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Veterans Day Oconto County Historical Society speakers included, from left to right, Kitty Werner, David Retzlaff and Pete Gabrielson. **Gracelyn Giese photo**

## Remembering their service: Oconto County's military history

BY GRACELYN GIESE  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

OCONTO – Every year on Nov. 11 schools, businesses and organizations across the country hold a moment of silence to acknowledge the dedication and service of brave men and women. But this Veterans Day, the Oconto County Historical Society is raising their voices to recognize Oconto service members. From

the Civil War to WWII and beyond, “Display Room Treasures: Oconto County Military History Exhibit” walks visitors through local connections to international affairs.

The exhibit, which opened in May of 2024 at the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, has already attracted national attention. The exhibit committee, consisting of Lynn Exferd, Teresa

Bake, Allen Stranz, Patty Gabrielson and event speakers David Retzlaff, Kitty Werner and Pete Gabrielson were able to locate veterans’ ancestors living as far away as Utah and Washington to invite them to the exhibit.

This included finding the family of Sergeant Samuel Johnston, a Civil War

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## Marinette Plan Commission votes against Garfield Elementary rezoning change

BY KAT HALFMAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

MARINETTE – On Wednesday, Nov. 6, the Marinette Plan Commission met to consider and possibly recommend the Common Council amends the Zoning District map to change the zoning designation of Parcel Number 251-04929.000, formally known as Garfield Elementary School, located at 1615 Carney Blvd., from R-2 One and Two-Family Residential District to RM-2 Multiple Family Residential District, which would allow potential buyer Anything You Want LLC to build a 22-unit apartment building and eight townhouses.

After hearing public comments from 26 Marinette citizens, the Plan Commission voted 5-0 to decline the request, which will now be considered by the Marinette Common Council.

The meeting began at 3:30 p.m. and opened for public comment at 3:34 p.m. A total of 26 citizens shared their opinions on the potential rezoning, with 23 against it, two for and one neutral. Most residents expressed strong opposition, citing concerns about increased traffic, crime, lack of transparency



Alex Yanik speaks to the Marinette Plan Commission and the 26 citizens in attendance. **Kat Halfman photo**

from the school board and the historical significance of the building.

The potential buyer, Alex Yanik, was present at the meeting alongside his real estate agent and lawyer Al Meister of Town & Country Real Estate of Luxemburg, Wis.

Yanik has been in the business of property development for 40 years and owns 12 different development companies. His main office is located in Los Angeles.

Yanik told reporters he owns other properties in Wisconsin.

“I have purchased two hotels in Wisconsin. I fixed them. One of them very famous, the Carson Hotel,” he said.

When asked about the opposition from the public, Yanik said he would remain persistent.

“I will never give up,” he

said, “If I need to, I’ll buy it and keep it 10 years.”

“I’ll be okay. I’ll fight,” Yanik added. “And by the way, I’m Armenian and I am a Holocaust survivor. This is nothing.”

Yanik also addressed citizens’ concerns about a potential increase in crime, saying, “I’m not going to invest millions and millions of dollars and then let that go as a crime. No way.”

“We’re looking for the clients such as lawyers, doctors and nurses,” Yanik’s agent Meister added. The citizens present for public comment reacted with loud displeasure to his comments.

“We’re also looking for factory workers who have good paying jobs,” Meister said, “So everybody was talking about crime and rape. That is not what Alex

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Gilly's Old Habits, located at 4010 US-141 BUS, Pound. **Kat Halfman photo**

## Coleman/Pound Lions Club holds Ninth Annual Salute to Service

BY KAT HALFMAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

COLEMAN/POUND – The Coleman/Pound Lions Club administered their ninth annual Veterans Honor/Salute to Service event on Friday, Nov. 8, where community veterans and a plus one can each redeem a voucher for \$15 at twelve local restaurants.

Coleman/Pound Lion Mike Kinzinger and an anonymous donor came up with the idea for Salute the Service while the friends were fishing on a 12-foot boat together in 2015. Kinzinger’s friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, told Kinzinger he wanted to do something to give back to the community’s veterans.

“He said, ‘Hey, how about we take care of the veterans. Let’s feed the veterans.’ He asked me if I thought the Lions Club could help him do something like that,” Kinzinger said.

Kinzinger, a veteran himself, was eager to help commemorate his fellow veterans, and saw it as a great opportunity for the Lions Club.

“It’s all about giving back to those who served. That was the ultimate goal of it, and as a Lions member, community organization and thanking those others who served – that’s what you do. You try to help the community,” Kinzinger said.

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## Menominee County elects new sheriff; Ingallston fails to seat new clerk

BY ANN MEYER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

MENOMINEE, MICH. – City of Menominee Police Department Sergeant Darrin Kudwa defeated incumbent Sheriff Michael Holmes in the race for Menominee County Sheriff.

Kudwa received 7,848 votes to Holmes’ 4,934 votes, according to information on the county’s website.

“It’s kind of a surreal feeling, very humbling to have that many people go out and vote for you,” said Kudwa, a Menominee Township resident.

“I’m very excited to start this journey,” he said, “I’ve always wanted to have a chance at being sheriff.”

Kudwa said he has worked for the Menominee Police Department for 16 years. He wants the Menominee County Sheriff’s Office to keep improving. He’d like it to be a destination place for officers, he said.

“Two of my big things are training and equipment. Today’s training needs to meet the national standards for today’s law enforcement,” Kudwa said. “If you turn on the TV, law enforcement has been under the microscope nationally,” he added.

Kudwa wants to keep the Menominee County Sheriff’s Office well equipped for deputies doing the work, whether it’s in the jail or on the road, he said.

“There’s better cameras out there now that allow you to depict maybe an injury



City of Menominee Police Department Sergeant Darrin Kudwa defeated incumbent Sheriff Michael Holmes by a difference of 2,914 votes.

**City of Menominee Police Department photo**

that you don’t see with a naked eye at times,” he said. Computer technology in the vehicles, drones and local resources are important to law enforcement, he said.

“There are different kinds of drones. Drones you can fly in inclement weather; drones you can fly in houses. There are a lot of good tools,” Kudwa said.

Volunteers also contribute to the sheriff’s office, he said. “There are a lot of volunteers in Menominee County I’m looking forward to working with,” Kudwa said. He wants to make sure they have the equipment they need for search and rescue or other law enforcement tasks.

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## Leather Rich fights back in response to DNR’s lawsuit



President and Executive Director of Clean Water Action Council Dean Hoegger compared the WMC v. DNR case to the 1980s litigation involving PCBs, which were leaching into the Fox River from recycling fluid, the byproduct of producing carbonless paper. **Wisconsin Department of Transportation photo**

BY ANN MEYER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

NORTHEAST WIS. – Attorneys representing dry cleaners Leather Rich Inc. assert Wisconsin’s Spill Law is flawed because it gives the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources too much latitude in asking individuals to pay the costs to detect and clean up toxins found on property they own.

The Spill Law case the Wisconsin Supreme Court is hearing involves a mom-and-pop dry cleaner, Leather Rich Inc. (LRI) in Oconomowoc, which owner Joanne Kantor wished to sell after her husband died. The amount of money Kantor spent to comply with Wisconsin Department of

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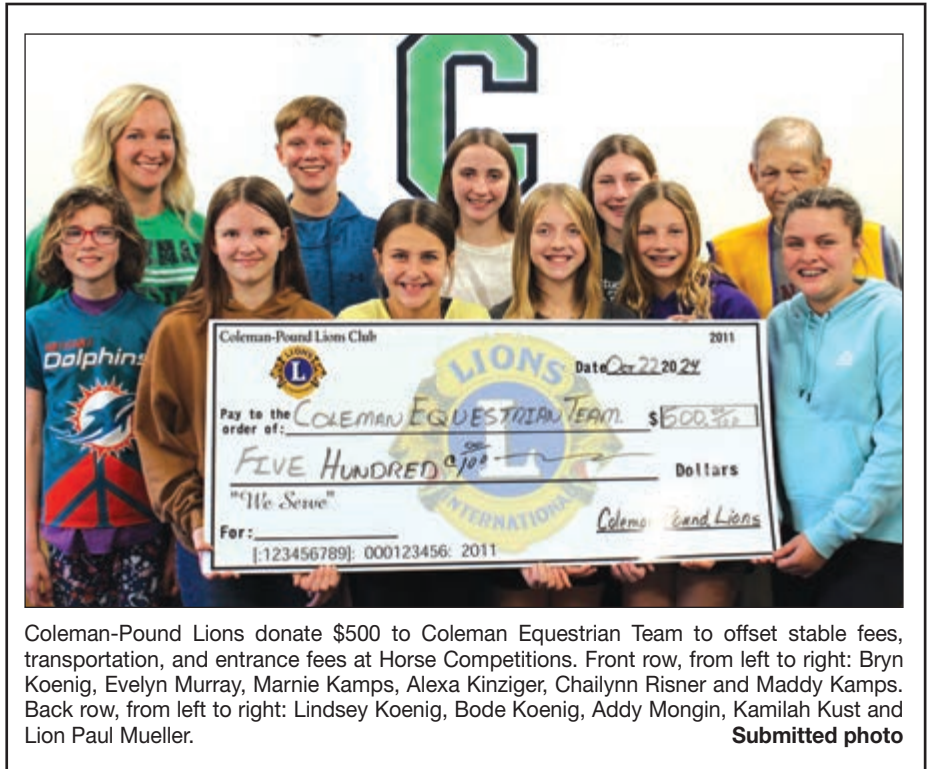
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## Peshtigo Common Council hears letter from police department

BY GRACELYN GIESE  
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PESHTIGO – The Peshtigo Common Council held their most recent meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6. After approving the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting, the council opened up the floor for public comments.

A variety of police officers took to the floor to read portions of the letter they wrote to the council. Officer Adam Hynnek began, explaining that the police department had previously requested the hiring of an additional officer. However, they had been told that, despite Officer Cohan already being trained, there were no extra funds for an additional

hire. Officer Hynnek stated that this extra officer would be crucial to “give officers more time to arrest drunk drivers and get drugs off of the street.”

Next, Officer Alex Wojcik continued the letter. He stated that each officer in Peshtigo has a higher rate of civilians to officers than surrounding towns. An additional officer would not only decrease this, but would increase officer safety by allowing more than one officer to respond to calls when need be.

Finally, Officer Josh Lindt said the fire department and EMR received a 41% budget increase while police officers are working overtime to complete investigation, public relation and education

duties. Officer Lindt stated “we feel that the concrete numbers... clearly articulate our need for another member.” He closed the letter by noting that an additional officer could alleviate call volumes, increase morale and improve officer mental health. Officer Lindt then asked the board to reconsider.

Police Chief Fred Popp spoke to the council to inform the members he did not ask the officers to prepare this letter, but added that it is an important matter. He added that, while he was not trying to offend the fire department or EMR, he felt

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## Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development announces winners of 2024 Vets Ready Employer Awards

FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES  
 PESHTIGO – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) announced the winners of the Vets Ready Employer Initiative on Nov. 11. The award recognizes

Wisconsin employers that have gone above and beyond to hire and support veterans and their families. A record 22 employers of all sizes are being honored this year. “Our nation’s veterans have given so much in service

to our country and often face special challenges when they return home, including finding family-supporting employment,” DWD Secretary Amy Pechacek said. “Veterans bring invaluable experience to the workplace, and I commend these Vets Ready employers for employing and engaging veterans. This distinction elevates the work of these employers and gives them the competitive edge in recruiting and retaining veterans.”

The Vets Ready Employer Initiative encourages employers to build a support system within their workplace, hire and retain more veterans and connect to veterans and their families in the community. Every year, the DWD and its Office of Veteran Employment Services (OVES) recognize businesses with either a gold or silver certification in one of three employer categories: small, medium and large. Award program partners include the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, the Disabled American Veterans Department of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce, the Wisconsin American Legion, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

Award-winning employers will be invited to a recognition event. Recipients are promoted by DWD staff, veteran agencies and organizations, and workforce partners through resources such as DWD’s website. Additionally, winners are highlighted as a Vets Ready employer on JobCenterofWisconsin.com and recognized with a special icon on JobCenterofWisconsin.com to indicate the employer’s Vets Ready status. Winner’s are also given a Vets Ready Winner emblem to include on the company’s website and presented a certificate. Precision Iceblast Corp. of Peshtigo received a gold certification in the category of small business.

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# Under The Lights Entertainment to host DAV fundraiser

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**  
**MARINETTE** - This holiday season, Under The Lights Entertainment is putting on a professional wrestling event to support and raise funds for the Marinette, Menominee and Oconto County's Disabled American Veterans organizations, providing a fun, family-friendly event for the community. The event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the River Cities Fieldhouse Gym, located at 1125 University Ave., Marinette.

Under The Lights Entertainment is still seeking donors to sponsor the event. While the deadline for their silver and higher advertising packets has passed, the deadline for bronze packages is Sunday, Dec. 1.

The DAV's mission statement states they are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. They accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them, fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.



The kindergarten and first graders at St. John Lutheran School in Peshtigo want to thank all current and past service members for their hard work, dedication, sacrifice and devotion to our country. They thank God for them on Veterans Day and every day. The students are pictured with their teacher Mrs. Myslik and teachers aide, Mrs. Gonzalez who is a veteran herself. The children made the poster for the members of the Marinette post of the American Legion. **Submitted photo**

## Peshtigo School Board reviews test scores

BY GRACELYN GIESE  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**PESHTIGO** - The Peshtigo School Board held their most recent meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6. After approving the meeting agenda, the board heard a presentation regarding state assessment data from Director of Curriculum Kami Harvey.

State assessment data included three types of testing: Wisconsin Forward Exam, grades three through eight, PreACT, grades nine and 10, and ACT for grade 11. Assessment data measures for these tests were changed as cut scores, the minimum score needed for a student to be considered successful, were altered by the state as part of a ten-year cycle.

exceeding expectations in ELA was 18.7% and the state average was 43.5%. Math scores had 32.9% of students at the preferred level while the state average was 40.5%.

In response to the test scores, Harvey presented Peshtigo School District's 100 day plan. The goals for the plan are to "ensure all students will demonstrate core academic growth to be life ready" and that "all staff will function as a collaborative learning community."

The school district will be taking a variety of steps toward achieving these goals, including using the enVision Mathematics curriculum, updating and reviewing the English curriculum and continuing professional development and observations.

Next, the board approved the hiring of Max Neuman as the JV2 boy's basketball coach.

In donation news, the board also approved two donations from the Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO). The PTSO donated \$1,500 to benefit a visit from Kevin Lovegreen, children's author, and \$1,500 towards a new trophy case at the Peshtigo Elementary Learning Center.

The Peshtigo School Board then heard a

contract renewal from Rural Virtual Academy (RVA). RVA is the online schooling option which the Peshtigo School District uses for students seeking an online format. The board shared that around 20 students, mostly in middle school and high school, are enrolled in the program. The RVA contract was renewed for five years.

Afterwards, Associate Principal and Athletic Director Aaron Samplawski spoke about starting a girl's wrestling program. Principal Samplawski shared that due to Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association rules, the only

way for girls to compete in state tournaments is for girls to be on their own team. This also means that girls will no longer be wrestling boys, which he said he believes will attract more girls to the sport.

The board discussed this new team, noting that while girls would be traveling to other conferences and invitationals, this would also present an opportunity for hosting events. Ultimately, the board approved the new team and will continue discussions regarding coaches.

The Peshtigo School Board will meet next on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. at 341 N Emery Ave.

### Director Needed

The Peshtigo Non-Profit Housing, Inc., River View Apartments (16 apartment building) 151 N West Front Street, Peshtigo, has an opening on their Board of Directors. Directors meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every other month to review the financial statements and go over the operations of the housing for the elderly and disabled. This is a volunteer position.

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### Author Dawn Ertl presents to Marinette Woman's Club

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES** MARINETTE – On Wednesday, Nov. 6, the Marinette Woman's Club held their monthly meeting at the Little River Country Club. The program was presented by author Dawn

Ertl. She wrote the book "Beautiful Insects A to Z" to help children learn about the alphabet and the beauty of nature seen through insects. Each letter is represented by a detailed painting of an enlarged insect. Ertl has a master's degree in entomology. Ertl also uses dyed wool to create felted pictures and does stained glass art and oil paintings, using things from nature, insects, birds and landscapes. Ertl taught high school science for 33 years and is now retired from teaching.

### American Legion Auxiliary Unit 476 to hold brat fry

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES** PORTERFIELD – The Schwartz-Loll-Richards Loomis American Legion Auxiliary Unit 476 will hold a brat fry at the Corner Grille in the parking lot on Friday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until sold out. The Corner Grille is located at County Road G and State Highway 180 in Porterfield. The cost of the brats is \$3 each. This event is open to the public. Dennis Bergeson, owner of the Corner Grille, is donating all the brats. That donation of brats will give the Schwartz-Loll-Richards Loomis ALA Unit \$476 more proceeds which will be used to support the veterans.

