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## Historic Places nomination fuels debate

One land owner says preservation is a matter of respect

By ANN MEYER

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MENOMINEE—To Tom Boerner, a Lake Township property owner with a personal stake in preserving an area on the shores of the Menominee River, celebrating the history of the Menominee Tribe is a matter of respect.

The area has been studied for its historical significance since the 1950s, Boerner said. "Since the 1970s, people have talked about doing what's presented now," he said, referring to a nomination to place the area on the National Register of Historic Places, which is overseen by the National Park Service.

"In order to put a nomination like this together, it takes literally decades," he said.

The Historic Places nomination of the

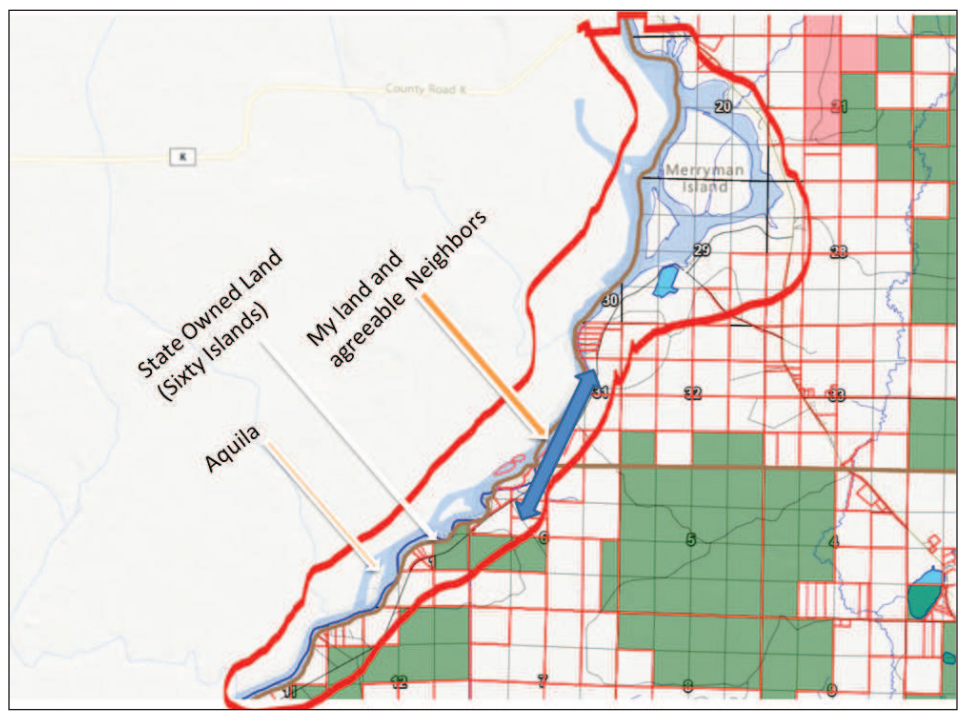
Anaem Omot area, which includes Sixty Islands and The Dog's Belly in Lake and Holmes townships, is a separate issue from whether Gold Resources Corp. will construct a mine at the nearby Back Forty Project. But Boerner said he also has fought Aquila Resources, the prior owner of the Back Forty Project, in a contested case and won.

After reading an EagleHerald story about the Menominee County Commissioners' discussion on whether the county board should support the National Register of Historic Places nomination, Boerner wrote the county board a letter disputing information presented at the meeting, including the number of parcels involved. Boerner said the number of parcels covered in the Historic Places nomination is far fewer than 250, a number Dave Anderson, a Menominee County resident and the general manager of Gold Resources Corp., mentioned at the meeting.

About 110 Michigan parcels are included in the nomination the State Historic Preservation Board may consider, according to the State of Michigan, but that number doesn't include parcels on the Wisconsin side.

Kara O'Keeffe, a spokeswoman for the

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Provided by Tom Boerner

Lake Township property owner Tom Boerner said the nomination to put an area near Sixty Islands on the National Register of Historic Places has been in the works for years. This map shows where Sixty Islands is located.

## Watching their OLYMPIC HERO

Irwin's family plan a watch-party to see her compete

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Olympic biathlete Deedra Irwin's relatives were so excited about the women's relay Wednesday (Feb. 16), they planned to watch it together.

