



Delinquent bills for water/sewer to go on tax roll

PSC extends moratorium so that municipalities can't cut off water before Nov.1. Wittenberg village board voted to put delinquent water and sewer bills on the tax roll.

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Team support and leadership from the sidelines

Injured WB Charger Larken Betry offers support to his football team mates from the sideline.

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Ghost girl keeps treasure hunters away from gold

An abandoned Greek revival mansion is haunted to protect its buried treasure of gold.

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THE END OF ONE ERA, THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER

The Backes Food Mart, 382 Main St., Birnamwood, was razed last week after the building contents had been salvaged. Benefactors Norm and Alice Matsche covered most of the demolition costs for the village. Chet & Emil's will purchase the lot to be used for parking. **SEE MORE ON PAGE 2**

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Old Backes Food Mart building razed

Norm and Alice Matsche donate \$65K toward project

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

It had been commanding the corner of Main and Wausau streets in downtown Birnamwood since 1885.

In the course of one day, Jack Kautza, of Kautza Excavating, had removed any semblance to the former Backes Food Mart building.

The project was helped along by benefactors Norm and Alice Matsche. According to Ed Resch, Norm's cousin, the Matsches have donated about \$1.2 million to the village of Birnamwood over the past few years to help make improvements.

Matsche and his wife have a long history of helping his hometown of Birnamwood.

Two years ago, they donated \$500,000 to refurbish the grandstand and concession area for the baseball park. It was renamed Rivertronics Stadium, a nod to the business Matsche started in 1967 in Wood River, Illinois.

The Matsches were instrumental in the construction of the Matsche Community Center in 2012.

They also funded the demolition of the vacant downtown hotel, which opened up the opportunity for Aspirus Clinic to build a new facility in June 2017.

While in Birnamwood last summer, Matsche had a conversation with Resch, and told him he would be interested in helping with the cost of tearing the building down.

Resch spoke with Intercity Bank of Wausau and they agreed to sell the former grocery store to the village for \$15,000. The Matsches donated \$65,000 to cover the cost of the building and to also help cover the costs of the asbestos inspection and removal, as well as the Oct. 7 demolition.

Over the past few weeks, the village had several people come in to salvage parts and pieces from the inside of the building so the actual tear down took Kautza about 8-10 hours. Kautza, 74, has been doing this line of work for about 50 years.

Ed Resch, Jeremy Praslowicz and April Resch, the current owners of Chet and Emil's, will be buying the property for the cost of whatever isn't covered by the Matsche donation and



Jack Kautza has been demolishing buildings for 50 years. His company, Kautza Excavating LLC, tore down the former Backes Food Mart building in downtown Birnamwood in 8-10 hours.

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will be using it as a parking lot. Chet and Emil's operates as a bar, restaurant, banquet hall and bowling alley just across the street.

"We need the extra parking space when we have our larger events," said Resch, "but if someone else wants to build a small shop there, we will sell it to them."

Like other businesses, Chet and Emil's has been working to recoup losses from the shut down in March. They had cancellations for large annual sporting banquets, and since reopening they've only had small weddings in the banquet hall.

The Matsches usually come back to

visit family and friends each summer, but because of COVID-19 they didn't make the trip this year. Matsche, 87, still goes into work every morning to answer phones for the company now run by his family.

"We're very thankful for all they've done for the village," said Resch.

Backes Food Mart had been in operation since 1976 until they closed the grocery store in 2017. During that time, they expanded the space for more groceries in 1979 and in 1983 added a smoke house area for making sausages and brats.

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Aspirus urges flu shots early in 2020-21 season

Amid the existing COVID-19 pandemic, two serious viruses will be circulating concurrently. Both COVID and influenza can lead to serious illness and even death.

Everyone six months or older should get a flu shot with rare exceptions. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends receiving a flu shot before the end of October, as it takes about two weeks after a vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and protect against the flu. People should get a flu shot before flu viruses begin spreading in their communities.

Aspirus recommends contacting a primary care provider to schedule a flu shot. Scheduled appointments allow for proper social distancing and safety precautions. Appointments may also reduce wait times.

This year, the flu season could potentially put added strain on

health care systems. COVID testing capacity is already stretched; while preventing illness, receiving a flu shot can also possibly help avoid the need for testing to rule out COVID as many COVID and flu symptoms are similar.

Each year, on average, influenza results in an estimated 226,000 hospital admissions and 36,000 deaths nationwide. Most healthy adults can infect others one day before symptoms develop and up to five to seven days after becoming sick. Flu shots are safe, and studies show that they reduce the severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick.

For information, or to find a primary care provider and receive your flu shot at an Aspirus location near you, go online to <https://www.aspirus.org/> or call the Aspirus Customer Contact Center at 800-847-4707.

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Our Drug Treatment Court is underutilized with 8 offenders in a program designed for 20.

I will reduce crime & save money by using our Drug Treatment Court.

WASTED TAX DOLLARS:

29 Criminal Cases Dismissed by the DA within 48 hours of jury trial.

I will make sure we speak with victims and witnesses before setting a case for trial.