### Republicans re-elected in Marinette, Menominee and Oconto counties

**BY ANN MEYER** CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**TRI-COUNTIES** – Voters in Marinette, Menominee and Oconto counties supported Republican candidates over Democrats in every partisan race Nov. 5 and generally by a substantial margin. Former President Donald Trump won with 16,670 votes to Kamala Harris' 7,415 in Marinette County, or with 69% of the vote, according to preliminary results posted on the county's website. In Menominee County, Mich., Trump received 66% of total votes case, or 8,645 to Harris' 4,252 votes. In Oconto County, Trump received 71% of the vote, or 17,675 votes to Harris' 6,967, according to preliminary results.

In Marinette and Oconto counties, voters overwhelmingly supported a statewide referendum asking voters whether the word "every" should be amended to "only" in the "Eligibility to vote" section of the state constitution, so it says, "only a United States citizen 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state or local office or at a statewide or local referendum."

The vote was 19,438 in favor and 3,591 against in Marinette County and 19,821 in favor and 3,532 against in Oconto County, according to the preliminary election results. About 72% of Marinette's 33,979 eligible voters cast ballots, while 62% of Menominee County's 21,238 eligible voters voted and 80% of Oconto County's 31,416 voting age population cast ballots, the county documents reported.

In the U.S. Senate race in Marinette County, Republican Eric Hovde received 15,732 votes to 7,678 for Democrat Tammy Baldwin. In Oconto County, Hovde received 16,959 votes while Baldwin received 7,180.

In U.S. Congressional District 8, voters in Marinette County cast 16,065 votes for Republican Tony Wied and 7,700 votes for Democrat Kristin Lyerly. In Oconto County, Wied garnered 17,056 votes to 7,327 for Lyerly.

In the Wisconsin Dist. 12 state senate race, Republican Mary Felzkowski received 16,352 votes to Democrat Andi Rich's 7,288 in Marinette County, and Felzkowski received 2,883 votes to Rich's 1,253 in Oconto County.

"I'm extremely humbled by the results of the election — not only in parts of the district that I've represented in the past, but also in some of the new parts of the district, which include Peshtigo and Marinette," Sen. Felzkowski said in response to the Peshtigo Times request for comment. Instead of resorting to attack ads and negative campaigning, Felzkowski said, "I focused on telling the voters what I've done, what I've accomplished and what I plan to work on if re-elected."

Felzkowski said the Wisconsin Senate elected her as Senate President for the upcoming 2025-26 Legislative Session. "In that new position, my role will change a little bit,



Republican Mary Felzkowski received 16,352 votes to Democrat Andi Rich's 7,288 in Marinette County, and Felzkowski received 2,883 votes to Rich's 1,253 in Oconto County. WI State Legislature photo

but I still plan to focus on increasing healthcare access and lowering costs, cutting taxes, limiting the size of government and issues specific to northern Wisconsin, which includes finding a solution for PFAS," or "forever chemicals."

In Marinette County, referendums passed allowing Crivitz Schools to use \$29 million in bond funds for capital improvements, allowing Goodman-Armstrong Creek Schools to exceed the revenue limit by \$950,000 for three years and allowing Niagara School District to exceed its revenue limit by \$900,000 in 2027-28. A referendum failed in Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine to exceed the revenue limit by \$800,000 for five years.

Several towns in Marinette County asked voters to say yes or no to referendums seeking approval to appoint key positions. Voters in the Town of Amberg collectively said no to appointing the clerk and treasurer. In the Town of Goodman, voters collectively said no to appointing the clerk. In the Town of Lake, voters collectively said yes the clerk/treasurer should be appointed. In the Town of Niagara, voters collectively said yes to appointing the clerk.

In the Dist. 2 state senator race, Republican Eric Wimberger defeated Democrat Kelly Peterson 14,673 to 5,495 in Oconto County.

In the Dist. 4 state assembly race, Republican David Steffen defeated Democrat Jane Benson 10,507 to 4,036 in Oconto County.

In the Dist. 6 state assembly race, Republican Elijah Behnke defeated Democrat Shirley Hinze 4,200 to 1,317 in Oconto County.

In the Dist.35 state assembly race, Republican Calvin Callahan defeated Elizabeth McCrank 560 to 267 in Oconto County.

In the Dist.36 state assembly race, Republican Jeffrey Mursau defeated Democrat Ben Murray about 16,759 to 6,921 votes in Marinette County and 2,316 to 973 votes in Oconto County.

In Oconto County in the Town of Stiles, a referendum asking voters for approval to appoint the town clerk/town treasurer was defeated, with 469 votes against and 419 votes for. The City of Oconto's referendum asking voters approval to increase the size of the Common Council from six to eight members narrowly passed, with 1,101 votes for and 1,036 votes against.

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### Dementia Friendly Community Coalition to host Memory Movie

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES** MARINETTE – The Dementia Friendly Community Coalition will host a Memory Movie event on Friday, Dec. 13 at the Mariner Theater, 2000 Ella Ct., Marinette.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and Moments Hospice will be sponsoring the showing of the movie "Elf." The doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and the show begins at 1:15 p.m. Admission is free for all senior citizens and includes a free small popcorn and soda for each attendee. There will be additional concessions for sale.

Memory Movies were originally intended for those with memory loss and their caregivers to provide them with a fun and relaxing afternoon. This event has now been opened up to all Marinette County senior citizens.

For more information, please call the ADRC at (715) 732-3850 or toll free at (888) 442-3267.

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# Holiday Tour of Homes: The Bach House



Built in 1926, this property was originally known as "The Yeazel House." Submitted photo

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES** December: Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7, and will feature five area homes. This event gives the community an opportunity to view the homes decorated for the Christmas season and get

in the holiday spirit. Each home varies in style, decor and architecture. They each have their personal charm, making them unique reflections of their family. This year's tour features five local homes and one additional stop on Saturday, Dec. 7, open to the public for free, at Holy Family Parish Hall on Taylor Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The second home for the Holiday Home Tour is The Bach House.

This historic house in Peshtigo was built in 1926. It is known as the "Yeazel House," or currently as the "Bach House" or "Long Nose Dog House." Visitors will find an acre of landscaped decorated lawn on the outside. The inside was meticulously renovated but contains the original flooring, light fixtures, doors, crystal knobs, moldings and fireplace. Come through the double entry and be immediately greeted by a seven-foot-tall vintage Santa, who formerly resided at the Appleton Paper Mill Hotel. Stroll through the holiday dressed living room with a carousel



The Bach House, also known as "The Long Nose Dog House," decorated for fall 2024. Submitted photo

## Pine Needle Quilters move meeting date

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES** PORTERFIELD - The meeting date for the Pine Needle Quilters will be Monday, Nov. 25. The meeting has been changed from the third Monday to the fourth to accommodate a three-day Hunter's Widow Retreat which will start on Monday, Nov. 25 and go to Wednesday, Nov. 27. Quilters may leave their sewing machines, tools and projects locked securely in the Town of Lake Hall, Loomis Rd., Porterfield, over night. Cutting table, irons and ironing boards are provided.

A special challenge will be held to make baby quilts which will be donated. The quilt panels will be provided at no charge thanks to Dianne Kouski. Teams or individuals will compete. Rules will be decided on at the meeting. Quilters are encouraged to work in your groups on your quilts for recognizing service men and women. There are 4 quilts already turned in. Thank you to Teams one, two and three!

The cost of the hall rental will be shared by those attending the retreat. Quilters are asked to bring a dish to share for the noon meal on Monday. Tableware and coffee will be provided. Food for the retreat on Tuesday and Wednesday will be decided on at the Monday meeting. Snacks are welcome.

New this month is a Quilters stash buster sale. Quilters who want to sell some of their stash can bring things priced along with the seller's name attached.

The Monday December meeting will also start a 3 day Quilter's Retreat allowing quilters to quilt on Christmas gifts or get caught up on finishing quilting projects.

Quilters of all skill levels are welcome. Contact (715) 927-2221. Prefer text.

Doors open at 9 a.m. on Monday. There is no set time

horse collection. Asya and Halle (two of several resident dogs) invite you to see the unique sites of the first and second floors, including the bedroom they share. The Bachs hope visitors enjoy these parts of their house as much as they do, along with their loving animals.

Academy students and families are offering a

chili lunch and dessert for purchase to eat there or take home. The Cavvie's Craft Corner Shoppe will offer handmade goodies. There will be a gift-wrapping service and an assortment of cookie trays and sweets to buy for your loved ones at home.

The Holiday Tour of Homes has again teamed up with sponsors and local realtors Kelley Balzola and Dawn Hayes of Weichert Realtors - Place Perfect of Marinette.

Tickets can be purchased after Nov. 9 at Peshtigo National Bank in Peshtigo and Marinette locations, both St. Thomas Aquinas Academy Elementary and Middle/High School campus or at the homes and Parish Hall on event dates.

Tickets are \$25. A booklet with ticket & map will be provided at purchase.

For more information, please call the high school office at (715) 735-7481.

## Twin City Squares Dance Club to hold special graduation dance

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES** PESHTIGO - Join the fun as the Twin City Squares Dance Club holds its special graduation dance on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 2-4:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 221 S Ellis Ave., Peshtigo. Please use the alley for parking and entrance door. Instructor Amanda Herdt will be calling the dance. Admission is \$5. Dance attire is encouraged. Club

members are encouraged to bring appetizers. Lunch Committee will bring dessert.

Please note: starting with the dance on Sunday, Dec. 8, the club will be dancing at a different venue -- the Marinette Senior Center.

For information on the Twin City Squares Dance Club, contact Jeff and Donna Green at (715) 732-7774.

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# OBITUARIES

## Herbert Hoffman

Herbert W. Hoffman, 88, of Crivitz passed away on Monday, November 4, 2024 at home. Thielen Funeral Home is assisting the family.

## Janice Brunette



Janice E. Brunette, 74, of Marinette passed away on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at Aurora Baycare in Green Bay.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Thielen Funeral Home is assisting the family.

## David Junion



David Junion, 78, formerly of Pound, died on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, after a very long and courageous battle with Diabetes and Congestive Heart Failure. He was the son of Elmer and Betty Junion, born on April 3, 1946.

Dave's life started with a wonderful Catholic education, first at SS Peter and Paul grade school, followed by Premontre High School in Green Bay, and continued his education at St. Norbert College in De Pere, where he made life-long friendships with classmates Father Jude Lucier and Father David Komatz and Deacon Ken.

Dave was drafted into the US Army in 1965 receiving his basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. After leaving Fort Campbell, he went to Fort Polk in Louisiana for Advanced Infantry Training. After his training, Dave was sent over to Vietnam as an Infantry Soldier. He was stationed with the 25th Infantry Division "The Wolfhounds", in Vietnam. Dave earned many Combat citations, his awards for heroism in action, his other many state side awards, which made all of us very proud of him. Dave obtained the Rank of Sergeant while fighting in the "Tet Offensive" in 1967 and was a squad leader in these difficult times. Dave was Honorably Discharged in 1973 and enjoyed life long friendships with Tommy Swafford, Louie Nordt, and Airborne Ron Kowalski, who served with him in Nam. Dave was very active in many veterans organizations; Memberships in American Legion Post 11, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2037, Vietnam Vets American Chapter 224, and Disabled American Veterans. Dave was employed for several years in the Green Bay area, working for Super Value Warehouse, Sentry Foods, and Taylor Creek. He then worked for the U.S. Post Office, becoming the Postmaster in Townsend from 1982 to 1997, and retired due to health problems.

Dave was very profound in his beliefs, in God, and the Mother of Perpetual Help, who helped him through his life. Dave was a people person and was willing to help others who needed a little laugh in their life with a great sense of humor.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Betty; a brother, Stephen of Green Bay; his brothers-in-law, James White, Jerry Davis and James Owen; and his best canine friend, Louie.

He is survived by his two sisters, Sharron White-Davis of Oconto Falls and Dayne Owens of Wrightstown; one Godson, Steven David (Cheryl) Junion and family. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

There are many special friends that Dave could count on. Steve Brozak, who was there when he came out of service; Dee Sakowicz for becoming family and being there in his time of need; Eddie and Noelle, who knew what to do when the electronics were not working. Also, a thank you to his many friends who past on before him, Father Norman, Ed Sakowicz, Troy Hruska, Val Pfaff, and Pat Vaneyck.

My last wish to all is:  
"live life for today with hopes for tomorrow",  
your friend,  
Dave

Visitation at Malcore (East) Funeral Home 701 N. Baird St. Green Bay, WI. on Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 11:30am until the time of the funeral. Funeral Mass 1:00pm at Saints Peter and Paul Church with full military honors to follow. Entombment in Allouez Chapel Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund in Dave's honor has been established at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church Choir. Visit [www.malcorefuneralhome.com](http://www.malcorefuneralhome.com) to share a condolence.

## Roger Swanson



ROGER A. SWANSON, 82 of Stephenson, MI passed away at his home on Monday November 4, 2024 surrounded by family. Roger was born in Escanaba, MI on December 19, 1941 to Roy and Ruby (Brown) Swanson. Roger proudly served his Country in the United States Air Force from January 13, 1961 until January 12, 1965. On December 9, 1961 Roger married Marilyn DuFour. Marilyn preceded him in death on January 16, 2016. Following his honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1965, Roger began his career as a Michigan State Trooper until his retirement in 1988. An avid outdoorsman, Roger enjoyed going to camp, hunting, fishing and camping. He further enjoyed woodworking, carving, traveling and photography.

Roger is survived by his children: Connie (Dave) Mueller, Deborah (Mark) Brendel and Jeffrey (Loretta) Swanson; grandchildren: Alex (Linna Thanh) Brendel, Jill (Dylan) Hart, Colleen (Anthony) Pocs, Tiffany Peterson, Tyler Peterson, Kyle Swanson and Tia Swanson; great grandchildren: Kelly and Myles Pocs, Wesley and Emma Hart and Niko Brendel; sister: Judy Nelson; Lois, Mike, Fred and many friends.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents: Roy and Ruby; beloved wife: Marilyn; sister: Loretta "Lolly"; and 3 brothers: Don, Larry and Dennis.

In keeping with Roger's wishes, no services will be held. Anderson Diehm Funeral Home is assisting the Swanson family with arrangements.

## Dieter Gaiser



Dieter Gaiser of Macomb passed away November 2, 2024 after 84+ wonderful years of life.

Dieter was born in Bad Urach, Germany on November 9, 1939 to Paul and Olga (nee Duerr) Gaiser. On July 17, 1965 he married Helga (nee Eisenheim) in Chicago, Illinois. Together they had three beautiful children.

Dieter was a Middle-Ages-History Buff and especially loved all Norse and Nibelungen Mythology. But also anything related to the Neandertaler, Prehistoric, Egyptian, Greek, or Germanic history. You name it, and he would recite facts and figures only other history buffs would or could probably appreciate. He enjoyed traveling, gardening and nature in general; he was a conservationist "before it was even invented!" Dieter was a true problem solver — his immense patience helped him resolve almost anything. He was open-minded, non-judgemental, and honest in all dealings. Dieter was the ultimate family-man.

Prior to moving to Michigan, he and his wife owned Nu-Life Awards & Sporting Goods for almost 30 years in Marinette, Wisconsin. He was active in Rotary and its International Exchange Program; was on several bowling leagues due to his business; started the Marinette/Menominee Youth Soccer Program, serving as its president for 25 years; was the ad-hoc men's soccer coach at UW Marinette, and also an active player for the Marinette Lumberjacks in the 1970's.

After retiring, Dieter and his loving wife of 59 years moved to Michigan where he became involved with Schlaraffia-Detroitia (men's German literary/cultural club); GBU Saxonia-Rheingold Mixed Chorus; a bowling league and the German-American Cultural Club (GACC).

Dieter was so kind, patient and calm even a bird once landed on his shoulder. He had a charming dry wit, even chuckling over his own jokes. He loved life itself and totally immersed himself into whatever he was undertaking! He had the ability to find goodness and positivity in all situations.

Beloved husband (of Helga); loving father of Dirk Gaiser and Gudrun "Gundi" (Richard) Gerhardt of Macomb, MI and Elke (Holger Spieker) Gaiser-Spieker of Germany; adored grandfather of Alyssa Spieker, Atlas Gerhardt, Katrina Gerhardt, Liv Spieker (Germany); cherished brother of Karin (Guenther) Raiser, Martin (Martha) Gaiser and the late Roswita Gaiser of Germany. Dieter is also survived by many extended family members here and abroad.

Dieter touched many lives and will be dearly missed by all of us.

Burial at sea in Lake Erie is planned for the coming spring.

## Adrian Ste. Marie



Adrian Joseph Ste. Marie, 91, of Klondike, passed away Thursday, November 7, 2024. He was born to the late Vincent and Marion (Lachecki) Ste. Marie April 13, 1933.

He graduated from Oconto Falls High School class of 1951 and immediately enlisted in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He served on the aircraft carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CV-42 and later on the USS Norton Sound AVM-1. Adrian operated Klondike Radio and TV after being honorably discharged from the service, later going into partnership with his parents in the Klondike Community Store and Vance's Bar, which he ran for many years. He was also a licensed auctioneer and ran Adrian's Auction and Real Estate. Adrian was very active in the veteran's community, serving as past Commander of the VFW Post in Beaver as well as a lifelong membership in the Coleman American Legion Post #280.

He is survived by his son Steven (Janet) Ste. Marie and their two children Monica and Linda; a daughter Danielle and her two children Chelsea and Kelly; a daughter Jenean St. Marie and three great-grandchildren. Adrian was preceded in death by his brother Vincent Ste. Marie of Appleton.

