



Menominee gets first case of coronavirus

Health department officials confirmed Tuesday that there was one positive case of COVID-19 in Menominee County, bringing the pandemic close to home.

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Sacred Heart pastor keeps it light for kids

The Rev. Scott Valentyn at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and his staff are using online videos they make to keep students learning — and lighthearted.

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Sports editor Morgan Rode recommends taking a little time to enjoy the outdoors during the pandemic.

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WHEN GOING INTO BATTLE, YOU NEED A SHIELD

Harlan Pygman, a pilot and retired professor at the College of Menominee Nation, sets up shop in the Shawano Municipal Airport to make face shields for the Menominee Tribal Clinic health care workers. **FOR THE FULL STORY, SEE PAGE 2.**

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Local man 'MacGyvers' face shields

Retired CMN professor makes protection for clinic staff

By **CAROL RYCZEK**

Editor-in-chief

SHAWANO — Take an antique commercial sewing machine, a bolt of flexible plastic, a bit of door insulation and the problem-solving skills of MacGyver, and you get 16 face shields for health care workers.

In the TV series, Angus "Mac" MacGyver was a U.S. government agent who used his talents for unconventional problem solving and vast scientific knowledge to save lives. In the show, he would use everyday objects like soda bottles and duct tape to create a functioning gas mask.

Shawano resident and retired College of Menominee Nation professor

Harlan Pygman took that approach to make face shields for workers at the Menominee Tribal Clinic.

Face shields are worn over the eyes, nose and mouth, to keep droplets from hitting a health care worker's face.

"I know people were making face masks," Pygman said. "I was concerned about shortages and thought maybe it was something I could do to help."

Pygman said it takes about a half-hour to make each mask. He set up an antique commercial sewing machine in his hangar at the Shawano Municipal Airport. He inherited the machine from his father and had just finished restoring it. He said the commercial construction of the machine means it us up to the task of stitching the heavy,

unusual materials.

"It can really sew through stuff," he said.

Pygman designed the shield himself. The materials grew out of a shopping trip to Walmart, where he was looking for clear shower curtains. He was in the crafts section looking for elastic and heavy fabric when he found a bolt of flexible plastic.

That, plus some felt from Qualheim's True Value — usually used to insulate doors — were what he needed to complete his design. The plastic shields the face, while the elastic and fabric hold it tightly in place.

Sorry MacGyver, the final product is way more effective than a soda bottle gas mask.

State works to gather needed medical supplies

Study: COVID-19 could peak in state in April

By **SHAMANE MILLS**

Wisconsin Public Radio

MADISON — Wisconsin has received roughly half its share of personal protective equipment allotted from a federal stockpile to ensure doctors, nurses, first responders and others have access to face masks and shields, gowns and gloves during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The state submitted a request two weeks ago to get Wisconsin's share of these supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile, which includes, according to a tweet from Gov. Tony Evers' administration this weekend, 54,709 N95 respirators, 130,326 surgical masks, 24,816 face shields, 20,223 surgical gowns, 104 coveralls and 72,044 gloves.

At the same time, officials are working at the state and regional level to purchase supplies and equipment needed, such as ventilators, to respond to the new coronavirus.

"We're headed into the worst of this, folks, and the need is only going to get greater," Evers said Monday during a live video press conference.

How many ventilators and hospital beds Wisconsin and other states will need has been analyzed by various organizations, including the University of Washington Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. By its estimate, Wisconsin might have enough hospital beds overall, but could be short on intensive care unit capacity by almost 400 beds. And the institute predicts the state will need 450 ventilators on the day the pandemic hits its peak.

The peak could come in the next two weeks, according to state officials. It all depends on how well social distancing measures prevent the disease from spreading and if people abide by the measures put in place.

"This story hasn't been written yet. We don't know how this is going to go. The parameters in these models tell us the bounds: worst case scenario, best case scenario," said Dr. Ryan Westergaard with the Department of Health Services.

State officials previously predicted 22,000 residents would test positive for COVID-19 by April 8 and might require hospitalization, and 440 to 1,500 people would die from the disease if aggressive action wasn't taken to keep people from spreading the disease.

Earlier, state health officials pegged the number of intensive care beds at 2,500 and ventilators at 620. Since then, improved reporting by hospitals around the state shows there are 1,215 ventilators.

Earlier this month, GE Healthcare, a medical device maker based in Wauwatosa, announced it was ramping up production of ventilators during the pandemic.

The assumptions by the University of Washington Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation are made based on what measures the state has taken to try to stretch resources by flattening the curve, a visual representation indicating when the maximum number of people are expected to need care. The institute predicts Wisconsin could experience the peak of the outbreak as soon as April 26.

Information accurate as of 4:25 p.m. March 30.



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It's a new world

Complete, fact-checked information is key

By CAROL RYCZEK
Editor-in-chief

It is a new world out there. A strange, disquieting world where everything that we take for granted has been upended.

Yet, for as much as everything has changed, so many fundamentals have not.

Health care is changing, but it is still

available. If we call for an officer, one will come. When we flip the switch, the lights come on. Life goes on, and as members of a community we want to know who is changing, what is changing; where, when, why and how these changes are going to impact our lives.

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As this new weekly publication is assembled, first confirmed COVID-19 cases were confirmed in Oconto and Menominee counties. It is entirely possible that by the time you read this, Shawano will have confirmed cases. Whatever the time line is, we will have illness in our community, and you will continue to need a comprehensive journal of fact-checked COVID-19 information.

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ing in our community.

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First confirmed COVID-19 case announced in Menominee County

SHAWANO — Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department announced Tuesday that there is a confirmed case in Menominee County.

This is the first confirmed case for the county. This individual is under isolation as requested by local, state, and federal recommendations.

"We have been preparing for and

anticipating confirmed cases in Shawano and Menominee counties. We are working closely with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to ensure we are taking all of the appropriate steps," said Vicki Dantoin, Shawano-Menominee counties health officer.

The health department and the DHS's responsibilities include:

- Identifying and contacting anyone who has been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19. These people are asked to quarantine themselves for 14 days from their exposure and will be monitored for fever and respiratory symptoms. People with symptoms are tested for COVID-19.
- Providing guidance to clinicians regarding testing.

- Preparing for community spread of COVID-19.

Local public health officials in Shawano and Menominee are keeping track of this outbreak, according to a press release.

For the latest information about COVID-19 in Menominee County, visit <https://www.co.menominee.wi.us/departments/?department=d5f584c71198>

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Internet access thwarts Gresham virtual learning plans

Plans for occupying new addition, graduation and others up in the air

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

GRESHAM — Rural internet access was an issue in Shawano County long before the coronavirus rolled into town. But now that schools are closed, the issue is really hitting home for the Gresham School District.

The district invited parents March 27 to come collect their children's belongings that had been left in lockers and classrooms following the sudden closure of schools statewide. At the same time, classroom packets were supplied to help keep students learning, according to Superintendent Newell Haffner. The problem isn't with the district's technology — Haffner said teachers were eager to launch virtual learning this week — but with the lack of internet access in the village of Gresham and the surrounding towns that make up the district.

Office staff contacted all families by phone last week to determine how feasible virtual learning would be, but many parents reported living in an area where internet connectivity is almost nonexistent. With most businesses closed down except for the essentials and everyone required to be homebound as much as possible, there are scarcely any Wi-Fi hotspots available around the village for families to utilize.

This means teachers would only be able to reach students with internet access, and the rest of the class would be left behind.

"If they aren't in the building, they can't do their homework," Haffner said, pointing out that virtual learning would include sending in work assignments for grading.

With that in mind, the district is trying to figure out how and even if it will grade assignments brought back in, not knowing if school will be back in session anytime before the anticipated last day in early June. Currently, all schools are closed indefinitely on the order of Gov. Tony Evers.

Haffner said the district is looking at having parents come to the school



Gresham School District Superintendent Newell Haffner gathers up items left at school to load into a vehicle outside of school early Friday afternoon. Included with locker and classroom items were learning packets to keep the education process going for students, as limited internet availability is an issue for many families in the district.

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weekly to turn in assignments, possibly on Fridays. It would not be feasible to have the homework and learning packets shuttled back and forth on the same school buses that deliver the free meals currently, as not all families signed up for the program, even though the district is reporting 188 students participating in the meal program in its first week last week.

"We've got the free breakfasts and lunches going, which really help our kids," Haffner said. "We're probably helping 130 families right now."

Ideally, the district would prefer to do virtual learning, as it is the easiest and most efficient way to keep students learning, according to Haffner, but it can't be done with a huge chunk of families not having access to the internet.

"If they don't all have it, we can't do it," Haffner said.

Continuing learning is not the only snag the school is having to deal with during the coronavirus pandemic. Plans to occupy the new addition

recently completed for the school are also on hold, and it's unclear whether Gresham will be able to have a graduation ceremony in May, dependent on what social restrictions are still in place by then. The Safer at Home act from Evers put strong restrictions in place through April 24, but President Donald Trump extended federal guidelines through the end of April.

"As long as we're spread out enough in a building, we're OK," Haffner said. "That's how I have the teachers when they come into work — one's in the far wing, one in the old (1935) wing and one in the elementary wing, and then we don't have any risks of transmission."

Haffner said that moving furniture and other equipment into the new addition would still be possible, but with far fewer volunteers being able to help out in order to comply with social distancing requirements.

"I'm joking that I'm going to go over there and start installing stuff myself at night or on weekends," Haffner said.



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The district's annual theatrical production was supposed to debut this week, but it's unclear whether that will be rescheduled, although Haffner said he'd be open to doing it as a summer show.

What Haffner doesn't want to do, however, is scrap the graduation ceremony, but with timetables up in the air for potentially months, the superintendent might have to face the possibility.

"I'm trying not to cancel graduation, even though people are telling me I should cancel it," Haffner said. "I want to give every chance that I can get for my seniors to walk across the stage."

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Which cheese curd would Jesus try?

Sacred Heart pastor keeping things light with homebound students

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

SHAWANO — Many pastors are coming up with new ways to reach their flocks during the coronavirus pandemic, which has closed all schools and canceled church services.

The Rev. Scott Valentyn and his staff have found a way to keep students at Sacred Heart Catholic School learning and entertained at the same time. He appears in video visits, including one called “Father’s First Stay-cation,” doing a variety of things, including describing his clerical wear, trying to figure out fourth grade homework and giving reviews of cheese curds.

With just an iPhone and a couple of church leaders loosely doing a routine, the church has tried to find a lighter side to life at a time when people are unhappy and depressed about having to stay home. The first video was posted to Sacred Heart’s Facebook page March 26, and Valentyn plans to continue to do the daily videos until life gets back to normal.

“As this situation has been developing, we realized we’re going to have this much more time away from our students,” Valentyn said. “We wanted to remind them that we’re still here to stay connected. The nice thing is, even though this pandemic is a real pain, we have the technologies we have to stay connected, even to see each other’s faces and hear each other’s voices.”

The silly stuff is meant to keep the kids focused on the church, but Valentyn is hoping the light-hearted videos will lift up the spirits of his older parishioners.

“They still have a home here. We haven’t ceased to exist,” Valentyn said. “We’re still trying to power through and be a presence in our community.”

He added that the videos, which appear at noon Monday through Friday, help him to look foolish.

“I can’t figure out fourth grade



The Rev. Scott Valentyn, right, and Deacon Jim Lonick make a video to be uploaded on the Sacred Heart Catholic School’s Facebook page Monday. The pair plans to do a humorous and educational segment every weekday during the coronavirus pandemic to keep connected with students, and they’re considering doing occasional funny bits once restrictions are lifted.

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math on the fly,” Valentyn said. “Middle school social studies, I don’t know the countries in east Asia, but it was funny.”

Teachers are starting to get involved as well, sending in videos of themselves with their families that Valentyn can include.

The favorite segment, though, is testing two different types of cheese curds. A microwave sits on the stage in case the curds need some help in restoring their squeak.

“We challenge people, if they don’t think we’re testing the right ones to send some in,” said Jim Lonick, a deacon with the parish who has been Valentyn’s sidekick in the videos. “We have someone actually going to Oconto to get the ones they think should be the best.”

The first school video received more than 8,600 views on Facebook, which surprised both Lonick and Valentyn.

“I still don’t know who the 8,600 are who are watching that,” Valentyn said.

Lonick said a few of the views might be from family members in Virginia, who got wind of what Sacred Heart was doing.

