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Packers fans couldn't gather in crowds to see the NFC Championship game on Jan. 24, but they did manage to share the finale of a disappointing end to an almost-epic Packers season. Getting as close as possible to the game at the Hinterland Brewery and Restaurant in Green Bay, fans experienced the ups and downs of the game, the playoffs and the season itself. What's next for the Pack? SEE THE GREEN AND GOLD EXPRESS, PAGE 19.

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Districts react to state school plan

When to close schools has been up to local districts; a state bill may change that.

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Bill would impact when schools close in pandemic

Local administrators concerned about impact of Wimberger proposal

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Schools being closed to in-person instruction have been a fact of life for communities over much of the last 10 months, but a state Senate bill could make it harder for local districts to do so if there are health issues.

Sen. Eric Wimberger, R-Green Bay, introduced Senate Bill 6 on Jan.



ERIC WIMBERGER

19 in response to parents across the state who are not happy with the virtual learning formats their schools provide and to families who cannot work from home and therefore monitor their children during the day.

Under the bill, school districts would have to get supermajority votes, at least two-thirds, from their boards every two weeks to close school buildings to in-person instruction, and they would have to provide full-time instruction no more than 15 days after the state completed Phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccinations, which would include teachers.

Wimberger said in a press release that it is imperative for all schools to reopen as soon as possible to keep students on track with their learning.

"We hear stories every day from parents who can see their kids falling behind in real time," Wimberger said. "They are missing out on incredibly valuable instruction time and social interaction. Schools are at very low risk for spread of the virus, and we know that other states and countries have been able to return their students to the classroom safely. It is past time for us to do the same."

That view is not shared by some local school district leaders. Joe Dawidziak, superintendent for the Bonduel School District, sees Wimberger's bill as a way to hamper individual districts from handling their own affairs. Although Bonduel's closing this school year was for a shorter period than some of its neighbors, it was something the district did based on data from local and county num-



JOE DAWIDZIAK

bers — not the state's status as a whole. "I'm not a huge fan of state government making local decisions for school districts," Dawidziak said. "It's probably not going to impact us too much going forward, but I do think there's a danger depending on the makeup of (school) boards. Our board is fantastic, but I'm not a big fan at the state level trying to force decisions that should be made on a local level."

In Bonduel's case, the board put the decision of closing and reopening in the hands of Dawidziak and other administrators. Senate Bill 6 would take that authority away with the requirement of a supermajority board vote.

"We actually passed a policy that, in essence, we could move forward with whatever the decision would be without board approval," Dawidziak said.

For Kelley Strike, superintendent for the Tigerton School District, her concern is more with timing.



KELLEY STRIKE

While she believes her school board would be in tandem with any decision she makes about closing the schools, she noted that it is not easy to gather a quorum of board members in a quick fashion.

"I understand where that's coming from, but the timeliness of needing to make decisions, you can't always wait for a board meeting," Strike said. "Even to call a special meeting takes time, and in a case of this, you can suddenly have a number of staff or students who become ill, and you need to take immediate action."

Strike noted that the board approved a policy on closing during the pandemic that was crafted by administrators, staff and the community. Senate Bill 6 would not impact that

policy aside from the requirement of a board vote, but she believes that it might be possible for her to pull the trigger and then gather the board to ratify such a decision.

"I use that plan to make determinations or decisions, and I feel that works well," Strike said. "I've gathered input from others, and that gives me a guide and discretion."

Menominee Indian School District has had one of the stricter closures in the area, keeping on a virtual learning model for the entire first semester. The district plans to reopen to students on Feb. 1, but carefully. Keshena Primary School will have students in class for four days a week, while Menominee Indian Middle School will split its student population into two groups and have the groups meet two days a week in person and the rest of the week being virtual. Menominee Indian High School will remain virtual for the time being.

The decision to keep closed for the first semester was in tandem with the tribe's COVID-19 restrictions, which had businesses closed for periods of time. Senate Bill 6 would no longer allow that, which is a cause of concern for Menominee Indian's Superintendent Wendell Waukau.

"My first reaction to that is our schools need to be safe, and I think all schools want our kids back, but we want to do it safely," Waukau said. "I don't know if that bill addressed it from a safety standpoint."

Waukau noted that the tribe was able to help a little with Wi-Fi connectivity in isolated areas, but he feels the education bill should provide funding and assistance for rural areas where internet infrastructure is non-existent.

"I think this needs to be a local decision because not all communities are the same. Some have more resources than others," Waukau said.

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BONDUEL
BONDUEL, WISCONSIN 54107**

Regular Board Meeting

**7:00 PM Bonduel High School/Middle School Library Media Center
January 4th, 2021**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Dennis Bergsbaken. All Board members were in attendance. Also in attendance were administration and representatives from Miron and Blue Design.

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

- For approval of minutes of the December 21st, 2020, Regular Meeting.
- For Voucher approval of checks numbered 106185 through 106216 and ACH payment 20200111 for the period of 12/19/20 through 12/31/20 in the amount of \$170,237.44.
- For Co-Curricular Voucher approval of checks numbered 31977 through 31979 for the period of 12/17/20 through 12/30/20 in the amount of \$9,674.46.
- To approve the staff resignation as presented.
- To approve the staff hire as presented.
- For permission for competitive events to be scheduled and/or rescheduled on Wednesday nights if needed, only for the 2020-2021 school year.
- To approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$12,500,000.
- To approve a Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$12,500,000.
- To adjourn to closed session as authorized under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c)(e) for the purposes of considering or discussing issues pertaining to compensation of certified, noncertified, and administrative staff.
- To adjourn to open session.
- To issue preliminary non-renewal notices as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Board Clerk, Greg Borowski

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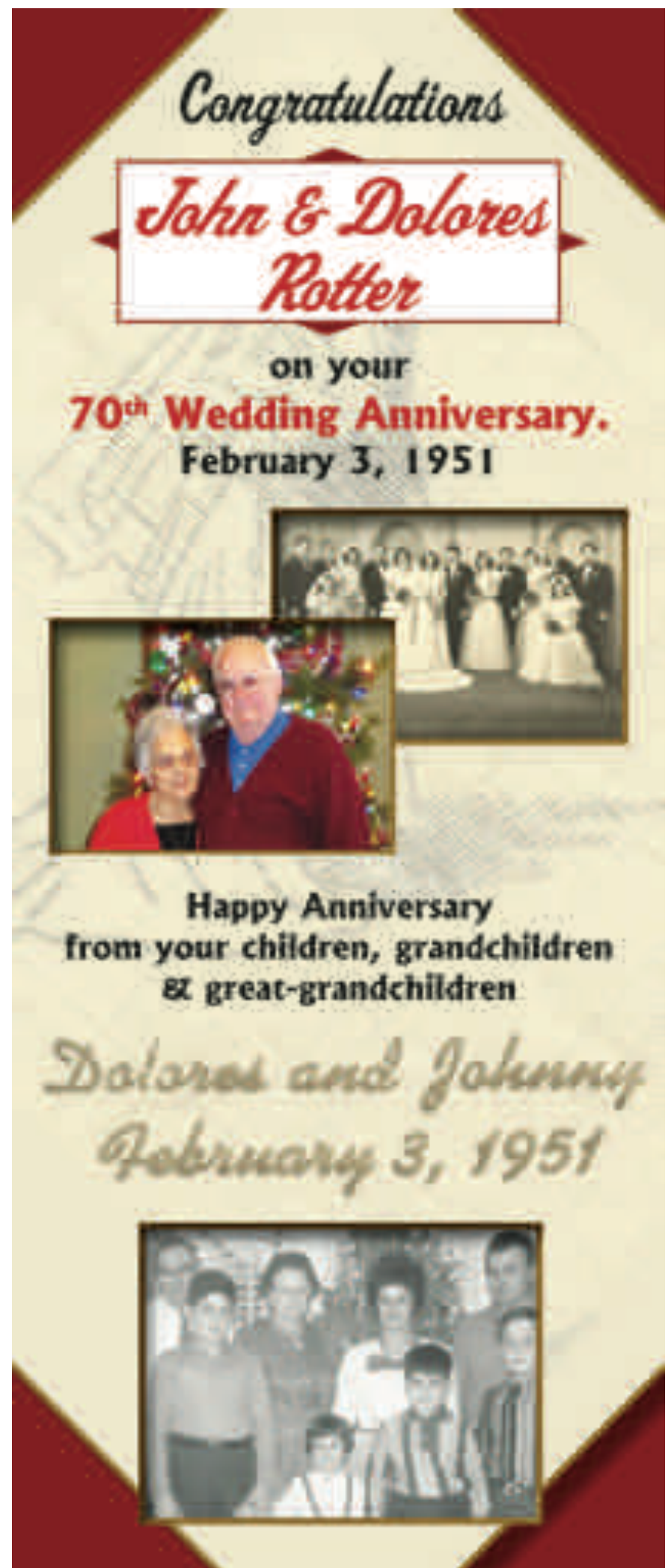
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COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County District Court include:

- Kirk R. Standstraight, 38, Ringle, was charged Jan. 11 with possession of THC with a repeater modifier and a party to a crime modifier; four counts of misdemeanor bail jumping all with repeater modifiers and resisting/obstructing an officer with a repeater modifier. A cash bond of \$2,000 was set and an initial appearance will resume Feb. 3.

- Chad D. Klaus, 46, Suamico, was charged Jan. 11 with operating while intoxicated, second offense and second degree recklessly endangering safety. A cash bond of \$2,000 was signed and posted and an initial appearance will resume Jan. 25.

- Robert S. Powless, 35, Shawano, was charged Jan. 11 with a felon in possession of a firearm. A \$500 cash bond was set and an initial appearance will resume Jan. 27.

- A summons was issued for Aaron C. Miller, 32, Bowler, on Jan. 12 on charges of knowingly violating a domestic abuse order/injunction, domestic abuse, 10 counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and two counts of felony bail jumping. An initial appearance was set for Feb. 1.

- Adrian Orozco, 28, Green Bay, was charged Jan. 13 with possession of methamphetamine with a repeater modifier and a party to a crime modifier; possession of narcotic drugs with a repeater modifier and a party to a crime modifier and possession of drug paraphernalia with a repeater modifier and a party to a crime modifier. A cash bond of \$1,000 was set and an initial appearance will resume Jan. 26.

- Roseann Garcia, 25, Green Bay, was charged Jan. 13 with possession of methamphetamine with a party to a crime modifier; possession of narcotic drugs with party to a crime modifier and possession of drug paraphernalia with a party to a crime modifier. A signature bond of \$3,000 was signed and an initial appearance will resume Jan. 26.

- William V. Hanchett, 34, Shawano, was charged Jan. 14 with a felon in possession of a firearm with a repeater modifier and possession of THC with a repeater modifier. A cash bond of \$500 was set and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Feb. 2.

- Riley M. Mohawk, 21, Bowler, was charged Jan. 15 with taking and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent; misappropriating identification to avoid a penalty; resisting/obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct. A cash bond of \$5,000 was set and a preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 25.

- Collin J. Benner, 27, Appleton, was found guilty Jan. 15 of two counts of possession of THC and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was ordered to provide a DNA sample and pay fines and costs of \$2,030.

- Noelia L.G. Ramirez-Gilsoul, 21, Oneida, was found guilty Jan. 14 of resisting/obstructing an officer and sentenced to 30

days in jail; operating while intoxicated, fifth or sixth offense and sent to state prison for 18 months and parole for four years, have an ignition interlock installed for 36 months and operating while revoked and sentenced to 30 days in jail. All sentences will be served concurrently. A charge of misappropriating identification information to avoid a penalty was dismissed but read into the record. She was ordered to pay fines and costs of \$3,246.

- Tony C.A. Hughes, 35, Shawano, was found guilty Jan. 12 of battery with a domestic abuse repeater modifier and domestic abuse modifier. An 18-month prison term was imposed and stayed, he was sentenced to 90 days in jail with Huber Law privileges, and he will be on probation for two years. A count of strangulation/suffocation was dismissed but read into the record. Hughes was found guilty of resisting/obstructing an officer and ordered to spend nine months in jail with Huber Law privileges. The jail terms will be served concurrently. He was also ordered to pay \$731.20 in fines and assessments.

- Joleen M. Hawpetoss, 42, Shawano, was charged Jan. 18 with possession of THC, second offense. She signed a \$1,000 signature bond. No further court action was listed.

- Robert R. Umland, 28, Shawano, was charged Jan. 19 with operating while revoked, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and possession of methamphetamine. He posted a cash bond of \$500 and an initial appearance will resume Feb. 2.

- James R. Cackovic, 22, Irma, was charged Jan. 19 with possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of felony bail jumping. He signed a cash bond of \$500 and an initial appearance will resume Feb. 9.

- Allen Ortiz Corporan, 50, Shawano, was charged Jan. 20 with attempted first degree intentional homicide with a domestic abuse modifier; burglary while armed with a dangerous weapon with a domestic abuse modifier; false imprisonment with use of a dangerous weapon and domestic abuse modifiers; knowingly violating a domestic abuse order; aggravated battery with intent to do great bodily harm with use of a dangerous weapon and domestic abuse modifiers; three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, two with domestic abuse modifiers; criminal damage to property with a domestic abuse modifier and battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer. A cash bond of \$500,000 was set and an initial appearance will resume March 29.

- Joseph S. Sazama, 58, Mattoon, was charged Jan. 20 with operating while revoked and three counts of felony bail jumping. He signed a cash bond of \$500 and a preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 23.

Sazama was also charged Jan. 25 with operating while revoked and four counts of felony bail jumping. A cash bond of \$750 was set and an additional \$1,000 signature

bond imposed. No further court action was listed after the Jan. 25 initial appearance.

- Jerry L. Waukau, 39, Keshena, was charged Jan. 20 with operating while revoked and three counts of felony bail jumping. A cash bond of \$500 was set and an initial appearance will resume Jan. 27.

- Stephen M. McCluskey, 30, Shawano, was charged Jan. 22 with five counts of possession of child pornography. A cash bond of \$40,000 was set and a preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 11.

- Susan E. Piekosz, 55, Birnamwood, was charged Jan. 25 with possession of THC and two counts of felony bail jumping. A cash bond of \$300 was signed and an additional \$1,000 signature bond imposed. An initial appearance will resume Feb. 23.

- Samuel L. French, 28, Milwaukee, was charged Jan. 25 with possession of methamphetamine with party to a crime and repeater modifiers; possession of drug paraphernalia with party to a crime and repeater modifiers; possession of THC, second offense, with party to a crime and repeater modifiers and possession of an illegally obtained prescription with party to a crime and repeater modifiers. A \$3,000 cash bond was set and an initial appearance will resume Feb. 2.

- Trista R. Paul, 24, Birnamwood, was charged Jan. 25 with possession of methamphetamine with party to a crime and repeater modifiers; possession of drug paraphernalia with party to a crime and repeater modifiers; possession of THC with party to a crime and repeater modifiers and possession of an illegally obtained prescription with party to a crime and repeater modifiers. A \$500 cash bond was set and an initial appearance will resume Feb. 2.

- Angel M. Deverney, 23, Crandon, was charged Jan. 25 with possession of THC and three counts of felony bail jumping. A cash bond of \$750 was set. No further court action was listed.

- Kaylean J. Frechette, 23, Shawano, was charged Jan. 25 with battery by prisoners and disorderly conduct. A \$1,000 cash bond was set and an initial appearance will resume Feb. 17.

- Bert F. Roehl, 58, Eland, was charged Jan. 25 with receiving or concealing stolen property valued under \$2,500, six counts of felony bail jumping and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. An initial appearance was scheduled for Feb. 12.

- Rosa L. Madosh, 51, Keshena, was found guilty of misdemeanor bail jumping Jan. 22. A one-year jail sentence was imposed and stayed and probation imposed for two years. She was also ordered to serve 120 days in jail with Huber Law privileges and may be served consecutively with a Brown County conviction. The penalties involve a 2017 incident.

- Shua Y. Vang, 35, Shawano, was ordered Jan. 20 to spend one year on probation concurrently on charges of operating while revoked and possession of amphetamine/LSD/psilocybin. A charge

of possession of an illegally obtained prescription was dismissed but read into the record. He was ordered to provide a DNA sample. Cash bonds of \$500 were applied to fines and assessments with a balance due of \$240.65.

- On Jan. 20, Anyssa C.M. Ellwart, 18, Green Bay, was found guilty of two counts of threats to injure or accuse another person of a crime with party to a crime modifiers and sentenced to three years of probation, three months in jail, an additional three months of jail time imposed and stayed with Huber Law privileges and may be served in Brown County. Two additional counts of threats to injure or accuse another person of a crime with party to a crime modifiers were dismissed but read into the record. Two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping charge were dismissed but read into the record. The penalties were imposed for an October 2019 incident. She was ordered to pay fines and court assessments of \$1,594.50.