The family will greet relatives and friends Thursday, November 14, 2024 at Klondike Community Church, 8195 County Road Z, Pound, WI 54161 (the former St. Wenceslaus Church, Klondike), from 9 am until the time of the Memorial Service at 11 am with Pastor Mark Kostreva officiating. Military Honors will be given by the Coleman American Legion immediately following the service at the church. Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home, Coleman is assisting the family.

## Nathan Henquinet



Nathan Del Henquinet died Friday, November 1, 2024, after an 18-month battle with cancer ended his 44 years of life, which were filled with joy and love.

Nathan was born February 16, 1980. He was the middle child of Del and Sandy Henquinet. He grew up immersed in nature at his family home in Grover,

WI. Nathan spent most of his childhood outdoors, clearing brush, setting deer stands, and hunting pheasants with his dad, taking hikes and marveling at nature with his mom, and exploring the woods and building forts with his sisters. Nathan's childhood was filled with wonder. He found joy in nature's simplest beauties, regaling his family with boundless knowledge about everything from field crops to satellites in the cosmos above.

Nathan also loved all mechanics and electronics, a fascination that began early in life. He always found ways to improve motorized toys by taking them apart and reconfiguring them to go faster or fly higher.

Nathan attended Peshtigo High School, where he dazzled friends with his free spirit and fun-loving antics. Always the life of the party, Nathan had a knack for elevating the mood of every room he entered. After high school, his magnetism followed him to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, where he dabbled in study while fostering lifelong bonds with his fraternity brothers of Phi Chi Epsilon. After completing his college degree at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and setting course on a career in fire-protection engineering, Nathan moved to Washington state in 2006, where he honed his craft as an engineer and project manager. In 2014, Nathan's career took him to the central California coast, where his talents and personal life fully bloomed.

In Santa Cruz, CA, Nathan met the love of his life, Sara Henquinet (Hazanzani). They married in Hawaii in 2018 and spent the ensuing years creating a home nestled in the towering redwoods of Felton, CA. With the birth of their three children, Alan (5), Wren (3), and Walter (1), Nathan and Sara quickly outgrew their home in Felton and moved to nearby Soquel, CA. Always a doting father, Nathan showered his children with love and attention. With his gentle, patient spirit, he taught them how to love and care for one another. At the same time he and Sara were building a family, Nathan also built a storied career as a designer, project manager and co-owner at BFP Fire Protection (Scotts Valley, CA), where his gift of creative problem solving won over countless clients, and his humble leadership fostered the careers of many young designers.

Nathan was a dreamer and a builder. He saw the world not as it was, but as it could be, and built a life filled with love, kindness and unbridled positivity. Loved by all who knew him, Nathan's love for life will be his legacy. His contemplative, imaginative nature lives on through his son Alan. His gentle, loving spirit lives on through his daughter, Wren. His curious analytical mind lives on through his son, Walter.

Nathan's family owes a debt of gratitude to his wife, Sara Henquinet, who worked tirelessly to connect him to the best medical care in the country; and to the doctors and nurses at UC-San Francisco Hospital and the City of Hope Hospital in Los Angeles. They all cared and fought for Nathan with so much hope and compassion.

Nathan's family will host a Celebration of Life on Saturday, June 21st at noon at their home located at W5044 Town Hall Rd. in Peshtigo. In lieu of gifts, please consider making a donation to the "Lu Family Fund" to help provide financial assistance to stage IV cancer patients seeking a second medical opinion.



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# Crivitz Lions donate to NO GIRL WITHOUT.

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**

CRIVITZ - Crivitz Lions is proud to announce it has donated \$1,000 to the NO GIRL WITHOUT program to Bellin Health of Crivitz. This drive primarily collects menstrual products for area students in Marinette, Oconto and Forest counties in Wis. and Menominee County in Mich., but recently expanded to accept all hygiene products. Witt's Piggly Wiggly purchased the products for the Crivitz Lions to donate.

For more information or to host a collection container, contact [nogirlwithout@bellin.org](mailto:nogirlwithout@bellin.org).

Crivitz Lions meets on the first and third Tuesdays each month at 6 p.m. at I Don't Know Saloon in Middle Inlet.



Pictured from left to right: Lion Jennifer Klatkiewicz, Michele Oleck, Admission Rep; Sherry Kort, Clinic Manager and Lion Bob Hoyer. Submitted photos



Pictured from left to right: Lion Jennifer Klatkiewicz, Rebecca Witt and Lion Bob Hoyer.

## Crivitz Elementary School thanks veterans

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**

CRIVITZ - The following are thank you letters to community veterans for their service, written by Mrs. Rich's second grade students at Crivitz Elementary School.

**Dear Veteran,**

Thank you for your service. I hope you have a good time with your family. I hope you are healthy and safe. I hope you were safe in the war. And thank you for keeping me safe. I hope you are now with your family. I hope you have a good day.

From, Trista

**Dear Veteran,**

Thank you for fighting for us. Do you like to be a veteran? Thank you for saving us. When I grow up I want to be a veteran. I hope you are now healthy and safe.

From, Michael

**Dear Veteran,**

Thank you for protecting our country. I hope you stay safe. I hope you are healthy. Thank you for leaving your family. Happy Veterans Day!

From, Danny

**Dear Veteran,**

Thank you for risking your life. Thank you for leaving your family to protect my family. Thank you for saving our world. You are the best!

From, Chezney

**Dear Veterans,**

I hope you are going to be safe. Thank you for leaving your family and giving me freedom. Thank you for saving my country. Happy Veterans Day.

From, Parker

**Dear Veteran,**

I hope you stay healthy and well. I hope you have a good time being a part of the military. You might be new or might have done a war, but all that matters is you. I love how you would love to save our country. Thank you for all you do.

From, Charlotte

**Dear Veteran,**

Thank you for spending your whole life in the military. Do you like to be in the military? Thank you for saving our America. Thank you for trying to save our Earth. I hope you are safe and healthy. Happy Veterans Day.

From, Jonathan

**Dear Veteran,**

I am so happy you saved our world. You are the best, I hope all of you stay safe. I bet you are happy when you get home. I think you are great for fighting wars.

From, Jamison

**Dear Veteran,**

Thank you for keeping me safe. Thank you for saving the world. I bet you're very brave. Happy Veterans Day!

From, Grace



Congratulations to the following Crivitz High/Middle School students who won the drawing for perfect attendance for the month of October. A drawing was held for a free Cousins sub. Pictured from left to right: Annaka Meyer, Emilie Gerken, Akayla Frost, Madisen Wojcik, Alex Logan and Austin Kaminski. Submitted photo

## Crivitz Community Ed offers two classes in November

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**

CRIVITZ - A Handmade Holiday Card class will be offered at Crivitz High School on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$40. A huge assortment of crafting supplies will be available for use, including rubber stamps, cardstock and collage papers, fabric, stencils, paints, markers, washi tape, string, glitter, edger scissors, die cuts and more. The instructor will also demonstrate how to use some basic paper quilling and weaving techniques that add texture, dimension and visual interest to personal card designs. Adults and children eight and older with an adult are welcome to register. A Felting Christmas Ornaments class will be

offered at the NWTC-Crivitz campus on Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$45, all materials are included. Students will learn needle felting techniques. They will use various colors of wool roving to create one or two Christmas ornaments using a felting needle. Adults and children 12+ with an adult are welcome to register. To register for both or either class please contact Community Education Supervisor Stephanie Lehner at [slehner@crivitz.k12.wi.us](mailto:slehner@crivitz.k12.wi.us) or (715) 854-2721, extension 385. Registration forms can also be picked up in the district office Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 400 South Ave, Crivitz.

## Village of Coleman to hold special board meeting

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**

COLEMAN -The Village of Coleman will be holding a special board meeting on Monday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. Agenda items include a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$2,126,510 sewerage system revenue bonds, series 2024, and providing for other details and covenants with respect thereto, and approval of related \$4,522,751 financial assistance agreement.

## Crivitz voters OK school referendum

**BY ANN MEYER CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

CRIVITZ - Voters in Crivitz School District approved a \$29 million bond referendum by a wide margin Nov. 5, allowing the school district to proceed with its plans to renovate the elementary and middle/high schools.

The mill rate is expected to rise by \$1.33 per \$1,000 in equalized property value, generating \$133 in new taxes for a property with an equalized value of \$100,000, the school district said. About 2,482 voters cast ballots for the referendum, while 1,741 voted against it, according to information on the Marinette County website. In Oconto County, where a portion of the community attends Crivitz schools, the referendum passed nine votes to four.

"The communities' support of the referendum shows they know our kids deserve an upgraded better learning environment," Crivitz Schools Superintendent Kelly Robinson said. "I'm very excited to see our community support our efforts to provide better learning spaces for our students," she added.

Robinson said the bond funds provided by the referendum's approval will make it possible to use the elementary school space more efficiently. "It also gives us the resources to upgrade the plumbing, electrical, heating and safety systems in the building that is 50 to 100 years old. I am excited and eager for the next steps in the process now that the voters supported the referendum," she said.

The school district said the funds would be used for a new roof for the elementary school and renovations, such as a more secure entrance and office area, a new four-year-old kindergarten classroom, Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible bathrooms and library.

"We will make the building more accessible for people with disabilities.



Crivitz Schools Superintendent Kelly Robinson said the approved referendum funds will help the district make improvements to prepare students for the workforce. Crivitz School District photo

We currently don't have accessible bathrooms in that building. There are parts of the building that do not have wheelchair access also," Robinson said.

The funds also are slated to be used for a career-technical education addition to the middle/high school to provide areas for wood and metal work and other hands-on learning activities. The middle/high school also is expected to purchase new furnishings, fixtures and equipment with the funds.

"At the middle/high school, the addition of more technical education space will provide more career-preparation space and experience for our students. We will have space for more students to take welding and automotive classes. We will also be able to add space to other manufacturing type classes," Robinson said.

Robinson said the funds will help the district make improvements to prepare students for the workforce. "Our district has been educating our students and producing impressive results through their ACT test scores, college credits while in high school and youth apprenticeship participation. With the resources provided by the community through the referendum, we will be able to provide even more for our students. Providing a solid workforce strengthens our community. I'm glad our voters realized that."

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that the police department was not being given enough consideration.

Aldersperson Angel Wink thanked the police officers for presenting their letter. The letter will be sent forward to the finance department.

In council member news, Joel Ahrens was appointed as Aldersperson to the vacant seat in District 2. Aldersperson Ahrens then joined the Judiciary Committee as well as the License and Policy Committee. Aldersperson Robert Warren joined the Fire, Lighting, and Building Committee. Aldersperson Angel Wink joined Parks and Recreation and became the Chair of Fire, Lighting, and Building Committee. Aldersperson Keith Klimek became the Chair of Parks and Recreation and Robert Warren joined the Fire, Lighting, and Building Committee. Aldersperson Angel Wink joined Parks and Recreation and became the Chair of Fire, Lighting, and Building Committee.

Afterward, the council took a moment to recognize the men and women who have served the country in advance of Veteran's Day. This included city workers Aldersperson Robert Warren, Police Chief Miller Popp, Officers Randy Fiedler and Steve Schmidt, Public Works Jeff Vorphal, Parks and Recreation John Breault and John Valitchka and Firefighter/EMR Brandon Lindsay.

Following recommendation from the Fire, Lightening and Building committee, the council approved the 2025-2027 Fire Museum and Cemetery lease, 2025-2027 Berth Park Lease, switching the Mayor's office and Clerk of Court's office locations and placing DNR maintained underwater antennas on city-owned shorelines.

The Common Council will hold their budget meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 3:30 p.m.

## NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CRIVITZ

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provision of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of Crivitz, on **October 21, 2024** adopted the following changes to previously budgeted 2024-2025 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items with changes. Unchanged line items are not present.

GENERAL FUND (FUND 10)	Adopted Budget 24-25	10/21/2024 Revision	10/21/2024 Change
930 000 Ending Fund Balance	\$4,944,903.00	\$4,221,311.00	\$723,592.00
210 Taxes	\$7,227,096.00	\$7,212,183.00	\$14,913.00
260 Non-Capital Sales	\$5,284.00	\$5,284.00	\$0.00
270 School Activity Income	\$89,090.00	\$89,090.00	\$0.00
280 Interest on Investments	\$178,150.00	\$178,150.00	\$0.00
290 Other Revenue, Local Sources	\$5,080.00	\$5,080.00	\$0.00
340 Payment for Services	\$576,000.00	\$576,000.00	\$0.00
510 Transit of Aids	\$8,656.00	\$8,656.00	\$0.00
540 Payments for Services from CESA	\$3,736.00	\$3,736.00	\$0.00
610 State Aid-Categorical	\$121,746.00	\$121,746.00	\$0.00
620 State Aid-General	\$1,669,798.00	\$1,669,798.00	\$0.00
630 Special Project Grant	\$26,542.00	\$26,542.00	\$0.00
660 Other State Revenue Through Local Units	\$194,309.00	\$194,309.00	\$0.00
690 Computer, Sparsity, Per Pupil, High Transportation Aid	\$656,296.00	\$656,296.00	\$0.00
730 Special Projects Grants	\$463,415.00	\$463,415.00	\$0.00
750 ECIA, Chapter 1 and 2	\$189,949.00	\$189,949.00	\$0.00
780 Other Federal Revenue Through State	\$29,798.00	\$29,798.00	\$0.00
860 Compensation for sale or loss of asset	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
970 Refund of Disbursement/Dividends	\$6,329.00	\$6,329.00	\$0.00
990 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$11,454,874.00</b>	<b>\$11,439,961.00</b>	<b>\$14,913.00</b>
110 000 Undifferentiated Curriculum	\$2,279,550.00	\$2,279,550.00	\$0.00
120 000 Regular Curriculum	\$2,047,814.00	\$2,047,814.00	\$0.00
130 000 Vocational Curriculum	\$291,835.00	\$291,835.00	\$0.00
140 000 Physical Curriculum	\$350,052.00	\$350,052.00	\$0.00
160 000 Co-Curricular Activities	\$370,811.00	\$370,811.00	\$0.00
210 000 Pupil Services	\$581,383.00	\$581,383.00	\$0.00
220 000 Instructional Staff Services	\$413,713.00	\$413,713.00	\$0.00
230 000 General Administration	\$387,093.00	\$387,093.00	\$0.00
240 00 School Building Administration	\$544,544.00	\$544,544.00	\$0.00
250 000 Business Administration	\$2,057,939.00	\$2,057,939.00	\$0.00
260 000 Central Services	\$28,807.00	\$28,807.00	\$0.00
270 000 Insurance & Judgments	\$148,902.00	\$148,902.00	\$0.00
290 000 Other Support Services	\$614,120.00	\$614,120.00	\$0.00
410 000 Interfund Op Transfers	\$1,296,734.00	\$1,296,734.00	\$0.00
430 000 General Tuition Payments	\$765,169.00	\$765,169.00	\$0.00
490 000 Other Non-Program Transactions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<b>\$12,178,466.00</b>	<b>\$12,178,466.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

# Menominee Women's Club discusses Civil Air Patrol

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**

MENOMINEE, MICH. – GFWC Menominee held its monthly general meeting on Nov. 5 at Riverside Country Club in Menominee, Mich. The clubwomen were enlightened by hearing about the local Civil Air Patrol, Tri-County Composite Squadron.

The Civil Air Patrol is the Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. Its cadet program is a youth leadership development program for young people aged 12 to 21. Cadets learn about aerospace education, leadership training and physical fitness through a variety of activities and exercises. The program also provides opportunities for cadets to participate in search and rescue missions, disaster relief efforts, cyber security competitions and community service projects.

The Civil Air Patrol Tri-County Squadron meets weekly. Cadets come from across the area and can join as early as age 12.

More information can be found on its Facebook page (Tri-County Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol) or by emailing tricounty@wicap.us.

GFWC Menominee Women's Club is part of the General Federation of Women's Club, "an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service." All area women are invited to join the club. Check out its website for more information at www.gfwcmenominee.org.



Pictured from left to right: Civil Air Patrol Tri-County Composite Squadron members Delores Konrad, 1st Lt.; Carrie Felch, CAP Parent/GFWC Meno Clubwoman; Walsh LeMay, C/SMSGT; Katey LeMay, SM/ GFWC Meno Clubwoman; JJ LeMay, 1st Lt.; Mark Konrad, captain and Eileen Beyer, GFWC Menominee Women's club co-president. **Submitted photo**

## Country Gospel Jam

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**

CRIVITZ – The community is invited to attend the Gospel Jam this Friday, Nov. 17, from 7-9 p.m., for a night filled with good old and new gospel music. Help welcome many local talented musicians and singers. Come to the Town of Stephenson Town Hall, located at W11280 County Rd. X in Crivitz.

The evening will be filled

with music of Thanksgiving and blessings, faith, fun, friends and food. Bring an instrument to play, a song to sing or just join for some good gospel music and fellowship. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. No charge. Refreshments are provided.

Please feel free to call Don Olson at (715) 923-4851 with any questions.

## Northwoods Apostolic Church to host Thanksgiving dinner

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**

CRIVITZ – Northwoods Apostolic Church will host its 10th annual Community Thanksgiving Day dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28 at the Crivitz Village Hall, 800 Henriette Ave.