“It’s kind of gotten beyond where we thought,” Lonick said.

Lonick noted the videos also encourage people to stay connected with their fellow parishioners and the church itself, even though the pandemic is keeping people physically apart.

“We’re continuing to pay everybody on staff as though nothing has changed, and we still have overhead,” Lonick said.

Sacred Heart is also using technology to keep its services going. Mass livestreams every Sunday morning on Facebook, and Valentyn and Lonick are planning to continue with Holy Week services

beginning with Palm Sunday, even if nobody is able to attend.

Following each regular Mass, Valentyn and Lonick are also doing “press conferences” to make up for the absence of live sports on television.

“As difficult and lonely as this situation might be, for some people more than others, thank God we’ve got the technology that we have, especially with email, Facebook, FaceTime,” Valentyn said.

Once the pandemic lifts, Valentyn and Lonick might try to keep the funny videos alive, albeit not as frequently.

“I can guarantee you it won’t be with the same frequency, because once things pick back up, there’s no way that five days a week we could do it,” Valentyn said, noting he has plenty on his plate, as does Lonick, who also serves as the church’s business manager. “Given the response we’ve received, we definitely want to put more stuff out.”

SPORTS

Try and get outdoors to ease your mind

Whether you just started practicing social distancing or had unknowingly been doing so to a degree for years — I fall under the second category — there's something about being told to stay at home that makes all of us immediately want to go somewhere other than home.



MORGAN RODE

I'm trying to be as positive as I can about the coronavirus and its effects despite the fact that sports — which normally occupy a big chunk of my life — are on hold and chances of having a spring sports season seeming to decrease by the day.

Another meaningful pastime of mine is hunting, scouting and being outdoors in general, and luckily, the weather has allowed me to stay active and also put some of the stresses of every day life behind me for a few hours.

After a 3½-hour, 4.4-mile adventure on Friday, I bet I've covered over 20 miles in the past couple of weeks.

I've been walking around public land hunting areas in Shawano

County, but simply taking a walk or jog around your neighborhood could be just what you need for a little pick-me-up.

With the snow melting away and turkey season approaching, my adventures were beneficial on many fronts. Not only was I getting in some much-needed exercise with my gym shut down, but I also was checking for turkey sign and deer shed antlers and trails that might help me out for the hunting seasons coming later in the year.

I found that giving myself some objectives (finding sign or sheds) I stayed outside longer and got to see some pretty neat things.

On Friday, I got up early to get to a public land spot and try to hear some turkeys gobbling. I was still getting my boots laced up in the parking area when I heard my first gobbles of the spring, which had me grinning from ear to ear (something I haven't done a bunch over the past couple weeks).

I then began my trek through a fog-filled woods, stopping every so often to let out my version of an owl call to try and induce a few more gobbles — those weren't successful, but I did get a few mourning doves to answer, so I guess I don't sound like an owl.

After covering probably close to a mile, I decided to try my tur-



Sports editor Morgan Rode found this shed antler during a walk Friday around public land northwest of Shawano.

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key mouth call just for kicks and giggles. Sure enough, I got a turkey to gobble right over the little hill in front of me.

I decided to move a little closer and try and find the turkey in the fog. No jake or tom, but a hen appeared in the field about 100 yards away. She started to scurry away when I crested the hill, but I threw a couple soft clucks at her to pique her interest.

I've since determined that this hen had been practicing social distancing for too long, because she immediately started talking back at me before heading right to me. She

ended up walking about 10 steps in front of me, clucking, purring and putting the whole time before hanging out behind where I had sat down for another 15 or so minutes.

After she finally moved off, I continued on my journey around this piece of land, finding plenty of sign from deer and turkeys that make me that much more confident for my future hunts.

The highlight of my day came near the end of my walk, as I picked up my first deer shed of the year in an area I hunted often this past year. It was likely off a buck from two winters ago as a good portion of a tine had been chewed up and it had plenty of other wear and tear on it, but I was still thrilled.

The adventure was a great escape from everything that's happened over the past couple of weeks and it certainly falls under the new order as I was the only person in about a mile radius. I already have plans to do something similar in the coming days.

Even if you aren't an avid outdoorsman, try and get outside as often as you can. It will help you pass some time and could also serve for some great entertainment and excitement.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Clintonville's Polzin, Viergutz named to WBCA All-Star Game

Games scheduled for July 19-20

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

CLINTONVILLE — After finishing off solid high school careers with big senior seasons, Clintonville High School seniors Aiden Polzin and Erin Viergutz were each rewarded with roster spots for the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Game.

Polzin is a member of the Division 3 Red team that will take on the

White team at about 12:30 p.m. on June 20.

Viergutz is on the Division 3 North team, which is scheduled to battle the South team at about 12:30 p.m. on June 19.

Both games are slated to be played at JustAGame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells.

"It's definitely gonna be special moment for me," said Polzin. "It's the best kids in the state for D3 and I'm gonna be playing with them and competing against them as well."

"It's a big honor and a great opportunity for me," said Viergutz. "I'd like to thank my coach (Nick Yaeger)

for nominating me. He has always pushed me to be a better player."

Polzin said he had a conversation with Black River Falls coach David Cowley — one of the three coaches for Polzin's team — about what else would be going on during the two days the all-stars would be in the Dells. Aside from practice, the players will also get to spend time together at a water park and restaurants.

"It will definitely be a good time and I'm happy I get to end my high school career on a good note," said Polzin.

"I'm excited for everything," said Viergutz. "This will be a great learn-

ing experience for me to improve myself as a player for when I play in college at Concordia University."

Polzin and Viergutz each made the North Eastern Conference first team this winter, with Polzin doing so unanimously. Polzin also made the WBCA honorable mention team.

During the regular season, Polzin averaged 21.3 points and 5.7 rebounds per game. He also led the NEC in points per game (21.0).

Viergutz posted averages of 18.6 points and 11.7 rebounds per game. She finished fourth in conference play in scoring (18.1) and second in rebounds (10.6).

ATHLETE PROFILE: NOAH BEILFUSS

Bonduel senior staying positive during tough time

BONDUEL — With the spring sports season in jeopardy, high school athletes around the country are coping in different ways. Bonduel High School senior Noah Beilfuss is trying to remain as positive as possible and hopes he gets to wear the blue and gold uniforms still this spring.

Beilfuss is coming off a junior season in which he made the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division first team unanimously. At the plate, he posted a .436 batting average in conference play, tallying 17 hits and 11 RBIs while also scoring 11 runs. As a pitcher, he posted a 1.66 earned run average.

Beilfuss is committed to play collegiate baseball at Bryant & Stratton College in Milwaukee but had another big high school season in mind for this spring.

Q: When did your interest in baseball begin?

A: I guess it began since day one. I've been playing baseball since I was four but my mom and dad (Carrie and Brian) told me they had to record Brewers games when I was a year

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old because it was the only thing that would get me to go to sleep. So I guess it's been since then that I've really enjoyed it and started watching it.

Q: You are coming off a big junior season and I'm sure had big things planned for yourself and your team as a senior. With the coronavirus jeopardizing the spring season, how would it make you feel if you weren't able to play this spring?

A: If I wasn't able to play, it would definitely hurt. Baseball is basically my whole life, so it's taking part of my life away in a sense. It would definitely hurt. I think about it every day.

A lot of the kids right now are like, "Yeah, our spring sports are going to be canceled" but I like to keep a little bit of positivity in the back of my mind. We've had snowfalls that have pushed our season back, so this is nothing and we can get through

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Noah Beilfuss

SPORT: Baseball

POSITION: Pitcher, infield

SCHOOL: Bonduel High School

YEAR: Senior

this. It could be over in a week or two weeks, and then we'd be back playing.

Q: I heard that you were thinking about playing collegiate baseball and even took some visits to colleges. If the season can't be played, will that have an impact on your recruitment process?

A: I actually am committed to play at Bryant and Stratton College in Milwaukee. But it still stings because maybe some bigger colleges would have seen me after JUCO, and would have started to recruit me now and then keep looking at me in college.

So it does mess things up a little bit, but for me personally, it doesn't mess things up too bad. But for (seniors) who are trying to play college, it does mess things up a little bit because they (colleges) won't get to



Bonduel's Noah Beilfuss throws a pitch during a 2019 Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division matchup against Amherst in Bonduel.

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see them play.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Bonduel baseball team?

A: Either winning conference my sophomore year — my first year on varsity — or it would be really proving myself that I can do great things with baseball and then making first team all-conference.

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

A: I'm really religious and then I like to fish a lot too.

ATHLETE PROFILE: ALYSSA STRASSBURG

Bowler dual-sport senior content if season gets wiped out

BOWLER — For most high school athletes, the coronavirus has delayed a spring sport. The virus is postponing two sports for Bowler senior Alyssa Strassburg, who plays softball for Bowler and competes for the Gresham/Bowler track and field team.

As a junior on the softball diamond, Strassburg made the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division first team after posting a .375 batting average and .512 on-base percentage. She drove in seven runs and scored 13 times.

Strassburg made it to sectionals in discus after nearly breaking the school record at regionals. She finished fifth in discus at the CWC-Small Division Meet.

Q: When did your interest in the two sports (track and field, softball) begin?

A: I began track in eighth grade when one of my friends convinced me to go out for it and found that I really enjoyed throwing discus.

And I started playing little league around second grade, mostly because my older brother (Jacob) played. From



Bowler's Alyssa Strassburg swings at a pitch during the team's 2019 playoff game against Pembine/Goodman in Bowler.

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there, I really fell in love with playing and started doing both little league and softball around fourth grade.

Q: What is your favorite part about both of those seasons?

A: I like the individual aspect of both softball and track. You always have your personal goals in sight, for example, like a higher batting average or further distance. All the individual goals are still for the success of the team.

Q: You are coming off a junior season where you made the all-conference first team in softball and made it to sectionals in track and field. With the coronavirus at

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Alyssa Strassburg

SPORTS: Softball, track and field

POSITIONS: outfield, third, second, first, catcher

EVENTS: discus, shot put, relays

SCHOOL: Bowler High School

YEAR: Senior

least postponing the spring season, how would it make you feel if you weren't able to play those two sports this spring?

A: I know I gave it all I had last year, and if those were my last times stepping on the field or stepping in the circle, I would know deep down if my senior season was canceled, I would wonder what could have been, but you always have to take what life gives you.

Q: With no official ruling on spring sports yet, how are you staying prepared should the seasons start up at some point?

A: I really do love both these sports, they're my two favorite sports. So it's fun for me to continue preparing for them if we do come back so I'm very ready to jump back into it. I'm optimistic that we can come back

from this.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Bowler softball team and the Gresham/Bowler track and field team?

A: Probably my favorite memory from softball would have to be my first game of my freshman year. I hit my first over-the-fence home run.

(For track) Last year, when I was able to throw 107 feet, 5 inches at regionals. I missed the school record by two inches.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Grey's Anatomy" or "Madam Secretary." Movie — I don't really have a favorite movie, but I really enjoy the Christmas Hallmark movies. Musical artist — Either Lizzo or Carrie Underwood.

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

A: I'm very active outside of school with groups like Shawano County Ag Ambassadors, 4-H, FFA, showing beef and swine and also working on my family's dairy farm.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Lena's Misco, Dellise make M&O first team

Gillett/Suring's VanDenElzen also a first teamer

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor*(Editor's note: We continue to spotlight the achievements of student athletes even though, for the most part, high school sports have ended. Watch for more installments next week.)*

LENA — The Lena High School wrestling team entered the 2019-20 season with loftier goals than in years past with a bigger roster of wrestlers and was able to put together a strong season after putting in some hard work.

The team was led by several underclassmen, with a trio of wrestlers earning Marinette & Oconto Conference honors.

Freshman Luke Misco and sophomore Cody Dellise each made the all-conference first team. Freshman Sam Marquardt was tabbed an

honorable mention.

Misco went 4-0 during the team's M&O duals. The freshman finished the season with a 32-10 record and wrestled in the Division 3 106-pound weight class at the state tournament in Madison.

"It was an honor to be awarded first team all-conference," said Misco. "It feels good and now I have a goal to be a four-time all-conference wrestler."

Dellise finished 3-1 in his four conference duals. He went 16-12 on the season and advanced to sectionals in the 160-pound weight class.

"I accomplished what I worked for," said Dellise. "But I want to be even better — more amazing things to come next year."