Comparing 2019 Misdemeanor Charging Numbers

COUNTY	Population ³	2019 Arrests/Jail Bookings	2019 # of Attorneys in DA's Office ⁵	2018 State Calculation of Add'l Attorneys needed in DA Office to manage caseload	2020 # of Attorneys in DA's Office	Average # of days to charge a Misdemeanor ⁴	Median # of Days to charge a Misdemeanor	# of Misdemeanor Cases more than 1 year old at charging	% of Misdemeanors Charged within 30 days of offense	% of Misdemeanors Charged within 60 days of offense	% of Misdemeanors Charged within 90 days of offense
BARRON	45,244	1,877 ¹	3	2.9	4	20.69	2	4	82.87%	92.70%	94.66%
DOUGLAS	43,150	2,717 ²	3.5	3.73	5	13.88	3	1	90.40%	96.61%	97.55%
DUNN	45,368	2,410 ²	3	3.14	5	56.60	22	14	75.11%	86.78%	90.09%
LANGLADE	19,189	1,254 (YR 2018) ²	1.5	2.16	2.5	31.52	12	2	74.12%	87.06%	92.94%
MONROE	46,253	2,753 ²	3	4.25	4	69.58	5.5	41	76.91%	81.61%	84.75%
POLK	43,783	1,742 ²	3	2.07	4	30.52	5	3	72.46%	84.93%	92.75%
SHAWANO-MENOMINEE	45,455 ⁶	2,493 ¹	3	1.83	4	101.62	34	52	48.55%	62.48%	70.21%
WAUPACA	50,990	2,243 ²	3.5	1.98	4	29.45	11	1	75.89%	85.28%	90.36%

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- ★ Aaron grew up on his family's dairy farm in Tigerton
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¹ Jail bookings taken from 2019 Sheriff's Dept Annual Report

² Arrest data from Wisconsin Bureau of Justice Information and Analysis <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/bjia/ucr-arrest-data>

³ Census.gov Population estimates July 1, 2019

⁴ Average is calculated from date of offense to the date of filing criminal charges. Offense date and charging date taken from CCAP. Most recent offense date used

⁵ In September 2019, the state increased the number of prosecutors statewide and 56 of 71 Prosecutor's offices received additional attorneys

⁶ Population includes Menominee County (4,556) even though DA has no jurisdiction over Native Americans in Menominee County

COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court:

- Jamie L. Erbrecht, 65, of Shawano, was charged Oct. 12 with a felony count fifth-offense operating while intoxicated. She could face a maximum 10 years in prison and \$25,000 fine if convicted. Erbrecht posted a \$500 cash bond was due back in court for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 19.
- Samantha L. Salmon, 26, of Green Bay, was charged Oct. 12 with felony counts of second or subsequent possession of marijuana, possession of methamphetamine and bail jumping. She could face a maximum 3½ years and \$10,000 fine on each of the drug charges if convicted and six years and a \$10,000 fine for bail jumping. Salmon was ordered held on a \$2,500 cash bond was scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 26.
- Anthony M. S. Hamilton, 31, of Green Bay, was charged Oct. 12 with felony counts of false imprisonment and strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. He could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine on each of the felony counts if convicted. Hamilton was ordered held on a \$2,500 cash bond was scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Nov. 2.
- Jordell T. Justice, 18, of Madison, was charged Oct. 8 with a felony

count of second-offense taking and driving a vehicle without consent. He could face a maximum 12½ years in prison and \$25,000 fine if convicted. Justice was ordered held on a \$5,000 cash bond and pleaded not guilty to the charged. He is scheduled for a pre-trial conference Nov. 5.

- Derrick R. Johnsen, 22, of Shawano, was charged Oct. 8 with a felony count of strangulation and suffocation and multiple misdemeanor counts including battery and disorderly conduct. He could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Johnsen was ordered held on a \$2,500 cash bond and was scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 26.
- Miguel K. Rosas, 24, of Milwaukee, was charged Oct. 7 with a felony count of eluding an officer in a vehicle. He could face a maximum 3½ years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Rosas was ordered held on a \$3,500 cash bond was scheduled for a preliminary hearing Oct. 15.
- James N. Johnson-Long, 33, of Shawano, was charged Oct. 6 with a felony count of possession of methamphetamine. He could face a maximum 3½ years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Johnson-Long was ordered held on a \$2,500 cash bond. He has pleaded not guilty to the charge.
- Romaine O. Waupoose, 30, of

Keshena, was charged Oct. 5 with a felony county of fourth-offense operating while intoxicated. She could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Waupoose was ordered held on a \$500 cash bond. She has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled for a pre-trial conference Nov. 5

- Christopher E. Kilgore, 42, of Chicago, was charged Oct. 5 with felony counts of possession with intent to deliver amphetamine, manufacture/delivery of amphetamine and possession of methamphetamine. He could face a maximum 12½ years in prison and \$25,000 fine if convicted on each of the amphetamine counts. Kilgore was ordered held on a \$5,000 cash bond and was scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 26.
- Ashlee N. Webster, 25, of Keshena, was charged Oct. 2 with a felony count of possession of methamphetamine. She could face a maximum 3½ years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Webster is free on a \$2,500 signature bond and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Nov. 18.
- Andrew B. Warrington, 43, of Keshena, was charged Oct. 2 with a felony count of possession of methamphetamine. He could face a maximum 3½ years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Warrington was ordered held on a \$500 cash bond and is scheduled for a preliminary

hearing Oct. 28.

