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Ashwaubenton's measurement is going slower than officials had hoped because many residents are not home during the day. On B-4
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BRIEFLY
GREEN BAY
Sponsors raise funds for Habitat

National Wisconsin Habitat for Humanity volunteers working at a site at 13th Dobson St. will hold a special community event tonight. NEW Habitat project Director Hirschbeck will accept a check from Pastor Keith Swanson and Harvey Jaeger. The check represents monetary funding for the home.
The funds were raised by completion of new evangelist Lutheran churches, which are sponsoring the Habitat House.

GREEN BAY
Firing range gets spot on 'today'

The Construction Office range at Green Bay's North Wisconsin Technical College is scheduled to get national attention this morning when it is featured on The Today Show.
The range, which uses state-of-the-art technology in a shoot-down situation. The range uses infrared cameras, live actors and a projection system that allows officers to interact with the "bad guys" and use their own weapons and real ammunition.
The range is used by officers from throughout Northwestern Wisconsin and from neighboring states.
The Today Show crews have at the range in March showing video to the spot.
The Today Show airs on Tuesday.

ASHWAUBENTON
Overpass on 172 to open Thursday

The Wisconsin 172 overpass at Ashwaubenton should open Thursday, one day earlier than planned.
Traffic on the bridge has been narrowed and rerouted, over the construction season since March. The restriction was expected to last for the good weather. Jerry Lopez, village engineer, said the bridge should open between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Thursday. The ramp from the bridge will open about 11:30 a.m. Thursday. The ramp has been closed during the project.
The 1.7-mile-long, \$6 million project to convert Highway 172 should be completed in October. At Ashwaubenton, the overpass will connect from William Drive to Vanerterway Way, making another north-south route in the village, and easing traffic on Oneida Street and Ashland Avenue.

ASHWAUBENTON
Board postpones action on curfew

The Ashwaubenton Village Board will not act on the curfew until at least the next meeting Thursday in Ashwaubenton's village.
The village currently has an 11 p.m. curfew for children younger than 17. Director of Public Safety John Konepalski said the earlier curfew would help curb mischief for the hour after village parks close at 10 p.m.

LOTTERIES
TUESDAY, AUG. 25

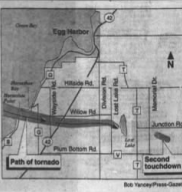
Table with lottery results for Wisconsin, BlueCash, Pick 3, Pick 4, Mega, Money only game, Money only, Daily 4, Daily 5, Keno, and Scratch-off games.

Comments or story ideas? Call Mary Kelley, Reporter Schneider at 435-6336.

Tornado costs soar
Estimates at \$6 million; work's not done

By Ann Neuman
Pine-Gazette
TOWNSHIP OF BIRD HARBOR
Damage estimates are growing in Door County where a tornado ripped a 3-mile-wide path of destruction Tuesday.
Dick Harvey, director of Door County Emergency Services, said Tuesday that estimates are at \$6 million and assessments have not finished their work.
"We've had a couple of teams out over the day," Harvey said. "We will know the total cost of the repairs. The teams, which start at a minimum of \$100,000, are working on Green Bay, some where about 10 miles south of Bird Harbor, headed east and west. The National Weather Service said Tuesday night the storm cloud was an F3 tornado.

Officials said 60 houses and outbuildings were damaged and 100 cars were damaged or ruined. More than 30 trees were uprooted. The township Tuesday said it is "getting cleaned up" but work is still ongoing. "People are cleaning up their own property," said Harvey, who is part owner of the Bird Harbor Lodge and has a home on Division Road that was destroyed. "It's getting cleaned up quite well," Sawyer said. "The trees are cleaned up. We're not going to the same place. I mean the damage is made by the wind. Sawyer said neighbors, friends and family have helped clean up debris and move valuables out of the home. "That's the way things happen up here," Sawyer said.



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Green Bay residents Tammy Ceyphas, left, and her husband Lindsay, check out Green Bay Packers apparel Tuesday at Mike Harmon's Fan Fair at Bay Park Square. A new study shows 68.3 percent of Green Bay residents wear the Packers colors.

