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## VOTER SAFETY

City of Shawano voters distribute themselves throughout a makeshift polling station in tents outside of the Shawano City Hall. Voters lined up six feet apart and exercised their right to vote on Tuesday as poll workers protected everyone with shields, masks and barriers. SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 2.

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## High school projects on hold due to virus

The timetable for improvements to the Shawano Community High School weight room and auditorium will be pushed back.

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While the demand for milk has dropped due to restaurant and school closures, cows continue to produce.

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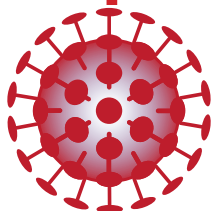
## Campground called essential

Annie's Campground near Gresham will remain open; "essential" businesses clarified.

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# Voters brave coronavirus pandemic to cast ballots

## Clerks report higher-than-expected, steady turnout

By **TIM RYAN**  
Reporter

**SHAWANO** — Voters in Shawano County and around the state Tuesday turned out in unexpectedly high numbers in the midst of a pandemic to cast their ballots in an election forced by a Republican-controlled Legislature and conservative majority on the state Supreme Court.

Municipal clerks around the state had struggled with how to safely handle election day voting while a statewide stay-at-home order is in place to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those clerks and their poll workers were uncertain as late as Monday evening whether the on-again, off-again election they were preparing for would actually go ahead.

Gov. Tony Evers issued an 11th-hour executive order Monday postponing the election and presidential primary until June.

A Republican-led court challenge overturned that order later on Monday evening.

The U.S. Supreme Court the same day turned back an attempt to extend absentee voting by a 5-4 conservative majority.

In Shawano, a large tent had been set up over the weekend to conduct voting outside City Hall in the parking lot to avoid having people gathering inside.

After the governor's order, city staff were unsure whether they should start taking the tent down, but they waited.

"We weren't making any rash decisions," City Clerk Lesley Nemetz said. "We were just kind of trying to wait everything out. We were waiting to hear final decisions before we made any decisions on our end. We were ready to go regardless of what they decided."

With only 12 hours before the polls were expected to open, the state Supreme Court decision made it clear that voting would go ahead, and voters turned out for it.

"I think it's our civic duty to vote,"

said Kent Kundering, who came out to cast his ballot in Shawano on Tuesday. "Whether or not we have a pandemic going on, it's still our responsibility as a community and as a nation to vote our leaders in."

Voter Janalee Gansen, who came to the City Hall parking lot to vote wearing a scarf as a makeshift mask for protection, said it was important for citizens to exercise their right to vote.

"It's one of the privileges we have as American people," she said. "We have a choice. We the people have a choice, not the government."

The city had prepared to make sure social distancing measures were taken at the polling place, but most voters seemed ready to impose those rules on themselves.

"A good majority of the people are gloved up, masked up and have certain things they're doing maintaining their distance," Nemetz said. "We haven't had to have a lot of conversations with individuals as far as making sure that they're doing the proper social distancing. People seem to be taking it seriously and working at it the best that they can to make sure that everyone is safe."

Turnout Tuesday was higher than expected in the city.

"We have way more people come out today than I anticipated," Nemetz said. "I was expecting to have a lot of lulls in the voter turnout and it's been pretty steady all day."

Even before election day, the city had received a higher than normal number of requests for absentee ballots.

Nemetz said the city might typically get 350 or so such requests. Instead, there had been 1,400.

City employees supplemented the poll worker staff during the voting to allow them to take some breaks.

Temperatures were cooler than expected, but heaters were provided to keep everyone warm.

Even in the makeshift outdoor polling place, where voting districts were consolidated to cut down on the number of poll workers, things were running smoothly, according to Nemetz.

"We have a really good system set up," she said. "Everybody seems to be working really well together to make sure that everything is flowing nicely."

You do have to wait a little longer than you're typically used to, but other than that things seem to be moving relatively smoothly for everybody."

Voters were given their own pens that they could keep after voting, contributed by ThedaCare.

Other physical safety precautions put in place at the outdoor polling place were contributed by Braatz Welding and Novolex of Shawano.

Health and safety precautions had been put in place at polling places around the county Tuesday.

In Bonduel, poll workers had personal protective equipment available, sneeze guards were installed at registration tables and individual pens and styluses were provided for each voter to use.

The town of Wescott reworked its voting room to allow for every booth and every table to be six feet apart, with markers on the ground for people to stand in line and vote six feet apart.

Plexiglass shields were in place at the tables and hand sanitizing stations were set up at the entrance to the town hall.

Parking was re-worked so most of the people waiting in line could stay in their vehicles and a designated "sanitizer" wiped down voting booths between voters.

Town Clerk Angela Vreeke said during Tuesday's voting that things were going well. Vreeke said turnout had been steady all day.

In the village of Wittenberg, individual pens were passed out for marking ballots. Poll workers, stationed behind a clear plastic sheet, wore gloves, and a hand-sanitizing station was set up.

The town of Wittenberg took many of the same measures, as well as taped markers placed on the floor for voters to follow and Q-tips for pushing the voting machine buttons.

Results from Tuesday's presidential primary and spring election won't be known until Monday evening. Though absentee ballots had to be postmarked by the end of the day Tuesday, clerks won't start counting them until 4 p.m. Monday, the deadline for those ballots to arrive in the mail.

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# Menominee tribe establishes 10 p.m. curfew

## Chairwoman says ordinance is a safety measure

By **LEE PULASKI**  
City Editor

**KESHENA** — A curfew is in effect for the Menominee Indian Reservation for 60 days as the tribe hopes to further restrict the spread of the coronavirus.

The Menominee Tribal Legislature unanimously approved the measure at a meeting on April 6 and set it to go into effect immediately. The curfew begins at 10 p.m. and is in place through 6 a.m.

Exceptions to the curfew are those seeking emergency medical care, law enforcement, government functions, traveling to and from work, traveling through the reservation to other destinations, and individuals who are fishing, spearing or turkey hunting.

Anyone found to be violating



the law could be fined up to \$500 and could be put in jail for up to six months.

Tribal chairwoman Joan Delabreau said the measure is meant to be another “tool” to prevent further spread of the virus and was not prompted by any incidents where tribal members were gathering in a way that went against Gov. Tony Evers’ Safer at Home mandate. Menominee County already had at least one confirmed case at the time the tribe’s ordinance was approved.

“The intent was to put in place what we could do to stem the virus. Anything you can do to put something out there and save a member helps,” Delabreau said. “We already have the social distancing and wash your hands (policies). This is just one more tool that will help in asking

our members to stay home.”

Delabreau noted that the outdoorsmen exceptions were included as an acknowledgement that this time of year is prime for night fishing and turkey hunting on the reservation.

“Should they get stopped, if they’re doing that, they wouldn’t be subject to a fine,” Delabreau said.

She noted that there wasn’t a lot of night traffic on the roads to begin with, but the ordinance will help further ensure safety.

“If you have no reason to be out, you shouldn’t be out,” Delabreau said.

Since the pandemic was announced and safety measures were put in place by the state, there have been fewer emergency medical calls for the tribe, Delabreau said, but she anticipates that could change if there is a surge in coronavirus cases.

Delabreau does not anticipate that tribal police will actively patrol to see if tribal residents are complying with the law. She noted that there are a lot of residents that work night shifts and would be traveling to and from work.

“I don’t think that’s going to be a focus — we see a car; we’re not going to stop you,” Delabreau said. “If they see people walking, though, or if they see 10 or more people congregating in some area, they can just remind them (of the curfew). We don’t want it to be a big hammer or punishment.”

The 60-day period is the constitutional maximum required in all emergency ordinances, according to Delabreau. For the tribe to go longer would require revisiting the legislation and taking further steps, she said.

She added the tribe already had a curfew law in place for ages 17 and under, but the legislature felt it was necessary to have it in place for all ages for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic.

Delabreau said that, if the tribe’s state of emergency, which was put into effect on March 13, is lifted before the 60-day period ends, the curfew would likely come to an end at that time, as well.

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# OPINION

## Expansion of health care is crucial at this time

Focus on our nation's health care has been front and center in the last few months. With the spread of the latest coronavirus, there is reason to be concerned about the patient care that is so badly needed. The nation's doctors, nurses and other support staff are our nation's heroes/heroines. Every day, they put their lives on the line as they continue to care for those with this highly contagious virus.

Thankfully, the federal government has mandated that individuals can now be tested for COVID-19 free of charge. However, it is unclear what our nation's uninsured who don't have a doctor are supposed to do when they have symptoms. Whom do they call? Unfortunately, they only have one choice — the emergency room.

The nation's Medicaid program was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965 alongside Medicare as a part of Title XIX of the Social Security Act. In 2010, the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) was intended to expand the Medicaid program for the uninsured. This program covers medical expenses for adults with an income 138% below the U.S. federal poverty level.

Medicaid is jointly funded by states and the federal government and managed by the states. Each state currently has broad leeway to determine who is eligible for its implementation of the program as well as the scope and types of services it will cover. In December 2019, Wisconsin



JAN KOCH

had 63,901,512 individuals on Medicaid.

Research suggests that Medicaid improves health insurance coverage, access to health care and recipients' financial security.

In Wisconsin, the Medicaid program known as Badger Care provides dental care, vision and hearing screening services and behavioral health services, to name a few.

At this trying time, individuals need access to mental health services more than ever. Major depression, alcohol and drug abuse and suicide are issues that need to be addressed. Children could experience trauma, maltreatment, family violence and neglect leading to symptoms consistent with post-traumatic stress disorder, attention deficit disorder and conduct disorder.

According to the 2019 United Health Foundation's annual report, Wisconsin ranked seventh nationally for health care outcomes in 1990. Unfortunately, in 2019, we've fallen 16 spots to 23rd.

One of the factors contributing to this change is the Supreme Court ruling in which the federal government allowed states to continue at the pre-ACA levels of funding and eligibility if they chose. Originally, the cost of Medicaid eligibility expansion would be 100% in 2014 and a

little less in subsequent years. After this ruling was made, certain states with Republican-controlled legislatures like Wisconsin's opted-out of the Medicaid expansion.

The Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates refusal of this federal funding has cost Wisconsin \$1.1 billion through the current fiscal year. Acceptance of this funding would expand Medicaid coverage to approximately 80,000 more Wisconsinites and would free up an estimated \$320 million over the next biennium.

In February 2020, the Center for American Progress reported how extreme partisan gerrymandering insulates Republican politicians in legislatures like Wisconsin's from being held accountable for blocking access to coverage. According to the report, "74% of Americans have a favorable view of Medicaid." It's unfortunate that some individuals in Wisconsin's legislature continue to refuse the expansion, despite Gov. Tony Evers' pleas to accept the federal funding.

This is certainly not the time for Donald Trump's 2021 budget to have proposals to destroy Medicaid by chipping away at it from all angles and cutting more than a trillion dollars. From work requirements to block grants to reducing the federal funding contribution states receive for hospitals would only deny individuals access to health care.