The menu will consist of traditional foods such as turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, stuffing, pies, drinks and more. Reservations are not necessary but would be appreciated. Interested parties may RSVP to (715) 938-4935.

## Crivitz to hire two administrators

**BY ANN MEYER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

CRIVITZ – Village of Crivitz Clerk-Treasurer Kaitlin Deschane and Deputy Clerk Barb Uhl have both announced they are leaving their posts.

Deschane's letter of resignation was announced at the Oct. 23 Village Board meeting. Deschane told a reporter she received an offer to be a program manager at the M&M Area Community Foundation. Deschane started as clerk-treasurer in 2022. She said her last day with the village is Nov. 6.

Deputy Clerk Barb Uhl is retiring Jan. 1 after 12 and a

half years with the village. She said highlights of her career at the village were "just meeting the people of the village and support from fellow co-workers."

At the regular meeting, trustees approved a \$400,000 annual contract for garbage services with no increase and a \$46,000 contract for rescue squad services with a 4% increase.

They also approved an easement with the railroad to extend Mira Avenue to the railroad tracks on the north end of the village. The road currently stops in Dryer Business Park. A new business is coming in and wanted the road extended, Deschane said.

# -- NOTICE -- BUDGET HEARING VILLAGE OF WAUSAUKEE

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 5:00 pm at the Wausaukee Village Hall, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET will be held. Following public input, the board will vote on the adoption of the 2025 budget. The proposed budget, in detail, is available for inspection in the Clerk's office from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. The following is a summary of the proposed 2025 Budget:

General Fund	2023 Actual	2024 Year-to-date	2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget	% Change
<b>Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes	\$257,613	\$291,569	\$291,817	\$260,777	-10.64%
Other Taxes	16,295	16,571	16,200	16,500	1.85%
Intergov'n't Revenue	210,545	105,916	247,091	234,553	-5.07%
Investment Income	1,750	1,992	3,200	2,000	-37.50%
Licenses & Permits	6,741	5,216	5,305	5,100	-3.86%
Fines & Forfeitures	160	140	0	100	0.00%
Public Charges	58,107	68,088	57,290	64,450	12.50%
Misc. Revenue	26,767	27,328	25,100	27,300	8.76%
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$577,978</b>	<b>\$516,820</b>	<b>\$646,003</b>	<b>\$610,780</b>	<b>-5.45%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
General Gov'n't	\$178,689	\$113,521	\$185,471	\$141,036	-23.96%
Public Safety	180,042	134,498	137,016	144,368	5.37%
Public Works	196,443	173,548	209,379	194,407	-7.15%
Community Enrichment Services	52,013	43,176	46,289	41,912	-9.46%
Conservation & Development	0	31,107	0	0	-
Capital Outlay	18,938	48,684	19,000	0	-100.00%
Debt Service	98,405	106,222	91,152	89,057	-2.30%
Transfers from Reserves	0	0	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$724,530</b>	<b>\$650,756</b>	<b>\$688,307</b>	<b>\$610,780</b>	<b>-11.26%</b>
<b>TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT #1</b>					
<b>Revenues</b>					
Taxes	\$25,422.00	33,992	25,422	49,011	92.79%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$25,422</b>	<b>\$33,992</b>	<b>\$25,422</b>	<b>\$49,011</b>	<b>92.79%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Public Works	\$3,998.75	775	25422	34,011	33.79%
Conservation & Devel.	\$ -	31107	0	15,000	0.00%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,999</b>	<b>\$31,882</b>	<b>\$25,422</b>	<b>\$49,011</b>	<b>92.79%</b>

**General Fund  
Tax Levy & Mill Rate History**  
2023 Tax Levy \$270,211 = \$9.76/1000  
2022 Tax Levy \$278,168 = \$10.32/1000  
2021 Tax Levy \$268,066 = \$9.83/1000

Dated this 13th day of November, 2024  
Sara Pullen, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

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## Suring Community Blood Drive

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**

SURING – Many people want to give back to the community but may not have a lot of time to volunteer. In only about an hour, volunteer blood donors can help save lives.

The community is invited to give back and help save lives by donating blood on Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 1-6 p.m. at the Breed Community Center, 11155 WI-32, Suring.

Blood is a perishable product that can only come from generous volunteers. By donating blood, individuals can make a difference in the lives of patients in their community and throughout the nation.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross

Blood Donor app, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire, found at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass, is encouraged to help speed up the donation process.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

## Menominee Police Department reports

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**

MENOMINEE, MICH. – The following Menominee Police Department reports are from Nov. 1-7.

**Friday, Nov. 1**  
8 a.m. – Officers assisted

a motorist who was locked out of their vehicle at the 1600 block of West Dr.

6:23 p.m. – Officers assisted a motorist who was locked out of their vehicle at the 1300 block of 15th Ave.

9:24 p.m. – Warrant Arrest: A 57-year-old female was arrested on a bench warrant through the Menominee County Sheriff's Department, for possession of methamphetamine, for use of methamphetamine and for obstructing police officers at the 1200 block of West Dr.

9:24 p.m. – Warrant Arrest: A 34-year-old male was arrested on a felony warrant through the Wisconsin Department of Corrections out of Rhinelander, on a bench warrant through the Menominee Police Department, on a felony warrant through the Marinette County Sheriff's Department, for violating parole and for obstructing police officers at the 1200 block of West Dr.

**Saturday, Nov. 2**  
2:28 p.m. – Officers and K-9 Dash assisted the Marinette

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# Oconto County Veteran Memorial

## Phases one and two are finished

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**  
 OCONTO – Phases one and two of the construction of the Oconto County Veteran Memorial are complete. Phase one involved the installation of flags in the middle of the pavilion. The flatwork for phases one and two is complete. In spring of 2025, phase three will start. Phase three will involve red, white and blue painting to go around the informational walls and all of the walls' bases, then the installation of the front informational walls and statues. Phase four will involve the walls for the names of the veterans,

flag poles, plaques for flag poles and flags and light poles. Phase five will include the donors' wall and names along with the walkway and Oconto Veteran Organization's Post flag poles and flags, in addition to the name of the memorial wall and the benches. The Oconto County Veteran Organization would like to let the businesses and people of Oconto County know this all takes time and phases. Construction depends on the weather and the donations that come in to build and honor all

the veterans from Oconto County. This memorial was started in 2013 and became a nonprofit organization in 2020, but when COVID-19 hit the country, it slowed down. Thanks to the companies that donated their time, labor and equipment, the organization was able to break ground in June 2021, and start building. The Oconto County Veteran Organization would like to thank the people and businesses for their donations, their desire to be part of building the memorial and for honoring all the Oconto County veterans.



The left side of the memorial as seen from Arbutus Ave.

Submitted photos



The right side of the memorial as seen from Arbutus Ave.

# Public involvement meeting set for WIS 32 improvements in Oconto County

## New WIS 32 website hosts exhibits, displays, and opportunity for comment

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**  
 OCONTO – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region announced a live, online public involvement meeting (PIM) for proposed improvements to 7.9 miles of WIS 32 from Big Hill Lane in Lakewood to the north county line near Carter in Oconto County. The purpose of this meeting is to provide project design information

and gather comments on proposed improvements. This meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams at 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 13. Project engineers will share maps, displays and exhibits via a live presentation. Information for businesses impacted by road construction will also be included in the presentation. Access the meeting via computer or mobile device by going to the WIS 32 design website (<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/ne/wis32carter/default.aspx>) and clicking the link at the top of the page at the time of the meeting. For audio-only, call into the meeting via phone to hear the presentation and ask questions. Conference call number:

(608) 571-2209, phone conference ID: 491 192 718#  
**Proposed improvements**  
 WisDOT is proposing a resurfacing-level improvement for the project. Improvements include resurfacing and new asphaltic pavement, culvert replacement, spot inlet repair and guardrail and pavement marking. Construction is scheduled for 2028. Short-term highway closures will be needed for culvert work. The project team and engineers will be available to explain the proposed improvements and answer questions. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about the proposed improvements and provide input.

# Hillside Assembly of God to host 34th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**  
 GILLETT – Hillside Assembly of God Church is announcing their 34th Annual Gillett Community Thanksgiving Dinner, consisting of turkey and ham with all the trimmings on Wednesday, Nov. 27 from 3:30-6 p.m. This dinner is offered to anyone who would enjoy the feeling of being a part

of a large family. There is no charge for the dinner. Pick-up meals will not be available this year. Meals can be delivered to those who are homebound and live in Gillett, Suring, Cecil or Oconto Falls. For dine-in dinner reservations, meal delivery or a volunteering opportunity, please call the church at (920) 855-2962.

When making reservations, please ask for a specific time slot: 3:30-4:15 p.m., 4:15-5 p.m. or 5-5:45 p.m. Dine-in times can also be reserved at [www.hillsideassembly.com](http://www.hillsideassembly.com). For those who leave a message, please include a phone number to confirm. The church is located at 5890 Hwy. 22 West in Gillett. Reservations are coming in daily so please don't delay.

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veteran. "We invited the great-great-great granddaughter of [Sgt. Johnston] who had the opportunity to come and hold his hymn book which he took to the war with him," Exhibit Coordinator David Retzlaff said. Experiences like these showcase the historical society's desire to tell the hidden stories behind images and artifacts. "There are stories behind each one of these artifacts, these photos. That was our goal, to tell these stories," Retzlaff said, "When you walk into some military exhibits, you see guns and uniforms. There's no story behind it. And that is, once again, our goal... to put stories behind it all." Peter Gabrielson echoed a similar sentiment, saying, "Everything has stories behind them, each of them could almost be a presentation in and of

itself." The Oconto County Historical Society's presentation on the exhibit began with Kitty Werner sharing her goal of creating a list with the names of all service members in Oconto County. Her research has included working with the Oconto County Genealogical Society, Wisconsin Veterans Museum, the Archive Center and a variety of local families. As Werner continues on her project, progress can be viewed on the society's website and is sorted alphabetically and by conflict. David Retzlaff and Peter Gabrielson then took a chronological approach to lecturing on the exhibit. They shared that researching and building the exhibit had been a lengthy process which required research from a variety of resources, including reaching out to military antique stores in Gettysburg, Pa. Gabrielson added, "we built around what we had,"

sharing his hope that as time goes on they will be able to access and add pieces from more recent conflicts such as the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Beginning with the Civil War, the two presenters spoke on the "Oconto Co. River Sackers of the Twelfth Regiment" poster. Retzlaff shared that they received the poster from the public library, but "in the best interest of documentation," the original copy is now stored in the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. The display text explained "The River Sackers were involved in the 1863 battle in Vicksburg," as well as Sherman's March to the Sea. One of the most famous pieces in the collection are small shards representing a green silk battle flag, made by the Ladies of Chicago

and carried into battle by the 23rd Illinois Infantry Regiment, which included men from the Oconto Irish Guard. These flag pieces represent the historic moment in which Colonel James Mulligan ordered his men to "Lay me down and save the flag." The flag was divided up by the men and brought back home to Oconto by Captain David P. Moriarty. A detailed artifact taking center stage in the museum exhibit was a chest containing the military issued supplies of Corporal Walter P. Belongia. Serving in Company M during WWI, the chest contains religious pieces, American flag iconography and practical tools like a compass. This important piece is in "beautiful condition," according to Peter Gabrielson, and was

donated by CPL Belongia's grandchildren. While the men and women who worked to honor their veterans spent tireless hours researching, some pieces of information are simply lost to history. No exact reason is known for why Oconto County was selected during a maritime commission in which ships were named after American counties. However, the USS Oconto, nicknamed the Mighty-O, carried supplies, troops and American prisoners of war across the south Pacific during WWII. Roy Davis, a POW who survived the Baatan death march in 1942, is the

only known person from Oconto, Wis., to board the USS Oconto. While the Oconto County Historical Society presented on "Display Room Treasures: Oconto County Military History Exhibit" as a part of their Veterans Day programming, the public is welcome to visit the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum to learn more about the military history of Oconto. To learn more about the museum, military and history projects or to donate a piece to the society visit <https://ocontohistory.org>.



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# PERPECTIVES



## From My Window

### Get Off My Lawn!

We get AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) magazine. I always read it cover to cover, both for dependable information on topics of interest to older people, but also because it is extremely well-written and edited. Even if you have no faith in mainstream media, this magazine, which has an enormous circulation, is worth your time.

In the October/November edition, there was an essay by John Ficara entitled "You Kids, Get Onto My Lawn." This title, of course, is a spoof of the stereotypical imagine of an angry senior, yelling at children cutting across their yard.

John talks about how he cultivates relationships with the neighborhood kids. He knows them by name, buys whatever they happen to be selling and asks them what is new in their lives. They evoke many memories of his own daughter in her younger years, and he enjoys their energy and perspectives. His relationship with them and their parents makes them almost "honorary grandchildren," enriching all their lives. He's one more advocate for them, watching over their safety and well-being. He is living his part of "it takes a village," to care about our kids.

What really caught my interest was his comments about how many older people seek out "no kids" retirement communities because they want to escape the "chaos" of children. He gives this viewpoint respect, saying some people value peace and quiet above all else. But it's not for him... and it's not for me.

I had a similar thought process to his when Mike and I were seated with an older couple at a sports event a few years back. They were originally from northern Wisconsin, but resided in a famous "seniors only" housing complex in Florida. The woman was full of enthusiasm for the number of activities, the great weather, the easy access to medical facilities and services and general uniformity of her new community. In fact, she said it was so wildly popular that now younger people with kids want to live there too. "But," she said, "they are going to build them their own area, away from ours, and they won't be coming over where we are. They and their kids will stay on their side."

Exclusion of children would not be a selling point for me. I found the whole concept off-putting. Halloween would be boring. No antics to entertain me. No fun encounters while I was out walking. No chance to get

a homemade "get well" card or buy an overpriced candy bar or Girl Scout cookies. As John said, everyone deserves to live as they like, and if children are irritating to them, these kinds of places are where they should live. And I bet children and their parents prefer neighborhoods without cranky seniors who don't like kids.

The author said kid-friendly senior neighbors brought love and enrichment to his daughter's life when she was little, and now he gets to "pay it forward" in his current neighborhood.

Mike and I occasionally watch trail camera footage, bemused, as some neighborhood kids travel our woods trails, sometimes clearly pretending they are on a hunt and sometimes just exploring. Occasionally one will pose and make a funny face in front of a camera. It's plain to see the woods are a fun and special place to them, like it is to us. They are hurting nothing, and we do not mind a bit.

I have treasured memories of bringing "May baskets" made of paper with a few wilted dandelions in them to older neighbors when I was a child, and beaming when they told me how beautiful they were. And we trick-or-treated at select homes where older people lived, who didn't give us a piece of candy, they gave us a little bag stuffed full specifically for us - we knew we were special to them.

I have used neighborhood kids old enough for some responsibilities as pet sitters, a win-win as they got the chance to earn a little of their own money. I also know kids who got the chance to water flowers, mow lawns and do other tasks that might be difficult for senior homeowners. For some kids, it is that first taste of accountability outside their own family.

Kids are our future. They will be our medical providers, service staff, law enforcers and politicians. We should all work together to help them learn kindness, tolerance and respect for others by modeling that behavior to the youngest among us.

John and I think alike. He acknowledges kids bring some racket to a neighborhood, but said, "I figure once I'm gone, I'll have all of eternity to lie in quietness." And I say, Amen.

NOVEMBER: Great news! It is now "the garage is an extra refrigerator season."

I welcome commentary, alternative viewpoints or ideas at this e-mail address: JanieTMartin@gmail.com

**JANIE THIBODEAU MARTIN**



## SALUTE from page 1

The anonymous donor passed away a couple years ago, but Kinzinger said his wife has continued to donate each year.

"He was just one special friend and special guy. He was always looking to give back and when times got tough, he came out of it by giving back to others. He always set aside thoughts and time to help others out, and you just don't meet too many people like that," Kinzinger said.

Coleman/Pound Lion and Treasurer Dave Pellman said when the event first began, it was fully funded by the anonymous donor.

"All the money came from this one gentleman. It was totally anonymous. It didn't cost the Lions Club anything until we started going to 200+ attendees, so the club covered it with our yearly fundraisers," Pellman said.

Once the cost grew to the point that Lion's funds and the anonymous contributions weren't enough, Pellman said Wendt stepped up for his fellow veterans.

"Wendt said, 'I want to help you guys out too. I'm going to donate all my ice fishing derby funds to you for the Salute to Service,'" Pellman said.

Wendt has continued to host his ice fishing derby to raise money for the event for five years.

When Salute to Service was first held in 2015, eight restaurants volunteered to participate and help cover some of the costs. Today, 12 community restaurants participate in the event to thank veterans. Pellman estimates there were about 120 attendees that first year, and to date the largest crowd they've seen is more than 500 veterans and their families.

The restaurants who accepted vouchers this year were Bob and Laura's Supper Club, Equity Community Hall, Gilly's Old Habits, Cheers Too, Papa Bears Bar & Grill, Katie's Subs, Beaver Saloon, Article 15, Wouter's Front II on White Potato Lake, Woodshed Pub & Perk, G3 Up North and El Vaquero.

