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Birnamwood Bowhunters conclude 2021 youth league

COVID-19 mandates included in order to run youth league

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Birnamwood Bowhunters concluded their eight-week youth league on March 11.

"This has been a good league for the kids," said Rich Olson, member of the Birnamwood Bowhunters and representative of the Wittenberg-Birnamwood school board. "It is good for the kids to get out of the house and learn about archery skills and safety."

The Birnamwood Bowhunters started in 1949. They are member funded and have received a lot of donations to make the club what it is today. The club meets once a month. The youth indoor league takes place at the Birnamwood Bowhunters club house, N9193 Trout Lane in Birnamwood.

The Birnamwood Bowhunters have placed an emphasis with the youth league on teaching children the basics of archery, as well as safety.

"This league is set up, so we can raise the next generation of ethical and responsible archers," Olson said.

The club and youth league ran into a problem this past year though with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We didn't get to attend our monthly meetings," Olson said. "We were not able to spend a lot of time with the youth either."

The club was able to work out a solution to get the youth league started again in 2021. The club enacted a signup schedule where students were able to put their names down on a time slot and come in at that scheduled time. This avoided the possibility that too many children and family members would gather at the club house at once. Rules were also set in place that everyone in the building was to wear a face mask as well as socially distance. Only three shooters were allowed to shoot at once, rather than the normal five.

"We were able to develop a sign-up sheet, where the youth and their families could come in at a time that works for them," said Olson. "It has been pretty successful, as we can get the kids practicing without having a



Seth Fisher and Logan Hanson take aim as they are being scored by Birnamwood Bowhunters' Treasurer Jeff Johanning.

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group of 20 all together waiting."

With the challenges that the pandemic presented, the members of the Birnamwood Bowhunters found a silver lining.

"Because people were scheduled to come in at different times, this gave us the opportunity to devote more time with each child and help them develop their skills individually," Olson said.

Olson believes that it is important for the youth to have access to this league because it doesn't only teach

them about safety and responsibility when handling bows, but also allows them to spend time outside of the house with each other.

"This youth league is good for the kids to get out and be active instead of staying inside and looking at a screen," he said.

The league welcomes any youth to join and learn, Olson said.

"If you don't have an interest in sports, or you don't have an interest in the fine arts, this is a place where kids can come," he said.

ONLINE

For more information on the Birnamwood Bowhunters, visit their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057569023236>

This league also teaches youth how to be respectful towards one another. In this league, not everyone is on the same level or at the same skill set, so teaching respect is a priority for Olson and the Birnamwood Bowhunters. Due to the differing skill sets and ages within the league, some of the youth have acted as mentors for each other. Olson and the club let the youth know that everyone can shoot at their own pace, rather than rush.

“People come in at different levels in their bow abilities,” Olson said. “We want the kids to go at their own pace, rather than have everyone shooting as fast as they can.”

During a normal season, the Birnamwood Bowhunters expect to see 40-50 kids involved in the league. With the pandemic this year, that number was cut down to 16. Olson hopes, as the pandemic slows and eventually ends, that more youth from the greater Wittenberg-Birnamwood area will get involved with the club.



Birnamwood Bowhunters' Vice President Brad McKay shoots arrows along with Seth Fisher and Logan Hanson.

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Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Meeting was called to order, at 7:34 pm, by Village President, William Switalla – Roll Call – Marlene Wepner – present, Renee Switalla – present, Barb Buchholz – present, William Switalla – present, Sharon Beversdorf – present, David Timm – present, and Paul Yaeger – present. Also present: Jerry and Kathy Aanonsen and Dennis Hartleben.

Buchholz/Timm m/s/c to approve the January 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

R.Switalla/Buchholz to approve the audited bills for \$88,247.60 and interim bills for \$16,318.16. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Yaeger/R.Switalla to approve the new Lemmenes Hydrometric Services contract for landfill testing for 2021-23, for the prices stated, along with raising the Town of Wittenberg's share proportionally. Roll call vote – all ayes.

W.Switalla/R.Switalla m/s/c to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Traci Matsche
 Village of Wittenberg Clerk/Treasurer

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SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 15

Deputies responded to 37 calls, including an adult drug offense on State Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; property damage on East Hazel Drive in the Town of Richmond; a recovered stolen vehicle on White Clay Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; a reckless driving call on State Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; an adult drug offense on County Road Z in Aniwa; a property theft on Angle Road in the Town of Pella.

March 14

Deputies responded to 38 calls, including a fight in progress on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a fraud call on Oriole Road in the Town of Birnamwood; property damage on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a property theft on North Lafayette Street in the Town of Wescott; a found wallet on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving calls on State Highway 29 in Wittenberg and State Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; a disturbance on Main Street in Gresham; three crashes.

March 13

Deputies responded to 58 calls, including fights in progress on First Street in Aniwa and Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a criminal damage call on North Main Street in Shawano; reckless driving calls on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg, state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott and West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a weapons offense on County Road G and Pine Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing calls on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott and Butternut Road in the Town of Herman; an automobile theft on Koo Yi Kun Lane in the Town of Bartelme.

March 12

Deputies responded to 48 calls,

including burglaries on Draeger Road in the Town of Grant and East Chic-A-Watha Circle in the Town of Wescott; a threat on North Main Street in Shawano; property thefts on Second Drive in the Town of Washington and Glenwood Court in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving calls on state Highway 29 in Bonduel, County Road BE in the Town of Hartland and County Road K in the Town of Waukechon; a child abuse call on Airport Road in the Town of Seneca; a drug problem on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; a trespassing call on Campfire Road in the Town of Waukechon; an alcohol offense on Sandy Lane and Townline Road in the Town of Navarino; one crash.

March 11

Deputies responded to 43 calls, including reckless driving calls on U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood, state Highway 29 and and County Road U in the Town of Herman, state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg and County Road B in Shawano; a trespassing call on North Lafayette Street in the Town of Wescott; a harassment call on Knoke Street in Gresham; a pursuit on State Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; two crashes.

March 10

Deputies responded to 40 calls, including a juvenile tobacco problem on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; a criminal damage call on North Airport Road in the Town of Wescott; a found license plate on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a bail jumping call on Oriole Road in the Town of Birnamwood; a burglary on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; a controlled substance problem at Boarders Inn and Suites, W7393 River Bend Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; a reckless driving call on State Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; threat complaints on Broadway Street in the Town of Richmond and Lake Drive in

the Town of Washington; a harassment on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; a burglary on West Green Bay Street in Birnamwood; three crashes, two involving deer.

March 9

Deputies responded to 39 calls, including a reckless driving call on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a property theft on Main Laney Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; a bail jumping call on Main Laney Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; a bail jumping call on Herman Street in the Town of Herman; an assault on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 15

Officers responded to 29 calls, including several criminal damage incidents on South Andrews Street and others on Lee Court, West Swan Street and South Smalley Street; property damage at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; a disturbance at the Wisconsin Inn, 216 E. Green Bay St.; a burglary at Lakeland Storage, 722 Waukechon St.; a vehicle fire at CoVantage Credit Union, 604 S. Main St.; an assault at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a fight in progress on Green Bay Court; a reckless driving call on North Main Street and East Fifth Street.

March 14

Officers responded to 20 calls, including a disturbance on West Picnic Street; an auto theft on Waukechon Street; a domestic disturbance at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a controlled substance problem on South Lafayette Street; a reckless driving call on East Green Bay Street and North Airport Road.

March 13

Officers responded to 22 calls,

including a disturbance on East Ridlington Avenue; a disabled vehicle on North Main Street and River Heights; an illegal burning on West Second Street; a controlled substance problem on South Union Street; a disturbance on East Maurer Street; an operating while intoxicated call on Waukechon and Green Bay streets; a reckless driving call on County Road K; a crash with property damage at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; a disturbance at the Four Seasons Resort, 201 N. Airport Drive.

March 12

Officers responded to 17 calls, including a threat on South Lincoln Street; a domestic disturbance on East Lieg Avenue; a hit and run at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a property damage incident on Airport Lane.

March 11

Officers responded to 36 calls, including a robbery on Sunrise Lane; criminal damage calls on South Main Street and Humphrey Circle; a found bicycle on East Fifth Street; a scam call on Briarwood Lane; a weapons offense on East Green Bay Street; a shoplifting call at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a found phone and hat on East Schurz Street.

March 10

Officers responded to 31 calls, including a sex offense on South Union Street; a threat on Waukechon Street; a harassment call on East Richmond Street; a property theft on East Randall Street; a substance abuse problem on Humphrey Circle; a disorderly conduct call on South Union Street; a robbery on Sunrise Lane.

March 9

Officers responded to 25 calls, including a threat at Brickstone Inn, 622 E. Green Bay St.; a restraining order violation on South Lafayette Street; a juvenile runaway on East Richmond Street.

COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County District Court include:

- Jolea R. Jones, 38, Wittenberg, was charged March 8 with two counts of battery or threat to judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor possessing drug paraphernalia. Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$10,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for March 15.
- Dawn L. Oshkeshequoam, 47, Green Bay, was charged March 8 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, fourth offense, bail jumping, and misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for March 15, presided over by Judge William F. Kussel Jr.
- Timothy H. Pehlke, 38, Wittenberg, was charged March 8 with possession

- of methamphetamine, a misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a signature cash bond of \$2,000 with a preliminary hearing scheduled for June 2.
- Daryl M. Court, 29, Stanley, pleaded no contest March 8 to misdemeanor disorderly conduct, misdemeanor battery, intimidate/use or attempt force and strangulation and suffocation, which was dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced him to three years and six months initial confinement and three years extended supervision.
- Danyel M. Jaskolski, 35, Appleton. A charge of resisting or obstructing an officer was dismissed on defendant's motion. A charge of possession of methamphetamine was dismissed on defendant's motion.
- Douglas T. Gauthier, 34, Shawano, pleaded guilty March 8 to two counts of bail

- jumping, with one being dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced him to 30 days in jail.
- Lawrence L. Walker III, 25, Shawano, pleaded guilty to one count of battery or threat to judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct, which was dismissed, but read into the record. Kussel sentenced him to two years initial confinement with three years of extended supervision.
- In a separate case, Walker pleaded guilty to two counts of battery by prisoner, one count of throw/expelling bodily substances, which was dismissed but read into the record and one count of throwing/discharging bodily fluid at a public safety worker or prosecutor. Kussel sentenced him to two years initial confinement plus three

- years of extended supervision.
- Todd R. Warnick, 45, Wausau, pleaded no contest March 9 to possession of methamphetamine. Sloma sentenced him to four months jail with work release.
- Bobby A. Cloud, Shawano, was charged March 9 with possession of methamphetamine. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for April 6.
- Zachary L. Vandermuss, 31, De Pere, was charged March 11 with operating a motor vehicle while revoked and bail jumping. Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,000; a resumed initial appearance was pending.
- Daniel J. Lamczyk, 35, Shawano, was charged March 11 with disorderly conduct and two counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond \$1,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for March 26.

OBITUARIES

Patricia M. Raasch

Patricia M. "Pat" Raasch, 72, of Shawano, passed away peacefully on Tuesday afternoon, March 9, 2021, at Cherry Meadows Hospice in Appleton.

Pat was born March 17, 1948, in Green Bay, a daughter of the late Walter and Marian (Kocha) Pigeon. She attended school in Green Bay, graduating from Preble High School in 1966. Following high school, Pat worked on the family farm. On June 17, 1967, she was united in marriage to Ronald Raasch at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Green Bay. The couple then moved to Shawano.

Pat stayed home to raise their children until they were school age. She then went to work at Schultz Bros., Spurgeons and Bank Mutual in Shawano, retiring in 2012. Pat is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano. She loved animals and enjoyed painting, drawing and reading. Pat was an excellent cook and baker, and she was devoted to her family.

Survivors include her loving husband of 53 years, Ronald Raasch, of Shawano; three sons, Michael (Stefanie) Raasch, of West Bend, Tim (Cindy) Raasch, of Sheboygan, and Tyler Raasch, of Shawano; two grandchildren, Hunter and Caulden



Raasch; brother-in-law, Donald Hermans, of Green Bay; sister-in-law, Geraldine Pigeon, of Green Bay; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Lori Raasch, in 2004; her brother, Jerry Pigeon; and her sister, Shirley Hermans.

A funeral service for Patricia Raasch was held Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano. Pastor Phil Bogen officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers and plants, the family prefers memorials in Pat's name.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com.



Thomas L. Lyon

Thomas L. Lyon, 80, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, died on March 8 at his home from acute myeloid leukemia and complications from his treatments.

He worked for the former Midwest Breeders Cooperative in Shawano for 35 years, retiring as CEO of Cooperative Resources International.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, children, Jeff (Karen), Melissa (Steve) Duin and Scott; and grandchildren Megan Lyon, Nick Lyon, Alyson Duin and Brayton Duin. He is further survived by his sister-in-law, Margaret (Howard) Lyon, and



numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Earl and Nellie Lyon; brothers Howard Lyon, Durward Lyon and G. Joe Lyon (Norma);

and a cousin, William Zmolek, who lived with the family while he was growing up and whom he considered a brother.

Tom's obituary can be found at the Nitardy Funeral Homes website, www.nitardyfuneralhome.com

Genevieve C. Dobratz

Genevieve C. Dobratz, 86, of Stevens Point, passed away Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, at Brookdale Senior Living in Stevens Point.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Marion is assisting her family.

Mary A. Lutzewitz

Mary A. Lutzewitz, 75, of Marion, passed away on Sunday, March 7, 2021.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Marion is assisting with the arrangements.

Larry R. Pringnitz Sr.

Larry R. Pringnitz Sr., 68, of Tigerton, passed away on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at home.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Tigerton is assisting with the arrangements.

Neva M. Schweers

Neva M. (Mae) Schweers, 92, of Stevens Point, died late Sunday evening, March 7, 2021, at Whispering Pines Assisted Living Center with her family at her side. Neva was born Feb. 11, 1929, in Tilleda. She was the daughter of the late Alvin and Eva (Maas) Zastrow. She attended local schools in Shawano. Her marriage to Robert D. Schweers took place on June 25, 1950. Her husband, Robert, preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1997. Neva enjoyed boating and camping with her family, attending antique engine shows and high school basketball games.

Survivors include her children, Tim (Lori) Schweers and Kurt (Denise) Schweers, both of Stevens Point, and Roberta Schweers of King City, California; her grandchildren, Heidi (Lorin) Lau, Randy Schweers, Valerie

Schweers, Kristopher (Ariel) Schweers, Tyler Schweers and A.J. (Jessica) Napiwocki; and her great-grandchildren, Josh, Brent, Olivia, Ana, Serenity, Briar, Felix, Carter, Reed and Kelsey.

Private family services were held at the Pisarski Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Susan Gilbert Zencka officiating. Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.pisarskifuneralhome.com. The Pisarski Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Portage County K-9 unit would be appreciated.

Neva's family would like to thank the staff at The Lodge of Whispering Pines, and to Heartland Hospice for their compassionate care shown to us.

Ila M. Grunewald

Ila M. Grunewald, 92, of Clintonville, passed away surrounded by her family on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at Aster Assisted Living in Clintonville.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Clintonville is assisting with the arrangements.

Arlene A. Schultz

Arlene A. Schultz, 86, of the Town of Larrabee, passed away Thursday, March 11, 2021, at Care Partner's Assisted Living in Clintonville.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting her family.

Matthew L. Schley

Matthew L. Schley, 70, of the Town of Bear Creek, passed away on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at his home.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville has been entrusted with the arrangements.

High school alum give to historical society



The Shawano High School Class of 1952, represented by Shirley Krueger, left, and Joan Wohler, presented a donation of \$164.91 to Jesse Borlen, curator at the Shawano County Historical Society.

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Grandma's Kitchen open in Birnamwood

Bobbi Wanta buys Linda's Town and Country Bakery, renames it

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Under new ownership, Linda's Town and Country Bakery has been renamed Grandma's Kitchen.

On Jan. 7, Bobbi Wanta, who had previously served as the kitchen manager at Maple Hills Golf Course in Wittenberg, bought the bakery at 404 Main St., Birnamwood. She said she bought it with the intention of running her own bakery. Wanta was looking for a change in her life and decided that opening and running a bakery sounded inviting to her.

"I wanted a change in my life, so I looked at opening the bakery," Wanta said.

Linda's Town and Country Bakery had been in operation for 32 years when the previous owner decided to retire. This presented an opportunity for Wanta to run her own bakery.

"Living in the area, I knew that Linda was going to retire, so I got in touch with her about buying the place," Wanta said.

She hopes to maintain a similar atmosphere that Linda's had. The recipes used at Grandma's Kitchen are the exact same as the ones that Linda's Town and Country Bakery used. Wanta and her employees bake all of the products in the kitchen towards the back of the shop. All of the products are made fresh, with nothing being frozen beforehand. With the same recipes and products, Grandma's Kitchen has also incorporated more items on to the menu.

"All of our recipes are the same as before, but we have expanded our menu, adding new types of bread," Wanta said.

Grandma's Kitchen features many different styles of bread including white, wheat, rye, French, Italian, Vienna, raisin, cinnamon, apple fritter and cream.