Marquardt also finished 3-1 in his M&O matches. He went 16-21 overall and also made it to sectionals in the

126 weight class.

As a team, Lena finished 2-2 in its conference duals.

Gillett/Suring

The Gillett/Suring co-op had two wrestlers earn conference recognition, with senior Mike VanDenElzen making the first team and freshman Keegan Rattin landing on the honorable mention list.

VanDenElzen posted a 3-1 mark in his M&O matches.

"It's incredible," said VanDenElzen of the conference honor. "I am glad to know that all my hard work paid off in a big way that me and my school can be proud of."

VanDenElzen wrapped up the year with a 9-6 record. He missed qualifying for sectionals by one win — he came in third in the 182-pound weight class at regionals.

Rattin also went 3-1 in his conference matches. The freshman



Lena's Luke Misco, bottom, tries to escape during his match at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 27 at the Kohl Center in Madison. Misco landed on the M&O first team after posting a 4-0 mark in his conference matches as a freshman.

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finished 14-17 on the season and also just missed out on qualifying for sectionals after a third-place finish in the 132 weight class at regionals.

Gillett/Suring earned a 1-3 conference dual record.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: GRACE WICKMAN

Gillett senior missing interaction with teammates, opponents

GILLETT — With no high school sports in action, athletes are missing various aspects that the activities bring. Gillett High School thrower Grace Wickman misses being able to interact with her teammates and throwers from opposing teams.

Being a senior, Wickman was about to take part in her last high school sport. She had high hopes for final season.

Wickman just missed out on qualifying for sectionals in discus last year after a fifth-place finish at regionals. The Gillett thrower placed third in the event at the Marinette and Oconto Conference Meet and came in seventh in the shot put.

Q: When did your interest in track and field begin?

A: In middle school. I looked up to the high schoolers and I was like "Oh, that looks fun." I tried out and ended up liking it. All the high schoolers ended up taking me under their wings.

Q: What is your favorite part about the track and field season?

A: Probably socializing with all the other teams. Throwing with Karissa (Schaal), her and I always

ended up talking to other schools. We kind of all had fun together even though we are supposed to be throwing.

Q: You are a three-sport athlete but were about to participate in your last high school sport. With the coronavirus at least postponing the season and potentially knocking it out completely, how would it make you feel if you weren't able to compete this spring?

A: I've thought about it a lot. I'm really sad about it just because it's my senior year. Now I might not get the chance to throw with my friends again, talk to everyone, have a chance to get to sectionals or state — which I've always been close with things and I wanted to try and break through this year. But if it can't happen, it's just going to suck.

Q: With no official ruling on spring sports yet, how are you staying prepared should the season start up at some point?

A: I'm still trying to stay in shape. I have discs and shot puts at home if I want to practice with them and I have a whole field to chuck it wherever I want — not living in the



GRACE WICKMAN

city. I'm still in contact with the throwers online.

Q: What have these last couple of weeks been like, as you are approaching high school graduation but are now not even at school?

A: Hectic. Like all the other seniors that are in sports, they're missing out on other stuff also, like senior prom. Even some of the classes, they weren't going to give me credits for college classes.

It's just hard because I'm also a very social person and I need to be around a lot of people. Just sitting at home is hard.

Q: While it's tough to find a lot of positive impacts of the coronavirus, is there any life lessons that you can learn from this kind of adversity?

A: To enjoy it while it lasts probably and just try to capture every moment because it might also be the last.

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Grace Wickman
SPORT: Track and field
EVENTS: Shot put, discus
SCHOOL: Gillett High School
YEAR: Senior

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Gillett track and field team?

A: There's a lot of crazy ones. When we used to have Bo Krueger at our school and we (the throwers) used to chuck the discs at them and they would try to catch them, or get hit. It was a little challenge, even though it's not smart.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "The Vampire Diaries." Movie — "Aquaman." Musical artist — Oh gosh, I like everything. Country (genre).

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

A: I don't know, I'm an open book.

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

A: Video games, movies and then going for walks with my family.

PUZZLES

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100 Excitement

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109 Vowel sound in "stand"

110 Underline or italicize
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COVID-19 Journal
—NEW Media—

Oconto County records its first COVID-19 case

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Wisconsin health officials have confirmed the first case of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in Oconto County. Health officials are investigating how the person may have become infected, and will be contacting individuals who may have had close contact with the patient.

To protect patient privacy and ensure compliance with federal HIPAA laws, additional details about the patient cannot be released, said Deb Konitzer, county health officer.

"We are in daily contact with this individual to monitor their symptoms and ensure they are receiving support to be able to isolate at home," Konitzer said. "The Oconto County

Health Department is ready to deal with this situation and will continue to work with Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and our local partners to make sure our community remains safe and healthy.

"The best thing people can do is practice everyday good health habits — cover your coughs and sneezes by coughing into your upper sleeve, wash your hands often, and stay home if you're sick," she said. "Everyone should be following the Safer at Home order provided by Gov. Evers, which limits all non-essential travel and prohibits social gatherings. These efforts can help to slow the spread of the virus."



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ThedaCare sets up COVID-19 hotline

Respiratory clinics added to related services for virus

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

NEENAH — ThedaCare, a north-east Wisconsin health system which includes a hospital in Shawano, has announced two new services, a community COVID-19 information hotline and respiratory care clinics.

Hotline

ThedaCare has launched a new COVID-19 hotline. Community members can call 920-830-6877 to speak with resource representatives and nurses who will answer medically-related COVID-19 questions or direct patients to the appropriate locations for care.

“These are unprecedented times,” said Dr. Imran Andrabi, ThedaCare President and CEO. “It’s more important than ever that ThedaCare be here and prepared to serve and support the health of our communities.”

Respiratory care clinics

Five ThedaCare respiratory care clinics are now open dedicated to patients experiencing COVID-19-type symptoms. The respiratory care clinics are available by appointment only. Those who are experiencing symptoms should call their primary care provider or the community hotline first. All other ThedaCare clinics that remain open will be used to care for patients who need office visits but are not experiencing respiratory symptoms.



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Supplies

In an interview with NEW Media, Andrabi and ThedaCare Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jennifer Frank reported that ThedaCare has adequate supplies for now. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks and gloves are available for health care workers, Frank said. ThedaCare is also accepting donations from the community. Instructions for making masks can be found at https://www.thedacare.org/-/media/How-To-Sew-A-Facemask-Instructions.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2Zeww24_4uGEMv035tXfSeBhAOAf5xJ08at7B2Hu86p3EhIlc2DL8B67o.

Ventilators, devices used to help patients who can’t breathe on their own, are also in adequate supply for now, according to Imran Andrabi. Their availability is similar to PPEs, he said.

“Use is low in Shawano, as with many critical access communities. The majority are in Appleton and Neenah,” he said.

Andrabi said that whether or not a ventilator was needed, if a patient tested positive, the individual would be transferred to a larger hospital in Appleton or Neenah. ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano is a critical access hospital, which must have no more than 25 beds and be at least 35 miles from another hospital.

Staffing

ThedaCare is “doing a multitude

of things,” to recruit and retain staff, Andrabi said.

One of the initiatives is developing a surge pool, he said, for when the number of cases increases. Support staff are working from home when possible. He added that ThedaCare administrators are supporting legislation that would waive restrictions on licensed therapists, such as respiratory therapists, coming into Wisconsin from other states.

Staff are also being recruited from within ThedaCare, he added, particularly from departments that have had to close.

Frank added that Shawano may be able to schedule clinic providers to do hospital work. In addition, some specialists, such as doctors in orthopedic medicine, are able to work in other areas should shortages occur, she said.

She noted that a plastic surgery group in the Fox Valley has offered to do emergency laceration repairs in their clinic, reducing the volume of patients in hospital emergency departments.

Testing

For testing, ThedaCare is following the guidelines of both the state of Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Frank said. Healthcare workers, especially those who have been exposed, are a high priority because of their increased risk, she said.

ThedaCare’s partnership with the Mayo Clinic has allowed lab testing — “significantly more testing” than otherwise would have been available, she said.

“We’re hoping to have in-house

testing within Shawano,” Franks said. Onsite testing will greatly improve turnaround time, she said.

Birth center rules

Although some sites nationally are reporting that no visitors are allowed during birth, at Shawano’s birth center, visitor restrictions are in place but mothers can have a partner attend the birth. One person is allowed, but not entire families, Frank said.

Other actions

The respiratory care clinics and hotline are the latest steps ThedaCare has taken to prepare for the impact of COVID-19. Other recent actions include:

- Suspended all elective, non-urgent procedures to make room for patients with this respiratory illness, to conserve supplies and labor.
- Erected tents and trailers outside Emergency Departments to triage patients before they enter so they are directed to the right care areas quickly.
- Set up telehealth programs including eVisits, Video Visits, Telestroke and TeleICU to serve patients while reducing contact where appropriate.
- Launched an online symptom checker where people can check their symptoms and be directed appropriately to care.
- Developed community education and partnerships to coordinate care across health systems and public health.

For more information, go to thedacare.org/coronavirus for announcements, access the symptom checker and preventative actions.

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OBITUARIES

Eugene Allen Wendt

Eugene A. Wendt, 74, of Bowler, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Eugene was born in Green Valley on Oct. 7, 1945, son of the late Edward and Marie (Pockot) Wendt. Following high school, Eugene served his country in the United States military.

On April 23, 1966, Eugene was united in marriage to Mary Schmidt in Pulcifer. The couple made their

home and raised their family in the Hoffa Park area. Mary preceded Eugene in death on May 13, 2009.

Eugene worked for Asplund Tree Expert Company as a tree trimmer for 25 years before retiring. He loved being outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Eugene is survived by his children, Laureen (Mark) Lindsley, of Green Bay, Allen Wendt, of Bowler,

and David Wendt, of Bowler; four grandchildren, Max, Matthew, Leah and Dylan; a brother, LeRoy (Linda) Wendt, of Morgan; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary; his parents; and a sister, Diana Carlson.

Private family services will be held.

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Carol S. Thieme

Carol S. Thieme, 73, of the town of Wescott, passed away at her residence Friday, March 20, 2020, with her family by her side.

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OBITUARIES

Dolores Zblewski, 85, of Birnamwood, formerly of Hatley, died Thursday, March 26, 2020, at Cloverleaf Terrace, Birnamwood, under the care of LeRoy Hospice.

She was born Dec. 7, 1934, in Shantytown, the daughter of Frank and Anna (Sikorski) Kurszewski.

On Oct. 13, 1952, Dolores was united in marriage to Roman Zblewski at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church, Bevent. He preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 2016.

Dolores worked at Marathon Electric, Marathon Battery, Spitfire Grid-dle and Rustick Inn. She also enjoyed working on the family farm. Dolores loved playing cards and cooking for her family and friends. She was a



Giguere, of West De Pere, Keith (Darci) Zblewski, of Rochester, Minnesota, and Dean (Kathy) Zblewski, of Hatley; daughter-in-law, Janice Zblewski, of Gurnee, Illinois; sister-in-law, Elsie Hytri; grandchildren, Sara (Joe) Leonard, Caleb (Cassie) Zblewski, Lindsey (Erik) Escobar, Justin (Abby) Giguere, Matthew

member of St. Florian's Catholic Church and the Rosary Society.

Survivors include her children, Daryl (Patti) Zblewski, of Elderon, Cheryl (Jon)

Giguere, Zachary (special friend Lila Chavez) Zblewski, Stephanie (special friend Brendan Davis) Zblewski, Nick Zblewski, Haley and Chelsea Zblewski, Alissa (Eric) Brown, Payton (special friend Dilan Brabender) Zblewski and Calvin Zblewski; and great-grandchildren, Emilee and Lily Leonard, Carson and Coralee Zblewski, Erik Tommy Escobar and Giovanni Escobar, and Skylar and Ruby Brown.

Dolores was preceded in death by her husband, Roman; parents; a son, Mark; her 10 siblings; and several sisters- and brothers-in-laws.

Due to the statewide mandate, the family will have a private funeral Mass at St. Florian's Catholic

Church, Hatley. The Rev. Gregory Bohren will officiate. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. There will be a celebration of Dolores' life at a later date. There will be a livestream of the funeral Mass at St. Florian Saint Agnes Marathon County Facebook page and Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home Facebook page at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, 2020.

Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home in Wittenberg is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to St. Florian's Catholic Church or Cloverleaf Terrace.

