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## Names of suspects in car pursuit released

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MENOMINEE—Delta County District Court on Monday released the names of two young adults from Green Bay who allegedly took sheriff's deputies on a car chase through Menominee County Friday that ended with a crash on the Interstate Bridge between Menominee and Marinette.

Brenen Lawscher, 23, of Green Bay was formally charged in Delta County District Court with possession of methamphetamine and with fleeing a police officer, Delta County authorities said. He was being held in Delta County jail on \$50,000 surety bond. Lawscher allegedly was the driver of the vehicle police pursued.

Elizabeth Jamroz-Moen, 18, a passenger

in the vehicle that crashed, was charged with assaulting and obstructing a police officer after she allegedly threw objects out the front-passenger window and toward the sheriff's vehicles in pursuit. She was being held in Delta County jail on 10% of \$15,000 bond.

The chase reportedly began about 8:20 p.m. Friday on South Lincoln Road in Escanaba, when the vehicle failed to yield to police. After officers deployed "stop sticks" to slow the vehicle, it traveled on three wheels into the city of Menominee, until it crashed on the Interstate Bridge.

The City of Menominee Police Department reportedly assisted with the arrest, but had no comment Monday. The Menominee County Sheriff's Office did not return the EagleHerald's phone calls.

## A special visit to Rennes West



Special to the EagleHerald  
Peshtigo High School freshman Alaina Archambault holds up a gift she made for residents at Rennes Health & Rehab Center West. Students delivered the gifts last week. See story on A3

# What led to multiple marijuana lawsuits?

## Six companies have taken legal action against City of Menominee

By ANN MEYER

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MENOMINEE—Six companies that applied for retail marijuana licenses in Menominee have filed lawsuits so far, with most complaining the city violated the Open Meetings Act for the second time in its selection process.

Many of the suits will be consolidated to save time and money, Judge Mary Brouillette Barglund decided Nov. 23. Based on what's happened in other cities sued over their processes for granting retail marijuana licenses, the litigation could take months if not years.

The EagleHerald has condensed information about the lawsuits below to help readers understand what led to the arguments the Circuit Court is expected to hear. Most cite violations of the Open Meetings Act, Michigan marijuana act, and due process and equal protection laws related to how the city approved retail licenses despite ongoing questions about the rubric used to score applications.

Many of the companies applied for retail marijuana licenses early in the year, then watched as the city decided its first attempt at assigning licenses was flawed.

The city set Jan. 26 to April 26, 2021 as the time when companies could submit



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Mayor Jean Stegeman talks with Interim City Manager/Police Chief Brett Botbyl at a Sept. 8 committee meeting about two weeks before the city council voted to approve the Marijuana Rubric Scoring Committee's recommendations for marijuana retail licenses and grow permits.

applications for retail licenses or grow permits. It formed a selection committee to review the applications starting April 27 and expected the committee to provide a report with application scores to the Judicial & Legislative/Personnel & Labor Committee by May 17, according to a timeline on the city's website. The JL/PL committee was to review the selection committee's recommendations by June 21 so the city could approve provisional permits when

it met on that day.

But on June 3, then City Manager Tony Graff said the process was halted because the scoring should have been conducted in open meetings, according to a lawsuit from NU Group. The city council accepted Graff's resignation July 6.

In August, the city council resumed the selection process by naming a new

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## New attorney for Menominee wants marijuana lawsuit dismissed

By ANN MEYER

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MENOMINEE—An attorney at the Petoskey law firm Plunkett Cooney said marijuana company Highwire Farms failed to make a compelling case in its lawsuit against the City of Menominee, and he is asking the 41st Circuit Court to dismiss the suit.

Plunkett Cooney attorney Matthew Cross, who is defending the City of Menominee and the city council, prepared a Nov. 23 answer to Highwire Farms' legal complaint. Highwire's attorney Tamaris Henagan of Adrian asserted the city violated the Open Meetings Act in August through secret deliberations and failure to provide sufficient public participation.