Along with the new bread, Grandma's Kitchen sells donuts, fry cakes, turnovers, croissants, cream puffs, eclairs, apple pie and cookies. Many of the cookies are theme-based on the time of year. The cookies that are currently out have green sprinkles in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

"When people come in, I have noticed that they often buy donuts," Wanta said. "Those are probably our



Bobbi Wanta, the owner of Grandma's Kitchen, standing next to the donuts.

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best-selling items."

Along with the new additions to the menu, Wanta also upgraded the interior of the building.

"The things that we kept from Linda's Town and Country Bakery, were the showcases in front; otherwise, we built all of the shelves ourselves," she said.

With her expertise in other realms, Wanta mentioned that the transition to owning a business that she does not have a lot of experience in can be restless at times.

"The first couple months have been a little hectic," Wanta said. "But we have been seeing a lot community support, with people coming in and buying our products."

Since Linda's Town and Country Bakery has been a part of the Birnamwood community for so long, support has been plentiful for Grandma's Kitchen. In addition to local support, visitors have come from around Wisconsin.

"I have met people who have come in from outside of the community," Wanta said. "People have come in from as far out as Green Bay, Eagle River, Plover and Rhinelander."

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Wanta hasn't noticed any situations that have limited her business.

"We haven't had that many problems with the pandemic. People are still coming in every day and buying donuts and bread," Wanta said.



Grandma's Kitchen is located at 404 Main St. in Birnamwood.

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Products are displayed on shelves that were built by Wanta and employees. LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA

Wanta and her employees still abide by the COVID-19 mandates, with employees wearing masks and placing hand sanitizer on the showcases.

With the amount of people com-

ing in daily, business is expected to pick up even more when the weather warms up and when the pandemic eventually slows down and ends, she said.

Shawano Pathways receives AARP grant

Organization plans to build GRACE trails with \$1,000

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Shawano Pathways plans to construct two GRACE trails with a \$1,000 grant from the Wisconsin AARP Small Dollar, Big Impact fund.

Matty Mathison, a Shawano resident and a part of the Shawano Pathways board, helped to develop this plan, as well as sent the application in to build these GRACE (Grateful, Release, Accept, Challenge, Embrace) trails and receive the grant.

Building these trails will add to the already established biking and walking landscape in Shawano county.

Mathison said that the COVID-19 pandemic effected the community considerably, with people losing loved ones and feeling isolated. Mathison hopes that the trails will help those who need to take their mind off of the unfortunate events that have happened during the pandemic.

"Everyone lost a lot during the pandemic. I think that the public can use these trails like free therapy," said Mathison.

The trails will be located along the Mountain Bay Trail, right by Sturgeon Park in Shawano and at the



One of the trails will run by Alpine Shores Park in Shawano.

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Alpine Shores Park, in the northern part of Shawano, just east of Main Street.

When arriving at the trail, visitors will see kiosks. These kiosks provide information on what GRACE is. Detailed on the kiosks is a map of the trail as well. When traveling down the trail, five stations standing for each letter of GRACE will be present. This will give the walkers an opportunity to stop and reflect on what that letter of GRACE means to them.

Mathison hopes that as people start to understand the significance of the trails, that they will be more

inclined to use them for personal growth.

"I think that some people will be skeptical about the trails at first because they won't understand the premise of them," said Mathison.

Mathison hopes that even if people are using the trails just to walk, that they will take a notice of the GRACE theme.

"People don't need to answer the questions, but I think that they will subliminally think about what GRACE means when they are walking down the trails," said Mathison. "This will give them a chance to get some clarity in their life."

Mathison noted that Wisconsin residents are very resilient due to the adversity they face, like handling cold winters. This resiliency has been exemplified with the struggles that people have had within the last year.

"Because of the adversity that people have faced during the pandemic, I hope that these trails can help people get away, step out of real-life, recover and think about themselves and their situations," said Mathison.

Mathison expressed her gratitude towards a 7-year-old who donated \$150 to the construction of the trails.

"How about that donation from that 7-year-old girl? That was incredible," said Mathison.

The Wisconsin AARP Small Dollar, Big Impact program is giving out a \$1,000 grant every month to projects that are strengthening communities, all around Wisconsin.

Shawano Pathways will feature a section on its website, shawanopathways.org, detailing the specifics of the trail and the GRACE meaning.

"Volunteers are also welcome to help construct the trails as well as kiosks on the trail," said Mathison. "Donors will also have the option to purchase shrubs, benches, rocks and kiosks to memorialize a friend or relative. These trail objects will have a plaque memorializing the person or people of the donor's choice."

The information for purchasing an object for the trail will be on Shawano Pathways' website as well.



One of the GRACE trails that Shawano Pathways plans to build with a \$1,000 AARP grant will run along Mountain Bay Trail near Sturgeon Park in Shawano.

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Bonduel School District seeks \$12.5M referendum

Voters will be asked to renovate current schools, add gym

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A \$12.5 million referendum for the Bonduel School District will be on the ballot in the upcoming April 6 election.

The bonds are being sought in order to make repairs and improvements to the Bonduel public schools, according to Superintendent Joe Dawidziak. Miron Construction and Blue Design Architects ran a facilities assessment of the schools to help narrow down the needs of the schools, rather than the wants.

This list included classroom renovations, a two-station gymnasium and locker room addition, heating, air conditioning and building envelope improvements. Also on the list was securing entrances to the junior/senior high school and elementary school. On the west side of the school, the plan includes a new entrance with a canopy and new sign.

Securing the main entry way of the elementary school is a point that the school board wants to address.

"We buzz you into the building, but

once you are in the building, we hope you go the office, but if you don't, you have free reign," Dawidziak said. "That is a big concern from a safety standpoint."

The plan also includes replacing exterior doors at the elementary school.

In the high school, the renovations in the classrooms will be centered on windows, doors, tiles, cabinetry, and paint. Some of these pieces of the classrooms have been in the school since the 1950s.

The only construction that would need to take place is to construct a new two-court gymnasium and locker room addition.

"Our current gym facilities get used all day and all night, all year," said Dawidziak.

Adding a new gym would help to resolve scheduling issues that have been noticed in the past. With how many people use the current gym, taxpayers are turned away from using the facility.

Dawidziak and the school board hope that the gym could be used for things outside of athletics as well, in-

cluding a space for ACT and standardized testing. Craft fairs, opening the gym up for walking and moving fitness center classes into the space have also been discussed as potential events for the gym to accommodate. With a new gym, the current gym would also be remodeled, including new flooring, bleachers, scoreboards, backboards and paint.

There are also plans to make upgrades to follow along with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

If the referendum is approved, then the tax impact on property owners would be 16 cents for \$1,000 of equalized property value. This comes out to \$16 for a property worth \$100,000.

"Typically I think that referendums that exceed a dollar impact in the mill rate; those referendums typically don't pass," Dawidziak said. "Referendums that are under a dollar, those typically do pass. This referendum is 16 cents."

Staff and community input was taken into consideration when developing a plan for improvements around the schools. A survey was sent out to the community. The survey received 435 responses, with 59 of them being staff. About 75% of the responses were in favor of supporting the plan.

"We were told at the beginning

that if we got 55% back favorable that would be good, so 75% is very good," said Dawidziak.

The school board planned to introduce the referendum in November, but with the financial restrictions due to COVID-19 and the state of the economy, the school board felt it more appropriate to go in April.

Taking a look at other school districts, many of them went along with larger referendums in November. This gave Dawidziak and the rest of the school board a helpful idea on when to introduce the Bonduel referendum.

"A lot of other districts in the state of Wisconsin still went ahead with their referendums in November," said Dawidziak. "Some of them were a lot larger dollar amounts than what we are talking about, and those referendums passed at an 85% clip."

A rough project timeline would include construction and renovations to start in late 2021 and finish in 2023.

The school board is hosting one more informational meeting that will be held at 6 p.m. March 22 in the Bonduel High School commons, 400 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel. Links will also be published to the school's website to join the meeting online. Past informational meetings are posted on the district's YouTube Channel.

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Meeting was called to order, at 7:34 pm, by Village President, William Switalla – Roll Call – Marlene Wepner – present, Renee Switalla – present, Barb Buchholz – present, William Switalla – present, Sharon Beversdorf – present, David Timm – present, and Paul Yaeger – present. Also present: Jerry and Kathy Aanonsen and Dennis Hartleben.

Buchholz/Timm m/s/c to approve the January 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

R.Switalla/Buchholz to approve the audited bills for \$88,247.60 and interim bills for \$16,318.16. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Yaeger/R.Switalla to approve the new Lemmenes Hydrometric Services contract for landfill testing for 2021-23, for the prices stated, along with raising the Town of Wittenberg's share proportionally. Roll call vote – all ayes.

W.Switalla/R.Switalla m/s/c to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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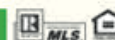
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Final strategic plan for school district approved

Grams votes against the document, claiming planned
surveys listed in the plan amount to racial profiling

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano School District's strategic plan was up for approval on the Shawano School Board's consent agenda March 15, but one board member was not willing to let it pass without discussion, expressing concerns about surveys he claimed were a form of racial profiling.

