



READY AND WAITING FOR VOTERS

The village of Wittenberg took precautions to protect voters and poll workers by hanging clear plastic curtains to separate them at the check-in point.

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Pharmacy gives gift of hand sanitizer

Gwidt Pharmacy is making and giving away hand sanitizer for first responders and customers.

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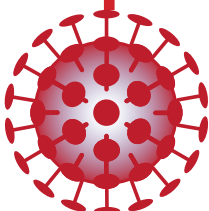
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Is it time for deep reflection?

News editor Miriam Nelson contemplates reading her collection of books that have deep meaning while being easily distracted.

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Gwidt Pharmacy conducts business in new way

Drive up window open for prescriptions and store items

By MIRIAM NELSON
News Editor

WITTENBERG — Gwidt Pharmacy is open and serving customers with precautions to keep both staff and customers safe from COVID-19.

By closing the store but keeping the drive-up window open for business, pharmacist Shane Resch is hoping to keep exposure to the virus to a minimum.

Resch noted that they have only ever totally closed once and that was a couple of years ago when there was a gas line problem and the area had to be evacuated. Resch plans to keep normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Business as usual now consists of people calling in their prescriptions ahead of time and picking up through the drive-up window. Besides Resch there is another full time and two part time pharmacists on staff to answer any questions.

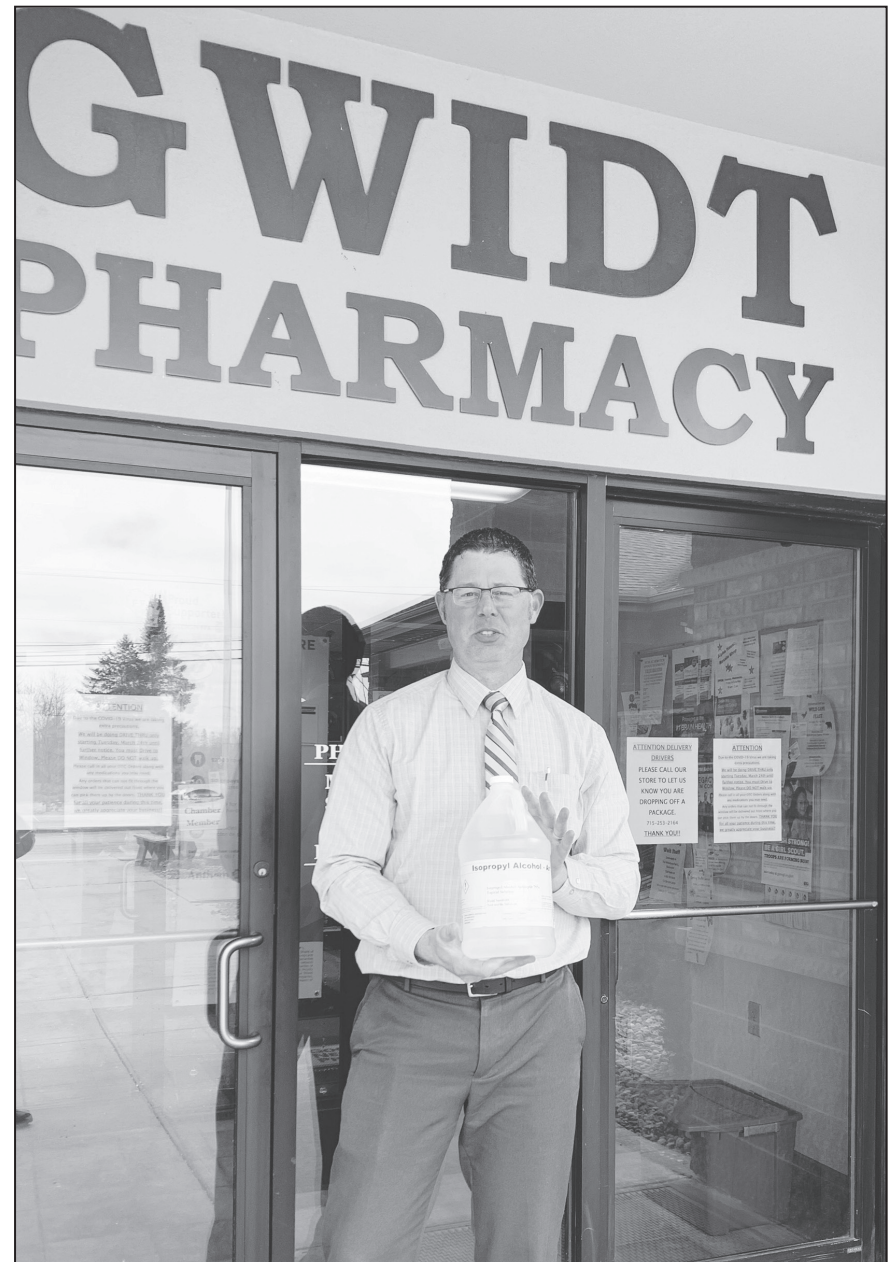
If other over the counter products or gift items are needed, they can be requested as well. Any order that is too large to fit through the window will be set outside the door for customers to pick up after the staff are back inside. If mobility is an issue the staff are able to deliver to the car.

