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Plan on student mental health comes together

Shawano School District officials are getting closer to an arrangement that would make it easier for students in need of therapy to get it at their schools.

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County ponders 2nd Amendment sanctuary status

Residents came out in force to encourage Shawano County to become a Second Amendment Sanctuary in order to combat potential red-flag laws.

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Dickelson to play college football

Brayden Dickelson signed a letter of intent Wednesday to play football for Bemidji State University.

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Mental health services coming for Shawano schools

Process has been slower than expected, hit some bumps

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

SHAWANO — What started out looking like an easy partnership between the Shawano School District and ThedaCare has hit some bumps along the way, but it looks like the district could provide mental health services to students as soon as September.

Kim Klister, the district's pupil services director, gave the Shawano School Board an update Monday on the district's efforts to bring mental health services into the district. The district had been trying to develop an arrangement where ThedaCare behavioral specialists could come to the schools one day per week to help students that normally have to leave school for appointments with such services.

The road to the partnership hit its first bump on Aug. 1, Klister said, when ThedaCare said that, after exploring the issue, such a program would be "outside its wheelhouse." She said she was informed that ThedaCare was more focused on behavioral health in adults.

"They can't do behavioral health in children," Klister said.

Things started to look up in October when Klister was contacted by a representative from Catalpa Health, based in Appleton, who had heard about the district's efforts to bring in mental health services for students. Since youth mental health was part of Catalpa's mission, the nonprofit was eager to see what it could do to help Shawano. Catalpa serves over 50 other school districts in Wisconsin.

Catalpa did onsite visits of the schools on Nov. 1, according to Klister, and the company seemed to be onboard. However, the company was having difficulty with the district's

plan to only provide services one day a week.

"People didn't want to drive this far north," said Klister, who pointed out to the board that Shawano would be the northern-most school district for Catalpa to serve.

By December, Catalpa's solution was to utilize a therapist from ThedaCare to provide the needed health services, Klister said. She plans to bring a memorandum of understanding to the district's executive committee in April and the full board in May, and she said she has submitted a grant application to the Mielke Family Foundation to help pay for startup overhead costs.

The grant proposal caught the attention of board member Chris Gull, who recalled that, when the plan had first come to the board's attention in May 2019, there was the assurance that there would be no cost to the school district to provide the services.

"What's the sustainability of this program? Are we guaranteed to have costs every year?" Gull said. "We're a school, not a mental health facility. We're supposed to teach kids, not treat medical issues."

Nick Curran, the district's business manager, assured Gull that the district would still be able to provide the services even after the grant runs its course because there are indications in the Wisconsin Legislature that mental health funding for schools could be added to the next biennial budget when it comes up in 2021.

"Mental health is here to stay with school districts," Curran said.

Board member Alysia Pillsbury said the current proposal seemed to be the best-possible option, noting that having therapists on the district's payroll would be much more expensive than the partnership with Catalpa and ThedaCare.

"The need is certainly there, and when a kid can learn how to process his emotions and everything that's going on at home, it does help education," Pillsbury said.

Board member Mart Grams said he felt the district should be providing services now and not waiting until the next school year to help students in need.

"It is beyond serious here, for staff and for students," Grams said. "My biggest question is, what are we going to do in the interim? These children still need services."

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards appears to be on board with state funding. Board member Michael Sleeper, the district's representative at a recent WASB convention, said the group plans to ask the Legislature for categorical aid of \$25 per student in the first, \$35 for the second year and \$50 after that.

"It's not tomorrow, but it's a front-burner item," Sleeper said.

The services would start at Olga Brener Intermediate School and Shawano Community Middle School, according to Klister, but the need is so great district-wide that she envisions it would eventually need to expand to the other two schools in the district, as well.

"I told them, as soon as you are here, we're going to ask for more," Klister said. "They're more than happy and willing, because they know the need is here."

Klister added that she might reach out to other school districts to see if they are interested, as well, as she was informed by Catalpa that the more support from further-north schools would make it easier for the nonprofit to find therapists and provide more frequent services.

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MART GRAMS, Shawano School Board member

CORRECTIONS

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Sex assault charge against former CNA dismissed

State says health of alleged victim prevented testimony

By **TIM RYAN**
Reporter

SHAWANO — The Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's office has dropped a charge of sexual assault against a certified nursing assistant accused of having sexual contact with a resident at the Birch Hill Health Care Center last year.

Samantha A. Cornell, 31, of Shawano, had been facing a felony count of second-degree sexual assault as a result of her alleged contact with a 72-year-old woman at the facility on March 22.

She could have faced a maximum 40 years in prison and \$100,000 fine if convicted.

The state moved to dismiss the charge on Tuesday, the day before Cornell was scheduled for a jury trial.

Assistant District Attorney Catharine White said the victim was in poor health and unable to testify.

White said the charge could be refiled against Cornell if the woman's health improves.

According to the criminal complaint, Cornell kissed the woman and sexually fondled her while assisting

her after a bathroom visit.

The woman told police that Cornell told her "You are just so sweet; I love you so much" as she kissed her on the cheek, the complaint states.

The woman asked Cornell for her medication, according to the complaint, but Cornell instead brought her ice cream, and the medication never came.

The complaint alleges Cornell assaulted the woman a second time during another bathroom visit later in the day, even after the woman told her seven or eight times not to touch her.

The woman told police that the second time was more "erotic," involving more pressure and stimulation.

According to the complaint, another nurse told police she had seen Cornell also kiss six to eight other residents.

Cornell is no longer employed at Birch Hill. According to the criminal complaint, she was due to leave the facility at the end of March 2019, regardless of the incident, for an expected move to South Carolina.

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School board OKs increase in SCMS bathroom project

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

SHAWANO — The Shawano School Board approved a change order Monday that upped the cost of remodeling a maintenance building into restrooms near the football and track field at Shawano Community Middle School.

The board approved the project in September at the request of the district's maintenance department. The decision to create the restrooms was seen as more cost-effective than having to rent portable toilets, and it was less risky than opening the middle school building and allowing people access during non-school hours, according to a memo submitted by the board. Also, opening the middle school restrooms brought up handicap-accessibility issues.

Only one bid was received for the project, and it came from Bayland Buildings, based in Green Bay, for \$79,500, to be taken out of the fund balance. On Monday, the board voted to add \$2,883 to the bid.

According to Jeff Easter, maintenance director, the bid had originally included steel partitions for the stalls, which was not discovered until after the project was started in January. The district wants plastic partitions, which are easier to manage in the event of vandalism and graffiti.

"I know the (steel) partitions aren't as durable and long-lasting as the solid plastic I've been using in the schools," Easter said. "With the paint on steel, if a child decides to etch his name for eternity, it is there for eternity."

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Shawano County looking at becoming Second Amendment sanctuary

Proposal could allow sheriff to not enforce certain gun control laws

By **TIM RYAN**
Reporter

SHAWANO — Shawano County could claim the right to refuse enforcement of gun laws it considers unconstitutional under a proposal that would make the county a so-called Second Amendment sanctuary.

The county's public safety committee Wednesday discussed plans to forward a resolution to that effect to the County Board for consideration in March, though the wording of that resolution is yet to be determined.

Dozens of gun rights supporters turned out for the meeting, forcing it to be moved to the county board room to accommodate the crowd.

"Everybody knows I carry, but because they know I carry, because they know I have a gun in every room, they will not break into my house," said one speaker who described himself as a biker who openly carries a gun. "When I drive state to state, people come by and they applaud me. They clap when I stop at a gas station, especially in Texas. It's like a gun show. Everybody has to come over and look at who's carrying what kind of a gun."

Another audience member spoke of Second Amendment rights as a means of protection against a rogue government.

"You need to be as well-armed as they are, your militias, your people," he said. "When you start saying, 'We don't need this many rounds in a clip or this type of gun,' I'm against that."

He said he hoped whatever wording is included in the final resolution put forward by the committee wouldn't include any gun control language.

"That's where the left is — that's where they start and then they keep moving in on everything," he said. "Once we stand up, all these other counties are going to start looking at it. Now you have two counties, then you have three, then you have four. You put those liberals in their place. This is how you gotta do it."

Supervisor Bob Krause said what is being proposed would be an affirmation of the right to bear arms and the Bill of Rights.

"People don't want their rights infringed upon, and who does?" he said.

However, Krause said, whatever resolution is put forward shouldn't be partisan. He called it a constitutional issue and not a political one.

Shawano would be the second county in the state to adopt such a resolution if approved by the board. Florence County passed a resolution in November affirming its support of the sheriff to "exercise sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen an unconstitutional firearms law."

The resolution cites as examples any law that would ban the possession or use of any firearms,



Second Amendment supporters watch as the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to pass a Second Amendment sanctuary resolution at a meeting in Buckingham, Virginia, in December. Shawano County is looking to do the same.

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magazines, ammunition or body armor, or any law requiring an owner ID card or that would tax the possession of firearms or ammunition.

"The reason we're here today is because this committee looked at Florence County's resolution and said, 'Let's consider this,'" Krause said.

However, Krause said, whatever is ultimately proposed would be altered to fit Shawano County and wouldn't be a copy of the Florence County resolution.

He said the input the committee heard on Wednesday would be taken into consideration.

"We take our job seriously," Krause said. "And our job is to protect the constitution of the United States."

Supervisor Richard Ferfecki said the resolution should represent a consensus of the county and send a strong message to the state and its legislators that Shawano County wants to protect its Second Amendment rights.

"If we come up with a resolution that says that, Shawano could be a leader," he said. "Everybody wants to interpret the Second Amendment to their liking. That won't fly. It just won't."