- Jeffrey A. Rohn, 40, Appleton, was found guilty of felony bail jumping Jan. 20 and was given a 90-day jail term with work release privileges and credit for 27 days served. Two additional counts of felony bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. He was ordered to undergo counseling, provide a DNA sample and pay \$583.10 in fines and court assessments.

- Robert G. Wallace, 31, Shawano, was sentenced to two years of probation after he was found guilty of possession of methamphetamine with a repeater modifier Jan. 21. A charge of resisting/obstructing an officer was dismissed but read into the record. He was ordered to undergo counseling, provide a DNA sample and pay \$858.75 in fines and court assessments.

- Frank W. Thomas, 44, Shawano, was found guilty of operating with a Prohibited Blood Alcohol Content (PAC), fourth offense, on Jan. 20. A sentence of 210 days in jail was imposed and stayed with 150 days already served. He will also spend three years on probation for the conviction. He was also found guilty of operating while revoked and ordered to spend 15 days in jail with Huber Law privileges and served concurrently. His driver's license was suspended for 90 days. On a charge of resisting/failing to stop, Thomas was sentenced to 30 days in jail with Huber Law privileges. A count of operating while intoxicated, fourth offense, was dismissed. A count of disorderly conduct was dismissed but read into the record.

- Robert M. Roche, 58, Wittenberg, was sentenced to three years in prison, three years of extended supervision, 36 month driver's license revocation and an ignition interlock required for 36 months for a Jan. 14 conviction of operating with PAC, seventh, eighth or ninth offense. A count of operating while intoxicated, seventh offense, was dismissed. A count of operating while revoked was dismissed but read into the record. He was ordered to undergo counseling, provide a DNA sample and pay fines and assessments of \$2,452.

Geese continue to plague Shawano parks

City looking at roundup with USDA to control population

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The ongoing issue of Canada geese roaming and defecating in Smalley Park and around Huckleberry Harbor is prompting the city of Shawano to consider firmer measures to remove the birds.

An hourlong discussion at the Shawano Parks and Recreation Commission ended with the suggestion that city staff work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services to initiate a roundup of the geese, which would result in their euthanization. Matt Hendricks, parks and recreation director, said there are currently about 50 to 60 geese at the two sites, but there have been as many as roughly 110 geese at the two parks at times.

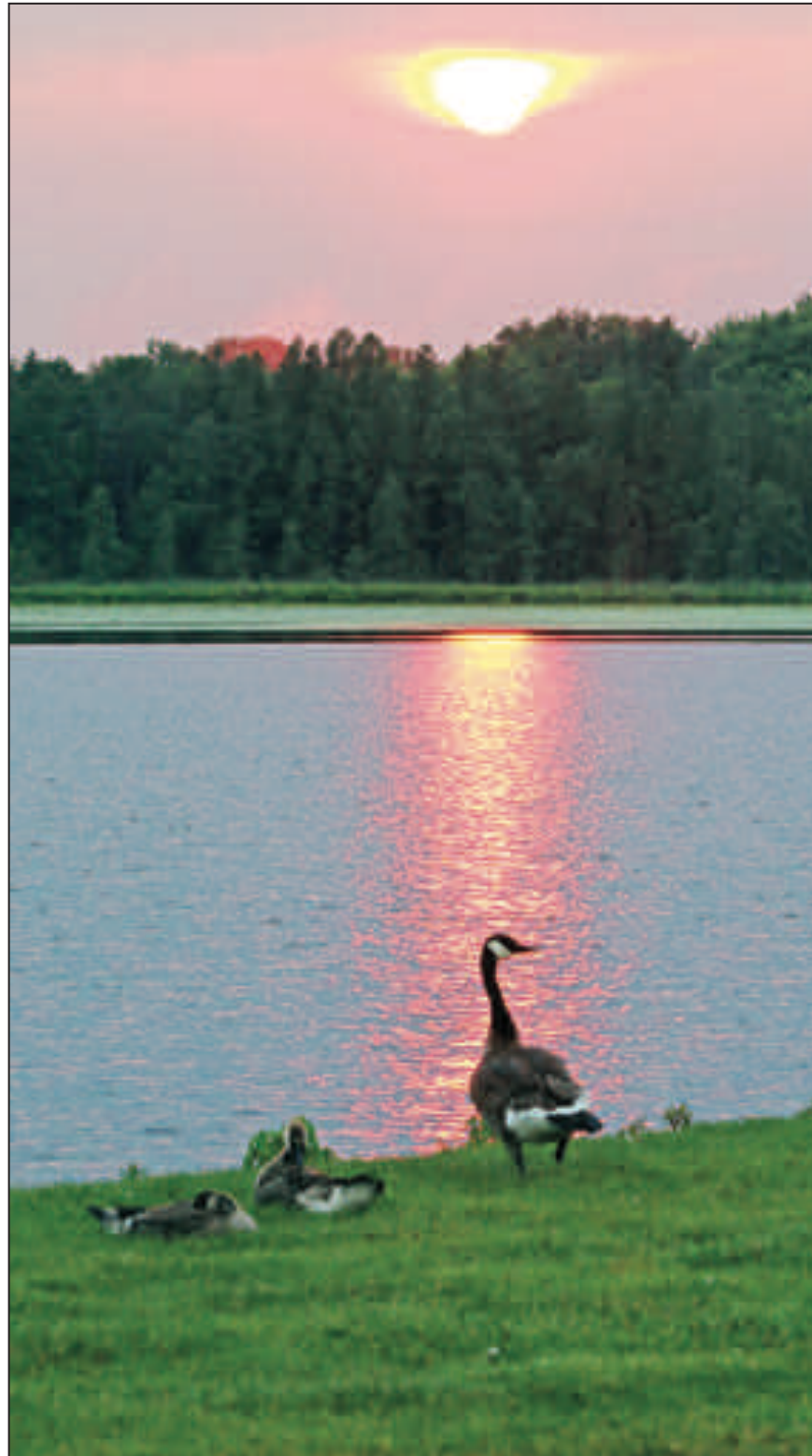
Volunteer efforts have waned in 2019 and 2020, but city staff are having to put in a lot of time clearing the area of feces so that residents can enjoy the facilities without stepping in it, so to speak.

“Most people don’t realize we have an issue with geese at Huckleberry Harbor because it’s being cleaned up,” Hendricks said.

He estimated that the annual cost to have city staff clean up after the geese ranges from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

The issue of the geese at the two popular outdoor areas is nothing new to Shawano residents. The last major debate in 2018 looked at measures such as volunteers harassing the geese and allowing dog owners to walk their companions in those areas in the hopes of encouraging the geese to find greener landscapes.

Only some of the city’s efforts have proven effective. A memo from Hendricks pointed out that having increased activity and people at the beach helps, but that’s only when there are things like the Shawano Ski Sharks shows and practices taking place. Shoreline plantings have also been somewhat effective, as have green lasers at night, radio-controlled boats and a drone utilized by a volunteer. But Hendricks told the commission there have been fewer people volunteering to go out and harass the geese.



The city of Shawano is considering action to remove Canada geese from Smalley Park, shown in this photo, and Huckleberry Harbor. The number of geese has led to problems with feces, both in the water and on the grass.

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Letting dogs into the parks has not been effective, according to Hendricks. Neither have geese lights, shoreline strings, loud noises like air horns or predator decoys. Even hiring pest solution companies has done nothing to solve the problem.

“The geese lights were ‘guaranteed’ to get rid of the geese, until you

contact the company and tell them it didn’t work,” Hendricks said.

The city has not tried things like egg oiling, hunting and relocation efforts, mainly because of the ire of residents three years ago when some of those suggestions came up as potential options to remove the geese.

The geese nuisance is not unique to

Shawano and is a problem all over the state, according to Jeremy Irish with USDA Wildlife Services. In the 1970s, there were only 1,600 geese in the state; now, there are 171,000 nesting pairs, according to Irish, which equals 342,000 geese.

“They can live up to 20 years,” Irish said. “They’re very adaptable to humans.”

USDA Wildlife Services has tried a variety of techniques to get rid of geese. Irish said the USDA has brought in native predators, but such a measure wouldn’t work in a city environment like Shawano.

“We protect the agriculture industry and natural resources and safeguard public health and safety,” Irish said. “A lot of times, that’s where these goose issues come into play.”

Some geese roundups have been done in Oconto, Marinette and Marathon counties, but the USDA is not allowed to simply relocate the geese, due to regulations from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. As a result, if a roundup takes place, the geese will be euthanized, according to Irish, and the meat will be used either for human consumption or fed to animals at area zoos.

Irish recommended getting community input before taking action.

“There are a lot of people that love geese,” Irish said. “This is something that the community’s got to weigh in on.”

There are DNR grants available to the city for eradicating the geese with a maximum of \$5,000 that the city must match, according to Irish. The roundups also require getting a permit from the DNR.

Shawano resident Jeff Zander, who lives near the affected areas, noted he launches his kayak regularly to recreate on the Wolf River. He doesn’t believe controlling the population is going to be an easy task.

“The geese have been feeding and nesting there for hundreds of years, and we built a lovely park there, only to realize that the geese already lived there,” Zander said. “I don’t have a lot of sympathy for the geese because I have a lot of goose poop on my shoes, the bottom of my kayak and the wheels that I put the kayak on that has to be rinsed, so it’s a huge annoyance to me. But I realize you’re going to have a hard time doing anything with that.”

The commission will make a final decision on the geese plan in February.

Cellcom offering \$750 scholarships to graduating high school students

The online application for Cellcom scholarships is now open.

Cellcom will award 16 \$750 scholarships to graduating high school seniors across its service area this year.

Recipients will be selected on the basis of academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience and an essay on community involvement.

Financial need is not considered. Applicants must reside within a county in Wisconsin or Michigan where Cellcom operates and be planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an

accredited two- or four-year college, university or technical school.

Applications are due March 15, and only online applications will be accepted. Interested students can visit www.cellcom.com/events.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 25

Deputies responded to 43 calls, including a criminal damage complaint on County Road N in the Town of Almon; two drug complaints at the county jail, 405 N. Main St. in Shawano; a trespassing complaint on Lily Road in the Town of Birnamwood; a juvenile runaway complaint on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving complaints on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott and two on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; a harassment complaint on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton; a fraud complaint on Sandy Drive in the Town of Washington; four crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 24

Deputies responded to 37 calls, including an arrest for bail jumping at Boarders Inn, W7393 River Bend Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; a burglary attempt on Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a property

theft complaint on Stark Road in the Town of Wescott; a drug complaint at the Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; found property at the Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; eight crashes.

Jan. 23

Deputies responded to 36 calls, including a reckless driving complaint on County Road J in the Town of Fairbanks; recovered property on Leopolis Road in the Town of Herman; operating without a license complaints on Maplewood Road in the Town of Birnamwood and County Road A in the Town of Richmond; a harassment complaint on state Highway 156 in the Town of Maple Grove; seven crashes, three involving deer.

Jan. 22

Deputies responded to 38 calls, including a threatening complaint on Hemlock Street in Eland; a property theft complaint at Luigi's Pizza, 607 S. Main St.

in Shawano; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; four crashes, all involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 25

Officers responded to 21 calls, including a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of East Zingler Avenue; a death investigation in the 1400 block of East Elizabeth Street; a punctured tire complaint at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.; a non-injury crash in the 500 block of South Main Street; a property theft complaint in the 200 block of South Washington Street; a found Quest card brought to the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; a reckless driving complaint on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license at Main and Third streets.

Jan. 24

Officers responded to 14 calls, including a noise complaint in the 1000 block of South River Street; citing a 29-year-old woman for operating while intoxicated at Franklin and Eagle streets; a non-injury

crash in the 300 block of East Randall Street; a controlled substance problem at an undisclosed location.

Jan. 23

Officers responded to 23 calls, including a missing phone at Green Bay Street and Woodlawn Drive; a controlled substance problem at an undisclosed location; a hit-and-run on Main Street.

Jan. 22

Officers responded to 37 calls, including an operating while intoxicated call at Andrews and Green Bay streets; a controlled substance problem at an undisclosed location; a money theft complaint in the 800 block of West Picnic Street; crashes at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St., and Taco Bell, 1266 E. Green Bay St.; a call on stolen medications in the 700 block of South Lincoln Street; a threatening complaint in the 800 block of East Richmond Street; a stolen phone complaint in the 600 block of East Lieg Avenue; a hit-and-run at Dollar Tree, 172 Woodlawn Drive.

OBITUARIES

James Thunes

James Thunes passed away on Jan. 16, 2021, in the COVID-19 unit of Luther Manor in Wauwatosa.

Due to COVID-19, a private funeral for family will be held later in the year. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to your favorite charity.

Jim was born March 5, 1930, to Jens and Caroline (nee Burger) Thunes. He graduated from Menominee High School and served in the Army during the Korean War. Jim married his high school sweetheart



Marilyn Anita Waltonen on Dec. 27, 1950, and they had three children. Jim worked as a draftsman at Signal Electric Manufacturing Co. and Prescott Company in

Menominee, Michigan. He also played clarinet and accordion in a local dance band. He later moved to Green Bay, where he worked for 30 years at Paper Converting Machine Company.

He and Marilyn retired to Legend Lake in Keshena, where he enjoyed fishing, working on the house and feeding the birds, squirrels and chipmunks. They later moved to Luther Manor in Wauwatosa, where they enjoyed many walks around the complex together until Marilyn's death in 2013. After her death, Jim continued taking his daily walks and visiting residents. He was a member of Abiding Word Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa.

Jim is survived by his children, Kerry (Wayne) Binnington, Jerry

(Joyce) Thunes and James (Kathy) Thunes; grandchildren, Jamie Binnington, Arron (Nicole) Thunes, James Thunes, Celesta (Ryan) Mila-nowski, David (Emily) Thunes and Michael Thunes; great-grandchildren Caden and baby Thunes, Emberly and Kaisley Milanowski.

He was preceded in death by his parents and beloved wife.

Our whole family thanks the staff and caregivers at Luther Manor and Hospice for all of the great care they provided to Mom and Dad over the years.

Stella J. Dunahee

Stella Joyce Dunahee (nee Jeske) passed on to her reward on Dec. 25, 2020.

Stella was born Aug. 20, 1944, at home in Cecil to Gilbert and Lelia Jeske. Upon graduation from Oconto Falls High School in 1962, she started her certified professional secretary career as a clerk-typist with the FBI in Washington D.C. After a year with the bureau, she attended Madison Business College and upon graduation in 1964 continued her secretarial

career with the University of Wisconsin Horticulture Department in Madison.

She married Stanley Dunahee in 1968 and worked for the Center for Advanced Study of Organizational Science at UW-Extension Milwaukee, and UWM Physical Plant, Milwaukee. Upon the birth of her sons Kenneth and Steven took a hiatus of seven years after which she worked for the city of Muskego parks and recreation and for the local landfill

committees as secretary.

Stella is survived by her husband, Stanley Dunahee; son, Kenneth Dunahee, and his wife, Sonja Stanich; son, Steven Dunahee; granddaughter Samantha Dunahee; grandson Malcolm Dunahee; siblings and their spouses, Leroy and Edith Jeske, Russell and Betty Jeske, Orphie and Loren Hamilton, Arnie and Susie Jeske, and Tom and Jean Jeske; brother-in-law and his wife, Lynn and Kathy Dunahee; sister-in-law Virginia Gully;

nieces, nephews, extended family and many dear friends.

Stella was preceded in death by her father and mother, Gilbert and Leila Jeske; and siblings Billy and Sally Jeske, who died in infancy.

Private services were held.

Stella was a regular blood donor. In lieu of flowers, please consider becoming a blood donor, or if you are unable to donate blood, please consider giving to Versiti or the American Red Cross.

OBITUARIES

Barbara Faye Schmidt, 90, of Shawano, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021. Barbara was born in Shawano on Oct. 21, 1930, to the late Walter and Winifred (Shultz) Prickett. Barbara lived in Shawano County most of her life and was raised by her grandparents, Osborn and Ida Shultz. On Feb. 19, 1952, Barbara was united in marriage to Robert Schmidt in Gulfport, Mississippi, where Robert was serving in the United States Air Force.

Upon Robert's honorable discharge, Barbara and her husband returned to Cecil, where they became partners in the Cecil-Green Valley Toll Company. In 1969, Robert and Barbara purchased the company and renamed it the Lakeshore Telephone Company, where Barbara served as vice president until her retirement in 1989.



Barb loved to sing and sang her way through grade school and high school, civic meetings, club meetings and church events. Music filled her life and was an important part of who she was. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano where she was a member of the choir and held the position of director, as well as serving as chairperson of the worship committee.

She also held many positions in organizations in the Shawano community, including serving as president of United Way, president of the chamber, county board supervisor, vice president of

Economic Development Group of Shawano County, co-founder and board member of the Shawano Area Community Foundation, board of directors of the National Telephone Co-op Association and board of directors at M&I Bank.

In 1987, Barbara was named Businesswoman of the Year, and in 2007, the Shawano Chamber of Commerce named her Citizen of the Year.