Resch is grateful for the friends who have volunteered to make help make deliveries to homebound customers. So far he's been able to do free deliveries within a 15-mile radius to people who are quarantined or worried about exposure.

"I'm more concerned about our response to it than the virus," said Resch.

He noted that people in general are a little more nervous than usual. People are very accepting of the situation and seem to be willing to adapt to changes in their routine, which is most likely due to small-town living and a Midwest attitude of common sense, according to Resch.

One way of giving back to the community is to provide hand sanitizer, and Resch will give away 4 ounces to anyone who stops by, ideally with an empty container. Resch



Pharmacist Shane Resch stands with a gallon of hand sanitizer to be donated to the Wittenberg Area Fire and Ambulance. CONTRIBUTED

said that normally the Food and Drug Administration governs the production of hand sanitizer, and you can't make it without permission.

Resch noted that, since the FDA has loosened that restriction, he's been making it using the formulation from the World Health Organization. He's been making four-gallon batches at a time.

Resch wants to make sure service professionals get the hand sanitizer

and recently donated a gallon to the Wittenberg Area Fire and Ambulance. He made sure a police officer who stopped by left with a gallon to share with fellow officers.

"The whole reason I got into this career was to try to serve my hometown," said Resch, who had originally worked in product development as a biochemist in Illinois.

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OBITUARIES

Phyllis D. Watermolen

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



Sandra A. Engel

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

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

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

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



Engel.

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

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

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



Fred Engel Jr.

Fred Engel Jr., 63, passed away on Monday, March 30, 2020.
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How to mail and ship without leaving home

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

SHAWANO — You don't have to
go to the post office to use many
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said Pam Donner, Shawano post-
master.

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also pick up packages to send.

State gets national emergency declaration

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

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

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

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

James K. Joseph has been named

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

Quilters come to the rescue

Three area quilters are working to keep people safe

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

WITTENBERG — Quilters seem to be on the forefront of keeping the spread of COVID-19 at bay.

What they have in common is a seemingly unlimited supply of quality fabric remnants from past projects. Quilting is definitely a labor of love, so it makes sense that there are so many reports of quilters who are busy making masks.

Three of them in this area are Dar Borchardt and Linda Philipp, of Wittenberg, and Katie Kaufman, of Eland.

"I have three daughters in the health care industry and when they asked for masks, I was happy to help," said Kaufman.

A science teacher at Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School for the past 40 years, Kaufman has a little more time on her hands now that school has been shut down.

Her daughter, Lacey McRoy, of Howard, had posted it on Facebook and soon requests came in from all over the country. To date, she's made over 800 masks that have been sent to three hospitals in Milwaukee, to Missouri where daughter Brittany Pratt works and all the way to Texas.

A friend of Kaufman is a poll worker in Neenah and requested 50 for the workers who manned the polls on Tuesday. She also filled requests from poll workers in the town of Wittenberg and the village of Eland.

Borchardt has been sewing since she was a teen when she helped create costumes for the She 5 band, a group of teenage girls who toured in Vietnam during the war.

"I set up an assembly line in my sewing room, cutting the fabric, placing it in piles next to the ties so that when I start sewing, there's no stopping me," said Borchardt.

She says the most time consuming part is cutting the fabric and ironing in the fusible interface fabric for the inside, but notes it creates another barrier to help stop the spread of the virus.

Borchardt called Brad Davis, director of nursing at Homme Home for the Aging to see if the staff wanted some masks and she delivered 10 that were made of



Just some of the 800 masks that Katie K Kaufman of Eland has made and donated to healthcare professionals. CONTRIBUTED

fun, bright fabrics. The residents enjoyed seeing the masks so he ordered 10 more and noted another person had donated 10 to the staff.