Supervisor Mark Bolin predicted there might be some resistance to the resolution from some County Board members and encouraged people to contact them and let them know how they feel.

"About half the board is not going to be in favor of this," he said.

Wednesday's meeting drew about 50 people, all of whom appeared to be in favor of a Second Amendment sanctuary resolution.

"It's a great show of support," Sheriff Adam Bieber said. "Nobody expected this many people today."

The committee tasked Bieber to work with the corporation counsel on the language for a proposed resolution that would come back before the committee March 4.

"I'd like to see the resolution show not just support for Second Amendment rights but basic support for all of our bill of rights," Bieber said. "I'm going to work to include all of that."

In particular, Bieber singled out red flag laws that would allow for someone to petition the court to seize the guns of a person who is considered to be a danger to himself or others.

"I'm against red flag laws," Bieber said. "I think they infringe upon constitutional rights. I believe red flag laws is that foot in the door where they start taking away, inch by inch, your constitutional rights."

Bieber expanded on his comments after the meeting.

"There are representatives on our board that want to defend our Second Amendment and they want to make sure the government isn't infringing on our Second Amendment rights," he said.

He also reiterated his opposition to red flag laws, saying the laws do not offer any due process for the person whose guns would be seized.

"My office would not enforce red flag laws," Bieber said. "We would not go through that process."

Bieber said the idea of making the county a Second Amendment sanctuary came from citizens and Supervisor Peter Schmidt, who brought it to the public safety committee.

"Obviously the citizens within our county want to make sure that we send a strong message to any lawmakers not to infringe and pass laws that would infringe upon our Second Amendment rights," he said.

Schmidt had been a member of the public safety committee but recused himself last month amid a felony criminal case against him. He has been charged in Shawano-Menominee Circuit Court with strangulation and suffocation as a result of an alleged attack on a farm employee. He is serving his first term as a supervisor and is not seeking reelection.

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Town of Belle Plaine	Tues., Feb. 11th @ 4:00 p.m. Belle Plaine Community Center N3002 St. Rd. 22, Clintonville
Town of Herman	Weds. Feb. 12th @ 9:00 a.m. Herman Town Hall N5628 Co Rd. U, Shawano
Town of Richmond	Mon., Feb. 10th @ 1:30 p.m. Richmond Town Hall N5170 Co Rd. MM, Shawano
Town of Seneca	Thurs., Feb. 13th @ 5:00 p.m. Seneca Town Hall W13104 Co. Rd. D, Tilleda
Town of Washington	Weds., Feb. 12th @ 5:30 p.m. Cecil/Washington Fire Station 111 E. Hofman St., Cecil
Village of Bonduel	Tues., Feb. 11th @ 1:00 p.m. Bonduel Village Hall 117 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel
Village of Cecil	Weds., Feb. 12th @ 5:30 p.m. Cecil/Washington Fire Station 111 E. Hofman St., Cecil
Village of Gresham	Thurs., Feb. 13th @ 5:30 p.m. Gresham Village Hall 1126 Main St., Gresham
City of Shawano	Mon., Feb. 10th @ 2:00 p.m. Shawano City Hall 127 S Sawyer St., Shawano

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Town of Lessor/Navarino, W4897 State Highway 156, Bonduel, WI 54107

2.02 And the Architect (hereinafter referred to as Thomas Design Inc.):
Thomas Design Inc., N9568 Winnebago Park Road, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

2.03 DATE: February 10, 2020

2.04 TO: POTENTIAL BIDDERS

A. Contractors are being invited to submit an offer under seal to Town of Lessor/Navarino for a Fire Station building addition located at W4897 State Highway 156, Bonduel, Wisconsin. Bids shall be submitted at the fire station at the above address between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 pm local time on Wednesday, the 4th day of March 2020 for the following project:

B. Project Description: A 50' x 50' building addition to the south side of the building. This addition will be primarily fire truck parking. Work to include wood post-frame building envelope, concrete foundation, exterior site work, overhead doors, plumbing, new high volume well, radiant heating, electrical (including new service), and demolition.

C. Bid Documents for a Stipulated Sum contract may be obtained from the office of the Architect beginning February 10, 2020, upon receipt of a refundable deposit, by cash, in the amount of \$150.00 for one paper set of drawings and electronic PDF file of project manual. AGC card will also be accepted. All work except the high volume well to be included in one prime bid. Bids for the well to be submitted separately.

D. Documents may be obtained only by prime Contractors submitting a bid to the Fire Department. Subcontractors and others may view the Bid Documents at the office of the Architect and at the local builder's exchanges.

E. Bidders will be required to provide Bid security in the form of a Certified check or a Bid Bond of a sum no less than 5 percent of the Bid Amount. This security serves as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted as the successful bid, such successful bidder will execute and file the proposed contract and performance bond within five (5) days after notice of award of contract. Selected contractors will be required to provide a performance bond.

F. Refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00 2113 - Instructions to Bidders.

G. Submit your offer on the Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate.

H. Your offer will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 45 days after submission.

I. A prebid conference / site inspection is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the fire station. Attendance is highly recommended.

J. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers.

2.05 SIGNATURE

A. For: Town of Lessor-Navarino
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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK PRESENTATION:

Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road, Navarino. 1 p.m. \$3 members, \$5 nonmembers. Mary Lisa Carenza Keenan of Shawano to present about her intern experience at Glacier National Park. After the program, there will be a snowshoe hike on the trails in the Navarino Wildlife Area. Snacks, hot chocolate and tea served.

"THE SOUND OF MUSIC": Auditorium, Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano. 7 p.m. \$12 adults, \$9 seniors, \$6 children. Tickets available at the door or at the high school office.

NORAH RENDELL AND BRIAN MILLER: Joel Kroenke residence, W9050 Broadway Road, Shawano. 7 p.m. concert, 5:30 p.m. potluck. \$15. Part of the Cotter Creek House Concert Series. 715-853-6879.

"BIRDS OF A FEATHER": 1918 Auditorium, Rexford-Longfellow Elementary School, 105 S. Clinton Ave., Clintonville. 7 p.m. Tickets \$12, \$10 ages 65 and over, \$7 ages 12 and under. Prices increase \$3 when purchased at the door. www.phoenixplayers-wi.com.

THE REJECTS: Groove Lounge, North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Bowler. 8 p.m. Free. 715-787-3110. www.northstarcasinoresort.com.

J-ME BAPTIST: Classic's Restaurant and Lounge, W6026 Lake Drive, Shawano. 8 p.m. 715-524-8711. www.classicshawano.com.

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

RED RIVER RIDERS DAY AT THE RACES: Doc's Harley Davidson, W2709 State Highway 29, Bonduel. 12:30-5 p.m. Taped horse races, funny money for betting, auction, raffles, derby hat contest and food. 715-853-6449.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 11

TRIGGER TRIPPERS: Casino floor, North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Bowler. 4-7 p.m. 715-787-3110. www.northstarcasinoresort.com.

THURSDAY, FEB. 13

GARDENING SEMINAR: Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E. Green Bay St., Shawano. 6 p.m. Workshop will talk about attracting eastern bluebirds and other native cavity-nesting songbirds. 715-526-6108. www.truevalue.com/qualheim

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

WISCONSIN SINGERS: Auditorium, Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road, Clintonville. 7 p.m. \$10, \$5 ages 18 and younger, \$25 family packs.

RICK SPRINGFIELD: Event Center, North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Bowler. 8 p.m. Tickets \$55, \$65 and \$75. 715-787-3110. www.northstarcasinoresort.com.

HOMETOWN ACOUSTIC: Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, N7198 U.S. Highway 45, Wittenberg. 8-11 p.m. 715-253-4400. www.ho-chunkgaming.com/wittenberg.

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BB SECRIST: Lounge, Menominee Casino Resort, N277 State Highway 47-55, Keshena. 8 p.m. Free. 715-799-3600. www.menomineecasinoresort.com.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

MONDAY, FEB. 10

SHAWANO COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Room 7, Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano. 8 a.m. Agenda includes action on loan with Brother's Pub and approving expenditure for Shawano County Library feasibility study.

BELLE PLAINE TOWN BOARD: Belle Plaine Community Center, N3022 State Highway 22, Clintonville. 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

SHAWANO COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

BOARD: Room A115, Shawano County Human Services Department, W7327 Anderson Ave., Shawano. 9 a.m. Agenda includes action on request

RISQUE: Groove Lounge, North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Bowler. 8 p.m. Free. 715-787-3110. www.northstarcasinoresort.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

ADULT OPEN SKATE: Crawford Center, 251 S. Waukechon St., Shawano. 4:30-5:45 p.m. \$3 entry fee, \$2 skate rental. Event will feature music from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

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for proposals to purchase new vehicles and approval of 10 contracts with the department.

SHAWANO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

Room 7, Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano. 1 p.m. Agenda includes action on refilling corporation counsel position and the administration annual report.

THURSDAY, FEB. 13

SHAWANO CITY-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano. 9 a.m.

SHAWANO COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Rooms A and B, Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N.

tickets, 1 for \$5; 3 for \$10, are admission to event. Cash prizes range from \$125 to \$500. For information, go to 1969lundssnobirds@gmail.com or call 715-851-4344. Tickets available at the door.

BB SECRIST: Lounge, Menominee Casino Resort, N277 State Highway 47-55, Keshena. 8 p.m. 715-799-3600. www.menomineecasinoresort.com.

RISQUE: Groove Lounge, North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Bowler. 715-787-3110. www.northstarcasinoresort.com.