Many an American believes that our health care system is flawed and needs fixing. Health care professionals are talking about ways to improve

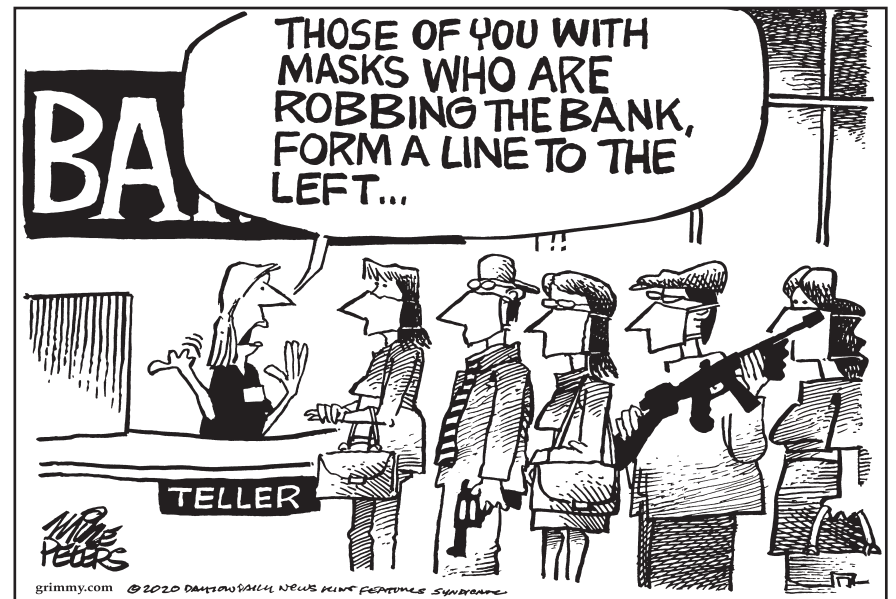
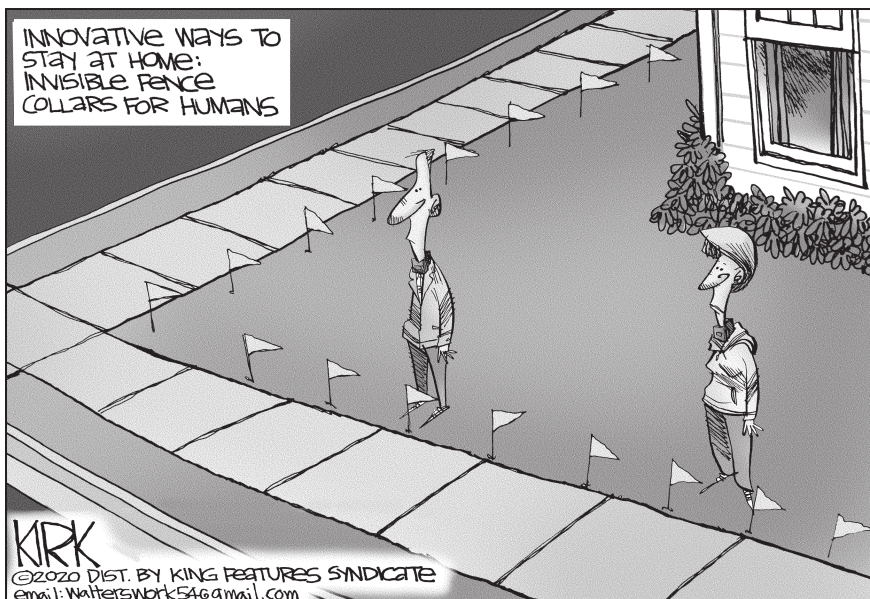
the health of communities. From surprise medical bills to the nursing shortage to the opioid epidemic, we're all connected to these issues in one way or another. Our capacity to empathize with others has the ability to save lives.

At the end of 2019, 27 million individuals across the United States were uninsured. This statistic includes 5.5% of Wisconsinites. This means none of the government's programs that encompass Medicaid, Medicare, veteran's administration or insurance purchased through the ACA Marketplace are helping them. Lack of any insurance has led to one in five adults deciding against seeking medical care due to the high costs.

There is a lot of fear going around. We must make all medical follow-up and treatment results from seeking a test for COVID-19 cost-free for everyone. Trump has so far refused to allow the reopening of ACA enrollment even though we are in a pandemic. Knowing that they will not receive any medical bills is the only way to assure that hard-pressed working and middle class Wisconsinites are not deterred from testing and treatment.

In a country as great as ours, universal access to health care should be a human right. We can't let this travesty continue. The challenge of this public health crisis has shown the need to reform our country's health care system.

Jan Koch is a Shawano resident and the chairwoman for the Shawano County Democratic Party.



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#### Pandemic information

##### Wisconsin Department of Health Services

COVID-19 information including a link to distribution by county – <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>

##### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

#### Health resources

##### Public health departments

Shawano, Menominee and Oconto counties have created COVID-19 pages on their websites to provide public health information about symptoms of COVID-19 and how to get treatment, as well as links to local actions and advisories.

**Shawano** - <https://www.co.shawano.wi.us>, then click on the red bar under the top banner.

**Menominee** - <https://www.co.menominee.wi.us>, then click "Read More" in the red bar.

**Oconto** - <https://www.co.oconto.wi.us>, then click COVID-19 under "Quick Links."

Phone numbers for public health departments: Shawano and Menominee counties 715-526-4808, Oconto County 920-834-7000

#### 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.

##### State government

Gov. Tony Evers' office prepared a nine-page list of frequently-asked questions about his Safer at Home Order that took effect March 25.

Link - [https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/English\\_SaferatHomeFAQ.pdf](https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/English_SaferatHomeFAQ.pdf)

The essential business list can be found at <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness>

#### Business resources

##### Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration has federal disaster loans available for businesses, private nonprofits, homeowners and renters.

Link - <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#>

##### Oconto County Economic Development

The Oconto County Economic Development Corp. has created a website page to anchor important information for businesses amid quickly changing conditions and unprecedented measures put into place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Link - <https://www.ocontocounty.org/grow-here/covid-19-relief>

##### Shawano County Economic Development, Inc.

SCEPI has set up a web page with links to COVID-19 business resources including SBA Disaster Relief Loans, financial advice, tax relief, changes to unemployment benefits and more.

Link - <http://www.shawanoecondev.org/>

[reference/covid-19-business-resources](#)

##### Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce

The chamber has a COVID-19 Small Businesses Resources web page that also offers links to the governor's Safer-at-Home executive order, financial assistance and small business resources.

<https://www.shawanocountry.com/covid-19-resources-for-businesses>

#### Agriculture

##### Wisconsin Farm Center

Wisconsin Farm Center offers financial and business consultation, succession planning, legal and financial mediation, counseling vouchers and production challenges. Contact a consultant by phone at 800-942-2474.

**For more information, go to:** [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing\\_WI/FarmCenterOverview.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/FarmCenterOverview.aspx)

#### Unemployment compensation

The state Department of Workforce Development has a page of information about filing for unemployment compensation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications are made online; they ask that people seeking information do NOT call unless instructed to during the application process.

Link - <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm>

#### Restaurants

The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce lists restaurants offering a takeout menu. <https://www.shawanocountry.com/restaurants-offering-takeout>

#### Food pantries

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• Kingdom Come Food Pantry, 520 Locust Ave., Oconto Falls, is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays as a drive-thru only. See their Facebook page for details. 920-604-2729

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# Shawano school board extends staff pay

By **LEE PULASKI**

City Editor

**SHAWANO** — The Shawano School Board approved a resolution April 1 that continues to allow teachers and staff to be paid through the end of April, but only after a board member lashed out at staff members that did not opt-in for the agreement.

The board had previously met on March 13, the same day it announced it would closing all of its buildings through April 12.

It approved a measure that would allow school district employees to continue to receive pay, even with the schools closed, but would compel them to work after the regular end of the school year if the district was required to make up any days.

That agreement was through the district’s initial closure plans, but the state has closed all schools indefinitely, and Gov. Tony Evers’ Safer at Home mandate has non-essential businesses closed and the affected employees staying home through April 24.

President Donald Trump issued similar guidelines through April 30. One of the caveats of the district’s original agreement was that the employees make the decision to opt in by March 31, according to business manager Nick Curran.

Seven employees replied they were going to opt out, and six more provided no reply by the deadline, he said.

The new agreement would extend to all employees, even the ones who opted out or did not reply, according to Curran. This is because the original agreement was crafted when the school district planned its own

closure, but with Evers closing down schools indefinitely and not requiring them to make up the hours at the end of the school year, employees would not be required to work for the pay they received last month and this month.

Board member Mart Grams said he takes exception to including the 13 employees who “chose not to play with us.”

“We’ve bent over backwards; most school districts are not doing this,” Grams said. “Seven chose not to play, and six didn’t even participate — didn’t even bother to stay in or send anything back. I would think they should not be given this, and they should not be forgiven those things.”

Curran said that he had a good conversation with one of the seven who opted out of the agreement, a female, and said she chose to opt out because she didn’t think it was fair to be paid for not doing any work.

“She didn’t think it was right,” Curran said.

Curran noted the agreement does not impact any contracts set for summer school employees or anyone who plans to continue in the 2020-21 school year.

The district also plans to submit an application waiving the state requirements for the number of instructional hours, as not doing so would require schools to continue to be in session through late June or longer to make up for schools being closed for over a month. However, many employees are already working in alternative capacities, whether it’s helping with providing school meals and or teaching online instead of the regular classroom.

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## Jeffrey K. Klingbeil

Jeffrey Karl Klingbeil, 56, of Menasha, went to his heavenly home on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, due to an unfortunate accident.

Born Feb. 29, 1964, he was the son of late Karl and Judith (Stevens) Klingbeil of Tigerton.

Jeff was a skilled general and colorectal surgeon with Fox Valley Surgical Associates in Appleton for 23 years. His hard work, compassion, and concern were apparent to the people who were under his care. He had a wonderful sense of humor and ability to make comfortable conversations with people he just met. His acts of generosity



tion.

A loving father and husband, Jeffrey constantly tried to bring a smile to everyone's face. He was considered "one of the kids" due to his goofy nature. He made sure to keep everyone laughing and on their toes.

were known to many including supporting his church, Our Saviour's Lutheran in Appleton, and an organization dear to his heart, Juvenile Diabetes Research Founda-

His gentle, selfless heart was obvious as he always put family first. He will forever be remembered for his devotion and love for his family.

He is survived by his wife, Diane M. Klingbeil and their three children, Christian (Kelly) Klingbeil, of Milwaukee, Sarah (Alex) Eisch, of Menasha, and Justin Klingbeil, of Green Bay. He is also survived by his sister, Pam (Ben) Gast, and brothers Bryon (Xixi), Eric, Kurt (Shawn), and Kevin Klingbeil, along with 10 nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Due to present day health concerns, there will be a memorial

service scheduled at a later date upon the lifting of state and local restrictions.

In lieu of flowers and donations to the family, we ask that donations in Jeffrey's name be sent to his church, Our Saviour's Lutheran of Appleton at <http://oslc-appleton.org/giving-serving> or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation-Northeast Wisconsin Chapter at <https://www.jdrf.org/newwisconsin>.

Wichmann Funeral Home of Appleton is serving the family. For more information or to share a memory of Dr. Klingbeil, please visit [www.wichmannfuneralhomes.com](http://www.wichmannfuneralhomes.com).

## Dennis C. Wendorff

Dennis C. "Emil" Wendorff, 68, of the town of Richmond, passed away peacefully on Friday evening, April 3, 2020, at his home surrounded by his family.

Emil was born on April 9, 1951, in Shawano, a son of the late Robert and Lucille (Buettner) Wendorff. He attended and graduated from Shawano High School with the class of 1969. He then attended Northeast Wisconsin Technical College for a year to study digitation. Emil was skilled in many aspects of the carpentry business. He worked for 25 years drafting building projects for Retail Lumber. He continued in the trade at Contractors Choice as

an inside salesperson.

Emil was a lifelong member of St. Jakobi Lutheran Church in the town of Richmond, and served several terms as the church treasurer. He was among the founding members of the Richmond Thresheree, and a member of the Red River Sportsman's Club. Emil was also a founder in the family maple syrup business, Back Forty Sugar Shack, LLC. He enjoyed researching his family genealogy and deer hunting in the "back forty," where he shot a buck this past year.

Left to cherish his memory are his siblings, Nancy Thelen, of Shawano, Jim (Marlene) Wendorff, of

Phoenix, Arizona, and Curt (Marge) Wendorff, of Shawano; nieces and nephews, Brad Wendorff and Brenda (Scott) Nielon, of Arizona, Becky Owen, of Bonduel, and Eric (Kim) Wendorff, of Shawano; great-nieces and great-nephews, Amanda, Dale Jr., Abby, Alex, Dayton, Kelsie and Khloe; and many friends, including his special lifelong friend, Cindy Korth.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Sally; and his brother-in-law, Jack Thelen.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, private family services were held. A celebration of Emil's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flow-

ers and plants, the family prefers memorials be made in Emil's name to St. Jakobi Church for the building fund.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at [www.mickelsonfs.com](http://www.mickelsonfs.com).

Emil's family would like to thank the staff at ThedaCare Medical Center and ThedaCare at Home Hospice for the care they provided.



## James K. Mutz Sr.

On Thursday, April 2, 2020, James Kenneth Mutz Sr., loving father of five children, passed away at the age of 83.

Jim was born on Sept. 18, 1936, in Mequon to Clement and Henrietta (Guidinger) Mutz, and grew up on the family farm in Mequon. He served our country as a member of the 121st Artillery Battalion, U.S. Army, and later worked the



of his plants. Jim was always known for having a green thumb. He loved life

majority of his life for Banner Welder in Germantown.

Jim loved spending time looking out over Shawano Lake from his patio. He enjoyed taking care of his yard and all

and enjoying the good times with his family and friends.

Jim is survived by his five children, Cheryl (Gregg) Erickson, Jean (Tony) Brosky, Jim (Brenda) Mutz Jr., Joseph Mutz and Daryl (Carolina) Mutz; his grandchildren, Melissa, Jim III (Celeste), Casey (Katherine), Joseph, Jacqueline, Jacob, Sarah Grace, Tyler and Olivia; his great-grandchildren, Gracie, Emmett and Mia; his brother, Gerald; many nieces and nephews.

## Mary Jane 'MJ' Zimmerman

Mary Jane "M.J." Zimmerman, 62, of Shawano, passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. M.J. was born on July 12, 1957 to the late Richard and Olive (Neconish) Zimmerman.

