to a virtual gathering as a reaction to the pandemic, which soon eclipsed high water as this year's disaster.

A fatal fire

Fire raced through a two-story frame house in Oconto in the early morning hours of Jan. 17, killing a mother and her three school-aged children.

The Oconto Fire and Rescue Department identified the victims as Katherine DeCoursin, 35, and her children, Jeri Schroeder, 15, Dalton

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A memorial stands in the snow outside a home on Fabry Street in the city of Oconto where a mother and three children died in a house fire early Jan. 17. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Schroeder, 13, and Nicholas DeCoursin Jr., 11.

Thousands of dollars poured in to a GoFundMe page to help cover funeral expenses. A benefit had been organized for March 28 at Crivello's, but it, too, became a virtual fundraiser.

The tragedy drew attention to the need for in-house fire extinguishers and smoke detectors. Employees of Johnson Controls provided more than 12,000 fire extinguishers to the families of students in 26 schools in Oconto, Marinette and Menominee counties — one extinguisher per student — during October Fire Prevention Month.

Outstanding Young Farmers

Philip and Laura Finger, who operate a farm that straddles the Marinette-Oconto county line, were named 2020 Wisconsin Outstanding Young Farmers.

Both 38 years old, the Fingers are the managing owners of a farm that dates to 1872. She bought into the farm when they married, and they took over the day-to-day operation from his parents, Jack and Nancy, after the older Finger experienced some health setbacks just over 10 years ago.

"He saw the job we were doing and said, 'Have at it,' pretty much," Philip said. "We feel really fortunate; sometimes, you know, it's hard for parents to let the younger generation start decision-making, but he stepped back."



Laura and Philip Finger, named Wisconsin Outstanding Young Farmers 2020, receive a certificate of recognition from the Oconto County Board on Feb. 20, flanked by, from left, Philip's mother Nancy, Supervisor Dick Doeren, Board Chairman Paul Bednarik and Philip's father Jack. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Spring election

Suring Superintendent Kelly Casper was "ecstatic" after voters approved an April 7 referendum giving the School Board permission to exceed state-imposed revenue limits for another five years.

The April 7 referendum question passed with 57.6% approval. But as late as April 6, it wasn't clear whether the election would actually be held as Gov. Tony Evers and the Legislature wrangled over whether to postpone the in-person vote.

"I was concerned because we didn't know what would be happening," Casper said. "It was a real roller coaster, and if I felt that way I imagine a lot of people did."

Also in April, interim Gillett Mayor Josh McCarthy dropped the "interim" from his title.

McCarthy, appointed by the City Council after the departure of former mayor James Beaton in October, earned 63% of the vote in the April 7 election, but — because of a federal court ruling about counting absentee ballots — he had to wait six extra days



State Sen. Dave Hansen, D-Green Bay, visits Oconto County in 2012. Hansen is retiring after 20 years in the state Senate. FILE | NEW MEDIA

to learn he received 203 votes to 119 for challenger Jerry Luther.

A new state senator

State Sen. Dave Hansen announced in January that he would not run for reelection after 20 years in Madison.

"I am proud to have led a life of public service for more than 40 years," said Hansen, 73, who was a Green Bay city employee and Brown County Board supervisor before being elected to the Senate in 2000. "And as much as it has become a cliché in politics, I truly am retiring to spend

more time with my family."

Hansen's nephew, Jonathon Hansen of De Pere, won a primary against Sandra Ewald of Green Bay to earn the Democratic nomination, but it was Eric Wimberger, a Green Bay Republican, who won the right to succeed Hansen in the Nov. 3 general election.

Officer-involved shooting

An investigation by the state Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation concluded that two Oconto County Sheriff's deputies were defending themselves when they shot and killed a gun-wielding suspect on May 17.

Jacob W. Bubb, 26, of rural Suring, died at the scene in the basement of the home where he sometimes stayed northeast of Suring. After reviewing the DCI report, Oconto County District Attorney Edward Burke concluded the deputies were justified in using deadly force.

Bubb was awaiting trial on a felony charge of substantial battery in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred in April 2019 and a warrant

was issued for his arrest after he failed to appear for a Feb. 13 court hearing.

The deputies confronted Bubb at the home along County Road Z, and he began to point a gun toward them and they fired, the report found.

Transition in Gillett

Todd Carlson retired June 30 after a long career in education, including the last six years as Gillett School District superintendent.