Main St., Shawano. 9 a.m. Public hearings planned on adjustment requests in the towns of Washington and Wescott.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20

SHAWANO COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASS:

Room 104, Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano. 9 a.m. Agenda includes reviewing unofficial vote totals and finalizing all election materials.

SHAWANO CITY-COUNTY AIRPORT

COMMISSION: Airport, N5468 Airport Road, Shawano. 4 p.m. Agenda includes review of the runway rehabilitation engineering plan with presentation by Omni Engineering.



The nuns of the abbey spring into action in "The Sound of Music," which will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Shawano Community High School auditorium, 220 County Road B, Shawano.

SPORTS EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

WRESTLING: Bonduel, Menominee Indian, Wittenberg-Biramwood at Central Wisconsin Conference meet, 9:30 a.m., Almond-Bancroft High School, 1336 Elm St., Almond.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Gresham vs. Fall Creek, 12:50 p.m., JustAGame Fieldhouse, 200 La Crosse St., Wisconsin Dells.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Bonduel vs. Crivitz, TBD, Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S. Main St., Oshkosh.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Gresham vs. Fall Creek, 2:30 p.m., JustAGame Fieldhouse, 200 La Crosse St., Wisconsin Dells.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Bonduel vs. Crivitz, 3 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S. Main St., Oshkosh.

MONDAY, FEB. 10

BOYS BASKETBALL: Bowler vs. White Lake, 6 p.m., Bowler High School, 500 S. Almon St., Bowler.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Wittenberg-Biramwood vs. McDonell Central Catholic, 6:30 p.m., Wittenberg-Biramwood High School, 400 W. Grand Ave., Wittenberg.

HOCKEY: Shawano co-op vs. Fox Cities, 7 p.m., Crawford Center, 251 S. Waukechon St., Shawano.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Menominee Indian vs. Green Bay West, 7 p.m., Menominee Indian High School, N500 State Highway 47-55, Keshena.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Tigerton vs. Sevastopol, 7 p.m., Tigerton High School, 213 Spaulding St., Tigerton.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Clintonville at Freedom, 7 p.m., Freedom High School, N4021 County Road E, Freedom.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Shawano vs. Merrill, 7:15 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Bonduel vs. Algoma, 7:30 p.m., Bonduel High School, 400 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Menominee Indian vs. Manawa, 7 p.m., Menominee Indian High School, N500 State Highway 47-55, Keshena.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Tigerton vs. Port Edwards, 7 p.m., Tigerton High School, 213 Spaulding St., Tigerton.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Clintonville vs. Marinette, 7 p.m., Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road, Clintonville.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Wittenberg-Biramwood at Mosinee, 7:15 p.m., Mosinee High School, 1000 High St., Mosinee.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Marion at Elcho, 7:15 p.m., Elcho High School, 9630 Antigo St., Elcho.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Bonduel vs. Peshtigo, 7:30 p.m., Bonduel High School, 400 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Gresham vs. Edgar, 7:30 p.m., Gresham Community High School, 501 Schabow St., Gresham.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Bowler vs. Suring, 7:30 p.m., Bowler High School, 500 S. Almon St., Bowler.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Marion at Northland Lutheran, 7:30 p.m., Northland Lutheran High School, 2107 Tower Road, Kronenwetter.



Bonduel's Dylan Burch, center, looks for an open teammate during a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division victory over Amherst on Dec. 10 in Bonduel.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 13

BOYS BASKETBALL: Bowler vs. Wisconsin Valley Lutheran, 6 p.m., Bowler High School, 500 S. Almon St., Bowler.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Clintonville vs. Marinette, 7 p.m., Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road, Clintonville.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Shawano vs. West De Pere, 7:15 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Bonduel vs. Iola-Scandinavia, 7:15 p.m., Bonduel High School, 400 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Menominee Indian vs. Shiocton, 7:15 p.m., Shiocton High School, N5650 Broad St., Shiocton.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Wittenberg-Biramwood vs. Weyauwega-Fremont, 7:15 p.m., Weyauwega-Fremont High School, 410 E. Ann St., Weyauwega.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Bonduel at Iola-Scandinavia, 7:30 p.m., Iola-Scandinavia High School, 540 S. Jackson St., Iola.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Gresham at Northland Lutheran, 7:30 p.m., Northland Lutheran High School, 2107 Tower

Road, Kronenwetter.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Gresham vs. Almond-Bancroft, 7:30 p.m., Gresham Community High School, 501 Schabow St., Gresham.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

BOYS BASKETBALL: Tigerton vs. Marion, 6 p.m., Tigerton High School, 213 Spaulding St., Tigerton.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Shawano vs. West De Pere, 7 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Gresham at Almond-Bancroft, 7 p.m., Almond Bancroft High School, 1336 Elm St., Almond.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Clintonville vs. Fox Valley Lutheran, 7 p.m., Fox Valley Lutheran High School, 5300 N. Meade St., Appleton.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Menominee Indian vs. Shiocton, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Indian High School, N500 State Highway 47-55, Keshena.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Wittenberg-Biramwood vs. Weyauwega-Fremont, 7:30 p.m., Wittenberg-Biramwood High School, 400 W. Grand Ave., Wittenberg.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Tigerton vs. Marion, 7:30 p.m., Tigerton High School, 213 Spaulding St., Tigerton.

HOCKEY: Shawano at invitational, 8 p.m., Cornerstone Community Center, 1640 Fernando Drive, Ashwaubenon.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

HOCKEY: Shawano at invitational, TBD, Cornerstone Community Center, 1640 Fernando Drive, Ashwaubenon.

WRESTLING: Wittenberg-Biramwood at WIAA Regional, 10 a.m., Waupaca High School, E2325 King Road, Waupaca.

WRESTLING: Clintonville/Marion at WIAA Regional, 10 a.m., 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

WRESTLING: Shawano at WIAA Regional, 10:30 a.m., Green Bay Preble High School, 2222 Deckner Ave., Green Bay.

WRESTLING: Bonduel, Menominee Indian at WIAA Regional, 11 a.m., Lena High School, 304 E. Main St., Lena.

BOYS SWIM: Shawano at WIAA Sectional, 1 p.m., Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School, 1801 16th St., Wisconsin Rapids.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

HOCKEY: Shawano at invitational, TBD, Cornerstone Community Center, 1640 Fernando Drive, Ashwaubenon.

Judge recuses self in county supervisor case

Peter Schmidt faces felony charge of strangulation and suffocation

By **TIM RYAN**
Reporter

SHAWANO — The judge overseeing a felony case against a Shawano County supervisor charged with strangulation and suffocation recused himself Tuesday after defense counsel raised concerns of a potential conflict of interest.

Peter A. Schmidt, 27, of Bonduel, is accused of attacking an employee of the Schmidt family farm in the village of Wittenberg on Nov. 22.

Schmidt's attorney, Nila Robinson, filed a motion requesting that Judge William Kussel Jr. remove

himself from hearing the case. She explained to the court Tuesday why she was making that request.

"Before you were a judge I don't think it's much secret which (political) party's county meetings you attended," Robinson said. "They're the same ones my client was at."

Prior to running for circuit court judge, Kussel had been active with the Shawano County Republican Party.

"I don't think it looks right from the outside looking in," Robinson said. "I think particularly in a smaller county when there's been as much contact as there's been in the past around local party politics, and everyone knowing everyone, it's simply better to have someone else (overseeing the case)."

Kussel said he wasn't sure he remembered having any contact with Schmidt.

"I don't think I know Mr. Schmidt," he said. "I think I may have seen him in court before, but I can't remember him from any type of party politics."

However, Kussel agreed to recuse himself, saying the community needs to see the process as being fair.

"There should be no appearance of impropriety," he said.

Tuesday's court hearing was expected to be a preliminary hearing on the charges against Schmidt, but that's now on hold until a new judge is assigned.

According to the criminal complaint, Schmidt attacked an employee who was staying at a residence provided by the farm and was late for work. The complaint states he pushed the man down on a bed, pressing the base of his neck.

The incident was recorded on a

cellphone by one of the other employees, according to the complaint.

According to the complaint, the man Schmidt allegedly attacked had difficulty breathing and started losing consciousness during the incident.

The complaint states Schmidt kicked the employees out of the residence after the incident.

Schmidt could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. He is also charged with a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

Schmidt is serving his first term as a Shawano County supervisor, representing the town of Hartland, Ward 1 of the town of Angelica and Ward 2 of the town of Washington.

He is not running for another term in the April election.

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COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court:

- Alex V. Koebach, 29, of Cecil, was charged Feb. 5 with a felony count of misappropriating ID information to avoid penalty. He could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. He is also charged with misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and resisting an officer. Koebach was ordered held on a \$250 cash bond and \$500 signature bond set by Judge James Habeck and was scheduled for an adjourned initial court appearance March 3.

- Katie L. Lewandowski, 21, of Mountain was charged Feb. 5 with felony counts fleeing an officer in a vehicle and possession of methamphetamine and three counts of felony bail jumping. She could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine on each of the bail jumping counts and 3½ years and a \$10,000 fine on the other felony counts if found guilty. She is also charged with misdemeanor counts of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Lewandowski was ordered held on a \$5,000 cash bond and was scheduled for an adjourned initial court appearance Feb. 10.

- Jon M. Plosczynski, 44, of Shawano, pleaded not guilty Feb. 4 to felony counts of forgery and theft. He could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine on each count if found guilty. Plosczynski was ordered held on a \$1,000 cash bond

set by Judge William Kussel Jr. and scheduled for a pre-trial conference on Feb. 12.