Consent agendas allow elected officials to pass routine items like expense reports and meeting minutes in one motion, usually done without discussion, without having to vote on each individual item. Board member Mart Grams, who ultimately cast the lone vote against the strategic plan, asked that it be taken off the consent agenda for further scrutiny.

Grams said he had a problem with the plan proceeding because nothing had changed in spite of numerous changes he recommended. He also cited that the "zillions of typos" he'd pointed out had not been corrected in the final draft presented to the board.

"Nothing has changed in any of it," Grams said. "I went through it yesterday, and there are still things we need to look at."

One of the issues he had was with using a school climate survey crafted by Panorama Education, a research organization based in Boston, Massachusetts, that helps schools to gather information through surveys and other tools. Grams said the surveys amount to racial profiling.

"Which kids are racists? They get a score if they're nice kids," Grams said. "Who approved that? I mean, that's pretty hardcore if you look at it."

Grams noted some of the questions ask if students hang out with people who are not their color, hang out with people of other races and other questions.

"Then they get a score based on that," Grams said. "What kind of



MART GRAMS

stuff are we doing here? That's not our job to be scoring kids on how nice they are or how, what do you want to call it, racially accepting they are."

Grams noted he found similar

wording in surveys from BrightBytes, a data company based in San Francisco, and noted the company claims that "America is inherently racist."

"These are things that have to be looked at," Grams said.

Board member Chuck Dallas countered that the opinions were Grams' alone and claimed they were not shared by the district or the board.

"These are not the opinions of the other board members who have studied the material," Dallas said. "I don't see that same information."

Grams offered to send the information to Dallas, noting he'd downloaded it from the companies' websites.

Board president Tyler Schmidt pointed out that the plan had been brought before the board numerous times, including a work session one week earlier.

Grams persisted in his view that it wasn't the district's responsibility to make sure its students were tolerant of people from different races and colors. He noted the surveys not only score the students on their social and racial awareness, they give a score to the schools, as well.

"Are we here to change students' personalities, etc.?" Grams said.

"That's not our gig. I thought we were here to educate children, not turn them into social activists. Then again, I'm only one vote. I'm just telling you what I read and saw."

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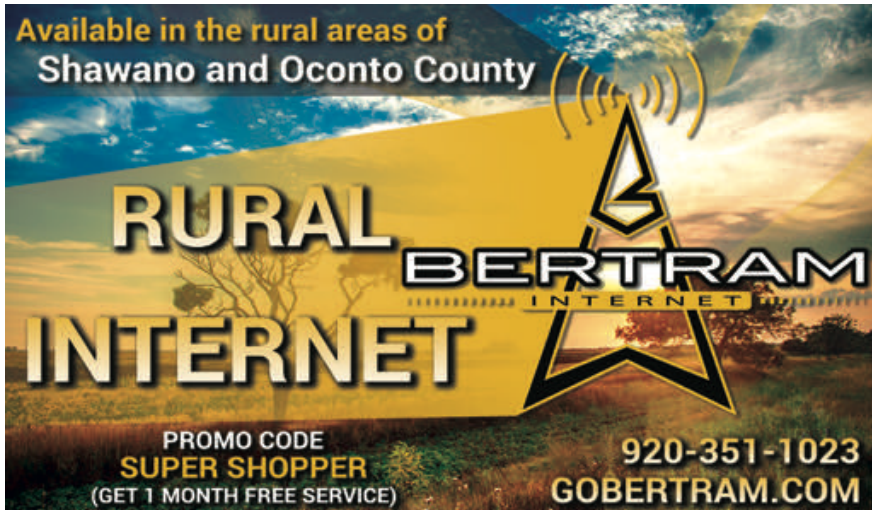
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COLLEGE NOTES

Northcentral Technical College

Northcentral Technical College has announced the following students were awarded diplomas during the December 2020 term: Jacquelyn Bell, Birnamwood; Mikayla Bullman, Birnamwood; Kaine Bernarde, Birnamwood; Maynard Blodgett, Birnamwood; Matthew Kratzke, Wittenberg; Dakota Marien, Birnamwood; and Andrew Stoinski, Wittenberg.

UW-La Crosse

Kalei Groshek, Eland, was among the December 2020 graduates from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Groshek earned a Bachelor of Science in middle childhood through early adolescence education, graduating with honors.

UW-Oshkosh

More than 1,000 University of

Wisconsin-Oshkosh students received diplomas in December during the university's 56th Midyear Commencement.

Cody Kreitzer, Wittenberg, earned a bachelor's degree in project

management from the university's College of Business.

Jared Rickert, Birnamwood, earned a bachelor's degree in finance from the College of Business.

BIRTHS

A boy, born March 5 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital to Marvin and Erin Meronk of Rosholt.

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Marnie Osterbrink, Clerk
Village of Eland

Minutes for Public Hearing Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Public Hearing called to order at 6:00 PM by William Switalla – Village President – Present were: Marlene Wepner, Renee Switalla, Barb Buchholz, Bill Switalla, Sharon Beversdorf, Dave Timm and Paul Yaeger. Also present were: Scott Nyman, Jeff & Pam Suehring, Josh Suehring, Peggy Emmel, Dennis Hartleben, David Wilhelm, Robert Coxen, Jerry & Kathy Aanonsen, Joel Yaeger, Shannon Blakley, Tim Strasser and Abby Maslanka and Mary Jo Miller, our engineers from Martenson & Eisele

Mary Jo Miller and Abby Maslanka went through the preliminary drawings and plans for the proposed Genesee and Grand Ave. sidewalk project, and then opened it up for discussion.

Several topics were raised, regarding the project, such as: necessity of a sidewalk on the East side of Genesee, whether crosswalks would be sufficient, placement of the sidewalk, interference of existing telephone poles, the possible need for retaining walls, the cost of the project, the moving of the Banner Bank/Gwidt Pharmacy sign, the responsibility for shoveling snow off the sidewalks, the possibility of a grant for this project and the safety of kids/families walking up Genesee to one of our restaurants, or down Grand to Hanke's without a sidewalk.

W.Switalla/Buchholz m/s/c to adjourn at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Matsche
Village Clerk/Treasurer

WNAXLP

Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Meeting was called to order, at 6:00 pm, by Village President, William Switalla – Roll Call – Marlene Wepner – absent, Renee Switalla – present, Barb Buchholz – present, William Switalla – present, Sharon Beversdorf – present, David Timm – present, and Paul Yaeger – absent. Also present: Shannon Inderdahl, Charity Fraaza, Cassie and Frank Wierzb, Dominic Anderson and Mindy Harruff.

Buchholz/Beversdorf m/s/c to approve the February 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes and the February 2, 2021 public hearing minutes.

W.Switalla/Beversdorf m/s/c to deviate from the agenda as needed.

Discussion was held with the coaching staff for the summer rec program. Upkeep needed for the ball fields was discussed along with scheduling and staffing.

W.Switalla/R.Switalla to approve a variance for 511 S. Webb Street to allow a residence on the lower level. Roll call vote – all ayes.

R.Switalla/Buchholz to approve the audited bills for \$12,414.45 and interim bills for \$266,516.30. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Timm/W.Switalla to approve committing up to \$10,000 toward the Shawano County Economic Progress, Inc. housing survey. Roll call vote – all ayes.

R.Switalla/Buchholz m/s/c to adjourn at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Matsche
Village of Wittenberg Clerk/Treasurer

WNAXLP

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Board of Education Meeting March 2021

March 22, 2021

5:00 P.M. - Option Site Visit to School Street Bus

5:40 P.M. - Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

6:00 P.M. – Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

AGENDA

- I. Meeting called to order, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).
- II. Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of February 15, 2021, Regular Meeting as circulated.
- IV. Communications and Delegations
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Board Concerns or Reports
Student Representative
- VII. Financial Report
- VIII. Approve the Agenda
 - I. The Board may adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1) for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matters and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.
 - II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.
- IX. Administrative Reports
- X. Old Business
 - A. Approve 2021-2022 School Calendar
- XI. New Business
 - A. Discussion of Sports Complex
 - B. First Reading Volume 30 1 Policy Update
 - C. Approve Summer Custodial Staffing Hires
 - D. Approve 2021-2022 Staffing/Transfers
 - E. Approve Technology Purchase
 - F. Approve Co-Curricular Code Revisions
 - G. Approve Food Service Resignation
 - H. Approve Coach Resignation
 - I. Approve Coach Hire
 - J. Approve Hockey Co-op
 - K. Select Board of Canvassers for April Election Results
- XII. Adjournment

WNAXLP



Jim Starks, grand marshal for the Mooseyard St. Patrick's Day parade, waves to onlookers as his float passes by near the beginning of the parade. There were plenty of people donning green for the annual event.

