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AREA BRIEFS

Bicyclist suffers serious head injury

APPLETON — A 21-year-old Appleton man suffered a serious head injury Monday afternoon when his bicycle was struck by a sport utility vehicle in the 500 block of W. Calumet Street.

Sgt. Pat DeWall of the Appleton Police Department said the victim, Michael R. King, was transported to Debra Clark, Medical Center in Neenah where he was listed in critical condition in the intensive-care unit.

DeWall said both King and the driver of the SUV, a 49-year-old Appleton woman, were traveling east on Calumet shortly after 4 p.m. when King turned in front of the SUV. Police did not immediately release the name of the Appleton woman.

DeWall said anyone who might have witnessed the accident should call police at 920-933-5500.

Robbery suspect held on \$50,000 bond

APPLETON — Bond was set at \$50,000 Monday for an Appleton man who was arrested late Sunday for an armed robbery at a Grand Choice convenience store.

Terry L. Burns, 55, was being held in the Outagamie County Jail on two counts of bail jumping and one count of armed robbery and disorderly conduct. He is due back in court March 6.

Burns allegedly held up the Kwik Trip at 60 W. Northland Ave.

Open houses set at two fire stations

TOWN OF MENA-SHA — Town residents can see how \$2.4 million was used to upgrade both town fire stations at public open houses from 1 to 5 p.m. March 11.

Fire personnel will be on hand at Station 40, 1326 Cold Spring Road, on the west side and at Station 41, 1000 Valley Road, on the east side to answer questions.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Famous Births:
• Frederick Douglass (1818-1895)
• Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)
• Rosa Parks (1917-2005)
• Coretta Scott King (1925-2006)
• Thurgood Marshall (1917-1993)
• Shirley Chisholm (1921-2005)
• Oprah Winfrey (1954-2006)
• Barack Obama (1961-2008)

LOTTERIES

Drawn Monday
Wisconsin: 8-2-3
Daily Pick 4: 8-8-8-8
Super Lotto: 29-34-36-37
Ballot #: 4-5-1-12-13
Illinois: 8-8-2
Pick 3 Evening: 8-8-2
Pick 4 Evening: 4-1-1-4
Michigan: 8-8-2
Daily-4: 7-1-5-8
Fantasy 5: 16-26-35-36
High roller: 20-20-20

Kaukauna nearly levels budget

Administrators look to enrollment gains to cover slack

By J.E. Espino
Post-Crescent staff writer

KAUKAUNA — School officials concluded trimming the 2007-08 budget Monday by making reductions of about \$2,000.

That leaves the Kaukauna Area School District with a projected \$66,000 deficit, which administrators and the Board of Education are banking new student enrollment will wipe that

away in the fall. McCabe said the district would only need additional 25 students for which it would receive about \$3,000 each in state aid, to cover any shortfall.

Earlier this month, the board slashed about \$612,000 and eliminated positions for a social worker, two school nurses,

technicians and administrative assistants. Monday's cuts included the elimination of a full-time middle school math teacher. The board also approved other staffing changes at the high school for a savings of about \$44,500.

To generate revenues, the district will set student participation fees for all activities at the middle school and high school. Financial officer Bob Scarfer said the district could raise about \$32,600 in fees. A committee is charged with establishing a fee schedule. The district will also

Forensic scientist defends DNA tests

Culhane faces off with defense

By Andy Nelsen
Current Wisconsin News reporter

CHILTON — DNA expert Sherry Culhane spent nearly all of Monday defending her test results that show the origin of blood and DNA found in Teresa Halbach's vaning car in 2005.

Her testimony nearly doubled the half-day she spent Friday detailing the only piece of DNA evidence that directly connects Halbach to Steven Avery's property.

Avery, 44, is accused of killing Halbach, 25, on Halloween 2005 and burning her body to hide the crime. Monday was the 11th day of testimony in what is expected to be a six-week homicide trial. Avery's 17-year-old nephew, Brendan Daney, also is charged in Halbach's death and is scheduled for trial in April.

At the core of the issue Monday was a test that revealed Halbach as the lone contributor of genetic material found on a bullet fragment recovered in Avery's garage — a piece of evidence Avery's attorney calls "the magic bullet."

The piece of lead was pulled from a crack in Avery's garage four months after the investigation began in early November 2005.

Culhane's own DNA was found in a negative control sample processed along with the bullet fragment sample. The control sample is supposed to be void of any DNA and is used to validate the test's accuracy, Culhane speculated that the contamination of the sample while talking to insiders during the DNA extraction process.



SHERRY CULHANE, a DNA analyst with the State Crime Lab, is questioned by Steven Avery's attorney Jerome Buting during testimony Monday at the Calumet County Courthouse in Chilton.

The evidence sample was not compromised, Culhane maintained. Defense attorney Jerome Buting noted that standard lab protocol dictates the results should have been deemed inconclusive and the sample reanalyzed. However, that couldn't be done because the entire sample was used during the test.

