



Stegeman and Hoffman advance to general election

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MENOMINEE — Jean Stegeman and Casey Hoffman will advance to the November general election as Menominee’s mayoral candidates.

Hoffman received 555 votes and incumbent Stegeman received 531 in Tuesday’s primary. Beth Peanosky received



Stegeman



Hoffman

287 votes and will not move forward.

“Menominee has spoken,”

Hoffman said, celebrating at a local bar with family and friends. “The voters want a leader focused on the next four decades, not just the next four years. I pledge to run the most high-minded, ethical, fact-based campaign in the history of Menominee politics.”

He was endorsed by Peanosky on Facebook, which he said made him “overjoyed.” He said

he’d celebrate his win with his family’s dog, Finley.

Stegeman said the results did not come as a surprise and said Hoffman put a lot of effort into the primary. She applauded Peanosky on a “very high-class campaign.”

“The results were just about as I expected,” Stegeman said.

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 Emily Pearson, founder of The Colony, and her 13-year-old cat, Vinnie, explore the outside through the window of his cat backpack.

Marinette group works to manage cat overpopulation

Residents urged to adopt, foster and keep cats inside

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EDITOR’S NOTE: This is the third story in a 3-part series on pet owners and veterinarian care in the area. Part 3 examines the role of the community in finding solutions. Part 1 highlighted the lack of capacity in local veterinary clinics. Part 2 examined the infrastructure and resources available for animals.

MARINETTE — It all started

VETS & PETS

with a bunny.

“In the process, we were catching cats in the traps,” said Marissa Seid, team member of The Colony, a Marinette group

dedicated to caring for cats in the area.

That’s when they knew they had a problem.

The group caught five cats

trying to trap the bunny, whom they thought was a house pet (but ended up being wild), said Emily Pearson, the founder of The Colony.

Pearson said that for every feral cat they try to help through a process called Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), they’re finding cats that are dumped or cats with owners who let their pets wander the city to fend for themselves.

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TNR is the humane approach to addressing community cat populations, according to Alley Cat Allies, a national nonprofit. It's a system where cats are humanely trapped and brought to a vet to be spayed, neutered, vaccinated and ear-tipped, the universal indicator a cat has been fixed and vaccinated. The cats are then returned to their outdoor home.

While TNR keeps feral cats (who have never had human contact) from overpopulating outside, it's harder to educate homeowners that letting their cats outside unattended is illegal and has consequences when they're not fixed, Pearson said.

"We want to keep cats in homes and prevent numbers from exploding," especially during kitten season, which runs from spring until it gets cold, she said.

Pet owners need to adopt, foster and take responsibility for their animals.

If people continue to leave their dogs and cats outside unattended — or dump their unwanted animals — without being neutered, stray animals could quickly multiply and create a growing nuisance in the community.

"As long as they're spayed and neutered, the population won't grow," Pearson said.

She's advocating for creating a network in the area for her program.

Eventually, she would like to turn The Colony into a nonprofit. For now, they take donations through their GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/upqjs8-another-chance>.

Registration for nonprofit status requires \$600. The choice comes down to applying and saving another animal's life, which is difficult, Pearson said.

And the messages keep coming — sometimes upward of four to five a day. Their names are often mentioned on Facebook when someone asks where to take a stray cat.

"Someone's like, 'Contact this person — they do it for free,' and I'm like, 'Let me clear this up.



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Marissa Seid, left, and Emily Pearson, right, collaborate with eight others to take care of cats in the area through the group Pearson founded, called The Colony. Winnie, Pearson's cat, explores the terrain.

It's not for free. It's from donations, or you pay for a lot of stuff, too, out of our pockets, too," Seid said, pointing to Pearson. "As much as we want to help them all, it's sometimes not possible because there are 10 of us."

The organization started last fall as a way to care for feral cats, Pearson said.

A feral cat, according to Alley Cat Allies, is an unsocialized outdoor cat that's never had physical contact with humans. They are not likely to be adopted or taken into indoor homes.

A stray cat has lived indoors and was socialized at some point but left or lost its home, or was abandoned, and no longer has regular human contact, according to Alley Cat Allies. Pearson and Seid identified these types of cats and those who leave their homes daily as "friendly" cats.

The longer they monitored the ferals in the area, the more "friendly" stray cats they trapped. So far, they've caught about 70.

And they might know why. People don't have many resources to surrender their unwanted animals. The Menominee Animal Shelter isn't accepting cats or dogs right now, with a waitlist for each. All three veterinarians in the area are not taking new clients.

"Everyone in Wisconsin, all the rescues around, are saying surrenders are at an all-time

high and adoptions are at an all-time low," Pearson said.

That's left groups of people to take citizen action on curbing the populations in the area, thus why The Colony was created.

She encourages people to adopt from the Menominee Animal Shelter to make room for their animals on the waiting list.

If someone finds a cat wandering around, they can also bring them to the shelter or local veterinarian clinics to get them scanned for a microchip and returned to the owner.