Mooseyard goes green for St. Patty's Day



A naughty leprechaun provided a good scare to parade-goers March 13 during the Mooseyard St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Town of Wescott.



A parade watcher chases after the entry from the Coachlight Bar and Grill, begging for some goodies. Although candy was the main treat handed out by various parade entries, there were occasional Jell-O shots and other items for adults, as well.

PHOTOS BY LEE PULASKI • CITY EDITOR



Leprechauns walk along Lake Drive on March 13 for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade, which lasted more than a half-hour and featured almost 30 entries.



It's unclear whether shenanigans were going on aboard this float from Just Moose'n Around, despite one of the passengers wearing a shirt that said "Queen of Shenanigans." What was clear was that many were having a wonderful time during the Mooseyard St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13.



The Mooseyard is a beloved segment of the Town of Wescott. Some parade entries — like this vehicle from Classic's Restaurant and Lounge — minimized the green and focused on the moose part of the event.



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Aspirus issues updated visitor guidelines

Aspirus Health recently updated its visitor guidelines at its locations across Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

The new guidelines ease restrictions to allow one dedicated visitor or support person for the duration of a patient's visit or stay.

This applies across all patient care settings with the following exceptions:

- Compassionate care – Exceptions can be made to allow additional visitors at the discretion of the care team during end-of-life, labor and delivery, and disability situations.
- Pediatric patients – Two primary adult support persons per patient are allowed in inpatient, surgical and clinic settings. Patient siblings are not allowed.
- COVID-19 patients – Visitors not permitted with exceptions considered for pediatric patients and end-of-life situations.
- Assisted living facilities/nursing homes – Aspirus locations will

follow the state regulations for visitation. Visitors and families are advised to call the facility directly to discuss.

All approved visitors will be required to wear a facemask, socially distance and be screened upon entering Aspirus facilities.

The updated guidelines reflect the sustained decrease of COVID-19 activity in the region. Aspirus will continually monitor COVID-19 activity, vaccination rates and the latest guidance from public health for any future considerations related to visitors.

Aspirus appreciates the continued cooperation of its visitors, patients, associates and providers to support infection control efforts and help minimize the spread of respiratory infections and COVID-19. All community members are also encouraged to follow safety recommendations, including wearing a mask, physical distancing and staying home when ill.

NTC honor society recognized for growing membership

Northcentral Technical College has announced that its Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's chapter, Beta Rho Zeta, has been recognized nationally for adding student members in 2020.

The recognition is part of PTK's REACH Rewards program, which celebrates and rewards Phi Theta Kappa chapters excelling in membership development. More than 112,500 students across the world became PTK members in 2020.

"We're excited to welcome all of our new members and are appreciative they see the value in accepting membership in Phi Theta Kappa, even in these unprecedented times," said Shawn Sullivan, director of student development. "We look forward to seeing them develop their leadership skills through their active participation in chapter activities."

"Being a REACH chapter is more important this year than ever before as Phi Theta Kappa worked to support community college students in completely unfamiliar circumstances," PTK President and CEO Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner said. "Racial and

political unrest and a global pandemic made 2020 the most challenging year in recent history — one that our students, chapters, and partner colleges worked exceptionally hard to overcome. Although this is a chapter award, it demonstrates that students are more focused on their futures than ever before, and their colleges are providing the opportunities to get them there — even amid a global pandemic."

A full 91 percent of Phi Theta Kappa members will complete an associate degree or transfer to a four-year college, compared to just 38 percent of students nationally. Members have access to \$48 million in scholarships — \$1 million in competitive scholarships through the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation and more than \$46 million in transfer scholarships to over 850 four-year colleges.

The 2021 REACH Chapters will be rewarded with free graduation stoles for their members.

With a main campus in Wausau, NTC operates regional campuses in five other locations, including Wittenberg.

Shawano council OKs \$4.6M in borrowing

Money will pay for capital improvement, tax increment district projects

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano Common Council approved \$4.6 million in borrowing on March 10 to accommodate capital improvement projects and projects taking place in the tax increment districts.

The general obligation promissory notes that will finance the city's borrowing are being sold to Robert W. Baird and Co., headquartered in Milwaukee. Brad Viegut, a spokesman for the company, noted that this is a very good time for the city to be borrowing because of low interest rates — Shawano is expected to pay a 1.24% interest rate on the \$4.6 million.

Viegut noted that the interest rate was only 0.09% higher than when it was first proposed to the city in February.

"That was just a function of market movement," Viegut said.

The city has an A-plus rating through Standard and Poor's, which Viegut noted was a good place for Shawano to be, but the city could take other actions to get an even higher rating, like AA-minus.

One of those actions recommended was to formalize its accounting and bidding procedures. The council also approved an ordinance that took what the city had been working under via unwritten rules and made them permanent, cemented procedures.

Viegut said there was also a rec-

ommendation to increase the city's reserve funds. He noted the city is already taking steps to make that happen.

"You're on a trend where, when we come back in 2023 for your next financing, you might have a strong argument for Standard and Poor's to get to that next rating," Viegut said. "The higher the bond rating, the lower the interest rates that the city will pay on the debt."

The funds will be sent to the city on April 1 and repaid over a 10-year period, according to Viegut. He is recommending that the city also considering future borrowings of \$3.6 million every other year to accommodate future projects.

"We've got a plan developed where your long-term debt payments are going to level off, even with semi-annual financing of \$3.6 million," Viegut said. "The city is on a really good track here in terms of its debt management."

Acting Mayor Rhonda Strebel praised the city staff and administration for the steps being taken to allow for responsible borrowing that manages to keep the city's repayment costs down.

"Over the last few years, there have really been some substantial changes to the financial structure for the city, and it's really showing up in a lot of ways," Strebel said.

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Menominee Tribe relinquishes naming rights to arena in Oshkosh

The enterprises of the Menominee Indian Tribe — Menominee Casino Resort and Menominee Tribal Enterprises have decided to not continue the naming rights agreement, with Fox Valley Pro Basketball, owner and operator of the Menominee Nation Arena in Oshkosh.

As of April, the tribe will no longer have the naming rights to the arena. This recent year has required many adjustments and modifications

of how tribal businesses operate, according to a tribal press release. Menominee Casino Resort and Menominee Tribal Enterprises have made the decision to step back from their partnership with the arena and focus on their primary operations.

The gaming and wood products enterprises entered into a naming rights agreement for the Menominee Nation Arena in 2017, when the arena first opened.

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Clintonville police arrest man following standoff

A standoff with a man in Clintonville ended without incident, and charges could be forthcoming this week.

The Clintonville Police Department received a phone call at 4:06 p.m. on March 15 from a person who resides in the 100 block of Lincoln Avenue, according to Police Chief Freitag. The frantic caller reported there was someone inside who was throwing and breaking things, noting there was blood in the residence and children were present.

Officers arrived at the location and heard yelling from inside the residence, according to Freitag, and blood was found inside. Two children were immediately taken from the house safely, Freitag said.

Officers encountered a man on the stairs who was bleeding and had armed himself with broken glass. Freitag said the man then proceeded upstairs. The man allegedly told of-

ficers he had a gun and was going to shoot them.

Freitag said the man stayed in contact with officers but refused to obey orders. Law enforcement was unable to confirm if the man had other weapons, he said.

The man and a woman surrendered to the police shortly after the Waupaca County SWAT team arrived on scene.

The male subject was booked into jail for a parole warrant. Once reports are completed there will be additional charges regarding this incident. Freitag did not report any charges for the woman.

The Clintonville Police Department was assisted by the Marion Police Department, Waupaca County Sheriff's Office, Waupaca County SWAT, Clintonville Fire Department, Clintonville Area EMS, and Waupaca County Health and Human Services.

Bonduel schools offering in-person summer program

This summer, the Bonduel School District will offer all students, free of charge, an academic approach to learning at its 2021 summer school.

The summer school will run five days per week from 8 a.m. to noon beginning June 14 and concluding July 16. There will be no school July 2-5, and summer school sessions will be held in person.

Bonduel's summer program will provide an opportunity for students to experience academics and activities during the summer months. This will give students the chance to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge and prepare for the school year ahead. The educational goals are comprised of courses with hands-on instruction centered in language arts, math, social studies, science,

technology, fitness and life skills. The summer school will also offer courses for hands-on exploration and discovery. Courses will include high-interest activities that will engage students in fun ways.

Free breakfast and lunch will be provided to all children ages 18 and under.

Students in junior high and high school can sign up for a variety of sports camps, fitness center and conditioning, and FFA programming.

There is a summer agriculture camp for students currently in third through seventh that will be held the week after summer school.

