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Medical Examiners report for 2022

This report is designed to inform members of the Public Safety Committee, County Board and interested citizens about the operation of the Medical Examiner's Office.

The year 2022 was a busy year for the Medical Examiner's Office. For the year 2022, the OCME office had 893 deaths reported, conducted 18 autopsies, signed 394 death certificates and issued 726 cremation permits.

The following is a breakdown of the deaths that occurred in Oneida, Vilas and Forest Counties.

Oneida-

558 deaths total

5 autopsies

227 cases investigated/ death certificates signed

17 removals billed

471 cremation permits issued

37 covid-19 related deaths

Cases the OCME took jurisdiction-

Natural deaths- 171

Snowmobile crashes- 1 (alcohol involved)

Boat accident- 1 (alcohol involved)

Falls at home or nursing facility- 36

Suicide with gun- 5

Accident with gun- 1 (alcohol involved)

Garage explosion- 1

Fall from tree stand- 1

Overdose fentanyl- 4

Overdose other drug-1

Motor vehicle fatalities-

1 pedestrian struck by motor vehicle (no alcohol involved)

1 vehicle pulled in front of another vehicle (no alcohol involved)

1 vehicle versus tree (no alcohol involved)

Drowning- 1 (alcohol involved)

Pending- 1 (suspected overdose)

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Vilas-

236 deaths total

9 autopsies

117 cases investigated/ death certificates signed

18 removals billed

183 cremation permits issued

29 covid-19 related deaths

Cases the OCME took jurisdiction-

Natural deaths- 85

Snowmobile crashes- 3 (1 alcohol involved)

Falls at home or nursing facility- 13

Electrocution- 2

Suicide with gun- 1

Suicide with knife- 1

Overdose fentanyl- 4

Overdose methadone- 1

Carbon monoxide poisoning- 1 (alcohol involved)

Anaphylactic shock- 1

Cold water drowning- 1

Motor vehicle fatalities- 3 (2 alcohol involved)

UTV/ATV crash- 1 (alcohol involved)

Pending- 1 (suspected drug related infant death)

Forest-

99 deaths total

4 autopsies

50 cases investigated/ death certificates signed

8 removals billed

72 cremation permits issued

9 covid-19 related deaths

Cases the OCME took jurisdiction-

Natural deaths- 37

Snowmobile crashes- 2 (1 involving alcohol)