Todd Hencsik — who had been with the Campbellsport School District since July 2014 and also served in Milwaukee, Waukesha and Rockford, Illinois, schools during a 24-year career in education — was selected Feb. 24 to succeed Carlson.

“I think it’s a perfect fit,” Hencsik said. “I felt very comfortable with the staff and principals, walking the halls with them and meeting students. I think we’ll have a good working relationship with each other.”

The outgoing and incoming superintendents worked together for about a month to complete as smooth of a transition as the tumultuous spring allowed.

Double-murder trial delayed

The 83-year-old suspect in a 1976 double homicide was ruled not competent to stand trial and was transferred to Mendota Mental Health Institution in the Madison area for several months.

Rayman L. Vannieuwenhoven, of Lakewood, is charged with the murders of David Schuldes and Ellen Matheys, whose bodies were found in McClintock Park in Silver Cliff in 1976. They had been shot to death.

The case remained unsolved until March 2018, when officials said a sample of Vannieuwenhoven’s DNA matched a sample preserved from Matheys’ body.

Dr. Steven Benson testified that the defendant was not currently competent to aid in his own defense but his condition could improve with intensive inpatient treatment.

Vannieuwenhoven had a stroke about 10 years ago, which left issues with his short- and longer-term memory and reasoning, Benson said.

His condition did improve enough for a trial to be scheduled for July 2021, and he was transferred back to the Marinette County Jail, where he is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail.

Longtime lawmaker resigns

State Rep. John Nygren, R-Marinette, was elected to an eighth two-year term in the state Assembly in November, but surprised everyone three weeks later by resigning effective Dec. 1.



New Gillett Superintendent Todd Hencsik participates in his first solo school board meeting July 16. He officially took over July 1 with the retirement of Todd Carlson, who had held the post for six years.

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Raymond Vannieuwenhoven, the 83-year-old Lakewood man accused of slaying a Green Bay couple at a Marinette County campground in 1976, is wheeled into a courtroom for a Nov. 4 competency hearing.

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JOHN NYGREN

“I have had the honor of working with some fantastic leaders and talented and committed staff throughout 14 years in the Legislature,” he said. “I will always cherish the

lifelong relationships we have built. Wisconsin will continue to prosper under their steady leadership.”

A special election was called for April 6 to fill the term through 2022. Two Republicans and a Democrat have announced their intentions to run.

County administrator

The Oconto County Board voted Dec. 17 to give longtime Administrative Coordinator Kevin Hamann a new job title and description for the new year.

After several months of study, the board’s Personnel & Wages Committee recommended changing the position to county administrator.

A county administrator has more

of Health Plans.

First elected in 2006, Nygren had served as co-chair of the Joint Committee on Finance since 2012, tied for the longest tenure on the Legislature’s budget-writing committee during its 109-year history.

Nygren called it a difficult decision but said he needed to pursue opportunities in the private sector for his family’s sake as he approaches retirement age. A few days later, he was introduced as new executive director of the Wisconsin Association



The restaurant portion of the Golden Eagle building, which was called the Red Arrow Motel when it opened in the 1950s, was leveled in the Dec. 18 blaze. The structure is considered a total loss.

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authority than a coordinator under state law. Supervisor Alan Sleeter, the board's vice chairman, said Oconto has been one of the last seven among Wisconsin's 72 counties that still has a coordinator as opposed to an administrator or an elected county executive.

As administrator, Hamann will

have hiring power, with board confirmation, and direct supervision over non-elected department heads. He will also prepare and submit the proposed annual budget and make appointments to various boards and commissions, with county board confirmation.

Year-end fire

A popular Townsend restaurant known for its pizza burned to the ground Dec. 18.

The Townsend Volunteer Fire Department was called out at 1:55 a.m. after flames were spotted coming from the Golden Eagle, 18025

State Highway 32 on the north end of Townsend.

Although the fire was extinguished by daybreak, the smoldering remains proved pesky, as the department was called back three times for flareups over the next two days.

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Two die in Oconto County house fire

A passing motorist reported flames from the town of Riverview home

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Two people died Dec. 26 when their house burned down in the town of Riverview.

Oconto County authorities got a call from a passing motorist around

8:23 a.m. that a house was on fire in the 16000 block of North Maiden Lake Road, Sheriff Todd Skarban said.

