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role. It sent me to the hospital — it is not easy.”

CONTRACTS

Many people questioned the hiring of a communications person, including Justin Bardowski, Menominee Junior/Senior High’s assistant principal, in light of the pending contract negotiations.

“Their contracts can’t get signed, and we can hire a PR person? To me, what this says is, ‘We can take care of everybody at the top by hiring a PR manager, but the teachers and the students who are on the front lines, we cannot take care of,’” Bardowski said, speaking personally, as the room of around 75 people applauded.

Butler said the contracts are currently being approved by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for language, but the staff approving the contracts had COVID. After his comment, the room started to get louder due to people talking among themselves.

“We are — listen — we are going to retro-pay the staff,” Butler said. “People will get their negotiated rate.”

ASBESTOS PROBLEMS

Regarding the school’s suspicious dust, Butler said there needs to be another cleaning before construction can resume. The goal is to get SitologIQ, the construction team, back next Wednesday. After construction is done, it will take another cleaning and a test of the air quality before people can return.

The school was closed on Aug. 1 after sustaining flood damage in an estimated 30 rooms. Heavy rains overwhelmed the temporary caps placed on five roof openings to install new ventilators.

“The water event was, in essence, the first stage in an overall asbestos event,” Butler said. “The asbestos event ultimately infused fibers throughout our entire facility.”

ALTERNATE LOCATION

The school is still exploring alternative locations, but Butler said there are costs involved, including infrastructure and IT upgrades. If it’s only going to be for two or three weeks, it doesn’t make sense. He said the greatest hurdle has been thinking it’s not worth going to an alternative because they think construction will be done, only to have another setback.

Amber Olsen, a parent, said the school should have kids come in two days a week, switching different grades back and forth.

“I think my biggest frustration: We were here in September asking if you had a contingency plan. If you had a Plan B,” she said.

Also, at the meeting, the board unanimously approved Debbie Kroll’s hiring to serve as Central’s interim principal. The administration and superintendent will devise a plan to address grades, which they will present to the board at a future meeting.

The next regular board meeting is next Wednesday at 6 p.m.

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Three Kings Day

Peshtigo Spanish Club students learn about a special tradition



SUBMITTED
Peshtigo Spanish Club members Lorelei Maxwell, Christina Powers and Emery Slater.



SUBMITTED
Peshtigo Spanish Club members, back from left, Alissa Mullins, Radwa Farghali and front from left, Faith Frederiksen, Carlie Denowski, Emma Heider.



SUBMITTED
Peshtigo Spanish Club members Riley Sabel, Hannah Piechota, Lauren Halfmann and Sami Gretzon.

PESHTIGO — In many American families, children look forward to a visit and gift from Santa on Christmas Day.

“In many Spanish-speaking countries, it is the visit from the Three Kings on the evening of Jan. 5 that excites them most,” said Peshtigo High School Spanish teacher Jackie Lemire. Lemire and co-advisor Cindy Birch taught their Spanish Club students about this tradition that coincides with celebrating Christmas in many Spanish-speaking countries and even Spanish-speaking American families.

Rather than writing to Santa Claus, children write to the three kings: Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar. In American Christian tradition these three kings are referred to as the three wise men. Birch explains, “Children write to the three kings, giving thanks for the blessings they’ve received throughout the year and asking the kings to bring them gifts. They decorate a box, like a shoe box, and fill it with hay for the three camels.”

On the 12th day after the birth of Jesus, also called the Epiphany, the three kings will

visit children’s homes throughout the night of Jan. 5. On the morning of Jan. 6 children will awaken to see what the kings brought for them.

“In many Spanish-speaking countries, the gift from Santa on Christmas day is minimal, but the gifts delivered by the three kings 12 days later, is more anticipated,” according to Lemire.