Pellman said the event continues to draw larger and larger crowds, so the Lions Club hopes to include more restaurants, bars and cafes in the future.

"We'll see how this year goes. Most of the places are getting to their capacity. And we stressed this year, shop around, go to different places, because I sit at Barbados and it's an hour wait, if you're

## Correction

In the Nov. 6 edition of the Peshtigo Times, the article commemorating Stephenson National Bank & Trust's 150 years in business incorrectly stated the original vault door was delivered to SNTB's flagship location in Peshtigo in 1922. The flagship bank location was in Marinette, down the road from the bank's current main location. There is no Stephenson National Bank & Trust location in Peshtigo.

lucky enough to get on the list," Pellman said.

According to Wendt, the event brings veterans of all branches and ages together.

"It's nice to be able to show support and get everybody out and even the ones that have a hard time making it, a lot of them still end up making it," Wendt said.

"We see veterans from all branches of the military," Pellman added. "The Army, the Navy, the Marines, the National Guard and even the Coast Guard - although we haven't seen anybody from the Space Force yet."

Kinzinger said the event provides a unique opportunity for veterans and their families to come together and celebrate with people who understand.

"Only 10% of people serve their countries," he said. "So we're very proud of that, because not everybody does it."

Wendt echoed his sentiment, saying, "One of the biggest things about the military is, if you ask a lot of veterans, military is the camaraderie, having this building, having this business, seeing all the veterans come up and be able to meet other veterans, it kind of brings that camaraderie back together."

William Mose, a veteran who served for seven years in the Navy, said he's experienced more support from fellow veterans than he feels he deserves.

"They say some gave all, all gave some, well I really don't think my sacrifice is that great, but I've been treated very well for what I've done," Mose said.

The country's attitude towards veterans has changed over the past several decades, and Mose said he's grateful to see it.

"When you look at the way the Vietnam Veterans got treated back in the day, I mean, they got spit on, and the way veterans get treated these days, it's a day and night difference. But there's a lot of them out there that

still need the care that they deserve," he added.

Emyl Schroeder, an Army veteran who served from 1956-1958 and spent the next six years in the Army Reserves, said he's been coming to Salute the Service for four years.

"I actually worked with [a veteran seated nearby], and I didn't recognize him, so it's kind of nice. There's other people that I've seen before, and it's just nice that they do this for us," he said.

The Lions Club works hard to support local veterans, and Schroeder said it shows.

"All you got to do is mention that if you were in the military and they say thank you. And at the time I was in, I didn't think I was doing anything special. I was there just because I wanted to be there," he said.

The event celebrates veterans, but Pellman said it also brings the rest of the community together.

"It's great for the community, because we're not asking for anybody to pay for anything. The

restaurants all kick in, and some do go a little bit about, you know, they basically do their own menus, but some have specialty stuff, and that helps to have that much that many people coming into the community," Pellman said.

The event also provides the Lions Club with the opportunity to share their purpose with the community, according to Kinzinger and Pellman.

"We're always looking for new members, so it's a great way to get back out into the community," Kinzinger said.

Although there are many reasons the Coleman/Pound Lions facilitate Salute to Service every year, Pellman said his favorite part of the event is the simple act of shaking a veteran's hand.

"The thing that makes it special, to me, is when I shake a veteran's hand - that's special. And World War II veterans are getting harder to see, so it's great to see them. They're all in their 90s and stuff, but they're still coming out, and it's great to see," Pellman said.

## — The Giant Oak —

When the autumn sun set red  
And the bitter air turned cold  
I sat beneath the giant oak  
That's as immortal as it is old

And all her leaves have fallen  
Vanishing before my eyes  
Like warriors meeting their end  
Under the battlefields of the skies

Her beauty becomes a memory  
Like angels in the wind  
Flying this way and that way  
With never really an end

Slayed beyond repair  
She loses her colored gown  
And must now wait another year  
To put on her golden crown

And there I sit in wonder  
While a sadness comes with the wind  
Hoping I'll see her next year  
When she's colored once again

**ROGER LANICH WAUSAUKEE**

## Salvation Army to host Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**  
MENOMINEE, MICH. - The Salvation Army will host a Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry on Nov. 21 at 10:00 am. A Mobile Food Pantry contains 15,000 pounds of food sent on a truck in order to provide food for 300 families in need on a first come, first serve basis.

The Mobile Pantry will be located in Menominee at the YMCA, 1600 West Dr., Menominee, Mich. It will continue as a drive-through process.

Major Rhegan Stansbury said, "We've been doing these Mobile Pantries now for four years. It is a blessing to see the impact it is making. Every month we are serving and average of 450 households. It's a fun day of serving and building community."

To sponsor a truck or volunteer, please call our main office for more information at (715) 735-7448. The Salvation Army and Feeding America are equal opportunity providers.

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### Reflecting on Our Blessings This Thanksgiving

Dear Reader,

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, we are reminded of the many blessings we enjoy as individuals and as a nation. This is a special time of year when we gather with family and friends, sharing a meal and reflecting on all for which we have to be thankful.

When you think about it, our country is the greatest in the world, built on the foundations laid by our forefathers and strengthened by each generation, including our own. We have much to celebrate and even more to protect and cherish.

Take a moment to think about the family you have and the family from whence you came. The love and support that surround us during this season are invaluable. Our families are our anchors, providing us with strength and comfort through the highs and lows of life.

Consider, too, the opportunities we have in our work and careers. With unemployment at a low rate, many of us are fortunate to have jobs, and for those seeking employment, opportunities are still out there. It's a time to appreciate the security and stability that employment



brings, enabling us to provide for ourselves and our loved ones.

This generation has contributed to our nation's ongoing greatness, each of us playing a part in shaping our community and our country. As we look to the next generation, we see incredible potential—a

future filled with hope, innovation, and progress. It is our responsibility to nurture this potential, ensuring that the blessings we enjoy today will be passed on to those who follow.

So, as you gather with your loved ones this Thanksgiving, take a moment to reflect on the abundance in your life. Share your blessings with those around you and offer a prayer of thanks for the goodness we experience daily. In a world that often moves too fast, let this day be a time to slow down, appreciate the present, and give thanks for all that we have been given.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

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**LAWSUIT**  
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Natural Resources (DNR) requirements exceeded \$300,000 and affected her retirement, according to a legal brief Madison law firm Fredrikson & Byron P.A. filed Nov. 5 with the Supreme Court of Wisconsin in the WMC v. DNR case.

“The DNR provided no guidance to Ms. Kantor regarding which of the thousands of PFAS compounds were considered hazardous substances, and at what concentrations those substances would be considered in exceedance. So, when DNR once again refused to allow LRI to begin its remediation after spending nearly \$300,000 on investigating the site, Ms. Kantor made the difficult decision to bring this action,” said Attorney Delanie Breuer of Fredrikson & Byron in the legal brief.

Breuer, who is representing Leather Rich, paints a sympathetic picture of Kantor in the legal brief, describing her as “a regular, hard-working Wisconsinite who dedicated much of her adult life to building a small business, Leather Rich, with her husband, Ron.”

“As a law-abiding citizen, Ms. Kantor made every effort to comply with DNR’s changing regulations under the Spills Law, investing hundreds of thousands of dollars and several years investigating potential contamination on the LRI property just so DNR would allow her to begin the remediation process,” Breuer said.

Some residents of Marinette County, where Johnson Controls’ Tyco unit is providing bottled water and paying for deep wells for residents in a PFAS-contaminated area, say it’s important to remember why the Spill Law exists and why the DNR should be allowed to continue to hold responsible parties accountable.

“How do you create a rule when essentially industry has been hiding the negative information about this? The Spill Law was specifically designed to deal with all of these unknowns,” said Marinette City Common Council Member Doug Oitzinger. “The WMC, they’re the corporate polluters’ lobbyists. Leather Rich, near as I can tell, they caused this pollution in the groundwater by their facility from the various products they used on dry cleaning.”

In the introduction to the 35-page response, Breuer writes, “to comply with the law, the public must know what the law requires.” She cites a 2019 Wisconsin case, Lamar Central Outdoor LLC v. Wisconsin Department of Hearing and Appeals, which involved a change in regulations pertaining to a road sign, where Wisconsin’s highest court determined the state Department of

Transportation needed to pass a regulation when it adopted a new interpretation of a Wisconsin law.

Whether the Supreme Court accepts the Lamar case as relevant to the WMC v. DNR case could have a bearing on the current case and whether the Spill Law remains as written or is found to be in need of revision.

As written, the Spill Law is designed to be different from most other laws as it deliberately allows for enforcement without set standards codified for some toxins, according to several attorneys. The Spill Law allows the DNR to be proactive in protecting the public from hazardous spills.

The Supreme Court’s decision in the Oconomowoc case involving Leather Rich also could affect Marinette County, where Johnson Controls’ Tyco unit has said it will take responsibility for PFAS-contaminated groundwater in a limited area. Some people want the contaminated area in the Town of Peshigo and a small part of Marinette, referred to locally as the plume, to be extended to a larger area.

“If the Supreme Court decides that a maximum contamination level in rule isn’t necessary for the Department of Natural Resources to force clean-up, then Tyco would most likely be forced to clean up all of the PFAS contamination,” said state Senator Mary Felzkowski, who believes a public-private resolution might be necessary for the PFAS contamination.

If the Supreme Court were to uphold the appeals court’s decision in the WMC v. DNR case, it could strip the DNR of its authority in holding companies like Tyco accountable for chemical spills they caused, according to Oitzinger.

Johnson Controls’ Tyco unit discovered PFAS on its property about 11 years ago, yet Wisconsin hasn’t yet set maximum contaminant levels for PFAS in groundwater used for drinking water, Oitzinger said. Without a state rule in place, “the only authority the DNR has is the Spill Law,” he said. Without it, “basically the DNR loses all of its authority to the Tyco spill,” he said, and Tyco might be less inclined to help the community.

“All the things Tyco has done was not done out of the goodness of their heart. They were done because the DNR said, ‘You need to come up with a plan to fix this as best you can,’” Oitzinger said.

The WMC has fought against setting standards for PFAS in groundwater, so it’s hypocritical for the organization to say because standards don’t exist, a company shouldn’t be held accountable for a spill, he said.

Spill Law fines can total thousands of dollars per



Laura Reeves of Manitowoc with her winning card.

Submitted photo

**Crooked Lake/Mountain  
Lions Club calendar winners**

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**  
**CROOKED LAKE/MOUNTAIN** – The Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club’s November meeting was held on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at Wheel Inn’s Bri’s Way, and tacos were on the menu. After discussing what went well and what might need improvement for the Oktoberfest, plans were made for the Christmas Dinner Party.

Prior to the meeting Lion Terry Jorgenson drew the names of the ten winners on the money calendar. Darryl Houska from Suring won \$150 and Jocelyn Hawtrey

from Green Bay won \$50. The following eight people will each receive \$25: Kathy Kane from DePere, Stuart Sawalski from Oshkosh, Dave Obert from Marinette, Doug Acker from Marathon, Dean Stoller from De Pere, Macie DeSmidt from Crivitz, Laura Reeves from Manitowoc and Jenni Brabant from Ocala, Fla.

Congratulations to these winners and thanks to everyone who supports the Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club by purchasing a calendar and/or attending their fundraising events.

day, wiping out a citizens’ savings, Breuer said. “As this case demonstrates, DNR’s constant movement of the proverbial goal post with respect to these regulations has very real consequences for Wisconsin residents,” the brief said.

The case could determine how property owners must respond to DNR demands for testing and remediation in the future, she said. But Oitzinger said the Spill Law should apply as it has in other spills, despite the fact the case involves an older widow concerned about losing her retirement savings.

“Of course the Spill Law applies to anyone. If you as a property owner go dump thousands of gallons on your property, you’d have an obligation to clean it up,” he said. It also requires property owners to report a spill.

Dry cleaners in particular often use toxic chemicals, he said. “Who else should be cleaning that up besides the dry cleaner? The financial responsibility is overwhelming.” If it’s overwhelming for Leather Rich, it also might be overwhelming for taxpayers, as some have suggested the government should pay.

“At the end of the day, if you’re not going to pick up the cost, who’s going to? It’s you and me – the taxpayer – you’re the first person we go to get it cleaned up,” Oitzinger said. “The government in many cases have grants to help some of that.”

Felzkowski envisions a public-private resolution,

pointing out the federal government approved the use of PFAS chemicals, so it should help with the cleanup.

Breuer said Leather Rich didn’t cause the PFAS spill. To which Oitzinger said, “Instead of suing the DNR, they should have sued the people who made the chemicals who didn’t warn them they were dangerous.” The rulemaking process can take years, Oitzinger said.

In one passage of the 35-page legal filing, Breuer said: “DNR asserts that any substance, including milk and beer, can (and must) be subject to Spills Law regulation. But taken to its logical end, this premise would compel an absurd result.”

But Breuer overlooks exceptions to the Spill Law, such as when a spill is found to be another party’s responsibility, said Rob Lee, staff attorney at Midwest Environmental Advocates in Madison, which filed an amicus brief in the appeals case. “There is an exception for owners of properties that have contamination from neighboring properties seep onto theirs, as long as they allow the cleanup to occur,” Lee said.

The DNR also can use discretion in enforcing the law. “The DNR is not going after farmers or really any private individuals except in very rare circumstances,” he said, such as structure fires where PFAS-containing firefighting foam was used.

Breuer criticized the DNR’s “guess and check” approach to determining whether a spill is hazardous.

**St. Augustine Catholic Church  
to host Hunter’s Supper**

**FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES**  
**WAUSAUKEE** – St. Augustine Catholic Church will be hosting their annual Hunter’s Supper on Saturday, Nov. 23 in the Parish Hall at 507 Church St., Wausaukee. The supper will start at 4 p.m. and go until 6:30 p.m. This year’s menu includes chicken, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, corn, coleslaw, rolls, homemade desserts

and beverages.

Admissions for adults will be \$12, children ages 5-12 will be \$6 and children under five are free. St. Augustine will be celebrating Mass on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m.

For more information, please call the Parish office at (715) 856-5276 on Tuesday or Thursday or e-mail: secretarystaugustine2020@gmail.com.

“Consider the absurd results if such a ‘guess and check’ approach was applied in other legal or regulatory contexts. For example, what if numeric speed limits were abolished and drivers were expected to determine for themselves what driving speed is safe?” she said in the brief.

Yet Wisconsin traffic code includes “too fast for conditions,” which doesn’t specify an exact speed limit but states, “The operator of every vehicle shall drive at an appropriate speed as may be necessary to avoid colliding with object, person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and using due care, or when special hazard exists with regard to other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions.”

If the Supreme Court were to rule against the DNR, “the reality is that many contaminated sites in Wisconsin will not be cleaned up when they otherwise would have been,” Lee said. Prior to 1978 when the Spill Law was enacted, people had to confront the polluting parties on their own, such as by filing a tort lawsuit after an injury occurred, he said.

In another scenario, taxpayers, or the state, fund the cleanup, Lee said. “But the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is woefully underfunded and understaffed, which necessarily means many sites, if any are addressed at all, will be overlooked,” Lee said, and people will be exposed to hazards.

Kantor made a concerted effort to comply with the DNR’s requests to a point, Breuer said. She didn’t expect to find a problem because it had “an impermeable barrier under the facility to prevent contamination,” according to the legal filing.

When the soil was evaluated, low-level volatile organic compounds were detected, and Kantor reported this to the DNR. A year and three months after the DNR’s site investigation had begun in 2018, the DNR informed the company it would need to investigate PFAS at the site, the attorney said. “Prior to this conversation, Ms. Kantor had never heard of PFAS,”

Breuer said.

“Believing she had no choice but to comply with DNR’s directive, Ms. Kantor agreed to test for several PFAS and reported those results to DNR. But Ms. Kantor’s compliance led to more demands from DNR, requiring soil and additional water samples be tested for PFAS. DNR provided no guidance to Ms. Kantor regarding which of the thousands of PFAS compounds were considered hazardous substances, and at what concentrations those substances would be considered in exceedance,” Breuer said.

The chemicals that led Leather Rich to alert the DNR, before the PFAS was found on the site, are hazardous, said Dean Hoegger, president and executive director of Clean Water Action Council, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting human health and the environment. Hoegger has personal experience with chemicals used in dry cleaning from working in a dry cleaning business when he was in high school. There’s a lot of chemicals and they’re not always treated.”

Hoegger said the Leather Rich case has some similarities to 1980s litigation involving PCBs, which were being put into the Fox River from recycling fluid and they poisoned fish, he said. “A whole bunch of companies were involved,” he said. “PCBs were ending up in the sediment in the Fox River and pushed out to the Bay of Green Bay in animals and fish, causing fish not to be edible,” he said.

“We pushed hard for removing the PCBs and sending them to a secure landfill,” he said. “PCBs were outlawed in lots of different industries. The carbonless paper stopped being produced.”

But from Leather Rich’s perspective, having to “guess and check” what contaminants DNR may consider a hazardous discharge and “then waiting to see if DNR will do nothing or bring an enforcement action” was exceedingly challenging to the point of being abusive, Breuer said, adding, “It is possible this is the first challenge of its kind because DNR’s abuse of the Spills Law has never been so egregious.”

**GARFIELD**  
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is looking for. Alex is looking for very good quality people living in the community. And with him adding the gymnasium as a community center, he felt that he wanted to have community and neighborhoods be more intertwined.”