Dolores Zblewski

Marion Johanna (Holtz) Schrank

Marion Johanna (Holtz) Schrank, 90, died Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at Stonecrest, Wausau. Marion was born in the town of Norrie, Marathon County, the daughter of the late Carl Frederick and Clara Josephine (Erickson) Holtz and also lived in Shawano, Stevens Point and Wittenberg.

Marion is survived by her daughters Pamela (Robert) Bogacz, Sherry (Chuck B), Debbie (Paul) Gustafson and Candy (Chuck G); two grandchildren, Courtney and Katrina; brother Carl Holtz; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Marion was preceded in death by three sisters Alice Lund, Dorothy Fischer and Gladys Baehman.

Marion grew up on the Holtz



ing and supporting her family, she

Brown Swiss dairy farm and helped with farm chores. In high school, she was a drum majorette in the band, a carnival queen and active in sports and home economics. After graduating from Birnamwood High School in 1948, Marion was a typist at Employers Insurance in Wausau. Following years of homemaking and supporting her family, she

earned a nursing degree in April 1981 at the top of her class. She worked at the Birch Hill Nursing Home in Shawano from 1977 to 1999 and was the December 1990 employee of the month.

Marion was a fun, loving, gentle lady and all who knew her will miss her smiles, humor and good nature. She loved her grandkids, nieces and nephews, grand-dogs, birds, trees and flowers. She enjoyed swimming, water and snow skiing and travel — up north to the cottage and to many locations including Sweden, New Zealand, Hawaii, Canada, the BVIs, Mexico and many states. She was an accomplished gardener, bowler, golfer, seamstress and water-colorist. She was a wonderful mother, homemaker and excellent cook. Marion

was married to Arvin Schrank from 1950 to 1989.

A celebration of Marion's life will be scheduled at a later date and will be held at Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home in Birnamwood. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery, Norrie, Wisconsin.

Memories and messages of support may be shared at Schmidtschulta.com.

The family suggests memorials, in Marion's name. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated in honor of Marion to the Homme Home (www.homme.org) or Aspirus Hospice Services (www.aspirus.org). The family wishes to thank all the staff of Forest Park Village Gardens, Stonecrest and Aspirus Hospice for their years of loving care.

Mary Jane Makhholm

Mary Jane (Cady) Makhholm, 101, formerly of Gillett, died Friday, March 20, 2020, while wintering in Panama City Beach, Florida, with her daughter and son-in-law. Jane Cady was born July 19, 1918, in Chicago. Jane spent her childhood growing up in Chicago with her mother, grandmother and uncle. She was a successful student and on the swim team at Sullivan High School in Chicago. Jane worked for Kemper Insurance where she became a supervisor.

On one of her trips north to Suring where Jane spent weekends and vacations with her mother's sister



Carl and Lena Makhholm where they resided from 1941 to 1971. She moved from city girl to country girl and loved almost every minute of it. While Jane was raised Catholic, she was confirmed at Our Redeemer's

and husband, Mildred and Jack O'Callaghan, she met Austin Makhholm. Five years later they were married and decided to take over the family farm from

Lutheran Church, Suring, in 1941 and has been a member of that congregation since. Upon moving off the farm in 1971, she and her husband Austin lived in rural Gillett until his death in 2003. Jane continued to live in rural Gillett until 2017 when she moved to an assisted living facility in Beloit as an independent resident, to be closer to her daughter and son-in-law.

Survivors are her daughter, Alice (Larry) Olson; two grandchildren, Erik (Elizabeth) Olson and Craig (Shelly) Makhholm; four great-grandchildren, Sydney and Quinton Olson; Brock and Brett Makhholm.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Agnes Cady, husband, Austin Makhholm, and son Ralph Makhholm.

Celebration of Life services will be held at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in the Town of Maple Valley, tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 17, 2020, with times to be determined. Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the Olson family.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 11005 County Road M, Suring, WI 54174 or Covenant Hospice of Florida, 107 W. 19th St., Panama City, FL 32402.

Ella J. Lewis

Ella J. Lewis, 93, of Clintonville, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2020 at Aster Assisted Living in Clintonville.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting Ella's family.

Earl D. Oakley

Earl D. Oakley, 77, of Clintonville, passed away early Friday morning, March 27, 2020, at Kindred Hearts Assisted Living in Clintonville.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville are assisting with his final arrangements.

Robbyn Blumreich

Robbyn Blumreich, 63, Mobile, Alabama, formerly of Gillett, died Saturday afternoon, March 21, 2020, at Providence Hospital following hospitalization which took place Feb. 4, 2020, and being diagnosed with Gillian-Barré Syndrome. She was born March 30, 1956, in Oconto Falls to Betty Lou Kruschke and Donald Blumreich. Robbyn grew up in the Gillett area where she graduated from Gillett High School with the class of 1974. Following graduation, she worked for the Oconto County Commission on Aging and



and job training agency, and lived in North Carolina and Indiana before settling in Mobile eight years ago, where she worked as director of operations for them. Robbyn was in-

later started her own embroidery business in Sheboygan, Silver Threads.

Robbyn then went to work for American Business Corp., an employment

deed one of a kind who will be fondly remembered as someone who loved her family and was always the life of the party.

Survivors are her fiancé, Alan Slatky; four siblings, Heidi (Bob) Schindel, Oconto Falls; Bill (Mary) Blumreich, Gillett; Donna Van Ry and Jodi (Bill) Fry, all of Oconto Falls; nieces and nephews, Travis (Sarah) Schindel and family, Brooke (Chris) Siolka and family; Nick (Krista) Blumreich, Kayla Blumreich and family, Robert (Mallory) Blumreich; Christopher Fry; her Kruschke aunts

and uncles who looked at Robbyn as their sister, Flora (Lee), Godfather Pete (Lorraine), Doug (Joyce), Bev, Wayne and JoAnn (Joe); also Uncle David Schmidt.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother Chris Blumreich, one nephew Donald Blumreich, brother-in-law Bill Van Ry, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Because of the current COVID-19 restrictions, services will be held at a later date. Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the Blumreich family.

Charles V. Arthur

Charles "Chuck" Victor Arthur, 70, passed away after a brief illness on Friday, March 27, 2020. He was born Sept. 23, 1949, the son of Victor and Mary (Boerschinger) Arthur. Chuck graduated from Preble High School. He was employed as a machinist for many years. On Feb. 19, 1972, he married Donna Martzke. They had celebrated 42 years of marriage when she preceded him in death on Nov. 10, 2014.

Chuck was an active member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, where he acted as an usher and he enjoyed



also took pleasure searching for the perfect stuffed animals for his granddaughter.

He is survived by his daughters, Heather (Jeremy) Pyatskowitz and

working at their Friday fish fries for many years. Chuck enjoyed the outdoors, camping with family, hunting and fishing the Red River with his grandson. He

Sarah (Justin) Engel; his grandchildren, Tucker and Madeline Pyatskowitz; his siblings, Charlotte Arthur, Peter (Cheryl, who is also Donna's sister) Arthur, Marilyn (Dale) Arthur, Paula Arthur and Jeff (Linda) Arthur; his brothers-in-law, Darwin (Ardith) and Steven (Debbie) Martzke; and his sisters-in-law, Hope (Michael) Peters and Sandy Wendorff.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Willard and Gwendolyn Martzke; a sister, Marsha Arthur;

and a brother-in-law, Calvin Martzke.

Private graveside services will be held St. Jakobi Lutheran Cemetery in Shawano. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

At this time, cards or memorials may be forwarded to Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E. Mason St. Green Bay, WI 54302. To send online condolences, visit www.prokowall.com.

The family extends a special thank you to St Mary's ER and ICU staff for the care and compassion received during this difficult time.

Arnie R. Pitt

Arnie R. Pitt, 73, Green Bay, passed away Saturday, March 21, 2020, of natural causes. He was born Jan. 5, 1947, in Shawano to the late Arno and Erma (Berkhahn) Pitt. Arnie was a graduate of Bon-duel High School and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Arnie was drafted into the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany



he married Carol Strupp. She preceded him in death on March 1, 2013.

where he met his friend, Christian Hagmaier in 1967, whom he was able to visit several times in his later life. After his military service, Arnie returned home.

On Aug. 30, 1969,

Arnie worked as a tax accountant and owned his own business, Associated Tax, in Ashwaubenon until his retirement. When he wasn't at work, he enjoyed many activities. In his younger years, he loved to play basketball and softball. Arnie was always an avid hunter and spent many hours on his hunting land. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling internationally and biking throughout Europe with his brother, John.

He is survived by his sister, Carol (Steve) Heller, Green Bay; his brother, John (Sally) Pitt, Lake Oswego, Oregon; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Carol, and his siblings, Gary (Audrey) and Mary.

A private celebration of life for Arnie will be held at a later date. Expressions of sympathy, memories and photos may be shared with his family on his tribute page at www.lyndahl.com

Wallace L. Bradle

Wallace L. "Wally" Bradle, 83, Town of Brazeau, passed away Monday, March 23, 2020, at his home. He was born May 5, 1936, in Milwaukee to Leonard and Louise (Breaker) Bradle. Wally served his country as a member of the U.S. Army from 1959-1965. On May 25, 1963, Wally was united in marriage to Catherine "Kathy" Liptak at Sacred Heart Church in Spruce. Wally was employed as a transportation specialist at the Coca-Cola Distribution Center in Milwaukee for 38 years until his retirement in 1998. He was a member of St. Anne Parish in Lena. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and watching sporting events.



Oconto Falls, two grandchildren, Andrew Bradle, Austin Wolf; a sister, Kathleen Miller, Germantown, and other relatives and friends.

Wally was preceded in death by his parents, and two siblings, Thomas Bradle and Carla Ferdinand.

Private services were held at Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home-Lena. A Public Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date.

Wally is survived by his wife of more than 56 years, Kathy; two children and their spouses, Greg (Dr. Robin) Bradle, Town of Richfield, Lynn (Thomas) Wolf,

Burial with Veteran Honors will take place at Pine Hill Cemetery in Spruce.

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SHAWANO COUNTY PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 31

Police logged 12 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — Police responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of South Main Street.

March 30

Police logged 25 incidents, including the following:

Harassment: Harassment was reported in the 700 block of South Main Street.

Trespass — Trespassing was reported in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

Disturbance — Police responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of South Franklin Street.

Disorderly — Disorderly conduct was reported at Lincoln and Richmond streets.

Vandalism — A vehicle was reported vandalized at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

Shoplifting — Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St., reported a shoplifting incident.

March 29

Police logged 12 incidents, including the following:

Assault — A sexual assault complaint was under investigation.

Disturbance — Police responded to a reported fight in progress in the 200 block of South Union Street.

March 28

Police logged 16 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — Police responded to a verbal dispute at Main and Green Bay streets, a disturbance in the 200 block of South Union Street and a domestic disturbance in the 900 block of South Evergreen Street.

Disorderly — Disorderly conduct was reported at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B, and at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive.

Shoplifting — Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St., reported a shoplifting incident.

March 27

Police logged 12 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of

West Pine Street.

Shoplifting — Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St., reported a shoplifting incident.

Drug Offense — Police investigated a drug complaint in the 400 block of Humphrey Circle.

March 26

Police logged 15 incidents, including the following:

Theft — Ashtrays were reported stolen in the 1300 block of East Lieg Avenue.

Police responded to a property theft complaint at Shawano Service Center, 315 S. Main St.

Juvenile — Police responded to a juvenile problem in the 700 block of East Lieg Avenue.

March 25

Police logged 13 incidents, including the following:

Auto Theft — Police recovered a stolen vehicle at Kuckuk Park, 500 Oak Drive.

Hit and Run — Police investigated a property damage hit-and-run in the 400 block of South Main Street.

Harassment — Harassment was reported in the 800 block of South River Street.

Drug Offense — Police investigated a drug complaint in the 300 block of South Sawyer Street.

Disturbance — Police responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South River Street.

March 24

Police logged 17 incidents, including the following:

Disorderly — Disorderly conduct was reported at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B.

Drug Offense — Police investigated a drug complaint in the 500 block of East Center Street.

Trespass — Trespassing was reported in the 1000 block of South Lutz Street.

March 23

Police logged 21 incidents, including the following:

Disorderly — Disorderly conduct was reported at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B.

Drug Offense — Police investigated a drug complaint at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.