Highwire's Oct. 15 legal filing asked the court to invalidate the Menominee Marijuana Rubric Scoring Committee's decisions because of the Open Meetings Act violations. The city council approved

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**Kirkpatrick, James W. Jr.**  
**Kleikamp-Paulsen, Carol J.**

**Kokott, Andrew P.**  
**Schmadl, Sarah J.**  
**Seymour, Sonny J.**  
**Sickels, Dorothy J.**  
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**TODAY:** Mostly cloudy with  
about one inch of snow early  
**HIGH: 41 LOW: 36**

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## Peshtigo students make gifts for Rennes West residents

By Special to the EagleHerald

PESHTIGO—Starting in October, Peshtigo High School students in Alison Stauss's classroom started collecting donations and making gifts for nursing home residents at Rennes Health & Rehab Center West in Peshtigo.

Freshman Alaina Archambault stated, "I think it's important to teach human decency and to teach students to care for the elderly."

Students started collecting gifts such as lotions, cards, socks, puzzles and decorations. Stauss said she encourages her students to "do good deeds" because "when incorporating social and emotional learning into the classroom, students learn empathy and respect for others."

In addition to donations that make a nursing home stay more enjoyable, students made crafts. Students said they wanted their neighbors at Rennes nursing home to know that they are cared for.

Archambault said, "We spent time thinking about what to make and put a lot of time into it"

"We took pieces of wood and made happy holiday signs," freshman Joseph Higginbotham said. "I enjoy helping others if I can."

Freshman Dakota O'Connor helped in the decoration of the wood, and also made a bracelet for a resident.

Some students made gifts especially for veterans living in the nursing home. "I made a sign that said 'Thank you for your service,'" shared Freshman Karson Klimek. "I think about the time they spend alone and I think about what they sacrificed for us. I wanted to do something for



Peshtigo High School students, from left, Karson Klimek, Alaina Archambault and Dakota O'Connor paint gifts for residents of Rennes Health & Rehab Center West.

them, too!"

Klimek said he has a special place in his heart for our country's veterans, adding "Someone needs to appreciate them and their service."

Students walked from

Peshtigo High School to Rennes West last week.

"I felt really proud delivering our gifts," O'Connor said. "I also picked up trash on the way there."

Students along with teachers,

Stauss and Kay Sodini, delivered the gifts last week, where they met residents and communicated through the window. Due to COVID protocol, students stayed outside and showed their gifts to residents through

the window. They received many smiles and "thumbs-up" gestures from the residents inside.

Klimek's goal was achieved. He was able to meet an Air Force veteran living at Rennes West and strike up a conversation with him.

"I asked him what branch he served in and what he flew," Klimek said.

Klimek met a resident with the first name of Jon who told students about his 20 years serving in the Air Force. He talked about serving in Greece, Germany, Italy and countless other countries where he was a pilot.

"From my vantage point, students truly felt the meaning of the holiday season, giving thanks and giving back to the community," Stauss said. She explains that the activity was mostly about encouraging students to care for their community, but there were other benefits, too.

"We were able to incorporate hands-on learning, planning, creativity, measurement and time management."

"I love seeing people happy," O'Connor said.

Higginbotham agrees, saying "I felt very good giving them their gifts. I enjoy helping others if I can."

Students in Stauss's class have already started planning for Christmas. Once again, students are going to make wooden signs with positive messages. Residents and students alike are looking forward to the next visit.

*Editor's note: This article was submitted by the Peshtigo School District.*

Special to the EagleHerald

## Holiday favorite returns to Theatre on the Bay

By EagleHerald staff

MARINETTE—The stage will come alive in holiday song this December at UW-Green Bay, Marinette Campus, in a returning seasonal favorite Christmas By the Bay.

Christmas By the Bay features music and lyrics that explore holidays past, present and future—from older traditional songs like "Little Drummer Boy," "What Child is This" and "Peace on Earth," to modern holiday songs like "Where Are You Christmas," "Like It's Christmas" and "A Winter's Tale." The audience is welcome to sing along to a celebratory "Joy to the World" and tap their toes to "Cool Yule in D Major."

Christmas By the Bay is directed for Theatre on the Bay by Brittany Welch and choreographed by Heather Olsen in partnership with the First

Street Academy of Dance. Performances will take place evenings at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 11, and Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m.