- Austin M. Krause, 22, of Milwaukee, was charged Oct. 1 with felony counts of eluding an officer in a vehicle and driving or operating a vehicle without consent. He could face a maximum 3½ years and \$10,000 fine on each count if convicted. Krause was ordered held on a \$3,000 cash bond and was scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Nov. 9.
- Holly J. Marquette, 36, of Cecil, was charged Oct. 1 with a felony count of child abuse/failure to prevent harm. She could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Marquette is scheduled for an initial court appearance Oct. 26.
- Darryl J. Larock, 54, of Green Bay was charged Oct. 1 with felony counts of false imprisonment and intimidation of a victim with use or attempted force. He could face a maximum 10 years in prison and \$25,000 fine if convicted of intimidation. Larock is scheduled for an initial court appearance Oct. 26.
- Dylan L. Meulemans, 20, of Seymour, was charged Sept. 30 with felony counts of burglary/committing battery on a person and strangulation and suffocation. He could face a maximum 15 years in prison and \$50,000 fine if convicted of the burglary and battery charge. Meulemans is free on a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled for a preliminary hearing Nov. 3.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 12

Deputies logged 31 incidents, including a property damage hit-and-run on Resort Toad in the Town of Washington; property theft complaints on Elm Road in the Town of Richmond and Main Street in Shawano; and Woods Road in the Town of Wescott; a fraud complaint on Cherry Road in the Town of Richmond; a disturbance on Julius Street in the Town of Angelica.

Oct. 11

Deputies logged 37 incidents, including domestic disturbances on County Road A

in the Town of Richmond and Oak Street in Bowler; a disturbance on Cedar Street in Tigerton; injury accidents on County Road G in the Town of Grant and Town Hall Road in the Town of Red Springs.

Oct. 10

Deputies logged 41 incidents, including disorderly conduct on Warrington Avenue in Cecil; a domestic disturbance on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; property theft complaints on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott, County Road C in the Town of Angelica and U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg.

Oct. 9

Deputies logged 36 incidents, including

a disturbance on County Road T in the Town of Waukechon; property theft on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a scam complaint on Mill Street in Bonduel; a drug complaint on Cecil Street in Bonduel.

Oct. 8

Deputies logged 42 incidents, including a disturbance on County Road BB in the Town of Green Valley; property theft on Mohawk Street in Wittenberg; identity theft on Labutzke Drive in the Town of Washington; a scam complaint on state Highway 160 in the Town of Angelica; a disturbance on Little Road in Gresham.

Oct. 7

Deputies logged 41 incidents, including an injury accident on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; property theft complaints on Cedar Street in Eland and Mohawk Street Wittenberg; a drug complaint on Waukechon Street in Shawano.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 12

Police logged 18 incidents, including a property theft complaint at Sharona's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; a property damage hit-and-run in the 1400 block of South

Lincoln Street; a disturbance in the 200 block of South Union Street.

Oct. 11

Police logged 16 incidents, including a domestic disturbance at the Wisconsin House, 216 E. Green Bay St.; burglary to a storage shed on Beauprey Road; a disturbance at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a drug complaint in the 100 block of Mountain Bay Trail Drive.

Oct. 10

Police logged 14 incidents, including trespassing at the Super 8 Motel, 211 Waukechon St.

Oct. 9

Police logged 21 incidents, including a disturbance in the 400 block of East Zingler Avenue; vandalism in the 500 block of South Union Street; a property damage hit-and-run in the 1200 block of East Green Bay Street.

Oct. 8

Police logged 22 incidents, including a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Prospect Circle; vandalism in the 400 block of South Union Street; property theft in the 200 block of South Franklin Street; a drug complaint in the 500 block of Prospect Circle.

TOWN OF LESSOR
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Plan Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing in the Town of Lessor, in the County of Shawano, State of Wisconsin, regarding a conditional use permit application submitted by Jeffrey S Lehdorf on parcel #028162100000 to move 8,000-12,000 yards of dirt to build a new barn, will be held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 6 P.M. Copies of the application may be viewed by appointment in the Clerk's office. Any interested person may address the Town Plan Commission by letter or appear in person or by agent and be heard at said public hearing. Notice given by Katie Sprangers, Town Clerk, town.lessor@gmail.com, 920-833-1377.

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Wisconsin judge upholds mask order for enclosed spaces

By **SCOTT BAUER**
AND **TODD RICHMOND**
The Associated Press

Editor's note: As of Oct. 12, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services reports 1,616 COVID-19 cases and seven deaths reported in Shawano County since the beginning of the pandemic; 1,548 total cases and four deaths in Oconto County and 170 cases and no deaths in Menominee County.