Disturbance — Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of West Picnic Street. A 27-year-old Crivitz woman was arrested for disorderly conduct/domestic violence and resisting arrest.

Theft — Money and cigarettes were reported stolen in the 700 block of South Main Street. Medication was reported stolen in the 1100 block of South River Street.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 31

Deputies logged 29 incidents, including the following:

Theft — Tires were reported stolen from a vehicle on County Road BE in the town of Waukechon. Parts were reported stolen from a vehicle on County Road CC in the town of Waukechon. A dog was reported stolen on Hillview Road in the town of Herman.

Fraud — Authorities investigated an internet scam complaint on County Road M in the town of Fairbanks.

Child Abuse — Authorities investigated a child abuse complaint on Vinal Street in Wittenberg.

Hit and Run — Authorities responded to a property damage hit-and-run on Cedar Street in Tigerton.

March 30

Deputies logged 26 incidents, including the following:

Burglary — A burglary to a garage was reported on Mork Road in the town of Wescott.

March 29

Deputies logged 29 incidents, including the following:

Hit and Run — Authorities investigated a property damage hit-and-run on Bon Street in Cecil.

Vandalism — Tires were reported slashed on Mohawk Street in the town of Wittenberg.

Fraud — Authorities investigated an internet scam on Webb Street in Wittenberg.

Disorderly — Disorderly conduct was reported on Hemlock Road in the town of Wittenberg.

March 28

Deputies logged 34 incidents, including

the following:

Disorderly — Disorderly conduct was reported on Mohawk Street in the town of Wittenberg.

Disturbances — Authorities responded to disturbances on West Green Bay Street in Bonduel and Webb Street in Wittenberg and a domestic disturbance on Evergreen Street in Shawano.

Shoplifting — Ho-Chunk Gas Station, N7240 U.S. Highway 45, reported the theft of a cigar.

March 27

Deputies logged 34 incidents, including the following:

Information — Authorities received six complaints of businesses remaining open in spite of the statewide ban on non-essential businesses during the coronavirus health emergency. Verbal warnings were issued to the businesses.

March 26

Deputies logged 27 incidents, including the following:

Disorderly — Disorderly conduct was reported on County Road BE in the town of Hartland.

Disturbances — Authorities responded to a disturbance on Weasel Dam Road in the town of Grant and Old Shawano Road in the town of Pella.

Drug Offense — Authorities investigated a drug complaint on Hayman Falls Lane in the town of Pella.

March 25

Deputies logged 22 incidents, including the following:

Burglary — A burglary was reported on Church Street in Aniwa.

Drug Offense — Authorities investigated a drug complaint on Forest Haven Road in the town of Richmond.

Auto Theft — A vehicle was reported stolen on Mission Street in Wittenberg.

March 23

Deputies logged 32 incidents, including the following:

Disturbances — Authorities responded to disturbances on Daffodil Lane in Tigerton and County Road F in the town of Angelica.

Theft — Authorities responded to a property theft complaint on U.S. Highway 45 in the town of Birnamwood.

SHAWANO COUNTY COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court:

- Kent R. Hessing, 44, of Tigerton, was charged March 31 with two felony counts of bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of domestic abuse-related disorderly conduct. He could face a maximum six years in prison and a \$10,000 fine on each of

the felony counts if convicted. Hessing is scheduled for an initial court appearance on June 1.

- Tiffany L. Husting, 32, of Shawano, was charged March 30 with a felony count of misappropriating ID to avoid penalty and five felony counts of bail jumping. She could face a maximum six years in prison and a \$10,000

fine on each of the felony counts if convicted. Husting was ordered held on a \$500 cash bond and \$4,500 signature bond set by Judge James Habeck. A cash bond of \$5,000 was also imposed by Habeck on March 30 in another pending case in which Husting is facing felony counts of burglary and theft. She is also charged in a separate

case with felony possession of methamphetamine. There were no future court dates yet scheduled.

- An arrest warrant was issued March 27 for Jordan D. Hopper, 24, of Milwaukee on a felony count of escape-criminal arrest. He could face a maximum six years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted.

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THE RIVER RISES

Minor flooding occurred at the boat launch near Holt Campground in Oconto and other areas along the Oconto River after the area received more than an inch of rain over the weekend. The river crested at 10.74 feet Sunday evening, about 20 inches over flood stage, and was expected to remain over the 9.0-foot flood stage through this weekend.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Jury services are canceled in Oconto County Circuit Court at least through April 30. Jurors summoned for this time period are not required to report and or call the jury line at Oconto County Clerk of Court. In addition, their jury service will be satisfied for four years.

Jury trials and many other criminal court activities were postponed into May and beyond. Schedules may be checked at the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access website, and general court inquiries should be directed to 920-834-6858.

Proceedings of March 30

Destiny Rose Bagnat, 20, Gillett, was placed on two years probation for misappropriating identity information to obtain money, in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 4, 2019. Among conditions of probation, she was ordered to make restitution, maintain absolute sobriety, obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma, and obtain and maintain full-time employment. She must undergo alcohol and other drug abuse and psychological evaluations and follow through with recommendations, and she is to have no contact with anyone dealing or doing illegal drugs.

Eric Stephen Walton, 42, Oconto Falls, was placed on three years probation after Judge Michael T. Judge withheld sentencing for child neglect, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 29. Several related charges were dismissed were read them the record. Conditions of probation include a no-contact order and that Walton complete all programming deemed appropriate by the Department of Corrections.

Proceedings of March 26

Judge Michael T. Judge denied a defense motion to reduce bail from \$10,000 cash for Richard R. Volm, 59, Pound, who is charged with possession with intent to deliver narcotic drugs, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 7. Due to the COVID-19 virus, a jury trial previously was postponed until Aug. 4-5 with a final pre-trial conference scheduled for July 27.

Jared Scott Crampton, 28, Pound, was placed on two years probation for bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 28. The term will begin with nine months in the county jail; Judge Michael T. Judge granted Huber Law work-release privileges and gave Crampton credit for 119 days already served since his arrest. During probation he must maintain absolute sobriety and undergo alcohol and other drug abuse assessments, following through with recommended treatment and/or counseling.

Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Marie Faye Malotte, 42, Neenah, who is charged with possession with intent to deliver amphetamine, possession of materials to produce methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place, and possession of THC (all second or subsequent offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 24. Her initial court appearance was adjourned until May 7.

Proceedings of March 25

Judge Michael T. Judge denied a request to reduce bail for Curt Porath,

48, Oconto, who is being held in lieu of \$30,000 cash on charges of manufacture and delivery of amphetamine, possession of methamphetamine precursors, bail jumping, possession of paraphernalia to produce methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine waste, possession of methamphetamine, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred Jan. 1 and Sept. 6, 2019. In an earlier case he faces two other counts of manufacture or delivery of methamphetamine, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred March 21 and March 22, 2018. A jury trial is currently scheduled for May 28-29, with a final pre-trial conference is scheduled for May 21.

Judge Jay N. Conley adjusted bail downward to \$1,500 cash for Jared Ronald Barber, 26, Marinette, formerly Lena, who faces charges of victim intimidation, strangulation-suffocation, and seven misdemeanor charges - one count of battery, two counts of criminal damage to property, and four counts of disorderly conduct - in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 24. A three-day jury trial is scheduled starting June 2, with a final pre-trial conference set for May 21.

Proceedings of March 24

After a preliminary hearing Melanie L. Nelson, 54, Minot, North Dakota, was bound over on a charge of misappropriating ID information to obtain money, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred in Oconto on Nov. 29. Arraignment was scheduled for May 7.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR —

Backs Ellis for Oconto County Board

To the editor:

Please vote for Marcia Ellis Oconto County Board Supervisor, District 2. Marcia was appointed to this post last year instead of her opponent, David Pribyl, and needs to continue because she did a wonderful job and will work hard for Oconto County.

Marcia brings her knowledge of government, past life experiences, professional background, integrity, problem solving skills, patriotism, energy, and her willingness to listen and ask questions to the forefront as the only candidate truly deserving of this position. Her willingness to learn and grow in this position will move Oconto County forward which is very important.

Please vote on April 7, 2020, for Marcia Ellis Oconto County Board, District 2.

Beth Trudell,
Sobieski

ATV safety class planned for late April

RIVERVIEW — The Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club and the Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club plan to hold a DNR-certified ATV safety course from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 25 at the Riverview Town Hall, 15471 State Highway 32, Mountain.

Registration will close by April 8.

Students are expected to read the handbook that will be mailed to them and complete chapters in advance of the class.

Anyone born after Jan. 1, 1988, and at least 12 years old must have ATV certification to operate on public areas. Parents and adults are encouraged to participate. Fees are \$10 per student. The fee is waived for students whose parents or grandparents are members of either Hidden Bear Trail or Red Arrow clubs.

This is classroom only; there is no actual ATV operation.

Students must register online and obtain a DNR customer number at gowild.wi.gov. A customer number can also be obtained at DNR service outlets or by calling 888-936-7463.

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CANDIDATE Q&A, SHAWANO COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT 4

Incumbent Michael McClelland faces Kimberly Leffel

Incumbent District 4 Shawano County Board Supervisor Michael McClelland is being challenged in the April 7 election by Kimberly Leffel. The district includes Wards 7 and 8 in the city of Shawano. Following is their biographical information and responses to five questions posed by the Shawano Leader.

Kimberly Leffel

Age: 33

Address: 121 S. Lincoln St., Shawano

Husband: Jesse Fenn

Occupation: Database marketing manager for North Star Mohican Casino Resort (employed there since 2010) and announcer/board op for Results Broadcasting (includes WTCH/WJMQ; employed there since 2015)

Education: Bachelor of Science from UW-Oshkosh (2009) in radio/TV/film. Minor in English with an emphasis in creative writing.

Community involvement: Charitable donations to local organizations, mainly

Michael T. McClelland

Age: 73

Address: 1037 S. Union St., Shawano

Family: Two children, seven grandchildren

Occupation/Education: Graduated from Milwaukee School of Engineering; 27 years of aeronautical and engineering experience

Community Involvement: Member

of the Friends of Shawano County Library and serve on the board of directors. Currently hosting two foreign exchange students (seniors) at Shawano Community High School. Served as a volunteer for VITA taxpayer assistance program.

Why are you running?

LEFFEL: I am running to truly help our community and give residents a voice. I've spoken with community members from my district, and it was apparent they need their ideas listened to and considered.

MCCLELLAND: Efficient use of our tax dollars and your right to have a voice in local government was, and still is, my motivation for running for county board. We have faced obvious choices, either raise taxes or make government run more efficiently. As your supervisor, I stand on my record of working to reduce non-essential expenditures and tax increases.

Why should voters choose you over your opponent?

LEFFEL: Given my unique background and talent with data analytics as well as being able to speak and listen to people, I consider myself a strong candidate. I have the ability to work with data that may give us deeper insight into ideas and allow us to foresee challenges that we would not have otherwise. I am not afraid to speak up, and I am not afraid to be

honest and take a stand for the betterment of our community.

MCCLELLAND: I'm a fiscal conservative. With my time on the county board, I questioned an expenditure in the public safety committee that resulted in the discovery of a ongoing missing money problem in the jail. I worked with fellow board members to declare Heritage Park a park and preserve it as the home for the historical society. I pushed for a resolution setting a policy to insure accountability for how the county handles personal property left in "in rem" properties.

What would be your top focus or priority on the board?

LEFFEL: Truly listening to the people within District 4 and making sure their voices are heard, as well as making sure our tax dollars are being utilized as best they can. It's important we all have a say.

MCCLELLAND: We need to keep taxes low so small businesses and homeowners can grow and prosper, and families can continue to afford to reside in Shawano County. We must improve efficiencies in county government to reduce the property tax burden.

Is the county doing enough to control spending and taxes?

LEFFEL: I think we are currently moving in the right direction; however,

I am a firm believer that absolutely anything can be improved.

MCCLELLAND: The state sets the levy limits for property taxes. We need to change the philosophy on the county board that the budget is OK when it meets the state maximum limits. I would like to see a 1-2% reduction in county spending. County has services that are mandated; some are not. These programs that are not mandated could be greatly reduced or eliminated.

Do you support making Shawano County a Second Amendment sanctuary?

LEFFEL: Coming from a background in data analysis, I feel like there needs to be more information considered. I also think that we can take a deeper look at similar situations in comparable areas and get a better understanding of true benefits and consequences before jumping right in, either way. I do not feel like enough has been considered yet.

