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FOUR Fox River cleanup

Cooperation or confrontation?

Stakes high for Fort Howard, 6 other mills

By Susan Campbell
Kewaunee

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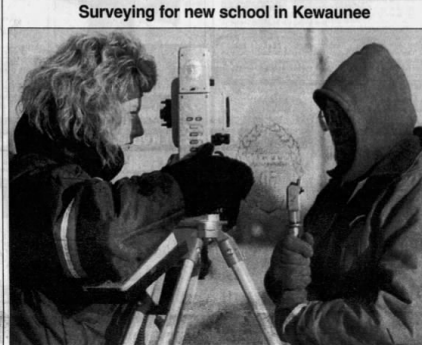
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Land check Jil Bostick and Jim Wolf of M.A.S. Associates, Green Bay, work on a topographic survey of land on Kewaunee High School property where a new kindergarten through eighth-grade school will be built. Voters approved an \$11.5 million referendum in October for the school, which is planned to open in 1998.

AROUND THE BAY

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▶ COCONO COUNTY

Proposal pulled on tribal purchases

A resolution seeking to stop Indian tribes and other tax-exempt Indians from buying and taking hold of the tax millage owned by the Douglas County Board Thursday.

Board Chairman Don Bartlett had introduced the resolution, but it was withdrawn. Bartlett said he had presented some concerns.

At a resolution, it would have been an advisory opinion only and would not have had any enforcement powers.

But some clergy members had expressed concern about the resolution in regards to church tax-exempt status.

The resolution was sent back to the Board, Parks and Recreation Subcommittee.

▶ GREEN BAY

Playoff tickets could be bogus

Some of those high-price Green Bay Packers tickets on sale this weekend may be bogus, Packers corporate security officer Jerry Purins said Thursday.

Purins said he was told an \$75 ticket for a Dec. 23 game against Denver, Packers representative tickets on \$35, \$50, and \$65.

The bogus tickets have been resold and an investigation is under way.

Attempts to sell tickets in and around the Lambeau Field parking lot before Sunday's final home game against the Minnesota Vikings will cause under close security, Purins said.

Purins also cautions that bogus tickets also may be on sale for playoff games Green Bay may host in January.

Purins said he had received one of these tickets to Purins at \$60 from Green Bay Purins at 480-2200, or the Ashwaubenon Public Safety Department at 480-2660.

▶ KEWAUNEE

Former sheriff in court today

Former Kewaunee County Sheriff Cecil Knobl is scheduled to be in court today on 18 criminal charges, including sexual harassment, sexual abuse and soliciting a child for prostitution.

The court date was postponed Thursday because of scheduling problems with Knobl's attorney, Thomas Schultz.

Kewaunee County Circuit Court Judge Dennis J. Minick set the initial appearance for 10 a.m. today.

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Innocent plea entered in crash

A two-year-old child was not injured in a fatal crash on Highway 104 near the intersection of Highway 52 and Highway 104 in Kewaunee County on Monday.

Madison Daily News Press down his sport utility vehicle through a stop sign, killing the father, Thomas J. Dally, and injuring two people in Dally's vehicle, a critical condition was a pickup truck in Dally's vehicle, injuring two other people, the complaint says.

Dally faces one charge of reckless driving by negligent use of a motor vehicle and four counts of causing great bodily harm by reckless driving.

He is free on a \$5,000 signature bond.

Dally's case is scheduled for a pretrial conference on Jan. 9.

▶ MORE AROUND THE BAY

Around the Bay in daily and news coverage on comments in Wisconsin

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Kewaunee hospital to affiliate with Aurora Health Care

Plan will control costs better, St. Mary's official says

By Terry Anderson
Kewaunee

Kewaunee Hospital, a 100-bed facility, will become affiliated with Aurora Health Care, a Milwaukee-based health care system, in a move that will control costs better, St. Mary's official says.

The hospital will continue as an employee-owned employer, but will be a not-for-profit corporation, says Mark Mack, St. Mary's vice president for health care services.

The hospital is owned by the Kewaunee Hospital Association, a not-for-profit corporation, says Mack. The hospital will continue as an employee-owned employer, but will be a not-for-profit corporation, says Mack. The hospital will continue as an employee-owned employer, but will be a not-for-profit corporation, says Mack.

Another poke: 1 flu shot might not be enough

By Scott Schultz
Kewaunee

Just in time for the holidays, a flu health department reminder. The flu shot you get in October or November may not have been potent enough. You may need to be boosted.

Don't blame the Brown County or the Prew Health Department. They gave your arm a poke in good time.

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Health Care Systems in NE Wisconsin

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High court overturns ski resort rulings

Hidden Valley could be sued in death

MADISON (AP) - A liability waiver signed by a ski resort visitor whose daughter later struck a ski lift tower and died in a fatal fall, could be nullified by the state Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

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Flu reimbursement clinics

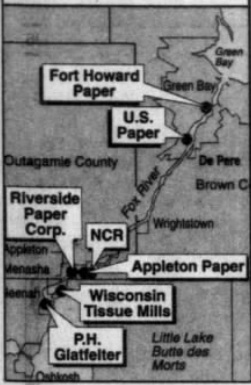
Green Bay
Brown County Health Department, 610 S. Broadway, Monday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Fox River damage

Shown are seven paper companies the federal government has named as potentially responsible parties for PCB damage to the lower Fox River.



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■ CLEANUP

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NRDA process, with a goal of settling by February 1998.

The next step: drafting a Memorandum of Understanding committing the group to move forward and outlining how the settlement would be worked out during the next year.

The memorandum also would require that all parties agree to delay for one year the statutory spring 1997 deadline by which Fish and Wildlife must file its damage claim.

Hartwig said the agreement also would seek a commitment by the mills to begin some restoration and compensation during the year as a "down payment" on the final settlement, and to show the public some progress.

The public would be invited into the process at as-yet undetermined stages.

"There's a lot of work to be done in the next three four weeks. It's either going to make it or break it," Hartwig said. "I'm optimistic that we'll make it."

The reaction from Fox River mills has been mixed. The Oneida Tribe of Indians, which together with the Menominee Indian Tribe is involved in the damage assessment as a trustee of the waterway, is supportive.

Deadline approaching

With Fish and Wildlife's spring deadline for filing the damage assessment claim nearing, state officials have sought to enlist the state in the federal process, at the same time urging cooperation with paper mills.

The DNR — which has resisted the federal assessment since it got under way in 1994 — notified Fish and Wildlife in late November that it intends to take part in the process as a trustee of the waterway.

Gov. Tommy Thompson, who earlier lobbied the Department of the Interior — which oversees Fish and Wildlife — to halt the assessment, wrote Interior Sec. Bruce Babbitt late last month seeking his support for a negotiated resolution.

Thompson and DNR Secretary George Meyer have sought in the past to avert the federal assessment in

favor of voluntary efforts by the Fox River Coalition, a DNR-led alliance of Fox River industries, governments and sewer districts formed in 1992.

Environmentalists critical

Yet environmentalists have attacked the coalition for moving too slowly, noting that four years have yielded numerous studies but no actual cleanup of the Fox.

Rebecca Leighton Katers, head of the Green Bay-based Clean Water Action Council, was skeptical of the new developments.

"This is a last-ditch effort by Tommy Thompson and his control of DNR to stop the process on behalf of the paper industry," she said. "They're doing this without our best interests in mind."

In the meantime, the federal damage assessment will continue, with or without the voluntary effort.

David Allen, of Fish and Wildlife's Green Bay office, said the Fox cleanup remains one of the agency's top priorities.

"I can't possibly get this done soon enough," he said.