The microchip has a phone number and address, but it's not a catchall.

"People think it's like a GPS," Pearson said. "It's not a GPS."

Frequently, people don't update their microchips after they move, which means the information on the chip could have the wrong address or phone number. Some don't have microchips at all.

In Marinette, they charge a \$439 fine for an animal that continues to get out. So, letting a cat or dog wander around town is a costly undertaking.

"I think the biggest thing people can do is just get the resources," Pearson said.

Vetco Vaccination Clinic at Petco in Marinette, 2704 Roosevelt Road, does microchipping twice a month, along with vaccination, diagnostic testing and deworming with state-licensed veterinarians. Their next clinic for dogs and cats is from 2 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Tractor Supply also hosts a similar PetVet clinic once a month for dogs and cats, with the next date marked for 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. They also offer vaccines, testing and microchips at select locations.

She also listed Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary, 2255 Fox Heights Lane, Green Bay, as a place to get a low-cost voucher for vaccinations, spaying and neutering and mostly whatever else is needed.

Cats Anonymous, 528 S. Irwin Ave., Green Bay, handles feral cats, providing spaying and neutering services, vaccinations,

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Peanosky conceded on Facebook.

"My heartfelt thanks to all who supported me," she wrote. "I have met and reconnected with so many amazing people on this journey."

Stegeman focused on her upcoming strategy.

"I did not answer back on a lot of the misinformation and distorted facts that he (Hoffman) was distributing to the public," Stegeman said. "Heading into November, I intend to defend myself against misinformation."

The campaign needs a debate, Stegeman said.

She also pointed out work on an ordinance on clearing out junk in Menominee's neighborhoods, aid, mentioning a property that was cleaned up last week on 18th Avenue

"This isn't just campaign chatter," she said. "We are moving forward by putting some enforcement and tooth into this ordinance."

She was picking up campaign signs on the night of the primary and reflected on her candidacy.

"I have a fulfilling life, and I will not say anything just to get elected," Stegeman said.

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Oconto man sentenced to prison for drug-related death

A 54-year-old man died from a "mixed drug intoxication."

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OCONTO — An Oconto man will serve more than a decade in prison for a drug-related homicide.

Jason T. Lipp, 36, was sentenced to 11.5 years in prison, followed by 10 years of extended supervision for first-degree reckless homicide — deliver drugs, possession of heroin with intent to deliver and maintaining a drug trafficking place, Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul announced in a press release.

"Those who put lives at risk by distributing illegal narcotics face serious consequences," Kaul said in the release. "Thank you to the dedicated prosecutors and

investigators who worked to hold the defendant accountable."

On Aug. 2, 2020, officers from the Oconto Falls Police Department were called to an apartment building as a 54-year-old man was found unconscious by his son. The son stated that his father had arranged to obtain heroin from Jason Lipp earlier in the day and he came by to check on his father as his father had not contacted him. An autopsy was performed on the victim and the cause of death was found to be "mixed drug (heroin, fentanyl, methamphetamine, duloxetine, zolpidem) intoxication." Further investigation found that the victim had traded prescription medication with Mr. Lipp for the heroin. The son removed the heroin from the scene and later traded it for methamphetamine. The son died a few months later.

Lipp was arrested on April 19,

2021, and a search warrant was executed at his residence. A large amount of drug paraphernalia was found, including four separate chunks of heroin.

A trial was held on April 18-19, 2023. In addition to the evidence above, two individuals testified that they had overdosed on heroin delivered by Lipp. One of these individuals was warned by Lipp that this substance had just killed a man in Oconto.

This case was prosecuted by Wisconsin Department of Justice Assistant Attorneys General James Kraus and Kari Hoffman with assistance from paralegal Brittney Johnson, Oconto County Victim Witness Coordinator Rachael Race, Oconto County Legal Assistant Jordan Dycus, Oconto County Sheriff's Office Investigator Nicholas School and Oconto Falls Police Department Detective Jamie Kuhn.

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Pearson regularly takes cats down to Madison to visit a veterinarian she says is the best surgeon in that area.

"The Marinette Menominee ferals have been to one of the best of the best," Pearson said.

She recognized the lack of available appointments in the area. Some spay appointments may be booked for five months. What do you do in the meantime with an unspayed cat?

"A lot of people are frustrated," Pearson said.

Ultimately, though, indoor and outdoor cats should not mix. She recommended spraying pressurized air or misted water to train a cat to stay inside.

Aside from stray cats being a nuisance to their neighbors, including marking their territory, unspayed female cats are at risk for pyometra, a potentially fatal uterine infection, Pearson said.

People tend to get fed up with some animals, taking matters into their own hands that aren't always helpful, Pearson said.

"Some people say, 'I'll just take them and dump them in the country,'" she said. "That never works."