"We're all pretty excited, proud of her, kind of really in shock," said Deedra's aunt, Amber Silkworth, who lives in Menominee and works for Marinette County.

Before the event, the U.S.A. Olympic women's biathlon team was ranked 10th in the women's relay and in a position to do well, with all four USA team members having qualified for and finished the 10 kilometer pursuit, a ranked event for Top 60 biathletes held early Sunday. Biathlon involves cross-country skiing and



Deedra Irwin's aunt, Amber Silkworth of Menominee, provided the ski tags for the EagleHerald to photograph from Irwin's prior competitions. She said she planned to watch the women's relay live today.

shooting with a rifle.

Deedra's enthusiasm for sport uncommon in the U.S. has spread to her relatives from Marinette, where she was born and her father graduated from high school, and Menominee, where her mother graduated from high school and her aunt and

grandmother still reside.

After Deedra's 7th place finish in the individual event at the beginning of the Winter Olympics, "It's been pretty crazy actually," Jennifer Irwin said. "We didn't realize it was

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## Women in history

Peshtigo students have a competition to choose top females

Special to the EagleHerald

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was submitted by the Peshtigo School District.

PESHTIGO—Peshtigo eighth-grade students were recently challenged to choose the most influential woman from any time in American history.

"They get to pick anyone they want, which makes it really fun because we have matchups of present day pop stars versus first ladies from the 18th century," explained history teacher Neal Henrigillis. "The winner is the student who makes a 'more compelling argument as to the female who has had a more profound impact on American history, both then and now.'"

The lesson is based upon the NCAA college basketball "March Madness" style of brackets.

"It's another way to work on writing and research skills," Henrigillis said, adding that students learn to present an argument with confidence. They also look for strong quotes and work to create strong closing arguments, or concluding statements, he continued.

Students listen to each argument and vote anonymously.

"The students who advance dig deep into multiple primary and secondary resources," Henrigillis said, adding that the winners present three to five days. "It's amazing to see what happens with some of these students when a little competition is infused into a school setting."

Bracket competition was a key element in this unit. Four winners evolved out of each of the four eighth-grade history classes. Winners of each bracket were chosen anonymously by classmates. Each day winners had to do more research and rewrite debate arguments.

Faith Frederickson won with Clara Barton who "was a self taught nurse in the Civil War, and did a lot of good by founding the Red Cross." Zoey Wagner won with Susan B. Anthony who "helped pave the way for women to get the right to vote and

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**Widen**, Ann M.

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Wisconsin Historical Society, said Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Review Board unanimously supported the recommendation to list Anaem Omot in the National Register of Historic Places on Nov. 19, 2021.

"Because the nomination covers land in two states, the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office and the Michigan State Historic Preservation Review Board must also review the nomination before it moves to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register of Historic Places," O'Keeffe said.

She suggested the EagleHerald contact Michigan's Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Martha MacFarlane-Faes, who confirmed the nomination process started in Wisconsin. But MacFarlane-Faes refused to be interviewed or to answer other questions.

A state review board tabled a scheduled discussion of the nomination in late January, said Otie McKinley, media and communications manager for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) in Lansing. This was after the Menominee County Board of Commissioners decided at their Jan. 25 meeting to hold off on writing a letter in support of the nomination.

While several county commissioners mentioned a March meeting of the State Historic Preservation Board might discuss the nomination, the next review board meeting is scheduled for May 20, and it's not certain whether Anaem Omot will be reviewed at the May meeting, McKinley said in an email to the EagleHerald.

On Feb. 8, the commissioners revisited the topic with another discussion where some said they needed more information about what the national listing would mean for property owners and others saying the county board should support it, primarily for environmental reasons. They intend to continue discussing the topic at the next meeting and urged Menominee County residents to speak during public comments.

While a National Register listing doesn't interfere with a property owner's right to modify or dispose of property listed, those who receive tax advantages or grants could be subject to a review of any modifications made by other governing bodies, McKinley said. State Historic Preservation Offices can have regulations governing updates to historic homes.

