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## Judge denies former sergeant's motion for transfer

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Former Oneida County sheriff's sergeant Stetson Grant will remain an inmate in Marquette County after a judge on Thursday denied his motion for an order directing the sheriff to transfer him from Montello to the Oneida County jail.

Grant, 36, is serving a 90-day jail sentence on a disorderly conduct (domestic abuse) conviction. He was also convicted of felony stalking and will serve three years probation on that charge.

An Oneida County jury acquitted him on a number of other counts following a five-day trial in February.

According to the criminal complaint, he was accused of calling a woman as many as 50 to 150 times a day and entering her home on multiple occasions after he had been asked to leave.

The complaint also alleged the former sergeant

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## County prevails in jail death lawsuit

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A federal judge on Thursday dismissed a lawsuit brought by the family of a 20-year-old man who took his own life while an inmate in the Oneida County jail. The estate of Gavin Wall-

mow filed the lawsuit in March 2022 alleging "deliberate indifference" to serious medical conditions and failure to properly monitor jail detainees which they argued resulted in Wallmow's death by suicide in July 2021.

In an opinion and order

dated May 18, U.S. District Judge James D. Peterson of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, granted summary judgment to Oneida County and the four corrections officers named as defendants in the lawsuit and closed the case.

"Because Wallmow was a detainee (he was incarcerated on a probation hold), not a convicted prisoner, his claims are governed by the objective reasonableness standard under the Fourteenth Amendment," Peter-

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## WELCOME HOME CEREMONY

The Northwoods Honor Guard stands in position for the Welcome Home Ceremony, an event held Thursday, May 18, in association with The Wall That Heals, a visiting exhibit hosted by Nicolet College. The group presented the U.S. and state flags, as well as the flag for MIA/POW veterans and their own Honor Guard flag. The Wall That Heals, seen in the background, is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. It honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War and bears the names of the 58,281 people who made the ultimate sacrifice. The exhibit, which was on display at Nicolet until the afternoon of May 21, drew a number of visitors on Thursday, including student groups and individuals making name rubbings. Volunteers explained that the names on The Wall That Heals are listed by day of casualty. Beginning at the center/apex, the names start on the East Wall (right-hand side) working their way out to the end of that wing, picking up again at the far end of the West Wall (left-hand side) and working their way back in to the center/apex, joining the beginning and end of the conflict at the center.

## Oneida County board passes resolution opposing proposed Pelican River Forest easement

Advisory resolution leaves room for future negotiations; lobbies for local input

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On a 12-6 vote with two abstaining, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors passed an advisory resolution last week opposing the state's proposed conservation easement purchase in the Pelican River Forest, though the resolution's language left room for the possibility of negotiations and support for some compromise on the lands.

Specifically, there were two critical components of the resolution: One, it put the county on record as opposing the conservation and access easements "as proposed," and, two, it served notice that the county does not want

more public land within the county without county and impacted towns' approval if federal or state funds are used to purchase easements.

Several supervisors said they were flooded with emails opposing the resolution and supporting the proposed easement purchase. While The Times could not corroborate that, more than a score of speakers filled the county board room saying just that; not one person supported the resolution.

Still, other supervisors maintain that a silent majority of county residents opposes removing such a large tract of land from any development forever and likewise support having local input, and, at the end of the day, that position prevailed.

During deliberation, supervisor Steven Schreier pointed out that the resolution simply put the county on record as opposing the easement purchase "as proposed."

"Those two words 'as proposed,' to

me, they should be italicized, underlined, bolded," Schreier said. "The whole works. If I could work them into every single one of these, I would do it."

Schreier said the words indicated that there was room to negotiate on the piece of property and on future properties.

Still he and five other supervisors voted against even that language. The purchase "as proposed" would cast 56,000 acres of county land into an easement in perpetuity (bringing the total to 70,000 acres), swallow more than 80 percent of the town of Monico, and prohibit any development forever. Those six supervisors also voted against putting the county on record as wanting local government approvals before the state makes such land or easement purchases.

Those six supervisors were, in addi-

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