A Wisconsin judge on Monday allowed the state's mask mandate to stand, rejecting an attempt by the Republican-controlled Legislature and a conservative law firm to overturn it, even as cases are spiking.

The judge noted in his ruling that the Legislature could vote to overturn the order from Democratic Gov. Tony Evers if they wanted to, but they haven't so far.

The Wisconsin Institute for Law

and Liberty, which brought the case, will appeal, said the group's president Rick Esenberg. He did not say if they would attempt to skip the state appeals court by asking the conservative-controlled Wisconsin Supreme Court to take the case. Esenberg called the issue a "critical constitutional matter."

Republican legislative leaders did not immediately return messages seeking comment. The Legislature filed a brief in support of the lawsuit.

The lawsuit argued that Evers overstepped his authority by issuing multiple emergency orders to curb the coronavirus pandemic. Evers defended the mask order, saying it was within his power to impose the requirement and that he followed the recommendations of public health experts.

Evers called the ruling a victory in the fight against COVID-19.

"We will continue doing everything we can to prevent the spread of this

virus," Evers said. "We ask Wisconsinites to please stay home as much as possible, limit travel and going to public gatherings, and wear a mask whenever out and about."

St. Croix County Circuit Judge R. Michael Waterman said in his ruling that nothing prevents a governor from issuing multiple emergency declarations "when the emergency conditions continue to exist."

"And, if the Legislature is unconvinced that a state of emergency does exist, the Legislature has the ultimate power to terminate it," the judge said.

The judge also noted that overturning the mask mandate, in place since August, would "affect every person in Wisconsin by a judicial act that usurps the governor's power to declare a state of emergency and the Legislature's power to end one."

Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul, a Democrat, praised the ruling

and encouraged Republicans to "stop supporting this attack on the mask requirement and instead to work with Governor Evers to adopt statewide policies that will allow us to more effectively to fight the virus and keep Wisconsin safe."

Evers first declared a public health emergency in March and renewed it in July after the Legislature declined to extend it. The July order mandated the wearing of masks starting in August for anyone aged 5 and up in all enclosed spaces except at home. He issued another order in September that extended the mask mandate until Nov. 21. Violators are subject to a \$200 fine.

The lawsuit argues that Evers can issue only one emergency declaration per crisis. Attorney Anthony LoCoco said during a hearing last week that the multiple declarations amount to a power grab and that the mask mandate is an "invasion" of personal liberty.

OBITUARIES

Orville J. Emon

Peacefully and surrounded by his family, Orville J. Emon passed away Sept. 28, 2020, at the age of 82 in Appleton.

Orv was born in Wausau on Aug. 6, 1938, to John and Leona (Geiger) Emon. He developed a love for basketball early in life, becoming a basketball jock in high school. As a young man, Orv often enjoyed being at the local fishing hole rather than class (this proved useful in his later years). In 1956, Orv joined the Navy as a radio man. Upon returning, he met his beloved Virginia "Ginnie" Eckerle. They were married Nov. 21, 1959, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wausau.

Orv and Ginnie welcomed daughter Kim in 1960, followed by son Todd in 1961 and rounded out their family with daughter Stacy in 1967. Orv went



on to work for Wisconsin Fuel and Heating as a service technician for over 30 years. They raised their family in Kenosha before retiring to Legend Lake into "the house that ginseng built," after ginseng farming with his brother, Jim (as well as a touch of free labor via the aforementioned children).

Orv enjoyed many of the "simple things" in life — he loved Legend Lake, his hunting cabin (what happens at the hunting cabin, stays at the hunting cabin), playing daily cribbage with his wife Ginnie, the Packers (he was a proud season ticket holder), the Brewers and any and all things basketball (but preferably high school ball, please). His smile and laugh were

contagious. He kept his family laughing until the very end.

He will be greatly missed by his dear wife of 60 years, Ginnie; children, Kim (Cary) DeGrazia, Todd (Linda) Emon and Stacy (Gregg) Althoff; grandchildren Michelle (Joe), Elizabeth (Jake), Emily (Kyle), Joseph, Kyle (Kayla), Geena (James), Stephanie, Anthony and Michael; great-grandchildren Kiara, Myah, Ryleigh, Masyn, Kennedy, and his first great-grandson due in early 2021. He is also survived by his brother, James (Carol) Emon; brother-in-law DuWayne Darin; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Yvonne Darrin.

It was evident to all who knew him how greatly Orv enjoyed being a husband, father and a grandfather. He loved openly and will be fondly remembered as the grandpa who never hesitated to teach his grandkids

to fish (we told you those local fishing holes would prove useful), give them rides up and down the hillside on his lawnmower, dig an ice cave out of a snowbank for them to play in or teach them how to polka. He will forever be remembered as the very best breakfast chef in the Northwoods and the greatest (and most patient) pontoon boat driver ever.

He was truly "one in a million" — his family feels exceptionally lucky to have hit that jackpot and been blessed with the years they had with him. Save us a polka in heaven, Orv.