Philipp is motivated to help keep her community safe. She started making some to pass out to family and friends and uses three different patterns.

"I'm doing my best to help our community stay safe, by trying to pass them out to people in town. I feel safe and want to have everybody safe, too," said Philipp.

Making fabric masks has become so popular that elastic is now hard to come by. Philipp noted she's down to a supply of one inch wide elastic and cuts it into four pieces, a quarter inch wide which is the recommended size.

"I've gotten really creative with elastic," said Kaufman, "I discovered I could cut up yoga pants and it works perfectly."

With the suggestion from the CDC last Friday that people should wear fabric masks when going out in public there will be greater demand for them. All three quilters suggested a simple search on the internet will show how to make and where to donate them.



Wittenberg quilter Linda Philipp show some of the masks she has sewn for her neighbors, family and friends. MIRIAM NELSON | NEW MEDIA



Health care worker Lacey McRoy, of Howard, models a mask made by her mother, Katie Kaufman, of Eland. CONTRIBUTED



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Students will continue with their studies

A letter went out on April 1 to the students and families in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District. In it Superintendent Garrett Rogowski clarified the new normal for at-home instruction for the next two weeks, April 6-17. The plan is to continue with this two-week process until further notice.

"First and foremost, it is very important to regularly check the district website and social media sites, teacher emails, and any other resources your child's teacher may be utilizing," Rogowski said.

Materials will be mailed to each residence for students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. All work should be completed to the best of the student's ability. It will not be officially graded, but should be submitted if the teacher requests it.

For grades 5-8, the materials/Chromebooks are to be picked up from the school each child attends on April 7 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Students without internet access may request hard copy resources from their teacher. For grades 6-8, all work assigned is mandatory. All work will



GARRETT ROGOWSKI

be collected and graded, but grading for the remainder of the school year can only improve a student's grade from where they left off in mid-March. Virtual instruction began March 30 for grades 9-12. All work assigned is mandatory. All work will be collected and graded and can impact a student's grade. Students enrolled in dual credit and CAPP classes will follow current academic requirements.

For those that do not have internet access in the home, all three school parking lots can be used as internet hotspot sites. Northcentral Technical College, 402 N. Genesee St., and the Wittenberg Telephone Company, 104 W. Walker St., both in Wittenberg, will have their parking lots also available as hotspot sites.

Students with internet access will be able to use email, Google Classroom or any other preferred method

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Please bid for the total project. The work for which Bids are asked includes:

Base Bid – Back Lot

- Pulverize the existing asphalt pavement on an area of approximately 2,297 SY.
- Furnish and install 4' deep x 2' diameter catch basin in the East corner of the lot.
- Furnish and install 160' of schedule 40 – 8" diameter pipe from new catch basin to existing.
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- Place, fine grade, water and compact a 12" crushed aggregate base course in an area of approximately 764 SY.
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- Provide striped per existing.

Base Bid – Front Lot

- Remove the existing asphalt pavement on an area of approximately 541 SY.
- Fine grade, water and compact the existing base in an area of approximately 541 SY.
- Construct a two-course 3" compacted average depth asphalt pavement consisting of a 1.75" lower course and a 1.25" upper course on an area of approximately 541 SY.
- Provide striping per existing.

Please contact Joel Yeager – 253-2684 for information.

Proof of insurance will be on file before project is started.

BID OPENING DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

Break out for each lot, place in an envelope addressed to William Switalia, Village President, and mark it Parking Lot bid.

The Village Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the full bid, or any part thereof. The Village Board of Trustees reserves the right to waive any informalities or reject any and all bids.

Notice of Board of Review for the Town of Bartelme

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Bartelme of Shawano County will hold its meeting on Monday, May 11, 2019 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Bartelme town hall.

The following requirements must be followed:

- (1) If you have refused a reasonable written request by certified mail from the Assessor to view such property you lose your right to testify at the Board.
- (2) After the first meeting no person who is scheduled to appear at subsequent meetings may contact or provide information to a Board member about their objection except at a Board session.
- (3) Each objector must give the Board or Review a 48 hour notice of intent to file an objection. A waiver may be granted if good cause for failure to meet this 48 hour time frame can be shown, if such person appears before the Board during the first two hours of its meeting.
- (4) An objector must specify in writing their estimate of property value and specify how they arrived at this estimate. This should be on a written objection form filed at least 48 hours in advance of their scheduled hearing.
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- (7) The Board shall hear upon oath, by phone, all ill or disabled persons who present a letter from a physician that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.