M.J. was one of the most loving, caring, friendly and kind people that you would ever meet. M.J. loved life and she showed it each day. She had one of the biggest smiles and a welcoming wave to anyone she met.



She was a great friend and she

M.J. also had a great sense of humor and she had one of the best laughs, it was loud and sometimes she would laugh so hard that she would have to be told to breathe.

touched so many peoples' lives with her love.

M.J. loved her cat, Grace. She will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved her. M.J. now can walk, talk, and dance with her one true love, Elvis.

M.J. is survived by her siblings, caregivers and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral service for M.J. was will

He was preceded in death by his parents and his loving sisters, Marilyn, Joyce and Betty.

Due to the current concerns regarding social gatherings, a celebration of Jim's life will be held at a later date, which will be announced.

Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home-Coleman is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.rhodes-charapata.com](http://www.rhodes-charapata.com)

be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano. Burial was will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation tookwill take place on Thursday at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until the time of service.

[www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)

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# COVID-19 puts school projects on hold

## Strategic plan, high school expansion paused as emergency plans take priority

By **LEE PULASKI**  
City Editor



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**SHAWANO** — Plans to expand Shawano Community High School's athletic and arts facilities have been put on the back burner, due to the COVID-19 virus. Efforts to help keep children learning despite a virus-caused shutdown have also met with challenges, the Shawano School Board heard on Wednesday.

The coronavirus pandemic shutting down most businesses and services have put future plans of many public agencies in limbo, and Shawano School District is no exception.

All schools were ordered to be closed in the middle of March, and schools are not expecting to open anytime before April 24, the last day of Gov. Tony Evers' Safer at Home order. However, deadlines are constantly shifting at the state and federal levels, so even planning for graduation and summer school is in flux.

The district was also in the middle of gathering public input for its strategic plan, which would lay out a road map for the schools to plan for the education of students for the next 18 years. Public forums had started in early March, but the state order to close schools required putting those efforts on hold, according to Superintendent Randi Anderson.

"My best hope ... is that by summer we can bring people together," she said. "It was good to hear what the community's dreams and aspirations are for our future students."

The next step in the process, according to Anderson, is bringing

the strategic plan's steering committee together and examining the data gathered at the public meetings. Then the administrators will craft it into a plan to be reviewed by the community in some town hall meetings and to eventually be voted on by the school board.

"This whole process has opportunities for the community to provide input and to be engaged and involved in where education goes in Shawano," Anderson said. "We just need to hit 'pause' until we can bring the community back together."

Plans to expand high school's athletic and arts facilities were pushed back indefinitely.

In early March, the school board approved moving forward with the estimated \$3.3 million project, which is expected to be paid for through the district's fund balance. The original goal was to have proposals from contractors ready for the board to consider at its April 20 meeting. Anderson said that is no longer the case.

"Unfortunately, with all of the COVID-19 implications to public education and Gov. Evers' Safer at Home resolution, the board will not be ready to take action on the contractors for the expansion of the high school to meet the needs of our students and staff on April 20,"

Anderson said.

She noted that the district has not had the opportunity to request and gather bids because other planning took priority. It is something she hopes to revisit once the schools reopen and the pandemic passes.

Work was originally hoped to begin in June, once a contractor had been approved, to minimize the invasiveness at the school, but that now seems unlikely. Anderson said the start date of the project would depend on when the district decides to go out for bids.

"A lot of it will depend on weather, the time of the year," Anderson said. "There are so many unknowns out there. At this time, we want to continue to move that work forward when we are back to what our new normal is going to be."

Also causing problems for the district is being able to provide adequate online learning for students. Anderson said there are a number of residents in the towns without internet connectivity, which means they cannot work from home to keep up on their lessons.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are getting their lessons and work through packets available for parents to pick up, but since grades 6-12 have students possessing individual Chromebooks, those teachers have been converting their lesson plans to online, Anderson said.

"We've seen districts in rural settings struggling to get Wi-Fi," Anderson said. "We've been troubleshooting and trying to figure out how for those families who don't

have Wi-Fi access, how we can get that."

Among the possibility is having the school buses fitted with Wi-Fi and sent out to serve as mobile hotspots or working with businesses that have Wi-Fi to see if families can park in the lots so students can learn.

"We may have some hiccups we need to figure out," Anderson said, noting that Shawano's online learning efforts started April 1.

The superintendent said she wants parents and students to continue to reach out to her and her staff in order to keep things going smoothly, education-wise, in the foreseeable future.

"We're in this together, and we're doing the best that we can," Anderson said. "We're taking one step forward and two steps back because whenever we make a plan or put out a statement about where we are going, new information comes from the state or federal government, and then we have to adjust."

Anderson pointed out one bright spot among the chaos — the meal program continues to grow. Started on March 23, the program served 7,500 meals last week, compared with 7,000 the week before.

"The meals are available for any child under the age of 18 who lives in the community," said Anderson, pointing out that the community is any of the towns that are in the district, not just the city of Shawano, and that students do not have to attend public schools to receive the meals.

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# PUBLIC RECORD

## SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### April 6

Police logged 17 incidents, including the following:

Drug Offense — Police investigated a drug complaint in the 200 block of South Andrews Street.

Harassment — Harassment was reported in the 200 block of South Washington Street and the 700 block of South Main Street.

### April 5

Police logged 15 incidents, including the following:

Arrest — A male subject was taken into custody for a probation violation in the 400 block of East Green Bay Street.

Drug Offense — Police investigated a drug complaint in the 100 block of Maple Court.

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

### April 4

Police logged 21 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — A 19-year-old Shawano woman and a 20-year-old Oneida woman were cited for underage consumption of alcohol after police responded to a suspicious person complaint in the 200 block of River Pine Drive.

Trespass — Trespassing was reported in the 100 block of Mills Street.

Juvenile — Police responded to a juvenile problem in the 100 block of South Franklin Street.

Disorderly — Police responded to a lewd and lascivious behavior complaint in the 800 block of East Richmond Street.

Hit and Run — Police investigated a property damage hit-and-run at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.

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

### April 3

Police logged 16 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — Police responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Richmond Court.

Disorderly — Police responded to a disorderly conduct complaint involving an intoxicated patient at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, 100 County Road B.

### April 2

Police logged 15 incidents, including the following:

Auto Theft — A vehicle was reported stolen in the 1400 block of South Park Street.

Shoplifting — Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St., reported a shoplifting incident involving the theft of trail cameras, a survival blanket, headlamp, pliers, memory cards and chocolate. The incident is part an ongoing investigation of a 56-year-old Gillett man who was arrested for an outstanding warrant by the county in February. The man had several items in his possession that authorities now believe were stolen from Walmart.

Theft — An attempted theft from a vehicle was reported in the 900 block of Robin Lane.

Assault — Police investigated an assault complaint in the 200 block of South Washington Street.

### April 1

Police logged 10 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — A nurse at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, 100 County Road B, found a box of tissues that appeared to have a white powder inside. Officers determined the tissues were an off-brand, and the powder was part of the tissues.

Assault — Police investigated a report of a man who was beaten at Airport Drive and Green Bay Street. Police suspect the

incident might have been the result of a drug deal gone bad, but the man involved would not cooperate. The person was not injured, and the incident is under investigation.

Disturbance — Police responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Aspen Court.

## SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

### April 6

Deputies logged 20 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — Authorities responded to a report of a fight in progress on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton.

Threatening — Authorities responded to a threatening complaint on Main Street in Bowler.

### April 5

Deputies logged 25 incidents, including the following:

Drug Offense — Authorities investigated a drug complaint on Lyndhurst Road in the town of Herman.

Disturbance — Authorities responded to a disturbance on Poplar Road in the town of Richmond.

### April 4

Deputies logged 28 incidents, including the following:

Disturbances — Authorities responded to disturbances on Marcus Street in Birnamwood, on Main Street in Bowler and on Opperman Way in the town of Richmond.

### April 3

Deputies logged 32 incidents, including the following:

Trespass — Trespassing complaints were reported on Kelsee Court in Bonduel and Park Street in Bowler.

Fire — Authorities responded to a vehicle fire on U.S. Highway 45 in the town of Birnamwood.

Burglary — A burglary was reported on McDivitt Road in the town of Germania.

### April 2

Deputies logged 30 incidents, including the following:

Harassment — Harassment was reported on Wall Street in Bowler and on County Road HH in the town of Wescott.

Disorderly — Disorderly conduct was reported on Wall Street in Bowler.

Drug Offense — Authorities investigated a drug complaint on state Highway 47-55 in the town of Wescott.

Theft — A dog was reported stolen on U.S. Highway 45 in the town of Birnamwood.

### April 1

Deputies logged 30 incidents, including the following:

Trespass — Trespassing was reported on Sunset Drive in the town of Herman.

Theft — Items were reported stolen from a vehicle in Eland. A debit card was reported stolen on Oriole Road in the town of Birnamwood.

Fraud — Authorities investigated a credit card scam complaint on Warrington Avenue in Cecil.

## CLINTONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### April 6

Police logged 13 incidents, including the following:

Warrant — A 19-year-old Clintonville man was arrested on a Department of Corrections warrant.

Trespass — Trespassing was reported on West Madison Street.

### April 4

Police logged 10 incidents, including the following:

OWI — A 29-year-old Manawa woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated on South Main Street.

### April 3

Police logged four incidents, including the following:

Theft — A theft was reported on Industrial Court.

# COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court:

- Jon M. Plosczynski, 44, of Shawano, was charged April 7 with felony counts of burglary armed with a dangerous weapon and theft, along with four misdemeanor counts of theft. He could face a maximum 15 years in prison and \$50,000 fine on the burglary charge if found guilty and six years and a \$10,000 fine for felony theft. Plosczynski was ordered held on a \$20,000 bond set by Judge William Kussel Jr. and was scheduled for an April 14 preliminary hearing.

- Nicholas J. Marquette, 29, of Shawano, was charged April 6 with a felony count of domestic abuse-related strangulation and suffocation

and misdemeanor counts of domestic abuse-related battery and disorderly conduct. He could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted of the felony charge. Marquette posted a \$1,000 cash bond set by Judge William Kussel Jr. and is due back in court for an adjourned initial appearance April 13.

- Dean A. Peters, 37, of Neopit, was sentenced April 3 to six months in jail on a felony count of domestic abuse-related false imprisonment and misdemeanor counts of domestic abuse-related disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. Peters pleaded guilty to the charges.

- Aaron L. Jacobs, 30, of Shawano, was charged April 2 with two felony

counts of bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and disorderly conduct. He could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted on each of the felony charges. Jacobs is scheduled for an initial court appearance June 1.

- Shawn A. Bork, 35, of Shawano, was charged April 2 with a felony count of possession with intent to deliver marijuana and misdemeanor counts of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He could face a maximum 12½ years in prison and \$25,000 fine if convicted on the felony count. Bork is scheduled for an initial court appearance June 1.

- Aaron W. Weso, 40, was

charged on April 2 with a felony count of forgery and misdemeanor counts of theft and attempted theft. He could face a maximum six years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted on the felony count. Weso is scheduled for an initial court appearance May 18.

- Payton M. Pagel, 18, was sentenced by Judge James Habeck on April 2 to nine months in jail and 20 hours of community service on two felony counts of taking and driving a vehicle without consent, felony criminal damage to property of more than \$2,500 and six misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property. Pagel had pleaded no contest to the charges.

# OBITUARIES

Inez E. Lohff, 86, of Shawano, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2020, at Meadow View Assisted Living in Bonduel.

The former Inez Emma Deering was born on Feb. 18, 1934, in the town of Hartland, Shawano County, to Harry and Lorena (Busch) Deering. She grew up on the family farm in the Zachow area. Inez graduated from Bonduel High School in 1951. She was united in marriage on April 26, 1952, to Levi A. Lohff at Zion Lutheran Church in Zachow. For many years, the couple dairy farmed in the town of Herman, Shawano County. After Levi's retirement in 1990, the couple settled in Shawano. Her husband preceded in death on March 9, 2008.

Inez was an incredible cook and



baker, especially her homemade bread. She really enjoyed crocheting, embroidery work, and spending time with her relatives. Inez was a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a proud grandmother. She worked hard on the farm helping out with chores and loved being a homemaker taking care of her family.

Survivors include six children, Luther (Linda) Lohff, of Marion, Terry Lohff, of Shawano, Iris (friend William Grunewald) Lohff, of Caroline, Carol (Steven) Verstoppen Sr., of Shawano, Janet (Miguel) Moreno, of Shawano,

and Deborah (David) Page, of Gresham.

