



SPORTS ▪ Simon Stewart, center for the Chargers' basketball team, is constantly called on to defend top scorers from the opposing teams.

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BIG STUDENTS' WORK ON TINY HOUSES

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School students Logan Balliett and Deakyn Suess are installing the electrical wiring for the loft area in the tiny house project they are working on in their technology education class. **FOR THE FULL STORY, SEE PAGE 2.**

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Panthers fall versus Wildcats

It was the third game in a two-week period between Gresham and Bowler's girls basketball teams, but the Wildcats wound up with the upper hand.

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Phone company lays out cable

The Wittenberg Telephone Company is in the third years of an eight-year project that will help improve broadband connections in the area.

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2nd half run gives Chargers the win

Wittenberg-Birnamwood went on an 11-0 run in the second half to hand Menominee Indian a bitter defeat.

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Tiny house project comes to WBHS

New teacher embraces the challenge

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

WITTENBERG — Caleb McPhail, the new technology education and woodworking teacher at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, found a project that gives students the opportunity to learn several aspects of the construction trades industry.

Building a tiny house is a year-long project that will be a hands-on experience for about 35 students, encompassing different classes.

At the beginning of the school year, there was a speaker who came to address the WBHS teachers. A slide show presentation showed a school in Missouri doing this kind of project. McPhail contacted the teacher in Missouri, who put him in contact with the tiny house buyer in Colorado.

The buyer has a large lot in a high elevation city in Colorado. He buys the tiny houses, puts them on his lot and rents them out through Airbnb, an online marketing service for lodging accommodations in homes in travel destinations.

According to McPhail, the cost of materials is \$30,000. The buyer pays for materials and pays an additional 10 percent, which goes to fund future programs at WBHS.

The design was established ahead of time. The 26-foot trailer holds a 400 square-foot house which has a bedroom, loft, kitchen, living room and bathroom. The building and trailer cannot be more than 13 feet higher there would need to be special permits to transport it. The developer will come to transport it once the unit is completed at the end of the school year.

Senior Sam Fraaza has been accepted into the University of Wisconsin-Platteville for civil engineering and is working on the tiny house project.

"It's interesting to see how to get everything to fit within the confines of the tiny house," said Fraaza, "I think this is a little different aspect of building because of the steel structure rather than the traditional wood."

There is a queen-size bed in the main level bedroom and one in the loft as well. The L-shaped couch can be used as an extra bed or the short part of the couch can be stored underneath the bed if more room is needed.

The kitchen will have a small sink, two cabinets and an apartment-size



Caleb McPhail is the new technology education and woodshop teacher at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. He is standing outside of the 400 square foot tiny house, a project for his junior and seniors students.

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refrigerator that is 24 inches wide. It will also have a two-burner electric cooktop and a microwave.

The students will design and build a barn door slide for the bathroom which will have a toilet, sink and shower. The toilet and water plumbing works with the same standard hookups used in recreation vehicles.

There are also specific building requirements to follow regarding plumbing and insulation, and special windows designed for high altitude living.

Prior to this year, McPhail worked in private industry. He had his own business for several years doing custom wood cabinetry and also worked in Crandon at Pump Town Manufacturing managing the wood department for several years.

"I coached high school hockey in Antigo for several years so I knew I liked working with that age group," said McPhail. "I hadn't planned on being a teacher but when I found out I could teach high school based on my work experience it seemed like it would be a good fit."

McPhail wanted to do something more than just a project of sides and roofs and framing. He wanted something that was small enough scale that it could be completed within the

school year but would also teach skills for electrical, plumbing and flooring.

"Even though it's a small project there is a lot to finish it up by the end of the school year," said McPhail.

McPhail has been proactive in securing donations to help out the program. When he learned WBHS is a customer of Wisconsin Public Service he applied for and received a \$1,000 grant, which will be used to buy tools needed to do the detail work on the tiny house project.

McPhail saw a picture in a magazine where a school was thanking Milwaukee Tool for their donations. He went on their website and sent them a letter about the tiny house project. Milwaukee Tool sent them a pallet of cordless saws and drills. McPhail estimates it was about a \$12,000 to \$15,000 donation.

"For the kids it was like an early Christmas present," said McPhail.

The building trades class, a group of 12 boys, is responsible for most of the build as part of their year-long class. The drafting, furniture design and construction methods classes have been involved. McPhail noted that most of the students in his classes are boys, but there are several girls taking the architecture and design classes.