Area singers who will participate, include: Wendy Baron, Hannah Behrendt, Buddy Beyer, Wes Beyer, Zoey Brown, Brian Dey, Maggie Fernandez, Marin Fernandez, Kaitlyn Foote, Cerina Graway, Lauren Halfmann, Heather Olsen, Lydia LeBeouf, Annalisa Mines, Leah Mines, Alissa Mullins, Jackie Nutter, Justin Pilz, James Porras, Hailee Rastall, Heidi Bunch, Gary Scholtz, Kate Schwaba, Dana Sulk, Trent VanDeWalle, Sam Wargula, Bethany Welch, Britany Welch and Connor Whisler.

Area dancers who will participate include: Keaton Bartz, Isabelle Bentley, Cortney Buscher, Cece Campbell, Lily Clark, Trinity Cummings,

Madeline Drees, Elisa Dura, Madelynn Fernstrum, Farrah Gromala, Cylee Hansen, Sophi Hornick, Carly Komp, Kyla Kotecki, Hannah Lindsay, Emma Linsmeier, Bella Miller, Zaida Mireau, Destiny Sky Peffers, Elysa Reidell, Serena Sellen, Abigail Sievert, McKenna Smith, Ali Wesolowski and Olivia Wroblewski.

Tickets are available to purchase now. People may visit [www.uwgb.edu/marinette-theatre](http://www.uwgb.edu/marinette-theatre) for details. Socially distanced seating options will be available.

Theatre on the Bay is sponsored by UW-Green Bay's Division of Continuing Education and Community Engagement, offering adults and youth opportunities to participate in theatrical productions. Theatre on the Bay has been in existence since 1966, with its home stage on the Marinette Campus.

## Salvation Army efforts underway

MARINETTE—The Salvation Army will provide Christmas food and toys to local families in need who live in Marinette or Menominee County.

Christmas applications for households have begun and will continue through Dec. 3. Families and individuals who would like to apply may call the office at 715-735-7448 to apply over the phone or go to [www.saangeltree.org](http://www.saangeltree.org) to sign up online. Households with no children under 18 must sign up over the phone. Distribution of Christmas food baskets and toys will take place Dec. 16 at the Pine Tree Mall.

New toys can be dropped off until Dec. 6 at the following collection sites: Stephenson National Bank (Crivitz, Marinette and Menominee), *Marinette:* EnJOY Gifts & Gathering, Cricket Wireless, Menard's, Jack's Fresh Market, Kristo Orthodontics, Marinette Marine, Peninsula Federal Credit Union, Riverside Auto, Starbucks, Statewide Realty, Tri County Credit Union, Waupauca Foundry, Westlund Bus; *Menominee:* Anchor Coupling, Country Vision CoOp, Dunn Paper, First National Bank, Jack's Fresh Market, YMCA; and

*Peshtigo:* Aacer flooring and UTC.

Christmas season also brings the ringing of bells as The Salvation Army's main fundraising tool for the year. The Salvation Army is facing another challenging holiday season to meet the increasing needs of people struggling to stay in their homes. The Salvation Army needs the help of the public to ensure hope marches on this holiday season and beyond.

In 2021, The Salvation Army Marinette has served 2,931 meals as well as provide food pantry, rent and utility assistance to over 5,000 people.

Each coin and dollar put in a kettle adds up to help neighbors throughout the year. To volunteer to ring, people may sign up online at [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com) or call 715-735-7448.

To help ensure the safety of bell ringers, donors and partners, The Salvation Army has adopted nationally mandated safety protocols. Donations can also be made online at <https://bit.ly/2021MarinetteVirtualRedKettle>.

For questions or more information, people may call the main office at 715-735-7448.

**Christmas in Marinette**  
**December 4th**  
Holiday Craft Show 9am - 3:30 pm  
*Community REC Center. Free to the Public*

Christmas Cookie Decorating  
*Space limited so reserve your spot today!*

Christmas Concert at the REC 11am - 4 pm  
Gingerbread Festival 10 am Noon

Photos with Santa at the REC 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
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Downtown Christmas Parade 5 pm  
*Starting on Water Street & Main. Then Proceeding to Liberty & Main*

Immediately Following the Parade  
*Cookies, Cocoa, Carols, Story Telling & Bridge Lighting the bridge that connects Stephenson Island and the Welcome Center*

Free Movie at the Mariner - "Elf" 6:30 pm  
*please bring a canned food for the Food Pantry in order to see the movie*

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