MCCLELLAND: I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. This includes the Second Amendment. I own guns, and I'm a hunter. I have not seen the final resolution, but I will not do anything to infringe on the Second Amendment. The voters in my district who have contacted me are not in favor of a sanctuary county.

CANDIDATE Q&A, SHAWANO COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT 23

Incumbent Ray Faehling challenged by Aaron Damrau

Incumbent District 23 Shawano County Board Supervisor Ray Faehling is being challenged in the April 7 election by Aaron Damrau. The district includes the town of Fairbanks, village of Tigerton and Ward 2 of the town of Germania. The Shawano Leader requested biographical information and posed five questions to each of the candidates. Their answers are below.

Aaron Damrau

Age: 31

Address: W17425 County Road M, town of Germania

Family: Single

Occupation: Attorney

Education: University of Minnesota Law School; University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, history and political science major

Community involvement: Tigerton Area Historical Society board member; Tigerton Clinic Association, board of directors and clinic manager;

Waupaca County Bar Association president.

Ray Faehling

Age: 79

Address: N3103 Split Rock Road, Tigerton

Family: Wife and two sons

Occupation: Retired from Shawano County Sheriff's Department

Education: 12 years and two years at tech school out of Green Bay
Community Involvement: American Legion

Why are you running?

DAMRAU: I want to make a positive impact on our community and bring new ideas to the county board.

FAEHLING: Because I want to and I want to continue with what I've been doing so far on the county board.

Why should voters choose you over your opponent?

DAMRAU: I have a background in law and government and can come to

the board with fresh ideas.

FAEHLING: I have no reason why they want to choose me over the opponent. Maybe a little more experience.

What would be your top focus or priority on the board?

DAMRAU: Codify county ordinances and making it accessible to the public like other counties have done.

FAEHLING: To make sure we pass that Second Amendment business. That's a top priority right now. I'm on the tribal affairs committee and on the solid waste committee, just so that we maybe get along good with all the tribes we have to deal with.

Is the county doing enough to control spending and taxes?

DAMRAU: The county is limited in the amount of taxes it can raise and needs to prioritize its tax spending.

FAEHLING: I believe they are. Except when they bought these iPads for us. That's what we were supposed

to use for voting, but now we have a different thing set up at your desk when you come in. They spent money on the iPads. They could use them for voting. That's what it was supposed to be. But then they bought this other outfit. Dumb, I think, wasting all that money.

Do you support making Shawano County a Second Amendment sanctuary?

DAMRAU: I support the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms. I believe the current wording of the proposed resolution leaves the county open for a lawsuit and it can be improved.

FAEHLING: The Second Amendment was made for our protection, and it's our right to have guns to protect ourselves. I have lots of guns, and I am not going to give them up. They'll have to bring in a lot of people to be able to come and confiscate them.

The new normal



Biramwood business Woodstock Flooring & Design Center closed the showroom for walk-in customers. The production plant remains open and they are working on all current orders and installs.

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Hanke's Sentry Foods in Wittenberg has safety reminders on their doors and encourages customers to use credit or debit cards as an extra precaution. Although limited on some items, most of the shelves have been restocked. Hanke's did need to cancel their three-day meat sale for this weekend, due to limits on orders.

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A rare sight at Chet & Emil's which is usually open at 11 a.m. with cars parked up and down the streets of Biramwood. They've changed the hours to 4-7 p.m.

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Evictions, foreclosures suspended during COVID-19 crisis

Gov. Tony Evers directed Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to temporarily order the suspension of evictions and foreclosures on Friday amid the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The order prohibits landlords from evicting tenants for any reason

unless failure to proceed with the eviction will result in an imminent threat of serious physical harm to another person and mortgagees from commencing civil action to foreclose on real estate for 60 days. Wisconsinites who are able to continue to meet their financial obligations are urged to do so. This order does not in any

way relieve a person's obligation to pay their rent or mortgages.

"During this time individuals, families, and small businesses may see disruptions in paychecks due to losing hours, tips, business, or employment. This is another step we can take to prioritize the health and safety of Wisconsinites during this

public health emergency," Evers said. "Evictions and foreclosures pose a direct and serious threat to the health and well-being of Wisconsinites, ensuring they are able to keep a roof over their heads and those in social services can prioritize assisting those who currently do not have shelter is critically important."

Alice in Dairyland comes to St. James and visits kindergarten classroom

In celebration of National FFA Week, the kindergarten classes at St. James Lutheran School in Shawano welcomed special visitors Feb. 27 — members of the Shawano Community High School FFA and Wisconsin's 72nd Alice in Dairyland, Abigail Martin.

The FFA students shared with the kindergartners how important agriculture is to the state of Wisconsin. The visit by Martin is part of her year of service with Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, in which she provides educational programming to thousands of Wisconsin elementary students, said Missy Goers, Shawano FFA adviser.

"The children enjoyed the interactive game where they learned about all the foods made in Wisconsin," said Erika Kaiser, one of two kindergarten teachers at St. James. "The kindergarten students felt they had been visited by royalty, as Alice had a mink coat, a sash and a tiara. They continued to talk about Alice long after we had returned to our classrooms."

Kaiser added that she and her students are grateful to the FFA students and Martin for visiting and presenting, and their school is pleased to continue its relationship with the Shawano School District.

Shawano FFA members attend forum



From left, Mattelyn Koehler, Morgan Weinig, John Rhode and Kyle Krueger of the Shawano FFA Chapter attended the FFA Farm Forum held Feb. 21-22 in Wisconsin Rapids. The students were sponsored by the Shawano County Farm Bureau.

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Notice of Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote and Sample Ballots April 7, 2020

OFFICE OF THE SHAWANO COUNTY CLERK AND MENOMINEE COUNTY CLERK TO THE VOTERS OF SHAWANO COUNTY AND MENOMINEE COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election and a Presidential Preference Vote to be held in Shawano County and Menominee on April 7, 2020, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot, except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE VOTE

A voter may cast only one vote in the presidential preference primary. Where Paper Ballots are Used

To vote for president, the voter shall choose the ballot of the party of his or her choice on which to vote. If you vote in more than one party, your vote will not be counted. On the ballot of his or her choice, the voter shall make an (X) or other mark in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice or shall, in the alternative, make an (X) or other mark in the square next to the words "Uninstructed delegation," or write in the name of a person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

Within the party of his or her choice, the voter shall connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice or shall, in the alternative, connect the arrow next to the words "Uninstructed Delegation," or write in the name of a person of his or her choice for a candidate in the space provided for a write-in vote and connect the arrow next to the write-in line.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen at the party of his or her choice. Within the party of his or her choice, the voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice or shall, in the alternative, touch the screen at the words "Uninstructed Delegation," or type in the name of a person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

AT THE SPRING ELECTION

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided, and connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the questions, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote shall not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking his or her ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

Spoiled Ballots

If a voter spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The voter may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or the deliver the ballot to an election inspector for

deposit and deposit any un-voted ballots in the discard box. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official touch screen ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Done this 4th day of April, 2020 in the County of Shawano, City of Shawano
Pamela Schmidt, Shawano County Clerk
Sarah Lyons, Menominee County Clerk

Optical Scan Ballot City of Shawano Dist. 2-Side 1

Official Ballot
Presidential Preference Vote
Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
April 7, 2020

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be received by 2 election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be received by the township clerk or county clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (the back of ballot for voters).

General Instructions to Voters: If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. Absentee voters: Connect your marked ballot to the municipal clerk or county clerk. To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to the name. To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name in the space provided for a write-in vote. To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name in the space provided for a write-in vote. To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name in the space provided for a write-in vote.

Presidential Preference Vote

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At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of the Wis. Stats §19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of canvassers and the Municipal Board of Canvassers for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvassers pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§7.51 and 7.53(f). This meeting

CLUB NOTES

Bowler FFA

Public speaking is the number one fear for most people. On Jan. 27, 20 students faced their fears at the District FFA Speaking Contest. We took some honors home that night. Bowler FFA had two quiz bowl teams compete, where they were tested on FFA knowledge — anything from when did FFA and NFA merge to naming the first female state president. Both teams will advance to sectionals.

The first place team was Brady Ricket, Karter Kolpack, Isabella Stevens, and Weengeetah Mohawk. Second place went to Gavin Klose, Circano Escalante, Kelissa Malone and

Lillian Welch.

Bertina Dodge and Tully Kroening participated in the FFA Creed contest. The FFA Creed outlines the organization's beliefs regarding the industry of agriculture, FFA membership and the value of citizenship and patriotism.

The purpose of the creed speaking leadership development event is to develop the public speaking abilities of seventh, eighth and ninth grade FFA members, as well as developing their self-confidence and contributing to their advancement in the FFA degree program.

Bertina Dodge took first and will be advancing on to sectionals. Lane Schultz and Madison Klemann both

participated in employability skills, where they practiced job interviews and resume building.

Abigayl Chamberlain participated in the extemporaneous speaking contest, The FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership Development Event is designed to develop the ability of all FFA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance. This gives FFA members an opportunity to formulate their remarks for presentation in a very limited amount of time.

The parliamentary procedure team took second and consisted of Brock Strassburg, Zachary Fehrman, Isaiah

Bestul, Jacob Bratz, Kayla Pecore and Morgan Paiser. The purpose of the parliamentary procedure leadership development event is to encourage students to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of their leadership, research, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

Alyssa Strassburg and Sterling Schreiber III took first and second place in the discussion meet. This allows participants to exchange ideas and information in an effort to solve a problem. It is an exercise in problem-solving using techniques of letting the participants discuss subjects, with the questions, answers and statements.

BIRTHS

Chelsea and Jeff Kropf, Rothschild, welcomed Mason James Kropf to the world March 30 at 5:31 a.m. at Aspirus Women's Health Birthing Center, Wausau. Mason weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19½ inches long at birth.

MARRIAGES

Michael Ray Hagel and Hailey Katelyn Brautigam, March 7, 2020.
Quinn Daniel Winans and Emelia Pearl Strnad, March 28, 2020.

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Notice that Assessment Roll is Available for Examination
For The Town of Seneca

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the assessment roll for the Town of Seneca is open for inspection April 23, 2020 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Seneca Town Hall.

FURTHER, BE ADVISED that the Assessor for the Town of Seneca will be present on April 23, 2020 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Seneca Town Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Raymond Rigsby, Clerk in the Town of Seneca at 715-851-2251.
Raymond Rigsby, Clerk

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BONDUEL

BONDUEL, WISCONSIN 54107

Regular Board Meeting

7:00 PM Bonduel High School/Junior High Library Media Center
April 6, 2020

Agenda

1. Call to Order— (Posting Notice: March 30, 2020 the agenda for the meeting was sent to the Shawano Leader, WTCB radio, and the clerks of the municipalities within the District's boundaries. Copies were also posted on the bulletin boards in the District office, Bonduel High School office, Bonduel Elementary School, the bus garage, the Bonduel State Bank, and the Village of Bonduel Office). Please visit our District website on the Fridays before Board meetings at www.bonduel.k12.wi.us for the most up to date agenda.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Appearances:
4. Approval to Deviate from the Order of the Items on the Agenda.
5. Approval of Minutes.
6. Approval to Pay Bills.
7. New Business—Action Items
8. Discussion.
9. Reports.
10. Meetings to Attend.
11. Adjourn to Closed Session.
12. Reconvene to Open Session.
13. Adjourn.

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Town of Navarino

Notice of Public Hearing

April 21, 2020 – 6 pm

Navarino Town Hall W5041 St Hwy 156

TOWN OF NAVARINO, Shawano County, Wisconsin

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DISCONTINUANCE OF A PUBLIC WAY

A public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Navarino at the Navarino Town Hall, W5041 State Highway 156 Navarino, Wisconsin. on April 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the matter of the discontinuance of the That part of Lindsten Road lying within the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE ¼ of the SW ¼) Section Sixteen (16) and the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE ¼ of the NW ¼) Section Twenty-one (21) all in Township Twenty-five (25) North, Range Sixteen (16) East, in the Town of Navarino, Shawano County, Wisconsin.

A meeting of the town board will be held after the public hearing.

A copy of the Discontinuance Resolution will be on file at the Town Clerks office.

