

'Supply chain is broken'

Local business owners say consumers will see higher prices

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MENOMINEE—A shortage of truck drivers and other supply chain issues are driving up prices and holding back the economy, business owners said.

"The supply chain is broken today and we definitely cannot ignore it," said Jim Brill, of Seymour, Wis.-based Performance Corp., which has a sawmill plant in Carney.

"Because it is broken, it's going to come at a cost to all of us at a consumer level, which we're already starting to see. The cost of our clothing, the cost of our food is increasing," Brill said.

But most people will do without an item if the price is too high. Bob Anderson, co-owner with wife Lois of Anderson Manufacturing Co. in Menominee, said he has slowed down production of his wooden storage beds



Lois Anderson helps move a sheet of wood toward a cutting machine at Anderson Manufacturing Co. in Menominee, where production has purposely been slowed because the cost of materials is so high.

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because he doesn't think people will pay enough to make a profit. "You'd have to raise your prices so much, people won't buy it," he said. At the high end, his large beds cost \$6,000 or \$7,000, and

the customer assembles the bed when it arrives in a box.

The price of the lumber and the cost of shipping it to Anderson Manufacturing Co. is so high, Lois said the company has scaled

back operations to six part-time workers. She attributed the problem to COVID and workers staying home. "People used to come here looking for a job," Lois said. "Not anymore."

Against this backdrop, U.S. Rep. Jack Bergman, a Republican who represents Michigan's 1st Congressional District, joined 159 other Republicans in signing a letter to President Joe Biden stating, "we refuse to stand by and watch as your Administration dilutes America's ability to ensure the safe and efficient movement of goods, people and services throughout our transportation network."

"We must address the global supply chain and ports crisis before Congress even considers additional social spending and taxation legislation. Our priority right now should be strengthening our nation's economy and increasing our global competitiveness," the Oct. 20 letter said.

Bergman also spoke before Congress recently opposing the Democrats' \$5.5 trillion spending bill, saying only a fraction will go to roads, bridges and broadband infrastructure.

The transportation and supply chain issues are so acute, Anderson Manufacturing Co has told many of its workers to stay home. It can't make enough money on its bed sales to justify the cost of advertising to gain more sales.

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Journalists talk about covering immigrant stories

Traveling exhibit on display this week at NWTC

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MARINETTE—Bill Berry and Gary Porter—a seasoned journalist and a Pulitzer-Prize winning photographer, respectively—met over 40 years ago as young journalists at the Janesville Gazette. Since then, they have both used the power of storytelling to shed light on a myriad of topics including, more recently, on the subject of immigration for the traveling exhibit "Immigrant Journeys from South of the Border," which will be on display at the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) in Marinette through Friday.

Berry said the idea for the project originated with Dena Wortzel, the executive director of the nonprofit and National Endowment for the Humanities affiliate Wisconsin Humanities.

Centro Hispano of Dane County, an organization that supports Latino families across the county, collaborated with Wisconsin Humanities on the project. The Marinette & Oconto Counties Literacy Council facilitated NWTC Marinette's selection as one of the stops for the statewide exhibit tour.

The traveling exhibit features Ana Claudia, Fernando, Gilberto, Jennifer, Mario, Panfilo, Cinthia and Saul who hail from Colombia, Honduras, Mexico and Uruguay. Berry and Porter worked with these participants to document their stories through words and photographs.

The history of immigration in Wisconsin

The influx of Hispanic and Latino communities into Wisconsin is only the most recent manifestation of immigration in the state.

"Immigration has been See EXHIBIT, A7

Paddling at Camp Bird



Peshtigo students Lakelyn Biehl and Desi Decamp canoe recently at Camp Bird. See story on A3. Special to the EagleHerald

Boy, 3, dies in Oconto County

OCONTO—A 3-year-old boy died Thursday in Oconto County.

According to Sheriff Todd Skarban, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a 911 call at about 4 p.m. Thursday in reference to a 3-year-old boy that had possibly fallen into the McCauslin Brook, located off County Trunk T near East Burnt Dam Road and Cassler Drive in the Town of

Townsend.

Sheriff's deputies and Lakewood/Townsend Ambulance Service and Townsend Fire Department responded.