Funeral services for Orv were held Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020. The family has requested memorial remembrances be directed to the charity of your choice.

Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home and Crematory, William J. Althaus. 262-552-9000. www.draeger-langendorf.com

R. David Petty

R. David Petty, M.D., 85, died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, peacefully at his home.

David was born Feb. 8, 1935, in Antioch, Illinois. He attended Carroll College in Waukesha, and then the University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago. He was a member of the American Medical Association. David practiced medicine in Woodstock, Illinois, for five years and spent two years in the U.S. Army as a major.



David settled in Shawano to raise a family and practice medicine. He spent many of his 29 years working in obstetrics and gynecology. David retired in

1998 and moved with his wife Karin to Smithville, Tennessee. He loved retirement, spending time working on his hobby farm and rescuing

neglected animals. In 2018, David and Karin moved back to Wisconsin to be closer to family.

David is survived by his wife, Karin; their children, Dave, Drs. Elizabeth Petty (Karen Milner), Sarah (Martin) Deluca, Trinitie (Jeff) Wilke and Travis (Christa) Johnson; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, William and Lillie (Murphy) Petty; and two brothers, Frank and William.

At David's request, there will be no visitation or service. His family will have a celebration of life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Carroll College, your local hospice or public library.

Bruce A. Lamers

Bruce A. Lamers, 57, of Shawano, passed away on Friday, Oct. 9, 2020.

Valley Funeral Home of Appleton is serving the family.

OBITUARIES

Irene Violetta Waubanasum, 77, of Keshena, died peacefully in her home Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020, surrounded by her family.

Irene was born Nov. 13, 1942, in Keshena and was the youngest child of Madeline "Patches" (Westcott) and Thomas "Buster" Whitney. Irene, her brother Thomas (deceased) and sister Dolores (deceased) spent their childhood in South Branch, and she graduated from St. Joseph Catholic High School.

Irene married Richard Groll (deceased) in 1962, and together they had four children. During this time, Irene attended hair and cosmetology school, sold Avon and attended secretarial school. The family lived in Manitowoc until she and Richard divorced in 1971. Irene moved to Milwaukee and eventually married John Koski (deceased) and they had one child together. After she and John divorced, Irene moved back to Keshena in 1984 where she met and married Bernard "Benno" Waubanasum, who tragically preceded her in death in 1991.

In 1979, Irene enrolled in MATC Nursing School, completed her degree and began a very satisfying and rewarding nursing career. Her early work was director of nursing for a nursing home and then labor and

Gloria Ann (Madison) Hoefs, 76, of Shawano, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, after a short battle with brain cancer. Gloria was born on Jan. 18, 1944, in Green Bay to the late Marvin and Violet (Wetzel) Madison. She was the youngest of two children. She was educated in the Pulcifer and Gillett school systems and was a graduate from the class of 1962. Gloria was married and blessed with three beautiful children. She worked hard to provide for her family and moved to Shawano to raise them.

Gloria was a dedicated employee as a lab technician for 20-plus years for Vlasic Foods until starting a job with KI. After retiring, she worked part time at the Shawano Leader.

Roger E. Rosenow, 82, of Gresham, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Roger was born on July 9, 1938, in Shawano, a son of the late Rueben and Esther (Schoenike) Rosenow. He earned his diploma from Shawano High School. On Aug. 24, 1957, Roger was united in marriage to Joan Bowman at Peace United Church of



Eagle's Nest located at the time on Highway 47-55 where they worked side by side serving breakfast and lunch.

Truly, her life's work was her devotion and service as a community health nurse to Menominee Nation tribal members from 1988 until her retirement in 2010. She loved the variety, the constant learning, the tremendous responsibility and getting out into the community. She is fondly remembered, respected and appreciated by many as a deeply compassionate, competent, caring nurse.

Irene's greatest legacy is her role as mother and grandmother. Raising five children virtually on her own, Irene was a strict, no-nonsense mother. Her deepest sense of accomplishment was seeing her children grow into productive, happy, family-oriented adults. Irene found tremendous joy in being a "gramma" and great-gramma, rarely

delivery nurse in Milwaukee and Shawano. For a brief time, while she was waiting for an opening at Menominee Tribal Clinic, Irene and Benno leased the restaurant The

missing a birthday, graduation or special event.

Irene enjoyed traveling, preferring road trips back and forth to Milwaukee, and to places like Las Vegas and New Mexico. She made exceptions to fears of flying and ventured to Colorado, Hawaii, New Orleans and Washington, D.C. Irene was quick witted and had a great sense of humor. She loved family gatherings, dancing and softball games, and she was an avid Brewers and Packers fan. She had a knack for trivia games, enjoyed playing cards and listening to music.

Irene was an expert seamstress, and she had a passion for reading. Her favorite series was Clan of the Cave Bear, finishing all six books. She also enjoyed non-fiction reading to include biographies, Native American history and studying the complexities of religion and spirituality.