Ultimately, despite the developer’s assurance that the project would attract high-quality tenants, the commission voted against the rezoning, citing criteria not met and the project not being in the public interest.

The school board had received a full-price bid for Garfield Elementary in the amount of \$299,900 from St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in February of this year, which it rejected. Several citizens argued the rejection of the bid was due to a fear of competition with other schools.

The school board voted 6-2 to accept an offer of \$265,500 for the Garfield property in July. The only information provided about the buyer was their company name, Anything You Want LLC, which claimed to be

a Wisconsin developer, and that they planned to collaborate with Alliance from Appleton.

“We’re a district right now that has a declining enrollment,” Marinette School District Superintendent Corry Lambie told Fox News in February. “If it was owned by another entity that provides these similar services, more dollars could go to that entity, which then has an adverse impact on our taxpayers.”

Many of the citizens in attendance seemed aware of these comments and addressed them.

“You don’t deny a full bid because you’re afraid of competition from a Catholic school who has been here over 100 years,” Eric Grenier said.

Jan Wilke pushed back at the idea that competition would hurt the school district.

“Isn’t competition good? Doesn’t it make you a better person, a better school?” Wilke asked.

The citizens gathered in the meeting room responded to Wilke’s comment with applause.

Laurie Desmond, who has lived at her current address

in Marinette for 45 years, said she may be for the rezoning if more information was made available.

“I live kitty-corner from Garfield school. My kids went to school there, I substitute taught there. It was once a beautiful building,” Desmond said. “There are many repairs that are needed in that school. I am for – depending on the plans or the type of income requirements needed for a multi-family living space; I would want to know that before making this decision – but I am for moving on and creating living space. I live in the area. I wanted to improve the looks of the area.”

Russell Johnston shared he felt the school board made a mistake in rejecting St. Thomas’ bid.

“I feel we wouldn’t even be here today if the school board would have done the right thing and sold it to STAA for the full price offer,” Russell Johnston added.

Several citizens also felt the school board was not transparent with the public about the bid from St. Thomas, and rejected it without public input.

“The school shouldn’t be made into subsidized

housing – whatever they plan on doing, the citizens shouldn’t have to suffer for the school board not being transparent to what they were doing,” Grenier said.

One citizen expressed her frustration that only those living within 200 feet of the Garfield property were notified and invited to the meeting.

“I believe that the entire city should have been invited to this meeting, not just 200 feet within the school,” Sarra Johnston said.

Another commenter felt the city’s children were being treated as a second priority.

“I don’t think that our children’s education should suffer for Marinette revenue,” Richard Wagner said.

Several of those in attendance were concerned about the potential of increased crime if an apartment complex was built.

“Making this an apartment building, I feel, would invite more crime to the neighborhood,” Sarra Johnston said. “My parents are retired. They don’t need that. Someday, I might be moving back with them to help them out when they age.”

County Board member Tim Pelzek shared his concern about illegal immigrants overwhelming the school district and police department if the proposed apartments used federal housing programs.

“I’m very, very concerned that if the zoning request is granted, the property will eventually be used to house some of the millions of illegal aliens, most of whom we know nothing about. More importantly, an influx of illegal aliens could result in massive increases in crime, which would result in the need to hire additional police officers and burden the courts,” Pelzek said.

“Many small cities throughout the country have been invaded by illegal aliens, some being members of gangs who wreak havoc on the cities that they are in and also bring with them poisonous drugs such as fentanyl,” he added.

Some attendees were also concerned about the money going into keeping the former school building heated and lit.

“The school district took a loss of income by waiting for a second bid. And also it costs \$6-7,000 per month to keep up that school with

heating for the pipes and the lights on. Now we’re inviting vandalism there because it’s been empty too long, but we’ve never been told who the buyer is,” Joanne Vieth said.

“Hopefully we’ll have some clarity on that,” Mayor Steve Genisot replied. “I’m sure some of the commission members will have some additional questions when we start the discussion.”

Contrary to Genisot’s prediction, the commission members had few questions in the discussion portion of the meeting.

The first four of the seven criteria were met with silence from the commissioners, which led one citizen to ask, “You’re all just going to sit there and not say anything?” The lack of motion on each of the four criteria means the items were denied.

The last three items each received a motion and a second, and were approved by the commission.

The Marinette Common Council will hold a public hearing in early December. The city shared the meeting date and time with the press, but did not grant permission for it to be published by the Peshigo Times deadline.

# | LEGALS |

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, MARINETTE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF COZETTE J. CARLTON**  
**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 24-PR-99

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 8/16/1935 and date of death 9/21/2024, was domiciled in Marinette County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 345 E. Main Street, Coleman, WI.  
3. The application will be heard at the Marinette County Courthouse, Marinette, Wisconsin, Room A205, before Hon. James A. Morrison, Probate Registrar, on December 18, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 7, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Marinette County Courthouse, Marinette, Wisconsin, Room A125. Form completed by Atty. David Spangenberg 2020 Ella Court, PO Box 1010 Marinette, WI 54143 715-732-3535 10-30-24, 11-6-24, 11-13-24 WNAXLP

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, MARINETTE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ERICA J. ANDERSON, a/k/a Erica Jean Anderson, a/k/a Erica J. Noble a/k/a Erica Jean Noble**

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2024PR000104  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth October 29, 1977 and date of death October 06, 2024, was domiciled in Marinette County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N6706 S. 5th Street, Crivitz, WI 54114.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] February 14, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Marinette County Courthouse, 1926 Hall Ave, Marinette, Wisconsin, Room A125.  
Form completed by: (Name) Richard A. Kuenzi, Esq. Address PO Box 376, Marinette, WI 54143 Telephone 715-735-6671 Bar Number 1117631 Publish Nov. 13, 20, 27 2024 WNAXLP

**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, MARINETTE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING CASE NO. 24CV267**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF**  
Delores Janet Poquette  
By (Petitioner) Dolores Janet Poquette  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Dolores Janet Poquette  
To: Dolores Janet Moreno Caballero  
Birth Certificate: Dolores Janet Moreno Caballero  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Marinette County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: Honorable Peggy L. Miller  
Place: Marinette County Courthouse 1926 Hall Ave., Rm A205, Marinette, WI  
Date: 12-13-24  
Time: 1:00PM  
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-732-7450 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.  
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Peshigo Times a newspaper published in Marinette County, State of Wisconsin.  
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Notice To Creditors 7735

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, MARINETTE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case 2024PR000103

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE F. ERICKSON**  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 06/28/1945 and date of death 7/06/2024, was domiciled in Marinette County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N19268 Erickson Drive, Dunbar, WI 54119.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] February 14, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Marinette County Courthouse, Marinette, Wisconsin, Room A125.  
Form completed by: Atty. David Spangenberg Address: 2020 Ella Court, PO Box 1010 Marinette, WI 54143 Telephone: 715-732-3535 Bar Number 1017429 11-6, 11-13, 11-20 WNAXLP

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**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES BOARD MEETING PESHTIGO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024 6:00 PM**

Elementary Music Room  
Members Present: S. Coble, M. Fifarek, J. Kukuk, G. Larsen, J. Nault, T., O'Neill, K. Roeder, J. Schwittay, J. Seefeldt  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: P. Rau, L. Schultz, S. Swanson, A. Sampulski, J. Bell, S. Zuehls, K. Berman, L. Berth, J. Dura, K. Young, C. Sodini, C. Patterson, T. Baker, G. Giese  
Recorder: Betsy Wickman  
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by G. Larsen. Roll call was taken, all members present.  
A MOTION was made by S. Coble and seconded by J. Seefeldt to approve the agenda for the October 9, 2024 Board Meeting. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by J. Kukuk and seconded by J. Nault to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting of September 11, 2024. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by T. O'Neill to approve the resignation of Matt LaCoursiere as the varsity head softball coach. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by K. Roeder and seconded by M. Fifarek to accept a donation in the amount of \$3000.00 from Provident Health Foundation to benefit the middle/high school De-Stress Fest (1500.00) and activity supplies for the Peer Mentorship Program (1500.00). The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by M. Fifarek and seconded by J. Nault to accept a donation from Provident Health Foundation in the amount of \$15,000.00 to benefit the Mindful Room. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by J. Nault and seconded by K. Roeder to accept the following donations:  
Bulldog Booster Club: \$300.00  
Peshigo Area Chamber of Commerce: \$250.00  
PTSO: \$250.00  
To benefit the Parent Education Event. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by J. Nault and seconded by J. Seefeldt to accept the following donations:  
David Doll: \$500.00  
Peshigo Asphalt: \$250.00  
Peshigo Veterinary Clinic: \$250.00  
Peshigo Area Chamber of Commerce: \$500.00  
To benefit the Rho Kappa Together for Tomorrow Event. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by J. Nault and seconded by J. Schwittay to approve the 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget as presented. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by T. O'Neill and seconded by M. Fifarek to accept a donation from Waupaca Foundry in the amount of \$1000.00 to benefit the purchase of a virtual reality headset. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by M. Fifarek and seconded by J. Schwittay to approve the Start College Now applications. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by J. Seefeldt and seconded by M. Fifarek to approve the Building Evacuation reports. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by S. Coble and seconded by J. Seefeldt to approve the bid for a video scoreboard (\$123,605.00) and a score table (\$20,132.00) as presented by Nevco. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by J. Nault and seconded by M. Fifarek to approve Accounts Payable Check #104054 thru #104205. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by M. Fifarek and seconded by J. Schwittay to adjourn the open session at 6:45 pm. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
Jenni Schwittay, Clerk  
Pub. 11/13/24 WNAXLP

**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES BOARD MEETING PESHTIGO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024 6:00 PM**

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Members Absent: None  
Others Present: P. Rau, S. Swanson, B. Williams, G. Giese  
Recorder: Betsy Wickman  
The meeting was called to order at 6:22 PM by Gary Larsen. Roll call was taken, all members present.  
A MOTION was made by S. Coble and seconded by J. Nault to approve the agenda for the October 28, 2024 Board Meeting. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by J. Nault and seconded by J. Seefeldt to approve the hiring of Brian McMahon as the 7th grade head boys basketball coach. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by M. Fifarek and seconded by J. Kukuk to approve the local levy of \$2,425,595.00 for the fund 10 levy. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by M. Fifarek and seconded by T. O'Neill to approve the levy for debt retirement in the amount of \$2,311,757.00. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by M. Fifarek and seconded by J. Kukuk to approve the resolution authorizing temporary borrowing not to exceed the amount of \$2,500,000.00 in conjunction with the Peshigo National Bank. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by J. Nault and seconded by J. Kukuk to approve the 2024-25 Budget adoption as presented. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
A MOTION was made by M. Fifarek and seconded by M. Fifarek to approve the open session at 6:25 p.m. The motion carried with all members present in favor.  
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## SHERIFF

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He also plans to focus on narcotics enforcement. “I have a lot of training in narcotics. Menominee County has two major highways, M-35 and US 41, which run right through our county. I spent five years working undercover on a narcotics team run by the Michigan State Police called UPSET. Those are known drug corridors,” he said.

Kudwa plans to present some ideas on ways to work with other agencies to stop the narcotics flow. “It’s heavy at times. Green Bay is an hour away and there’s any kind of drug you want down there. It’s getting traffic right through there up Menominee County to the rest of the Upper Peninsula. So narcotics is definitely something I’ll be working on.”

The City of Menominee Police Department, which has about 17 officers, is still working with marijuana stores on US 41 to keep traffic flowing safely, Kudwa said. “In front of a few of the businesses can get backed up at times. They’ve tried to work with us,” he said. Drivers make split-second decisions to turn into a parking lot, and some turn against the oncoming traffic, resulting in more traffic accidents than in years past, he said. “The rest is still to be determined on what kind

of impact it’s going to have. It’s still kind of new.”

## Menominee County election results

In Menominee County, voters cast 8,645 votes for Donald Trump and 4,252 ballots for Kamala Harris.

In Menominee County, in the U.S. Senate race, Republican Mike Rogers defeated Democrat Elissa Slotkin 8,330 to 4,038 votes.

Jack Bergman was re-elected 1st District Representative with 8,369 votes compared with 3,903 for Democratic candidate Callie Barr.

In the state race for representative of the 108th District, incumbent Republican David Prestin was re-elected with 8,606 votes compared to 3,784 for Democrat Christiana Reynolds.

In Ingallston Township, where Clerk Kay Keefer and Treasurer Pat Cheski both sought to step down, no new candidates emerged in time to be elected, Keefer said.

As a result, Keefer said she will stay on as clerk and Cheski will stay as treasurer. Cheski wasn’t available for comment.

A note on the election results for the clerk position said, “Unresolved Write-In: 37.” It wasn’t clear who received the write-in votes, as this information wasn’t provided. “Write-in candidates must file paperwork with the clerk, none did,” Keefer said.

In the treasurer spot, Dennis DeTemple filed

paperwork with Keefer in time to be on the ballot but resigned shortly thereafter due to a change in his health, Keefer said. The ballots contained his name as the only candidate for treasurer. Despite receiving 394 votes, he isn’t expected to serve. “It was too late to remove his name from the ballot,” Keefer said.

Other Ingallston Township trustees elected were Carl Jay Johnson, with 482 votes, and John Lampart, with 225 votes.

The township had 939 registered voters on election day, Keefer said. As a clerk, she said she received 203 absentee ballots.

County Commissioners elected included: 1st District Rep. Steven T. Gromala, 666 votes, 2nd District Patricia Mueller, 747 votes, 3rd District Larry Phelps with 515 votes compared with Timothy Gustman, 333 votes; 4th District Donald Park, 1,193 votes, 5th District Zak Aubert, 1,173 votes, 6th District Connie Westrich, 1,248 votes; 7th District Jeff Carlson, 1,394 votes; 8th District Nick Hanckel, 755 votes; 9th District Larry Johnson, 1,140 votes.

In referendums results, Menominee County voters supported, by a vote of 5,798 to 4,872, the Menominee Intermediate School District’s request for a one million increase, which is expected to generate \$867,000 annually for the next 10 years for career and technical education.

In Meyer Township,

voters approved, by a vote of 292 to 265, a half-million increase for two years to generate \$20,597 for invasive weed mitigation in Hermansville Lake.

Voters in Meyer, Harris, Gourley and Spaulding township collectively rejected, by a vote of 806 against and 741 for, a North Central Area Schools referendum for a Sinking Fund Millage. The proposal would have allowed the board of education to levy up to three mills to generate about \$360,000 each year for the next four years, starting with tax year 2024, for a sinking fund to purchase real estate, build and repair school buildings, for school security improvements and to purchase technology, vans, trucks and student transportation vehicles.

Faithorn Township voters living in the Norway-Vulcan Area School district who saw a referendum request for 2.7 to 3 mills to retire bond debt of \$760,000 over 20 years collectively rejected it, by a vote of 93 against and 74 for.

Faithorn Township voters living in the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District collectively approved, by a vote of 94 for and 70 against, a 0.498 mill referendum to generate about \$861,500 starting in 2026 for 10 years, as a millage is expiring in 2025.

For information on other Menominee County Township races, consult the county website under News & Announcements.

## POLICE

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Police Department at Marinette Ave. and Mary St.

4:54 p.m. – A 51 year old male was arrested for driving with a revoked license, and for leaving the scene of a multi vehicle accident without stopping and identifying himself at 14th Ave. and 25th St.

9:37 p.m. – Warrant Arrest: A 38-year-old male was arrested on two bench warrants through the Menominee Police Department, for possession of methamphetamine with the intent to deliver, for carrying a concealed weapon, and for possession of a firearm during the

commission of a felony at the 2300 block of 10th St.

## Monday, Nov. 4

1 p.m. – A 41-year-old male was arrested for no operator’s license at 8th Ave. and 9th St.

3:55 p.m. – Officers investigated a burglary and malicious damage to property discovered while conducting a civil standby for an individual at the 1500 block of 10th Ave.

8:07 p.m. – Warrant Arrest: A 27-year-old male was arrested on a felony warrant through the Menominee County Sheriff’s Department at the 800 block of 10th Ave.

## Tuesday, Nov. 5

6:54 a.m. – Officers investigated an attempted breaking and entering at a residence which caused damage to a gate lock and

a garage door at the 900 block of 5th St.

## Wednesday, Nov. 6

6:45 a.m. – Officers investigated a report of an unknown vehicle that struck and damaged the stop sign on 22nd St. near 18th Ave., which was later replaced by the Department of Public Works.

8:59 a.m. – Officers investigated a report of harassment which was determined to be a civil issue between neighbors at the 3400 block of 10th St.

10:53 a.m. – A 12 year old male and an 11 year old male were arrested for malicious damage to property at a residence at the 1800 block of 14th St.

9:42 p.m. – Officers investigated a report of a 21-year-old female who

was bitten by the family dog and transported to Aurora Bay Area Medical Center for treatment at the 1900 block of 15th St.

10:23 p.m. – Warrant Arrest: A 28-year-old male was arrested on a bench warrant through the Menominee Police Department, for bond violation, for possession of methamphetamine, and for smuggling contraband into a jail at 10th St. and 43rd Ave.

## Thursday, Nov. 7

3:28 p.m. – Officers investigated a report of cruelty to an animal at the 1500 block of 27th Ave.