Spanish Club students decorated three kings’ boxes as children do in Mexico, Spain, Puerto Rico and many Spanish-speaking people living in the United States do. “It’s fun to see them get excited as they learn about the customs, beliefs and traditions,” Birch elaborates. “Spanish Club gives us the opportunity to participate in activities and customs that we would otherwise just talk about,” shares senior Lauren Halfmann. She says, “It’s cool to learn about how different cultures of people live and celebrate different things.”

“Many students take Spanish with the goal of using Spanish in their future occupations. Students recognize the need to be bilingual,” said

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

CITY OF MARINETTE
 • **Water & Wastewater Utilities Commissions.** Monday, 3:30 p.m., common council chambers, City Hall, 1905 Hall Ave. Joint meeting.
 • **Parks and Recreation Committee.** Monday, 4 p.m., common council chambers, City Hall, 1905 Hall Ave. Reports. City of Marinette Tourism logo.
 • **Personnel and License Committee.** Tuesday, 4:45 p.m. or immediately following Board of Public Works meeting, common council chambers, City Hall,

1905 Hall Ave.
CITY OF MENOMINEE
 • **Downtown Development Authority.** Wednesday, 6 p.m., council chambers, Municipal Complex. Bylaws. Arch update at 10th Street and 10th Avenue. TIF update.

MARINETTE SCHOOLS
 • **Board of Education.** Monday, 5 p.m., district office community room, 2139 Pierce Ave., Marinette. Closed session for superintendent's evaluation and

administrator contract renewals for 2023-25. Reconvene in open session, no earlier than 6 p.m. Student rep Trinity Mosur. Committee reports. Administrator contract renewals. Open enrollment. Sunrise Early Learning Center property offer to purchase. Superintendent's report.

MENOMINEE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 • **Board of Education.** Wednesday, 6 p.m., library, Blesch Intermediate School, 1200 11th Ave.

IN BRIEF

Driver in Marinette crash identified

MARINETTE — The person involved in the one-vehicle crash that struck a utility pole Tuesday is Shannon Schulte of Marinette.
 The accident happened at 9:41 a.m. on Hattie Street near Riverside Avenue when Schulte's vehicle struck a utility pole and knocked out power to about 1,800 Wisconsin Public Service customers. Marinette Police Chief Jon LaCombe said Schulte, 51, was traveling south toward Marinette from Menominee when she had a medical situation. The police report states she was injured and no citations were issued.

DEATH NOTICES

• **MARGARET L. ZARN**, 95, Albuquerque, N.M., died Monday at her home. Cadieu Funeral Home is assisting the family.

POLICE BLOTTER

MARINETTE POLICE
 • A male was taken into custody for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, probation hold and possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine at 12:51 a.m. Jan. 6 at Marinette and Hall avenues. In the same incident, a female was taken into custody with intent to deliver methamphetamine, party to a crime.
 • A male was taken into custody for felony bail jumping, possession with intent to deliver marijuana, knowingly fleeing an officer and maintaining a drug trafficking place at 10:50 p.m. Monday at Marinette and Hall avenues.
 • A female was cited for driving while intoxicated at 1:09 a.m. Saturday at 801 Main St.
 • A female was taken into custody for driving while intoxicated

at 12:23 a.m. Sunday at Marinette and Carney avenues.
 • Charges were forwarded to the district attorney office for disorderly conduct and battery for a male at 12:30 p.m. Monday at 1619 Main St.
 • A male was taken into custody for impersonating a peace officer at 8:39 p.m. Jan. 4 at 2720 Roosevelt Road.
 • A male was taken into custody on warrant at 8:33 a.m. Jan. 4 at W. Hosmer and Morgan streets.
 • A female was taken into custody on a child support warrant and obstructing/resisting officers at 4:07 p.m. Jan. 5 at 2211 Thomas St.
 • A female was cited for retail theft at 5:39 p.m. Jan. 5 at Walmart, 2900 Roosevelt Road.
 • A female was taken into custody for possession of THC — 2nd offense at 8:34 p.m. Jan. 5 at Marinette and Carney avenues.