Contact the Bonduel Elementary School office at 715-758-4850, ext. 818, for information or visit the school website at <https://www.bonduel.k12.wi.us/district/summer-school.cfm>.

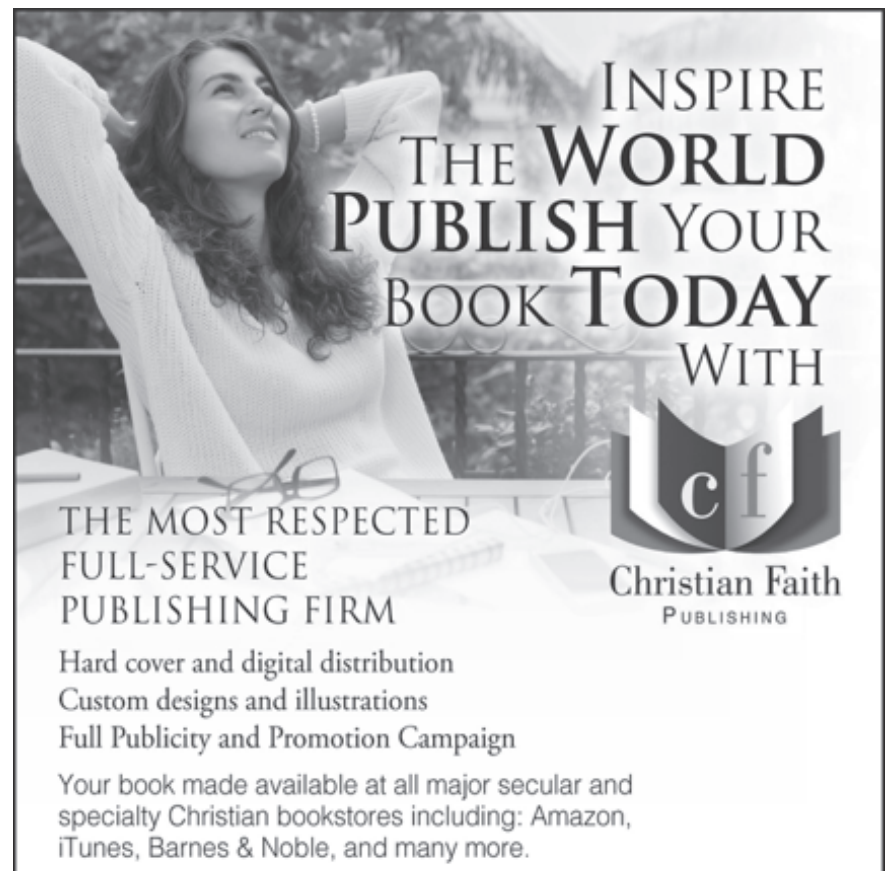


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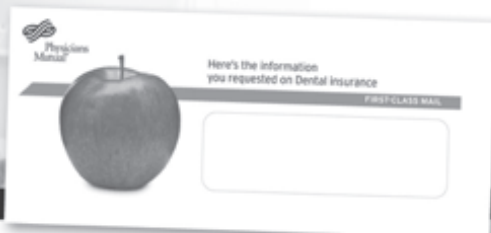
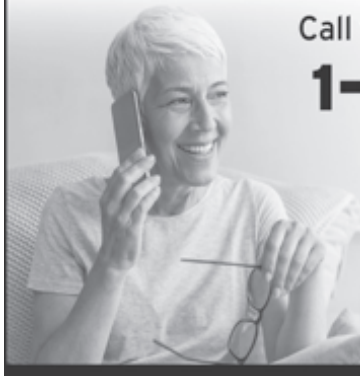
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Sports Editor

Tigerton High School senior Savannah Swartz capped her girls high school basketball career by being named to the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division first team.

"I'm super grateful to be named to the first team," said Swartz. "This season has been like no other, and we didn't get the chance to play many games. I felt a little off I guess this whole season and didn't expect to end up this successful in the end."

Swartz averaged a double-double in conference play this winter, scoring 10.4 points and grabbing 10.9 rebounds per contest.

She also averaged 1.9 steals and 1.8 blocks per CWC-North contest.

"I definitely won't forget this season because of COVID, but I won't forget how much fun I had with the team," Swartz said. "We had a lot of laughs, triumphs, failures, and pizza together. We all became so close, and I definitely cried more because I'm leaving these girls, then the fact that I will never play basketball again."

Tigerton's other all-conference selection was senior Adrienne Brady, who landed on the second team.

Brady led the team in points per game (11.7) in conference action. She also averaged 3 rebounds, 4.6 steals and 2.5 assists per game.

"It was an honor to be recognized by the other coaches in the conferences for my play this season," said Brady. "It was like an award for all the hard work and practice that I have put into basketball for the last seven years."

Behind Swartz and Brady, Tigerton went 4-6 in CWC-North play, good enough for fourth in the conference.

Gresham (8-2), Northland Lutheran and Manawa (7-2 each) all tied for the conference title. Northland Lutheran's Brooke Neumann and Gresham's Valarie Cervený shared the Player of the Year honor while Gresham's Newell Haffner was the Coach of the Year.



Tigerton's Savannah Swartz, left, prepares to take a shot during a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division clash against Bowler on Jan. 14 in Tigerton. Swartz made the all-conference first team in her senior season.

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Bowler's Tynea Johnson looks for a teammate to pass to during a CWC-North matchup against Tigerton on Jan. 14 in Tigerton. Johnson was one of three Bowler players to earn honorable mention status in the CWC-North.

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Bowler

Three Bowler players were named to the honorable mention all-conference list after the Panthers went 2-7 in conference play.



Tigerton's Adrienne Brady sets up to take a 3-pointer during a CWC-North matchup against Bowler on Jan. 14 in Tigerton. Brady landed on the all-conference second team to cap her high school career.

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Senior Tynea Johnson, junior Abigail Chamberlain and sophomore Brandi Spencer were the Panthers recognized.

Johnson finished with averages of

5.8 points, 4.4 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.5 in conference play.

Chamberlain averaged 4.4 points, 4.9 rebounds and 2.2 steals.

"It means a lot to me. It means I've clearly improved and all my hard work is paying off," said Chamberlain on the all-conference honor.

"This honor with motivate me to keep going no matter how hard it gets with the upcoming season. It'll motivate me to get better and hope to get all-conference next year."

Spencer ended CWC-North play with averages of 7.4 points, 3.6 rebounds, 2.4 steals and 1.8 assists per contest.

"As a sophomore I was surprised and honored," said Spencer of the recognition. "It is an unexpected achievement for my sports career. Without my coaches and teammates pushing me this would not have been possible. Even though we had a small team I still got the support and gave it my all throughout the whole season."

PRO FOOTBALL

Running back Aaron Jones staying with Packers on 4-year, \$48 million deal

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
The Associated Press

Pro Bowl running back Aaron Jones has agreed to a new deal with the Green Bay Packers and won't be exploring free agency.

Drew Rosenhaus, Jones' agent, confirmed that his client had agreed on a four-year deal worth \$48 million that includes a \$13 million signing bonus on March 14.

"We anticipated bigger offers in free agency, but Aaron wanted to stay with the Packers," Rosenhaus said via email.

ESPN and NFL Network first reported the terms.

Jones tweeted a picture of himself in a Packers uniform with the message "Let's run it back #Go-PackGo" on Sunday. Rosenhaus sent out a tweet congratulating Jones on his new deal.

The move removes one of the biggest names from the market at the start of a week in which NFL teams can begin negotiating with free agents. The Packers faced the

possibility of having both of their top two running backs — Jones and Jamaal Williams — leaving via free agency in the same offseason.

Green Bay instead will have Jones back to lead a rushing attack that also will feature A.J. Dillon, a 2020 second-round pick from Boston College, even if Williams heads elsewhere.

Jones, 26, rushed for 1,104 yards and nine touchdowns and also caught 47 passes for 355 yards and two touchdowns last season. That came after a 2019 season in which he had 16 touchdown runs and three touchdown catches.

Jones and Jim Brown are the only players in NFL history to rush for at least 3,000 yards and 35 touchdowns while averaging at least 5 yards per carry over their first four seasons. The 2017 fifth-round pick from UTEP is one of only three players to rush for at least 2,000 yards and 25 touchdowns over the past two seasons, joining Tennessee's Derrick Henry and Minnesota's Dalvin Cook.



Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones runs with the ball during a NFC Divisional Round playoff game against the Los Angeles Rams on Jan. 16 in Green Bay. Jones re-signed with the Packers on March 14.

JEFFREY PHELPS | THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WIAA executive director search narrowed to 4 candidates

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control has identified four candidates for the executive director position, replacing Dave Anderson, who announced his retirement in December, effective July 30.

The four candidates remaining

in the pool include two members of the current executive staff and two individuals who have experience on the association's Board of Control.