Deputies and the Riverview Fire Department responded and found the home was "largely consumed by fire

down to the foundation," Skarban said. During the fire suppression effort, first responders found two bodies inside.

Skarban said the Oconto County Sheriff's Office, the Riverview Fire Department, the Brown County Medical

Examiner's Office and the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation-Arson Bureau were conducting an ongoing investigation.

The identities of the victims were not immediately released.

ATHLETE PROFILE: AUBREY DEBAUCH

Gillett senior a big part of basketball team's success over career

The Gillett Secondary School girls basketball team has enjoyed plenty of success over the past couple of seasons. Senior Aubrey DeBauch has been a big reason for the team's triumphs over those years.

Through Dec. 27, the team has a 5-3 record and right in the thick of the Marinette & Oconto Conference title hunt, with DeBauch leading the team in several statistics.

She's the team leader in points (14.5) and rebounds (11.4) per game. DeBauch also averages 2.1 assists, 2.9 steals and 1.1 blocks per contest.

As a junior and sophomore, DeBauch made the M&O first team. She was an honorable mention as a freshman.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: I have loved the sport of basketball for as long as I can remember. I have been shooting hoops at home since I could pick up a ball and started playing on a team for the first time in third grade.

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

A: I don't know if I specifically have a favorite part of basketball season, I enjoy all of it. But if I had to choose a favorite part it would have to be the games. I love the competition and working together with my teammates.

Q: What has basketball taught you over the years?

A: Over the years basketball has taught me a lot about teamwork. How to communicate, how to back up your teammates but also to have confidence that your teammates have your back. In basketball, I love

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Aubrey DeBauch

SPORT: Girls basketball

POSITION: Forward

SCHOOL: Gillett Secondary School

YEAR: Senior

how the team turns into a family.

Q: On a team with experience and having high expectations, how do you help the team stay focused on its goals and never get too high or too low after games?

A: Our team motto is one game at a time. We focus on the game in front of us, and our goal is to go 1-0 the whole season.

Q: After already surpassing 1,000 career points and owning the school rebound record, what kind of individual goals are you after this winter?

A: My individual goal for this season is to earn 1,000 career rebounds.

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

A: For an away game I always rest and listen to music on the bus. It doesn't matter how long of a bus ride it is, I'll still find a way to get that relaxation in.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Gillett girls basketball team?

A: My favorite memory on the Gillett girls basketball team would be competing in the sectional final game my freshman year. At the time it didn't feel real, being that close to the state tournament. Now as a senior, I know what it takes to make it that late into the tournament and I believe the team this

year is capable of that.

Q: What are you going to miss most about high school basketball?

A: Everything, from the close games or blowouts to the tough practices and conditioning drills. Although some parts are more challenging than others, I'll miss it all.

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

A: TV show — "Criminal Minds." Movie — "Happy Gilmore." Musical artist — Luke Combs.

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

A: My favorite snacks are pickles and olives.

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

A: One of the greatest pieces of advice I have ever been told is the saying that hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard. I have taken this motto to heart and lived by it, always trying my best and working hard at everything I do.

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

A: After graduating high school I hope to excel as a student athlete in college. My goal is to major in biology while playing basketball in college, and then going on to veterinary school afterwards. My dream job would be being either a large animal vet, traveling around to different farms around the area, or an exotic animal veterinarian. Then, since family is so important to me, my goal would be to settle down and start a family of my own.



Gillett's Aubrey DeBauch drives to the basket during a Marinette & Oconto Conference matchup against Suring on Jan. 30 in Gillett.

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Team accomplishments abound in year of pandemic

Suring's Stelzer among individuals achieving milestones

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Editor's note: The following is a list of the top sports stories for 2020.

Coronavirus shuts down spring sports season

The coronavirus pandemic has had a big impact on everyone's life at some point over the past several months. The pandemic took away the entire high school spring sports season.

After weeks of waiting, the decision to not play in the spring was finally made during a Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control meeting on April 21, ending any hope that sports teams would play any games.

For spring athletes in the Class of 2020, it meant that their last spring competitions already happened in their junior year. Freshmen athletes weren't able to get their first taste of spring sports, while sophomores and juniors couldn't build on their previous seasons.