Beth Grosskopf, Town of Bartelme Clerk

PLEASE NOTE THAT AN OPEN BOOK SESSION TO VIEW THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 FROM 4:00-6:00 PM AT THE BARTELME TOWN HALL.

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Submitted by: Chris Marcks, President, United Way of Shawano County Board of Directors
Date: 4/4/20

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



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

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



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

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

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

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



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The Wittenberg-Birnawood High School students who were scheduled to compete in the Skills USA competition decided to donate the \$1,000 they raised for the extra expenses on the trip to the Wittenberg Food Pantry. The state competition which was scheduled for April 28-30 was canceled due to the COVID-19 crisis. Team members are, from left, front row, Jenna Stone, Jalynn Horacek, Anna Jackan, Sarabeth Bernarde; back row, Travin Day, Deakyn Suess, Brendan Resch, Braden Helgeson, Sam Fraaza. Missing from photo: Elijah Jackson, Alexa Chaney, Cole Kerstner, Dalton Resch and Logan Day.

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- Remove existing steel roof
- Remove all existing underlying roof materials down to steel decking.
- Furnish dumpsters for disposal of roof materials.
- Inspect roof decking and replace on a time and materials basis (if needed).
- Cut south siding up to allow rubber to extend up south wall 12".
- Furnish and install 2-layers of 2" polyisocyanurate roof insulation to entire roof surface. Mechanically-fasten through steel deck. 4" total – R24.
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Project B:

- Covering over existing roof with new insulation and EPDM membrane, with warranty.

Please contact Joel Yeager – 253-2684 for information.

Proof of insurance will be on file before project is started.

BID OPENING DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

Break out for project A and B, place in an envelope addressed to William Switalla, Village President, and mark it Parking Lot bid.

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There's something to be said about hanging out at home. At this point I'm not sure what that is for me, but I'm getting a kick about what people are posting on their social pages and how they are passing their time in captivity. I definitely know I'm not the kind of person who will do any deep cleaning of closets, spare bedrooms or attics. Basically, I'm of the belief that if a door is shut, I don't have a pressing need to open it.

I am not one who has a lot of nervous energy and needs to keep busy every minute of every day. I'm perfectly content to bury my head in a good book or two, or three. I'm fortunate that I have plenty on hand to choose from, and I don't think I'll be running out of books anytime soon. I went through a phase where I bought books that had deep



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thoughts to ponder, but then I never read them. Perhaps this is the time to be doing some deep soul searching, but if my past behavior is any indicator of my future behavior,

I'm going to have to think about it for a bit longer before I decide to actually read them. I'm sure they're good; I'm just not ready to have my mind explode with new thoughts.

I have a fair amount of cookbooks, but I'm keeping those on the back burner, so to speak. I don't want to start looking through those as I might get the idea that I would want to cook. That's not a bad idea,

it's just that I live alone and there's not much point in preparing food to feed an army when social distancing discourages us from sharing. It also doesn't make much sense to fix something that I'm gonna need to eat four nights in a row!

There is a possibility that I could use some of this down time to actually write a cookbook about cooking for one, but I don't think I'd be all that good at it. The main reason is that I'm not a person who measures accurately, so it would be a little hard for me to end up creating an actual recipe that someone could replicate in their own kitchen.

The great American novel may be written by someone during this pandemic time period, but I'd be surprised if it would come from me. I need someone egging me on, keeping me on task, to be the

Wilson character in the Tom Hanks movie "Castaway." But as bad luck would have it, I just threw out some old, slightly deflated basketballs. Mind you, I wasn't cleaning out a closet; they just rolled out of the hallway closet, and I got tired of dancing around them.

For now, my main plan is to muddle through this historic moment as best I can and try not to compare myself to others who are posting all their accomplishments on the internet. Life isn't a competition, and I'm just happy to share the things I find amusing in an effort to bring a little sunshine to others. I'm just going to be me and that will have to be good enough.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Official Minutes of the Board of Education February 24, 2020

Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m. by President Chuck Wendler, Pursuant to WI-STATS. 1964 (1). Superintendent Rogowski verified that this meeting was posted and published as required by law.

Roll Call of the Board:

All nine Board members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Minutes:

(Pestka - Schmidt) moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2020 regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried, with Pietz and Meredith abstain.