The two staff candidates are Deputy Director Wade Labecki and Assistant Director Stephanie Hauser.

The two individuals with board experience are Scott Winch, superintendent at Stratford, and Luke Francois, the superintendent/business manager at Waterford Union.

Second interviews with each of the candidates are scheduled to be conducted on April 15 with inten-

tions of introducing the next executive director at the annual meeting May 26.

A portion of the interview with each candidate will be videorecorded and available for viewing on the WIAA website.



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Tigerton's Elizabeth Robbins, left, reaches out to hit the ball as teammates Savannah Swartz, center, and Skyler Hauser look on during an alternate fall volleyball season match against Gresham on March 9 in Tigerton.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

VOLLEYBALL

Tigerton 3

Bowler 0

Tigerton rallied past Bowler in an alternate fall volleyball season match on March 11 in Tigerton. The Tigers won by scores of 18-25, 25-17, 25-18, 25-23.

Savannah Swartz led Tigerton with 17 kills, 14 digs and eight service points, while Ladia Block had 12 kills, 19 digs and eight service points. Adrienne Brady finished with 20 assists for the Tigers, with Elizabeth Robbins tallying 12 assists

ONLINE

For video highlights from the Tigerton, Gresham match on March 9, visit www.newmedia-wi.com.

and eight service points.

Skyler Hauser tallied 11 service points, 10 kills, three blocks and three aces for Tigerton. Abby Swartz recorded 13 service points and six aces.

Bowler's McKayla Putnam totaled 11 kills, 12 digs and 10 assists, while Morgan Paiser added four kills and five digs. Bertina Dodge recorded four kills and eight digs, and Brandi Spencer chipped in 12 assists, six digs and six aces. Tia Kroening and Tynea Johnson were

credited with 13 and 10 digs, respectively.

Bowler 3

Elcho 0

Bowler earned its second win after sweeping Elcho on March 9 in Bowler. The Panthers won by scores of 25-13, 25-22, 25-21.

Tynea Johnson posted seven kills and 11 digs to guide Bowler to victory, while McKayla Putnam added five kills, 14 assists, four aces and five digs. Tia Kroening finished the match with four kills, four digs and four aces.

Brandi Spencer tallied nine assists and seven digs for the Panthers. Bertina Dodge and Isabella Stevens re-

corded 10 and seven digs, respectively.

Gresham 3

Tigerton 0

Gresham swept Tigerton on March 9 in Tigerton, winning by scores of 25-21, 25-15, 26-24.

Savannah Swartz led Tigerton by tallying 15 kills, 17 digs, seven service points and four aces. Elizabeth Robbins was credited with eight service points and seven assists, while Adrienne Brady chipped in nine assists.

Tigerton's Ladia Block finished with a team-leading 14 digs, and Skyler Hauser had a team-leading nine service points.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Winona State

Wittenberg-Birnwood High School graduate Maddy Pietz helped the Winona State University (Minnesota) women's 4x400 meter relay team to a sixth-place finish at the

NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field Championships in Birmingham, Alabama, over the weekend.

Pietz and the relay team posted a time of 3 minutes, 48.58 seconds, the sixth-fastest time in the event in Winona State history.

Ripon

Witt-Birn graduate Lauren Bahr competed in five events for the Ripon College women's swim team during a dual against Lawrence University on March 13.

Bahr placed first in the 100 backstroke (1:06.95) and 200 backstroke

(2:33.48) and fourth in the 50 free-style (27.37) as an individual.

She helped the 200 medley relay (2:02.28) and 200 freestyle relay (1:49.58) to second-place finishes.

Bahr earned 20 points as an individual and eight more on the two relays. Lawrence won the dual 160-93.

Spring hearings going virtual again, starting April 12

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources announced March 8 that the annual Spring Hearings will once again be held online due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The public will have the opportunity to provide input on the proposed natural resources rule changes from the DNR and advisory questions from the Natural Resources Board and WCC through the online input opportunity.

The 2021 Spring Hearing online input website will go live at 7 p.m. April 12 and will remain open for three days (72 hours). Results will be posted as soon as they are available.

This year, there are 23 proposed rule changes related to fisheries and five proposed rule changes related to

wildlife management. There are also advisory questions from Fisheries, the Natural Resources Board and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. All questions are available to preview at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing>.

Wisconsinites can also recommend changes to natural resource issues by submitting citizen resolutions online. Review the frequently asked questions (<https://widnr.widen.net/view/pdf/tqxxrmkbnw/undefined>), click the submit a resolution button and follow the directions to enter your resolution. All citizen resolutions must be received by 5 p.m. April 5. Those who complete the online input form (April 12-15) will be able to see the resolutions that were submitted by individuals indicating they reside in that county.

"This has been a challenging year for everyone around the state and the country. We want to continue to do our part to minimize the spread and impact of this virus on our communities while continuing to provide an opportunity for the public to weigh in on these important natural resources issues," said Tony Blattler, chair of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. "I hope that everyone interested in the issues being discussed will use the online option to provide their input. We understand the value of the in-person meeting for discussion and sharing of ideas, but our top priority is the health and safety of Wisconsinites."

Typically, county residents would have the option to run for a seat on the Conservation Congress and to elect delegates from their county to

represent their views regarding natural resources on the Conservation Congress. However, due to the ongoing pandemic, 2021 elections are canceled.

"We will be extending the terms of each of the WCC delegates by another year," said Blattler. "If a current delegate no longer wishes to serve, the seat will become vacant and the county chair can appoint someone to fill the remainder of the term."

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is the only statutory body in the state where the public elects delegates to advise the Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources on how to responsibly manage Wisconsin's natural resources for present and future generations. The Congress accomplishes this through open, impartial, broad-ranged actions.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Resch Lanes — Monday Ladies Handicap

Team	W	L
Resch Lanes	43 1/2	34 1/2
Gulliver's Landing	42 1/2	35 1/2
Lisa's Lakeside	40	38
Tavern Front	39	39

Strike-a-pose 33 45

Kropf's Meats 27 51

High team handicap games (top 3): Gulliver's Landing 883, Resch Lanes 861, Strike-a-pose 842.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Jordyn Krueger 263, Shirley Petersen 256, Cassandra Eckes 247, Nikki Nievinski 240, Jennifer Resch 231,

Lynn Brown 231, Sue Zeinert 224.

High team handicap series (top 3): Gulliver's Landing 2,486, Resch Lanes 2,423, Tavern Front 2,381.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Cassandra Eckes 677, Shirley Petersen 647, Lynn Brown 644, Sue Zeinert 634, Jordyn Krueger 633,

Brenda Rondeau 623, Cherie Zeinert 616.

Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap

Team	W	L
Liberty Potatoes	114	74
Resch Lanes (1)	97 1/2	91 1/2
Hanke's Sentry Foods	86	103
Mama's Place	86	103
Resch Lanes (2)	81 1/2	107 1/2
Tavern Front	81	108
Slammers	79	110
Kemmer Electronics	75	114

High team handicap games (top 3): Liberty Potatoes 1,241, Resch Lanes (1) 1,208, Kemmer Electronics 1,150.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Jamie Deruchowski 292, Stacy Orgeman 281, Brian Mattmiller 279, Kurt Zeinert 276, Mike Fandrey 275, Jeff Arndt 275, Taylor Arndt 273.

High team handicap series (top 3): Resch Lanes (1) 3,596, Liberty Potatoes 3,581, Mama's Place 3,407.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Brian Mattmiller 814, Taylor Arndt 755, Chris Gunderson 741, Stacy Orgeman 740, Kurt Zeinert 739, Mike Fandrey 739, Dick Potrykus 736.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Every community should have a Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon, former long-time Shawano resident, died on March 8 from a rare form of leukemia at his home in Cambridge, Wisconsin. He was 80 — and he was my best friend.



JIM LEUENBERGER

Over the past few months, I was fortunate to talk to Tom several times on the phone. During one of those visits, he said, “Jim, I don’t think I’m going to win this one. So, do me a favor. Remember all the great times we had, okay?”

I said I would. We said good-bye and hung up our phones. I cried.

I first met Tom Lyon at a dairy show in Iowa when I was a young 4-H boy. He came up to me, reached out his hand to shake mine and said, “Hi, I’m Tom Lyon.” I knew from that very moment he was a special person. At the same time, I had no idea the impact he would have on my life years down the road.

At World Dairy Expo in Madison in 1974, Tom told me that a position in my field of communications and public relations would be opening up at Midwest Breeders Cooperative in Shawano sometime in 1975



Tom Lyon passed away on March 8 from a rare form of leukemia, but he will be remembered in the community for his role as general manager at Midwest Breeders Cooperative and for the friendship he shared with local photographer Jim Leuenberger.

JIM LEUENBERGER

and he asked me to take a look at it. Accepting his offer a couple months later was one of the best decisions I ever made.