"Hearing that I won't be able to finish out my senior year is really devastating. I wanted the opportunity to compete a couple more times," said Oconto Falls athlete Kari Albrecht, who made it to state track as a junior. "When everyone says, 'Enjoy it while it lasts, because you never know when your last opportunity will be' really hits hard right now, because I truly did not think basketball would be my last opportunity to compete."

While WIAA sports returned in the fall and continue to be played this winter, athletes have had to mask up, crowds have been limited or completely eliminated and many schools have had to pause their seasons or shut them down entirely.

Oconto Falls wrestling team sends 4 to state

Before the coronavirus pandemic hit Wisconsin, the Oconto Falls High School wrestling team enjoyed a strong 2019-20 season while competing in the highly competitive North Eastern Conference.

Oconto Falls hosted regionals and ended up taking first as a team,



Oconto Falls' Brenden Konitzer wrestles during the WIAA Individual Wrestling Championship Tournament in February at the Kohl Center in Madison. Konitzer went on to take fifth at state and was part of the team's big season.

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qualifying 12 individual wrestlers for sectionals along the way. Graeson Pankratz, Clayton Whiting, Jacob Kaminski, Matt Loberger and Elijah Zielinski all placed first at regionals for the Panthers, while Brendan Konitzer, Jaden Ganter, Luke Trepanier, Tyler Budz, Weston Borkovec, Aidan Sary and Alec Halvorsen claimed second.

Winning the regional also qualified Oconto Falls for team sectionals, where the team dropped a hard fought 42-29 dual to Denmark.

Pankratz, Whiting, Konitzer and Sary went on to qualify for state after top-three finishes at sectionals.

Whiting won the Division 2 170-pound weight class for his second straight state title. Konitzer placed fifth in the 113 weight class, while Sary and Pankratz earned valuable lessons in their lone state matches.

Suring's Stelzer breaks school record for career points

Suring senior Kylee Stelzer broke the school's all-time record for career points during a Marinette & Oconto Conference victory over Lena on Dec. 21 in Lena.

Stelzer scored her 968th point on a free throw early in the first half to break the record held by Kathy Runge (Regal).

"It's unbelievable. I'm so incredibly grateful for it," said Stelzer of breaking the record. "My teammates have been so supportive, and it's just awesome."

"My blood was rushing. I was like 'Oh my gosh, I have to make this (free throw).' I knew right when it left my hands that it was going in. Then I was like, 'thank you.'"

Stelzer finished the game with 22

points and helped Suring pick up an 81-36 win.

"It's crazy to think about," said Stelzer when asked what it meant to be atop the list of Suring girls basketball players for most points. "I've been close with the previous record holder, and she's been really supportive, too. It's just really cool."

Gillett cross-country teams enjoy another big year

The Gillett girls and boys cross-country teams built on a strong 2019 season with another successful season this fall.

After turning in strong team and individual finishes throughout the regular season, the Tigers kept things rolling in the postseason.

The Gillett girls team won an M&O title behind Sylvia Hansen, Carleigh Kaczmarek and Ryann

Wagner, who claimed first, second and third place, respectively. The boys didn't qualify for a team score but had Derek Hanson, Evan Peterson and Riley Engebretsen place first, third and sixth, respectively.

Hanson and Peterson would later qualify for state as individuals while Angela Mosconi, Megan Wagner, Alaina Herzog and Laney DeBauch joined Hansen, Kaczmarek and Ryann Wagner on the girls team that qualified for state.

Hanson placed fourth, while Peterson finished 41st.

"Getting a top-five finish at state this year means an unexplainable amount to me. I've been working for this moment for a very long time. To see my work finally pay off at such a high level really means a lot to me," said Hanson.

The Gillett girls placed fourth as a team, led by a 20th-place finish from Hansen.

"I lined up on the start with a mindset of, 'Give it your all, because this is all you are going to get,'" said Hansen. "Every time I saw someone in front of me, I was bound and determined to chase them down. I knew I was running for something bigger than myself; I was running for a team. That was another thought that carried me along. I just felt so strong, and it's something I haven't felt in a long time."

Ryann Wagner took 37th, while Kaczmarek was 47th. Mosconi (74th) and Megan Wagner (79th) rounded out the team score while Herzog (98th) and DeBauch (104th) also posted strong runs.

Oconto Falls girls golf team reaches sectional

After a solid regular season, the Oconto Falls girls golf team played its best during the postseason to earn more memories together.