By Judy Krull, Town of Navarino Clerk

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BONDUEL

BONDUEL, WISCONSIN 54107

Regular Board Meeting

7:00 PM JH/HS LMC

March 2nd, 2020

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Dale Bergsbaken at 7:00 p.m. All Board members were in attendance with the exception of Dennis Bergsbaken and Nina Rouse, who arrived at 7:01 p.m.

The following motions were made, seconded, and carried to approve:

- For approval of minutes of the February 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting.
- For Voucher approval of checks numbered 1051136 through 1051192 and ACH payment 1920132 for period of 2/14/2020 through 2/29/2020 in the amount of \$247,117.23.
- For Co-Curricular voucher approval of checks numbered 31877 through 31881 for the period of 2/14/2020 through 2/26/2020 in the amount of \$3,931.25.
- To approve the Board of Canvassers as presented.
- To approve Out of State Travel for Girls Softball as presented.
- To adjourn to closed session as authorized under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c)(e) for the purposes of considering or discussing issues pertaining to compensation of certified, noncertified and administrative staff.
- To reconvene to open session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Board Clerk, Greg Borowski

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Judge James Morrison, left, addresses murder suspect Raymand Vannieuwenhoven and his attorney Travis Crowell via a video connection to the Marinette County Jail, during a competency hearing Thursday.
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Elderly murder suspect not competent for trial

Judge orders treatment to attempt to restore competency

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

MARINETTE — The Lakewood man accused of murdering a Green Bay couple in 1976 has been ruled incompetent to stand trial, at least temporarily, in Marinette County Circuit Court.

Judge James Morrison made the ruling Thursday after hearing testimony from a psychologist who examined Raymand Vannieuwenhoven, 83. He was arrested a year ago after authorities said DNA tests linked Vannieuwenhoven to the murders of David Schuldes and Ellen Matheys, whose bodies were found at the McClintock Park campground July 9, 1976.

Dr. Steven Benson, testifying from his home, said the defendant is not currently competent to aid in his own defense, but his condition could improve with intensive inpatient treatment.

Vannieuwenhoven had a stroke about 10 years ago and has issues with his short- and longer-term memory and reasoning, Benson said.

“There were issues relative to expressive speech, articulation (speaking clearly), anomia (word-finding problems) and significant issues with regard to memory,” Benson said.

For example, he was able to give a rough outline of his work history and upbringing but not specific details, and he was unable to recall when his wife died but was able to state that their marriage lasted 51 years, three months and 27 days, he said.

Because he has been able to live independently, albeit with assistance from his family, Vannieuwenhoven’s condition by definition is considered a mild neuro-cognitive disorder rather than major, Benson said.

“I felt there was a probability he could become competent, given the fact that he has been able to live independently for an extended period

of time,” Benson said. “I also qualified that opinion by saying that a more comprehensive neuro-psychological evaluation was warranted.”

With such treatment, it’s more likely than not that Vannieuwenhoven could become competent enough to stand trial, Benson concluded.

State mental health institutions in Winnebago and Medota have a restorative treatment program, beginning with a comprehensive evaluation of the patient’s mental condition, he said.

“We’re looking to be able to sustain or to improve his executive functions,” Benson said. “We have to be able to determine whether he is able to function in such a way that he can access memory, historical details, without interference from other types of, say, for example, the delusions that have been outlined in my report, or just loss of focus because he just can’t stay focused on

something for long enough minutes at a time.”

The ruling includes an order that Vannieuwenhoven be treated with psychotropic drugs, which was included over the defendant’s objections.

Morrison scheduled a status conference for 2 p.m. June 24 but acknowledged that with the ongoing coronavirus concerns, “All bets are off on time.”

At the beginning of the hearing, Morrison noted that on March 22, the state Supreme Court issued three orders related to the COVID-19 response — one which specifically stated only court hearings affecting constitutional interests or safety could be held, and any sessions that are held should be done via available internet technology.

About 10 minutes into the hearing, the Zoom connection failed and Morrison was unable to restore it, so Benson’s testimony resumed via speakerphone.

WBSD pilots a food distribution program

Parents picked up five breakfasts and ten lunches

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

WITTENBERG — School in Wisconsin is closed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff members of the Wittenberg-Birnhamwood School District are not only concerned about missed education, they are also concerned about missed nutrition.

Kandice Miller, the Food Service Director for WBSD, was able to get a waiver through the state so that the students didn't need to be in the school to receive the food. From there a plan was developed to get meals to students.

"When the state first chose to close the schools, we were concerned about our families needing food," said Vicky Haas, Principal of Wittenberg Elementary/Middle School. "We know our families are really going to take a hit with this situation."

In a coordinated effort between Haas and Randy Berndt, Principal of Birnamwood Elementary/Middle School, parents were notified through the WBSD website and SkyAlert of the food distribution project. WEMS served as the point to receive and distribute food items. In addition to the schools in Birnamwood and Wittenberg, Eland Village Hall and the Galloway Community Center served as pick up points on Monday.

"This is our trial run," said Haas. "We prepared 250 lunches for this first time. We really didn't know what to expect."

Going forward the food distribution will continue at the same location minus the Eland Village Hall. Pick up will be from 9-10 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. on Mondays.

The food service department was in charge of preparing and packaging and were at the school Sunday afternoon for a few hours and then arrived at 5 a.m. Monday to finish the final preparations. A breakfast bag included milk, fruit, cereal and muffins



Kindergarten teacher Nikki Stiegerwald distributes breakfast and lunch packages to Kristin Wild, Wittenberg. Wild has a 4-year-old and a 7-year-old, and works at a Wausau hospital.

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– five servings of each for a week's worth of food. Lunch included milk, sandwiches and vegetable.

Staff members were on hand helping with distribution. Parents could drive up to the entrance and staff would bring the packages to them. In keeping with the safety guidelines, there were a minimum number of helpers on hand.

"It's very nice to have this kind of help," said Kristin Wild, Wittenberg, who works at a hospital in Wausau and has two children enrolled in WBSD.

Haas also invited the Wittenberg Food Pantry to be open during this trial period. Flyers with the pantry information were included in the packages.

Tammy Meverden, Director of the Wittenberg Food Pantry was happy to assist. Generally the pantry only operates once a month on the third

Wednesday evening and third Thursday morning.

"If the district decides to continue with a weekly program, we will need to make decisions about whether or not we will be open at the same time and how much to distribute as we now only do once a month," said Meverden.

The pantry has a variety of canned items as well as eggs, frozen meat and personal hygiene products that have all been donated or purchased with monetary donations.

Waylon Resch, WBHS Metals Instructor and advisor to Skills USA, Witt-Birn Chapter sent in a donation of \$1,000 to the food pantry. The money was raised for a trip to Madison which was cancelled and the students decided to give it all to the pantry.

"Isn't that awesome? It's kids that did that!" said Meverden.

AT A GLANCE

FOOD PICK UP: will be on Mondays from 9-10 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. at the following locations - Wittenberg Elementary/Middle School, 300 So. Prouty St., Wittenberg; Birnamwood Elementary/Middle School, 337 Main St., Birnamwood; Galloway Community Center, 203340 State Highway 49, Galloway.

ALSO: The Wittenberg Food Pantry, 704 S. Webb St., Wittenberg, serves the residents living in the Wittenberg-Birnhamwood School District. Open the third Wednesday of every month, 5-7 p.m. and third Thursday of every month 9:30-11:30 a.m. Call 715-253-2576 to make a donation or to arrange another pick up time.

Last month, the first month of the school shut down, Meverden noted there was a 35% increase in customers to the pantry. According to Meverden there is great need in this area but there is also a generous willingness to help others.

Wolf River Associates of Thrivent Financial expands its team

SHAWANO — The Wolf River Associates of Thrivent Financial and Dean and Jeanne Kaczorowski, along with Shirley Dittman, have announced that their two teams will be merging in one location. The group will move to its new location, 517 E. Green Bay St., Shawano.

To contact a team member, call 715-524-1951.

This new location will benefit current and new clients, as well as community members by offering

additional meeting space, access to improved parking and a one-level entry and entrance ramp.

“By partnering with Dean, Jeanne and Shirley, we’re strengthening our current team with varying areas of expertise to serve each one of our members holistically and accommodate their individual needs,” said Scott Parson, co-owner and financial consultant. “In addition, we recently added Sandra Carroll, financial professional; Dalton Parson, insur-

ance associate; and Marla Sparks, insurance associate, to our team to provide clients with the exceptional service they expect.”

Wolf River Associates has over 125 years of combined service experience.

“We will leverage our experience providing comprehensive customized and strategic financial strategies to help individuals and families accomplish their financial goals so that they may live prosperous and

generous lives,” said Dave Passehl, co-owner and financial consultant. “The new, larger office space will accommodate our financial consultants and our insurance specialists. Areas of expertise include insurance, retirement income planning, wealth management and tax efficiency.

The Wolf River Associates team is active and volunteers in the local community and looks forward to making an even bigger impact in Shawano as they continue to grow.

Prevea Health offers online screening

Prevea Health is offering free online screening and evaluation for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) through Prevea Virtual Care at www.prevea.com/virtualcare.

Prevea Virtual Care visits for COVID-19 assess the patient’s symptoms and provide information about COVID-19. If additional care is needed, patients will be provided specific directions about where to go for lab testing and follow-up care to ensure they receive the care they need while maintaining a safe distance from others. If a patient



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needs additional lab tests or follow-up care, it will be billed to the patient’s insurance provider.

Prevea Virtual Care is available to anyone in the state, regardless of whether they’ve been with Prevea or not.

Those with symptoms of COVID-19 — including fever, cough and shortness of breath — should stay home and use Prevea Virtual Care online or call 920-431-1810 to receive a free assessment by phone. If symptoms are severe and life-threatening, they should call 911.

If they prefer to travel to the emergency room on their own, they should call the hospital prior to their arrival to explain their symptoms. This will provide the emergency department time to prepare for their arrival and be sure that

others in the area will be protected from the potential spread of infectious disease.

In addition to the COVID-19 assessment, Prevea Virtual Care also offers online diagnoses and treatment for a variety of common health conditions, allowing people to receive care from the safety and comfort of home which is especially important during this time. Prevea Virtual Care visits for common health conditions are offered for only \$35 each.

Women educator group offers scholarship

The Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an organization of women educators, has announced that it is offering one \$500 scholarship to an eligible college student who is pursuing a degree in education.

Applicants must be college or university students who have been admitted to an education program.

Interested college students from Waupaca and Shawano counties can apply. Scholarship application forms may be obtained by contacting Rita Simon by mail at 103 Kelsee Court, Bonduel, WI 54107; by phone at 715-758-8535 or 715-853-4312; or by email at rmjrslmon@gmail.com.

Completed applications are due by April 15.

In the mist



White-tail deer pause to watch a passing car before taking off into the dark mist of the forest. Warm weather and sunshine has been pulling moisture out of the snow recently, creating soft, muted landscapes.

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OPINION

Stronger county leadership needed in COVID-19 crisis

The COVID-19 virus is here. It will spread, and we need to be ready when it does. Many local individuals, businesses and agencies have stepped up to the challenges ahead.

Sadly, Shawano County missed many opportunities as they waited for a case to be confirmed here before taking on a leadership role in planning for the local impact of the pandemic.

The go-slow approach may have been intended to keep residents calm, but the effect has been a lack of sense of urgency that may mask the actual threat.

Residents travel. Relatives visit. There is no magic shield to protect us from the COVID-19 virus, and when case numbers start to multiply—as they certainly will—we may have fewer resources to care for patients here than are available in urban areas.

The understanding that the impact here will be delayed, not avoided, allows us to prepare for the unique challenges that residents of a rural area will face.

While we initially seemed spared as counties around us reported COVID-19 cases, even the Shawano-Menominee Health Department reported that they knew cases were in the area. Lack of testing and the timetable for test results meant that



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cases were not confirmed, but experts, including the local health department, knew they would be.

Even without these results, the health department could have helped local people understand the threat with frequent updates on how and when local testing is performed; why rural areas need to be concerned—even in lightly populated areas—or what self-insured or uninsured rural families should do if they feel they are sick.

Links to credible state and national sites are helpful, but so is advice from the people we know and trust. While Shawano County has maintained an informal system of emergency planning, the overall philosophy plan, outlined earlier by Shawano County Emergency Management Director James Davel, is based on the need to stay calm and look to the state of Wisconsin for help.