Upon arrival, EMS/Fire Department members from Lakewood/Townsend Rescue and fire department personnel were able to locate and remove the child from the water.

Life-saving measures were started immediately but were unsuccessful, Skarban said.

This incident remains under investigation by the Oconto County Sheriff's Office and the Brown County Medical Examiner's Office.

No names have been released.

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Menominee City Council candidate drops out of race

Holmquist plans to move to Marinette

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MENOMINEE—Ann Holmquist's name is on the Menominee City Council ballot for the Nov. 2 election, but she said Friday she is no longer running for the 4th Ward seat because she is moving to Marinette.

"I'm burnt out on Menominee. I've worked really hard trying to get stuff going for Menominee and just hit one brick wall after another," she said. "It was



Holmquist

just time to call it a day. I haven't lived in Wisconsin for 24 years."

Menominee County Clerk Marc Kleiman said Holmquist notified his office she was no longer interested in running for city council but missed the withdrawal deadline, which is just three days after the filing deadline. "We've had that before," Kleiman said. "That's not uncommon for people to have a change of heart."

The county administers elections in the county and is required to keep the name on the ballot if the candidate hasn't withdrawn by the deadline, he said. If the

candidate wins and does not want to accept the position, the person "would just choose not to take the oath and accept the position. Then it becomes vacant again," Kleiman said.

In this case, Wendy Baron also is on the ballot running for the open 4th Ward seat. She was not immediately available for comment Friday. Current 4th Ward Council Member Doug Robinson is not running for re-election. "At the age of 75, it's time for someone else to step in," he said earlier this month.

Holmquist, 57, who said she has a master's degree in public administration, filed to run "to make positive changes to Menominee." But after she filed,

"a bunch of stuff happened," she said.

She decided not to run after "trying to find a place to live in Ward 4. I needed to find somewhere to live that was one-level, because of my physical issues. It kind of went from there," she said. While she is not officially a Marinette resident yet, she said she would be at some point soon.

She is interested in job creation and redevelopment, especially for the special needs population, and in substance abuse issues. She noted Marinette has a Goodwill office and Menominee doesn't.

Holmquist said she opposes the marijuana ordinance allowing for the first retail marijuana

stores in Menominee. "I am not for it at all," she said. "I've been too involved with both sides of the river with people with substance abuse issues to support that," she said. "It's an issue on both sides of the river, but for sure in Menominee. It just can't be swept under the rug anymore. While some say Menominee has a labor shortage, Holmquist said she has had trouble finding work. "This is a heavily industrial base. We all know that. I'm just not capable of doing that kind of work at this stage of my life," she said. She would like to see a shelter for women and children in Menominee. "There's nothing here for women and children," she said.

Peshtigo students transformed after Camp Bird visit

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PESHTIGO—Did you know that students in the Peshtigo School District have been partaking in an outdoor education program at Camp Bird for 51 years?

Recently, sixth-grade students spent four days and three nights at Camp Bird on Sand Lake. Over the course of four days, students attended a number of outdoor education sessions and participated in several outdoor recreation games.

Many of the campers developed friendships with classmates and experienced independence from their parents for the first time. Teacher Loretta Rich said, "Camp Bird is a transformational experience for sixth-grade students at the Peshtigo Elementary Learning Center."

The four days at camp were filled with educational activities and experiences that opened up new worlds for the students.

"Camp Bird is important because it gives students many experiences they normally wouldn't have in school," teacher Lane Ludtke said. He adds, "It was fun to work with kids outside of my normal music class. I was able to be with a student who caught his first fish."

Teacher Deena Trimmerger adds, "I have heard many kids say they have never been camping or even to a hotel. This is a great way for them to experience the outdoors as well as bond with their classmates."

Anne Bartels of the Marinette County TOAD program (Teaching Outdoor Awareness and Discovery) taught three different classes during the camp. One of the classes taught students how to catch and identify invertebrate insects, mollusks, and crustaceans in the Sand Lake Creek. They also learned about how these invertebrates are bio-indicators of water quality.