First and foremost, she loved her family. Her husband, family and friends were the dearest treasures of her life, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Robert; children, Jeff Schmidt, Judy (Robert) Costello, Julie Schmidt and Jason (Debi) Schmidt; step-granddaughters, Emily (fiancé Geoff Nevala) Piantek and Hannah

(Greg) Leifel; grandchildren, Chad (Katie Lloyd) Schmidt and Chad's daughter, Macy, and Amanda (Joe) Derenne and their children, Brady and Bailey; half-siblings, Tom (Mary) Prickett, Jeff (Mary) Prickett, Roger (Karen) Prickett, Sandy (Tim) Homp and Lana Prickett; and half-sister-in-law, Geraldine Prickett. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Walter "Bud" (Lorraine) Shultz; half-brother, Douglas Prickett; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Enid and Hamp Pulis; and her grandparents.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials can be directed to Shawano Area Matthew 25 in Shawano.

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James A. 'Jim' Winter

James A. "Jim" Winter, 81, of Shawano, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family. Jim was born Aug. 8, 1939, to the late Curt and Hildegard (Schoenick) Winter in Shawano. Jim graduated from Shawano High School, then enlisted and proudly served in the United States Army.

Jim lived and worked in the Shawano area all of his life. On Dec. 21, 1974, Jim was united in marriage to Myrna Grignon at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Keshena.



Green Bay Packers and the Milwaukee Brewers with his family.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Myrna; one daughter, Ruth (Andy) Winter; and his cat, Sabrina, aka Peanut. He is survived by

Jim enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, gardening, especially flowers, spending time at the lake lot and sitting on his front deck at home. He loved watching the

his siblings, Richard (Maureen) Winter, Nancy Martin, Mary Wastel and Michael (Paula) Winter. He is further survived by brothers-in-law, Robert Grignon and David (Donna) Grignon; one sister-in-law, Mary Grignon; and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Curt and Hildegard Winter; his sisters, Betty DeCoster and Jeanne Speering; brother, Roger Winter; one daughter, Jenny Winter; father- and mother-in-law, Raymond and Josephine Grignon Sr.; brothers-in-law, Robert Martin, Duane Speering, Gary Wastel, Cecil Grignon,

Raymond Grignon Jr. and Wilfred Grignon; and sisters-in-law, Mabel Winter and Jeanette Grignon.

A memorial service for Jim was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano with the Rev. Nonito Barra officiating. Military rites were conducted by the Veterans of the Menominee Nation.

Myrna and Ruth would like to extend a special thank you to the Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice team, especially to Jim's nurse, Tina.

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Jeffrey A. Youngs

Jeffrey A. "Jeff" Youngs, 62, of Oconto Falls, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at his home with his loving family by his side.

Jeffrey was born July 19, 1958, in Green Bay, a son of the late Courtland Youngs and Carol (Peterson) McVane. He attended school in Pulaski, graduating with the Class of 1976. Following school, Jeff became a painter by trade and owned his own business. He had a passion for the outdoors and loved fishing, especially during the summer on Lac Vieux Desert. He also loved hunting and trapping. He had a green thumb and a passion for



Survivors include his daughter, Sarah (Josh) Youngs of Green Bay, and their children Austin (Natalie), Shane and Tyler; and his son, Jerod (Brook) Youngs of Oconto, and their children, Braxton, Scarlett and Autumn; his great-granddaughter, Adelle; his

gardening and working on his hobby farm. Jeff will be greatly missed as he had a great sense of humor and was always the life of the party.

loving fiancée and soul mate, Donna Schell, and her son, Trevor; and his siblings, Mark Youngs of Texas and Kathy VanDeYacht of Pulaski.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, a celebration of Jeff's life will be held Saturday, June 26, 2021, at his home for his family and friends. Details will follow when available. Memorials will be greatly appreciated to the Bellin Cancer Team-Green Bay or Bellin Health Oconto.

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

The family would like to thank the Bellin Cancer Team in Green Bay, especially Dr. DeVilla and her staff for all the loving care Jeff received while undergoing his treatment for cancer. Also, Bellin Health Oconto Hospital, especially Dr. Russell and the emergency room nursing staff, and Dr. Heyka and the medical unit nursing staff. Your kindness will always be remembered.



Patricia A. Carlsen

Patricia A. Carlsen, 78, of the Town of Larrabee, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Appleton.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting with the arrangements.

Delores M. Schroeder

Delores M. Schroeder, 85, of Clintonville, passed away Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, at Aster Assisted Living in Clintonville.

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

Ski Sharks' equipment storage draws neighborhood ire

Resident claims 'concentrated menagerie of equipment' defiles his view of Wolf River

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano Park and Recreation Commission will need to work with the Shawano Ski Sharks on storage of the group's equipment as neighbors are complaining the current location is an eyesore and a hazard.

Shawano resident Glen Gilbert sent a letter addressing the fact that much of the equipment that the Ski Sharks use — docks and lifts that are in the water during the summer months — is on the site of the former Shawano Medical Center and visible to all residents near Riverside Drive. The equipment had previously been located behind a fenced area in the former employee parking lot, but once the city gave the green light to homes being built on that site, it had to be moved to another area of the hospital site in the course of a week.

"Such a concentrated menagerie of equipment defiles the natural pristine beauty of the Wolf River and reduces the value of a great view that will certainly be an attraction for the new residential area," Gilbert wrote in his letter, dated Nov. 14. "The ski show is a big attraction but has a limited season in Wisconsin's all too short summer season. I suspect that the new residents of the area would prefer not to have their views of the river impaired with the boating equipment when it is not in use."

Gilbert met with the commission on Jan. 20 and reiterated his concerns. He noted that, with the departure of the hospital from the area, the spot has turned into a beautiful green-scape, and the equipment detracts from the beauty.

"I realize it won't stay that way," Gilbert said, noting that eventually the city will develop the rest of the old hospital site into homes. "If you could just wave a wand at the end of ski season, all that equipment could leave the park."

Brian Knapp, manager for Shawano Municipal Utilities and another person living on Riverside Drive, echoed Gilbert's concerns and pointed out the equipment is directly adjacent to where he lives. He noted the city has put a lot of work into developing Smalley Park, and having the lifts and docks out in the open negatively



The equipment shown generated some discussion at the Shawano Park and Recreation Commission on Jan. 20. Once kept hidden behind fencing before a housing project was approved, ramps and other equipment are located here at the former Shawano Medical Center site and are now considered an eyesore by neighbors.

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impacts the look of the park.

"We find it very unappealing. It's unsightly," Knapp said. "It looks like somebody storing scrap metal adjacent to our residential neighborhood."

Jeff Zander, who owns two properties in the neighborhood, expressed his appreciation for the Shawano Ski Sharks being his neighbors. His concern was less about the unsightliness of the equipment and more of the liability, as he has seen his own grandchildren and others playing on it.

"The thing that concerns me is the safety problem there," Zander said. "I have four grandchildren who routinely use Smalley Park and love it over there, but they are of the opinion that the Ski Sharks left them a jungle gym, which Grandpa kind of has to get mean sometimes and tell them to stay off of it."

Dave Passehl, who has been involved with the Ski Sharks for 30 years, pointed out that the organization has invested over \$180,000 of its own money to develop Smalley Park, and he objected to the idea that his group decided to put the equipment where it currently is. He said that the city itself recommended the spot as a temporary measure, as the plans for the six homes in the former employee

parking lot were moving forward.

"This was a total temporary fix for 2020 winter," Passehl said. "Matt (Hendricks, park and recreation director,) and Eddie (Sheppard, city administrator,) surprised me with seven days to move things from its wonderfully stored spot and so we quickly did it. We asked them several times if it was a good idea, but it was very convenient, so that's where we were told to put it."

Passehl said that some of the equipment can be moved off-site without difficulty, albeit at an expense to the Ski Sharks, but other items would sustain damage if it was moved any great distance. He noted that the group is privately funded and gets no city money.

"Other than half the engineering costs, every cent for the ski site was funded by our group, sacrificing replacing equipment that needed to be replaced, to make this dream a reality," Passehl said. "It should be noted that we also were asked to pay for the storage at the Smalley Park building; it was not part of the original agreement."

Passehl said the push to move the equipment indicates there's more of an issue than just storage.

"It started with that, but we're starting to feel some pressure after investing \$200,000 into your park," he said.

Sheppard took exception to the inference that the city is not being cooperative with the Ski Sharks. He said that he told Passehl when the temporary move took place that it would not be permanent and that off-site storage might be necessary.

"You can go back through the relationship the city has had with the Ski Sharks, and I would argue you would have a very difficult time pointing out any instances where the city has not had your back," Sheppard said.

Commission members made a variety of suggestions, ranging from moving all the equipment off-site to moving it elsewhere around Smalley Park, where residents' views would not be impacted as much.

"I have watched the Ski Sharks since I was 2 years old," said commission member Nickiann Myers. "I can appreciate everything you guys do, and if we can move things to the south as far as possible so that people can still sit down there in the fall ... I would be fine with."

Scholarships available for local FFA members

Eligible Wisconsin Association of FFA members can now apply for the Wisconsin FFA Foundation's 2020-21 post-secondary scholarships.

The application can be found at wisconsinffa.org under "Participate" then "Scholarships and Grants." All applications are to be postmarked by March 15 and addressed to the Wisconsin FFA Foundation office.

Applicants must be a senior in high school or enrolled in a university or technical school and have maintained a satisfactory scholastic record in school. FFA members need to fill out only one application to be considered for all scholar-

ships for which the applicant qualifies. A listing of additional criteria for all scholarships is available on the Wisconsin FFA website.

"We're thankful that each year our scholarship program helps support hard-working FFA members who are the next generation of agricultural leaders," said John Hromyak, Wisconsin FFA Foundation executive director. "Thank you to all of our scholarship sponsors who are committed to supporting Wisconsin FFA members pursuing their educational goals."

For information, contact the Wisconsin FFA Foundation at 608-831-5058, ext. 1, or info@wisconsinffa.org.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Shawano, Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166, up to 10:00 A.M. on Friday, February 12, 2021 for the following equipment:

One (1) New International 2021 HV607 SBA Heavy Duty Truck Chassis (GVWR 62,000#) Tandem Axle with 31 CU. YD. Capacity Labrie Body & Automizer Right-Hand

Proposals shall be submitted on forms provided by the City of Shawano. Copies of same, along with specifications may be obtained at the City of Shawano, Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166. Any proposal submitted after the date and time specified will be rejected.

City of Shawano
Department of Public Works
Scott Kroening
Director of Public Works

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BONDUEL BONDUEL, WISCONSIN 54107

Regular Board Meeting

7:00 PM Bonduel High School/Junior High Library Media Center
February 1, 2021

Agenda

1. Call to Order— (Posting Notice: January 28, 2021 the agenda for the meeting was sent to the Shawano Leader, WTCR radio, and the clerks of the municipalities within the District's boundaries. Copies were also posted on the bulletin boards in the District office, Bonduel High School office, Bonduel Elementary School, the bus garage, the Bonduel State Bank, and the Village of Bonduel Office). Please visit our District website on the Fridays before Board meetings at www.bonduel.k12.wi.us for the most up to date agenda.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Appearances:
4. Approval to Deviate from the Order of the Items on the Agenda.
5. Approval of Minutes.
6. Approval to Pay Bills.
7. New Business—Action Items
8. Discussion.
9. Reports.
10. Meetings to Attend.
11. Adjourn to Closed Session.
12. Reconvene to Open Session.
13. Adjourn.

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CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

Case No. 20-CV-90

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION

Plaintiff

.Vs

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FINANCE; CAPITAL ONE BANK

Defendants

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TIME: March 10, 2021 at 9:00am

TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Shawano County Clerk of Courts. (Personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation

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for the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances

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DATED: January 26, 2021

Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C

Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

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One (1) New Heavy Duty Truck Chassis (GVW 41,000#) Single Axle
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With or Without Trade In

Proposals shall be submitted on forms provided by the City of Shawano. Copies of same, along with specifications may be obtained at the City of Shawano, Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166. Any proposal submitted after the date and time specified will be rejected.

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Scott Kroening Director of Public Works
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

NOTICE: Sealed bids will be accepted for reclamation, repaving, shouldering of Elm Road, in the Town of Angelica, Shawano County, Wisconsin.

PROJECT: Approximately 2640 feet of Elm Road starting at Hickory Drive and going north to Cuba Drive. This project is partially funded through the State of Wisconsin TRI program.

TIME: Bids will be received until 6:30 pm. Local time on Monday, February 8th at the Town of Angelica Hall, N3285 County Road C Pulaski, WI 54162 or mailed or delivered to Chairman, Richard Ferrecki, N4809 Dreamland Drive Krakow, WI 54137 prior to the above date and time. As stated, this project is partially funded through the TRI program. With a completion date between May 1, 2021 and October 1, 2021.

PROJECT: To include reclamation of existing roadway, regrading, shaping, compacting, and repaving with three (3) inches of hot mix asphalt placed in two (2) lifts. Twenty (20) feet wide. Add additional 2" of stone (gravel) before pulverizing existing pavement, excavate to 10 inches average depth in an area (where gas pipeline crosses roadway) of approximately 40'. Place Geogrid Type SR (Subgrade Reinforcement) conforming to WisDOT standard specifications #645.2.3.2 in excavated area. Place 10" crushed aggregate base course in an area of approximately 40'. Fine grade and compact the existing base area. All paved intersecting driveways and roads saw cut and matched with butt joints and the disturbed shoulder area from the edge of pavement to top of ditch slope approximately two (2) feet wide shouldered with gravel. All gravel driveways and field entrances to be shouldered for a smooth transition. Questions on this project can be referred to Chairman Richard Ferrecki.

BID SECURITY: Each proposal must be accompanied by a Cashier's Check or Bid Bond duly executed by the Bidder as Principal and having as surety thereon a company qualified to act as surety in the State of Wisconsin. The Bid Security shall not be less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid, which shall be forfeited to the Town of Angelica in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and to furnish satisfactory Performance and payment Bonds within ten (10) days after Award of Contract. The successful bidder shall be responsible for all locates and permits if needed in conjunction with this project including section corners if disturbed, which must be reset per Shawano County Ordinance.

BID REJECTION: Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding, and accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Angelica.

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By: Connie Przybylski, Clerk

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Moving to assisted living during COVID-19

What to think about when choosing a new residence

By **PATTY BELONGIA**
Special to NEW Media

While each individual and family must make the choice that is right for him or her, for some, the advantages of living in an assisted living community outweigh the reasons to postpone a move, even during a pandemic.

Maintaining safety

Assisted living communities follow state and national guidelines to minimize potential health risks for residents during the current health crisis. As such, assisted living can actually help mitigate the risk of coronavirus that is inherent to alternative options, such as living with family members who may not be able to isolate due to professional and other circumstances.

Frequent temperature and oxygen checks and access to rapid tests for COVID-19 also help minimize risks.

Plus, assisted living typically offers daily health monitoring and, in some cases, coronavirus testing for residents and staff as required. In fact, this month, most assisted living communities are among the first to offer the vaccines for residents and staff who qualify. Skilled nursing facilities were first in line to receive the vaccines, and assisted living residences were next.

Keeping in touch and engaged

In the recent past, family members' inability to visit residents during the pandemic caused some concern. Now, in most cases, pending state guidelines, assisted living residents can visit with family members under pre-arranged appointments and specific circumstances. This is a welcomed change since the beginning of the pandemic that allows families to stay better connected.

Many assisted living communities have been very creative in fostering opportunities for socialization and offering activities like birthday and



This month, most assisted living communities are among the first to offer COVID-19 vaccines for residents and staff. In this photo, a Minnesota resident of an Encore Senior Living residence gets a dose of the new vaccine.

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holiday celebrations with themed parties, fitness classes, art projects and mentally stimulating activities that are fun and engaging for residents, even at the required social distance.

Recently, assisted living facilities have used Zoom and Facetime to help connect residents with friends and family. Other options may include appointment-only visitation rooms with plexiglas barriers and intense cleaning between uses.

This contact is important to maintaining a sense of normalcy, even when the pandemic made so much of life unpredictable.

Making the right choice

In general, older adults who encounter the following circumstances, even in these uncertain times, are good candidates for assisted living:

- Seniors who need regular assistance with the activities of daily living such as eating, bathing and dressing.
- Seniors who live alone and have a medical condition that may require urgent attention.
- Seniors who have memory impairment.
- Seniors living with any family members who are unable to consistently social distance or isolate.
- Seniors who live with any family member who travels frequently.

Although some residents move in and out of assisted living locations, usually when someone moves to an assisted living community, it becomes their permanent home, unless they need to move elsewhere for more care or for their own safety.

While considering a move to assisted living, keep in mind that

if one's needs would be best met in assisted living, remaining in an environment that does not fully support those needs comes with its own inherent health risks. Of course, during a pandemic, there are risks with every option, however, for many seniors, assisted living is a viable option, and in some circumstances, the best choice.

For a chart that helps examine the pros and cons of moving to senior living during a pandemic, visit thecourtyardatbellevue.com and see the blog called "Contemplating a Move to Assisted Living During COVID-19."