When asked about the local approach, Davel's response has been that COVID-19 is a health emergency, and therefore the domain of the health department.

That's like saying that a tornado disaster in Pella should be handled by the National Weather Service. The experts can help provide the science upon which to make good, reasoned decisions, but they are unlikely to understand the needs of residents that go beyond their areas of expertise.

We need our health department to be able to focus on health issues, and not worry about making sure residents have access to transportation, basic groceries and connecting to basic county services.

The notion that this is a health emergency driven by the state DHS also ignores the enormous impact that this has, far beyond the reach of a strapped health department. The most telling example is the disconnect between the notion that the internet is not a concern of emergency management.

"No one uses the internet to call 911," Davel noted.

At the same time, the Shawano County administrator was outlining how county services would depend on the internet to continue to safely serve residents. County and other government functions — from courthouse services to teleconferences for mental health groups — have become telephone- and internet-based.

Individuals who are sheltering in

place need the internet to order food and medicine, reach out to family for support and in some cases, because they are afraid they have the virus, use telemedicine.

In a business-as-usual environment, rural people get used to walking out into the backyard to get a phone signal and asking neighbors to use their more robust internet. In a pandemic when we are asked to not leave our homes, what is the plan to make sure that rural people can talk to their doctors, or order groceries, or just check in with loved ones?

This lack of connectivity isn't limited to the poor coverage of many internet plans in rural areas of Shawano and Menominee counties. It underscores a lack of connectivity between county government leadership and people who are hungry for guidance in very difficult times.

County officials have said that they are planning daily, and we can have confidence that our county is prepared. We hope so, but so far, telling us to trust the informal local network, and hoping the state is there to meet our needs does not inspire confidence.

The good news is, it is never too late to plan for tomorrow.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

McCarthy portrait fine where it is

To the editor:

Why Judge (Sen.) Joe McCarthy's portrait should never be removed from our courthouse is that the portrait is part of Shawano County history, by extension it is part of our state's history, our country's history.

The portrait does not represent or reflect negatively on anyone now living in Shawano County anymore than it reflects negatively on past residents who elected Judge McCarthy in the 1930s or the state residents who elected Sen. McCarthy, or residents in the future who work in the justice system or anyone else who find themselves, for whatever reason in our courthouse.

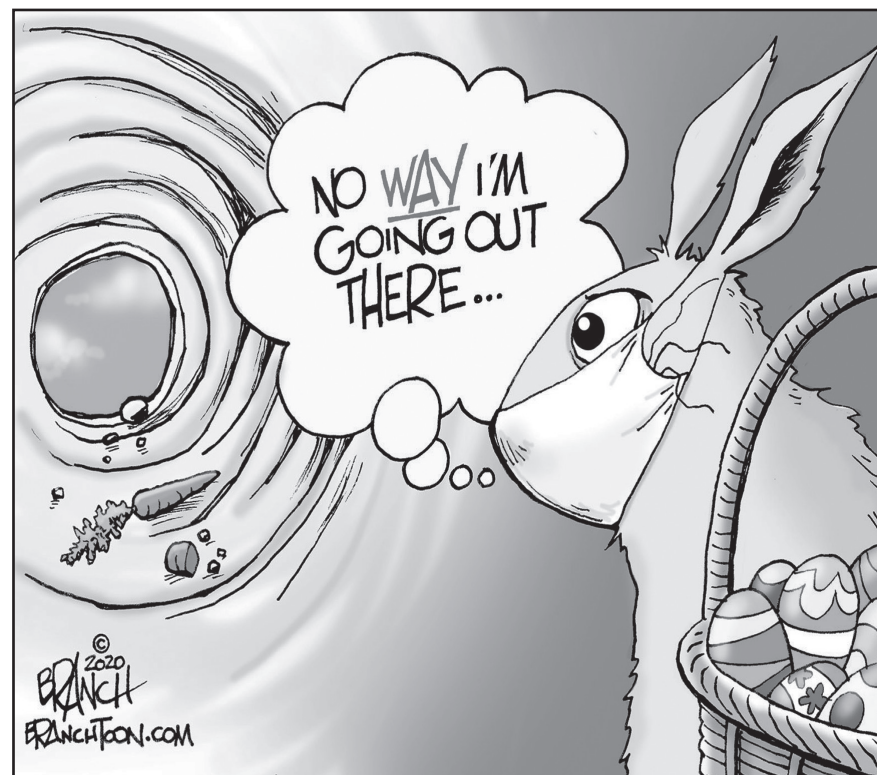
We shouldn't remove our historical relics because "others" have done it. Certainly not for the reason

that it offends some of us. Where does that end exactly? Just as many, if not more people, understand this and have not removed their historical objects.

Removing it would validate the popular idea we can reinterpret or judge our country's past and the motives of our ancestors and leaders by using our present and often tenuous understanding.

There has been much written about McCarthy — favorable and unfavorable. Trust those who come after us to read these views and come to their own understanding. Then they may contemplate, hate or love us for deciding in our time to leave the structure of our history unpurged. Hopefully they will do the same.

Michael E. Wilken, Shawano



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Weight loss after 50 reduces breast cancer risk

APPLETON — New research suggests postmenopausal woman can possibly reverse the trajectory of breast cancer risk by shedding several pounds and maintaining weight loss.

"The key is keeping off the weight," said Dr. Shannon Schmidt, oncology/hematology specialist with ThedaCare Cancer Care. "That's what makes this study different from the others. When women sustained the weight loss, they were able to reverse the impact of breast cancer – a 13% risk reduction if they lost as little as four-and-a-half pounds. That is a manageable goal for women. And if they maintained a 20-pound loss, there was a 25% risk reduction. That is a huge impact on women's health."

Doctors have always known middle-aged women with low weight have a lower risk of breast cancer, and this latest study published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute (JNCI) indicates for the first time that permanent weight loss can significantly reduce a wom-



DR. SHANNON SCHMIDT

an's chances of being diagnosed with the disease.

"This is very exciting research," Schmidt added. "This study affirms what we know and clarifies that just a small amount of

sustainable weight loss, can make a difference. It's empowering to women to know that they can be in control of their health, they can modify their lifestyle to reverse this disease."

The study examined 180,000 women older than age 50 who were tracked for a decade, looking at breast cancer diagnosis and weight loss during that time period. The study authors concluded, "Breast cancer prevention may be a strong weight loss motivator for the two-thirds of American women who are overweight or obese."

Why does weight loss make such a difference in cancer prevention?

It has long been known that fat cells convert to the hormone estrogen and cancer feeds on estrogen. Schmidt explained that getting rid of fat is important in reducing cancer risk.

"Weight loss can be challenging for women, especially after age 50," she said. "If women find an eating plan and exercise routine they can sustain, it will have a lasting effect. Every woman has a different metabolism, so it might be harder for one woman compared to another to lose weight. It's about managing calories-in/calories-out and eating healthy foods."

She also stressed the importance of exercising at least five days a week.

"Exercise is under appreciated," she said. "It is so important to an overall healthy life because women will burn extra calories consumed with exercise as well as build muscle, which fights fat. Regular exercise really gives you the edge in keeping the weight off. You really can't lose weight with diet alone."

Breast cancer is the second most

diagnosed and deadliest cancer among American women, next to skin cancer. About 12 percent of women are at risk of developing breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society, and the organization anticipates nearly 270,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer this year.

With so much hope being realized in this area of study, research continues with weight loss and cancer. ThedaCare is part of national, ongoing research called Breast Cancer Weight Loss Study, or B-WEL, enrolling breast cancer survivors who are overweight. The study aims to determine if weight loss might prevent breast cancer from recurring, helping to show if weight loss programs should be a part of treatment plans.

"We anticipate this research will continue to confirm the advantages of weight loss for breast cancer patients," said Schmidt. "We also see women attaining other health benefits with weight loss, such as reducing their risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes and more."



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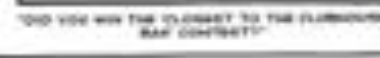
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Science erupts at St. James

Sixth grade class builds working model volcanoes

Editor's note: Although school is no longer in session, we are sharing these stories in the hope of continuing to inspire a love a learning--to matter where it is delivered.

SHAWANO — St. James Lutheran School has offered an apology for any tremors which may have been felt near the school on last month.

Daniel Fosheim, the science teacher at St. James, began a unit with the entire sixth grade class on volcanology.

Students learned about calderas, vents, magma, pyroclastic flow, and other terms associated with volcanoes.

He then asked the groups of sixth grade students to bring in a mockup of a volcano — one that erupts.

All the eruptions took place on March 2.

Students were excited about using the knowledge they learned in class as well as their creativity to create their own volcano and give a presentation about their volcanoes.

"The volcano project was a fun

and exciting alternative to just taking notes," said Natalie Bystol, a sixth grader at St. James. "My group really enjoyed constructing the volcano. It allowed us to work as a team to reach our goal of an erupting volcano. It also got us out of class."

"The students were given very broad expectations and requirements to complete their volcano building project, which left a lot of room for them to be creative and critical thinkers to complete the task," Fosheim said. "There were many concoctions and mixtures thought up to demonstrate a volcanic eruption; including yeast and hydrogen peroxide, Mentos and Coke, and different variations of the classic baking soda and vinegar chemical reaction."

Fosheim said the students showed a lot of creativity in their designs.

St. James Lutheran School student Jenna Moede watches as her volcano erupts March 2 outside the school.

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Principal reads to preschoolers at home

SHAWANO — St. James Lutheran School's principal made some house calls last month to encourage preschoolers to read.

David Kaiser visited young students at home and read them a book, which they were allowed to keep for their home collection. He encouraged students to wear pajamas and slippers, sit on the couch and read the story.

"Any time I am able to help model a positive habit to my students, I will do whatever it takes," Kaiser said. "This would include spending time out of school to begin promoting reading to these young children."

The preschoolers also got a mug, a packet of cocoa and a T-shirt from

Thrivent Financial, which is supporting this literacy program for the second year.

"March is Reading Awareness Month," Kaiser said. "I want all the students to be excited to read."

Jackie Sperberg, a St. James parent, said her daughter, Natalie, was excited about reading and about Kaiser's visit.

"Natalie loved that her principal made a house call to read books and has talked about it every day since," Sperberg said. "It is clear that fostering a love for reading is important to Mr. Kaiser. We love that she has started off her schooling at St. James, which is a place which clearly cares about her development."



David Kaiser, principal at St. James Lutheran School, reads to preschool student Natalie Sperberg.

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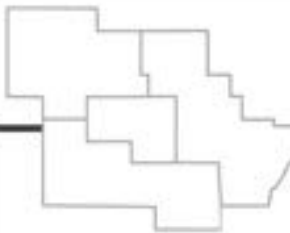
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You may notice an increase in headaches when the school year starts. If they are worrying about school, you may notice headaches occurring Monday through Friday, but are strangely absent over the weekend. Other children may get them after school, or complain Sunday night or Monday morning before school starts.

Treatment for muscle tension and stress headaches includes rest and children's pain relievers.

Migraines make up about 15% of childhood headaches and may run in families. Some migraine sufferers can tell when they are going to get a migraine — this is called an "aura." Migraines are typically associated with nausea and vomiting, pain over one or both eyes, pain with loud



JEFF YOUNG

sounds and bright lights.

Treatment for migraines includes being in a dark, quiet room. Children should try to sleep, even for a brief time. Children's pain relievers should be given at the

first sign.

Other headaches may be the result of allergies, sinus infection, colds, environmental exposure or needing eyeglasses.

Headaches can be scary. As parents, we can sometimes imagine the worst scenario. Rest assured, headaches rarely mean a tumor or aneurysm. If your child suffers from frequent headaches, your child's doctor can help you sort out what type of headache he or she is having. It may help to keep a headache diary or log for three to four weeks to gather data about headache frequency and severity.

To prevent headaches, children

should get 9-10 hours of sleep per night. Parents should limit screen time as much as possible and shutting off screens at least 1 hour before bed. The children should exercise daily and not skip meals. Children

should eat a healthy diet and avoid fast foods. They should drink water daily and avoid caffeine.

Jeffrey Young is a pediatrician with Prevea Shawano Health Center.

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1. No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view the property.
2. After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board.
3. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.
5. When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
6. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s. 73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Seneca has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court.* The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1), Wis. stats.
7. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.
8. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s. 70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

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Clerk, Town of Seneca

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