Words of wisdom picked up along the way

This is the time of year where many people take stock of where they've been and where they want to be.

The internet is filled with sage advice offered by the famous, the infamous and the old reliable – anonymous. With the click of a “like” or a “ha ha” or “sad face” button, you can let the world know what a particular saying means to you. Seeing the reactions of others gives you an indicator of where you stand in relation to those you've let into your circle of friendship.

At different stages in my life, I have related to different phrases as I've experienced them.

In my college years, I was motivated by the sayings that made me feel I could accomplish anything. I remember traveling around Europe for a month, footloose and fancy free, with a small travel bag and a book that spelled out how to see it all for very little money. It was January when I arrived and my functional winter coat had a little tin pin with “Hello world, it's me!” on it.



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is bliss” gets you through a lot of experiences you might not have tried had you known the cost. The worst thing about youth is when you realize the flaws in something you felt was an absolute truth. I like to refer to this as the time when “your youthful ignorance is working against you.”

Those middle years were filled with a variety of opportunities to make my way in the world. I'll admit to taking offense to some of the sayings that annoyed me along the way. I especially grew to dislike “When God closes a door, somewhere he opens a window.” I remember distinctly telling Mom that I was pretty sick of climbing

Ah, sweet mystery of youth. How sure I was that the world was happy to see me just because I was happy to see it. The best thing about youth is that “ignorance

through windows. At least we had a good laugh over my observation, which taught me that as long as I have my sense of humor, I can get through most anything.

I wish I could remember a phrase or a quote from the year I turned 37. For that one year, everything seemed to fall into place. I had a calmness and inner peace I hadn't experienced before. Nothing had changed, I still was underemployed, no man in my life and still had to have roommates to survive the cost of living in Minneapolis. Somehow nothing bothered or annoyed me. Not sure why it only lasted a year. I never got that feeling of contentment back, but I enjoyed it while it lasted and tell myself I just may feel that way again.

It's hard to figure out what sage wisdom guides me now. Half the time I'm rolling my eyes, annoyed

at the world. The other half is spent giggling, especially when I hear or read something Dad would have said to brighten my day. What I know for sure is that I don't respond to the negative phrases anymore, just the funny ones because I know that no matter what, I love to laugh.

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Owner: Village of Wittenberg, Wisconsin

The Village of Wittenberg will receive sealed proposals for the South Webb Street Reconstruction Project in the Village of Wittenberg, Shawano County, Wisconsin. Improvements to South Webb Street from Reed Street to College Avenue include reconstruction of approximately 1,200 linear feet of the roadway to an urban section with asphalt pavement and curb and gutter, along with sanitary sewer, watermain and storm sewer improvements.

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the Village of Wittenberg Hall, 208 W. Vinal Street, Wittenberg, Wisconsin at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Public is welcome to attend the bid opening.

Bids: Proposals shall be prepared and submitted on the forms provided in the bid documents. All proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled "Proposal - South Webb Street, Village of Wittenberg". No proposal shall be accepted after 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

Examination/Purchase: The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, and Performance and Payment Bond are on file and may be examined at the following locations. There will be one full set of plans & bid documents (hard copy) for viewing.

Viewing Locations:

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Builders Exchange of WI: W2518 County Road JJ, Appleton, WI (920) 687-8782
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Purchase Method:

Plans and Specifications can be purchased at www.m-eplanroom.com from Blueprint Services.

Bid Security/Withdrawal/Rejection: No bid will be received unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% but not more than 10% of the bid payable to the Village of Wittenberg as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Certificate of Insurance within fifteen days after the award of the Contract. If the successful Bidder so files the Contract, Bonds, and Certificate of Insurance, the Owner shall return the check or bond upon execution of the Contract. If the Bidder fails to file the Contract, Bonds, and Certificate of Insurance, the amount of the check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the Village of Wittenberg as liquidated damages.

No bid shall be withdrawn after the opening of the bids, without the consent of the Owner, for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled time for closing of the bids. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding.