Patty Belongia is the sales and marketing director at The Courtyard at Bellevue, a memory care and assisted living community at 1600 Hoffman Road in Green Bay that is managed by Encore Senior Living. Encore Senior Living operates Shawano Place Senior Living in Shawano.

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Speaking Mahican: A virtual journey

“Sta kaakway misnimow,” means, “I’ve got nothing” in Mahican, an ancestral Mohican language. My students at College of Menominee Nation (CMN) garner the English iteration of this complimentary phrase whenever they’ve made a definitive point that needs no further context from yours truly.



RYAN WINN

Larry P. Madden knows this because he’s a CMN graduate. Recently, my former student taught me how to say my catchphrase in his native tongue.

For three decades, Madden has been a vocal champion for reintroducing the Mahican language to Wisconsin’s Mohican community. The most recent fluent speaker passed in 1933, but within the last two years the words of the ancestors have once again graced the lips of their descendants.

The revitalization effort began in earnest in 2006 when Madden met Christopher Harvey at an Indigenous Language Institute (ILI) workshop held in Oneida. Harvey is a Canadian linguistic scholar who’s studied over twenty languages, and Madden approached him with some notes, asking for guidance.

Harvey realized he could translate the notations, and soon Madden produced what both men independently described as “a laundry basket sized box” filled with research. Harvey remembered looking through the files and recognizing, “It was one of those moments when I knew my whole life could change.” Gesturing at the documents that Madden shared, he said, “We can speak this again.”

After the 2008’s Great Recession drained ILI’s funding, Harvey returned to school as a Ph.D. candidate focused on learning and researching the Mahican language. Now he serves as the Mohican community linguist, teaching the conversational “core academy” courses virtually. Madden



Virtual classmates with Ryan Winn in a Mahican language class are, from left, Roy Paul, Jordan Lyric, Brock Schreiber, Carolyn Beer, Elizabeth Evans, Larry Madden and Jessica Ryan.

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and the introductory Mahican course’s teacher, Brock Schreiber, learn directly from Harvey.

Madden described Schreiber as, “A man with a natural propensity of language who’s also got a teacher’s disposition.”

Schreiber attended his first meeting with Harvey in 2019. He recalled, “When I first heard someone speak the language, I heard there was a rhythm to it. It caught my ear, like a song.” Since then, Schreiber spends as much time as he can with the language.

In addition to leading the beginner Google Meet classes, Schreiber is teaching his three children through conversations, lullabies, and even board game translation.

Schreiber noted of Mahican, “It’s changed my life, my perspective on everything,” adding, “I’m 100% a beneficiary of the language. The least I can do is be a teacher.”

On the eve of Jan. 20, Schreiber’s class of seven people welcomed me into their midst with two rules — have fun and limit your use of English.

Equipped with flatware and a plate we each brought to our virtual meeting space, Schreiber led us through a series of dinner conversations. One couldn’t help but to be entertained as our instructor used his considerable acting chops to pantomime context to accompany the lesson. The joy for learning was palpable, as was the attendees’ demonstratively increased comfort in using the new phrases.

It was the first class I’d attended, and, although there wasn’t a single word of English uttered during our 50-minute lesson, I was able to laugh along with the learners as they practiced their conversations on one another.

After my fellow pupils logged off, I asked if the joviality I’d just witnessed was typical. Schreiber said that it was, noting that, “Camaraderie develops through communication and interaction with each other. It’s all fun when you keep it fun.” All of which builds to the group’s larger goal of creating “Mohican households who are able to speak the language.”

Schreiber even complimented the few phrases I will take back to my classroom at CMN, saying, “We want as much language as we can spoken in the community. Even if it starts with just one word.”

To that end, anyone can join the free Wednesday evening virtual meets by contacting the Arvid E. Miller Library and Museum at 715-793-3047. Distance, social or otherwise, won’t be an obstacle, as Madden reported, “We’ve got people attending from the comfort of their homes as far off as New England, London, England, and Los Angeles. Everyone is welcome.”

The gains being made are truly remarkable, but they are merely milestones along the journey. Madden said, “We are walking the trail that leads to a Mahican speaker’s highway. With every class we are watching that path widen.”

To that I say, “sta kaakway misnimow.”

Ryan Winn teaches communication, English, and theater at College of Menominee Nation. Visit www.menominee.edu for more information about the school.

Public school open enrollment application period starts Feb. 1

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has announced the online application period for the Public School Open Enrollment program for the 2021-22 school year starts Feb. 1 and ends April 30.

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School District of Bonduel Board Adopts Referendum Question for the April 6 Ballot

BONDUEL, WI – January 6, 2020: At their January 4 regular meeting, the Bonduel School Board unanimously approved a referendum resolution, which is the official action taken to place a referendum question on the April 6, 2021, General Election ballot.

The referendum question asks voters for approval to borrow \$12.5 million to invest in district-wide facility and educational improvements, which if successful, will result in an estimated mill rate increase of up to \$0.76 cents per \$1,000 of equalized property value.

Beginning in the 2024-25 school year, the debt portion of the school property tax bill will drop after the final payment is made for the 2008 referendum borrowing. As a result, this upcoming reduction in the loan payment, combined with low interest rates, allow the community to make a significant investment in Bonduel schools with a minimal annual tax increase projected to be \$16 over the debt levy for 2020-21 per \$100,000 of property value.

"We have a special window of opportunity to re-invest in our school buildings," said School Board President Dennis Bergstaken. "The referendum plan, which includes capital maintenance, secures entrances, site improvements, classroom renovations, and a two-court gym addition at the Junior High/High School campus, are necessary and positive improvements for Bonduel-area students as well as for our community."

District Administrator Joe Dawidziak stated, "We are aware that facilities planning during the current circumstances is challenging, but as a district, we are also aware that the educational and maintenance needs are not going away, regardless of enrollment projections. We believe it is a good time to move forward with improvements that will benefit Bonduel students and the community for decades to come."

The proposed plan would address renovations, building infrastructure, security and site improvements, and upgrades to educational spaces at the Junior/Senior High School and Elementary School. Details of the plan include:

Elementary School

- Remodel main entry to create a secure vestibule with electronic visitor management system.
- Replace aging exterior doors and frames.

Junior/Senior High School

- Remodel original 1952 and 1955 classrooms. Improvements include new window installation, floor and ceiling replacement, painting walls, replacement of original doors, frames, and cabinetry.
- Renovate all restrooms throughout the high school portion of the building by replacing ceramic floor and wall tile, plumbing fixtures, and toilet partitions and re-painting all walls.
- Construct a 2-court gymnasium with locker rooms on the main floor level.
- Remodel the existing high school gym. Improvements will include refinishing the hardwood floor, painting all walls, and replacing scoreboards, basketball goals, and ceiling fans.
- Improve handicap accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Install air conditioning in all high school classrooms and Sousa Hall.
- Upgrade ventilation system to improve air quality and humidity control in the lower-level fitness center and locker rooms.
- Replace the portion of the heating system that supplies the technical education classrooms.
- Replace the boiler which supplies the kitchen area.
- Renovate and unify building exterior by replacing existing windows, replacing areas of old plaster infill with new windows, replacing entry doors/frames, replacing fascia and soffit, and masonry restoration and luck painting.
- Renovate area of existing building to create a new, highly visible main entrance. Construct new entrance canopy and building signage. Replace exterior metal wall panels at perimeter of technical education classrooms.
- Convert existing bus garage into district maintenance shop and storage.
- Convert a portion of the existing storage building adjacent to the football field into concessions and restrooms for outdoor events.
- Improve site circulation and safety by resurfacing existing parking lots and drives and constructing new student and visitor parking areas.

How the Plan was Developed

For the past year, the District has been assessing the current state of Bonduel buildings, facilities, and sites. A facilities assessment was completed by Blue Design Architects in 2020 to identify areas of need. Staff input was collected over the summer. In November, the District created a community-wide survey to gather public feedback on the referendum plan. The survey results indicated the majority of respondents would support a referendum for infrastructure and educational improvements up to \$12.5 million.

Learn More

A postcard outlining the question and proposed solution will be mailed to all district residents in February. In addition, informational meetings are planned for interested families and community members. Specific dates, times and locations for these meetings will be announced in the coming weeks.

More information will also be shared on the District's website at www.bonduel.k12.wi.us. Questions can be directed to Joe Dawidziak, District Administrator, 715-738-4896 or dawidjoe@bonduel.k12.wi.us.

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PACK FALLS SHORT AGAIN

Green Bay's NFC title game loss to Bucs an unfortunate trend for team

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Green Bay Packer fans react during the first half of the NFC Championship Game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Green Bay.

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, right, is sacked by Tampa Bay Buccaneers outside linebacker Shaquil Barrett during the first half of the NFC Championship Game in Green Bay. Rodgers-led Packers teams have lost their last four NFC Championship Games.

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Add another heartbreaking Green Bay Packers loss to the collection

The Green Bay Packers have enjoyed some incredible seasons with Brett Favre and Aaron Rodgers serving as the team's quarterbacks over the past couple decades.

Since 1996, the Packers have reached the NFC Championship Game nine times. Unfortunately, that turned out to be the team's final game of the season on seven occasions.

Under Rodgers, the team has made the conference title game five times, but have now lost four straight after



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eliminated. The clash against the Buccaneers was trending toward a blow-

Sunday's 31-26 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The team's previous two NFC Championship Games ended in the Packers being blown out, which took some of the sting out of being

out before the Packers stormed back. What made this year's season-ending loss especially painful was that Green Bay had more than enough opportunities to overtake Tampa Bay and win the game.

In the end, it was really the Packers who defeated themselves — something that the team has been identifying all season as one of its downfalls.

"This one does sting," said Packers coach Matt LaFleur. "It's going to take a long time to get over this one."

A somber Rodgers felt like most fans. "I'm just pretty gutted," said the veteran QB.

"This one definitely stings and is going to for a long time. Especially the way it played out and the chances we had and the opportunity to seize that game in various points."

Comparing some of the heartbreaking losses, which is what many Packers' fans have resorted to over the past couple of days, this one is right up there with the meltdown in Seattle in

the 2014 postseason. Both ended in similar fashions, with the Packers beating themselves. I'd argue this one hurt even more though, because the Packers were playing at Lambeau Field and had numerous chances to take control of the contest. You can blame the officials or certain decisions all you want, but the Packers know they let one slip away.

Rodgers' teammates echoed similar feelings, saying the team was fully expecting to make travel plans to go to Tampa Bay for the Super Bowl. Instead, the team and its fans will think about what could have been while holding out hope for a brighter future.

That outlook is fading fast though. For as close as the Packers have been to returning to the Super Bowl the past couple seasons, the future is very cloudy and largely dependent upon how long Rodgers sticks around.

When the team won the Super Bowl in 2011, many thought that the

Packers were going to become the next dynasty in the NFL. Instead, the team has failed to reach the big game since and has instead endured several heartbreaking playoff losses. Now, Rodgers — despite being likely to win MVP this season — is on the latter half of his career. He'll only be able to carry the team on his back so long.

Moments after the season-ending loss, Rodgers was uncertain of his future with the team. The organization drafted quarterback Jordan Love in the first round of the most recent NFL Draft, which started the clock on Rodgers' tenure in Green Bay.

Did Rodgers' MVP season extend his stay, or is Love still looked to as the next potential star quarterback in Green Bay?

Being a win short of the Super Bowl in back-to-back seasons, it's hard to imagine the organization doing anything to drastic this offseason. But

at some point, the team needs to either go all-in and try and capitalize while it has a future Hall of Famer running the show or take a step back and embrace the post-Rodgers era.

It's great that the team continuously can make it to the NFC Championship Game, but if the current plan keeps ending in the team falling short of the Super Bowl, it needs some tweaking. Rodgers only has so many MVP seasons left, and waiting on draft picks to develop can be a dangerous game to play.

I'm not advocating that the Packers take a page out of the Buccaneers playbook and put all their eggs into one basket. But fans across the league should be able to see a clear team direction based on offseason moves.

Thus begins one of the most intriguing Packers' offseasons in recent memory.

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Green Bay Packers safety Adrian Amos pauses after losing the NFC Championship Game to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Green Bay. It was the second straight season the Packers lost in the conference title game.

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Packers rally comes up short in NFC Championship Game loss to Buccaneers

Mistakes at end of first half, start to second half prove too big to overcome

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Green Bay Packers fell behind by three scores, and despite a strong push, weren't able to complete a rally in a season-ending 31-26 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFC Championship Game on Jan. 24 in Green Bay.

An Aaron Rodgers interception late in the first half and an Aaron Jones fumble on the first possession of the second half helped Tampa Bay take a 28-10 lead.

Green Bay's offense bounced back on the ensuing drive and got back within 11 points when Rodgers found tight end Robert Tonyan for an 8-yard touchdown pass.

The Packers' defense kept the momentum on their side, as safety Adrian Amos intercepted legendary quarterback Tom Brady.

Green Bay's offense marched down the field again and found the end zone on a 2-yard touchdown pass from Rodgers to receiver Davante Adams, but fellow receiver Equanimeous St. Brown dropped a two-point conversion pass that would have made it a three-point game.

The next two Tampa Bay drives also ended in Brady interceptions, with cornerback Jaire Alexander coming down with both takeaways, but the Packers' offense wasn't able to take advantage. After both takeaways, Green Bay's offense went three-and-out.

"We had some chances, obviously," said Rodgers, who threw for 346 yards but was sacked five times. "We had the ball there with all the momentum. We just kind of needed one first down I think to get going and we just didn't get it, which was disappointing."

The Buccaneers then tacked on a big field goal to make it 31-23.

Green Bay's offense looked to be on its way to scoring a touchdown and having a shot to tie the game, but the unit stalled inside the Buccaneers' 10-yard line for the second time in the contest.

Instead of going for it on fourth-and-goal from the 8-yard line, Green



Green Bay Packers cornerback Kevin King, left, looks on as Tampa Bay Buccaneers receiver Scott Miller catches a 39-yard touchdown pass right before half-time during the NFC Championship Game on Jan. 24 in Green Bay.

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Bay coach Matt LaFleur decided to bring on kicker Mason Crosby for a 26-yard field goal, which the veteran made.

The move didn't work out though, as Packers cornerback Kevin King was flagged for pass interference, which allowed Tampa Bay to eventually run out the clock and advance to the Super Bowl.

"Any time it doesn't work out, you always regret it," LaFleur said of the decision to kick a field goal instead of going for a touchdown.

"We're always going to be process-driven here, and the way our defense was battling, the way our defense was playing, we felt like it was the right decision to do. It just didn't work out."

Tampa Bay opened the game with the ball and marched down the field

for an early 7-0 lead. The Bucs converted three third-down chances on the drive, including burning King for a 15-yard touchdown pass.

Green Bay tied the game early in the second quarter, when Rodgers completed a 50-yard touchdown pass to receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling on a third-and-3 play.

It took Tampa Bay just 103 seconds to get its seven-point lead back, as Brady completed a 52-yard pass before running back Leonard Fournette broke a couple tackles on his way to a 20-yard touchdown run.

Green Bay's offense looked to be on its way to tying the game, but stalled inside the Bucs' 10. Adams dropped a potential touchdown on first-and-goal from the 6 before Rodgers threw two more incomple-
tions, forcing the team to settle for a

24-yard Crosby field goal.

After a defensive stop, the Packers had a shot to put points on the board before halftime, but a disaster ensued instead.

Rodgers was picked off near mid-field, giving Brady and the Buccaneers' offense time for late points. On fourth-and-4 from the Packers' 45, Tampa Bay was able to convert, and then on the next play, receiver Scotty Miller got behind King for a 39-yard touchdown with just a second to play in the half.

"That's a play that can't happen at the end of the half," said Amos.

"That's a play that right now you look back on and man, if we don't allow that. Especially in the playoffs, situations like that, we can't give up a big play."

PACKERS ROSTER OUTLOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

For the Green Bay Packers to take the next step after back-to-back losses in the NFC Championship Game, general manager Brian Gutekunst is going to need one heck of an offseason.

According to OverTheCap.com, the Packers are \$32 million over next year's projected salary cap of \$176 million. With teams playing in empty stadiums, resulting in a significant bite out of league-wide revenue, the cap could be down sharply from this year's \$198.2 million.

While there is hope the league and players will find a way to borrow from future salary caps, as they did to get through this season, there's no guarantee that will be the case.

Here's a look at some of the tough decisions on the horizon.

Quarterback

Aaron Rodgers has a cap charge of \$37 million next season. Releasing him or trading him, as unlikely as that sounds considering he's likely to win his third MVP award, would create about \$5.5 million of cap space.

Running back

Aaron Jones and Jamaal Williams, productive members of the late Ted Thompson's final draft class in 2017, are headed to free agency. Jones has flourished in Matt LaFleur's system but it's practically inconceivable that the team can find a way to keep him given current cap projections.