• A male and a female were cited for possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia at 7:04 p.m. Saturday at Marinette and Cleveland avenues.
 • A vehicle driven by Todd Nicklaus struck a house at 6:27 a.m. Jan. 5 at 805 Wells St. Suspected serious injuries.
 • A vehicle driven by Bradley Weber struck a tree at 5:12 a.m. Jan. 5 at 3003 University Drive. Suspected minor injuries.
 • Vehicles driven by Michael Walters and Richard Myers collided at 5:20 p.m. Jan. 6 at Highway 64 and Highway 180. Walters was cited for inattentive driving.
 • An unidentified vehicle struck a legally parked vehicle owned by Francis Farmer at 12:40 a.m. Jan. 6 at Pine Tree Mall, 2800 Roosevelt Road.
 • A mountain bicycle was found Jan. 4 and brought to the Marinette Police Department.

OBITUARIES

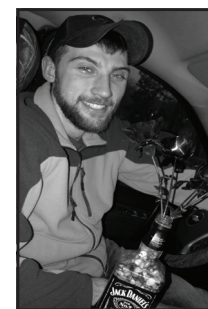
RYLEY A. KLAVER (FRONSEE)

Ryley A. Klaver (Fronsee), of Marinette, passed away Friday, December 30, 2022 at home due to complications of Crohn's Disease. He was born June 6, 1996 to Rebecca Fronsee in Marinette. At a young age Ryley found his passion for duck and goose hunting, fishing and trapping with the guidance of his grandpa, Willard and Uncle Wade. He also had an amazing talent for drawing and metal art.

Ryley graduated from Crivitz High School in 2014 with his 2-year certification in welding. He finished his schooling and started employment with Marinette Marine in 2015, where he recently accepted a lead man position. In 2019 Ryley met his love, his life partner, his best friend and outdoor enthusiast, Makayla Jacobs, and they started their life together, welcoming their daughter and light of his life, Lila May in 2021. We are grateful they were both with him in what nobody knew would be his last hours. Ryley endured more pain than we know to stay strong and take care of his beautiful little family. Ryley will be remembered for so much, but most for his kindness, generosity, selflessness, humor, talents, gentle nature and love of the outdoors. Our hearts fill with such pride knowing how loved he was and the positive impact he has made on so many people.
 He is survived by his forever love, Makayla; his daughter, Lila; parents, Rebecca and Ted; his sister, Leandra; brother, Kaden; his grandmothers, Linda and Janet; his uncle Wade and aunt Jenny; and cousins: Madison, Trevor, Jada, Tyler and Jordan.

He was preceded in death by: his grandfathers, Willard and Jerry; and recently his uncle Todd. Please join us for a Celebration of Ryley's life at Equity Hall in Pound on Saturday, January 28, 2023 starting at 2:00 p.m.
 "Because you never think the last time will be the last time. You think there will be more, you think you have forever, but you don't."
 In lieu of flowers monetary donations for Lila's College Fund may be addressed to W1911 Flame Rd., Marinette, WI 54143, or consider memorial donations for Crohn's Disease research.

HANSEN-ONION-MARTELL FUNERAL HOME is assisting the family.



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Birch. "Soon students develop an interest and an appreciation for culture," adds Lemire. Both explain that students love to learn the similarities and differences in terms of food, holiday celebrations, religious practices, festivals and history. Students who join the Peshtigo High School Spanish Club have opportunities to learn more about what they've been exposed to in class. Each month students meet to take on different topics and activities.

Past activities have included Zumba, Latin dance lessons, Day of the Dead activities and Semana Santa Easter traditions. In November 2023, students will be traveling to Belize and Guatemala to experience life in another country.

"I really enjoy learning about other cultures from around the world," voices senior Avery Kehoe. Understanding other cultures helps us understand each other. Learning about other cultures, especially while traveling, can help form connections between people."

This article was submitted by the Peshtigo School District.



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