Culhane testified that she was able to make a ruling on the DNA found on the bullet after discussing it with her supervisor. "I felt this was probable evidence," Culhane said. "I felt it was appropriate because I could not go back and re-extract. I was stuck with what I had. I couldn't redo anything to remedy the situation."

On the Web

Stat coverage is updated continuously throughout the day at www.post-crescent.com/avery. We are offering live streaming video whenever court is in session.

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The Steven Avery trial

Being suggested Culhane made her results fit for this situation and she has deviated from protocol to make a conclusive ruling.

"The deviation I requested was appropriate for this situation and the results reported were correct," Culhane said.

United Way works with agencies to plan community concern initiatives

By Kara Patterson
Post-Crescent staff writer

APPLETON — United Way Fox Cities announced during its annual meeting Monday that its board will consider approving four new initiatives that address critical concerns facing Fox Valley residents in March.

Since 2004, United Way has been working in tandem with other agencies to prioritize community problems, and then to find solutions that address

the root causes of those problems.

"What we've been focusing on is the whole concept of community impact, which really means results," United Way President and CEO Peter Kelly said after a presentation on United Way's 2006 successes. "It's trying to quantify what we're able to accom-

plish when we all work together. It's what we want to be carrying forward beyond 2007."

Volunteers in each of four impact areas used the LIFE Leading Indicators for Excellence Study released last June and other community input to prepare the following proposals:

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■ Strengthening Families: A pilot project on family mentoring to help alleviate chronic poverty.
■ Promoting Health, Healing and Crisis Intervention: An initiative to improve mental health care access for youth.
■ The 2006 United Way Fox Cities Volunteer Service Award winners honored Monday, Mary Klein of Grand Chute and Jon Schlemmer of Appleton, also are members of United Way's Community Impact Council.

"If people's basic needs aren't met, they're not going to succeed," Klein said.

"If we can take care of these things, then they're more likely to have an opportunity to grow and be the best they can be," Schlemmer, also the incoming United Way board chairman, said the agency this year expects to focus on implementing the new initiatives.

For information, call the United Way at 920-993-1500, ext. 215, or [unitedway.com](mailto:info@unitedway.com).

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Attorneys exchange sharp words over thrust of case

Witness's integrity, defense's strategy causes animosity

By John Leo
The Post-Crescent Staff Writer

CHILTON — Opposing attorneys in the Steven Avery homicide trial went off on each other's cases after Monday's session included questions about the integrity of a key witness and the defense's strategy.

legations or wild speculation," and said its attempts to prove a conspiracy requires proof and advance notice to prosecutors that the strategy will be used.

Fallon said defense attorney Jerome Buting's implications about two employees of the State Crime Lab were "conjecture, speculation and wild accusations in all ways, and we object."

Willis said he agreed with prosecutors, and that the defense makes any other allegations he will require the prosecution to have advance notice.

Both sides used the same phrase — "bolting mud" — to complain about the other side's case.

The stage was set as the day's proceedings were winding down when special prosecutor Tom Fallon, an assistant attorney general, told Manitowish County Circuit Judge Patrick Willis he was upset with the defense's "framing at-

Lab expert explains blood splatter work

Specialist testifies that samples matched Halbach

By Andy Nolden
Special Writer for Post-Crescent

CHILTON — Nick Stahlke is the State Crime Lab's blood spatter expert — that's really someone's job — and his testimony Monday focused on the story to be read in evidence at crime scenes.

White Culhane's testimony focused on the origin of the blood found in Halbach's 1999 Toyota Rav-4. Stahlke's analysis detailed how that blood got there.

Stahlke said he identified three contact/transfer-type stains on the Rav-4's cabin. Some of the stains were thicker, indicating that there may have been drops of blood on the surface before contact was made, Stahlke said.

Analyzing blood and how it stains things after it leaves the body has been part of Stahlke's job for the last 19 years.

"It focuses that some at that moment in time when blood is shed," Stahlke said, noting that blood evidence can reveal the movements of victims and assailants and the number of blows in a given attack.

Formal Brown County leader Holloway dies

Former Brown County leader Holloway dies

By Andy Nolden
Special Writer for Post-Crescent

GREEN BAY — Dan Holloway, a local politician who served as the first Brown County Board chairman at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison. He was 79.

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Stahlke was the 34th witness to take the stand.

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Culhane agreed.

Buting also questioned the source of Avery's DNA on the blood found in Halbach's Toyota. Culhane said the sample was not a real good source of DNA.

Buting asked if it was possible that it was blood on the seat.

"A very trace amount, yes," Culhane said. "The entire blood was a very low amount of DNA and that's why I didn't test for presumptive (blood) test because I didn't want to waste the low amount of a presumptive test."

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for the second annual Citizens Government Academy that starts March 8 and goes from 6-8:30 p.m. each Thursday.

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Today was the 12th day of testimony in the Steven Avery trial. Testimony is expected to last six weeks.

It was an insubstantial insight to local government, said McQuillan, who last April was elected as a town supervisor while enrolled in the eight-week program. She was one of 21 town residents who participated last year.

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