Maybe it's for the best. More often than not, second-contract backs don't provide enough return on the significant investment. The sports financial site Spotrac is projecting a contract worth \$14 million per season.

The do-it-all Williams might be



Green Bay Packers tight end Robert Tonyan celebrates after catching a touchdown against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers during the second half of the NFC Championship Game in Green Bay. Tonyan is a restricted free agent this offseason.

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squeezed by the league's COVID-related financial reality. He does everything well but lacks an explosive element to his game.

Receiver

Record-setting Davante Adams, whose 18 touchdown receptions tied

for third-most in NFL history, will be entering his final season under contract. His cap charge is a lofty \$16.85 million. Not only would a contract extension keep Adams in Green Bay beyond 2021 but it would provide a way for the team to create cap space.

The NFL created the Proven Performance Escalator for guys like Marquez Valdes-Scantling, a fifth-round pick in 2018 who has developed into a key player. By playing in 55-plus percent of the offensive snaps in all three of his seasons, his base salary more than doubled to \$2.183 million. The Packers could dump all of that money from the cap by releasing the talented but inconsistent receiver.

Tight end

Tight end Robert Tonyan will be a restricted free agent. He is the tight end the Packers have been looking for since swinging and missing on veterans Martellus Bennett, Jared Cook and Jimmy Graham and perhaps on 2019 third-round pick Jace Sternberger, as well. After scoring 11 touchdowns and continually flashing superb hands, keeping him won't be cheap.

If the Packers were to give Tonyan the second-round tender — meaning it would cost his new team a second-round pick to swipe Tonyan — it would cost a projected \$3.422 million. A first-round tender would bump that to \$4.873 million.

Veteran Mercedes Lewis, coming off his third consecutive one-year contract, has been a valuable role player and key leader. He is a personal favorite of Rodgers but will turn 35 in May.

Offensive line

All-Pro center Corey Linsley will be a free agent. The Packers no doubt would love to keep him but the financial reality will make that almost impossible. For what it's worth, he was far and away the best center in the NFL, according to the analytics site Pro Football Focus.

"My agent hasn't had any talks with the Packers," Linsley said Jan. 25.

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"That's obviously not to say something couldn't happen, but up to this point it's kind of been complimentary but nothing of substance. We'll move forward with that. It is what it is. I felt like I personally had a good year. I put out some good film. Hopefully, a team values that and will move into free agency with that in mind."

Rick Wagner was projected to be the No. 3 tackle but wound up playing almost 60 percent of the snaps. Worn down by injuries, the former Wisconsin star had a miserable performance in the championship game against Tampa Bay. Releasing him would create \$4.25 million of cap space.

Defensive line

Dean Lowry has been Mr. Reliable. In his five seasons, he's played in all but one game and started all 32 games the past two seasons. Solid but unspectacular, he's got a \$6.3 million cap charge for 2021. That's not a bad price but the Packers need the money. Moving on would save \$3.3 million.

Outside linebackers

Preston Smith signed a four-year, \$52 million contract in free agency in 2019. He was a sensation last year with 12 sacks and 23 quarterback hits. He was a major disappointment in 2020, though, with four sacks and 11 quarterback hits. Releasing him would create \$8 million in cap space.

Za'Darius Smith has 26 sacks in his two seasons since signing a four-year, \$66 million contract. Perhaps his contract can be reworked to take some of the sting out of his \$22 million cap charge.

Inside linebackers

Last offseason, the Packers let tackling machine Blake Martinez sign a huge contract with the Giants and gave veteran Christian Kirksey a two-year, \$13 million contract to replace him.

Kirksey had some moments but



Green Bay Packers outside linebacker Preston Smith, right, cannot get to Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady as he makes a throw during the second half of the NFC Championship Game in Green Bay. Smith could be released this offseason to help the Packers get under the new salary cap.

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lost the every-down role to undrafted rookie Krys Barnes. Releasing him would create \$5.6 million in cap space.

Cornerbacks

Few players in the NFL lost more money this season than Kevin King. The top pick in 2017, King recorded five interceptions and finished among the league leaders in passes defended in 2019. In 2020, he had zero interceptions, five passes defended and played less than two-thirds of the snaps. He looked a couple steps slow all season and had a horrendous performance in the NFC Championship Game.

Josh Jackson, a second-round pick in 2018, found himself a healthy inactive for the final three games. Without King, the Packers need a cornerback. So, maybe Jackson is worth keeping rather than releasing him to save \$1.33 million.

Safeties

At midseason, Adrian Amos

seemed to be on the will-cut list. Then came a banner second half of the season to give him a spot on PFF's All-Pro team. Amos led the team in tackles and added an interception in the NFC Championship Game.

Cutting him would create \$4.3 million in cap space, but Amos and Darnell Savage emerged as a top tandem down the stretch.

Special teams

Kicker Mason Crosby didn't miss a field goal all season. His three-year, \$12.9 million contract looks like a bargain and his \$4.5 million cap charge seems reasonable.

In the 2018 draft, the Packers used a fifth-round pick on punter JK Scott and a seventh-round pick on long snapper Hunter Bradley. Neither have gotten anywhere close to reaching those expectations. Dumping them would create \$920,000 in cap savings apiece.

2020 NFL STANDINGS

AFC				NFC			
East				East			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
(2) Buffalo	13	3	0	(4) Washington	7	9	0
Miami	10	6	0	N.Y. Giants	6	10	0
New England	7	9	0	Dallas	6	10	0
N.Y. Jets	2	14	0	Philadelphia	4	11	1
North				North			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
(3) Pittsburgh	12	4	0	(1) Green Bay	13	3	0
(5) Baltimore	11	5	0	(7) Chicago	8	8	0
(6) Cleveland	11	5	0	Minnesota	7	9	0
Cincinnati	4	11	1	Detroit	5	11	0
South				South			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
(4) Tennessee	11	5	0	(2) New Orleans	12	4	0
(7) Indianapolis	11	5	0	(5) Tampa Bay	11	5	0
Houston	4	12	0	Carolina	5	11	0
Jacksonville	1	15	0	Atlanta	4	12	0
West				West			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
(1) Kansas City	14	2	0	(3) Seattle	12	4	0
Las Vegas	8	8	0	(6) L.A. Rams	10	6	0
L.A. Chargers	7	9	0	Arizona	8	8	0
Denver	5	11	0	San Francisco	6	10	0
				O - playoff seed			

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Wild Card Round

Buffalo 27, Indianapolis 24
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Tampa Bay 31, Washington 23
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New Orleans 21, Chicago 9
Cleveland 48, Pittsburgh 37

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Rodgers' future with Packers uncertain

Drafting Love complicates matters

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

In the immediate aftermath of his latest playoff disappointment, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers addressed the elephant in the room.

"A lot of guys' futures are uncertain — myself included," Rodgers said.

Those likely weren't just idle words spoken during the emotion of the moment following a 31-26 loss at home to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFC Championship Game. One of the most thoughtful players to ever wear a Packers uniform, Rodgers rarely, if ever, says something without a purpose.

Whether it's real or not, Rodgers' uncertainty stems, obviously, from last year's selection of quarterback Jordan Love in the first round. Throughout his career, Rodgers had 100 percent control over his future with the team. The selection of Love changed that. The Packers didn't trade up in the first round and hand Love a fully guaranteed four-year contract worth almost \$12.4 million to have him run the scout team through 2023.

Rodgers' uncertainty, coupled with the uncertain state of the roster with major salary-cap challenges likely to result in key personnel losses, left him wondering about how the team can take the next step after falling one step short of the Super Bowl in back-to-back seasons.

"I don't know, I really don't. There's a lot of unknowns going into this offseason," he said. "I'm going to have to take some time away, for sure, and clear my head and just kind of see what's going on with everything. But it's pretty tough right now, especially thinking about the guys that may or may not be here next year.

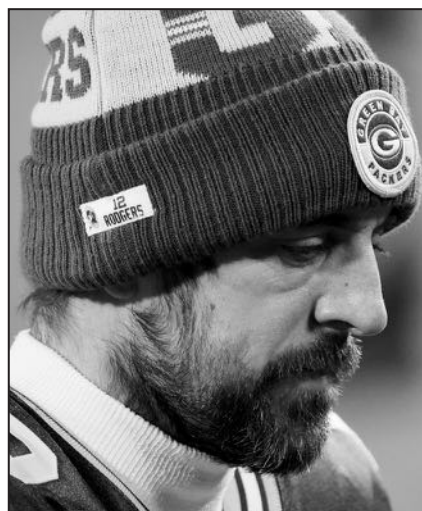
"There's always change. That's the only constant in this business. It's really tough to get to this point. Really, really tough, especially with there being only one bye week in the playoffs. It's a grind just to get to this point. And that makes the finality of it all kind of hit you like a ton of bricks. That's why it's a gutting feeling in your stomach. Ugh."

If Rodgers wasn't sure where he



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) evades a tackle as he looks to pass against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers during the second half of the NFC Championship Game in Green Bay. Rodgers said his future with the team was uncertain following the season-ending loss.

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers walks off the field after the NFC Championship Game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Green Bay. Coach Matt LaFleur and President Mark Murphy said they wanted Rodgers back on the team next season.

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stood, coach Matt LaFleur made it abundantly clear.

"I sure as hell hope so," LaFleur said when asked if he thinks he'll get another chance to work with Rodgers. "I mean, the guy's the MVP of this league. He's the heart and soul of our football team.

"So, hell yeah, he better be back here. He's our leader. Just so appreciative of him buying into what we're trying to get done around here

and leading that group. His voice carries a lot of weight in that locker room. I feel for him, to be in this situation and for us not get it done, man, that hurts."

Meanwhile, Packers President Mark Murphy, appearing on WNFL's The Fifth Quarter, said, "We're not idiots. Aaron Rodgers will be back. He's our leader."

Financially, the logical tipping point has always been between the 2021 and 2022 seasons. While parting ways with Rodgers now would create about \$5.5 million in cap space, moving on after 2021 would increase that to more than \$22.6 million. Plus, the team would have two years of evaluation of Love. If Love was deemed a suitable successor, it would make the difficult decision to part ways with the legendary Rodgers more palatable. Otherwise, the team could keep rolling with Rodgers, who has cap charges of \$37 million in 2021 and almost \$40 million in 2022 but only \$28.4 million in 2023, when he'll be 40 years old.

For years, Rodgers has said two things: He wants to play into his 40s and he'd like to play his entire career with the Packers, the team that drafted him in 2005. The selection of Love perhaps changed the second part of that equation. Rodgers' MVP

season, however, could swing the pendulum back in his direction.

As is always the case in business, money talks. Money will speak volumes about where all of this is headed.

The Packers have cap problems. Reworking Rodgers' contract would help alleviate that while providing the security Rodgers desires. In 2021, he's due a \$14.7 million base salary along with a \$6.8 million roster bonus that will be paid in March. The Packers could convert the bulk of that into a signing bonus. That would create immediate salary cap space while giving Rodgers guaranteed money into the future. Guaranteed money would help guarantee him a place on the roster beyond the upcoming season.

That could be a win-win scenario, with two caveats. One, does Rodgers see the Packers as the team that can get him that elusive second championship? Two, what did Love show on the practice field when reporters weren't present?

While the season ended in bitter disappointment, with a fourth loss in the NFC Championship Game over the past seven seasons, 2020 was a season that filled Rodgers with joy. He re-emerged as one of the best players in the NFL. He formed close bonds with teammates. He enjoyed his relationships with LaFleur, offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett and quarterbacks coach Luke Getsy.

On the Friday before the championship game, Rodgers' love for Green Bay was evident.

"It's historic. It's definitely historic. There's nothing like it," he said of playing at Lambeau Field. "Been a lover of the NFL for most of my life. Dreamt about playing in this stadium since I watched those VHS tapes of the Green Bay Packers and the Ice Bowl, Bart Starr, Max McGee, Paul Hornung, Fuzzy (Thurston), Willie Davis, Ray Nitschke. That's what I dreamt about — being a part of an organization that had that kind of excellence.

"Vince Lombardi, all the quotes that he has that still resonate to this day. The trophy is named after him for a reason. Our city is nicknamed Titledown for a reason. It's a special place to play. I've never lost that perspective. I think my perspective has slightly adjusted on some other things this year, but I've never forgotten where I play and where I live, and I'm very proud of that."

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	Weekly Record	Overall Record
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Ted Thompson, former Packers general manager, passes away at 68

He helped turn Green Bay into consistent contender in NFC

By STEVE MEGARGEE
The Associated Press

Ted Thompson, whose 13-year run as Green Bay Packers general manager included their 2010 Super Bowl championship season, has died. He was 68.

The Packers announced Jan. 21 that Thompson died the previous night at his home in Atlanta, Texas. The team said it was contacted by a direct family member.

Thompson announced in May 2019 he had been diagnosed with an autoimmune nerve disorder.

He was the general manager from 2005-17 and drafted many notable players on the current roster, including two-time MVP quarterback Aaron Rodgers. He acquired 49 of the 53 players on the Packers' 2010 championship team.

"He, in my opinion, is the best talent evaluator, especially when it comes to the draft, that I've ever seen or been around," said Brian Gutekunst, who worked alongside Thompson at Green Bay before eventually succeeding him as general manager. "He had a very unique way of seeing what a player was going to become and the greatest he could become."

Thompson spent more than two decades in the Packers' front office and was the team's director of pro personnel when the Packers won the Super Bowl for the 1996 season and captured the NFC title the following year.

"I think the one thing that really stands out to me is just his humility," Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy said. "It was never about Ted. It was always what's best for the organization."

Thompson had a 10-season playing career as a linebacker with the Houston Oilers from 1975-1984. Tennessee Titans controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk said in a statement that Thompson "was a smart and savvy player, who made his mark on special teams and clearly had a great feel for the game."

But he made his biggest impact as an executive. He worked in Green



Green Bay Packers general manager Ted Thompson, right, stands next to quarterback Aaron Rodgers on April 24, 2005, after drafting Rodgers in the first round of the 2005 NFL Draft. Rodgers was Thompson's first draft pick as general manager.

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Bay's front office from 1992-99 and was the Seattle Seahawks' vice president of football operations from 2000-04.

He returned to Green Bay in 2005. Mike Sherman had been working as Packers coach and general manager up to that point. The Packers decided to have Thompson take over the general manager duties while having Sherman remain as coach.

"This is not going to be where I'm going to walk around with a big sledgehammer like I'm ruling the roost," Thompson said at the time. "Again, this is not a democracy. But it's also a place where we're going to work together."

During Thompson's first year as

general manager, the Packers made the franchise-altering decision to select Rodgers with the 24th overall draft pick when they already had Hall of Fame quarterback Brett Favre on their roster.

The move enabled the Packers to have a three-decade run of exceptional quarterback play.

"I always appreciated his steady hand and the conversations that we would have," Rodgers said in a statement. "He always made things pretty clear about what he expected from the team and what he expected from me. He always preached to put the team first, to not be a distraction, to be a good teammate, to be a good profes-

sional, and I always appreciated those comments."

With Thompson as general manager, the Packers made eight consecutive playoff appearances from 2009-16, including the Super Bowl championship season in 2010.

"When I think about Ted, who he was as a man will always carry more weight than what he did professionally," said Dallas Cowboys coach Mike McCarthy, who coached the Packers from 2006-18. "There has never been a finer human being to walk the playing fields or have a presence in the scouting rooms."

"Ted gave me an opportunity of a lifetime. As a young first-time head

coach who thought he had all the answers, I couldn't have been matched with a more perfect leader. He taught me patience. I will forever remember all of the times he would simply smile at me and say, 'Slow down, young man.'"

The 2010 Packers team that won the Super Bowl featured defensive back Charles Woodson, Thompson's most notable veteran free agent signing. Woodson, the 2009 NFL Defensive Player of the Year, tweeted that "once upon a time circa 2006 I was a free agent and one team took a shot on me orchestrated by Ted Thompson."

"He was willing to dabble in free agency," Murphy said. "But he knew the best way to build a team was through the draft."

Thompson draft picks who remain on the roster include four All-Pro selections from this season: Rodgers, wide receiver Davante Adams, left tackle David Bakhtiari and center Corey Linsley. Rodgers was the only first-round pick in that group. Adams was drafted in the second round, Bakhtiari in the fourth and Linsley in the fifth.

Other notable current Packers drafted by Thompson: defensive tackle Kenny Clark, kicker Mason Crosby, and running backs Aaron Jones and Jamaal Williams.

"Certainly he's a guy who's held

in the highest regard in this building and, I think, just around the league," Packers coach Matt LaFleur said. "He's had a tremendous impact not only on people in this building, obviously Gutey (Gutekunst) but people in other departments as well. His impact is still felt to this day when you look at our roster, but I think he's had a tremendous impact amongst many people across the league, when you look at all the other GMs that have learned under him."

Other Thompson draft picks who had productive careers with Green Bay before departing include linebacker Clay Matthews, offensive tackle Bryan Bulaga, wide receivers Jordy Nelson, Randall Cobb and Greg Jennings.