There are 12 grandchildren, Mikeal (Lonise) Lohff, Jerry (Lynn) Lohff, Brian (Courtney) Lohff, Tony (Nancy) Grunewald, Steven (Pam) Verstoppen Jr., Stephanie (Dan) Laabs, Shawn (Alyssa) Verstoppen, April (friend Dustin) Moreno, Keria (friend Jared) Moreno, Diego Moreno, Zachary Page, and Benjamin Page. There are numerous great grandchildren.

She is also survived by a sister, Phyllis Kroeger, of Hartford; a brother, David (Barbara) Deering, of Bonduel; sister-in-law, Violet Lohff, of Clintonville; brother-in-law, LeRoy (Fernanda) Lohff, of Watsonville, California; brother-in-law, Leslie (Ethel) Lohff, of Oshkosh; and many nieces, nephews,

other relatives and friends.

Inez was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Levi; two still-born children; a sister, Janice Fleigle; two sisters-in-law, Linda Lohff and Lerie Eve Westfahl; and two brothers-in-law, Lyle Lohff and Norman Kroeger.

A private family funeral service will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at the Beil-Didier Funeral Home, Clintonville. The Rev. Christian Burg will officiate, and burial will follow followed at Graceland Cemetery in Clintonville. Please go to [www.beil-didier.com](http://www.beil-didier.com) to sign the online guestbook or to send a card to the family.

Our family wishes to thank all the staff at Meadow View for the wonderful care given to Inez.

## Robert A. Pukall

Robert A. Pukall, 52, of Birnamwood, died unexpectedly Saturday, April 4, 2020, at his home. He was born on Aug. 16, 1967, in Wausau, the son of Rudolph and Jacqueline (Matson) Pukall. At the age of 13, Bob met Robin Littlejohn, and they quickly became sweethearts. On June 10, 1989, they were united in marriage at New Hope Community Church, Wausau.

Bob farmed the family farm with his son, Brett. He enjoyed his trucks and four-wheelers and the occasional trip to the casino. Bob could always be depended on and was always willing to help anyone in need. He always found the humor in things and enjoyed life. Bob's greatest joy was his family. He cherished every mo-



ment spent with his children and grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his mother, Jacqueline Pukall; his wife, Robin Pukall; his children, Rachel (Mitch) Hintz, Heather (John)

Enjaian and Brett (Kayla) Pukall; and his grandchildren, Annabelle, Georgia and baby (due in October) Enjaian and Robert and baby (due in August) Hintz.

He is further survived by his siblings, Lori Mirek, Diana (Kurt) Strassburg and Karen Pukall; mother-in-law, Alice Littlejohn; father-in-law, William

Littlejohn; siblings-in-law, Terri (Dale) Matsche, Julie (Chris) Lenard and Doug (Joanne) Littlejohn; nieces and nephews, Brock and Brady Strassburg, Robert and Cody Fosterling, Ken Matsche, Kim (Scott) Kropf, Eric (Heather) Matsche, Cassie (Steve) Schlenner, William (Megan) Littlejohn, Matt Littlejohn, Abi (Dakota) Littlejohn, Luke (Kristen) Lenard and Kyle (Kennedy) Lenard; great-nephew and great-nieces, Sawyer and Mabrey Kropf, Aiden, Emery and Amelia Matsche and Greta Schlenner.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Rudolph Pukall, and brother-in-law, George Mirek.

Bob was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and will be

deeply missed.

A public visitation was held Wednesday, April 8, 2020, from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Mattoon. The family encouraged the community and friends wishing to pay their respects to practice social distancing and keep the state mandates in mind.

A private funeral service was held. The Rev. Dean Bertsch officiated. Burial was in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, town of Almon, Shawano County.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Birnamwood is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at [schmidtschulta.com](http://schmidtschulta.com).

## Doris M. Riemer

Doris Mae Riemer, 94, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at the Theda Clark hospital.

She was born to Kenneth (K.R.) Horsens and Esther Mielke on Oct. 14, 1925. Her loving mother passed away from tuberculosis when Doris was only 5.

When Kenneth married Emma Neumann, she loved Doris as her own. They lived in Detroit where Ken worked for GM and later moved back to the farm on Wahl Road. Doris and Emma milked the cows while Kenneth was on the road selling insurance. She attended Grand View Grade School and her best friend growing up was her cousin Iris Wahl.

She moved to the Pulcifer School and onto Gillett High School. After high school, she went to work in Milwaukee until her marriage to



Elroy Riemer on June 22, 1946. Her friend, Frannie Fischer, once told us from the time she started at the Pulcifer School, she only had eyes for one person, and that was Elroy.

They were married 64 years when Elroy passed in 2010.

Doris loved to snowmobile and have a few highballs with special friends Lucille Horsens and Gloria Zenk, belonging to the Pulcifer Riverside Riders Snowmobile Club. Doris also golfed for many years, sponsoring the team. Doris was also a Sunday school teacher at St John's Lutheran Church in Pulcifer for many years and also was very active in the Ladies Aid.

They bought a farm from a great aunt and uncle in 1954, raising registered Brown Swiss with their son Michael, wife Carol and their four children until 2000.

Doris is survived by her son, Michael, and wife Carol, their children Tricia (Brice) Hynek, Tim Riemer, Terri (Lucas) Ubersox, and Tom (Fallon Mercier) Riemer; her great-grandchildren, Brett, Brennan Hynek, Haley, Raquel, Nolen Riemer, Sawyer, Sophie-Doris, Samuel, Seth and Sydney Ubersox, and Maverick Riemer; a sister-in-law, Donna (Wayne) Becker, nephews, Chris (Kelly) Becker, Tim Becker, David (Amy) Becker, John (Kim) Becker, Steven (Joan) Becker; 11 great-nieces; other relatives and friends.

Doris was preceded in death by her loving husband, Elroy Riemer.

Special thank you to Meadow View Estates in Bonduel to the wonderful caretakers who so were kind and thoughtful in the past five years. Thank you to ThedaCare in Shawano and Neenah, ThedaCare Hospice and all the caring RNs, LPNs, CNAs who took the time to be careful and caring to Doris, whose answer to everything was "I'm OK." She thanked everyone for any little thing they did and always had some hilarious witticisms that had them telling us "She is just so sweet," to which we responded, "Yes, she is." Yet we also knew she could be spunky when necessary.

Kuehl Funeral Home in Gillett is assisting the family. A private funeral has been held for Doris with a public memorial service at Faith United Church in Gillett planned for a later date.

## Robert J. Marx

Robert J. "Bob" Marx, 79, of the town of Washington, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at Shawano Health Services.

Bob was born May 29, 1940, in Appleton, the son of the late John "Hans" and Margaret "Muggs" (Kamps) Marx. He attended St. Joe's Catholic grade school, and graduated from Appleton High School with the class of 1958. Following high school he attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, earning a bachelor's degree in urban affairs. On June 28, 1961, he was united in marriage to Sandy Grishaber at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Appleton.

Upon receiving his degree, Bob began working as an outside salesman with Continental Can Company in San Francisco, and was later promoted to district and regional sales manager. Throughout his career, Bob worked in California, Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Bob and his family eventually returned to Wisconsin, where he sold packaging to the food industry until his retirement in 1996. Bob was a sports fan and enjoyed watching the Brewers, Packers and all college basketball, especially the Wisconsin Badgers.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy; his children, Dan (Julie) Marx

and Greg Marx; his grandchildren, Jake (Kaitlyn) Marx, Sarah Marx, Marissa (special friend Mike) Marx, Ella Marx, and Danielle Stadler; great-grandsons, Wyatt and Waylon Marx; his mother-in-law, Dorothy Grishaber; brother-in-law, Wayne (Sandy) Grishaber; sister-in-law, Jean (Steve) Noffke; his nephews, Craig (Christina) Marx, Paul (Katie) Noffke, and Mark (Hannah) Noffke; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Tom and Jack Marx; his father-in-law, Leo Grishaber; his sister-in-law, Carol Marx; and his niece, Gretchen Burns.

All the memories Bob created will forever remain in our hearts. Bob's family has chosen to remember him privately.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at [www.mickelsonfs.com](http://www.mickelsonfs.com).

A special thank you to everyone at Shawano Health Services and ThedaCare at Home Hospice.



## Donald H. Pahlow

Donald H. Pahlow, 73, of Shawano, passed away at home on Monday, March 30, 2020, with his loving wife by his side. Donald was born in Shawano, on Jan. 10, 1947, to the late Hugo and Lucille (Redmann) Pahlow. He attended St. James Lutheran Grade School and Shawano High School for three years before his family moved to Menomonee Falls, where he graduated from Menomonee Falls High School in 1965.

Donald served in the United States Army in Vietnam during the Vietnam



conflict from 1965 until his honorable discharge in 1968. On Oct. 19, 1969, Donald was united in marriage to Judy Staub at the Assembly of God Church in Shawano. The couple

raised their family in Sussex, and Don worked for Sawall Masonry in Menomonee Falls until his retirement 15 years ago. Following retirement, he and Judy returned to the Shawano area. In his free time, Don enjoyed

hunting, fishing, boating, gardening, growing flowers, and going to the casino. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

Donald is survived by his beloved wife, Judy; children, Michael (Barbara) Pahlow, of Round Lake, Illinois, and Paul Pahlow, of Sussex; granddaughters, Amanda and Megan Pahlow; nine siblings, Cheryl (Dennis) Timm, of Green Bay, Richard (Sue) Pahlow, of Shawano, Lee (Gary) Johnson, of Texas, James Pahlow, of Shawano, Bonnie Stahli, of Menomonee Falls, Ervin (Sherry) Wegner, of Neenah, Randy Wegner,

of Shawano, Carmen (Roger) Van Haitsma, of Zeeland, Michigan, and Debbie (Dave) Miller, of Suamico; brothers-in-law, David (Karen) Staub, of Green Bay, Randy (Rita) Staub, of Iron River, Michigan, and Jeff (Sherry) Staub, of Oshkosh. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Karen Long.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, private family services will be held. Burial will be in Lake Drive Cemetery in the town of Wescott.

[www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)

## George H. Stoffer

The angels came for George on March 28, 2020, at Unity Hospice Facility. He was born on May 31, 1934, to Caroline (Beckman) Stoffer and Rudolph H. Stoffer in Norfolk, Nebraska. He attended schools in Norfolk and graduated from Norfolk Senior High in 1953.

George was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith. He was active in his church, being an usher, elder and choir member. In 1954, he married Jeannine Cannon, his high school sweetheart, at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska. George worked



in the insurance business for 50 years. He owned his own insurance agency, retiring in 2003.

George was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He also loved to play "armchair quarterback" for college and NFL football games.

George is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jeannine; four children, Steve

(Barb) Stoffer, Bay Center, Washington, Patricia (Garret) Littlejohn, Bradenton, Florida, David Stoffer, Shawano, and Shawn (Dianna) Stoffer, Okeechobee, Florida; four grandchildren, April Stoffer, Vancouver, Washington, Gina (Chad) Schlepp, Lakeview, Iowa, Paul (Julie) Stoffer, Port Townsend, Washington, and Rachel (Matt) Cox, Bondurant, Iowa; and six great-grandchildren: Aleena Martin, Merrison Schlepp, Connor Cox, Greeley Schlepp, Ella Cox and Wheelin Larm.

He is further survived by many

nieces, nephews and a sister-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter, Audrey Carol Stoffer, nine siblings and his stepfather, George T. Stoffer.

Services are pending and will held at Faith Lutheran Church, Green Bay, at a later date. For updates on service times or to leave an online condolence for the family, please visit [www.NewcomerGreenBay.com](http://www.NewcomerGreenBay.com).

George's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Unity Hospice and Dr. Gunar Strungs for their excellent care and compassion.

## Rose Neumeyer



Rose Neumeyer, 73, of Gresham, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2020. Rose was born on May 18, 1946, in West Virginia to the late Martin and Jessie (McCallister) Neumeyer. She married and settled her family in the small town of Sun Prairie, where she managed several stores and was active within the community.

Rose relocated to Gresham in 2002, where she managed the Shawano Lake

County Park and Campgrounds store until retiring. Rose will be truly and deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Rose is survived by her children, Mark (Theresa) Jones, of Gresham, Kirk Jones, of Shawano, and Troy (Bonnie) Jones, of Texas; her grandchildren, Alexander, Kalisa, Gabriel, Douglas, Connor, Liam, Ashton and Piper, along with all the extras she collected along the way because she

had that much love to give. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings.

Services are being planned for a later date.

[www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)

More obituaries on pages 8 and 16

# Virus claims Sturgeon Park, Sun Drop Dayz, Polka Days

## Sturgeon viewing, popular music events cancelled

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**SHAWANO** — Coronavirus concerns have quashed a popular annual event that typically takes place in the spring of each year.