Falls at home or nursing facility- 4

Choking on food- 1

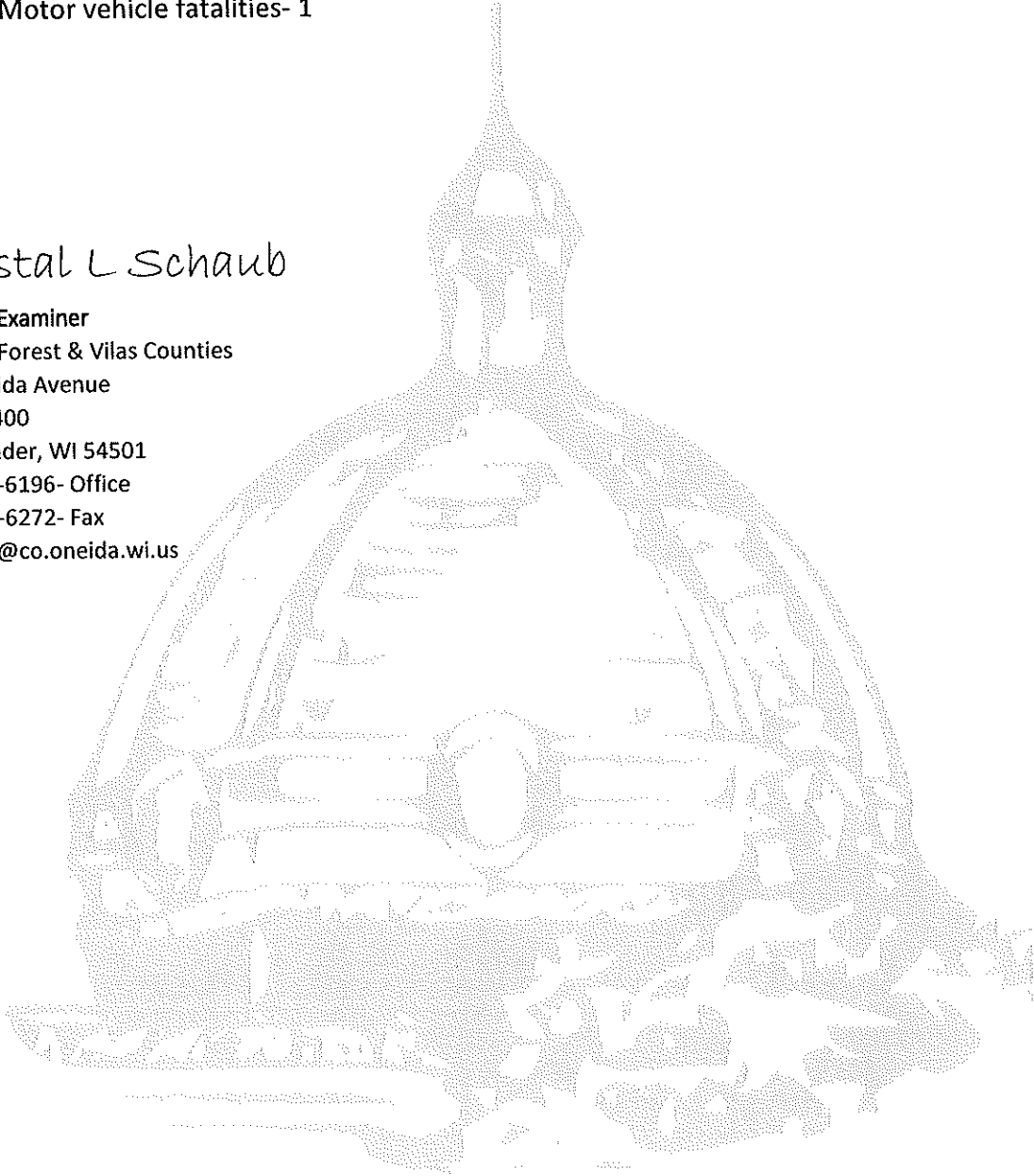
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Suicide with gun- 1
Suicide by ligature strangulation- 1
Overdose fentanyl- 3
Motor vehicle fatalities- 1

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Medical Examiners report for 2021

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The year 2021 was a busy year for the Medical Examiner's Office. For the year 2021, the OCME office had 923 deaths reported, conducted 22 autopsies, signed 389 death certificates and issued 740 cremation permits.

The following is a breakdown of the deaths that occurred in Oneida, Vilas and Forest Counties.

Oneida-

577 deaths total

10 autopsies

222 cases investigated/ death certificates signed

476 cremation permits issued

37 covid-19 related deaths

Cases the OCME took jurisdiction-

Natural deaths- 162

Falls at home or nursing facility- 32

Suicide with gun- 5

Suicide by ligature hanging- 7

Overdose fentanyl- 2

Overdose other drug- 5

Motor vehicle fatalities- 2 (2 alcohol involved)

Drowning- 1

UTV crash- 1

Homicide- 1

Hit by falling tree- 1

Shaken Baby Syndrome- 1

Choking- 1

Unidentified body- 1

Vilas-

244 deaths total

5 autopsies

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109 cases investigated/ death certificates signed

198 cremation permits issued

29 covid-19 related deaths

Cases the OCME took jurisdiction-

Natural deaths- 90

Falls at home or nursing facility- 6

Suicide with gun- 4

Suicide by asphyxiation hanging- 1

Suicide by overdose other drugs- 1

Overdose fentanyl- 1

Overdose other drugs- 4

Cold water drowning- 1 (alcohol involved)

Motor vehicle fatalities- 1

Forest-

102 deaths total

7 autopsies

58 cases investigated death certificates signed

66 cremation permits issued

9 covid-19 related deaths

Cases the OCME took jurisdiction-

Natural deaths- 38

ATV crash- 2 (1 alcohol involved)

Falls at home or nursing facility- 8

Fall off bicycle- 1

Plane crash- 3

Suicide with gun- 2 (1 alcohol involved)