The Panthers finished third at the Division 2 Waupaca Regional to qualify for sectionals. Kaylee Sadowski led the team with a round of 97. Morgan Blazek and Kate Pytleski each fired rounds of 110, while Kearra Champeau posted a 115 and Carli Fischer a 135.

Oconto Falls was unable to qualify for state as a team, but enjoyed its final meet together. The Panthers took seventh at the sectional. Sadowski again led Oconto Falls, carding a round of 97.

"With this being my last year, it couldn't have ended any better," said Sadowski. "Making it as a team to sectionals was a time we will never forget. The experience was more than we could have ever asked for.



Surings Kylee Stelzer looks on after making a free throw during a Marinette & Oconto Conference matchup against Lena on Dec. 21 in Lena. The shot was point No. 968 in Stelzer's high school career, which broke the school's all-time record.

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This season was hard knowing that we may not even get a season. Being able to go to practices, matches and sectionals was more than I could have ever bargained for. I am grateful that we could finish out the year as outstanding as we did. Wouldn't have wanted to wrap up my senior year any other way."

Blazek posted a round of 107, while Champeau (119), Pytleski (124) and Fischer (125) filled out the five-golfer team.

Individual accomplishments

Gillett's Aubrey DeBauch and Kari Schaal and Lena's Luke Misco all accomplished big individual goals while trying to help their team to successful seasons.

DeBauch broke the girls basketball school record for most career rebounds early in her junior season before topping the 1,000-point mark for her career in a game against Niagara on Feb. 29.

Schaal passed the 1,000-point plateau early this winter, accomplishing the feat in a win over St. Thomas Aquinas Academy on Dec. 1.

After a strong freshman season on the wrestling mats, Misco qualified for state. He dropped his only matchup, but it gave him something to build on for his final three years in high school.

"I was disappointed when I lost

my match. I'm not going to lie; I was really nervous," said Misco after state. "But now that it's over with, I am more motivated than ever to do it again. I know it won't come easy, and I'm going to have to work harder to get there again next year."

Panther football team qualifies for postseason

It was a wild and unforgettable high school football season for teams across the state. It was an especially memorable season for Oconto Falls, which qualified for the playoffs for the first time since 1998.

The Panthers posted a 3-3 record during the regular season to earn a No. 3 seed for the postseason. Oconto Falls dropped its playoff matchup 28-6 against Wrightstown.

After the season concluded, the Panthers had several players named to an all-conference team. Owen Huber was the offensive and defensive player of the year in the Northwoods Conference.

Adam Haines, Daylen Hischke, Josh Saari, Tucker Moynihan, Owen Seidl, Dylan Thomson, Noah Hirst, Tucker Bouche and Hunter Mallien also were honored.

'Be the Light' movement

After the spring season was called off, Oconto Falls and Lena were

among the schools that participated in the "Be the Light" event, a movement that called for schools to turn on lights at their athletic fields as a way to honor athletes and the Class of 2020 after their springs were greatly changed by the pandemic.

Most schools turned on the lights surrounding their football fields for 20 minutes. Community members were then encouraged to drive past and honk their car horns to support the high school students and athletes.

For those who couldn't drive past, other signs of honors were made.

"A few families posted pictures online in front of their porch lights," said Jerry Moynihan, the athletic director at Oconto Falls. "If the event helped at least one family make sense of this difficult time, then it was worth the time."

3 football players make All-Star Game

Chad McVeigh and Logan Stuart of Suring and Gillett's Logan Block were all named to the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association 2020 All-Star Game. The game, however, was never played because of the pandemic.

The three players were to play in the 8-player game, which was scheduled for July 18 at UW-Oshkosh's Titan Stadium.

"It's an honor to be recognized and to be able to play with so many top athletes around the state," said Stuart when he was named to the All-Star Game.

Panther football trio wins challenge

Oconto Falls' Joey Walters, Jarod Parsons and Mitchell Manns teamed up to win the High School Quarterback Challenge Championship, a halftime game put on by the Green Bay Packers.

The Panther trio won the challenge championship during halftime of the Packers playoff game against the Seattle Seahawks on Jan. 12.

Teams competing had a quarterback try to throw the farthest successful pass in two attempts. For Oconto Falls, Walters threw passes to Manns and Parsons.