Prequalification: All Contractors that supply a proposal shall be a pre-qualified contractor by Village of Wittenberg. A "Bidders Proof of Responsibility" form and information shall be filed with the Village prior to the bid opening. Pre-qualification information shall be submitted to Martenson & Eisele, Inc. at 1377 Midway Road, P.O. Box 449, Menasha, WI 54952 not later than 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

Community Development Block Grant Program: The project is proposed to be funded with federal funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program that has statutory requirements described in the bid documents, pertaining to:

- Potential Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- Debared and Ineligible Contractors
- Equal Opportunity Clause
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- Section 3 Provisions HUD Act of 1958
- Lobbying Restrictions
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BOOKS & STUFF

A tangled tale weaves together unsolved mysteries

I've been trying to figure out how to give a thumbnail sketch of "Case Histories" by Kate Atkinson, but it is a real challenge. The cases in this book are intertwined and the characters loosely connected so one can't give a linear narrative, but I'll try.

This book follows British police inspector turned private detective



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Jackson Brodie as he struggles to solve four cases while dealing with being a divorced father. More upsetting, his ex-wife tells him she and her new lover are taking his daughter to New Zealand.

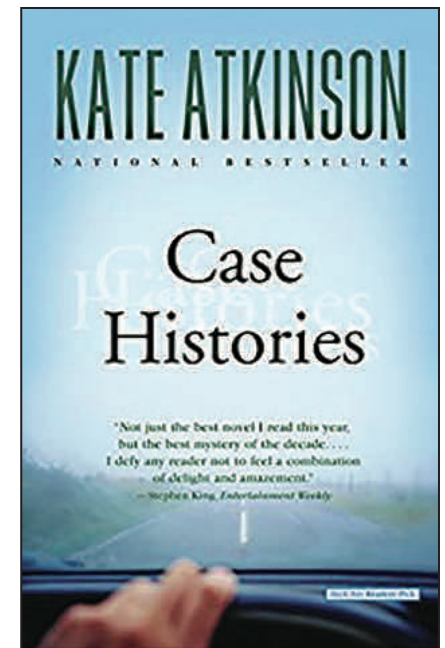
It has been 10 years since Laura Wyre had been brutally murdered on her first day at her father's law firm. Theo Wyre has never given up on finding her killer and hires Jackson to do just that. Jackson isn't optimistic, but finds the case more interesting than helping his elderly client Binky Rain find her missing cats.

Interviewing those who knew Laura is difficult, as most of her friends and classmates have moved on. The one woman who knew her well has remarried and lives in Australia.

Within days, he is called by Amelia and Julia Land. Their father has just died and while cleaning his study, they discovered Blue Mouse — a beloved stuffed animal that had belonged to their missing sister, Olivia. On a hot summer night about 20 years ago, Olivia and Amelia had been allowed to sleep in a tent. Amelia woke up during the night and discovered that 3-year-old Olivia was gone without a trace.

The police found no leads, and the case went cold. Now the sisters want to know if their father had something to do with Olivia's disappearance. While they readily share whatever they recall, their older sister, Sylvia, is now in a convent and obviously knows something she refuses to share.

Now Jackson must divide his time between two cold cases and an eccentric old woman. To his surprise, the Land house is directly behind Binky Rain's property. She tells him



AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "Case Histories"

AUTHOR: Kate Atkinson

PUBLISHER: Little, Brown and Company

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that the Land girls were a bit wild and poorly supervised often sneaking into her garden steal apples and call her a witch.

Before Jackson makes any headway in either case, he is hired by Shirley Morrison. Twenty-five years ago, her sister Michelle snapped and killer her husband. She asked Shirley to raise her daughter, Tanya, but the courts gave the baby to the late husband's parents. By her teens, Tanya had run away, and Shirley wants Jackson to find her. She even sleeps with him to seal the deal. When he finds out she is married, he drops the case.

In a strange twist of fate, all the main characters happen to interact with a thin, yellow-haired homeless girl. She says her name is Lily-Rose but hints that is not her given name.