- Ashley A. Warekois, 35, of Rhineland, was charged Feb. 4 with felony counts of possession of methamphetamine and narcotic drugs and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. She could face a maximum of 3½ years and a \$10,000 fine on each of the felony counts if found guilty. Warekois is free on a \$1,000 signature bond set by Judge James Habeck. She is due back in court for an adjourned initial appearance on March 3.

- Perry L. Blom, 45, of Oshkosh, was charged Feb. 4 with felony counts of possession of methamphetamine and narcotic drugs and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. He could face a maximum of 3½ years and a \$10,000 fine on each of the felony counts if found guilty. Blom was ordered held on a \$5,000 cash bond set by Judge James Habeck. He is scheduled for an adjourned initial court appearance on March 3.

- A charge of second-degree sexual assault against Samantha A. Cornell, 31, of Shawano, was dismissed Feb. 4 on a prosecutor's motion.

- Jessica A. Zepeda, 35, of Green Bay, was charged Feb. 3 with a felony count of bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of retail theft and bail jumping. She could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine on

the felony count if found guilty. She is scheduled for an initial court appearance March 3.

- Jennifer L. Chevalier, 26, of Keshena, was charged Feb. 3 with felony counts of second-degree reckless endangerment, fleeing an officer in a vehicle and bail jumping. She could face a maximum 10 years in prison and \$25,000 fine if convicted of reckless endangerment. Chevalier was ordered held on a \$1,000 cash bond set by Judge James Habeck. A scheduling conference was set for Feb. 10.

- Christopher A. Roehm, 42, of Appleton, was charged Jan. 31 with a felony count of fifth-offense operating while intoxicated and a misdemeanor count of failing to stop for an officer. He could face a maximum 10 years in prison and \$25,000 fine if convicted on the felony count. Roehm posted a \$1,500 cash bond set by Judge James Habeck and was due back in court for an adjourned initial appearance March 16.

- A charge of maintaining a drug trafficking place was dismissed against Amy M. Ghent, 40, of Shawano, after a preliminary court hearing on Jan. 31. Judge James Habeck found Ghent's home was not involved in drug activity and there was no pattern or history to back up the charge. Habeck ruled the state had not met its burden of proof and the case was dismissed.

- Anthony M. Russell, 53, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was charged

Jan. 30 with felony counts of sex registry violation and sex offender name change. He could face a maximum six years in prison and a \$10,000 fine on each count if convicted. An arrest warrant was issued for Russell on Jan. 31.

- Aaron J. Pingel, 29, of Birnamwood, was charged Jan. 30 with felony counts of battery or threat to a law enforcement officer failure to comply with an officer while being taken into custody and possession of methamphetamine. He is also charged with misdemeanor counts of resisting an officer, disorderly conduct and bail jumping. He could face a maximum six years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for battery or threat to a law enforcement officer if found guilty. Pingel was ordered held on a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled for a preliminary hearing Feb. 7.

- Brenten J. Newby, 21, of Marion, was sentenced Jan. 30 by Judge James Habeck to 30 days in jail as a condition of two years' probation on a felony count of bail jumping and misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance. Newby pleaded no contest to the charges.

- Kimberly U. Tejeda, 45, of Green Bay was charged Jan. 29 with one felony count and seven misdemeanor counts of credit fraud. She could face a maximum 3½ years in prison and \$10,000 fine on the felony count if convicted. She is scheduled for an initial court appearance on Feb. 24.

Backpack Blessings of Bonduel to get \$11,500

100+ Women Who Care pick first grant recipient

By **CAROL RYCZEK**
Editor-in-chief

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WEST BEND

Clintonville hires assistant city administrator

Muske to manage public works, airport, health departments

By **GRACE KIRCHNER**
Correspondent

CLINTONVILLE — The Clintonville Common Council has announced the hiring of Caz Muske as the city's first assistant city administrator.

On Jan. 30, the council approved the recommendation of the city's personnel committee to hire Muske, who officially accepted the offer the next day.

The city received 11 applications and conducted an initial round of interviews on Skype, which was followed by a round of in-person interviews with the finalists.

Muske is being hired at \$63,476 plus benefits for the first year.

She will be coming from Cameron, Texas, and will be relocating with her husband, Brendon, and a



CAZ MUSKE

son, Lincoln, next month. She is expected to begin her employment with the city on Feb. 28.

"My family and I are so excited to become a part of the Clintonville community. I am thrilled to assist with the awesome work being done by the city's team," said Muske.

Muske has a master's degree in public administration with a graduate certificate in public budgeting and financial management and a bachelor's degree in general studies. She has 4½ years of experience in municipal government including facilities management, economic development and marketing.

Muske's primary roles will be to handle the grant application and management process for all departments and the high level management duties of the public works director position, to include serving as the airport manager and the health officer, but she will also assist City Administrator Sharon Eveland with policy development and other special projects. Her municipal experience and education background provides a solid foundation to make this new position successful for the city's operations, according to Eveland.

The city was unable to find a qualified public works director after Kray Brown resigned. It was decided at the Nov. 11 council meeting to reorganize the department and hire an assistant city administrator. Eveland said the city had spent

five months trying to fill the vacancy and was unable to find a qualified candidate. Former Public Works Director Mike McCord served as the interim director but had retired.

Eveland suggested that the city add an assistant city administrator, which would be a new position, as well as reorganizing the Public Works Department. She said that the addition of that position would take the place of the planned addition of a grant writer.

The change would involve classifying the public works street foreman position as the public works superintendent. The department would be under the superintendent. Everyone in that department would report to the superintendent. The superintendent would then report to the assistant city administrator.

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CRP signup approaching for farmers

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The deadline for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) 2020 general sign-up is Feb. 28. The sign-up marks the first time that farmers and private landowners can enroll since 2016, according to a press release from the Wisconsin Farm Service Agency (FSA).

This sign-up is available to farmers and private landowners who are either enrolling for the first time or re-enrolling for another 10-15 year term. The FSA, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, administers the CRP program.

In exchange for a yearly rental payment, farmers and landowners enrolled in the program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species to improve environmental health and quality.

Contracts for land enrolled in CRP are 10-15 years in length. The long-term goal of the program is to re-establish valuable land cover to

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Shawano Service Center, Emily Schildgen, 715-524-4814, ext. 2

help improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and reduce loss of wildlife habitat, according to FSA.

CRP has 22 million acres currently enrolled. The 2018 federal farm bill increased the eligibility to 27 million acres.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the U.S. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production, but has added more environmentally-oriented programs over time.

FSA claims CRP has prevented more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks.

The release also noted reducing

nitrogen and phosphorous runoff from annually tilled cropland; trapping an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road.

Additional benefits, according to the FSA, are restoring more than three million acres of wetlands, protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with shoreline, forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world seven times.

The release added CRP practices have increased populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, grasshopper sparrows and many other birds and benefited bees and other pollinators.

The release added FSA plans to open the Soil Health and Income Protection Program, a CRP pilot program, in early 2020. The 2020 CRP Grasslands sign-up runs from March 16 through May 15.



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Wisconsin Singers feature local performer

Valentine's Day show promises fun evening of music

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

CLINTONVILLE — A performance by the Wisconsin Singers on Valentine's Day might be ideal for sweethearts to take in together, but for one of the performers, it will be more of a homecoming.

Claire Crocker, a senior at University of Wisconsin-Madison, is part of a legacy going back more

than 50 years that brings impressive singing and dancing to all corners of Wisconsin. Crocker is a Clintonville High School grad in her second year with the Wisconsin Singers.

"I love what I do and get immense joy out of performing," Crocker said.

Robin Whitty-Novotny, director for the Wisconsin Singers, said audiences should expect a show that encompasses music from many different eras and genres. The goal of the group, she said, is to reflect the current culture with its music selections while also bringing up some songs from the past.

"They're going to see a show like nothing else you're going to

see anywhere across the state," Whitty-Novotny said. "You're going to see singing, dancing, a live band performing American pop music from classic rock to jazz to musical theater. There's something for everybody."

Disney tunes for the kids and hit Broadway songs for the adults comprise that "something for everybody" statement, Whitty-Novotny said. She noted that there will be a couple of love ballads included in the show, but audiences shouldn't expect anything geared specifically toward Valentine's Day.

"We have some beautiful a capella ballads that will touch everyone's heart," Whitty-Novotny

said. "We have one called 'Believe' about believing in the power of love, originally by the artist Cher, and our closing number, 'A Million Dreams,' again about the power of love and what it does for the human heart. There are a lot of things that are appropriate for Valentine's Day concert but certainly not limited to just that."

The technology for the Wisconsin Singers' performances has improved in the 29 years Whitty-Novotny has been affiliated with the group. From having to choreograph around microphone wires to going wireless, the singers and even the band members are closer to audiences than ever before.



Clintonville's Claire Crocker, center, performs in a number from the musical "West Side Story" one of the routines audiences will see when the Wisconsin Singers take the Clintonville High School auditorium stage Friday at 7 p.m. The 90-minute show is being hosted by the Clintonville Lions Club as a fundraiser for the club and the school's music department.

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Wisconsin Singers

WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday

WHERE: Auditorium, Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road

TICKETS: \$10, \$5 ages 18 and younger, \$25 for family pack (two adults and four children). Tickers at the door \$2 more. Advanced tickets available at the high school office, B&H Fashionwear, Erickson, Tadych's, Marion Advertiser and Charlie's County Market.

"When they do their band features, they come out right on the stage and do them with the audience," Whitty-Novotny said. "You're used to the instrumentalists staying behind their music stands, but our band is very different from that."