I started my job at Midwest in February 1975. By then, Tom was the cooperative’s general manager, which meant I would be reporting to him, but we didn’t have the usual boss/employee relationship. He

was my mentor. My confidant. My friend. His office door was always open and I could talk to him about just about anything.

Tom was not a micromanager. He said he did his best to hire the right person for each job, then got out of their way and let them do it. He treated everyone with respect, from the barn crew, to the WATS ladies, to the secretaries and the staff. It was like being in one big, happy family. Everyone enjoyed working there.

“We might not make much money,” Tom would say, “but we sure have a lot of fun.”

During the 25 years or so I worked with Tom, he and I traveled a lot together, to co-op and dairy meetings. During those trips we had some great conversations, often comparing ideas and discussing whether we thought they would work. No matter what, though, his first question was, “Is it good for our members ... the farmers we serve?” He was always thinking of ways to improve the lives of dairy producers.

Tom rose to leadership and his work in cooperative circles was legendary. He turned Midwest Breeders into an international force. He was the brainchild behind the formation of Cooperative Resources International, the first agricultural

holding cooperative.

Tom led by example. He provided great leadership to the Shawano community, to the state of Wisconsin and to the U.S. dairy industry. He always encouraged his staff to give back to their communities.

During my early years in Shawano, Tom’s family and mine became close. His son, Jeff, and daughter, Missy, babysat our kids. Our families would often get together on weekends at the home of Willard and Bernice Gums on the south shore of Shawano Lake to swim, water ski and just have fun. Those were great times. The best of times.

Every once in a while, we are fortunate to have a person like Tom Lyon come into our lives. His accomplishments were many, but what set him apart was that he was the kindest and most caring person I ever met. In every way, Tom Lyon was the real deal.

I have been so fortunate to have had Tom Lyon in my life and miss him so very much. I look forward to when we meet again and can talk about all the fun we had.

Rest in peace, my friend.

Jim Leuenberger is a photographer and occasional contributor to NEW Media. He also founded the Shawano Country Barn Quilt project, which has more than 350 quilts mainly painted by him and his wife.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can White people claim they’re not racist?

To the editor:

Based on certain events of the past year including the infamous George Floyd affair, it has become increasingly embarrassing for me to be a White man in America. I have put a considerable effort into learning more about how deeply racism is ingrained in our society. I have come to agree that racism is systemic and that each White American bears a portion of the collective responsibility.

Let me give a personal example.

If I see a White person walking on the street in front of my house, unless that person trespasses onto my property, I don’t give the matter a thought. If that same incident involved a Black person, I would have the reflexive reaction of “What is he or she doing in my neighborhood?” Another example, have you ever had the automatic verbal or internal response of “Gee, he sure does not sound Black”? I’m not proud of my reactions but they are real.

It is absolutely true that no white person can experience the daily profiling that occurs. No matter how successful in life, every Black dad or mom has to have the “talk” of how

to act around a White police officer. Every Black person regardless of how successful has in effect had to start 20 yards behind a similarly qualified white person in life’s 100-yard race. Most white people’s ancestors came here by choice in search of a better life. Black people starting in the early 17th century came here as property.

Here is food for thought:

- Consider the reaction of government to the events of Black Lives Matter protests compared to the insurrection of Jan. 6 largely put on by White people.

- Consider that Wisconsin still does not formally acknowledge

Black History Month. Politicians like Robin Vos and Jim Steineke let the matter slide and when asked why offer no response.

- Consider the actions of Republicans to suppress the scope of absentee voting and voting by mail for the implicit purpose of impairing the process for people of color — a modern day version of Jim Crow.

I have submitted this piece as a form of personal and public shaming. I need to take ownership. Though not a traditional Christian, I do believe that Jesus came not only to comfort the afflicted but to afflict the comfortable. Think about it.

Ken Kroenke, Shawano

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2020 Consumer Confidence Report Data

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Water System Information

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Joel Yaeger at (715) 253-2684.

Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality

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Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source(s) of Water

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
3	Groundwater	52	Active
4	Groundwater	50	Active
5	Groundwater	55	Active

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Educational Information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
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- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Level 1	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
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MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFU	Million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picouries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

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Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2020)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAAS (µg/l)	D-21	60	60	20	20		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
THM5 (µg/l)	D-21	80	0	37.1	37.1		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

BOOKS & STUFF

Elements of fantasy carry 'Thinblade' in series launch

I picked "Sovereign of Seven Isles - Thinblade" by David A. Wells on a whim. Over 2,000 years ago a terrible war was waged for control of the Seven Isles. It was a time of wizards, magicians, and powerful necromancers.



JAN JONES

Slowly the Reishe were driven back until only Prince Phane remained. To avoid defeat Prince Phane created an impenetrable obelisk where he could hide until he was ready to return to the world. One of the most powerful mages then created a magic circle around the obelisk that would send out a warning if the Prince ever left.

Darius, Alexander, and Abigail Valentine grew up on the family's vast cattle ranch. They are well-trained in everything from the arts to combat. The three are hunting when Darius is killed by a poisoned arrow.

The alarm has gone out. Prince

Phane has emerged, bringing unfathomable terror and cruelty back to life. He will stop at nothing to destroy the "chosen one" and reign over the Seven Isles again.

Before he can mourn his brother, a strange bolt of fire sears a glyph on Alexander's neck. Their parents try to explain that he has been marked to defeat Prince Phane. To do that he must travel far and face many dangers to find a powerful sword known as Thinblade.

Not really understanding what is happening, Alexander, Abigail, the healer Lucky, and the family master-at-arms Anatole begin the arduous journey to the Isle of Rautha where they hope to find Thinblade. They must be careful because the Prince has a loyal following ready to do his bidding.

Traps, ambushes, and deadly wizardry are expected.

Alexander is blessed with the ability to see the aura of both people and animals. This skill will help the small group deal with those they encounter.

One of the first is Jack the Bard. He says he wants to be the bard who writes about Alexander's triumph over



Phane. He joins the group and proves especially useful in avoiding the enemy.

Using their skills and their wits they battle human attackers and a fire-throwing wizard, but pure luck

saves them from Phane's wolves from the netherworld.

Using strategies he learned from his father, Alexander leads the small group to a crumbling castle. When they see riders approaching they assume it is the enemy, but to their great relief it is a cadre of loyal soldiers coming to their aid.

Among the group is a lovely young woman named Isobel. She uses her spirit animal, a hawk, to avoid ambush and help in battle. Her skill with a sword is matched by her beauty, and soon Alexander finds himself falling in love.

To their great amazement, the group manages to fight their way

through enemy soldiers, assaults by Rangle the wizard and several undead creatures created by Prince Phane, to arrive at Glen Morelian. Now it is up to the Alexander to advance alone.

He must confront an ancient warrior, answer three disturbing riddles, and fight for his life to enter a place known as the Keep. Once inside Alexander faces further challenges and must use both his wits and his gifts to advance.

When he finally enters the sacred place, he finds a beautifully crafted sword. It is light as a feather, with a blade so thin it almost disappears when turned sideways, yet so sharp it easy slices through his old broadsword's blade.

At first, Alexander is overwhelmed with the knowledge that he has succeed in this quest but will soon have to lead others in the much more dangerous task of destroying the powerful Prince Phane.

Little by little, Alexander comes to understand that he was not only chosen for this fight, he was given all the things he would need to succeed.

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2020)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ARSENIC (ppb)		10	n/a	1	0-1		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.054	0.044-0.054		No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.1	0.1		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2020)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
NIKEI (ppt)		100		1.6000	1.0000-1.6000		No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products
NITRATE (NO3-N) (ppm)		10	10	6.13	0.18-6.80		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	77.00	64.00-77.00		No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2020)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.1500	0 of 10 results were above the action level		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	1.80	0 of 10 results were above the action level		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2020)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RnU (pCi/l)		15	0	3.1	0.0-3.1		No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM (226+228) (pCi/l)		5	0	2.0	0.2-2.0		No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. RnU (n/a)		n/a	n/a	6.0	0.0-6.0		No	Erosion of natural deposits
COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l)		30	0	4.9	4.2-4.9		No	Erosion of natural deposits

Additional Health Information

Nitrate in drinkingwater at levels above 10ppm is a health risk for infants of less than 6 months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rain fall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider. Females who are or may become pregnant should not consume water with nit rate concentrations that exceed 10ppm. There is some evidence of an association between exposure to high nitrate levels in drinking water during the first weeks of pregnancy and certain birth defects. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services recommends people of all ages avoid long-term consumption of water that has nitrate level greater than 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Wittenberg Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

The Wittenberg Waterworks 2020 Consumer Confidence Report(CCR) will not be mailed, but is available upon request at the Clerk's office in the Wittenberg Community Center.



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