While Irene's final years were spent under a shadow of illness, which resulted in her needing specialized memory care, she never lost her desire to participate in trivia games, watch her favorite television game shows, play Bingo and enjoying getting her hair and nails done. Recently losing her ability to speak, she still enjoyed being around family listening to stories, smiling big when

she heard something funny or gesturing to all if someone got the story wrong.

Irene is survived by her children, Patti (Tony) Hildebrand, Tony (Carrie) Groll, Amy (Phil) Domagalski and Jacqui (Rollan Jr. "Corky") Caldwell; 12 grandchildren, Alyson (Matt), Alyvia, Annalise, Rachel, Brittney (Daniel), Zach, Jesse (Katie), Harlan, Whitney, Rollan III, Aaron and Carlos; and 12 great-grandchildren, Holden, Dakota, Danika, Liam, Carson, Ophelia, Savannah, Serenity, Alicia, Rollan IV, Braidon and Kai.

Irene was preceded in death by her youngest daughter, Kari Fernandez; and granddaughter Sarah Wahsqon-aikeshik.

A celebration of life will be held Oct. 24, 2020, at Swedberg Funeral Home, 518 W. Fifth St., Shawano, at 1 p.m., with visitation preceding at 11:30 a.m. If you are uncomfortable attending, please direct cards and well wishes to the family in care of Swedberg Funeral Home, 518 W. Fifth St., Shawano, WI 54166.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Irene Waubanasum at <http://act.alz.org/goto/inmemoryofirene>.

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health prevented her services.

Gloria loved her faith, spending time with her family, gardening, mowing her lawn, and decorating her yard with many handmade cutouts for all seasons. She was known for her famous potato salad and pear applesauce, her love of dark chocolate, and huge collection of frogs. At noon on weekdays, you could always

Gloria Ann (Madison) Hoefs

Gloria was a member of the St. James Lutheran Church and loved attending services. She was the treasurer of the TOPS group that she met with weekly until her

find Gloria in her chair watching her soap opera, "Days of Our Lives." On the weekends, she enjoyed attending events that her grandchildren were involved in as well as catching up with her sister on the phone gossiping about the week events she encountered.

Gloria was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend. She leaves to cherish her beautiful soul, her children, Lou (Deb) Hoefs, Linda (Kyle) Gawlick, and Bill (Simone) Hoefs; grandchildren, Courtney Amundson, Casey (Gobby) Hoefs, Nicole Hoefs, Will Hoefs, and Alyssa Alcorta; her sister, Ramona (Donald) Genke. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends.

Roger E. Rosenow

Christ in Clintonville. He worked at Noritage Inc. in Embarrass, retiring after 30 years as a production manager. Roger enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his three sons, Randy, Rick and Russ Rosenow; three grandchildren, Sheldon (Amy) Rosenow, Risk (Olivia) Rosenow and Crystal (Lester) Moesch; nine great-grandchildren,

Parker, Mallory, Roselynn, Revel, Rouge, Roman and Jayden Santiago, and Chance and Gary Moesch; his sister-in-law, Bonnie Mass; his brother-in-law, Peter Bowman; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan, and his brother-in-law, Sydney Maas.

Per Roger's wishes, there will be no formal services held, but please

Funeral services for Gloria will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano, Wisconsin. Burial will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Gloria's name for the St. James children's reading fund.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the care team at Theda Clark Medical Center in Neenah, ThedaCare of Appleton, the Appleton Cancer Center, and the many registered nurses and CNAs from Compassus who cared for her.

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take a moment to remember him.

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



Marion J. Beyer

Marion J. Beyer, 92, of Shawano, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020.

Marion was born May 1, 1928, in Dale, a daughter of the late George and Lillian (Camfield) Lapp. She often told people she came over on the Mayflower. She attended and graduated from Washington High School in New London with the Class of 1946. On Sept. 24, 1955, Marion was united in marriage to Wallace L. Beyer in Dale.

Marion is a current member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Shawano. Previously, she had been a member of St. James Lutheran Church and the Ladies Aid. She worked at Helwig Carbon Products and Birch Hill Nursing Home.

Marion was a life member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, where she served as the president and secretary and held other offices. She belonged to AARP Chapter 186 and the Red Hats



bingo at the Shawano Senior Center and listening to the Gary Kuchenbecker radio program.

Survivors include her children, Darlene (David) Rogers, of New Mexico, and their children Samuel (Sarah) Rogers and Daniel (special friend Stacey) Rogers; Duane (Rose) Beyer, of Shawano, and their children, Jennifer (Mark) Podevels and Jared (Jenni) Beyer; Dawn (Gary) DeYoung, of Shawano, and their children, Michael (Stacey) Homan, Melissa (special friend, Jeremiah) Homan, and Mat-

thew (special friend, Katlynn) Homan; and Karen (Richard) Bohl of Bloomer, and their children, Deanna (John) Caterer and Dawn (Aaron) Wright; 10 great-grandchildren, Colton and Emma Podevels, Weston, Alice and Aubrey Beyer, Kasen and Everly Homan, Katlyn and Amber Caterer, and Noah Burton (Wright); several children who called her "Grandma Marion" whom she babysat or served hot lunch to; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace, on Dec. 31, 1995; her brothers and sisters; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

A funeral service for Marion will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Mickelson Funeral Service in Shawano. Pastor Steve Conradt will officiate. Interment will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. at the funeral home and continue until the time of service. In

lieu of flowers and plants, the family prefers memorials in Marion's name to the St. James radio broadcast or Heartland Hospice of DePere.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the family requests masks be worn while in attendance, and social distancing be followed for safety precautions. If you would like to remember Marion, please say a prayer or play a game of solitaire in her memory.