Overdose fentanyl- 4

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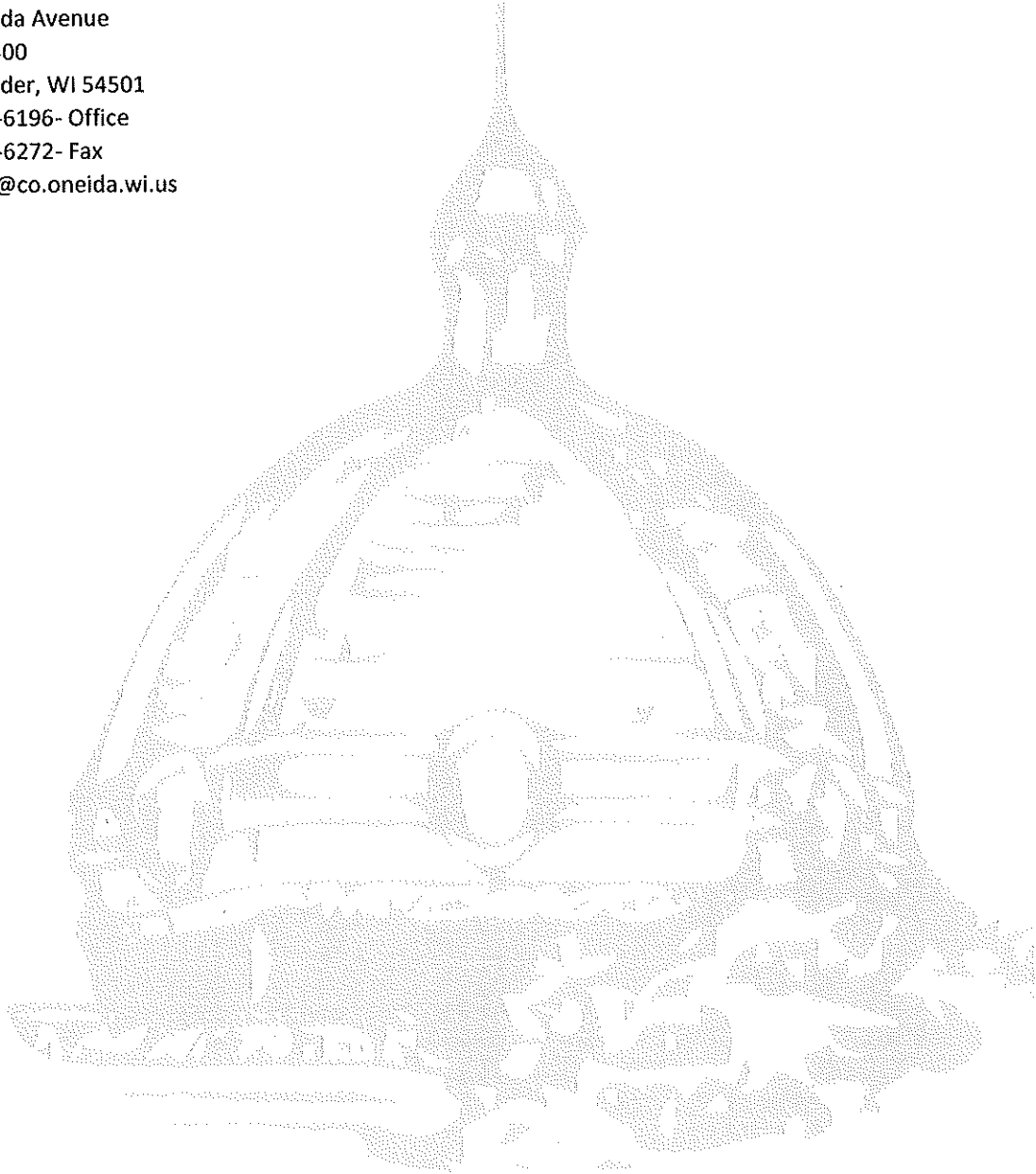
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<u>Deaths Due to:</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Natural Causes	290	293
Falls at home or nursing facility	46	53
Suicide by gun	11	7
Suicide by hanging	8	1
Suicide by overdose	1	0
Suicide by knife	0	1
Accident with gun	0	1
Drowning	2	2
Choking	1	2
Fall from Bicycle	1	0
Fall from tree stand	0	1
Overdose Fentanyl	7	11
Overdose other drug	9	2
Motor Vehicle Fatalities	3	7
UTV/ATV Fatalities	3	1
Boat fatalities	0	1
Snowmobile	0	6
Homicide	1	0
Shaken Baby Syndrome	1	0
Unidentified Body	1	0
Plane Crash	3	0
Garage Explosion	0	1
Electrocution	0	2
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	0	1
Anaphylactic shock	0	1