As Jackson works all the cases, it becomes clear that someone is trying to kill him. A concussion, a damaged brake line and food poisoning leave him feeling and looking rough. By the last page, most mysteries are solved and most questions are answered, but not all of them are clear and concise. As I said, this is a tangled tale, but hard to put down.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2020 @9:00 am
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
211 N Main St., Shawano, WI
Members: Alan Beyer, Yvonne Evens, Robert Korth,
John Stosnek, Gary Thomaek

First Alternates: Bill Bowers, Thomas Taulermer

W-1-20: Jay Boucher and Emily Yarnall request variance for 1) construction of a 36' x 40' attached garage to be 43 feet 6 inches (40' 6") from the centerline of Kaskaskia Road where 50 feet (50') is required, 2) construction of a 8' x 38' porch addition to be 28 feet 6 inches (25' 6") from the center line of Kaskaskia Road where 50 feet (50') is required and 40 feet 6 inches (40' 6") from the centerline of Wendt Road where 50 feet (50') is required pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance 3-14 Table 3.2.00B. Property is located and described as the NW 1/4 of fractional NW 1/4, Section 4, T20N R10E. Tax parcel #014-00000-0000. Town of Fankens. Property address: WY8000 Wendt Road.

W-2-20: Jim Diederich, agent for Tigrion Lumber Company and Cornet Creek Sanctuary, owners, request variance to construct a single family dwelling with an attached garage to be 650 feet (650') from the centerline of Kaskaskia Road where 503 feet (503') is the maximum distance permitted between principal residential structure and public road right-of-way centerline on property located in the OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance 3-14, Section 3.2.01 (3) and Table 3.2.00A. Property is located and described as the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 25, T20N R11E. Tax parcel #000-25000-0000. Town of Germania. Currently vacant land.

W-3-20: Tim Vlasland, Wetland Associate Land Surveyors, agent for Rhonda Roth, Tangle Horn LLC, owner, request variance to construct a 10' 9 5/8" x 48' addition to be located within the vegetative buffer zone to be 20' from the Ordinary High Water Mark of Packard Creek where 75' is required, and also a 28' 7 1/4" x 27' 6" seating area addition to be 41' from the Ordinary High Water Mark of Packard Creek where 75' is required, all to an existing tavern. Property is located and described as part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 23, T20N R11E, commencing at the Northeast corner of said quarter-quarter, thence westerly along the Section line 250.75 feet, thence angle 92.59° to the left, along the centerline of a town road, 390 feet, more or less to the waters edge of Packard Creek and the place of beginning, thence retrace the last described line, 360 feet, more or less, thence angle 87.02° to the left, 348 feet, more or less, to the waters edge of Packard Creek, and thence following said waters edge in a general southeasterly direction, to the place of beginning and part of vacated road described in document #708006. Tax parcel #010-33100-0010. Town of Sunnyside. Property address: WY8220 Elend Road.

Any interested person may address the Board of Adjustment by letter or appear in person or by agent and be heard at the public hearing. Written correspondence must bear a legible signature or the author. The Board of Adjustment will be meeting after the public hearing to deliberate and take possible action on the following items:

1. Public hearing decisions
- 1.1 Discuss and take possible action on Variance-1-20.
- 1.2 Discuss and take possible action on Variance-2-20.
- 1.3 Discuss and take possible action on Variance-3-20.
2. Discuss, review and take possible action on public hearing request W-13-18, postponed from the December 12, 2018 meeting.
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
- Approval of December 12, 2019 Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes.
4. Board member comments or new business to be considered at a future meeting.
5. Correspondence.
6. Set next public hearing date.
7. Adjournment.

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Meeting notice emailed/posted: Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library (Shawano Leader, WTCN Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ co.shawano.wi.us) web site: net WNAIXLP

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January 8, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MENOMONEE COUNTY
Case No. 19SC000009
SMALL CLAIMS
JANUARY 8, 2020

CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION Plaintiff,

vs.
CASSANDRA COX Defendant

TC: CASSANDRA COX
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You are being sued by: CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION in the Small Claims Court of MENOMONEE County, located at PO BOX 275440266 COURTHOUSE LAKE KESHENA WI 54150.

A hearing will be held at 1:00 PM on February 3, 2020 at the Shawano County Courthouse located at 211 N. Main St. Shawano, WI 54150. If you do not appear, a judgment may be given for the party suing you. A copy of this amended summons along with the summons and complaint is being mailed to you.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this December 18, 2019
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
CARLTON COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT

Notice of Hearing by Publication
(Minn. Stat. §18B-01, subd. 6)
Judicial District Sixth
Court File Number: 09-FA-19-0404
Case Type: Domestic Abuse

In the Matter of:
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Petitioner
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Thorne Joseph Mohr
Respondent

Re: Respondent named above:

An order has been issued directing you to appear at 301 Walnut Ave. Carlton, MN 56218 on January 16, 2020 at 10:15 A.M. and explain why the relief sought in the Petition for the Order for Protection should not be granted.