Packers gear leads nation

By Sean Scully
Pine-Gazette
Blue stripes, the facelift. Full on something we didn't already know.
A study released Tuesday by ESPN Chicago Sports Poll shows that 68.3 percent of Green Bay residents wear the green and gold with that yellow NFL team logo. This is the highest among NFL cities.
"This is not news to Danielle Andrzejka, a sales associate at Mike Harmon's Fan Fair at Bay Park Square, who said she has seen the same thing for years.
"Only the pants?"
"Yeah, but it's more than that," Andrzejka said. "You've got to own something Packers."
Each month, ESPN Chicago Sports Poll, headquartered in Berkeley, Pa., randomly calls 5,000 people and asks them questions about sports and products associated with sports.
Robert Fox, senior client representative,
"One of the questions asked between July 1997 and last June involved whether the respondent owned clothing with an NFL logo. The poll surveyed 127 residents in Green Bay. The survey has a margin of error of about 3 percent.
Martyn Andzejka of De Pere said she and her husband Dave, have had on no-Packers merchandise, so it came as a surprise.
"I believe it," she said when told that two-thirds of Green Bay residents own it.
"We have loads of stuff," she said. "Every year for Christmas my husband and I get a new Packers jersey."
They don't limit their purchases to clothing. The Andzejkas have winter and summer Packers jackets. T-shirts for kids. Andzejka said her husband's ball fans elsewhere can't keep up with people that buy Packers gear. The manufacturer said that 63 percent of Jacksonville residents sport the team's colors.
Opportunities to buy more merchandise are being sought in this market.
"I don't know," said Green Bay resident Steve Gier, a new line of

Table titled 'Packers fans' showing the percentage of residents who wear NFL apparel in various cities. Green Bay is at 68.3%, followed by Jacksonville at 63%, Kansas City at 54.5%, Philadelphia at 50.8%, Dallas at 47.4%, Oakland at 45.5%, and San Francisco at 45.5%.

Report says De Pere cops need relief

By Brian Gemella
Pine-Gazette
DE PERE — If the city of De Pere were to effectively get and provide its residents, it should consider adding at least four officers to its police force.
This is one conclusion of a study on the city's police department by Resource Management Associates, a consulting firm. The study was completed over a three-month period earlier this year, and depicts a growth in both the city's population and geographic size, the city's patrol staff has not grown much in the past few years.
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The need for more officers comes as De Pere is under the leadership of a new police chief, Michael Walsh said.
Walsh said the police department will look at the study's findings.
"There are some interesting concepts that were brought up," Walsh said. "Some of them are things that we've addressed in the past, but some of them are things that we haven't addressed in the past."
Walsh said the police chief and the city.

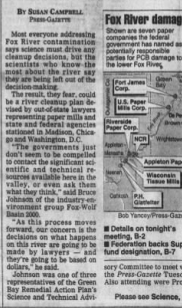
Scientists feel left out of Fox debate

By Susan Campbell
Pine-Gazette
Most everyone addressing Fox River contamination says scientists must drive any cleanup decisions, but the scientists feel left out of the debate.
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Third brother convicted in '96 holdup

By Matt Heary
Pine-Gazette
William Robinson's wife said her husband could have avoided a Green Bay prison term for a 1996 bank robbery if he had not been arrested in a separate case in Bennington, Vt.
But a jury Tuesday also agreed, eight men and four women deliberated for over an hour before finding Robinson, 36, guilty of robbing Dad's Liquor Store, 1701 University Ave., with two of his brothers Oct. 27, 1996.
Robinson's parents, who watched son testify against him during the two-day trial,

brothers Anthony, 37, and James, 36, who are serving prison sentences for the robbery, testified Monday that Robinson was the gunman. They cooperated with investigators after being convicted in separate jury trials.
James Robinson said he wanted him acquitted so he could get child support in a divorce settlement.
William Robinson will be sentenced Friday, Oct. 30, to Brown County Judge Peter Dean. He faces up to 40 years in prison on convictions of robbery and party in a bank robbery.
Both lawyers asked the jury to consider motives of



Shown are severe pollution of the Fox River contamination. The man is a scientist who has been left out of the debate.