The Oconto Falls team worked their way through a bracket of eight Wisconsin high school teams, throwing the deepest pass in all three of their matchups to win the championship.

The Panther trio qualified for the championship when they won a challenge during the Packers game against the Carolina Panthers earlier in the season.

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BALLOT #1

Best Goods:

- ☐ Discount Store _____
- ☐ Flower Shop _____
- ☐ Grocery Store _____
- ☐ Hardware Store _____

Best Services:

- ☐ A/C & Heating _____
- ☐ Bank _____
- ☐ Child Care _____
- ☐ Chiropractor _____
- ☐ Credit Union _____
- ☐ Dentist _____
- ☐ Electrician _____
- ☐ Insurance Agency _____
- ☐ Gas Station/C-Store _____
- ☐ Hair Salon/Barber _____
- ☐ Pharmacy _____
- ☐ Physician _____
- ☐ Plumber _____
- ☐ Real Estate Company _____
- ☐ Retirement Community _____
- ☐ Tax Service _____
- ☐ Veterinarian _____

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN
GREEN BAY DIVISION
Notice of Foreclosure Sale
Case No. 20-CV-218

United States of America,
Plaintiff,

v.
Estate of Chia Vang Lee,
Peshtigo National Bank,
Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered in the above-entitled action on the 1st day of September, 2020, the undersigned United States Marshal in and for the Eastern District of Wisconsin will sell at public auction in the Lobby of the Treasurer's Office, Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, Wisconsin, on the 4th day of February, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., the real estate and mortgaged premises located in Oconto County, Wisconsin, directed to be sold by the judgment, and therein described as follows:

The E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 19 East, in the Town of Chase, Oconto County, Wisconsin, except the following described property:

Part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 19 East, described as follows:

Commencing at a point where the East 1/8 line intersects the South right-of-way line of County Trunk C; thence Southerly along said 1/8 line 417.5 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the South right-of-way line of County Trunk C, 208.75 feet; thence Northerly parallel with the 1/8 line 417.5 feet of the South right-of-way line of County Trunk C; thence Westerly along the South right-of-way line of County Trunk C, 208.75 feet to the place of beginning.

AND FURTHER EXCEPTING:

That part of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 19 East, in Oconto County, Wisconsin bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the SE corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence N 02; 41' 01" E along the Section line 1321.65 feet; thence S 84; 06' 26" W 309.91 feet; thence N 02; 41' 01" E 50.00 feet to the North line of the said 1/4-1/4, thence S 84; 06' 26" W along the said North line 1013.64 feet to the NW corner of

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the said 1/4-1/4; thence S 02; 39' 43" W along the West line thereof 1361.56 feet to the SW corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence N 84; 32' 10" E along the South line thereof 1321.57 feet to the place of beginning.

AND FURTHER EXCEPTING:

That part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 19 East, in Oconto County, Wisconsin bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at the NE corner of the said Section 10; thence S 84; 02' 10" W along the Section line 309.97 feet to the place of beginning; thence S 02; 41' 01" W 1371.26 feet to the South line of the said 1/4-1/4; thence S 84; 06' 26" W along the said South line 1013.64 feet to the SW corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence N 02; 39' 43" E along the West line thereof 919.02 feet to a point 417.50 feet South of the NW corner of the said 1/4-1/4; thence N 84; 02' 10" E 208.75 feet; thence N 02; 39' 43" E 450.88 feet to the Section line; thence N 84; 02' 10" E along the Section line 805.59 feet to the place of beginning.

And further excepting therefrom any part thereof being used for highway and/or road purposes.

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The United States Marshal must accept from the successful bidder at the sale as a deposit or down payment on the premises a sum of not less than 10 percent of the purchase price. Payment of such amount may be made by money order or cashiers check made out to the Clerk of District Court. **NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

The entire successful bid price must be paid to the United States Clerk of District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, within 30 days of the sale or the sale will be disapproved and the earnest money forfeited.