"National Register designation is separate and distinct from any local designation program or ordinance," McKinley said. When property owners use historic preservation tax credit programs, other regulations apply, he said. "In that case, work done to the property must meet certain requirements," McKinley

said. Boerner, who lives in Kohler, Wis., told the EagleHerald his interest in the nomination stems from Menominee County's Native American heritage, which is important to his family, including his 94-year-old father who lives here. He grew up hearing about it. "They would talk about the area. They had a respect for the Native Americans," he said.

"My family has been in the area for over 100 years," Boerner said. His parents were born in Marinette. His grandparents, born in 1888, used to tell his father, who will be 94 years old this year, stories about the Native Americans who grew corn in the area.

As a youth, Boerner said, "I would see them perform religious ceremonies in the 1960s on Sixty Islands. They would do drums, have some sacrifices. We would see these tiny baskets they would weave."

The area being considered for the nomination includes the Back Forty Project. It also is within a mile of Shakey Lakes Park, where people come to enjoy the resources.

Native American burial grounds could be disturbed if the area isn't preserved for its historical significance, Boerner said. "This is all about our heritage," he said. "We respect the sanctity of the area."

The nomination process started in Wisconsin, Boerner said, because Wisconsin has more resources.

In Wisconsin, whether the nomination moves forward depends on how many property owners object, O'Keeffe said. "A property (or district) will not be listed if a majority of private property owners objects," she said.

In Michigan, individual property owners may opt out of the listing, McKinley said. "We cannot speculate on the reasons a property may support or object to a nominated property. Property owners who object are not required to provide a reason for their objection and we do not ask," he said.

"The only requirement for property owners to formally object to a nomination is to submit either a notarized letter or a letter that meets the requirements of 28 U.S.C. 1746 that states that the party is the sole or partial owner of the property, as appropriate, and that they object to the listing."

STATE  
Wisconsin Senate OKs protections for unvaccinated

By SCOTT BAUER

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis.—The Republican-controlled Wisconsin Senate passed a package of bills Tuesday that push back against COVID-19 vaccine requirements and aim to shield workers who do not want to protect themselves from the virus by being inoculated.

Senators approved the bills in the wake of protests in Canada over vaccine requirements. Those protests blocked the busiest U.S.-Canada border crossing. Wisconsin has no state-wide vaccine or mask mandates.

There have been moves in other states and cities to require vaccinations for workers.

All four of the Wisconsin bills are almost certain to be vetoed by Democratic Gov. Tony Evers, who is a strong supporter of vaccinations as one of the best ways to curb the spread of the virus that has killed more than 11,000 people in Wisconsin over the past two years.

An Evers spokeswoman did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Republicans who introduced the proposals say they are responding to voters who have contacted them, fearful of losing their jobs if they

don't get the vaccine.

One measure would require employers to count a prior coronavirus infection as an alternative to vaccination and testing. Another would ban so-called vaccine passports and prohibit businesses, colleges and universities, governments and anyone else in the state from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

Supporters of banning vaccine passports have likened requiring people to show proof of vaccination to Cold War-era Russia and Nazi Germany.

Opponents, including leaders of the state's medical community, say vaccine requirements at hospitals and other health care facilities help ensure that patients and workers in health care settings do not get sick.

Medical groups opposed to the natural immunity bill say that vaccination is the best way to protect against COVID-19 and that it's not clear how long immunity lasts after an infection. Similar bills passed in Florida and Arkansas last year.

According to data from the Wisconsin health department, unvaccinated people are hospitalized at a rate nearly 10 times higher than fully vaccinated people and are 14-times more likely to die.

Democratic Sen. Chris Larson, of

Milwaukee, said it may be good politics to fight COVID-19 restrictions, but it's putting people's lives at risk and slowing recovery from the pandemic. He accused Republicans of "coddling the extremists who are refusing to do their part."

"The rest of us, the majority of Wisconsinites who have gotten vaccinated, the majority of the country who wants to get on with our lives would like you guys to move on so we can open up again," Larson said.

Republican Sen. Mary Felzkowski, sponsor of the natural immunity bill, said she had COVID-19 twice and both she and her husband took the anti-work drug ivermectin. She said it was prescribed to her, though health officials have warned that it shouldn't be used to treat COVID-19.