9:51 p.m. – A 15-year old-male was arrested for possession of stolen property at 10th St. and 30th Ave.

# Cruisers Yachts rebrands flagship model 55 FLY to 57 FLY

FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES

OCONTO - Cruisers Yachts has announced the rebranding of its 55 FLY model, now named the 57 FLY.

"At Cruisers Yachts, we always strive to improve our products and ensure they reflect the true essence of our craftsmanship. After careful consideration, we've decided to rename the 55 FLY to the 57 FLY. This change better aligns with the actual length of the yacht and more accurately represents its impressive scale and sophistication. The new name reflects our commitment to precision, innovation, and delivering an unparalleled experience on the water," Mark Pedersen, president of Cruisers Yachts said.

The decision to rebrand the model came after a dedicated 1.5-year development process in which the Cruisers Yachts engineering team achieved a design enhancement. Originally estimated to have a length overall (LOA) of 55 feet, the yacht has been redefined with a custom swim platform that extends further into the water, bringing the total LOA to 57 feet. This accomplishment led Cruisers Yachts' executives and dealers to rename the 55 FLY to the 57 FLY, ensuring the yacht's title accurately reflects its size and presence.

Cruisers Yachts invites current and prospective yacht owners to explore the redefined 57 FLY, which offers not only greater size but also an open and modern design.



Cruisers Yachts unveils their 57 FLY, an updated version of the 55 FLY with the addition of a swim deck.

Cruisers Yachts photo



The October Roundup was for Lena Fire Department and the community raised \$4,039.37 for them to use for improvements. Chad Mursau presented to James Koslowsky, Ryan Schlosser and Tyler Marquardt. Submitted photo



Carl Gullicksen collected a hole-in-one at Little River Country Club on Monday, Nov. 4. Using a hybrid club, Gullicksen recorded a drive measuring 137 yards on LRCC's third hole. Submitted photo

## Concertina Accordion Club to meet

FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES

LENA - The Northeast Wisconsin Concertina, Accordion and Button Box Club will meet at Mcguire's Sports Bar, 211 S. Rosera St., Lena, on Wednesday, Nov. 20. A meeting will be held from 1-1:30 p.m., followed by music until 4 p.m.

The public is welcome, admission is free and all

ages are welcome to attend and can listen or play their own concertina, accordion or button box. Non-members can accompany a club member or perform after the round of club members are done playing.

For more information, call Richard Piontkowski at (715) 732-0233 or Tom Enneper at (920) 655-7680.

## Cards, crafts and community at Spies Public Library

FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES

MENOMINEE, MICH. - Spies Public Library will be making holiday cards to send to veterans and people in nursing homes in Menominee, Marinette and Oconto counties.

Join as community members and neighbors,

leave as friends!

Event dates are Thursday, Nov. 14 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and Thursday, Dec. 12 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The group will meet upstairs at the library. Supplies will be provided.

## St. Agnes Hunters Supper

FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES

AMBERG - Amberg St. Agnes Catholic Church at W8031 Wright St. will hold a Hunters Supper on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 4-6 p.m. There will be a Hunter's Mass at 6 p.m. in the church. Meals include

ham or turkey with mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, roll and pie for \$12.

Hunters, no need for cooking the first day of hunting. Supper will be eat in or take out.

Any questions, call Lynn at (715) 927-6735.

## Wausauke Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for Nov. 18

FOR THE PESHTIGO TIMES

WAUSAUKEE - The Wausauke Red Cross Blood will be held on Monday, Nov. 18, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at St Augustine Religious Education Center (old St. Augustine School) 515 Church St., Wausauke. Please park up the hill behind the school.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, blood drives have been cancelled all over. There is a great need for blood more than ever. Please consider donating and call Barb at (715) 927-5213 for an appointment. Appointments are important to maintain social distancing. Most past donors will be called, but anyone is welcome to call. Masks are not required but they are allowed.

The Wausauke Red Cross also will have red bloods cells drawn, called a double. Volunteers must meet the criteria to give. To do this, call and make an appointment as this type of donating will

stop about one hour before the end of the drive, at about 4:30 p.m. This will count as two units or pints.

Before donating, eat a good diet and get plenty of water. This will keep the iron count of volunteers up so they are able to donate. Low iron is the main reason people are unable to donate. Eating broccoli, raisins, nuts and other high iron foods helps, along with vitamins B and C. Get plenty of rest and stay safe.

Healthy donors may give every 56 days or eight weeks. Persons must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. Persons 16-years-old may give blood with a form signed by their parents. Every unit of blood can be used for three or more patients. If a volunteer is taking any medication, they may still give blood as long as they are checked and approved. Diabetics may also give if they are under control. Rules have changed

over the years and now many more are able to give.

Those who have gotten the vaccine shot can still donate. Many rules are changing and potential donors who are able to give now includes those who have been in England.

Again, call Barb to make an appointment (715) 927-5213. Remember all donations

help towards 2025 Wausauke senior scholarships. The Silver Cliff/Athlestane Blood Drive will be Monday, Dec. 30 at the Cornerstone Church from noon to 5 p.m.. Again, call Barb at (715) 928-5213 for appointments or make an appointment on line at redcrossblood.org.



## WE ARE HIRING A MARKETING AND SALES CONSULTANT

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The 2024 District Champion Menominee Maroons with their trophy after their 35-32 win over Traverse City St. Francis Saturday Nov. 9th.

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## Menominee survives close OT battle with Traverse City St. Francis to win District Title

**MIKE WIETING**  
SPORTS EDITOR

MENOMINEE – Saturday afternoon the Maroons faced one of their toughest challenges of their year thus far, the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators. After trailing early the Maroons battled back and took the lead before The Gladiators responded and sent the game to Overtime where the Maroons ended up prevailing 35-32.

“Proud of the guys for being so resilient,” said Menominee head coach Chad Brandt. “That’s a great football team we just beat. I just love how our guys battled to the final play of the game. We just came out with a few more points than them.”

“It feels great,” said Menominee QB Tanner Theuerkauf about the overtime win. “All the credit to my teammates. The line blocked amazingly well and we overcame adversity today.”

The high stakes game was matched with high drama as a late game injury nearly left the Maroons stranded. But an amazing effort off the bench by backup quarterback Dylan Beal rescued the Maroons and helped to save the day, and keep the Maroons in the fight.

“I don’t want to go without noting the job Dylan Beal did,” said Brandt. “Coming out of the bullpen and driving us right down the field to the red zone. He made some key throws and he ran

and directed the huddle as a leader. He did not flinch and he came in like we expected he would.”

Another highlight was a moment that saw one of the big boys up front catch a pass and run for a first down. During one of the offensive drives, Tanner Theuerkauf’s pass was tipped into the air and was pulled in by offensive lineman Lucas Thoune. After catching the ball, he bowled over a couple Gladiators on his way to a first down.

Landen Daigneau helped to swing momentum just before the half, after an Isaiah Odom TD rush, when he ended a short St. Francis drive with a pick six interception, helping to give the Maroons a lead going into halftime.

Menominee had a productive day on the offensive side of the ball, going for 318 yards while the visiting Gladiators amassed 369 yards. One of the biggest difference makers in that total offense readout was L. Daigneau’s 32 yard interception return. Which when added to the Maroons total yardage brings the total to almost identical marks.

The momentum shifts played a massive role in how the scoring played out over the four quarters of the showdown. St. Francis broke out to an early lead off two unanswered scores before Menominee rallied back with three touchdowns of their own. St. Francis squeaked a field goal through in between those scores but struggled to stop the surging Maroons.

It all came down to that overtime though, where Menominee was able to punch in a touchdown during their response possession after St. Francis had hit their field goal, giving the Maroons the hard fought win.

The day started with the Maroons receiving the opening kickoff. After crossing midfield the Maroons stalled out on the 42 yard line of the Gladiators and were forced to punt.

On St. Francis’ first possession the Gladiators were able to move the ball at will and drove across the field on a nine play drive that ended with a nine yard rush by Braxton Lesinski for



Menominee’s Tanner Theuerkauf and Dawson Bardowski wrap up a Gladiator ball carrier.

Mike Wieting photo

the early 6-0 lead. The extra point was good moving the score to 7-0.

Menominee again ran into difficulties on the next possession and were forced to a four play turn over on downs on their own 43 yard line. It looked as if the Gladiators were going to be forced to a punt after a Hunter Thronson-Westby sack, a false start and a delay of game backed them up with a second and 28 attempt. But an open Matthew Kane was found by quarterback Tyler Endres for the 43 yard passing score and the 14-0 lead.

Menominee gave their fans a chance to let out a sign of relief on the ensuing possession as Clayton Miller and Isaiah Odom bashed their way through the line to help set up a Theuerkauf to Cole Cooper 18 yard passing TD, narrowing the lead to 14-7 with 1:53 left in the first quarter.

The Menominee defense dug in on the next possession as they forced the Gladiators to a three and out, thanks to stops by Theuerkauf and Daigneau.

Menominee looked like they were going to even the score as they drove down to the seven yard line but were stopped by an interception in the end zone. The rare interception marked only the second time this season Theuerkauf was picked off.

Having to drive 80 yards for the score, the Gladiators went to work and found themselves in a fourth down situation on the nine yard line of Menominee after 12 plays. Instead of risking the touchdown attempt they elected to kick a field goal, which sailed through the uprights for the 17-7 lead with 2:46 left in the half.

After that score, the Maroons sprang to life. Theuerkauf opened their next drive by connecting with Caleb Barstow on a 16 yard passing gain before the Maroons ground out another 18 yards through the rushing game. Sitting on the 43 yard line of St. Francis one of the more exciting plays of the night occurred. Theuerkauf dropped back to pass and released the pass. As it moved through the air it was tipped and before it could



Menominee’s Clayton Miller shrugs off a tackle and makes his way to a nice gain against the Gladiators.

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Menominee’s Landen Daigneau dives into the endzone after an interception for the pick six score.

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be grabbed by the defense a quick moving Lucas Thoune reached up and snagged the floating ball. After grabbing it Thoune rumbled his way through a couple Gladiators before being brought down for a gain of 18 yards and a first down.

“That was one of the more fun plays of the day,” said Brandt. “To see ‘Thouner’ running down the field, I don’t think just one guy brought him down.”

“That play, I see it in the air, it’s mine,” said Menominee O-Lineman Lucas Thoune. “I’m not letting anyone else get it. Number one in my mind is I don’t want a pick; I’m not letting it get turned over. It’s got to land in our hands and it stayed in mine. Just got to make a play. That’s what it’s all about.”

It certainly took more than one Gladiator to challenge

the Maroon warrior. Nearly everyone on the defense had to converge on the charging bull that was Lucas Thoune.

“It did,” said Thoune about the effort it took to take him down. “I’m a bigger fella and it’s going to take more than one person to get me.”

“He really bailed me out on that one,” said Theuerkauf about Thoune’s pass reception. “I thought that one was going to get picked and I saw him run away with it and that was just really cool.”

The Thoune reception not only raised the volume at Walton-Blesch field, it seemed to put a fire in the Maroons who two plays later saw Odom bust loose on a 30 yard TD scamper, brining the score to 17-14.

“Their track record against UP teams is really

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Menominee head coach Chad Brandt raises the District Champion trophy after their victory over Traverse City St. Francis.

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Menominee’s Isiah Odom crosses into the endzone for a touchdown.

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Tanner Theuerkauf’s pass is tipped into the air and caught by lineman Lucas Thoune and carried to a first down.

Mike Wieting photo





The Titans' defense made things difficult for NCC all night in the State Qualifier round. Here, a trio of Lena/STAA defenders, Ty Shallow (4), Colt Miller (99) and Calvin Peters corral and then take down Jacob Schultz. **Josh Staloch photo**



Lena/STAA's Lucas Heimke runs down NCC quarterback Jacob Schultz for a sack on Friday night in the State Qualifier round. **Josh Staloch photo**

# Titans to play for State Championship

**JOSH STALOCH**  
SPORTS WRITER

**RHINELANDER** – The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 8-man football team is on its way to Wisconsin Rapids to face Owen-Withee this Saturday afternoon in the WIAA 8-Man Championship Game following its 38-14 win over Northwoods/Solon Springs on Friday, Nov. 8 at Rhinelander High School.

“You know, before we became a co-op (team), we didn’t have a lot of winning seasons,” said Titans Co-Head Coach Dale Lange, on his way to the state Championship round for the first time in his 45 years as a coach. “But we built the thing. We built the team, we built unity across the two schools. There is no us and them, it’s ‘We are the Titans’ as we always say. It’s Titans football. The

parents have bought in, the fans have bought in. It was a solid game. They came out fighting. They scored first. They didn’t rock us, we came back and we scored but didn’t cash the cookie in for the two points. When we got that next score in, right before the half, that was huge.”

The Evergreens began the game on offense at midfield and found some early success moving the ball behind quarterback Jared Schultz. But the Titans’ defense would come up with the game’s first big play later in the drive when, on a second-down play, Mason Spice made a great play to intercept Schultz at the goal line and keep the Evergreens off the scoreboard.

The first touchdown of the game came early in the second quarter when Schultz put NSS up 8-0 on



Sam Peterson’s excellent coverage on a deep pass play here kept the Evergreens out of the end zone on Friday. **Josh Staloch photos**

a big 82-yard run.

The Titans would respond with a bard-nosed drive that ended with Max Peterson scoring on a run from three-yards out but Lena/STAA would have to settle for an 8-6 NSS advantage after failing to convert the two-point attempt.

Later in the second, the Evergreens were threatening again, with Schultz leading the drive down to the Lena/STAA 24-yard line before Sam Peterson came up with another big play for the Titans defense by intercepting a Schultz pass that was headed for the end zone.

The Titans took over at their own eight-yard line and went to work on the NSS defense, with quarterback Calvin Peters (34 carries, 140 yards; 1-for-2 passing, 22 yards) moving the ball with some tough runs. Peters also completed a

nice pass to Colt Miller on this drive, setting the Titans up at midfield with time ticking away on the opening half of play.

Peters came through on a fourth-down play later in the drive to keep things going but, with the scoreboard showing 4th-and-12 from the 42-yard line and only seconds remaining in the second quarter, it looked like Lena/STAA would be heading into the break trailing by two scores.

But the Titans called the right play, a deep pass down the right side of the field, lofted perfectly by Miller, in at quarterback for the play, and somehow ending up in the arms of Max Peterson, who fought through tough coverage to come up with the reception, and across the goal line for a 14-8 Lena/STAA advantage with the successful two-point run by Max Peterson (9 carries, 42 yards and a

score).

The Titans had to be feeling pretty good about things at halftime following the big scoring play to end the second quarter and their situation only got better with the first play of the third.

Sam Peterson was back deep to receive the opening kick of the second half and a collective gasp could be heard from the Lena/STAA fans in attendance when the ball got away from Peterson briefly. For a moment, he was fully turned around, facing his own end zone as he attempted to get control of the ball, which was bouncing around his fingertips and threatening to hit the dirt, which would have put the Titans in a tough spot to begin the quarter, at best.

But once Peterson got full control of the football, he throttled

up and blasted his way through the NSS special teams unit, with the help of some key blocks coming from his own guys, 85 yards down the field and into the end zone for a 20-8 Lena/STAA advantage.

From that point in the game forward, the Titans’ defense would completely dominate the NSS attack, with the Evergreens unable to put up any additional points until late in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, the Lena/STAA offense refused to slow down at all. A nice drive late in the third quarter ended with Ty Shallow (18 carries, 84 yards, two scores) coming across from four yards out to make it 26-8 before doing it again from 21-yards out mid-way through the fourth frame to give the Titans a comfortable 32-8 advantage.

The final Lena/STAA score of the game came on yet another highlight-reel play from the team’s defense as Miller picked off Schultz and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown.

The Titans will now face Wisconsin’s top-ranked 8-man team in Owen-Withee, this Saturday, 1pm at South Wood County Stadium in Wisconsin Rapids. The Blackhawks went 11-0 on the season and are a threat to put up a lot of points. In the first two games of the season, for example, Owen-Withee outscored their opponents 135-0.



Mason Spice came up big with an interception to put down the first NCC possession of the game on Friday night. Here, Spice collides with an exuberant coach Craig Huberty on his way back to the sideline. **Josh Staloch photo**

## WIAA 8-Player Football Championship Preview

**THE CHAMPIONSHIP:** The sixth Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association 8-Player Football State Championship final will feature Owen-Withee (11-0) vs. Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas and will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School at 1 p.m.

**ADMISSION TICKETS:** The WIAA uses GoFan Ticketing for all digital and cashless tickets. Admission is \$11 plus online fees for adults and students. All tickets must be redeemed on a mobile device. To purchase tickets, visit the WIAA website at: <https://gofan.co/app/school/WIAAWI>.

**LIVE STREAMED ON WIAA.TV:** The 8-player football championship game will be streamed live on the WIAA.TV portal of the NFHS Network on a consumer subscription basis. To purchase a subscription to the live programming, log-on to [www.wiaa.tv](http://www.wiaa.tv) and click on the “Subscribe” link at the top of the page. Archived streams of the games will be available on demand on the NFHS Network 72 hours after the tournament with a subscription.