The group is not just music and theater majors. Whitty-Novotny said the performers have a wide variety of career interests but are part of the Wisconsin Singers. Crocker herself is an industrial engineer major.

"The Singers has always been a cross-campus singing group," Whitty-Novotny said. "We have students that are pre-law, pre-med, engineering, education, you name it. We have a couple of music and theater majors, but for the most part, these students just love to perform."

Students performing this year had to audition in spring 2019, Whitty-Novotny said, and those who were accepted had to go through an intensive 2½-week training camp in August in order to start the new season, which started after Labor Day.

"That's about the only time we can get them in one place at one time (to rehearse)," Whitty-Novotny said. "We're talking 18 days straight, so there's not even a Saturday or Sunday off. They are literally in that production camp, and they're learning all the choreography. It's similar to what they would experience in the professional world."

Crocker noted that the camp would be nothing without the help of parents.

"We eat breakfast at home, but almost every single lunch and dinner for those 18 days was provided by parents or someone near and dear to the troupe," Crocker said. "Even though we are spending most of our time in a campus building, we still get the benefit of quality food instead of having to eat out every day."

The last day of camp is the most important to the singers, according to Crocker, because they perform a rough version of the show for their friends and family on campus.

"This is technically our first performance of the season, and it happens just a few days before school



The Wisconsin Singers are expected to end the show with "A Million Dreams," a romantic tune well-suited to the Valentine's Day performance.

WISCONSIN SINGERS



The Wisconsin Singers perform "Anyway You Want It" in a show earlier this season. The group is expected to perform a variety of songs at the Valentine's Day show in Clintonville, from classic rock to show tunes to jazz.

WISCONSIN SINGERS



While many shows feature band members behind the scenes, the Wisconsin Singers bring their band members out and close to the audience members to add to the excitement.

WISCONSIN SINGERS

starts," she said. "It's a very exciting feeling to perform a new show for a real audience for the first time, especially after 18 days of working so hard to produce something great."

The Valentine's Day concert will raise money for the Clintonville

Lions Club. Whitty-Novotny noted that her singers feel good about helping to raise money for nonprofits and service organizations.

"They're committed to serving the statewide area," Whitty-Novotny said. "They're just exceptional

people. The excellence of the program people will see on stage will be reflective of the fact that they have all of these aspects in their life that they excel at."

Blueberries require patience from home gardener

Extension educations notes they are 'very different critter'

By **DAVID WILHELMS**
Correspondent

SHAWANO — Blueberries are an exercise in patience because they're "a very different critter from basically anything else we grow," Scott Reuss, Marinette County University of Wisconsin-Extension educator, told 118 people interested in growing the fruit Jan. 30 at Qualheim's True Value Hardware.

The presentation was one of a series of how-to sessions for home gardeners.

Although he covered the spectrum of growing and maintaining blueberries, Reuss concentrated on soil preparation and maintenance in his light-hearted introduction to the temperamental crop.

This included his tongue-in-cheek planting advice, "Roots go down, stems go up."

"This is the one where there isn't much leeway when it comes to taking care of your soil," he said.

He was firm in saying, "Don't buy your plants until your soil is ready" and that could take an entire year.

Productive soil starts with siting the blueberry patch, he said.

"Look up, look down, look around. Find full sun or your fruit production is going to suffer," he added.

They like well-drained wet soil with high levels of organic matter and really don't like frost pockets, the Extension educator said.

Also be aware of blueberries' need for water, he cautioned, especially if you have to carry buckets any distance. In a drought year, he said, every mature shrub will need upwards of 100 gallons nearly daily.

Blueberries absolutely require a fairly acid soil, with a pH of 4.5 to 5, he said. The average pH in our area is 6.5, he said. One reason that iron, an essential part of blueberry growth, is taken up by the fruit better in soils with a lower pH.

In much of southeastern Shawano County and southern Oconto County, limestone is very near the surface and growing blueberries is really not an option, he cautioned.

One possible approach, accord-



Scott Reuss, right, listens to a question from Bruce Karow, Townsend, on growing blueberries. Reuss, Marinette County University of Wisconsin-Extension educator, spoke on managing the fruit to 118 people at Qualheim's True Value on Jan. 30.

DAVID WILHELMS

ing to Reuss, is work in a lot of elemental sulfur, up to four pounds for a typical 10 foot by 10 foot plot, at least 12 inches below the surface and wait a year. An alternative is serviceberries, also known as juneberries, although they have seeds more like grapes, Reuss said.

Take in a soil sample for an analysis from precisely where you plan to plant the blueberries down to the square yard, he advocated. "Just make sure it's an accredited lab," he added.

Reuss said gardeners need to remember most of Shawano County falls in Zone 4, a measure of plant hardiness. Reuss said gardeners want blueberries rated Zones 4 "or at least Zone 5 if you're willing to try it." As an illustration of the hardiness zone scale, Reuss said, "Your living room is probably Zone 7, depending on how cold you let it

get overnight."

"Not only do they need really low pH's, they don't have the same kind of root structure as any other plant that you grow in your garden. They don't have root hairs," Reuss said.

Unlike other plants, blueberries have to rely on what Reuss called their "true roots" for nutrient uptake. That's why gardeners need to add abundant amounts of organic matter, he added. Leaves in the fall, including conifer needles, are the cheapest alternative, he said. Although sphagnum moss is an alternative, Reuss said it's not a sustainable resource and one to avoid.

"Mulch matters. It is a big deal," Reuss said, adding mulch aids in weed control and more efficient water retention.

Grass clippings can be part of the mulch but need to be mixed with other, coarser, more stable materials

FYI

All lawn and garden seminars are held at Qualheim's True Value Hardware, 1345 E. Green Bay St., Shawano.

- Bringing Back Bluebirds

Feb. 13 - 6:00 p.m.

Gene Birr - Oconto County Coordinator BRAW

Cordula Van Den Heuvel - Bird City Oconto Coordinator

This presentation will include the basics about what to do to attract Eastern Bluebirds and other native cavity-nesting songbirds and keep them nesting successfully in your yard. We will discuss proper nest box site location, birdhouse styles, mounting poles, raccoon predator control and ways to discourage House Sparrows.

- Controlling animal pests in your landscape

Feb. 20 - 6 p.m.

Gary Graber - Bonide Company

Learn different ways to protect your landscape from the local animals

- The Monochromatic Garden

Feb. 27 - 6 p.m.

Pete Sheardy - True Value Company

Multi-color gardens have always been popular.

But sometimes, a garden of single color scheme can add seasonal interest. This seminar will offer ideas in six hues, using trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses and annuals. Monochromatic gardens can be sited in different areas around the house, including indoors.

like wood chips and bark chips. Do not use butternut or black walnut leaves, he said. Conifer needles actually benefit blueberries but also can invite meadow voles and other pests.

Mulch provides temperature modification.

"By having the mulch on there, we keep the soil and the roots at a much more stable temperature," Reuss said.

This is important because of blueberries' intolerance of drought conditions, he added.

"Their roots will literally cook," he said.

From planting, there are another few years before you can start reliably harvesting fruit, Reuss said. In that respect, blueberries are no different than raising a fruit tree "because it's also a woody plant," he added.

Home gardeners should consider the "half-high" blueberries, hybrids between the "high" and mostly-wild "low" varieties, Reuss said. Most of the available varieties came from plant breeders at the University of Minnesota, assuring their hardiness.

Reuss listed these varieties as being adapted to this area: North-blue, Northcountry, St. Cloud, Patriot, Bluecrop, Pink Popcorn and Bluecrop.

OBITUARIES

Jeffry J. Berton

Jeffry James Berton, a man who spent decades building bridges from his younger days, died on Feb. 4, 2020. He was 77. In the end, Jeffry discovered he was loved by God, family and friends, but getting there was difficult.

Jeffry was born on Oct. 18, 1942, to George C. and Lucille M. (Rusch) Berton. He was fifth born in a family of 12 children, named by his mother after Jeff Chandler, a movie star she liked very much at the time. With a mother and father that both had health issues, there wasn't anything "normal" about Jeffry's childhood.

A nonexistent home life and moving between homes and schools in the Shawano area led to a difficult adolescence for Jeffry. After 11 months at Wales, he finished high school and enlisted in the Army. He then settled in the Fox Valley area, working for his brother's business for a short time and eventually Great Northern Container where he retired.



Jeffry married twice. Jeffry and Joann Hietpas were married in 1966, and they had three children, Tina, Renee, and Grady. They were married

for 20 years. In 2001, after meeting Evonne Kraemer at a singles dance, he married a second time. Jeffry and Evonne were together for 15 years, married for 10.

He remembered a vow he made to himself as a child never to be like his father but realized he became much like him. In June 1983, Jeffry recognized he needed help and sought counseling. This gave him the road map and principles for change. Jeffry spent his last 36 years in recovery, attending several meetings per week, being helped and helping others in the recovery process. Jeffry had

made the decision to turn his life over to God and finally found peace. After he retired, he went back to school and became an AODA counselor for a few years.

With God in the driver's seat, Jeffry learned to forgive himself and found joy in his life. He developed a strong sense of humor, a great personality and became very loved by family and friends.

Some of Jeffry's favorite hobbies were to hunt, fish and dance. However, Jeffry's main passion was golf. He could spend hours on the golf course and get lost in time. It was calming, cooling, just a pleasant place for him to be. Over the course of time, he managed to get a hole-in-one (fourth hole) at Reid Municipal Golf Course and won two championships. He also shot a 10-point buck back in the day.