Thompson said that his health led him to step down as general manager after the 2017 season.

Thompson moved into a senior adviser role. Gutekunst, who had been working with Thompson as player personnel director, was promoted to general manager and remains in that position.

"One of the things that was helpful for me being around him as much was seeing things through his eyes as a former player, always understanding that what matters is the team and those guys out there," Gutekunst said.

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There are a few good reasons to consider taking vitamin supplements. The American Academy of Family Physicians recommends taking them for certain health problems, if you eat a vegetarian or vegan diet, and if you are pregnant or breastfeeding. Besides those scenarios, there may be no good reason for taking daily multivitamins.

Randomized studies have now essentially debunked the naïve belief that all vitamin and mineral supplements are good for health, regardless of the dose. The first shock came from the discovery that high doses of betacarotene compared to placebo increased lung cancer risk among smokers. Then came the evidence that vitamin E was ineffective for preventing cardiovascular diseases or cancer, and at high doses could even be life-threatening. Finally, there are the continuing sobering negative results for high doses of multivitamins and multi-mineral supplements for all types of indications.

In a large clinical trial, medical scientists investigated the benefits of multivitamin supplementation and the risk of cancer events. The results published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that daily multivitamin supplementation had no effect on the risk of cancer for healthy participants. The same trial reported



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that daily multivitamins had no effect on the risk of cardiovascular disease, including no reduction in heart attack, stroke or death from cardiovascular disease, among men taking multivitamins,

compared to placebo.

The majority of previous research has found no benefit for the routine use of multivitamin supplementation. A quality study examined the effects of dietary supplements to prevent chronic disease in over 38,000 women. This study found that dietary vitamin and mineral supplements were associated with increased total mortality risk. Other reports from the Cancer Prevention Study-II suggest that multivitamin use is associated with a higher risk of fatal prostate cancer in men.

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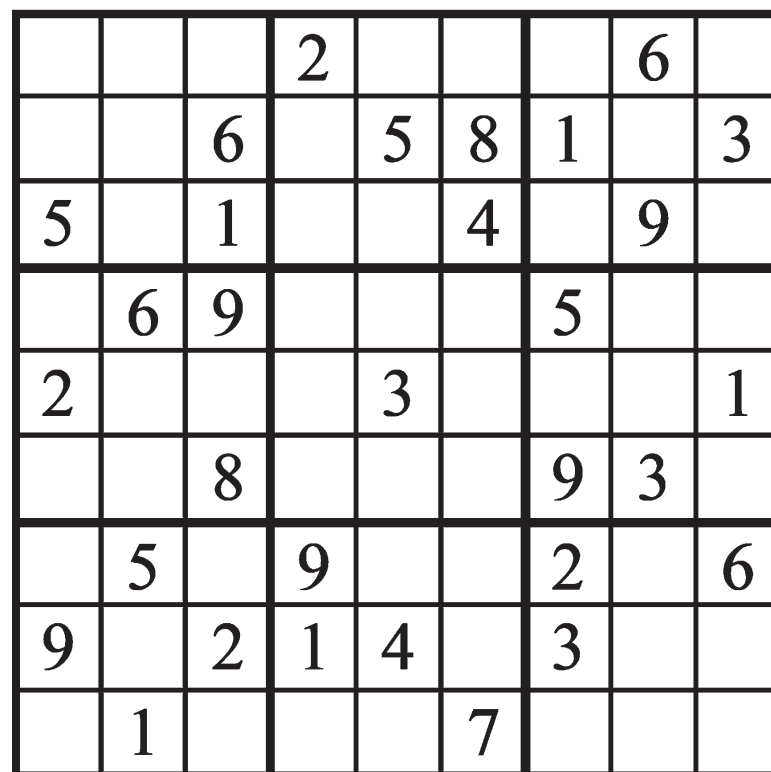
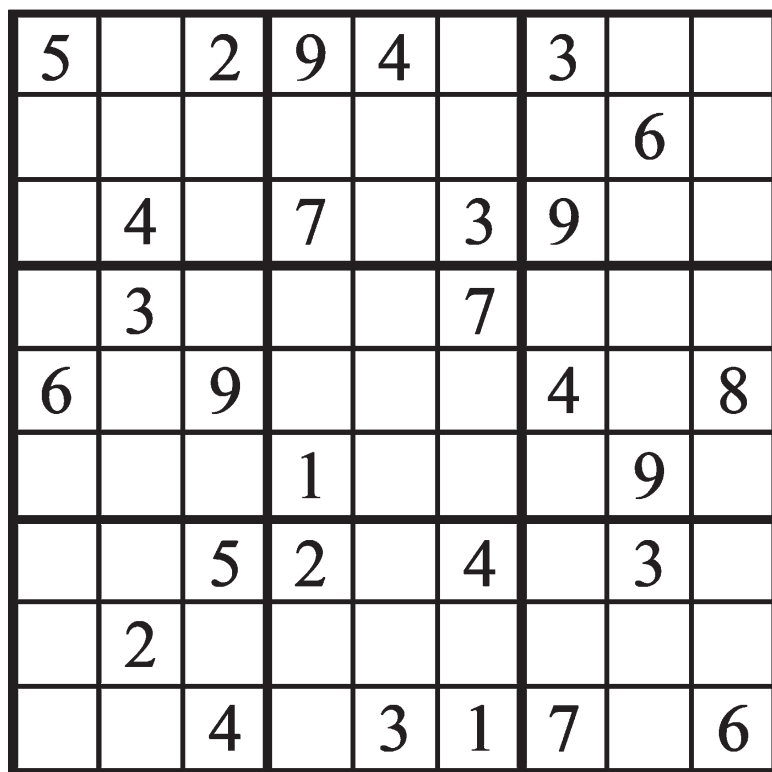


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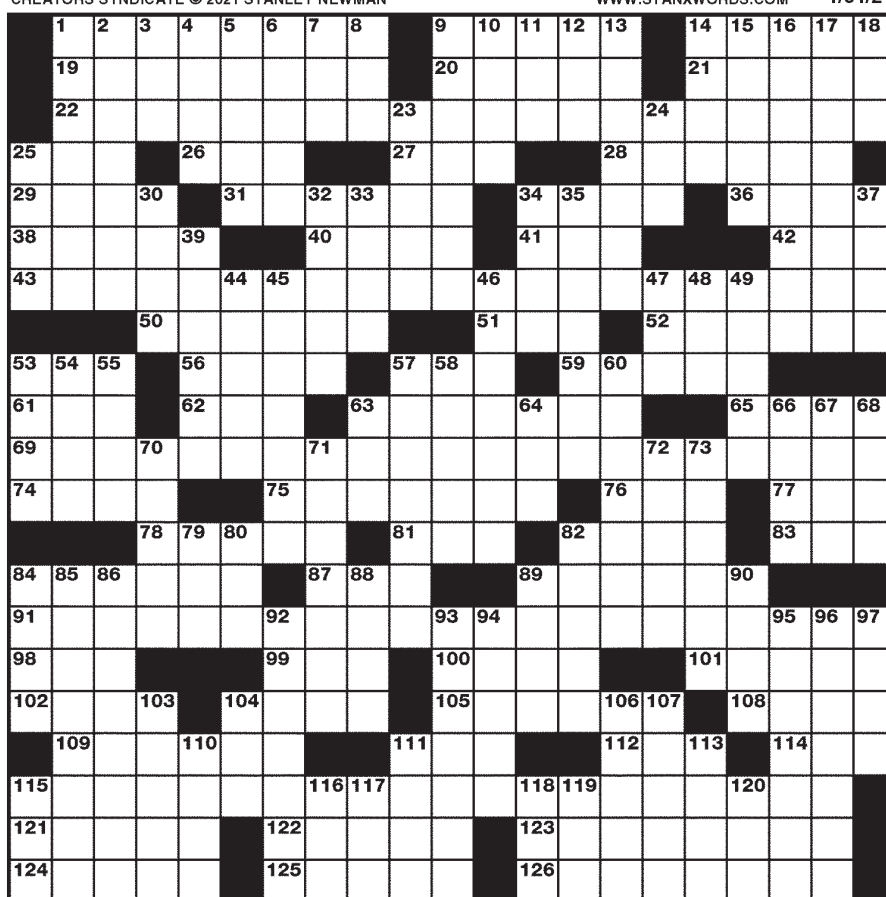
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Opinions differ on WIAA postseason changes

Several basketball teams move up a division, wrestling tournament procedures altered

By **MORGAN RODE**

Sports Editor

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association made changes to postseason play for high school basketball and wrestling, balancing out the amount of teams per division and announcing some state venues.

The changes altered the postseason path for seven area basketball teams and made state berths tougher for all wrestlers.

Girls basketball

The Bonduel, Menominee Indian, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Gillett girls basketball teams were among the 127 schools to move up a division for postseason play. The WIAA updated its brackets so that all five divisions would have 87 teams in them after several teams had to drop out because of coronavirus concerns.

Bonduel, Menominee Indian and Wittenberg-Birnamwood all moved from Division 4 to Division 3, while Gillett jumped from Division 5 to Division 4.

While the changes kept a number of postseason pods mostly in tact, some new potential playoff opponents are now on the mind of coaches.

"The first couple rounds, I think we're pretty familiar with who we could possibly end up (playing) against," said Bonduel coach Jerry Reinke. "We certainly had a lot of teams scouted in D4 that we needed to which has changed a little bit now, so we have a little more legwork to do on that."

In a wissports.net coaches poll, undefeated Bonduel had been ranked No. 5 in Division 4. After the change, the Bears became the 10th-ranked team in Division 4.

Witt-Birn competed in Division 3 last year but was bumped down to Division 4 because of its enrollment. When that change was made, coach Nick Mechelke said "I am happy going down, and I think that this is where we belong."

While the move back to D3 surprised Mechelke, it won't change his team's focus. "Just like every year you have to beat great teams to move on and it gets harder and harder every round. I won't change my expectations

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for my athletes," said Mechelke.

Like Reinke, Menominee Indian coach Michael Skenadore sees plenty of familiar teams that could soon become postseason foes. As the playoffs get into the later stages is when unfamiliar opponents might start appearing.

Gillett has enjoyed plenty of postseason success over the past several seasons, so Gillett coach Justin Daul wasn't thrilled at the fact that his team would now go up against D4 opponents.

"Certainly with three natural D4 teams in our pod the competition is higher, but I don't think the talent gap is as severe as some might worry about," said Daul. "There's some familiarity with all of the teams as we've now played three out of the other four. I'm happy my kids will get the opportunity to compete, that we just have a chance at something as opposed to how it ended last year for some teams at state which would have been heartbreaking. We'll suit up, lay our cards on the table if you will and see how we stack up!"

State tournament sites have not been announced yet.

Boys basketball

The Bonduel, Menominee Indian and Gillett boys basketball teams were among the 134 schools that moved up a division. The five divisions have either 89 or 90 teams in them.

Bonduel and Menominee Indian jumped from Division 4 to 3, while Gillett was bumped from D5 to D4.

"I don't necessarily agree with the thought that each division should have to have an equal number of teams, particularly this year," said Bonduel coach Duke Copp. "The differences between a mid-enrollment D4 team and a high-enrollment D3 team can be substantial. I don't think that exists as much in the D2 and D1 levels. But overall we are just happy we are able to play and get the kids a fairly substantial season."

"Much like my approach this whole COVID-19 influenced season, I am just



Bonduel girls basketball coach Jerry Reinke, right, urges his defense to get in a good defending position as Bonduel's Kylie Hoffman, center, guards Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski during a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division matchup on Dec. 7 in Bonduel. Both Bonduel and Witt-Birn moved from Division 4 to Division 3 for postseason play.

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thankful to be playing," said first-year Gillett coach Russ Young. "We will play the teams scheduled and leave the outside noise to greater minds to figure out."

Like girls basketball, boys basketball state tournament sites have not been announced.

Wrestling

While no area wrestling teams had to move up a division, several other aspects of the wrestling tournament were adjusted.

"The WIAA Sports Medical Advisory and the (WIAA) Board of Control approved an increase to six teams gathering for wrestling competitions during the period of Jan. 17-23, and an increase to eight teams beginning Jan. 30, which clears a threshold to conduct the tournament series with revised procedures," a release from the WIAA stated.

There will be 16 regionals and four sectionals per division for the individual tournament. The top two wrestlers from each weight class at regionals will advance to sectionals. Wrestlers placing first or second — among the eight wrestlers at sectionals — will qualify for state.

"It does certainly change things because you always think that you got that chance to come back and take third place (at sectionals) to get to the state tournament," said Bonduel coach Chris Rank. "Unfortunately this year, there's going to be a large group of kids that are not going to have that state experience, which is sort of disappointing, but it's just one of those crazy years that we got to deal with."

Team state will include the top two scoring teams from the four Division 1 sectionals, while only the sectional team champion from Division 2 and 3 sectionals will qualify for state.

Instead of all the state wrestling events being held in Madison, each division's state meet will be held in a different location.

Division 1 team and individual state will be held at Kaukauna High School, while both Division 2 tournaments will be at Adams-Friendship High School. Division 3 team state will be wrestled at Wausau West High School, while individual state is at Wausau East High School.

Individual state is scheduled for Feb. 13, with team state taking place on Feb. 20.

ATHLETE PROFILE: ANDREW PUISSANT

Shawano senior helping lead co-op during his final season on the ice

The Shawano/Bonduel/Clintonville hockey co-op is set to become a full-time varsity program next winter, with the team scheduled to join the Badgerland Conference and be eligible for postseason play. The team is preparing to make that transition, and seniors like Andrew Puissant are making sure the team will be primed for success when the change happens.

While also serving as a leader, Puissant is a scoring threat for the co-op this season.

Through Jan. 24, Puissant had scored 14 goals and been credited with 14 assists.

He's scored multiple goals in four games, including a three-goal game in a win over Tomahawk on Jan. 12.

Puissant has recorded assists in all but five of the games he's played in, with back-to-back three-assists games back in early December.

Q: When did your interest in hockey begin?

A: It began when I was around 5, I began to skate and go to hockey games. But I started playing around the age of 7.

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

A: My favorite part of the hockey season is always the first home game. Being able to get back on the ice in front of the crowd is always a blast.

Q: What has hockey taught you over the years?

A: Hockey has taught me perseverance. This is because hockey is a very low-scoring game and when you go down one goal it can determine the outcome of the game.

Q: What is it like playing on a co-op with athletes from Bonduel and Clintonville?



Shawano's Andrew Puissant takes a shot during a matchup against Tomahawk on Jan. 12 at the Crawford Center in Shawano.

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A: It's not much different than playing on any other team because youth hockey you grow up playing with kids from different schools.

Q: As the season winds down, what kind of things are you and the team hoping to accomplish?

A: I think all of us as seniors are hoping to shape the young team and also have a winning record.

Q: Hockey can take a toll on your body as a season progresses. How do you deal with the aches, bumps and bruises that the sport challenges you with?

A: You're right the games can become very physical. Interestingly, as the season goes on I tend to not be as sore or tired after games and practices because I become more conditioned

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AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Andrew Puissant

SPORT: Hockey

POSITION: Center

SCHOOL: Shawano Community High School

YEAR: Senior

and in shape for the season.

Q: Do you have any rituals you go through before a game?

A: Not really, I just tape my stick and focus on the game.

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

A: My favorite memory of high school hockey was winning the Waupaca Tournament my sophomore year.

Q: What are you going to miss most about high school hockey?

A: I am going to miss the home games with the stands full.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Yellowstone." Movie — "Step Brothers." Musical artist — "Morgan Wallen."

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

A: I am in the Guinness World Record book (for being a part of the barefoot ski line).

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

A: I am attending SLTC (Southeast Lineman Training Center) school in Trenton, Georgia and plan on getting a job for a traveling lineman company.



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HIGH SCHOOL SWIM

Shawano boys claim 3rd at GNC Championships

2 relays, Langlois place 3rd to lead the Hawks

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School boys swim team placed third at the Great Northern Conference Championships on Jan. 22 in Shawano.

The Hawks earned 13 personal records on the night in what was the team's final event before the postseason.

"It's exciting to see that we're continuing to improve knowing that sectionals is a week away," said Shawano coach Robyn Bartal.

"These kids are pumped about it. It keeps their mental focus where it needs to be, which helps them keep their physical focus where it needs to be, so it's very exciting."

Shawano started strong when

the 200-yard medley relay team of Michael Dickmann, Brenden Stempa, Camden Kroll and Jack Reed posted a time of 1 minute, 56.56 seconds to place third.

Later on, Stempa, Reed, Kroll and Josh Bergmann teamed up to take third in the 200 freestyle relay (1:41.05).

Shawano's top individual finish came from freshman Ben Langlois, who came in third in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:09.89. Langlois also placed sixth in the 100 butterfly (1:10.06).

Shawano has several fifth- and sixth-place finishes on the night.

Kroll finished fifth in the 100 butterfly (1:02.3) and sixth in the 50 freestyle (24.67), topping his seed times in both events.