**THE MATCH-UP:** Both Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas and Owen-Withee will be making their first appearance in

the 8-player championship game. Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas has qualified for the 8-player football playoffs in each of the last four seasons of the tournament. Prior to this season, the Titans’ furthest advance in the bracket was to the second round in 2021 and 2022. Before transitioning to 8-player, the co-op qualified for the 11-player playoff field in Division 6 three times and were eliminated from title contention in the first round in each of their previous experiences. Lena, as a stand-alone program, advanced to the third round of the playoffs in Division 6 in 1991, which accounts for its only stand-alone experience.

The Titans were the runners-up in the Across the Bay Conference this fall. They earned the opportunity to play for the championship after beating Northwood/Solon Springs 38-14 in their State semifinal matchup. Owen-Withee has qualified for the playoffs for the second time. The Blackhawks qualified last season and lost to their opening-round foe. Prior to the transition to 8-player, the Blackhawks qualified 18 times in the 11-player playoffs, compiling a 31-15 record. They won Division 6 championships in 1992 and 1999, and were the 2014 champion in Division 7. Owen-Withee is the

champion in the East Division of the North Central Conference this season. The Blackhawks advance to the title game following a 23-21 win over Highland in their State semifinal game played at Stanley-Boyd.

**2023 CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP:** Florence (11-0) capped an undefeated season by winning the State 8-player football championship with a 32-30 victory over Thorp (9-3) at South Wood County Stadium. Florence held the edge in total offense, outgaining Thorp 485-432, including 480 yards rushing, which ranks second most in a State 8-player championship game. The Bobcats dominated the time of possession in the game, controlling the ball for 30:48 compared to 17:12 for the Cardinals. Logen Schuls led Florence in rushing with 272 yards and two scores, and William Kelley rushed for 194 yards and three touchdowns. Kelley also completed just 1-of-5 passes for five yards. Defensively, Dustin Williams picked off two Thorp passes. Denzel Sutton led the Thorp offense with 355 yards of total offense. He rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns, and he completed 14-of-22 passes for 220 yards and two scores. Logan Hanson rushed for 77 yards and

caught three passes for 32 yards and a score. Braden Schultze led all pass catchers with five receptions for 53 yards, and Landon Penk caught three passes for a game-high 75 yards. Hanson also led the Cardinals on defense with 13 tackles and an interception.

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME HISTORY:** Sevastopol defeated Luck 38-30 in the first title game played at Stanley-Boyd in 2018. The first year featured an eight-team bracket that was expanded to a 16-team bracket in 2019. There was no championship game in 2020 because of COVID-19 guidelines and accommodations when only one level of the playoff was offered. Newman Catholic is the only program to have won two 8-player football titles. Newman Catholic and Luck have played in the most championship games with three.

**REDUCED PLAYER FOOTBALL HISTORY:** Reduced-player football has had a long history in the association. The WIAA introduced a reduced-player football option for the first time in 1937 with a 6-player opportunity intended to serve small schools. An 8-player option was introduced a few years later, and prior to 1941, there were 90 schools

playing either 6- or 8-player football. World War II had an impact as the number of reduced-player teams declined to 70. In 1950, there were 50 6-player teams and 26 8-player squads. By 1956, the 8-player game had all but replaced the six-player option as 71 programs were playing 8-player to only six schools sponsoring the 6-player option. By 1969, almost every football program was 11-player with the number of teams playing eight-player dwindling to six. In 2012, the WIAA reinstated reduced-player football with 16 teams optioning for the eight-player format that season. For six seasons, the top four teams in two separate regions were afforded an opportunity to match-up and play in a four-game jamboree at the end of the season. In 2018, the 8-player football began with an eight-team playoff, which expanded to 16 teams in 2019.

**FACTS & FIGURES:** There were 66 programs sponsoring 8-player football in 2024 and 50 were tournament eligible. There are several schools participating in the 8-player program that are ineligible for the post-season tournament because their three-year average enrollment exceeds 200, which is the threshold to be eligible for the 8-player tournament.

**KEY DIFFERENCES IN THE GAME:** In addition to only eight players on the field for each side, the game differs slightly from the 11-player format both in the field configurations and playing rules. The 8-player field is 40 feet (13.3 yards) and the distance between the hash marks are narrower than the 11-player field. The playing rules differ from 11-player in that there must be at least five players on the offensive line of scrimmage at the snap. Each player that is at the end of the line of scrimmage and each of the three players behind the line of scrimmage are eligible and may have any legal jersey number.

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**WILSON IS THE OFFICIAL BALL:** Wilson is the official game ball of the WIAA State 8-Player Football Final. Wilson footballs are also the official ball at the 11-player sectional finals, State semifinals and finals.



First down and end-zone bound. On one of Friday night's best highlight-reel plays, Ty Shallow looked to be stopped for a loss or maybe at the line of scrimmage here. Instead, he pushed right through a pile of would-be tacklers for a 21-yard scoring run that brought the score to 32-8 on Friday.

**Josh Staloch photo**



Zander Thomson gets past his defender and looks to get in the face of NCC quarterback Jacob Schultz on Friday in the State Qualifier round in Rhinelander.

**Josh Staloch photo**



The post-game huddle on Friday.

**Josh Staloch photo**



The Lena/STAA football team hoists the 2024 WIAA Sectional Champions trophy following its 38-14 victory over Northwood/Solon Springs in Rhinelander.

**Josh Staloch photo**



The seniors from this year's Sectional Champion Lena/STAA 8-Man football team pose with the trophy following Friday's victory. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Tug Paidl, Tim Benser, Calvin Peters, Mason Spice, Ty Shallow, Caleb Schlosser and Dylan Mazaba.

**Josh Staloch photo**



Menominee's Wyatt Cornell gets the tackle against the Gladiators.

**Mike Wieting photo**



Maroons celebrate their District Title.

**Mike Wieting photo**



Menominee's Dawson Bardowski fields a punt Saturday against the visiting Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators.

**Mike Wieting photo**



Coleman's Dawson Patz pressures the Bonduel throw.

**Mike Wieting photo**



Coleman's Micha Kuchta approaches the line and prepares to take a snap during Friday night's Level 3 showdown with Bonduel.

**Mike Wieting photo**



Cougar Kolton Peters tries to slip through a quickly closing gap in the Bonduel line. Mike Wieting photo



Coleman's Micah Kuchta scoops up a fumble and breaks free for the touchdown. Mike Wieting photo

# Coleman Falls to Bonduel in Level 3 action

**MIKE WIETING**  
SPORTS EDITOR

COLEMAN - Heart. Determination. Family. Words used by the members of the Cougar football team describe their team this season. When it comes to heart one would be hard pressed to find a group of guys with more of it. Determination was shown this post season in abundance, whether it was overcoming a tough Abbotsford team or sticking with Bonduel all four quarters, the Cougars battled through injuries and mismatches to remain dangerous till the end. And Family, a word that was echoed by every Cougar when asked about what their team was and how it accomplished the feats it surmounted. The Cougars fought and won as a family this season and though their season did not end with a state championship that family stayed strong till the very end.

“Coach Jody said it perfectly,” said Coleman Head Coach Jeff Bronson. “This team truly was a team. They were so close, unified, and that’s why they had success. They played for each other, they celebrated for each other and they made sure they were always where they needed to be for their team. That’s why we got to a level 3 game, because of their belief in each other and each one of them not wanting to let the guy next to them down.”

Friday night the Cougars took on the Bonduel Bears in Coleman and faced a Bears team that had an arsenal of weapons. From their bulky front line to their dangerous receivers and a backfield with its QB Cade Johnson and his arm that seemed to never miss. After a real battle of a game the Cougars had fallen to the powerful Bears 15-13, trading a loss they handed to the bears in week two 22-20.

“We ran into a really good team that’s playing really well at the end of the year,” said Bronson. “Hats off to Bonduel. Their offensive and defensive lines played really well night. It was an even game just like the last time we played. Last time it was 22-20, this time it’s 15-13. We knew we were going to have a good game on our hands. I just need to do a better job of finding three points for our team. Cause lord knows they worked hard enough to win.”

The contest that occurred Friday night in Coleman was about as evenly matched as a game could get. Coleman’s tough offense amassed 183 yards of total yards over 48 plays while Bonduel edged out the Cougars with 212 yards on 50 plays.

“It would have been nice to be at full strength,” said Bronson. “But we can’t use excuses, we had our chances tonight. We just didn’t take advantage of them. The second half, with that group of seniors we had, they showed a ton of heart. Micah made some great plays; I don’t think he can even lift his arm above his shoulder. He’s been banged up for weeks, since the Crivitz game.”

What truly kept the Cougars in the match up was their ability to generate turnovers. The Cougars recovered two fumbles, returning one for a TD while intercepting one pass. Bonduel on the other hand picked off two passes.

After receiving the opening kickoff Coleman was forced to a quick three and out. This was followed by Bonduel stringing together a seven play scoring drive.

From the two yard line the Bears fumbled a snap, quarterback Cade Johnson picked the loose ball up and rolled out side, finding receiver Colin Fischer for the touchdown and the early 6-0 lead. The extra point kick was good bringing the score to 7-0.

Coleman battled their way across the field on their ensuing drive going 13 plays to make it to the 22 yard line of Bonduel before being forced to a turnover on downs. On that drive, Micah Kuchta converted a third and three attempt with a six yard scramble while a few plays later he completed a 10 yard first down pass to Victor Kostreva. West Bieber converted a fourth and one attempt as well.

The Bears following drive was cut short when Cole Berth intercepted one of Johnson’s passes



Cougars Cole Berth and Dameon Burke wrap up Bonduel's Ryan Westrich. Mike Wieting photo



Cougar West Bieber squares up with Bonduel's Cade Johnson. Mike Wieting photo



Coleman's Cole Berth picks off a Cade Johnson pass near the sideline. Mike Wieting photo



Cougar Micah Kuchta rises up and throws to a teammate. Mike Wieting photo

to give the Cougars the ball on the 25 yard line. Coleman capitalized on the opportunity and found the end zone on a Kuchta to V. Kostreva pass that saw the pass bobble in the end zone before Kostreva pulled it in for Coleman’s first score of the night. After the extra point kick the game was knotted up 7-7 with 6:36 left in the half.

The next Bonduel drive was one where the Bears looked unstoppable. They got four consecutive first downs before finishing the drive with a Ryan Westrich one yard rush for the 13-7 lead. Bonduel faked the extra point kick and passed to a two point conversion for the 15-7 lead.

That would be the last Bonduel score the game as the second half saw the Cougars buckle down defensively.

Before the half could expire the Cougars attempted to cross the field but were faced with an interception that was pulled in by Bonduel’s Johnson. Bonduel was unable to score before the end of the half.

Coleman entered the second half on defense and shut down the Bears with a three and out. On the ensuing offensive possession the bears netted their second interception of the night, giving them the ball on the 26 yard line of Coleman.

The interception failed to swing what seemed to be a momentum shift in Coleman’s favor as two plays later the Cougars forced a fumble which was recovered by Kollin Peters, giving Coleman possession on their own 23 yard line.

Unfortunately for the Cougars the offense stalled out and was forced to a turnover on downs. Though they were unable to produce points off that fumble, the next fumble would go for a touchdown.

On Bonduel’s possession after the turnover on downs, facing a second and four attempt, a fumble was forced out and Coleman’s Kuchta was able to grab the loose ball and go roughly 50 yards to the score. The two point conversion failed to find the end zone setting the game’s final score at 15-13 with 2:57 left in the third quarter.

Those last 15 minutes proved to be a defensive stalemate as neither team was able to break into the end zone.

On the day the Cougars



Coleman's Micah Kuchta makes a tackle on Bonduel's Colin Fischer. Mike Wieting photo

saw Kolton Peters lead the way on the ground, netting 68 yards on 12 carries. West Bieber got 40 yards on 14 attempts while Kuchta added 27 yards on 10 carries. Berth had 20 yards on four attempts.

Through the air Johnson completed three of his eight attempts for 28 yards and one TD while throwing two interceptions. V. Kostreva pulled down two passes for 20 yards and one TD while Darian Patz caught one for eight yards.

“Micah is probably the best leader this team has ever had,” said Bronson. “He got these guys together in the off season, during the week, before the game and after the game. As an individual, with nothing to do with football, it has been awesome getting to see his growth as a person. It’s awe inspiring and it’s one of those things you could sit and write a book about.”

Bonduel’s Westrich rushed his way to a team leading 37 yards on nine carries while Johnson ended the day with 36 yards on 10 carries. Fischer added up 19 yards on nine carries.

Through the air Johnson passed his way to 109 yards on a 10 of 16 showing. He got one TD and threw one interception. Receiving passes from Johnson were Mason Ballwahn with two for 44 yards and Sam Roberts who pulled in three for 30 yards. Fischer caught two passes for 12 yards and one TD while Carter Moesch got nine yards and one TD on one pass.

The win effectively eliminated the Cougars from the playoffs and advanced the Bonduel Bears to Level 4 of the WIAA playoffs where they will face Grantsburg for a chance to go to the state final.



Coleman's West Bieber drags down Bonduel's Colin Fischer in the backfield. Mike Wieting photo

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good," said Thoune about St. Francis. "They may be good against UP teams but they have never been to Walton-Blesch. We have an energy here and an family environment where everyone wants to see you win and we want to win for them. It's important to us to get these wins."

On the first play of St. Francis' ensuing drive L. Daigneau stepped in front of a Endres pass and went untouched on his way to a 30 yard pick six. After the huge turnover score the Maroons had finally taken the lead 21-17 with 17 seconds remaining in the half.

"That was a big switch in momentum," said Brandt about Daigneau's interception. "So for us to score, after we sort of blew one just before, and come back and get that score and have Landen make that play it was just a key play."

After returning for the second half St. Francis drove down to the 33 yard line of Menominee before being forced to a punt. Menominee in turn was forced to a three and out on their next possession.

St. Francis posted a TD off a three yard run by Eli Biggar on the next possession, taking the 23-21 lead. That lead could have been one point larger were it not for a missed extra point attempt which was blocked by Dawson Bardowski.

With the game entering the fourth quarter Menominee was running out of time to get into position for the win. More than the time expiring was the problem that arose at quarterback. On the last possession with Menominee on defense, Theuerkauf went down on a big hit and was on the bench recovering. It all came down to Menominee's backup quarterback Dylan Beal.

"I was really nervous when Tanner went down,"

said Beal. "I was like oh crap, I'm going to have to go out on defense, then coach Brandt calls my name out to go out at QB. He said that on the flood that the wing backs would be open and I saw Dawson open on a deep route. The O-line had my back and I just got it done."

Beal continued and gave credit to the effort his O-Line put forth. "Great effort," said Beal about his line. "Just a great effort, I don't know what else to say. They were dominating all game and they were just the better O-Line."

"He's a great quarterback," said Theuerkauf about his teammate Dylan Beal. "Practice with him every day. He does some good things and for him to step up and lead the team down field was amazing."

With the offensive line rallying in front of him, and with a sense of urgency taking over, Beal completed a third down pass to Bardowski for 44 yards before again

connecting with Bardowski three plays later on another pass for 12 yards. Beal was able to get the Maroons all the way down to the 10 yard line before Theuerkauf returned and finished the drive off with a one yard rush into the end zone for the 27-23 lead. On the following two point conversion attempt Kaiden Bell found a lane and sprinted into the end zone pushing that lead to 29-23.

"Tanner's a warrior," said Brandt. "He has his teammate's backs and I think we all have each other backs. Once he was cleared and was good to go, I held him out a few more plays just to make sure he got his composure back. He wanted the ball and he made some plays down the stretch for us."

St. Francis was able to respond and burn the clock down on their way to a last second TD rush from the two yard line with 24 seconds left in the game. With the game tied 29-29, the Gladiators lined up for the extra point,

and what would most likely be the game winning kick. But the kick sailed wide right, giving the Maroons one last shot at getting the win.

The Gladiators won the overtime toss and were first to try and score. Starting from the 10 yard line the Gladiators faced a tough defensive stand from the Maroons that saw Bell and Thoune get the stop on second down. After a three yard rush on third down the Gladiators decided to kick the field goal, this time the kick sailed through, giving St. Francis the 32-29 overtime lead.

Then it was the Maroons turn. The Maroons had to at minimum score a field goal. But the amped up Maroons were not going to be happy with just a field goal. On a third and seven attempt Theuerkauf passed to Bardowski in the corner of the end zone, the pass was reeled in, and in bounds, giving the Maroons the TD and the win.

Menominee's rushing

game amassed 186 total yards and a majority of those yards were obtained by Miller who ended the day with 87 on 16 carries. Bardowski rushed his way to 58 yard and one TD on 12 carries. Odom got 33 yards and one TD on four carries. Beal rushed for eight yards on two carries.

Through the air Theuerkauf was seven of 14 for 76 yards and two TDs. He also threw one interception. Beal posted a two of two showing with 56 yards.

Leading all receivers for the Maroons was Bardowski with 79 yards and one TD on four catches. Cooper caught one for 18 yards and one TD while Thoune pulled down that one pass for 18 yards. Caleb Barstow caught one for 16 yards.

"It is so special," said Thoune about what it's like to play with this group of guys. "I would never trade it for anything in the whole world. I'll never forget these days, these guys are my brothers. Never forget it."



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