Jeffry J. Berton is survived by his daughters and son, Tina M. Berton, Renee S. Berton and Grady A. Berton; his grandchildren, Alisha (Phil) Anschutz, Sawyer Maciejewski, Jacob Lloyd and Joshua Londre; brothers

and sisters, George K. Berton, of Menasha, Tom (Barbara) Berton, of Neenah, Marsha (George) Davis, of Sherwood, Diane (Robert) Bohm, of Green Bay, Wayne (Linda) Berton, of Neenah, Patty (Tony) Boulanger, of Green Bay, Peter (Iris) Berton, of Hawaii, and Richard Berton, of Milwaukee.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brothers, Larry and Randall Berton; a sister, Joan L. Oberle; a brother-in-law, Jim Oberle; and a sister-in-law, Carol Berton.

A memorial service will be held for Jeffry James Berton at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020, at the Wichmann Funeral Home, located at 537 N. Superior St. in Appleton. Family and friends are invited to gather at the funeral home on Sunday from 1 p.m. until the time of the service. A private family burial will be held in the near future.

Appleton's Wichmann Funeral Home is assisting the family.

For more information or to share a memory of Jeffry, please visit www.wichmannfargo.com.

Roger Arnold King

Roger A. King, 73, of Shawano, passed away on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020. Roger was born in Tomahawk, on June 16, 1946, to the late Harry and Verna (Hess) King.

After Roger's graduation from Reedsburg High School, he attended University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. On Sept. 2, 1967, Roger was united in marriage to Barbara Maas at the First Presbyterian Church in Merrill. He enlisted in the United States Army, serving in Ft. Leavenworth for three years.

After his honorable discharge from the Army, Roger was a music teacher, teaching both band and choir. He was so talented, he could play every instrument in the band, and loved to sing. Roger was honored to receive the 1973 Teacher of the Year Award.

Roger went back to school to



earn his master's in divinity from Wartburg College. He then served as a Methodist minister for six years, before converting to Catholicism, where

he continued his ministry. He is the author of 10 prayer books, and enjoyed in-home visits, as well as ministering to jail inmates. Roger was known as a World War II historian and could talk to anyone. He enjoyed snowmobiling, playing tennis, golfing, and any kind of music.

Roger is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; their children, Kelli

(Patrick) Watson, of Minnesota, and Kami (Bryan Hansen) King, of Virginia; four grandchildren, Hannah (Matthew) Lindemer, of Minnesota, Corinne Watson, of Minnesota, Ziana Hansen-King, of Virginia, Zaida Hansen-King, of Virginia; and one great-granddaughter, Alice; along with other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kevin King; his parents, Harry King and Verna Krey; his foster parents, Richard and Juanita Striech, stepfather, Philip Krey; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Eugene and Edith Maas; and two

siblings, Robert King and Robin "Terry" King.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano, with the Rev. Scott Valentyn and the Rev. John Girotti officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Leopolis. Visitation was held at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano on Thursday from 4-8 p.m. and again at the church on Friday, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. A rosary service was held on Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Shawano gets to shine on PBS series

Shawano will be one of the communities featured on "Around the Corner with John McGivern" as the PBS series enters its ninth season.

For the last eight years, the show has visited more than 100 communi-

ties and neighborhoods throughout the state, engaging with each town's residents and telling the stories of each unique community. On March 19 at 7 p.m., McGivern will be telling Shawano's story.

McGivern's compelling storytelling was recently honored with a 2019 Chicago Midwest Emmy for Program Host.

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Johnathyn Lashley, left, is pleased with the results of his project at a fairy garden building workshop at the Navarino Nature Center. He is helped with his efforts by Clint Lashley. The project helps children use natural materials in a creative way, according to organizer Lolly Bower. The event included sticks, bark and other items to create miniature houses and natural scenes.

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A water scene created by Jackie Wilber provided inspiration for the miniature houses.

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Clint Lashley's hands guide Johnathyn's as he attaches a detail to his project.

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SPORTS

Dickelman signs letter of intent

Shawano RB will join Bemidji State football team

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

SHAWANO — Brayden Dickelman broke several records and earned plenty of accolades while playing for the Shawano Community High School football team over his high school career.

All his hard work paid off, and now he will get the opportunity to play the sport he loves in college after signing a letter of intent to play at Bemidji State on Wednesday in front of family, friends, teammates at coaches at SCHS.

As soon as Dickelman woke up Wednesday — which was National Signing Day around the country — he signed his official letter of intent.

“It’s really awesome just because I’ve dreamed of playing college football since I was a little kid. So to finally sign that letter this morning, I was really happy and I’ve had a great day just knowing that I fulfilled my childhood dream,” said Dickelman.

Despite having the dream to play collegiate football, Dickelman admitted there was a time during his junior season where he felt he was being under-recruited and contemplated whether or not he wanted to play beyond high school.

Dickelman received some interest from several schools and even visited a few, but it wasn’t until football coach Alan Tomow sent out some emails on his behalf after the most recent football season that Bemidji State — a Division II school located in Bemidji, Minnesota, that plays in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference — got involved.

“Bemidji State was really interested in me. I went up there for an official visit. They offered me a scholarship and I committed like a week-and-a-half later,” said Dickelman.

Dickelman noted Bemidji State’s coaching staff as a big reason why he chose to commit. He also said it



Shawano's Brayden Dickelman, left, runs with the football during a game against Seymour on Sept. 21 in Shawano. The homecoming win was Dickelman's favorite memory from a standout career at SCHS.

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felt like home and has a winning atmosphere coming off an 8-3 season.

Dickelman has already been in contact with the team's other commits, getting to know each other and talking about what they hope to accomplish in college through a group message on Snapchat.

He also said the coaching staff expects to keep him at the running back position he shined at in high school, serving as a power back.

Dickelman's ability to power through tackle attempts is what

helped him put up the eye-popping numbers he did in high school.

A four-year varsity starter, Dickelman landed on an all-conference team his final three years in high school.

His sophomore season, he made the Bay Conference's honorable mention team as a wide receiver, totaling over 700 yards as a runner or receiver and scoring five touchdowns.

Dickelman jumped up to the first team in the junior season, mak-

ing the list as a running back. That year, he rushed for 1,070 yards and nine touchdowns and added a 10th touchdown as a receiver. He also returned two punts for scores.

Even with a target on his back and many defenses committing to stop him in the running game, Dickelman still turned in a big senior season to make the first team unanimously as a running back and help Shawano qualify for the postseason. He was also named the conference's co-Offensive Back of the Year and made the honorable mention team as a linebacker.

This past fall, Dickelman accumulated 1,386 yards and 18 touchdowns on the ground. He set the school record with 1,326 rushing yards in the regular season.

Some of his most memorable moments also came in his senior season, including a four-touchdown and near 300-yard rushing game against Green Bay East. His favorite memory came on homecoming, where his three touchdowns helped the Hawks take down Seymour for the first time in 10 years.

After the season wrapped up, Dickelman was named to the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Region team. He also was recently invited to play in the WFCB All-Star Game on July 18 at Titan Stadium in Oshkosh.

Tomow said a few words about Dickelman before he signed the ceremonial letter of intent Wednesday afternoon, noting his strong work ethic and saying he is a great example for other Shawano athletes to look up to.

Tomow said he couldn't remember Dickelman ever missing a workout during his high school career and remembered their conversations when they would assess past seasons and set goals for the years to come.

Bemidji State's 8-3 season this past fall came under head coach Brent Bolte, who has been a part of the coaching staff at BSU for 20 seasons.

According to bsubeavers.com, Dickelman was one of 26 athletes that signed letters of intent with Bemidji State on Wednesday.

ATHLETE PROFILE: CALEB DAVIDS

Shawano senior anchors co-op's defense

SHAWANO — The Shawano co-op varsity reserve hockey team has been on a tear of late, with Tuesday's win over Team SeAL marking the team's fifth straight victory.

While players who do the scoring can often steal the headlines, goalie Caleb Davids has been a rock for the co-op on defense over that strong stretch of play.

Davids saved 24 of the 26 shot attempts he faced in the team's 10-2 win over Green Bay United on Jan. 30. The senior stopped 25 shots in a 7-3 win over Fox Cities on Jan. 17.

After making 33 saves on Tuesday, Davids had a save percentage of .800 for the season.

"Caleb is a senior and leader on the team. We look at him as the foundation of our defense being in goal," said coach Travis Olson. "Caleb brings a serious approach to the game."

"Caleb has bought into the new coaching staff's philosophy about development and growing as a team."

Q: When did your interest in hockey begin?

A: I got my interest in hockey when I was three years old. My aunt (Jennifer Stress) took me to an Ice Dogs (amateur hockey team) game in Appleton and I fell in love. Since that day, I knew I wanted to do this forever.

Q: What is your favorite part about the hockey season?

A: I love the hockey season. There is so much going on that you can never have a day off. Also, coming to the rink every day to get better and then seeing myself progress is my favorite part.

Q: Not many people know what being a goalie is like. Just what is it like to have guys skating all around you and having the puck zipping toward you constantly in a game?

A: It can be pretty tough when you have a lot of shots in a game, but one of my favorite parts is being the back-



Shawano's Caleb Davids defends the net during the team's win over Team SeAL on Dec. 16 in Shawano. Davids serves as the team's goalie and has helped the team on its recent hot streak.

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bone of the team. I can help my team win. I love my position — it's a lot more than pucks being shot at you.

Q: Do you do any kind of training in the offseason or during the season to help your reflexes and abilities as a goalie?