"It feels pretty good," said Kroll of all the team's personal records. "Every day we spend practice together, and it's just great to see people who are swimming for their first year just grow. It's a great feeling, especially being a senior when you can trust that your team is going to be in good hands."



Shawano's Michael Dickmann competes in the 50-yard freestyle at the Great Northern Conference Championships on Jan. 22 in Shawano.

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Dickmann claimed fifth in the 100 backstroke (1:10.38), while Stempa took fifth in the 200 IM (2:32.06). Bergmann placed sixth in the 200 freestyle (2:13.47).

Braden Barkley came in sixth in the 200 IM (2:47.94) and 100 backstroke (1:12.23).

Barkley also teamed up with Carson Cummings, Brady Hannes and Langlois for a sixth-place finish in the 200 medley relay (2:08.51). The quartet shaved nearly 12 full seconds off its

seed time.

Barkley, Cummings, Hannes and Adan Reedy also finished better than their seed time in the 200 freestyle relay (1:53.5), carving almost three seconds off.

To end the night, Dickmann, Langlois, Bergmann and Reed formed the 400 freestyle relay team that placed fifth in 4:02.52.

The Hawks will now gear up for the postseason, which starts on Jan. 30 at the Division 2 Ashwaubenon Sectional. This year, state will be held at the Waukesha South High School Natatorium, with Division 2 events being held Feb. 5.

"It's going to be fun because we'll get to see new teams outside of our conference and we get to see how we do," said Barkley of the team entering the postseason. "We'll just have to work harder (leading up to the sectional)."

Team scores: 1. Rhinelander 414; 2. Lakeland 239; 3. Shawano 219; 4. Tomahawk 199; 5. Medford 103

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YOUTH HOCKEY

Shawano Bantam B team wins home tournament

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Shawano Bantam B youth hockey team posted a 3-0 record to win a tournament held Jan. 22-24 at the Crawford Center in Shawano.

The Bantam B team claimed the title after scratching out three tight wins.

Shawano opened the tournament with a 5-3 win over Chippewa on Jan.

22. The group then edged Waunakee 4-3 on Jan. 23.

In the championship game against West Salem, Shawano earned a 3-2 victory.

The Crawford Center also hosted a Bantam C tournament over the weekend, with the Shawano Bantam C squad among the teams participating.

The Shawano C team opened the tournament with a 7-3 loss to Elm-

brook on Jan. 23. The team also faced Iowa City that day, losing 6-0.

The team wrapped up play on Jan. 24 with a 3-0 loss to Waunakee.

The Crawford Center was also the host of a Squirt C tournament on Jan. 8-10.

Shawano's Squirt C team won the tournament after posting a 3-0 record.

The team got tournament play started with a 6-0 victory over She-

boygan on Jan. 8 before a tight 3-2 win over Waukesha on Jan. 9.

Shawano then topped Manitowoc 1-0 in the title game.

The Crawford Center will host one more youth tournament this winter, a PeeWee B and C tournament from Feb. 12-14.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel's Troxel eclipses 1,000-point milestone

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Bonduel senior Kara Troxel passed the 1,000-point milestone for her high school career during the team's 71-28 Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division matchup against Menominee Indian on Jan. 19 in Bonduel.

"It's just an amazing feeling," said Troxel. "I never thought that I'd be able to get to this point. Just having the entire community here to support me is just awesome. I'm glad I could do it at home."

"You just have to keep grinding it out during practices, and working together with your teammates," said Troxel on the work it took over her high school career to reach 1,000 points. "You can't slack off ever or take off during the summers. You have to keep working hard, otherwise you'll lose all the momentum you gained throughout the year, and that's what I've been doing."

Needing just four points to reach the milestone, Troxel wasted little time. She converted a three-point play for Bonduel's first points in the contest and then hit a jumper near the free throw line about four minutes into the game to pass 1,000 points.

Troxel went on to score 17 points in the game.

"I think it's a pretty big accomplishment, 1,000 points," said Bonduel coach Jerry Reinke. "She's worked extremely hard to get to this point. I'm sure her teammates are very happy for her. She's a very unselfish player."

"She's just an awesome kid to coach, and I couldn't be happier for her."

Bonduel's Allaina Robaidek led the Bears with 18 points, while Ella Hischke, Erin Timler and Meghan Wondra all chipped in eight points.

Alezaha King scored 14 points to lead Menominee Indian.

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Terms of Sale: Cash or Check w/ Letter of Credit. RWAC #480 Cols. Henry & Len Yoap, RWA 338 & 339 11149 Ledge Lane, Coleman, WI 54112
www.yoapandyoap.com

YOAP & YOAP Auction & Real Estate (920) 604-1704

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#1417
January 15, 22, 28, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MEMORISSE COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 2019CV00049
Case Code No. 00044
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE OF (D/L LOT MORTGAGE) LEND TRUST I
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARY L. GRIGNON, (LWV FUNDING LLC, AS SUCCESSOR
IN INTEREST TO GE CAPITAL),
Defendants.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of
foreclosure entered on January 5, 2020, in the amount of
\$93,325.81, the Sheriff, or Designee, will sell the described
premises at public auction as follows:
DATE/TIME: February 10, 2021 at 9:00 AM
TERMS: 1) 10% down in cash, cashier's check, or certified
funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of
confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result
in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff. 2) Sold "as is" and subject
to all legal liens and encumbrances; 3) Buyer to pay ap-
plicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to
the purchase price. 4) Bidders not a party to this action are
subject to the requirements of Wisconsin Statute Section
846.155.
PLACE, LOBBY OF THE MEMORISSE COUNTY
**COURTHOUSE, 20201 COURTHOUSE LANE, KEESH-
ENA, WI 54135**
PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE FOLLOWING
TRACT OF LAND IN MEMORISSE COUNTY, STATE
OF WISCONSIN, LOT 17 IN BLOCK 6, LESSORS'S
PLAT NO. 1 OF THE UNINCORPORATE VILLAGE OF
KEISHENA, WISCONSIN, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY
THEREOF DATED JULY 26, 1993 AND FILED WITH
THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, MEMORISSE COUNTY,
WISCONSIN, AND RECORDED IN VOLUME 1 OF PLATS
THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AS
W0021 RABBIT RIDGE ROAD, KEISHENA, WISCONSIN
- 54135.
TAX KEY NO.: 014 802 97100
PROPERTY ADDRESS: W0021 RABBIT RIDGE ROAD,
KEISHENA, WI 54135
Shannon K Cummings
State Bar No. 1003710
Attorney for Plaintiff
633 W Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 408
Milwaukee, WI, 53203
Phone: 312-541-8710
Mailing Address:
230 W Monroe St., Suite 1125
Chicago, Illinois, 60606
JOHNSON, BLANCKHOFF & ASSOCIATES, LLC IS A
CREDITORS ATTORNEY AND IS ATTEMPTING TO
COLLECT A DEBT ON ITS BEHALF. ANY INFORMATION
OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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#1418
January 15, 22, 28, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MEMORISSE TRIBAL COURT
Case No. 2019CV
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
In the Matter of the Name Change of
Famela Jean Dixon
By (Petitioner): Famela Jean Dixon
Notice is Given:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the
person listed above.
From: Famela Jean Dixon
To: Famela Jean Leporello
Both Candidates: Famela Jean Dixon
It is Ordered:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Menom-
inee Tribal Court, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: Judge Mercedes Martin
Place: Menominee Tribal Court
Keeshena, WI 54135
Date: February 05, 2021
Time: 11:00 AM
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#1419
January 15, 22, 28, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 2019CV00012
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Citizens Bank NA d/b/a/CBS Citizens NA
10501 Telegraph Rd
Gran Allen, VA, 22059
Plaintiff,
vs.
Angela A. Ratloff-Stainbach, Steven A. Stainbach, Jr.,
Unknown Tenants, if any, at
50033 Riverside Dr.
Shawano, WI 54155

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Defendants.
By virtue of and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure en-
tered in the above-captioned action on December 15, 2020,
in the amount of \$453,263.87, I will sell at public auction
in the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street,
Shawano, WI 54155 on March 10, 2021, at 09:00 AM, the
following described premises:
PART OF LOT NINETEEN (19), ALL OF LOT TWENTY
(20) AND PART OF VACATED PLEASANT VIEW
COURT, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT OF
WOLF VIEW ESTATES, IN THE TOWN OF BESSCOTT,
SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, BOUNDED AND
DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE
SAID LOT 20; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG. 16 MIN. EAST
37.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEG. 18 MIN. WEST
234 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE WATER'S EDGE OF
THE WOLF RIVER AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING;
THENCE RETRACE THE LAST DESCRIBED LINE 238
FEET MORE OR LESS; THENCE NORTH 31 DEG. 12
MIN. 54 SEC. EAST, 126.87 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY
LINE OF RIVER SIDE DRIVE; THENCE FOLLOWING
THE ARC OF A 185 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE
TO THE NORTH TO A POINT, THE CHORD OF WHICH
BEARS NORTH 49 DEG. 05 MIN. 23 SEC. WEST,
82.52 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 54 DEG. 54 MIN. WEST,
52.12 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID LOT
20; THENCE NORTH 86 DEG. 18 MIN. WEST ALONG
THE SAID NORTH LINE 232 FEET MORE OR LESS TO
THE WATER'S EDGE OF THE WOLF RIVER; THENCE
FOLLOWING THE SAID WATER'S EDGE IN A GENERAL
SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION TO THE PLACE OF
BEGINNING.
Local Address: 50033 Riverside Dr., Shawano, WI 54155
Parcel ID: 048-85450-0100
TERMS OF SALE:
Down payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid
price in cash, certified funds, or cashier checks made out
for the Shawano County Clerk of Court due at time of sale,
the remaining balance due within ten (10) days after con-
firmation of sale. Third Party Bidders must have filed a Third
Party Bidder's Affidavit with the Court prior to confirmation
of sale under section 846.155 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
Property will be sold "AS IS", is subject to real estate taxes,
all liens and encumbrances, and a third party purchaser is
responsible for payment of the Transfer Tax.
Dated at Shawano, Wisconsin this day of January, 2021
in Sheriff of Shawano County, Wisconsin.
Document drafted by:
James Hiler, Esq. of counsel
State Bar No. 1019709
The Sayer Law Group, PC
625 E. 4th St.
Winnetka, IL 60093
319-234-2030
Fax: 319-232-6041
Email: jhiler@sayerlaw.com
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#1420
January 15, 22, 28, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
Case No. 20-PR-87
Walter J. Wieland
DOD December 1, 2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
An application for informal administration was filed.
The decedent, with date of birth March 14, 1961 and date
of death December 1, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of
W10802 County Road F, Wittenberg, WI 54490.
All interested persons waived notice.
The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's
estate is May 4, 2021.
A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
Attorney Jacqueline L. Mosier
Davis & Ruethe, S.C.
300 North Corporate Dr. Ste. 150
Brookfield, WI 53005
262-792-2429
Bar No. 1087141
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#1421
January 15, 22, 28, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 20-PR-88
Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Special Adminis-
tration.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Karen-Gurman-Marjole
DOD February 12, 2015
A Petition for appointment of a Special Administrator was
filed.
THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth November, 25, 1954 and
date of death February 12, 2015 was domiciled in Sha-
wano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of

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W5410 Cumser Road, Shawano, WI 54155.
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The Petition be heard at the Shawano County Court-
house, 311 N. Main St, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 2,
before Judge Russell, Jr., Court Official, on February 8,
2021 at 10:10 am.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The peti-
tion may be granted if there is no objection.
2. Notice by publication is required.
Publication of this notice is notice to any interested persons
whose names or addresses are unknown.
The names or addresses of the following interested per-
sons are not known or reasonably ascertainable:
Shelia Gern, Marlene Gernstaedter, Charles M8, Sandra
Daugherty, Nancy Riddle
Paul F. Black
117 E. 2nd Street
Shawano, WI 54155
715-324-8055
State Bar No. 1055579
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#1424
January 29, 2021
TOWN OF RICHMOND
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application
for Class B-Liquor and Class B-Fermented License, has
been filed with the Town Clerk for the licensing period end-
ing June 30, 2020. The application will be acted on at the
Town Board meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00
p.m. at the Richmond Town Hall at 50719-County Road
886, Shawano, WI, 54155.
1. Vally's Bar & Grill, LLC with Agent Amy Greltinger,
for a license at W0019 Oak Avenue, Shawano, Wis., also
"Vally's Bar & Grill," for license currently issued to the
"Vally's Roadhouse, LLC"
Richard J. Stadelman, Clerk, Town of Richmond
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#1425
January 15, 22, 28, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
Case No. 20-PR-89
Robert Earl Thomson-ASA Robert E. Thomson
DOD September 2, 2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
An application for informal administration was filed.
The decedent, with date of birth June 03, 1959 and date
of death September 2, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of
W10601 Clark Road, Tigerton, WI 54490.
All interested persons waived notice.
The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's
estate is May 7, 2021.
A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
J. Edwin Woods, Jr.
208 W. Green Bay St.
Shawano, WI 54155
715-325-2191
Bar No. 1013125
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#1426
January 22, 28, & February 5, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
Case No. 21-PR-1
Mark V. Schmidt
DOD December 3, 2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
An application for informal administration was filed.
The decedent, with date of birth July 31, 1950 and date
of death December 3, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of
N7370 County Road Q, Wittenberg, WI 54490.
All interested persons waived notice.
The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate
is May 11, 2021.
A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
James Rachtendorfer
PO Box 146
Shawano, WI 54155
715-324-8256
Bar No. 1008690
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#1428
January 22, 28 & February 5, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
Case No. 20-PR-84
Corinne M. Saffer
DOD October 17, 2020

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
An application for informal administration was filed.
The decedent, with date of birth August 9, 1941 and date
of death October 17, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of
W0007 Pioneer Drive, Shawano, WI 54155
All interested persons waived notice.
The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's
estate is May 4, 2021.
A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
Atty. Benjamin J. Pliske
15130 W. National Ave.
New Berlin, WI 53051
262-345-4430
Bar No. 7037955
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#1430
January 22, 28 & February 5, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 20CV115
Summers Real Estate/Mortgage Foreclosure
National Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
6000 Cypress Village Boulevard
Coppell, TX 75019
Plaintiff
vs.
Kurt R. Lauterbach
212 South Steeger, Apartment 3
Shawano, WI 54155
Lyndelle K. Lauterbach
PO Box 82
Caroline, WI 54609
Defendants.
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To the following party named as a defendant herein:
Lyndelle K. Lauterbach
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has
filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Com-
plaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and
basis of the legal action. Within 40 days after January 23,
2021, you must respond with a written answer, as that term
is used in Chapter 800 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the
complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer
that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The
answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose
address is:
Shawano County Clerk of Circuit Court
Shawano County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Room 202
311 North Main Street
Shawano, WI 54155
and to Kelly M. Smith, c/o Philip A. Norman, P.C., plaintiff's
attorney, whose address is:
Philip A. Norman, P.C.
17035 W Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 150
Brookfield, WI 53005
You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the
court may grant judgment against you for the award of
money or other legal action requested in the complaint,
and you may lose your right to object to anything that is
or may be incurred in the complaint. A judgment may be
enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money
may become a lien against any real estate you own now or
in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or
seizure of property.
Dated this 14th day of January, 2021
Kelly Smith c/o Philip A. Norman, P.C.
State Bar No. 1047979
17035 W Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 150
Brookfield, WI 53005
262-314-6554
26-00008
Philip A. Norman, P.C. is the creditor's attorney and is
attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any informa-
tion obtained will be used for that purpose.
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#1431
January 22, 28 & February 5, 12, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BROWN COUNTY
Case No. 2019FA1002
Notice of Hearing
Emily Jo Marshall
Petitioner,
vs.
Matthew Henry Heule
Respondent.
A diligent attempt was made to notify the above Petitioner
of a Motion to Amend Custody and Placement. A hearing
in the above captioned case shall take place on Thursday,
February 11th, 2021 at 10:30 AM with Commissioner Cy-
nthia Vogel via Zoom.
DO NOT COME TO THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE
HEARING. You may join this hearing by video using the fol-
lowing website: <https://us02zoom.us/j/9770612863>
(meeting ID 977 0621 9671) Password: 536872).
Inquiries for additional information may be directed to:
Brown County Circuit Court