She said forcing people to be vaccinated was un-American.

"This is a vote very much based on science and recognizing the God-given ability to fight off infections that our creator gave us," she said.

The Republican-controlled Assembly previously passed both of those bills. Senate approval sends them to Evers. Last year, Evers vetoed a GOP bill that would have barred public health officials from requiring people get vaccinated.

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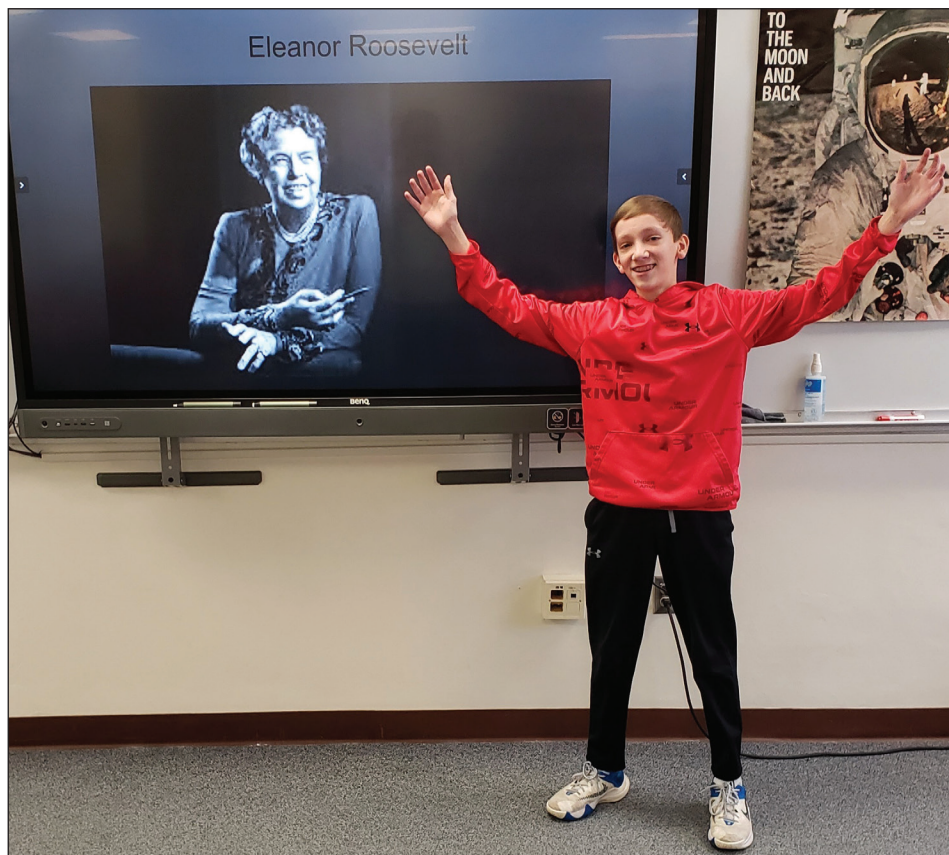
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also helped outlaw slavery at the age of 17." Nick Mans won with Eleanor Roosevelt who "fought for human rights." Karsen Villas won with Dr. Dorothy Lavinia Brown who "was the first African American woman to be a surgeon and serve in the Tennessee House of Representatives."

Henrigillis said he loves this bracket challenge and he loves teaching history. He repeats the famous Carl Sagan quote, "You have to know the past to understand the present." He said that history never ends and that teaching each separate group of students each hour is often completely different.

"It's open to interpretation, which allows us to come together and work, discuss and problem solve. My hope is for students to think critically and become better at working together because that is the foundation of a community that thrives."

Student Trinity



Special to the EagleHerald  
Peshtigo eighth-grade student Nick Mans won his class bracket challenge honoring women in history. His topic was Eleanor Roosevelt, pictured behind his right arm.

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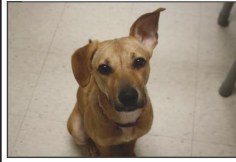
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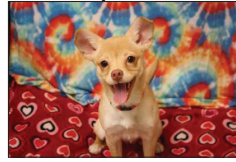
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