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Best Thing To Do:

- ☐ Bowling Alley _____
- ☐ Campground _____
- ☐ Cheese Factory _____
- ☐ Happy Hour _____
- ☐ Live Music _____
- ☐ Meat Market _____
- ☐ Night Spot _____

Best Outdoor Activities:

- ☐ Bait/Tackle Shop _____
- ☐ Golf Course _____
- ☐ Lawn/Garden _____

Best Vehicle Services:

- ☐ Auto Body Repair _____
- ☐ Auto Parts Supply Store _____
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BALLOT #3

Food/Dining:

- ☐ Bar _____
- ☐ Breakfast _____
- ☐ Burger _____
- ☐ Coffee House _____
- ☐ Dessert _____
- ☐ Dinner _____
- ☐ Family Restaurant _____
- ☐ Fish Fry _____
- ☐ Lunch _____
- ☐ Pizza _____
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gillett on wrong path re: garbage bins, water bills

To the citizens of Gillett:

Here some months ago the City Council held a meeting to inform the citizens of Gillett that a \$5 fee or tax was going to be added to our water bill. Not that our water bills aren't high enough already, they have to dig the knife in a little deeper.

At one point our stickers were included in our taxes. Then they wanted us to pay for the stickers. The stickers are now included in our taxes. Now the city wants us to have garbage bins and pay extra for these every year.

I had heard the reason to go to garbage bins because there would only be one driver per truck. Has anybody looked lately? As of right

now there is only one driver per truck. It is told that if there was only one driver and went to garbage bins that we was would save money. Then why do we have to pay more?

I think the mayor and his cronies are leading this city down the wrong path ... Mr. Mayor, everyone that I have talked to objects to these garbage bins. I think it would be better to go back to the stickers. After all, we only have one driver per truck.

If you don't like the bins, contact the mayor, city hall, also your rep, and let them know how you feel. Let's turn this back to the stickers. Let's give them hell.

**Del Miller,
Gillett**

MARRIAGES

Justin Allan Tessmer and Emily Sue Alger-Feser, Little Suamico.

Notice for Town of Morgan Residents – **A CAUCUS** will be held at Morgan Town Hall, Saturday, January 9, 2021, at 1:00PM. Open to the public. Submitted by Town Clerk, Julie Belongia.

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NOTICE Town of Lena Special Board Meeting Tuesday, January 5, 2021

The Town of Lena will hold a special board meeting to discuss possible legal action regarding the town truck on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at the Lena Town Hall at 7:00 PM at 6087 Goatsville Road, Lena, WI.

Lena Town Clerk
Dawn VanArk

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CITY OF OCONTO FALLS ENGINEERING SERVICES

The intent of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to contract with qualified Engineering firm to provide pre-construction and construction management services for the complete reconstruction of Park Avenue in the City of Oconto Falls, WI. The successful contractor will also provide certain pre-construction, construction, project management and CDBG grant administrative services during construction.

To obtain a copy of the RFQ, visit the City's website at www.cityofocontofalls.com (under NEWS tab) or contact:

City of Oconto Falls
Vicki A. Roberts, City Administrator
500 N. Chestnut Avenue, PO Box 70
Oconto Falls, WI 54154
920-846-4505
admin@ci.ocontofalls.wi.us

Qualifications must be received prior to 2:00 PM CST January 7, 2020 at:

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NOTICE TOWN OF BAGLEY

As required by S. 8.05 (1)(b) Wis. Stats. The Town of Bagley Caucus will be held on January 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Bagley Town Hall 9812 County HWY Z Pound, WI. 54161

The purpose of the Caucus is to nominate qualified electors to be placed on the ballot for the spring election on April 6, 2021.

Nominations will be taken for:

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Council Chambers - Municipal Building
500 N Chestnut Avenue - Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Notice is hereby given, that the City of Oconto Falls Common Council will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Community Development Block Grant CLOSE - Public Facilities (CDBG-CLPF) project on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 beginning at 6:30 pm. This hearing is open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend and provide comments on the proposed project.

The agenda for the hearing is as follows:

1. Overview of the CDBG-CLPF program
2. Presentation of Park Avenue reconstruction project
3. Public Comment
4. Adjourn public hearing

Additional information on the CDBG-CLOSE project can be obtained by contacting Eve Wallace, Deputy Treasurer at 920-846-4505.

City Administrator, Vicki A. Roberts

Any person wishing to attend the public hearing who requires special accommodations because of a disability should contact the Clerk's office at 920-846-4505 with adequate notice so appropriate accommodations can be made.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET CHANGE

The following budget adjustment/transfers have been approved by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on December 17, 2020:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Contingency Fund	Technology Services	\$25,950	Generator for New View Industries
Contingency Fund	County Administrator	\$8,532	Additional salary and fringe costs

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