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100 South Jefferson Street
Green Bay WI 54301
(920) 499-4700
Atty Aaron W. Schenk
State Bar No. 1007093
1002 S. Main St. #170
Green Bay WI 54304
(920) 499-0900
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#1880
January 23, 20 & February 5, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 20CV07
Notice and Order for Name-Change Hearing
In the Matter of the Name Change of:
Robert Charles Pernes Jr.
By (Petitioner): Lindsay Pernes (Starkie
Notice is Given:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the
person listed above.
From: Robert Charles Pernes Jr.
To: Robert Charles Starkie
Both Certificate: Robert Charles Pernes Jr.
It is Ordered:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: Judge Stone
Place: Branch 1 311 N Main St.
Shawano, WI 54166
Date: February 23, 2021
Time: 9:00 AM
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#1781
January 28, February 8 & 13, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice: Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline
for Filing Claims
Case No. 20 PR-00
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Florence M. Tieska
DOD: November 14, 2018
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
An application for informal administration was filed.
The decedent, the date of birth August 25, 1908 and date
of death November 14, 2018, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of PO
Box 70, Tieska, WI 54879-0070.
The application will be heard at the Shawano County
Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, before
Gwen E. Hoffman, Probate Registrar, on March 2, 2021
at 9:00 am.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The ap-
plication may be granted if there is no objection.
The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate
is May 21, 2021.
A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
This publication is noticed to any persons whose names or
addresses are unknown.
Tom Kubaista
Kubaista, Seifert & Lommson, SC
PO Box 808
Wausau, WI 54980-0808
605-767-3076
State Bar No. 1012863
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#1499
January 29, February 5 & 12, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Awarded Succession
Case No. 20AM0005
IN RE: THE SUPPORT OF:
M M S & M M S
KIMBERLY M KOSMALSKI
STATE OF WISCONSIN, PETITIONERS
AND
MICHAEL J SHERMAN, RESPONDENT
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, is MICHAEL J SHERMAN
You have been named in a legal action concerning suc-
cession, child support, and/or physical placement rights. The
petition, which is attached, states the nature and basis of
the legal action.
You must appear to answer this action to establish child
support obligations.
Date and Time: April 19, 2021 at 9:30 AM
Room: 000
Presiding Official: William F Kussel Jr.
Address: Shawano County Courthouse BR-2
311 North Main Street
Shawano, WI 54166
If you do not appear, the court will enter a default judgment
and may issue you a warrant for your arrest. If you want to
be represented by an attorney, contact the attorney prior to
your court appearance.
If you want to be represented by an attorney, contact the

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attorney prior to your court appearance. If you are a minor,
the court will appoint a guardian ad litem, an attorney who
represents your legal interests.
Any person who signs a Voluntary Paternity Acknowledg-
ment may request that the acknowledgment be recorded
by filing the appropriate form with the State Registrar.
The form must be filed with the State Registrar before the
day that a court makes any order affecting the family, or
within sixty (60) days of the filing of the Voluntary Paternity
Acknowledgment with the State Registrar, whichever
comes first.
If either person signing the Voluntary Paternity Acknowl-
edgment was under the age of eighteen (18) at the time it
was filed with the State Registrar, neither may request that
the acknowledgment be recorded by filing the appropriate
form with the State Registrar before the day that a court
makes any order affecting the family or before sixty (60)
days after the person requesting the recording reaches
age eighteen (18), whichever occurs first.
You are notified that interference with the custody of a child
is punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000 and imprisonment
for up to twelve (12) years, or (6) months, or (48 2 1/2)
(6), Wls. Stats.).
You are also notified that free, written information is avail-
able from the Office of the Family Court Commissioner,
regarding the procedures in this action and any community
resources and counseling services that are available to
assist the parties.
The Shawano County Clerk of Court is an equal oppor-
tunity service provider. If you need assistance to access
services or need material in an alternate format, please call
(715) 528-5047.
Tory A. Kordak
Attorney for the State of Wisconsin
State Bar No. 1031581
COURTHOUSE RM 111
311 N MAIN ST
SHAWANO WI 54166 2199
(715) 528-2199
slp.courtclerk@wisconsin.gov
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#1880
JANUARY 29, 2020
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 20SC00067
PROGRESSIVE UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY AS
SUBROGEE OF RAJEIV RAMAN
Plaintiff
vs. RAM BARKER
Case No. 20SC00067
Defendant
SMALL CLAIMS/AMENDED SUMMONS
TO: RAM BARKER
216 S UNION ST
SHAWANO, WI 54166
You are being sued by PROGRESSIVE UNIVERSAL
INSURANCE COMPANY AS SUBROGEE OF RAJEIV
RAMAN in the Small Claims Court of SHAWANO County,
located at 311 N MAIN ST SHAWANO WI 54166.
A hearing will be held at 10:30 a.m. on February 11, 2021.
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 this January 15, 2021.
KOHAI LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY: SUSANFER L.
ANDERSON J
SUSANFER L. ANDERSON
Plaintiff's Attorney
State Bar No. 1030558
725 N. Water St., Suite 1300
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 278-0405
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#1880
January 29 & February 5, 12, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
Case No. 20 PR-02
John Joseph Radetz while John J. Radetz
DOD April 19, 2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
An application for informal administration was filed.
The decedent, with date of birth November 27, 1908 and
date of death April 19, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2400
East Leg Avenue, Shawano, WI 54166.
All interested persons advised notice.
The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate
is May 17, 2021.
A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse,
Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
J. Edson Woods, Jr.
208 W. Green Bay St.
Shawano, WI 54166
715-526-3144
Bar No. 1011520
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Library offers online talk on identity theft

Along with the Bureau of Con-
sumer Protection, Shawano County
Library will be offering "Identity
Theft: Protect and Prevent" by Jeff
Kersten at 2 p.m. Feb. 4. This live
program will be available virtually on

the library's Facebook page.

The Wisconsin Bureau of Con-
sumer Protection will explain the
different types of identity theft, how
to recognize it and how to prevent it
— including information about fraud
alerts and security freezes.

For information, contact the
library at sha@shawanolibrary.org or
715-526-3829.

LEGAL NOTICE	
ADVERTISEMENT OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS	
In compliance with Section 59.66 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Shawano County Treasurer is publishing a list of outstanding checks paid by the Clerk of Circuit Court of Shawano County that have a value of at least \$20 and for which the owners have not claimed, or the owners cannot be located.	
Name/Address	Amount
2 J's Liquor/Cheddar Box 1415 E Green Bay St. Shawano WI 54166	37.71
A&M Wireless Sprint Attn: Nancy Magee W7796 Rolling Hills Dr. Shawano WI 54166	119.68
Area 47-LLC N7286 Hwy 47-55 Shawano WI 54166	26.63
Buettner, Loren W4721 Emily Lane Shawano WI 54166	213.10
Cross, Kenneth 1022 Pine St Unit 3 Green Bay WI 54301	250.00
Emery, Nicole 806 W Picnic St Apt 2 Shawano WI 54166	68.00
Hawpetosa, Hunter W2682 Chief Josette Keshena WI 54135	25.00
Heights Finance 212 E Green Bay St Shawano WI 54166	114.50
Johnson, Russell 164 Summit St Pulaski WI 54162	618.92
Juarez, Cesar Chavez W18079 County Rd N Birmahwood WI 54414	92.50
Laroque, Ross 1021 S 21st Milwaukee WI 53204	28.20
Magee, Nancy A&M Wireless W7796 Rolling Hills Dr. Shawano WI 54166	77.75
Naja, Monica N5556 Bachelors Ave Gleason WI 54435	450.00
Quality Sew & Vac. Rezak, Brendan 1100 Marquette Ave Green Bay WI 54303	59.80 50.00
Secura Insurance 2401 S Memorial Dr. Appleton WI 54915	46.00
Shawano Medical Center Stine, Robert Take 2 Video 323 E Green Bay St Shawano WI 54166	2,548.46 169.00 197.50
Thunder, Mindi PO Box 221 Neopit WI 54160	286.61
Van Eyck, Steven W5617 Paige Ave Nichols WI 54152	25.20
Vargas, Jose Luis 114 E Wisconsin Ave Appleton WI 54911	24.70
Welch, Lwa 321 Main St Gresham WI 54128	31.10
Wetzel, Sue 1208 Oriole Dr. Kaukauna WI 54130	356.74
Wilber, Jordan W136 E County Line Rd Keshena WI 54135	100.00
Wisconsin Mutual Insurance PO Box 5304 De Pere WI 54115-5304	457.81
If no legal claim is made to the Shawano County Clerk of Court, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166 (phone # 715-526-9347) for the above moneys within 90 days after the last publication, the County Treasurer shall turn such moneys into the general fund of the county treasury, and no action shall thereafter be maintained by any person, firm or corporation against the county or the county treasurer for the same of any part thereof.	
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OPINION

Is this the country the founders envisioned?

Thomas Jefferson sat down at his desk, his heart beating in his chest as he dipped his quill into the ink. His hand shook as he moved it, pausing above the paper. He suddenly found himself frozen, the weight of what he was about to write had sunk in. He was drafting the very document that would give the country he had seen rise from nothing, its independence from England. The next words he would write would become the foundation of everything that countly would represent, all of the values it would hold, and what the people of that country would stand for.

His head filled with visions of people celebrating, living in freedom, with opportunities abounding. He finally put the quill to the paper and wrote, "A Declaration of the Representation of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

While nobody knows exactly how this moment looked, I am sure it was filled with hope. After many years of living without representation, a long war, and many men killed, the idea of forming a new country with more freedom, representation, and rights than any other country in the world, must have been exciting.

Benjamin Franklin once said,



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"Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature." This firm belief that freedom is a basic right has been shown in the im-

portance that is put on the freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to bear arms, and freedom of religion.

On Nov. 11, 1620, the Mayflower arrived in America. This ship was full of people who had been willing to endure not only years of oppression for their religion, but also two months of sickness, storms, and dangerous conditions on the water. That arrival in America marked a new beginning for these people, one where they could speak openly about the God they believed in without being criticized, persecuted, or even killed. This freedom was so important to young America that it was put in the very first amendment of The Constitution.

In America today, we are still allowed to practice any religion, however, we are not allowed to always

openly speak about that religion in our schools, and places of work. This is not the execution of the First Amendment as the Founding Fathers had once intended.

James Otis once said, "Taxation without representation, is tyranny." After living for years without representation in the government of the country that ruled them, the Founding Fathers knew that in their country, everyone needed to have a voice. These men wanted a country in which it was OK to publicly share your opinion on issues that matter to you and have those opinions and values represented by the elected men and women of your county, district, or state. This aspect of the Founding Fathers' vision is how our government functions to this day.

Many men and women have continually chosen to sacrifice their time, energy, and even lives for the country that we live in. The freedoms that the Founding Fathers wanted for the new Americans weren't just given to our country. Soldiers had to battle through harsh weather, diseases, and death that seemed to never end, simply for the right to create their own country.

After fighting so long and hard for the freedoms Americans now enjoy,

the Founding Fathers would have assumed that Americans today would be appreciative and thankful for this gift. However, many have become so used to these freedoms that they take them for granted, ignoring the work and sacrifice of those who did and are still fighting to keep it that way.

Many young Americans have grown up with so much freedom, comfort and security that they are unable to understand what it would be like to live in a country without those freedoms. This is not the appreciation the Founding Fathers would have expected from a country founded on freedom.

As Americans, take this opportunity to pause and appreciate the things that you take for granted. Spend time with your family, thank a soldier or a veteran, respect those who protect your freedoms, and be kind. These simple acts can guarantee that no matter what others are doing, you can help ensure that the country we are living in represents the country the Founding Fathers once hoped to create.

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YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Remote access to meetings not ideal for public

As a local government reporter, I watch a lot of public meetings — from city councils and county boards, to criminal intake hearings and public listening sessions, to basically everything in between.

It has not been a walk in the park.

Many meetings have cut out mid-livestream, with those in the meeting carrying on anyway, essentially operating behind closed doors for several minutes or longer.

Other meetings are hard to understand because of the cluster of screens, voices or background noise coming from unmuted mics. Often it's unclear who cast which vote on an item.

Some meetings have mistakenly been posted under an incorrect streaming link, and one meeting required me to download a new program that crashed my computer several times.

I recently wanted to tune in to an



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important meeting, but could not find the streaming information anywhere, even though the agenda told me the meeting was open to the public through Zoom.

I emailed someone for the login information and was discouraged from attending. "It's usually a long meeting," they wrote. (Eventually, they gave me the info and I joined and watched the very long meeting — which is my right.)

Early on in the pandemic, the Wisconsin Department of Justice laid out guidance for making sure virtual meetings comply with the state's Open Meetings Law. It calls for providing alternatives to those without internet access or who are hearing-impaired,

and it encourages officials not to speak over each other and to identify themselves each time they speak.

There are some public bodies that do a phenomenal job, taking roll-call votes for every action item, or streaming meetings live to platforms like YouTube or Facebook that store the videos for later viewing, but there's still much more that can and should be done.

Public bodies should use free platforms to livestream meetings that don't require a download or account creation for those who simply want to watch and not participate. They should provide closed-captioning when possible, or include an American Sign Language interpreter on the livestream — a practice that should continue after we return to in-person meetings.

An IT hotline should be created, so members of the public can call when a meeting livestream cuts out or isn't

working, or if they have issues logging on. It could be as simple as listing the number or email of a staff member who will be handling the meeting.

Before speaking, meeting participants should say their names, and make sure they speak loudly and clearly.

Now there is light at the end of the tunnel, and we may be returning to the boardroom or council chambers soon. This whole practice of livestreaming also has its perks — it gives officials and members of the public an alternative to attending in-person when they're unable. We should use it as a tool even after the pandemic.

While livestreaming meetings is the norm, we need to do a better job of making sure no one slips through the cracks.

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council. Olivia Herken covers local government for the La Crosse Tribune.

Birnamwood library plans curbside Bingo for month of February

Birnamwood Public Library will be hosting two family Bingo nights in February.

Curbside Storytime Bingo will run

on Feb. 8 and Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. Participants can make an appointment ahead of time to receive the Bingo sheet by emailing bir@shawanolibrary.org

or calling 715-449-3120. In order to participate, a person will only need a car with radio.

During the program, participants

will receive a radio station in which staff will use to communicate the program to participants. This is a free, easy and socially distanced activity.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS SEALED BIDS FOR FURNISHING:

Contract A - 2021 CITY OF SHAWANO STREET & UTILITY RECONSTRUCTIONS

ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES

2,100 LF of Sanitary Sewer
1,750 LF of Watermain
650 LF of Storm Sewer
4,800 LF of Concrete Curb and Gutter
32,000 SF of Concrete Sidewalk
7,400 SY of HMA Pavement

AND / OR

Contract B - 2021 CITY OF SHAWANO PUBLIC-SIDE WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENTS

ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES

100 EACH of Public-Side 1" Water Service Replacements

Will be received by the City of Shawano at the Department of Public Works office 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, Wisconsin, until 10:00 AM Local Time on February 17, 2021, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by download from the Quest Construction Data Network (Quest CDN) website. Please contact the City of Shawano DPW at 715-526-3512 for assistance in working with the Quest CDN website for downloading the documents. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms provided in the Contract Documents.

All Proposals shall be addressed to the City of Shawano, Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, Wisconsin 54166, and shall be placed in a sealed opaque envelope with the name and address of the Bidder and the DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACT(S) FOR WHICH THE BID IS BEING SUBMITTED clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.

Owner requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for these projects in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.29(2). Qualifications shall be delivered to the DPW office, not less than 5 days prior to the bid deadline. The Owner's decision as to the qualifications shall be final.

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the City of Shawano in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee, that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance and Payment Bond, and the Insurance Certificate(s) within ten (10) days after the receipt of the Notice of Award by the City. If the Bidder fails to file such a Contract and Bond within the time set forth above, the Certified Check or Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages.

The above listed projects are being financed in whole or in part by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources through the Clean Water Fund Loan Program and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP). Neither the State of Wisconsin nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract.

FEDERAL DAVIS-BACON ACT WAGES REQUIREMENT

Federal Davis-Bacon Act wages are applicable to this project per Federal Labor Provisions. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to the condition of employment to be observed and minimum wage and fringe rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. The successful bidder will be required to conform to the wage requirements prescribed by the federal Davis-Bacon and Related Acts which requires that all operators, laborers and mechanics employed by the contractors and subcontractors performing on contracts funded in whole or in part with the federal funds in excess of \$2,000 pay their operators, laborers and mechanics not less than the prevailing wage rates and fringe benefits, as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor, for corresponding classes of operators, laborers and mechanics employed on similar projects in the area.

AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL REQUIREMENT

The Contractor acknowledges to and for the benefit of the City of Shawano ("Purchaser") and the State of Wisconsin (the "State") that it understands the goods and services under this Agreement are being funded with monies made available by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and/or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund that have statutory requirements commonly known as "American Iron and Steel," that requires all of the iron and steel products used in the project to be produced in the United States ("American Iron and Steel Requirement") including iron and steel products provided by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. The City of Shawano Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding, or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interest of the City.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE) REQUIREMENT

The City of Shawano encourages DBEs, including Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit a bid proposal as a prime contractor, if pre-qualified as stated previously.

This requirement is subject to the City of Shawano's (grantee's) policy regarding the increased use of minority and women's businesses. The grantee's policy requires all bidders to undertake specified affirmative efforts. At least 15 days prior to bid opening, the bidder needs to contact five MBEs and five WBEs to solicit bids. To comply with the requirements, the grantee requires documentation of all contacts on the contact forms included within the bid documents. The contact forms need to be submitted with the bid.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled opening of bids without the consent of the City.

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