You may obtain a copy of the Petition and any order issued from the court from the Carlton County Court Administrator's Office.

If you do not appear at the scheduled hearing, the Petitioner's request may be granted as a default matter. Failure to appear will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's Order.

Date: January 5, 2020

Sharon Senne
Court Administrator / Deputy

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#13200

Notice of Public Hearing

Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2020 @9:00 am
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
Members: Ken Capella, Marvin Carlsell, Steven Guthrie,
Gene Hoppe, Thomas Kautz

CU-1-20: Allen R. La Brosse request conditional use permit for filling and grading in excess of 1,000 square feet on slopes of 12% - 20% (18%) of an area that is within 300 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark of the Oconto River pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland-Wetland Zoning Ordinance No. 3-16, Section 3.21(2) for the purpose of raising an existing single family dwelling and also for the future construction of a new single family dwelling. The property is located and described as the South 53.5 feet of Lot Three (3), Block Two (2) according to the recorded Plat of the Village of Pucelle, and commencing at the northeast corner of Lot Four (4), Block Two (2) thence southeasterly on lot line 132 feet, thence southeasterly 30 feet parallel with the State Road 22, thence southeasterly parallel with the lot line 102 feet to intersect with lot line on State Road 22, thence southeasterly along lot line to place of beginning, all located in Section Six (6), T27N R18E. Tax parcel #020-70000-0170. Town of Green Valley. Property address:

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#00009 State 22 Highway

CU-2-20: Lee Lanning, James J. Calmes & Sons, Inc., agent for Camp Takasatha Retreat & Conference Center Inc., owner, request conditional use permit for filling and grading in excess of 1,000 square feet on slopes of less than 12% of an area that is within 300 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark of Union Lake pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland-Wetland Zoning Ordinance No. 3-16, Section 3.21 (3) for the purpose of constructing a 51' x 51' 4" meeting room and washroom addition along with a 20' x 10' mechanical room with outdoor shower area to an already existing structure. The property is located and described as Government Lot B except the Plat of Shady Rest Inn and except the road and Zonal Trailer Court (Shawano County for complete descriptions, Section 12, T27N R18E. Tax parcel #046-12000-0000. Town of Pilecott. Property address: W8248 Lake Drive.

CU-3-20: Jason Johnson, Outagamie Clean Energy Partners, agent for Green Valley Dairy LLC, owner, request conditional use permit for filling and grading in excess of 2,000 square feet on slopes of less than 12% of an area that is within 300 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark of an unnamed creek pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland-Wetland Zoning Ordinance No. 3-16, Section 3.21(3) for the purpose of constructing a 60' x 70' building for storing and shipping of gas produced by two-digesters located on the farm. Property is located and described as the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 27, T27N R18E except Highway described in document #000002 and including the North 100' of the NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 24, T27N R18E. Tax parcel #000-21440-0010. Town of Green Valley. Property address: N5065 Hinto Road.

CU-4-20: Barry R. Kaufman request conditional use permit for filling and grading in excess of 2,000 square feet on slopes of less than 12% of an area that is within 300 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark of the North Branch of the Pigeon River pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland-Wetland Ordinance No. 3-16, Section 3.21 (3) for the purpose of constructing a 60' x 60' storage shed. The property is located and described as the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 25, T20N R12E. Tax parcel #014-20110-0000. Town of Fankens. Property address: WY4001 105-40 Highway. 2-1-20: Gerard Rohan, agent for Maranatha Baptist Church, and Matt Ruch-Holstern LLC, owner, request zone change from FF: Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District to OAR, Open Land, Agriculture and Residential Zoning District on approximately 8 acres of land obtained from parcel #004-20410-0000, which will then be combined with parcel #004-20410-0000 for the purpose of expanding or rebuilding the existing church. The property is located and described as that part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 26, T20N R18E, commencing at the East 1/4 corner of the said Section (3); thence N65/58°30'W along the 1/4 section line 131.97 feet to the (one-sixteenth corner, thence S00/04°12'W along the one-sixteenth line 33.34 feet to a found 1" iron pipe at the intersection with the south line the 57th 116' and the place of beginning, thence S05/54°12'W continuing along the line 483.88 feet to a found 3/8" iron rod, thence N65/54°17'E 495.32 feet, thence N05/04°12'E 440.71 feet to the intersection with the south line of 57th 116', thence S65/04°02'W along the said south line 495.32 feet to the place of beginning. Town of Nazareth. Vacant land.

