

AROUND the county

Dep. Kaitie Leising: End of Watch 5/6/23



Thomas Wulf, of New Richmond, stands beside Kaitie Leising's memorial banner with a thin blue line flag on the morning of Leising's funeral at Hudson High School on Friday, May 12. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



Several St. Croix County Sheriff's Deputies escort Kaitie Leising's casket near the conclusion of the memorial service at the Hudson High School on May 12. Thousands of law enforcement officials and members of the public gathered to mourn together. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



While no official numbers have been released, law enforcement officials attending St. Croix County Sheriff's Deputy Kaitie Leising's funeral estimated that more than 1,000 fellow officers gathered to pay their respects at Hudson High School on Friday, May 12. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



Three St. Croix County Sheriff's Deputies pay their respects and salute Kaitie Leising's casket as it was transported from the Hudson High School after the funeral service concluded. Leising was shot and killed May 6 during a traffic stop. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



Throughout Kaitie Leising's funeral at Hudson High School, law enforcement officials flew several flags in her honor. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



Law enforcement officials from multiple Wisconsin-based departments including the State Patrol and DNR place their glove-covered hands upon Kaitie Leising's casket on Friday afternoon. Many of them closed their eyes and prayed before assisting in escorting Leising to her final resting place. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



Law enforcement officials from several Wisconsin-based departments lift the flag off of St. Croix County Sheriff's Deputy Kaitie Leising's casket. They folded the flag and delivered it to Leising's family in attendance. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



Hundreds of police squad cars lined up and filled Hudson High School's parking lots on the morning of St. Croix County Sheriff's Deputy Kaitie Leising's funeral on Friday, May 12. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



A St. Croix County Sheriff's Deputy helps escort Kaitie Leising's casket during the funeral service in Hudson on Friday, May 12. More than 1,000 law enforcement officials attended and paid their respects. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



Two local law enforcement officials served as the primary transporters of St. Croix County Sheriff's Deputy Kaitie Leising's casket during the funeral service at Hudson High School on Friday, May 12. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

Dredging

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and they are going to build an island to try to prevent the silt from coming into this area like we have now," Lunda said. "We are still looking for funding for some of the habitat restoration but so far the funding is over \$33 million."

The project was one of 10 projects selected out of 95 proposals submitted throughout the United States for a pilot program to use dredged material to improve habitat. Those selected are believed to be good candidates for providing environmental, economic and social benefits. The Corps will use dredged material from Reads Landing Dredged Material Placement Site in Lower Pool 4 (located just north of Wabasha, Minn.) to construct the islands. The project may use up to 300,000 cubic yards of dredged material.

Current objectives for the restoration project include:

Increase the health, diversity and acreage of emergent and floating leafed aquatic vegetation.

Increase the health, diversity and acreage of submerged aquatic vegetation.

Improve and increase the quantity and quality of wetland habitat for backwater waterfowl species.

Protect existing shoreline habitat and increase the linear feet of sheltered bank and associated littoral habitat for use by marsh and water birds, shorebirds, aquatic mammals, amphibians and reptiles.

Improve and increase the overall health and quantity of floodplain forest.

Improve or maintain the quantity and quality of habitat for riverine aquatic species.

Increase the quantity and quality of backwater fish habitat.

Speakers at the event included Johnny Johnson, council president of the Prairie Island Indian Community; Adam Payne, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; Bay City Village President Roger Spindler, Red Wing Mayor Mike Wilson, Col. Eric Swenson, district engineer of the St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers; Rylee Hince, executive director of the Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance and Master of Ceremonies Brenda Kelly, project manager for the Wisconsin DNR.

See next week's Journal for coverage of the event.

PCHS students rewarded for hard work



(From left): Plum City High School seniors Christian Martin, Annaliese Henn, Grace Hinrichs, Beau Holt, and Ambrose Malles received scholarships from the American Red Cross at their senior awards banquet last week. During their high school years, they have volunteered to help at the blood drives in Plum City and have donated blood to qualify for the scholarships. Photo courtesy of Verna Weiss



These Plum City High School seniors will be wearing a red cord at their graduation ceremony on May 20, 2023. The red cord signifies that during their high school years they have donated blood at least three times at the blood drives in Plum City. Pictured (from left): Christian Martin, Annaliese Henn, Bryce Mark, and Grace Hinrichs. Photo courtesy of Verna Weiss

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