It's also illegal. Michigan state law MCL 750.50 (e) says it's illegal to dump animals or cats in the city without provisions for their care. The penalty is a \$1,000 fine, jail time of up to 93 days, or up to 200 hours of community service.

Relocating a cat is a death sentence, as they're used to the area they came from. They'll often try to get back, risking injury or death in the process.

Those who want to care for a stray animal should ensure they're microchipped, spayed or neutered before releasing it.

People sometimes object to the group releasing the cats back into the environment after spaying or neutering. That's the least cruel way to fix the problem, Pearson said.

"We're trying to combat the overpopulation program with all of the roaming cats," she said. "We've been trying to end generations the humane way."

Pearson fosters 25 cats that could've been prevented if someone hadn't let their cat out to breed. Now, their children — two generations of them — are all feral. She's fostering them right now.

Why spend so much time advocating? Pearson spent hours just explaining The Colony's plight and their work, but it

was just the tip of the iceberg.

"It stresses me out more not doing something than doing something," Pearson said.

That's part of the truth.

Her mom, Monica, took in cats for spaying and neutering in the '90s when people didn't raise awareness about those services. She said her mom probably spent hundreds of dollars on farm cats, which Pearson played with growing up.

Her Facebook profile picture has an old photo of her mom walking her cat — a rescue named Tex — in the '70s. The image underneath is her doing the same thing but walking her cat, Vinnie, about 50 years later.

Her mom recently died from cancer. Pearson praised her mom's character.

"She probably would be like, 'Emily, what are you doing?'" she said. "It's better than any therapy because you taught me how to trap. You taught me how to take care of cats."

Pearson paused.

"This is in her honor," she said.

People can donate to The Colony on their website: <https://www.thecolony.help/>.

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OBITUARIES

JOSEPH DOMINICK BONAGURO

Joseph Dominick Bonaguro, 56, of Menominee, Michigan, died on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He



was the younger of two children born to Joseph Bonaguro (deceased) and Janet (Bonini) Bonaguro Charbonneau in Harvey, Illinois, on July 27, 1967.

He moved to the north country in his teenage years and never left. He worked at a few places in the area, most recently as an Outfitter at Marinette

Marine, where he was a proud member of the Brotherhood of Boilermakers local # 696.

Joe was an outdoor enthusiast, who during his prime, loved snowmobiling in the winter and riding his 3 and 4 wheelers in the summer. More recently, he could be found riding the lawn mower around the property as he loved to cut grass and keep the lawn at home looking pristine. Joe had two other great passions, his love of sports cars, particularly Cameros and his great love of classic rock-n-roll music. He was somewhat of an authority on classic bands, and one would be hard-pressed to stump him on trivia questions around song titles, particular artists, and their bands. His all-time favorite was AC/DC.

On any given Friday or Saturday evening in the summer, one could hear the classics coming from Joe's sound system in the garage, belting out tunes from Ozzy Osbourne in Black Sabbath to Robert Plant in Led Zeppelin and all the great bands in-between. Leading the way was always Angus Young in AC/DC.

Joe was passionate about what he loved and believed in and those who knew him would also say he was a bit stubborn when he thought he was right. He was a good son, brother and friend and would give the shirt off his back if he knew someone really needed it. He had a great love of animals, particularly dogs. He leaves behind "Trudy Baby" his gentle companion. Heaven gained an angel and those who knew him will miss his kindness and knowledge on so many topics.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, Joseph. He is survived by his loving mother, Janet Charbonneau; his only sibling, a sister, Marianne (Bonaguro) Haulk; and one nephew, Anthony Haulk; and cousins both in the Chicago area and in UP of Michigan.

There will be a visitation on Sunday afternoon for those who knew him at **HANSEN-ONION-MARTELL FUNERAL HOME** in Marinette, Wisconsin from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, 2023. A Mass to celebrate his life will be on Monday, August 14, 2023, at **HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH** in Menominee at 11 a.m. Joe will be laid to rest at **BIRCH CREEK CEMETERY** across from Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Menominee, Michigan immediately following the service. *In lieu of flowers, the family requests to please donate to The American Cancer Society.*

A special thanks to the ICU Staff at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin for their compassion and care to both Joe and his immediate family during this difficult time. Also, to his neighbors and the many union brothers/sisters for their kindness and support.

IN BRIEF

Wells and Mary streets intersection to close in Marinette

MARINETTE — The Wells and Mary streets intersection will be closed starting Monday to traffic due to construction activities. In addition to the intersection, a section of both roads extending from the intersection will

also be closed. The road closure is expected to continue through Aug. 30, according to Marinette Director of Public Works Brian Miller.

Weather or other unexpected delays could extend the road closure.

Traffic control signs will be installed and barricades will be placed to identify the construction zone. Motorists should

proceed with caution and reduce speed when approaching the construction zone.

Marinette BPW meeting canceled

MARINETTE — The Marinette Board of Public Works meeting scheduled for Tuesday has been canceled. The next meeting is set for 4 p.m., Sept. 19.

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