CU-5-20: Gary Johnson, agent for Forest L and Joyce Ziemer, owners, request conditional use permit for filling and grading of more than 1,000 square feet on slopes of 12% - 20% of an area within 300 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark of the Red River pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland-Wetland Ordinance No. 3-16, Section 3.21 (2) for the purpose of constructing a detached garage. The property is located and described as the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 lying east of river, Section 17, T27N R18E. Tax parcel #060-17110-0000. Town of Richmond. Property address: W8085 Clp A Road. N070. Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author. A quorum of the Highway/Parks Committee may be present. However, no action will be taken on behalf of that committee.

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GREEN BAY — UW-Extension programs in Brown, Kewaunee, Door, Marinette, Oconto, Outagamie and Shawano counties will be hosting “Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times” on Jan. 31 at Tundra Lodge, Green Bay.

There will be two sessions: 9-11:30 a.m. for agribusiness professionals and agency staff and 12:30-3 p.m. for producers and farmers.

In both sessions, Dr. Mark Stephenson, director of dairy policy analysis for the UW-Madison Division of Extension, will present a session titled “Hardening Your Client’s Business.” Jerry Clark, agriculture agent for the Chippewa County Division of Extension, will present on the changing weather in the state and how it’s impacting Wisconsin agriculture.

There will be producer panels in both sessions. For the agribusiness session, producers will discuss experiences and tips about working with clients exiting/transitioning to a different enterprise, while producers and farmers will get a session where local producers discuss adjusting to life after farming or transitioning to a different enterprise.

The meetings are open to all individuals wishing to learn more on how to support their farm families and clientele.

RSVPs are required by Jan. 15. For information, go to <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/dairy/events/supporting-farmers-during-challenging-times-7>.

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ENTERPRISE & BIRNAMWOOD NEWS

Wittenberg Telephone Co. adds more fiber optic cable

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

WITTENBERG — Wittenberg Telephone Company and its subsidiary Cirrinity are in the third year of an eight-year project to offer fiber optic broadband connections in the area.

According to CEO Scott Nyman, the company has already laid 106 miles of cable. The area covered is between Galloway to Elderon, the whole village of Eland, rural areas toward County Road OO and state Highway 29 and east of Eland toward Shepley. Those projects are ongoing.

Also added this year was the village of Birnamwood. WTC is connecting to homes instead of to just cell towers.

"Our core services of internet, telephone or television are done with fiber optic connections which can provide gigabit speed," said Nyman, "which is the fastest connection you can have for residential use."

This summer WTC/Cirrinity hooked the Matsche Center in Birnamwood to the fiber optic broadband. Nyman noted that though they've always been in the area, the competitors have done a better job of letting customers know what is being offered. Nyman hopes to get the word out, where WTC is connecting directly to homes.

Cirrinity is the name for services provided outside of the Wittenberg

area. According to Nyman, the city of Antigo had built a fiber network and then ran into some roadblocks. WTC bought them out in 2010 and named the company Cirrinity.

The state of Wisconsin has been offering grants through the Public Service Commission to increase broadband in rural unserved or underserved areas. Through these grants, Cirrinity has been able to expand the service area. Nyman says any new grants are being used on fiber optic networks.

The company encourages input from local residents, according to Nyman. They log each inquiry and use the data to help determine where should be the next expansions.

Nyman said that according to a recent seminar by the Realtor Association, "What internet is available?" is one of the most asked questions of people looking to buy homes.

"With more people using the internet for education, medical attention and working from home we like to work with local realtors to make sure people will have their needs met before purchasing a home," said Nyman.

WTC is a privately-owned, third generation family company. In 2021, it will be celebrating 100 years in business.

More information is available at wittenbergnet.net or cirrinity.net. or call 715-253-2111.

Soup's on at Shawano library

Shawano County Library is "soup-er" excited for the return of Soup on Fridays during January.

A different soup will be provided for free each week. Soups include lasagna soup Friday Jan. 10, loaded

hash brown on Jan. 17, loaded cauliflower on Jan. 24 and hearty vegetable barley on Jan. 31. Soup will be available from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. or until the soup is gone.

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