The city of Shawano has announced it will temporarily close down Sturgeon Park effective April 9, cutting the park off to the throngs of visitors that usually gather for the annual sturgeon spawn.



## COVID-19 Journal

—NEW Media—

“With the continued increase of concern regarding COVID-19 and the recommendations to limit person-to-person contact, the city of Shawano has made the tough decision to temporarily close Sturgeon Park to the public,” the city said in a statement Thursday.

“The annual sturgeon spawn will take place in the coming weeks, and this event typically draws hundreds of people to Sturgeon Park at any given time,” the city said. “Currently, the recommendations being provided by the state of Wisconsin related to social distancing prohibits groups of 10 or more and having the ability to maintain distance of 6 feet between one another.”

According to the city, Department of Natural Resources staff will not be doing its usual sturgeon-tagging, but will still be present to monitor and ensure the safety and well-being of the sturgeon.

“While we understand the tradition of viewing this unique event is one that many of our residents and visitors look forward to every year, our number one priority is the health and safety of everyone,” the city said.

The city reported that its staff has had conversations with other local municipalities that are along the Wolf River, and the closure of Sturgeon Park is consistent with what other communities are doing to comply with current state mandates.

The city will be setting up its

sturgeon cam in the next week so the sturgeon can be viewed from the city’s website at [www.cityofshawano.com](http://www.cityofshawano.com).

“Please continue to check our social media sites as we will do our best to provide periodic updates on the annual sturgeon spawn as well as information on the reopening of this park to the public,” the city said. “We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we do our part to help limit the exposure to our community.”

## Pulaski Polka Days

The Pulaski Polka Days, Inc. organizers have announced the decision to cancel the 2020 Pulaski Polka Days event, originally scheduled for July 16-19.

“The safety of our many volunteers and guests that attend this event are of the utmost importance,” organizers said on their web page.

Anyone with questions can email [info@pulaskipolkadays.com](mailto:info@pulaskipolkadays.com). The committee will be monitoring this email. As organizers are all volunteers, they ask for patience when submitting questions or concerns.

## Sun Drop Dayz

The Sun Drop Dayz committee has decided to cancel the 2020 event that was scheduled for June 5-6. All bands and vendors have been rebooked for June 4-5, 2021.

For questions or concerns regarding the event, contact [sundropdayz@gmail.com](mailto:sundropdayz@gmail.com).

**Friday’s Cryptoquote:** MOST PEOPLE NEVER RUN FAR ENOUGH ON THEIR FIRST WIND TO FIND OUT THEY’VE GOT A SECOND.  
— WILLIAM JAMES

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Thank you to Town of Wescott voters for letting me represent wards 3 & 4 for the last 18 years, as well as to the whole of Shawano County, serving as your County Board Supervisor. Including over 22 years prior employment in the County Clerk office, you, the taxpayer, were always my employer.

Contact your representative (or any one of the 27) with any concerns. It helps them and helps you benefit from the services your tax dollars provide.

Thank you again,  
**Rosetta Stern**



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## OBITUARIES

### Phyllis D. Watermolen

Phyllis D. Watermolen, 82, of Sur-  
ing (formerly of Green Bay), passed  
away Sunday, April 5, 2020. Phyllis  
was born Oct. 30, 1937, to the late An-  
thony and Stella (Pawlak) Hendricks.  
In December 1958, Phyllis married  
David Watermolen Sr. Over her life,  
Phyllis worked at many places includ-  
ing Kaap's Restaurant, H.C. Prange  
Company and Oneida Bingo and Ca-  
sino. Phyllis greatly enjoyed shopping,  
completing word puzzles, watching  
the birds, eating chocolate-covered  
cherries and especially spending time  
with grandchildren and great-grand-  
children.

Phyllis wanted to make sure her  
grandchildren and family knew how  
much she loved them. She would often  
say, "Don't miss me when I'm gone,  
but think about everything I was able  
to enjoy with you over the years."

Phyllis is survived by her three  
sons, Kevin (Jane) Watermolen of  
Bonduel, David (Donna) Watermolen  
Jr. of Krakow, and Dreux Watermolen  
of Madison; a daughter, Judee Bjorn  
of Park Rapids, Minnesota; six grand-  
children; 10 great-grandchildren and  
one expected; two brothers, Jerry  
Hendricks of Gresham and Richard  
(Teri) Hendricks of Wittenberg; two  
sisters, Sharon Hendricks and Jeannie  
Lupe, both of Shawano. She is further



survived by many  
nieces, nephews,  
other relatives and  
friends.

She was preced-  
ed in death by her  
husband, David;  
parents; son-in-  
law, Ken Bjorn;  
sister, Yvonne.

The service dates cannot be  
selected at this time. In the future,  
a celebration of life will be held at  
Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Sur-  
ing. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is  
assisting the family with arrangements.  
Online condolences can be expressed  
at [www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com](http://www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com).

The family would like to thank  
Unity Hospice and its staff for the care  
and compassion offered to Phyllis in  
her time of need.



### Sandra A. Engel

Sandra A. Engel, 77, of Shawano,  
passed away peacefully Tuesday  
morning, March 31, 2020, at Theda-  
Care Medical Center-Shawano.

Sandy was born Feb. 27, 1943,  
in Appleton, a daughter of the late  
Wesley and Hilma (Tillman) Miller.  
She attended school in Pulaski. Fol-  
lowing school, she drove a taxi cab.  
Sandy was of the Lutheran faith.  
She loved everything that had to do  
with the outdoors, including camp-  
ing, fishing and hiking. Sandy also  
enjoyed flower gardening.

Survivors include her son,  
James Buth Jr., and daughter, Marie  
(David) Rouse, both of Shawano;  
five grandchildren and two great-  
grandchildren; four sisters, Barbara,  
Mayme, Peggy and Donna; and  
several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by  
her daughter, Cindy; two brothers,  
Wesley Miller Jr. and Earl Miller;  
her sister, Anita; and a husband, Bill



Engel.

A private  
family graveside  
service for Sandy  
will be held at  
Woodlawn Cem-  
etery in Shawano.  
Pastor Todd Jera-  
bek will officiate.

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Funeral and Cremation Service of  
Shawano is assisting the family  
with arrangements. Please share  
online condolences at [www.mickelsonfs.com](http://www.mickelsonfs.com).

The family would like to thank  
the staff at Birch Hill Care Center  
and ThedaCare Medical Center-  
Shawano for their care.



### Fred Engel Jr.

Fred Engel Jr., 63, passed away on Monday, March 30, 2020.  
Swedberg Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.  
[www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)

## How to mail and ship without leaving home

### Order stamps and supplies, print postage, arrange pick-up

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master.

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items. At [usps.com](http://usps.com), using Click-  
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pick-up. Let the local post office  
know where they can find the pack-  
age or packages and the carrier will  
retrieve them when he or she deliv-  
ers your mail. The post office will  
also pick up packages to send.

## State gets national emergency declaration

**WASHINGTON** — FEMA an-  
nounced that federal emergency  
aid has been made available for the  
state of Wisconsin to supplement  
state, tribal and local recovery ef-  
forts in the areas affected by the  
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COV-

ID-19) pandemic beginning on Jan.  
20 and continuing.

Public assistance federal fund-  
ing is available to the state, tribal  
and eligible local governments and  
certain private nonprofit organiza-  
tions on a cost-sharing basis for

emergency protective measures  
(Category B), including direct  
federal assistance under public as-  
sistance, for all areas in the state of  
Wisconsin affected by COVID-19 at  
a federal cost share of 75 percent.

James K. Joseph has been named

as the federal coordinating officer  
for federal recovery operations  
in the affected area. Additional  
designations may be made at a later  
date if requested by the state and  
warranted by the results of further  
assessments.

# Keeping it Together – We are United

Submitted by: Chris Marcks, President, United Way of Shawano County Board of Directors

Date: 4/4/20

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At a time when we are actively trying to keep our distance, it's comforting to know there is someone with plenty of experience helping us to keep it together. United Way of Shawano County has done quite a bit over the years to support local non-profits, largely through providing funding through grants and connecting volunteers to service opportunities. But with the outbreak of COVID-19, they are positioning themselves to take on a much larger role in serving Shawano and Menominee Counties throughout. Their new Executive Director, Nancy Schultz, has been at the helm during difficult times in the past, having held the role of Shawano County's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator in the past. Most recently Nancy has served within Shawano County as the UW-Extension Family Living Educator, and prior to that was the County's Nutrition Educator for the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program, spending a total of 25 years working to strengthen our community in those capacities. From there she moved into a state-wide role with the UW-Extension in 2018 where she expanded upon her work of growing programs such as "I Can Problem Solve" and "Raising a Thinking Child". Nancy has also been a team player in many local non-profits and community programs such as Shawano Pathways Bike the Bayn Quilt, Strong Women, Strong Bones, Community Health Action Team (CHAT), Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), and the Dreams of Green Community Gardens. She has also been instrumental in helping start the Homeless Taskforce "SAM 25", the Boys and Girls Club and the F.R.E.S.H. Project within Shawano County.



United Way of Shawano County's new Executive Director, Nancy Schultz, was recognized in 2014 by the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce as the "Distinguished Citizen of the Year" for her work with numerous non-profits and community programs.

United Way of Shawano County, and our community as a whole, couldn't be more fortunate to have such a passionate and talented individual positioned to take the organization to the next level. In the short time since she has assumed the role of Executive Director, Nancy has positioned United Way to serve as the Coordinator of Needs & Resources for our community, reaching out to area non-profits to align resources to maximize their impact. "How can we help?" has always been United Way's mantra, though it has taken on a new life as of recent. United Way is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and Shawano County Economic Progress, Inc. (SCEPI) to help assist small businesses stay on their feet throughout these challenging times. A group of community leaders have aligned local shelters to provide temporary housing for ThedaCare's healthcare workers after learning the shelters had to relocate residents due to COVID-19. United Way has also established an Emergency Relief & Recovery Fund to assist those in need through COVID-19 struggles, and future challenges as they arise.



The Shawano Area Food Center receives shipments of donated food from Feeding America to warehouse and distribute to local food pantries.

Also taking a leading role during the COVID-19 pandemic is one of the non-profit agencies that United Way supports, Shawano Area Food Center (SAFC). Since opening in 2011, SAFC has been a vital link in helping to feed those in need by serving as a drop site and warehouse facility for our local food pantries. SAFC is 100% volunteer-run and food is 100% donated from local resources as well, largely through the Feeding America program. They also serve as a drop-site for Feeding America, allowing local pantries to both store and pick up their donation orders from Feeding America. At the start of the COVID-19 situation, SAFC immediately put safety measures in place to ensure that volunteers, recipients and the food itself would remain safe. SAFC Board of Directors member, Merrie Crawford, shared that they are helping local pantries as a coordinator of food resources now more than ever. Aside from extra precautions being taken at the Food Center, there has been an influx of donations largely due to excess produce that restaurants are unable to use at the time. According to Merrie, "We may face some challenging times ahead but for now donations of food continue to come in especially fresh produce and dairy. We have a saying that we love to see all the food come in the door but we love it even more when we see the food leave. That means we have made a difference."

Merrie and all the volunteers that serve at the Shawano Area Food Center and the local pantries are prime examples of what it means to "Do Good and Feel Good". Additional families are expected to need assistance as time goes on, and with reduced abilities for pantries to secure donations through food drives and other fundraising, it's more important than ever to come together and help each other out.

Should you be in a position to help others, you can donate online to United Way's local Emergency Relief & Recovery Fund by visiting [UnitedWayofShawanoCounty.org](http://UnitedWayofShawanoCounty.org), or find them on Facebook. You can also reach out to Nancy with United Way at (715) 526-0238 if you want to explore how you can help. If you are in need of assistance, [UnitedShawano.org](http://UnitedShawano.org) is a great starting point. United Way has been developing the site to serve as an online directory of local resources, replacing the phone-based 211 service. Together, we are United Shawano!



Food pantries are receiving extra donations of produce due to excess being donated with restaurants' reduction in service capability.

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## Legals WNAXLP

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March 25-6 April 1, 6, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

SMALL CLAIMS AMENDED SUMMONS

Case No. 20SC000001

Our File #0000718

Cottonwood Financial Institution

USDC DBA The Cash Store

A Foreign Limited Liability Company

(Plaintiff)

Vs.

Dante J Caldwell

Defendant

Dante J Caldwell 8808 Chief Little Coye Lane

Keshena, WI 54155

You are being sued by COTTONWOOD FINANCIAL WISCONSIN LLC DBA THE CASH STORE A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY in the Small Claims Court of WISCONSIN County, located at PO BOX 276W3266 (COURTHOUSE LANE) KESHENA, WI 54155.

A hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on April 29, 2020 at Shawano County Courthouse located at 311 N. Main St. Shawano, WI 54155. If you do not appear, a judgment may be given to the party suing you. A copy of this amended summons along with the summons and complaint is being mailed to you.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin the March 5, 2020.

KORIN LAY FIRM S.C.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:

(/s/ JASON D. HERMERSMANN

JASON D. HERMERSMANN

Plaintiff's Attorney

State Bar No. 1040044

735 N. Water St., Suite 1300

Waukegan, WI 53092

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March 25-6 April 01, 06, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice to Creditors

Case No. 20PR18

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Gerald J. Jakubek

0000 January 19, 2020

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, the date of birth November 08, 1945 and date of death January 19, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 60009 County Road P, Villerborg, WI 54155.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 06, 2020.

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

J. Edison Woods, Jr.

308 W. Green Bay St.

Shawano, WI 54155

715-526-5181

Bar Number 1013125

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#0037

April 16, 17, 24, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice to Creditors

Case No. 20PR22

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

William E. Gerhart

0000 March-02, 2020

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, the date of birth August 10, 1952 and date of death March 02, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1154 S. River Street, Shawano, WI 54155.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 23, 2020.

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

J. Edison Woods, Jr.

308 W. Green Bay St.

Shawano, WI 54155

715-526-5181

Bar Number 1013125

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## Legals WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Facility Where Discharge Occurs: , , , , ,

Receiving Water And Location: Groundwater of Wolf River Basin, Village of Mattoon, Shawano County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes (please include annual avg. discharge flow (unless not applicable, such as CDF/Os) and for POTWs also include the design flow). The permittee operates a stabilization pond system followed by spray irrigation on agricultural land. The system was upgraded to its current configuration in 1998. Treatment consists of a 3.80-acre stabilization pond followed by a 1.74-acre storage pond. Winter storage of 180 days is available. Sludge was last removed in 1998 and is not anticipated to be removed this permit term. The facility should evaluate level of sludge during the permit term. The storage pond is emptied using an irrigation pump and a network of 18 spray nozzles. The total spray area is 17.4 acres. A groundwater monitoring system consisting of three wells has been provided.

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Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: , , , , ,

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above named basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a renewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding the permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 285.45, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing, the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing, the reasons for the request, and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/water/PollutionPublicNotices.html>

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# Agriculture responds to COVID-19



Jeff Strassburg discusses the impact of COVID-19 in one of the two barns on his Strassburg Creek Farm north of Bowler. The Strassburg family, looking ahead to its sixth generation of farmers with Strassburg's children, milks about 1,000 Holstein cows.

DAVID WILHELMS

**By DAVID WILHELMS**  
Correspondent

**SHAWANO** — The state has been given contradictory views of the impact of COVID-19 in the last 48 hours, Jeff Strassburg observed on Friday.

The Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin (DFW) board member and member of the Land O' Lakes cooperative board said the farms dumping milk have been confined to seven southeastern Wisconsin and a few western counties while some grocery stores in the Eastern U.S. have no dairy products on their shelves.

Strassburg is not dumping any milk from his 1,000-cow herd on his farm north of Bowler as his co-op continues to pick up on its regular schedule. He hasn't heard of any local producers dumping milk and only one local processor dumping milk.

"It looks pretty bad right now, but

we still have to be a little optimistic that the end of the world isn't coming. We'll get back to business-as-usual sometime," Strassburg said, after the country weathers what he termed "trying times."

Strassburg sounded a hopeful note for dairy consumption in a post-COVID future, "The upside is that people are going back to the basics – milk, cheese, putting milk on cereal." He said perhaps those changes, including cooking more meals at home, will become permanent.

Just as contradictory are the national sales figures for dairy, Strassburg provided DFW data showing retail sales of dairy products have recently climbed 50-74%, including a 54% jump in the Great Lakes states. He added sales of bottled milk have gone up by 50%, despite the loss of sales to school lunch programs.

Strassburg cited disruptions in

the supply chain, such as packaging and other inputs as well as a shortage of drivers to get dairy products from their source to empty markets. Another blow from COVID-19 is the closure of schools and restaurants, Strassburg added.

That doesn't mean local farmers aren't affected. Prices have plummeted in recent days and probably will settle at a four-year low of \$12-13 per 100 pounds of milk for Class III futures, a benchmark price. Strassburg echoed the concerns of other farmers that it costs \$16-18 to produce that 100 pounds.

"The financial stress will be real for some people," he said.

Strassburg recommended that dairy producers feeling the stress access counseling services through the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and its Farm Center.

The Wisconsin Farm Center is available at 800-942-2474, Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. "You're not in it alone," Strassburg said.

Strassburg also hoped that sign-ups would again open for the Dairy Margin Insurance Coverage (DMC). The federal program is a voluntary risk-management program for dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed price (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. Enrollment ended in September 2019.

DFW is reaching out to businesses to donate money to buy dairy products for food pantries and to persuade other processors to take on the surplus milk to make dairy products for food pantries, Strassburg said. A DFW campaign under the theme "We're here for you," is getting started.

Just three days earlier, Strassburg

and two other area farmers agreed the COVID-19 impact to date has had its pluses and minuses but were expressing some level of optimism.

“On the bright side, we do get to spend a lot more time with family,” said Seth Berg, Cecil.

The closure of schools and stores means there’s more time for eating dinner together, something often made difficult by the schedules of the Bergs’ six children, he added.

Hank Wagner, Oconto Falls, agreed, noting he and his family work together every day, but now they’re also spending more time during off hours and doing things such as playing games.

Berg also noted the good work done by the School District of Bonduel, especially Superintendent Joe Dawidziak, in providing online instruction and delivering lunches.

“It’s amazing in times like this, people are stepping up and doing the right thing,” Berg said.

Berg has also heard of meat at grocery stores selling out, but “people are coming up with different strategies on food sources, like coming directly to farmers,” he said. “It may wake people up on where their food comes from.”

The Bergs sell one or two beef cattle each month. That trend may continue, which would be a good thing for farmers, Berg said.

“If you really look at it, there is a long list of positive things people are doing,” Wagner said.

Wagner said people are making adjustments in how they do business. This includes different ways of communicating — especially with insurers and bankers, Wagner added, which will help shorten the pandemic.

“We’re all in this together,” Wagner said.

Information current as of April 1, 12:44 p.m.



Business in the time of COVID-19 has to be done at arm’s length, even when you’re well acquainted. Bert Huntington, left, a cattle dealer from Gresham, discusses cattle prices with Jeff Strassburg, right, at the Strassburg Creek Farm north of Bowler. Strassburg, a Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin board member and member of the Land O’ Lakes cooperative board, expressed concern about the impact of the pandemic on dairying but was also optimistic about his farm’s future.

DAVID WILHELMS

# CARES Act has money to help farmers

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — All of Wisconsin’s Congressional delegation supported recent passage of the CARES Act. With the second largest number of co-sponsors for a bill in this session, it provides relief for farmers and ranchers:

- \$9.5 billion dedicated disaster fund to help farmers experiencing financial losses from the COVID-19 crisis, including targeted support for fruit and vegetable growers, dairy and livestock farmers and local food producers.

- \$14 billion to fund the Farm Bill’s farm safety net through the Commodity Credit Corp.

- Eligibility for farmers and agricultural and rural businesses to receive up to \$10 million in small business interruption loans from eligible lenders, including Farm Credit institutions, through the Small Business Administration. Repayment forgiveness will be provided for funds used for payroll, rent or mortgage and utility bills.

- \$3 million to increase capacity at the USDA Farm Service Agency to meet increased demand from farmers affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

- Assistance for small towns and rural communities:

- \$1 billion available in guaran-

teed loans to help rural businesses weather the economic downturn.

- \$100 billion to hospitals, health care providers and facilities, including those in rural areas.

- \$25 million for telemedicine tools to help rural patients access medical care, no matter where they live.

- \$100 million for high-speed internet expansion in small towns and rural communities.

- Over \$70 million to help the U.S. Forest Service serve rural communities and reduce the spread of COVID-19 through personal protective equipment for first responders and

cleaning of facilities.

Protections for consumers and the food supply:

- \$55 million for inspection and quarantine at our borders to protect against invasive pests and animal disease.

- \$33 million for overtime and temporary food safety inspectors at meat processing plants.

- \$45 million to ensure quality produce and meat reaches grocery stores through increased support for the Agricultural Marketing Service.

- \$1.5 million to expedite EPA approvals of disinfectants needed to control the spread of COVID-19.



Sue Dionne, left, shelter supervisor for Safe Haven, reaches for a box of food as Mary Harte, lead advocate, examines another box received from Feeding America.

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# Safe Haven continues to offer services

## Donations needed amid concerns of spike in domestic abuse incidents

By **TIM RYAN**  
Reporter

**SHAWANO** — Safe Haven Domestic Abuse shelter in Shawano is continuing to provide shelter and services, but with changes being forced by the COVID-19 coronavirus.

“We’re not doing in-person meetings or in-person support groups or those types of things,” Safe Haven Executive Director Stacey Cicero said.

“We’re doing lot of things online, including our support groups and our individual advocacy,” she said. “We’re still providing support through food boxes and hygiene boxes and all of those kinds of things.”

Cicero said Safe Haven is still providing shelter for victims of domestic abuse, “but in a different way.”

She declined to be more specific for reasons of confidentiality.

Cicero said domestic abuse victims can still reach out to Safe Haven, even amid the coronavirus health emergency.

There is some concern that the statewide order for citizens to stay

at home if at all possible could spur an increase in domestic violence incidents.

“We have people locked in their houses, staying in their houses and there’s a lot of tension right now even in normal families,” Cicero said. “It’s a lot of togetherness.”

In the case of households where domestic violence was prevalent to begin with, the coronavirus situation could potentially make matters worse, Cicero said.

“What I’m afraid is happening, is the victims don’t want to come forward right now for lots of different reasons,” she said.

One reason is, people are unsure of where they would go if they left home, Cicero said.

“We are in kind of a scary time where you have the COVID virus out there and people don’t want to catch it and they don’t know where they’re safe to go,” she said. “That really concerns me a lot, and that’s why I want to make sure people understand our services are still available.”

That includes the shelter’s 24-hour crisis line at 715-526-3421.

“If somebody just needs to talk or needs to discuss options, we can do that,” Cicero said.

Safe Haven can also be contacted by text at 715-584-1258, which is a text-only line, and by email at [help@shawanoshelter.org](mailto:help@shawanoshelter.org).

Under normal circumstances, victims often have an out from homes where there is domestic abuse occurring, Cicero said.

“They can go to work. The kids can go to school. They can go meet with friends or family or get out of the house for a while,” she said. “Right now, that’s just not what people can do.”

In addition to continuing to provide services, Safe Haven is also still accepting donations of non-perishable food items, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, diapers and other basic needs.

“We really need those products right now,” Cicero said. “Our shelves are looking pretty bare because we’ve been giving out so many food and hygiene boxes and helping our clients with that, and we’re not getting things in because obviously

donations are way down.”

If people are interested in donating, they can contact Safe Haven to find out exactly what’s currently needed.

The shelter is also taking online financial contributions, which, Cicero said, have been very helpful.

“We’re utilizing the (federal food assistance) Feeding America program and that’s been really helpful because they have stuff,” she said. “Now if we send somebody to the store to get toilet paper or diapers, there’s none there. Even if we have somebody willing to go get it, the product isn’t there.”

Safe Haven is not accepting donations of clothing or used products right now, partly because of coronavirus concerns, but also because the shelter doesn’t have the staff to sort through those items.

“Since Goodwill has closed, people just think, ‘oh, I’ll just leave it on the front porch of Safe Haven, they’ll need it.’ And we really don’t,” Cicero said.

# Fund supports Safe Haven during COVID-19

## Abuse shelter, Feeding America among Fox Valley Foundation grant recipients

**APPLETON** — Safe Haven, the domestic abuse shelter of Shawano County, has received a \$5,000 grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund established by the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and United Way Fox Cities.

The grant will allow the organization to provide emergency shelter and immediately needed food, hygiene products, gas cards, diapers and other basic needs.

The shelter was one of four nonprofits recently awarded grants to assist their efforts as they respond to the unfolding public health emergency.

Grants will continue to be awarded and announced at [cfoxvalley.org/covidgrants](http://cfoxvalley.org/covidgrants).

Other grant recipients include Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin.

The food bank supports its member network of food pantries, programs and homeless shelters that provide hunger relief to people living in Outagamie, Calumet, Shawano, Waupaca and the Neenah/Menasha

area of Winnebago counties.

A grant of \$50,000 will purchase additional food and distribute it to pantries; sanitize the food bank where food is stored, received and distributed; support critical staff who receive and transport food; and remove obstacles so pantries can receive food quickly.

Safe Haven recently received a shipment from Feeding American Eastern Wisconsin, according to Stacey Cicero, shelter director.