Delegations & Communications:

In attendance were: Bill Haas, Randy Berndt, Vicky Haas, Megan Marcks, Garrett Rogowski, Dan Johnson, John Rudeen and Joy Hartleben. Visitors included: Miriam Nelson, Jacki Berndt, Matt McGregor, Lauren Bahr, Tyler Tauges and Richard Olson Jr.

The Board received three thank you notes, two for memorials and one for a retirement gift. Student Representative: Tyler stated that TADD week went very well. The Snowball was a success with a lot of compliments from students and staff. They will be hold board elections for the 20-21 school year. End of year events are being planned.

Public Comments: None

Board Concerns and Reports: Magee attended the State Convention this year along with Gamett and Joy. Attended some interesting sessions. The Booster Bash was a success. Pietz and Wendler attended the FFA Speaking Contest.

Financial Report: (Magee - Stewart) moved to pay budgetary checks numbering 101486-101772 in the amount of \$261,707.73, payroll checks numbering 141789-141825 in the amount of \$175,119.23, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$637,266.03, ACH payments in the amount of \$554,328.11 and credit card payments in the amount of \$48,883.57 as of February 24, 2020. The motion includes all journal entries made for the month of January. Roll call vote: 9 yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Rogowski gave the cash on deposit report as: \$2,908,902.86 and money with the Government Investment Pool \$1,373.01 all as of January 31, 2020.

Approve the Agenda:

(Pestka - Schmidt) moved to approve the agenda with 2 closed session items, one student update and one staff request. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

Bill Haas, High School Principal, shared his report with the Board highlighting that the Tigerton Lumber Company donated approximately \$1000.00 worth of lumber to our Woods Program. Also Cheryl Muscha wrote a WICPA Educational Foundation Accounting Careers Awareness Grant and was awarded for her involvement in promoting accounting careers with her students. Mr. Haas attended the Principal Convention.

Randy Berndt, Birnamwood Elementary/Middle School Principal, shared his report with the Board stating he will be doing interviews for the School Counselor position in two weeks. The PB&S Tier 2 Committee set up a mentoring program. The District "Battle of the Books" was completed with 40 sixth through eighth grade students participating.

Vicky Haas, Wittenberg Elementary/Middle School Principal, shared her report with the

Board also talking about the Battle of the Books with 30 sixth through eighth grade students participating. Starting the third round of data meets and working on Educator Effectiveness. Megan Marcks, Pupil Services, shared her report stating that our Adaptive Physical Education Teachers are participating in a training with an APE teacher from Lacrosse. Our 2nd Disproportionality in-service training took place, and Officer Dan, school personnel and a parent met to bridge the communication between families and Shawano County Law Enforcement. Dan Johnson, Maintenance Supervisor stated it has been a busy time for them keeping up with the construction areas of need as well as normal activities but all is going well. John Rudeen, Aquatic Center Director, stated that the winter swim lessons are in full swing with 70 students enrolled. WASP swimmers are winding down their season with only the championship meets yet to come. Maintenance meetings continue on a monthly basis. Garrett Rogowski, Superintendent introduced Matt McGregor from Hoffman to go over the building referendum update and schedule.

Old Business: None

New Business:

(Stewart - Schmidt) moved to approve the 2020-2021 School Year calendar as presented. Motion carried.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

(Schmidt-Pestka) moved to approve the quote of \$16,878.00 from Krueger Electric for light poles along the High School driveway and an additional \$1,286.00 to mount banner posts on each. Motion carried.

(Pestka - T. Wendler) moved to approve the quote from American Asphalt of \$79,850.00 for the Wittenberg Elementary/Middle School parking lot. Motion carried.

(Magee - Pestka) moved to approve the quote from Fisher Tracks, Inc. in the amount of \$66,546.00 for the completion of the track surface. Motion carried.

(Stewart - Meredith) moved to approve the quote from Burke of \$54,088.00 for new playground equipment. Motion carried.

(Pietz - T. Wendler) moved to approve the quote from LaForce for all interior doors at the High School. Motion carried.

(Schmidt - Pestka) moved to approve the budget for instrument replacement in the amount of \$39,200. Motion carried.

Rogowski shared with the Board the STEP program (Senior Tax Exchange Program) for them to consider approving in the near future.

(Magee - Stewart) moved to approve the hire of Megan Geske as Special Education Teacher at Birnamwood, beginning March 9th. Compensation being \$44,000.00. Motion carried.

(Pestka - T. Wendler) moved to adjourn 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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