A: One thing I work on the most is keeping my eyes and reflexes quick. What I do for that is stretch a lot. Then throwing a reaction ball to the wall and catching it with my glove hand. Also, getting ice time as much as I possibly can.

Q: Your team has been on a pretty good roll of late. What's been the key to the recent success?

A: Everyone has been contributing and giving 100% every practice and game. It helps a lot when everyone has a position and does it well. Not

one player gives up no matter what the score is, and that is one reason we have been on a roll. We also don't plan on stopping.

Q: I know there's games where you are being peppered with shots, but I'd have to think the games where your offense is controlling the puck and constantly in the other zone can also be tough. How do you keep focused and prepared when there's not a lot of action around you?

A: The games where my offense is doing great, it can be easy to lose focus. I am very lucky to be able to keep my head in the game and not get distracted. One thing that works for me is to have a song stuck in my head. If I feel myself losing focus, I start singing it and it keeps me focused.

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Caleb Davids

SPORT: Hockey

POSITION: Goalie

SCHOOL: Shawano Community High School

YEAR: Senior

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Shawano co-op hockey team?

A: My favorite memory playing hockey in high school was the Wau-paca tournament my junior year. We came into the tournament knowing what to expect from two or three teams (out of six total). We ended up winning the championship and that was the best hockey I played all my life I feel.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Live PD." I enjoy watching any movie with Kevin Hart in it — he is my favorite actor. Musical artist — Luke Combs.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: One thing not many people know about me is that I am obsessed with German shepherds, even though I have never owned one.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do when you are not in school or competing in a high school sport?

A: I like to spend time with my family. They are the huge reason I am where I am today in the sport I love. They are a great support system.

Q: What's the greatest piece of advice you have ever been told?

A: Always give 100%. If you are going to fail, make sure you fail giving it 100%.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating from high school?

A: I plan on finding a junior hockey team to continue my dream of playing college hockey while going to school for agronomy.

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Crossbow issue likely to draw comments at survey

The state's crossbow deer hunters are cranking up for a battle to save their sport after a surprise attack launched by the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board.

The board has proposed an Oct. 1-31 crossbow season for those without disabilities and under age 60, with the suggestion on the spring public questionnaire of the joint Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Congress hearings held in every county. Those with a disabled permit or over age 60 would be able to continue using a crossbow during the full archery season.

In 2014, the state authorized the first crossbow season open to everyone, not just those with a handicap or at least age 65 as it was prior to that season. Crossbow hunters have shared the same season as vertical bow hunters, beginning the second Saturday in September and continuing through the first weekend in January. Both crossbow and vertical bow hunters are allowed to use their weapons during the nine-day gun season if they choose.

Crossbow hunters embraced the new law, helping the DNR control the ever-expanding deer herd by shooting antlerless deer as well as bucks. Crossbows eliminate the need to draw a string back when a deer is within sight and sound of the hunter — the main and some would say only advantage of a crossbow over a modern compound bow.

Many lower-priced crossbows are 30- to 50-yard weapons, launching bolts (arrows) at 300 to 400 feet



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a shot that far.

DNR statistics show that more archery season hunters are taking up the crossbow and having success with this efficient killer. In 2017, crossbow hunters surpassed vertical bow hunters on both bucks and antlerless deer, killing 27,406 bucks and 19,822 antlerless deer, versus vertical bow hunters who took 25,808 and 19,358, respectively.

The NRB question mentions that in 2019, 42% of the registered antlered buck harvest occurred prior to the gun deer opener.

"This has impacted the firearm season to the point that it may no longer meet the expectations that firearm deer hunters have historically had," the statement continues. "The department has authority to modify the crossbow hunting season by rule. It is possible to again meet the expectations for firearm hunters by reducing the disproportionate buck harvest and reduce hunting pressure a couple weeks before the gun deer opener while still maintaining exceptional crossbow hunting opportunity."

DNR surveys indicate that while

per second. Top compound bows fire an arrow at 355 fps. High-end crossbows — at prices exceeding \$2,000 — are capable of accurate shots out to 100 yards, although few humane hunters would try

time afield for gun deer hunters has dropped off since the early 1990s, time afield for bow and crossbow hunters has been increasing. Interviews with gun deer hunters who have left the sport blame a lack of seeing deer or just losing interest in hunting.

"People have spent their hard-earned money on the equipment with the expectation they would have same opportunity to hunt with crossbow as vertical bow. It's not right to take that away from them at this point," said Kevin Marquette, of Shawano, a former board member of the Shawano County Conservation Congress.

"I don't like this because it discriminates against 50-plus-year-olds that like to hunt, as well as younger kids that are learning to hunt (who also in many cases don't have upper body strength to hold 40-plus pounds back with a vertical bow). That shuts out those two groups from hunting the rut when they are most likely to see deer within crossbow range. That's not right. I can think of a few in that age group who have joint/muscle issues and can't pull/hold a vertical bow back."

"They better be careful with this crossbow thing or they are potentially going to lose a whole generation of hunters on the front and back end, along with many in the middle," said Dan Frank, of Oshkosh, who hunts deer with rifles, crossbow and compound bow.

"So many people have switched (to crossbows) and can't afford to go back. So many kids are in it because

that's more fun for them or easier when younger. So many women now use them who had trouble with bows. We are trying to recruit more hunters ... they can complain all they want but the only license sale numbers going up every year are crossbow. I would quit gun hunting tomorrow if I had to choose between crossbow and gun and I think a lot of people agree."

Frank noted that the current archery/crossbow season features "warmer weather, deer in natural patterns, and less people in the woods in general."

Marquette added: "The bow/crossbow kill is going up more and more because more hunters are out earlier in late October and November, hunting when deer are moving. If legislature would move the gun opener up like we want, some of that kill would transfer over to gun season. Duh! The NRB, whether it's intentional or not, is driving a wedge between sportsmen/women of this state. They're doing it at a time when we need to be uniting and working together, not fighting each other."

The questions on the annual survey, shared with the public at April meetings in every county, are simply a gauge of public opinion and help the NRB and DNR make decisions on policies. The public also can respond to the questions online without attending a meeting.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

UW-Eau Claire

Marion High School graduate Kalyssa Watters won the women's shot while competing for the UW-Eau Claire track and field team at the Warren Bowlus Multi & Open on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

Watters won the event with a throw of 42 feet, 8.25 inches. She delivered the throw on her sixth and final attempt.

The senior also competed in the weight throw, coming in sixth with a throw of 46-0.5.

Saginaw Valley State

Shawano graduate Tori DePerry turned in a pair of strong games for the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team over the past week.

In a start against Michigan Tech on Feb. 1, DePerry scored 14 points after knocking down five field goals and four free throws. She also had five rebounds, a steal and a block in the team's 85-77 victory.

During a 71-66 loss to Northern Michigan on Jan. 30, DePerry scored 13 points off the bench, knocking down five field goals and three free throws. She also tallied four rebounds, a steal and a block in her 19 minutes of action.

Utah State Eastern

Gresham graduate Christian Haffner turned in a pair of 20-point efforts for the Utah State Eastern men's basketball team over the past week.

In the team's 105-87 win over Colorado Northwest on Feb. 1, Haffner scored 24 points. Seven of his eight field goals were 3-pointers. Haffner

also had two rebounds and two assists in the contest.

Haffner posted 22 points in the team's 76-70 loss to Snow College on Jan. 30. He made six 3-pointers among his second field goals and also tallied three rebounds, two assists and a steal.

St. Norbert

Shawano graduate Jeffrey Green competed in three events for the St. Norbert men's swim team in its 121-89 dual loss to Lake Forest on Feb. 1.

Green was on the 200-meter freestyle relay team that placed second in 1 minute, 40.19 seconds.

As an individual, he placed fourth in the 50 freestyle (26.33) and fifth in the 100 freestyle (59.53).

UW-La Crosse

Clintonville graduate Sami Smejkal

continued her solid freshman season for the UW-La Crosse women's swim team, competing in three events in the team's 200-94 dual win over UW-Whitewater on Feb. 1.

Smejkal placed second in the 100 butterfly (1:02.1) and sixth in the 100 backstroke (1:06.28).

Smejkal was also on the 200 medley relay team that finished second in 1:52.16.

Wausau

Gresham graduate Drew Haffner contributed in several areas on the floor, but it wasn't enough for the Wausau Huskies to take down the Marshfield Marauders on Jan. 29. Marshfield won 97-87.

Haffner scored two points, grabbed two rebounds and dished out two assists. He also had a steal.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BOYS BASKETBALL

Clintonville 70

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 40

Clintonville took control from the start and never let up in a nonconference home win over Wittenberg-Birnamwood on Tuesday in Clintonville. The hosts led 39-16 at halftime.

Aiden Polzin hit four 3-pointers and scored 25 points to pace Clintonville. Nathan Morse knocked down seven shots from the floor and finished with 18 points. Presley Rose now added seven points.

Michael Miller scored 10 second-half points to finish as Witt-Birn's leader in points. Brendan Resch added nine points.

Shawano 96

Menasha 80

Shawano secured a high-scoring Bay Conference win over Menasha on Tuesday in Shawano. Shawano used a 60-point second half to pull away.

Carter Weisnicht powered the Hawks to victory, scoring 34 points. Nick Sherman chipped in 24 points.

Ethan Schwitzer added 14 points for the hosts, while Rory Johnson had eight.

Shawano 68

Sturgeon Bay 62

Shawano picked up a noncon-



Clintonville's Klayton Barkow, left, drives to the basket as Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ben Wesolowski, right, and Logan Balliett look on during Tuesday's nonconference game in Clintonville.