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 staff at Kindred Hearts, Heartland Hospice and the City Cab.



Richard J. Durica Sr.

Richard J. Durica Sr., 89, of Shawano, formerly of Sussex, passed away peacefully Saturday morning, Oct. 10, 2020, at his home in Shawano.

Richard was born May 12, 1931, in Youngstown, Ohio, a son of the late John J. and Margaret (Liptak) Durica. He attended and graduated from Youngstown East High School in 1950. Following high school, Richard worked on the railroad in Youngstown.

On June 12, 1952, Richard was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served for two years in Korea as the yardmaster in the Transport Division. He was honorably discharged on June 1, 1954, having achieved the rank of corporal. Upon returning from the service, Richard worked various jobs until becoming



a bus driver for the Milwaukee County Transit System.

On June 30, 1956, Richard was united in marriage to the former Eleanor Haas at St. Pat-

rick's Catholic Church in Eau Claire. Following their marriage, the couple lived in Sussex for over 44 years. Richard retired from the Milwaukee County Transit System in 2003 after 29 years of service. Wanting to stay active following his retirement, Richard drove a school bus for nearly seven years.

He is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano, and he was a very active member of St. James Catholic Church in Menominee Falls, where he sang in the choir.

While living in Sussex, he was a member of the American Legion. Richard enjoyed deer hunting with his family, camping and traveling.

Survivors include his loving wife of 64 years, Eleanor, of Shawano; his children, Barbara (Gary) Cumberland, of Shawano, Richard J. (Julia) Durica II, of Lannon, David A. (Pauline) Durica, of Emory, Texas, and Michael S. (Lisa) Durica, of North Port, Florida; 10 grandchildren, Matthew (Jessica) Cumberland, Andrew (Jennifer) Cumberland, Nathaniel Cumberland, Thomas Cumberland, Rebecca (Nicholas) Remsha, Joseph Durica, Sarah Durica, Bryce Durica, Brianna Durica and Alexander Durica; and two great-grandchildren, Ellie and Rylea Cumberland.

Richard was preceded in death by his sister, Marsha Durica.

A funeral Mass for Richard will be

celebrated Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano. The Rev. Scott Valentyn will be the celebrant. Interment will be in Lake Drive Cemetery, Town of Wescott. Full military honors will be conducted by Shawano AmVets Post 10 at the cemetery. Visitation will begin at the church at 10 a.m. and continue until the time of Mass.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the family requests masks be worn while in attendance and social distancing be followed.

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



Paul A. Heger Jr.

Paul A. Heger Jr., 90, of Shawano, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Waupaca.

Paul Alfred Heger was born Nov. 2, 1929, in the Town of Fairbanks, Shawano County, to Paul and Ruby (Frailing) Heger Sr. He graduated from Tigerton High School in 1943. Paul was united in marriage on June 20, 1953, to Lorraine A. Bucher at Peace Lutheran Church in Split Rock. In his early years, Paul worked on the family farm in Tigerton. Then he was employed as an electrician for 30 years, wiring trucks at FWD Corporation in Clintonville. The couple



lived most of their lives in Split Rock and settled in Shawano in 1995. Paul's wife preceded him in death on Nov. 9, 2015.

Paul was a life-long member of Peace Lutheran Church, Split Rock. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on cars and playing horseshoes and cards. Paul especially loved spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include four children, Marjorie (friend William

Baraniak) Dankmeyer, of Appleton, Karen (Greg) Wiley, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, David (Kathy) Heger, of Neenah, and Gary (Tammy) Heger, of Manawa. There are nine grandchildren, Lori (friend Brad Stevens) Kleman, Scott (Cyndi Polakowski) Dankmeyer, Christopher (Leslie) Wiley, James (Heather) Wiley, Paula Wiley, Amy (Michael) Berguis, Layla (friend Dakota Zanin) Heger, Nicole Heger and April Heger.

There are 13 great-grandchildren: Emily (fiancé Brandon), Megan, Matthew, Noah, Nathan, Natalie, Nicole, Nolan, Austin, Jenna, Brianna, Isabelle and Brielle. He is further

survived by one sister, Jean (Carlton) Benz, of Shawano, and many other relatives and friends.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lorraine; two sisters, Alice and Marion; a grandson, Niles Wiley; and son-in-law, Lee Dankmeyer.

Graveside service will be held Friday, Oct. 16, at 11 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Cemetery, Split Rock, with the Rev. Craig Nehring officiating.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home, Tigerton, is assisting the family. Please go to www.beil-didier.com to sign the online guestbook or to leave condolences to the family.