Science/Dredging questioned

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sor H.J. "Bud" Harris, chairman of natural and applied sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and John Kennedy of the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District.

The RAP members worry that the federal Superfund process — needed as a hammer to force a cleanup — may be too rigid to allow for flexibility as the cleanup progresses.

On the other hand, they said the prospect of lawyers deciding the cleanup plan doesn't bode well when most of the seven paper mills responsible for the pollution are based outside Wisconsin — meaning their executives "don't fish on the Fox River."

Johnson said the mills' move away from finding the best scientific remedy and toward finding the best legal remedy is evidenced by their absence in recent months at the RAP's technical committee meetings.

Last year's merger between Fort Howard Corp. and James River Corp. transferred Fort Howard's headquarters to Illinois and appears to have signaled a change in attitude toward the cleanup, he said. Lost in the move was the leadership role Fort Howard had taken in cleanup talks.

"They decided their science people are less important to this issue than their PR people and their attorneys," Johnson said. "You'll find plenty of those floating around — that has characterized the nature of the way the debate has gone."

RAP defends itself

The RAP members, their committee under fire from environmentalists who say it failed to bring about a river cleanup plan and stave off federal involvement, also spoke in their own defense.

The RAP committee — established in 1986 in response to the PCB problem in the Fox River and Green Bay — has done far more to move the cleanup forward than some acknowledge, they said.

For 10 years the RAP ordered or oversaw studies of PCB damage to the river and lower bay, among them the 1988-92 Green Bay Mass Balance Study and remediation studies at Little Lake Buttes des Morts.

When the Fox River Coalition was formed in 1992 — representing government, industry, communities, municipal treatment plants and environmentalists — RAP members served on a technical group that studied PCB hot spots on the river.

Much of that work is central to studies now being compiled by the state Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as they determine the extent of contamination and cleanup options as part of the Superfund process.

But to date those documents represent the RAP's only real involvement in the cleanup debate, despite the fact that Harris and some of the other committee members had years of experience studying the bay even before the RAP was created.

If tapped, Harris said the expertise of that group could play an important role at a time when both sides of the issue are pulling in opposite directions.

As the EPA moves toward a Superfund designation that would force paper mills responsible for the pollution to pay for the cleanup, the mills are moving toward a stance that favors leaving PCBs in the river.

"Our concern is that there's a lot of polarization, and it seems like we've moved into gridlock," Harris said. "In the process I think some of the science, if not ignored, it has not been taken into account."

Dredging debated

The clearest example is the dicey debate about whether to dredge PCBs from the river.

Although Harris said science doesn't have all the answers and always contains elements of uncertainty, it does offer direction. Paper mills, however, have chosen to exploit what uncertainty

To attend meeting

A public informational meeting for a pilot dredging project on the Fox River's largest hot spot is scheduled for 7-9 tonight at the Brown County Library, 515 Pine St. The state Department of Natural Resources will outline plans and take comments on plans to remove some of the nearly 3,000 pounds of PCBs in the river sediment near Fort James Corp.'s West Mill. The \$7 million project will be funded by the Fox River Group, representing seven paper mills held responsible for an estimated 70,000 pounds of PCB contamination in the river between Lake Winnebago and Green Bay.

To comment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposes to list the Fox River as a Superfund national priority cleanup site. The public has until Sept. 28 to submit written comments on the EPA's criteria for proposing the river for Superfund designation.

To submit comments, note the site name — Wisconsin's Lower Fox River — and provide one original and three copies to: Docket coordinator, U.S. EPA Headquarters CERCLA Docket Office (5201G), 401 M Street S.W., Washington, D.C., 20560.

Comments also may be e-mailed in ASCII format to: superfund.docket@epamail.epa.gov.

there is about dredging and to use that as an argument that dredging must be avoided.

"Dredging will disturb things, but the point of the matter is that dredging will remove the mass of PCBs," Harris said.

"We're in one of those situations where you're damned if you leave it and you're damned if you don't. But there's enough evidence to show that if you ignore it ... that is not prudent."