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Dead alewives plague the shore at the Manitowoc harbor near the Manitowoc-Two Rivers Y recently. Photos by Benjamin Wideman/HTR

Huge alewife die-off a sign of life for the lake

Fishery experts say trout, salmon have ample food

By **Tony Walter**
Gannett Wisconsin Media

GREEN BAY — The sight and smell of thousands of dead alewives on Lake Michigan beaches, although unpleasant, might be a sign of health for the lake.

Despite the inconvenience for tourists and residents, fishery officials say the presence of the small silvery fish that haven't littered the shores at such a high rate for almost a decade means an ample food supply for lake trout and salmon exists.

"It's really a double-edge sword," said Brad Eggold, fisheries team supervisor for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. "It could bode well for the salmon and trout fishery but if you're a beachgoer, then it's a problem."

He said the fluctuations of water temperatures likely were the cause of death for the fish.

"They're delicate. They're not native to fresh water so it doesn't take much to put them in a tailspin,"



Dead alewives continue to hamper shores all along Lake Michigan.

Eggold said. "But it's nothing to be alarmed about. It's nowhere near the magnitude of the 1970s and 1960s."

Dead alewives remain on the Lake Michigan shores in both Wisconsin

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Greaves receives 35 years in killing

Self-defense claim rejected in 2009 stabbing death of wife

By **Charlie Mathews**
Herald Times Reporter

MANITOWOC — Ambrose Greaves, 42, of Ashwaubenon was sentenced Friday in Manitowoc County Circuit Court by Judge Jerome Fox to 35 years of initial confinement in prison and 20 years of extended supervision for second-degree intentional homicide.

Greaves, who was accused of killing his wife, Miki Greaves, 50, and leaving her body on a rural road in the town of Cooperstown in 2009, was convicted May 10.



Ambrose Greaves

Defense attorney Timothy Geary sought an initial confinement of 12 years, followed by a "lengthy period" of extended supervision. Fox rejected as "creative speculation" Geary's claim that Greaves may have acted in self-defense.

The judge said the multiple and fatal stab wounds inflicted on Miki Greaves constituted an "unspeakable crime."

Manitowoc County District Attorney Mark Rohrer had sought 40 years of initial confinement and 20 years of extended supervision including no contact with the couple's daughter or any family members on the wife's side.

"I'm satisfied with the sentence, although nothing can bring Miki back," Rohrer said. "Hopefully, this is the beginning of bringing closure to the family."

The charge was amended from first-degree intentional homicide, and Greaves entered a no contest plea.

Hunters found Miki's body in the early morning hours of Nov. 21, 2009, a day after Ambrose and Miki were scheduled for a marriage counseling appointment.

Greaves has been in custody in the Manitowoc County Jail.

'Pure evil'

Six individuals, including an Associated Bank co-worker, friend since childhood, and family members offered statements prior to sentencing.

"Miki had a unique laugh, was well-liked, was a devoted mom to (daughter) Lily, a special needs child, and kind soul," said Cathy Vander Zanden, a friend since middle school.

"You will never see Lily again," Cindy Machut, a sister-in-law of Mike Greaves, said.

She said he lost that right when he murdered his daughter's mother, and Machut called the defendant "pure evil."

Marlene Machut said the defendant "stalked my sister at work like some kind of rabid dog ..."

"(Miki) has just vanished from our lives, leaving a gaping hole."

Another sister, Marjorie Hintzke, said divorce is the civilized option to a failed marriage, not murder.

"A man who kills his wife is a coward," Hintzke said.

Mark Machut, brother of Miki, told Fox, "If (Greaves) ever gets out early, I'm afraid for my family's safety. Please keep him away from us as long as possible."

Attorney arguments

Rohrer discussed gravity of the offense, character of the defendant, and the needs of the community in urging Fox to sentence Greaves to the maximum allowed.

He said a "violent, sadistic, brutal stabbing" led to Miki Greaves' painful death.

"Mr. Greaves is a man without character, without class, a coward ... who has shown no remorse," Rohrer said.

The district attorney said abuse victims need to know the maximum sentence will

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Valders graduate ordained to priesthood

Brunner originally wanted to become a doctor

By **Todd S. Bergmann**
Special to the HTR

When he graduated from Valders High School in 2002, William Brunner wanted to be a doctor, but instead he recently became a priest.

Bishop David L. Ricken of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay ordained Brunner into the priesthood June 25 at the St. Frances Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay.

Brunner celebrated his first Mass on June 26 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 8100 Brunner Road, Newton. He is the son of Bill and Rosie Brunner of rural Manitowoc.

While growing up in that parish, Brunner said he knew little about the Catholic Church or even how to pray.

"I was a Catholic since I was a kid," he said. "But I didn't know a lot about it. You find that a lot with the men of my generation."

After graduating from high school with highest honors, Brunner attended St. Norbert College in De Pere with hopes of going on to medical school. There, he felt a call to change plans.

Gaining interest

In college, Brunner met the Rev. James Baraniak, a Catholic priest.

"He just got me excited about becoming a priest," Brunner said. "I started learning how to pray. I started learning more about the Catholic faith."

He said he then started to

pray individually and with friends.

About the same time, Brunner went on a church retreat, which included some of his favorite activities — camping and hiking. He soon changed career goals and decided to become a priest.

"Nobody can understand the call, unless they have a relationship with God," Brunner said. "Just like He calls some people to a life of marriage, He is calling me to be a priest."

After graduating from St. Norbert in 2006, Brunner took a year of theological studies in Mundelein, Ill.

4 years in Rome

The bishop of Green Bay then sent him to Rome for four years of seminary

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The Rev. Bill Brunner, a rural Manitowoc native, stands in Rome with the Vatican in the background. Brunner was ordained as a Catholic priest in June. He is serving three parishes in Antigo as assistant pastor. Photo courtesy of Brian Buettner



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