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ference win over Sturgeon Bay on Monday in Shawano.

The trio of Carter Weisnicht, Nick Sherman and Elliott Lowney led the charge for Shawano, scoring 19, 18 and 13 points, respectively.

Shawano outscored Sturgeon Bay 40-34 in the second half to come away with the win.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 52

Shiocton 47

Wittenberg-Birnamwood held off Shiocton in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division matchup on Monday in Wittenberg.

Abi Fraaza led Witt-Birn on the court, totaling 21 points, eight rebounds, five assists and two steals. She converted seven shots from the field and added six points at the free-throw line.

Emma Herb contributed nine points and eight rebounds for the Chargers, while Amara Schoepke had eight points, three steals and three assists. Olivia Curley chipped in seven points.

Clintonville 77

Luxemburg-Casco 64

Clintonville outscored Luxemburg-Casco 49-29 after halftime to secure a North Eastern Conference victory on Tuesday in Luxemburg.

Erin Viergutz scored 35 points to lead Clintonville on the offensive end. Abby King added 16 points, while Jordan Lehman had 11 and Elly Arndt tallied 10.

Viergutz also grabbed 14 rebounds and had four assists. King dished out five assists.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 52

Northland Pines 23

Wittenberg-Birnamwood cruised

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to a nonconference win over Northland Pines on Tuesday in Wittenberg.

Emma Herb led the Chargers with 27 points, while also grabbing 13 rebounds. Abi Fraaza tallied 10 points and eight rebounds.

Olivia Curley finished with five steals and four assists for Witt-Birn. Amara Schoepke also had four assists, while Kaylee Schram grabbed seven boards.

HOCKEY

Shawano 7

Team SeAL 6 (SO)

Faith Lammers delivered the game-winning goal in a shootout to give the Shawano co-op a victory over Team SeAL (Chequamegon/Phillips) on Tuesday in Chequamegon. The game was knotted at six after three periods and a scoreless overtime session.

Ryan Wegenke, Leland Jones and Lammers were successful on their shootout attempts for Shawano.

In regulation, Johnny Dillenburg led Shawano by scoring three goals. Wegenke added two goals while Andrew Puissant had one goal.

Caleb Davids made 33 saves for Shawano while defending the net. Wegenke was credited with two assists, while Puissant, Jones and Luke Alvarez all had one assist.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Friday Night Him and Hers

Team	W	L
MW Auto Body	17	4
The Farmers	16	5
Brother's Pub Too	16	5
Buss Automotive	14	7
Just Getting By	14	7
CDH	13	8
The Keglers	12	9
Lund's Corner Bar	10	11
Just 4 Fun	7	14
Brother's Pub	3	18
The Hoodlums	2	19
Cheryl's House of Style	2	19

High individual game: Eric Schuh 280, Dave Rindt 277, Brad Weisnicht 268, Diane Durkee 264, Ashley Teetzen 256, Kevin Zuleger 247, Bobby Reiter Jr. 235, Steve Renik 211, Sharon Buss 202, Cindy Hackbarth 200, Barb Grassl 186.

High individual series: Brad Weisnicht 762, Eric Schuh 744, Ashley Teetzen 671, Dave Rindt 660, Bobby Reiter Jr. 615, Joel Werner 610, Diane Durkee 607, Kevin Zuleger 601, Steve Renik 601, Sharon Buss 595, Barb Grassl 495. Lakeshore Masters

Team	W	L
Golfside	12	4
Launching Pad	12	4
Pin Pricks	11	5
SLS Construction	10 1/2	5 1/2
Full Service Tents	10 1/2	5 1/2
Torborg	9	7
Brother's	7	9
Lakeshore Lanes	5 1/2	10 1/2
Shawano Auto Sales	5 1/2	10 1/2
Farmall Fanatics	5	11
Premier Insurance	4	12
Dearco Distributors	4	12

High team game: Launching Pad 730, Golfside 716, Dearco Distributors 691, SLS Construction 686, Full Service Tents 686.

High individual game: Bill Meyer 300, Carl Malueg 287, Mark Schachtschneide 278, Dave Druckrey 268, Mark Cornish 266, Paul Huebner 266, Steve Lichtensteger 258, Bryant Rankin 257, Sean Johnson 256, Mike Cavanaugh 255.

High team series: Golfside 2,015, Launching Pad 2,005, SLS Construction 1,961, Full Service Tents 1,949.

High individual series: Mark Schachtschneide 745, Bill Meyer 721, Dave Druckrey 697, Mark

Cornish 691, Randy Stocco 687, Carl Malueg 678, John Campbell 678, Scott Nelson 671, Nick Pues 670, Bill Grosskreutz 668, Steve Lichtensteger 668.

Guys and Dolls

Team	W	L
Dream Team	90	50
Vi's Rollers	88	52
Good Times	83	57
A Team	82	58
9 Pin Tappers	77	63
Happy Old Farts	73	67
SSI's	71	69
The Aces	69	71
4 Amigos	62	78
Any Old Thing	58	82
Wannabezzzz	50	90
Slingers	37	103

High individual game (women): Mary Beth Pecore 244, Mary Beth Pecore 197, LaVerne Lucht 192, Patricia Nathan 184, Nancy Mitchell 181, Patricia Nathan 179, Patricia Nathan 176, Mary Beth Pecore 175, Dar Mosher 170.

High individual game (men): Wes Fredricks 265, Wes Fredricks 235, Charles Poling 221, Charles Poling 220, John Campbell 213, Merle Grosskoph

204, Jim Schwaller 202.

High individual series (women): Mary Beth Pecore 616, Patricia Nathan 539.

High individual series (men): Wes Fredricks 697.

Tuesday Afternoon Ladies

Team	W	L
Lisa's Floral	20	8
Spinning Wheel	18	10
Mike's Girls	16	12
Mike's Plumbing	16	12
Boettcher Tax Service	16	12
Lake Drive Solutions	15	13
Lee's Gas	14	14
Auto Gals	13	15
Lakeshore Lanes	11	17

High individual game: Karrie Dollar 225, Connie Babino 211, Marcia Wilken 209, Terri Robley 193, Vi Roloff 192, Karrie Dollar 187, Judy Reisner 185, Becky Betzner 184, Judy Reisner 181, Cheryl Pruetz 181, Terri Robley 180, Becky Betzner 177.

High individual series: Karrie Dollar 573, Terri Robley 534, Judy Reisner 532, Connie Babino 524, Vi Roloff 503, Becky Betzner 501, Cheryl Pruetz 487.

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Highway 29/U alternatives expected by March

WisDOT creating alternatives for dangerous intersection

By **DAVID WILHELMS**
Correspondent

RHINELANDER — The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) continues to investigate alternatives for rebuilding the state Highway 29 and County Road U intersection, according to Tegan Griffith, DOT region communication manager, Rhinelanders.

Griffith expected that an alternative will be presented at a public involvement meeting in early March. Final plans should be developed by November 2020, and construction is expected to begin in 2021.

The intersection is about 13.3 miles west of Shawano following Highway 29. WisDOT data from 2009 shows 1,500 vehicles per day on County Road U north of Highway 29 and 380 vehicles per day south of the highway.

The traffic count on the state highway was 9,100 per day.

"Since our public involvement meeting on Dec. 11, the valuable feedback we received and the alternatives presented continue to be evaluated to determine the most effective improvement that will sufficiently address the existing safety and operational needs of the intersection," Griffith told the Leader in an email.

At the Dec. 11 meeting, the 40 people attending a meeting hosted by the WisDOT at the Herman Town Hall favored rebuilding the intersection with wider medians and a lower slope to the east.

The preferred solution will improve driver's vision to the east by lowering the slope on both lanes. Wider medians with stop signs will encourage drivers to cross Highway 29 in two stages instead of one, according to the WisDOT presentation.

The WisDOT called the meeting to present four alternatives and start gathering public input on the intersection that Tim Hanley, WisDOT project manager, called a "top crash location."

The most recent fatality was April 2019 with at least three more recorded since 2011.

As currently configured, the intersection has 42 "conflict points" or opportunities for vehicles to collide, according to the WisDOT presentation. The goal is to reduce those conflict points, Hanley said. A special concern is right angle crashes or accidents caused by vehicles turning and being hit by another vehicle.

Right angle crashes accounted for the three fatalities cited by WisDOT in its initial study, said Ryan Jahnke, an engineer working with the WisDOT.

Hanley responded to a question about WisDOT's understanding of farming operations by saying all alternatives would be tested against "turning movements" of farm implements and semi-trucks as well as other vehicle types. Including travel trailers in the testing was suggested by an attendee.

The project's final shape will be the result of additional WisDOT study and engineering, Hanley said. There will be a second local officials' meeting

in February 2020 and a second public meeting in March 2020.

Mike Kretschmer, a WisDOT project development supervisor, stressed the \$2.5 million price tag currently assigned to the project was only calculated to get the 29-U intersection in the state project queue. The final cost will likely be far different, Kretschmer added.

The WisDOT did not present an interchange with ramps and an overpass as an alternative, although that kind of intersection has been discussed for years. When challenged on that decision, Hanley acknowledged that, if money were not a concern, then that solution would be viable. He added that the goals of reducing or eliminating severe crashes and making the intersection more usable would be met with the lower-cost alternatives shown at the meeting.

WisDOT "wanted to look at something more intermediate and not go for the 'max.' That would not be reasonable," Hanley said.

CBC hosting blood drive at ThedaCare next week

SHAWANO — The Community Blood Center (CBC), a local nonprofit organization supplying life-saving blood and platelets to hospitals in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, is hosting a blood drive

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