The Fox Valley Veterans Council and St. Vincent de Paul — Appleton also received grants.

Since the Community Foundation and United Way established the fund March 17 with \$50,000 each, many individuals, donors and businesses have contributed more than \$500,000. Recent corporate donors include

Festival Foods, \$30,000; Amcor, \$25,000; and Meijer, \$13,000.

The Community Foundation is waiving all credit card and administrative fees for this fund. Every dollar donated into the fund will be put



into action in the community.

To donate online, visit [cfoxvalley.org/covidhelp](http://cfoxvalley.org/covidhelp). Checks can be made payable to the Community Foundation/COVID-19 and mailed to Community Foundation, 4455 W. Lawrence St., Appleton, WI 54914.

The fund supports local nonprofit and other community organizations engaging in response and recovery efforts in Outagamie, Calumet, Shawano, Waupaca and the Neenah-Menasha area of Winnebago counties impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Currently the fund is in phase one of granting, addressing immediate basic needs for people who are disproportionately affected by the crisis.

This phase includes proactively identifying potential grant recipi-

ents and using input, guidance and research from organizations and others in the community to make grant decisions.

In order to move resources quickly and not further burden nonprofit organizations, during phase one there will not be a formal application process.

Nonprofits providing immediate basic needs relief can email United Way to share their needs so they can be considered during the granting process.

As the crisis and long-term impacts continue to unfold, the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and United Way Fox Cities will continue to assess and consider evolving the granting approach into subsequent phases for many types of nonprofit organizations.

The grants committee meets weekly to understand needs and make decisions.

For information about the fund, go to [cfoxvalley.org/covidhelp](http://cfoxvalley.org/covidhelp).



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## SPORTS

## Turkey hunting gives athletes something to look forward to

The coronavirus has impacted all of our lives in some shape or fashion.

Sports athletes around the country are waiting for the return of their sports, with those that are in grade, middle or high school also having to adjust to life without school and seeing their friends several times per week.



MORGAN RODE

For some area athletes, Wisconsin's turkey hunting season is one of those activities.

During a typical spring, Oconto Falls High School's Ericka Havemeier would already be competing in track and field meets and invites. With the season paused and in jeopardy of being erased completely, the senior is turning to another favorite hobby of hers.

"I'm always looking forward to turkey season, however this year a little more than others," said Havemeier, who has also used fishing as a way to get her mind off things.

Havemeier hunts public land turkeys in Oconto County, going by herself or with her dad (John). She's done so for the past eight years.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood freshman David Gauderman hunts private land in Shawano County, having gone the previous three years.

"I would say I'm more excited for turkey hunting this year," said Gauderman, who has been taking his dog for walks to also get outside.

The freshman was going to play baseball for the Chargers this spring.

While Bonduel's Reece Stoltenow



A flock of turkeys gathers on a hill southeast of Shawano.

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is "definitely looking forward to it (turkey hunting) more this year," his typical tradition might be affected.

"Usually it is a tradition that me and my grandpa (Dennis) go out and hunt together. It's something that we share a passion for," said Stoltenow, who plays baseball for the Bears. "But this year, I might have to go by myself with the coronavirus spreading."

The duo hunted the same private land spot in Shawano County for the past several years.

Back in Oconto County, Gillett's Karissa Schaal might also have to make some sacrifices during the turkey season because of some extra work created by the coronavirus on the family farm during what is already a busy time of year for the family.

"Yes (I'm looking forward to turkey hunting), but I have to do a lot more work on the farm so it'll be tough to get out and hunt, but we'll see how everything goes," said Schaal.

The junior, who was set to participate for the Gillett track and field team and play AAU basketball this spring, has hunted private land with several family members over the past few years.

As athletes try and find some time to get out in the woods, there are 44 potential days from which to choose from, including a two-day youth hunt and six seven-day time periods.

The youth hunt gets things started

this Saturday and Sunday and the final seven-day period wraps up May 26.

Hunters ages 15 and younger are eligible for the youth hunt, and must have their spring turkey license, stamp and harvest authorization before hitting the woods. Youth hunters can use a license from any of the six time periods they have, but must hunt in their designated Turkey Management Zone (the state is broken up into seven turkey management zones). A bag limit of one male or bearded turkey is allowed over the two days.

After a two-day break, the first of the six time periods (A) opens April 15 Wednesday, running through April 21. There are no breaks after the week-long periods.

One male or bearded turkey is permitted per harvest authorization in the designated management zone on the authorization.

A total of 245,443 harvest authorizations were available for the 2020 season, and 131,559 of those were awarded to hunters by a drawing. The 113,884 bonus authorizations went on sale in March. As of 1 p.m. on Monday, 55,915 bonus authorizations remained, with at least the first three time periods sold out in all seven zones.

In 2019, a total of 213,078 harvest authorizations — including 77,657 bonus authorizations — were sold through the end of the spring. That number could rise this spring, espe-

cially if we're cooped up inside for much longer (I personally have six authorizations already, and the first one isn't until period C).

The 2020 spring turkey hunting season forecast released by the Wisconsin DNR stated that the outlook on the season was good after a mild winter, which most turkeys entered into in good conditions. If that proves to be true, and with potentially more hunters in the woods by the end of the season than last year, there's a chance last year's total harvest total of 38,576 turkeys could also be surpassed.

The overall hunter success rate was 18.1% in 2019, with zone 3 (which includes most of Shawano County and small chunks of Menominee County) faring a bit better with a 19.6% success rate.

Zone 2 (which features the eastern portion of Shawano County and the southern portion of Oconto County) came in at 18.3%. Zone 5 (which includes the rest of Menominee County and the northern portion of Oconto County) tallied a 15.9% rate.

To view how many bonus authorizations are left across the state, visit [dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/turkey.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/turkey.html). More turkey hunting information can be found at [dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/turkey.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/turkey.html).

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Gillett's Block, Lena's Beyer make M&O second team

## Suring's Sepulveda, Geniesse named honorable mentions

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.)*

**GILLETT** — Gillett's Logan Block ended his high school basketball career on a strong note, making the Marinette & Oconto Conference second team.

Block helped the Tigers win 10 games for the season. The team went 5-11 in M&O play for a sixth-place finish in the nine-team conference.

The senior big man averaged 14.5 points per conference game to pace

Gillett. Block also averaged about 5 rebounds a game.

"It means a lot," said Block of the honor. "This was a tough season with its ups and downs and so going from not being mentioned in past years to (second team) makes me feel good and proud."

Gillett advanced to a regional semifinal before being eliminated from the postseason.

### Lena

The Lena boys finished just 1-15 in conference play, but still had sophomore Max Beyer land on the all-conference second team.

"It's an honor to be chosen along with the large number of talented players in the M&O Conference, especially with the competitive senior pool of players," said Beyer. "I hope to continue to work hard to improve and

grow as a teammate to Lena, since high school basketball seems to be getting more competitive."

Beyer averaged over 16 points per game in conference action and was a constant threat from behind the 3-point line. The sophomore also averaged over 5 rebounds per contest.

Lena tied for eighth in the conference standings and was eliminated in a regional quarterfinal playoff matchup.

### Suring

Suring finished fifth in the conference with an 8-8 mark against M&O teams.

Two Suring seniors were recognized by the conference, with Jayden Geniesse and Dequez Sepulveda each being named to the honorable mention team.

In conference play, Geniesse led the Eagles in scoring with 12.7 points per

game. He also averaged 2.6 rebounds, 3.4 assists and 2.6 steals per game.

"To be completely honest, I was extremely grateful but disappointed at the same time," said Geniesse. "I felt like I wasn't awarded with what I worked for, but it is what it is I guess. Again, grateful for the award, but also disappointed knowing that this year's team didn't do as good as we could've.

Sepulveda averaged 9.2 points, a team-leading 7.1 rebounds, 1.9 assists, 1.6 blocks and 1.5 steals per conference game.

"It means a lot to me, the reason being that I love the sport and to make the all-conference team means the world," said Sepulveda.

The Eagles earned 11 wins overall and earned one playoff win before being eliminated in a regional semifinal.

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## ATHLETE PROFILE: ALYSON FABRY

# Falls senior sad she might have already played last game

**OCONTO FALLS** — Senior seasons usually allow athletes one final chance to leave it all out on the field, court or track, with the end of the season clearly marked so seniors can enjoy their final moments in a particular sport. Should the coronavirus wipe out the entire spring season, seniors like Oconto Falls' Alyson Fabry's last spring sporting events already happened last year, leaving the athletes with an empty feeling.

A member of the softball team since her freshman season, Fabry has played all over the infield for the Panthers.

A season ago, Fabry made the all-conference honorable mention team as an infielder. She got on base at a .411 clip and posted a .356 batting average. Fabry tied for the most hits on the team (31), scored 19 runs, homered



Oconto Falls' Alyson Fabry prepares to swing at a pitch during a 2019 North Eastern Conference game in Clintonville. CONTRIBUTED

twice and drove in a team-leading 26 runs.

**Q: When did your interest in softball begin?**

A: Actually, I kind of started a little later than everyone else — I didn't start until rec. I never played T-ball, I just started playing rec for fun.

**Q: You were about to play your senior softball season. With the coronavirus threatening to cancel**

### AT A GLANCE

**ATHLETE:** Alyson Fabry

**SPORT:** Softball

**POSITIONS:** Shortstop, first, third

**SCHOOL:** Oconto Falls High School

**YEAR:** Senior

**the entire season, how would it make you feel if you weren't able to compete this spring?**

A: I'm really sad. It's kind of heart-breaking because you never expected your junior year to be your last year. I wasn't ready for it to be my last game last year. I was so excited for my senior year but you can't really do anything about it.

We've all individually been practicing at home, doing what we can to stay ready if we do have a season.

**Q: With no official ruling on spring sports yet, how are you**

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**staying prepared should the season start up at some point?**

A: I, and many of my teammates, have our own bownets at home, so we set up a tee and we've been hitting at home. If we can find someone to play catch with at home, we play catch.

We've also been staying active, like runs or working out, to stay in shape and been sending pictures in a group message to keep each other motivated.

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

A: I love to be around people. I love spending time with my friends, no matter what we're doing.

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

## Gresham's Cervený makes CWC-North first team

## Bowler's Pecore also lands on first team

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.)*

**GRESHAM** — Gresham Community High School junior Valarie Cervený was the lone girls basketball player to unanimously be named to the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division first team.

Cervený averaged 13.2 points, 7.7 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 assists per CWC-North contest.

"To me, it's just a great honor to make the first team," Cervený said. "I'm just so grateful for the opportunity to play basketball, and I'm hop-

ing to improve and set higher goals for myself and for my team in the future years."

Gresham junior Makayla Belongia and sophomore Hannah Cervený each made the second team.

Belongia finished the conference season with averages of 10.7 points, 2.6 rebounds, 2.7 steals and 3.3 assists.

Cervený averaged 12.9 points, 4.2 rebounds, 2.9 steals and 2.2 assists in CWC-North play.

Gresham finished the conference season with a 6-4 mark.

## Bowler

Bowler posted a 3-7 record in conference play and had three girls make an all-conference team.

Kayla Pecore led the Panthers on the court and made the all-conference first team for her efforts.

Pecore averaged 18 points, 11.9 rebounds, 2.8 steals and 2.4 assists.

"It means a lot to me and shows

some physical remembrance for me that my hard work paid off," said Pecore.

Bowler's other two all-conference selections, seniors Brooke Thiex and Alyssa Strassburg, were honorable mentions.

Thiex finished with averages of 8.3 points, 8.9 rebounds, 3.2 steals and 2.7 assists per conference game.

Strassburg averaged 7.6 points, 5.7 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 1.4 steals per game.

## Tigerton

Tigerton also earned three conference wins and had three players recognized with conference honors.

Junior Savannah Swartz was the highest finisher, making the second team after averaging 9.1 points, 9.5 rebounds and 1.2 steals per CWC-North game.

"Making second team all-conference is really exciting," said Swartz.

"We had a rough season with losing a bunch of girls and a coach (both of which left the team) during the season, and we really had to come together as a team and reconstruct ourselves."

Tigerton senior Colleen Smith and junior Adrienne Brady both were honorable mentions.

Brady finished the conference season with averages of 9 points, 2.7 rebounds, 2.4 steals and 2.3 assists.

Smith averaged 3.8 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

## Marion

Marion was unable to secure a CWC-North win, but it did have a player recognized on an all-conference team.

Senior Kyla Zillmer received an honorable mention and averaged 5.5 points, 7.4 rebounds and 3 steals per conference game.

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## ATHLETE PROFILE: GRACYN HABECK

## Shawano senior staying prepped, hoping for season

**SHAWANO** — While Shawano Community High School senior Gracyn Habeck knows she will get to play softball at the collegiate level, she's still hoping to get to represent the Hawks at some point this spring.