Students also learned about astronomy in a night



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Above, Peshtigo student Evan Lange holds up a pine snake as junior counselor Anna-belle Smith looks on at Camp Bird. At right, Peshtigo student Danika Chase experiences the success of fishing at Camp Bird.



stargazing session. Bartels showed students Jupiter, Saturn, the International Space Station, the Milky Way, as well as some meteors. She pointed out stars and constellations, too.

Students were able to see and touch 35 species of pelts and skulls as part of a lesson on mammals called 'Skins and Skulls'. Bartels taught students about Wisconsin mammals, including the local ideal habitat and diet. "Hands-on learning and environmental education programs have been shown to increase mental health and wellness," Bartels said, adding that outdoor education has many benefits in addition to teaching science concepts and appreciation for nature.

"The classes are pretty cool. Almost every class is something students wouldn't be exposed to in a regular educational setting," teacher Jerome Hurley explained. Classes were taught on a wide variety of outdoor skills and activities. Students learned water safety,

canoeing and fishing. They also learned orienteering with a GPS device and learned to use compasses.

Students built birdhouses and had an arts and crafts class where they designed t-shirts. They participated in an outdoor challenge course and a scavenger hunt, too. All students also got to choose from a variety of outdoor recreation activities. Students were able to play tetherball, ladder golf, bag toss, shuffleboard, ping pong, or horse. Another highlight of camp was learning wilderness survival, including firebuilding, water purification, shelter making and food preparation.

Five high school students were invited to help as camp counselors. Junior Ashely Hanneman said, "The first time I went to Camp Bird, back in sixth grade, I loved it. I never wanted to go home."

Senior Morgan Nicklaus was the camp lifeguard who had a similar sentiment. "I loved Camp Bird so much in sixth grade that I made a

scrapbook that I still have." Hanneman helped sixth graders with each of the classes and activities and said, "We got to arrange skits and songs to entertain the campers and we had a lot of fun!" Nicklaus said, "I saw a dozen or so kids catch their first fish." Hanneman said, "I would love to go back again."

Students learn to work together and care for themselves independently. "The social benefits of Camp Bird are overshadowed by all of the activities," Hurley said, adding that kids don't have their parents with them, so they have to take care of themselves and "learn to get along with other students for 24 hours a day for four days straight."

Teacher Justin Wouff also states that students benefit greatly being away from home saying "It's a little bit of independence mixed with education."

The feeling of closeness and friendship that students learn during the camp makes a big impact. "Students get to

know one another better. They embrace new friendships and work together to accomplish new and challenging tasks," Rich said.

Wouff adds, "I enjoy seeing the sense of family that gets built as the days go by."

Trimmerger grew up attending a bigger school system. "When I go to my husband's class reunions, I find that the classes that have been through Camp Bird just have a different bond between them. They are closer and have better friendships than I ever did growing up in a bigger school. I love how the students all pull together. We really become a family."

Without the help of the local partners, Peshtigo students would not have experienced such a successful camp. They include: Jack Clark, Peshtigo Apparel, Lee's Foods, Anne Bartels and Chuck Druckrey, who are both from the Marinette County Land Information Department.

Stephenson logger pleads guilty to felony trespassing

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Raymond James Vetort, owner of R&J Logging in Stephenson, pleaded guilty Wednesday to felony trespassing or damages to state-owned forest of \$20,000 or more and will be sentenced in December.

He was originally accused of larceny and other crimes in connection with stealing over \$100,000 worth of timber from the State of Michigan, according to the Michigan Attorney General's office.

Before Judge Christopher

Ninomiya in Menominee County Circuit Court, he pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of trespassing or damages to state land of \$20,000 or more, according to a news release from Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel's office.

According to the charging document, Vetort was originally charged with three felony counts for larceny involving the stolen logs, malicious destruction of trees belonging to the State of Michigan and for trespassing or damages to state-owned land. Each charge was punishable by 10 years in prison and a fine of \$15,000.

As part of his plea agreement, he is to pay \$50,000 in restitution by

his sentencing date of Dec. 10. He also agreed to refrain from bidding on Department of Natural Resources logging contracts, according to the news release.

Vetort apparently had a contract to log on state land but he or his employees took timber that was not part of the agreement. "Limited logging contracts strike an important balance between resource preservation and economic development," Nessel said. "The deliberate use of these contracts to obtain access to steal State timber is a serious criminal offense and will not be tolerated."

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