The Lakeland University (Plymouth) commit is coming off a junior season in which she made the Bay Conference first team unanimously and the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association District 2 large school honorable mention team.

In 12 conference games, Habeck hit for a .450 batting average, drove in 10 runs and scored 11 times.

**Q: What is your favorite part about the softball season?**

A: I think it's the tryouts because



Shawano's Gracyn Habeck bats during a 2019 Bay Conference game against Xavier in Shawano.

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you get to meet everyone, especially the freshmen while being an upper-classmen. You get to meet the new girls and you get to create a bond with your team and coaches right off the bat.

**Q: You were about to play in your senior season of softball. With**

## AT A GLANCE

**ATHLETE:** Gracyn Habeck

**SPORT:** Softball

**POSITIONS:** Pitcher, first, third

**SCHOOL:** Shawano Community High School

**YEAR:** Senior

**the coronavirus jeopardizing the spring season, how would it make you feel if you weren't able to play this spring?**

A: Right now, I am struggling with not being able to play because I was looking forward to playing so much this year coming off the season I had last year.

So right now, I'm just trying to keep my mental stability good so that if we are potentially playing that I'm ready to get back on the field and bring the

## ONLINE

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best that I can.

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

A: Actually, for the past three, four days, I've really jumped on to being outside with the good weather that we're having right now. Getting on the tee and swinging and then I bought myself a new rebounder so I can throw the softball into that and then it gives me groundballs, popups or line drives. I'm able to take that and get that practice like I would be doing in regular practice with school right now.

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# Updated guidance clarifies campground question

## Annie's Campground deemed essential, despite complaint to authorities

By **TIM RYAN**  
Reporter

**GRESHAM** — Updated guidance from the state last week on which businesses are considered essential during the COVID-19 pandemic relieved health and law enforcement officials of making a call as to whether Annie's Campground in Gresham should stay open.

A more detailed list of essential and non-essential businesses was posted in an updated FAQ on the governor's website April 1.

Campgrounds were listed as essential, as long as they follow strict hygiene and social distancing rules.

Even so, the Department of Natural Resources had already closed all of its campgrounds statewide.

The continued operation of Annie's Campground sparked debate on social media, with some calling for it to be closed and others defending its right to remain open.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department received a complaint March 27 that the campground announced it was staying open.

Sheriff's Capt. Ty Raddant said a deputy drove by the campground and it appeared to be closed, so no further action was taken.

Annie's Campground owner Ann Retzlaff defended keeping the campground open in a March 27 interview, prior to the updated state guidelines.

Retzlaff said the campground's bar and restaurant were closed down in the fall, as is usual for the season, and won't reopen until Memorial Day weekend.

"The campground is opened year-round," she said.

"As far as I know, I haven't had any complaints," Retzlaff said. "I know I've had a lot of liberal people that can't think for themselves. I'm not one of those people, and I believe in my constitutional rights."

Retzlaff, who also has a convenience store and a new business she said she is starting this year selling homeopathic products, said there is no one that has told her she cannot keep those businesses open.

"You talk about coronavirus crap. I believe there were 13 deaths in the state of Wisconsin alleging coronavi-



**Ann Retzlaff, owner of Annie's Campground, has had to fight back against naysayers on social media who thought her Gresham business was not an essential business. Under the Safer at Home order, campgrounds are listed as businesses that can stay open, so long as hygienic and social distancing protocols are in place.**

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rus," she said.

"The state of Wisconsin is 5.8 million people, and we have 13 deaths," Retzlaff said. "The statistics are insignificant. Why are we stopping our economy for that minuscule of a risk?"

Retzlaff also said not enough is known about the 13 people who died or whether they had other underlying illnesses.

"I'm not condoning death," she said. "I don't want anybody to die, but the reality is that people die every damn day."

There were 13 reported coronavirus deaths in the state on March 27. As of April 5, that number had risen to 68.

Retzlaff suggested the media should instead be focused on the loss of constitutional rights she said is occurring under the coronavirus response.

"I would appreciate it if you wrote an article that talks about the Constitution and highlights some of the things that are being violated right now by our state government," she said. "Why is the state of Wisconsin under economic lockdown for 13 deaths?"

Retzlaff also said in a subsequent

email that the state had "zero competency" to call for a shutdown and called Gov. Tony Evers "a puppet weak on morals, ethics and integrity."

She also accused the Leader of "being a part of the mass hysteria and loss of common sense" in its reporting about the coronavirus.

Shawano-Menominee Counties Public Health Director Vicki Dantoin said it is not the health department's role to decide which businesses are or are not essential.

"We kind of leave it up to the entity to make that decision," she said. "Right now, with everything going on, it's not necessarily public health's role to be telling every single entity who's essential and not essential. We can encourage people to support these guidelines."

Dantoin said the department follows up on calls that come in to make sure businesses that are remaining open are doing things properly.

"When we have more intense situations, then we ask our friends in law enforcement to help us out," she said. "Our goal is to make sure people are staying home so this illness doesn't spread."

Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney Greg Parker said the governor's Safer at Home order didn't appear to present any issues with private campgrounds, where people can reside, freely travel or temporarily stay.

Campground trailers and campers have residential status under case law, Parker said.

"Not everyone has a house, and many people live in temporary type residences," he said. "It is likely essential for people to be able to have a place where they have access to sanitation, water and electricity in order to exist."

Sheriff Adam Bieber said the sheriff's department believes the governor's orders should be followed, but it also has a duty to uphold the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

"These are unprecedented and uncertain times, and we will proceed cautiously to enforce guidelines for public safety while protecting our rights listed in our Bill of Rights," he said.

"Our community has done a great job conforming to the governor's rules, despite them being murky and ever-changing," Bieber said.

"We work every day to educate and answer questions that the public may have."

Bieber said if the department receives a complaint, it will be investigated.

"Generally, we have found that the complainant does not understand the governor's orders, and it simply is a misunderstanding of what is allowed and what is not," he said.

"If the information provided has merit, we generally will start with a call to the business or property owner to have a conversation with the owner about the information provided," Bieber said. "We ask them if they are aware of the governor's order. We inform them of the orders handed down by the state. We typically would document that we had the conversation just in case there are additional complaints. We document any and all information."

Bieber said if there is continued non-compliance, information will be referred to the district attorney's office.

Violation or obstruction of the governor's order can bring a fine of \$250 or up to 30 days in jail.

So far, there have been no cases referred to the district attorney's office.

"We continue to work with our partners at the health department and district attorney's office to protect our community and interpret these ever-changing rules," Bieber said. "I am confident we will get through this as a community and am thankful to be part of a community that cares for each other."

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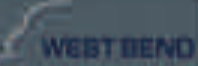
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MAYBE, WHY NOT: A starter-pair theme

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## ACROSS

- 1 Hit with snowballs  
5 Have hopes (to)  
11 Tennis star Nadal's nickname  
15 Filly's mom  
19 Composer Stravinsky  
20 Reminiscent of forests  
21 City near Provo  
22 Certain reunion returnee  
23 Just pretend  
25 Changeless  
26 Easy victory  
27 French farewell  
28 Afternoon snooze  
29 Show again  
30 Mariner's speed measure  
31 Bonnie with 10 Grammys  
34 Operetta composer Franz \_\_\_\_  
35 Sort of suspicious  
36 Insurance policy cap  
41 Show on TV  
42 Way back when  
43 Live \_\_\_\_ (have fun)  
44 Carrot consumer  
48 Ho Chi \_\_\_\_ City  
49 Most recent  
52 Amp up  
54 Will Smith boxer role  
55 Seeds in the  
Jack-vs.-Giant tale  
57 "\_\_\_\_ Lang Syne"  
58 Navigator's reference  
61 Great joy  
62 Curator's deg., often  
63 Ultimate height  
64 Shade of gray  
65 \_\_\_\_ Holiness (Dalai Lama address)  
66 Luau serving  
67 Commotion  
68 Kimono material

## DOWN

- 70 "Do tell!"  
71 Steel-\_\_\_\_ boots  
72 Labour Day celebrator  
76 Skill with people  
77 Big Board opener and closer  
80 Marie's sea  
81 Bagel alternative  
84 Venerable Chevy  
85 Common 2x4 wood  
86 High regard  
87 Arizona native  
88 Country or state  
91 Industrial tub  
92 Residential sleeping quarters  
95 Filled to excess  
98 Plummets  
99 Cardiology concern  
100 Org chart level  
101 Happens upon  
102 Dept. head  
103 Harp ancestors  
108 Tiniest bit  
109 Something spinning in a slot machine  
110 Surfing mecca near Santa Monica  
113 Hype heavily  
114 Fairy tale villain  
115 Airline assets  
116 Oversize hair  
117 Judge's assessment  
118 Chaotic situation  
119 Burns a bit  
120 Ear adornment  
1 Cotton shirt fabric  
2 Old-style "Yikes!"  
3 Prankster of Norse myth  
4 Walnut, for one  
5 Feeling of wonder  
6 Costa del \_\_\_\_  
7 Nonstop trip's end  
8 Form a concept  
9 Invitation exhortation  
10 Examine closely  
11 Familiar flower's fruit  
12 Genesis landfall  
13 Longest human bone  
14 Benediction's end  
15 GPS predecessor for pilot navigation  
16 Without help  
17 Unconfirmed account  
18 Meaningless  
24 Myanmar alias  
29 Prove wrong  
32 National Beach Day mo.  
33 "\_\_\_\_ roll!" (bettor's cry)  
34 Doesn't disturb  
35 Undependable person  
36 Some daycare arrangers  
37 Quick and well-coordinated  
38 City near Dayton  
39 Ending like -oid  
40 Certain reunion returnees  
41 Free throw path  
45 Author of the Oz books  
46 "This scepter'd \_\_\_\_" (England, in *Richard II*)  
47 CNN founder Turner  
50 Brainiac  
51 More crafty  
52 Unbeliever  
53 Government intel org.  
55 Speedometer display  
56 Simple swimmer  
59 79 Down, for example  
60 Make a query  
63 Periodontists' org.  
66 Crusty entrée

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### Notice of Election Partisan Primary – August 11, 2020 and General Election - November 3, 2020

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#### Election of Presidential Electors

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the several cities, villages, towns, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, County of Shawano and County of Menominee, on November 3, 2020, ten electors for President and Vice President of the United States, one for each congressional district and two for the state at-large, are to be elected. The names of presidential electors do not appear on the ballot, but each vote cast for a presidential candidate is a vote for the electors of the candidate. Independent candidates for President or Vice President may circulate nomination papers beginning July 1, 2020 and must file nomination papers with the Wisconsin Elections Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 4, 2020. The Wisconsin Elections Commission is located at 212 E. Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Madison, Wisconsin.

#### Partisan Primary and General Election

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in the several cities, villages, towns, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, County of Shawano and County of Menominee, at a primary to be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, and at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 the following officers are to be nominated and elected:

#### Shawano and Menominee County Congressional Officers

ONE REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, each for the term of 2 years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on January 3, 2021:

8th Congressional District      Mike Gallagher

#### Menominee County Legislative and State Offices

ONE STATE SENATOR, from the even-numbered Senatorial Districts of the State, each for the term of four years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on January 4, 2021:

District 12      Tom Tiffany

ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY, each for the term of two years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on January 4, 2021:

District 36      Jeffrey L. Mursau

#### Shawano County Legislative and State Offices

THREE STATE SENATORS, from the even-numbered Senatorial Districts of the State, each for the term of four years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on January 4, 2021:

District 2  
 District 12  
 District 14

Robert Cowles  
 Tom Tiffany  
 Luther S. Olsen

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 District 35  
 District 36  
 District 40

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 Kevin Petersen

Congressional and legislative district boundaries are described in Chapters 3 and 4 of the Wisconsin Statutes. A copy of the boundary descriptions can be obtained from the Wisconsin Elections Commission or the Legislative Reference Bureau at 1 East Main Street, Suite 200, Madison, Wisconsin.

ONE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, each for the term of four years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on January 4, 2021:

Menominee-Shawano County      Greg Parker

#### Menominee County Officers

MENOMINEE COUNTY OFFICERS, for each county of the State for the term of four years, to succeed the present incumbent in the office of County Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and Surveyor, whose terms of office will expire on January 4, 2021:

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Sarah Lyons  
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#### Shawano County Officers

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County Clerk  
 Treasurer  
 Register of Deeds

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 Debra Wallace  
 Amy Dillenburg

#### Circulation of Nomination Papers

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day for circulating nomination papers is April 15, 2020, and the deadline for filing nomination papers is no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020. All federal and state office candidates, including district attorney candidates, file with the Wisconsin Elections Commission. All county partisan office candidates file with their respective county clerks.

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