Wittenberg votes to put unpaid bills on tax roll

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

Tax roll notices were sent out to delinquent water and sewer customers last week after the Village of Wittenberg board voted Oct. 6 to add the delinquent bills to the tax roll rather than send out disconnection notices. The Public Service Commission, which regulates water and sewer, extended the moratorium that municipalities are not allowed to shut

off water until Nov. 1, so the board decided to add the unpaid bills to the tax roll. According to the notice, all delinquent water and sewer bills that remain unpaid by Nov. 12 will be levied as special assessments. The unpaid debt can then be also filed as a lien against the tenants' personal assets and will show up on Consolidated Court Automation Programs. Any payment not received by Oct. 29 will be subject to a 10% penalty

fee. The village offers a monthly payment plan to help make the quarterly payments easier for residents. However, according to Village Clerk Traci Matsche, only a handful of the many residents who signed up for the payment plan have actually made payments. She noted that some residents haven't paid a water and sewer bill since March. The village needs to collect as much of the billing as possible to be

able to pay for the cost of operating the Water and Sewer Department. Any amount that goes on the tax roll won't be paid to the village until the taxes are paid, Matsche said. If the taxes don't get paid, the village also loses the water and sewer bill attached to it. Matsche noted that it can take three to four years of unpaid taxes before Shawano County gets involved.

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Aspirus Health Plan, a Wisconsin provider serving 18 counties, is offering Medicare Advantage coverage for seniors in central Wisconsin. The Medicare Advantage plans provide access to Aspirus doctors, specialists and advanced practitioners. The plans offer an extra level of coordination between the health plan and the patient's Aspirus care team, all while offering additional

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"At Aspirus Health Plan, we believe in going well beyond the basics, with Medicare Advantage coverage that provides access to a quality network and benefits, such as \$0 primary care visits, preferred pharmacy co-pays and over-the-counter benefits," said Brett Davis,

president of Aspirus Health Plan. Those eligible can now explore their 2021 Medicare plan options and are able to enroll in a new plan through Dec. 7. To learn about Medicare Advantage plans from Aspirus Health Plan, visit aspirushealthplan.com/medicare. For a complete list of available plans, consult www.medicare.gov.

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SPORTS

ATHLETE PROFILE: LARKEN BETRY

Witt-Birn senior trying to leave mark despite injury

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School senior Larken Betry was hoping to help the football team to a strong season with his play on the field. After a knee injury, however, Betry will instead try to provide moral support from the sidelines.

During the team's 14-6 victory over Shiocton on Oct. 2, Betry tore his ACL, MCL, LCL and meniscus.

Betry served as a tailback on offense for the Chargers, while playing strong safety on defense.

Q: When did your interest in football begin?

A: I always had an interest in football. But my interest to play started in seventh grade when I first started to play and immediately enjoyed it.

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

A: My favorite part of football season is every Friday night when the lights come on. And the energy in the locker room before the game when everyone's ready to go and play.

Q: What has the game of football taught you over the years?

A: Over the years football has taught me how to have a short-term memory, forget about your mistakes and move on. Because in football, if you get caught up on the last play, you are not going to be ready for the next one.

Q: As a senior, how do you try and lead the team, yet also enjoy your final season?

A: As a senior, I try to lead my team any way I can. With being out for the season with an injury, I try to almost be another coach and help my team any way possible.

Q: A couple games into the season now, what can the team improve upon, and what does it



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Larken Betry hoped to help the football team to wins on the field, but he will provide support and help to his teammates from the sidelines instead after suffering an injury.

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need to keep doing well?

A: As a team the biggest thing for us is playing together and playing hard, along with just staying fo-

cused throughout each week. If we do that, we can have a good season.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Larken Betry

SPORT: Football

POSITIONS: Tailback, strong safety

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

YEAR: Senior

Wittenberg-Birnamwood football team?

A: My favorite memory of playing football would have to be my junior year when we made it to the playoffs. It was a great feeling to see all the work we put in throughout the year pay off.

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

A: One thing I'm definitely going to miss is everyone joking around and laughing before practice with each other and the coaches about past games or old stories.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Friends." Movie — "Tommy Boy." Musical artist — Trippie Redd.

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

A: One thing that not many people know about me is that I enjoy getting up early in the morning to either workout or do homework.

Q: What's the greatest piece of advice you have ever been told?

A: The best advice I've been told is, work hard when nobody is watching. This is something I try to use every day, especially in sports. Trying to be the first one in and last one out.

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

A: After high school, I plan to attend a four-year university and get a degree in business.

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Shawano boys 2nd at Bay Championship

Girls team 3rd behind Chelberg

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School cross-country teams competed in a unique Bay Conference Championship on Saturday in Seymour.

With only three conference teams in action, the Shawano boys placed second and the girls third.

Due to coronavirus concerns, Bay Conference meets this fall typically only featured two teams running against each other. On rare occasions, there would be three teams squaring off.

The conference meet was supposed to be the first meet where the entire conference participated at the same time, but with a number of schools going virtual over the past few weeks, only Shawano, Seymour and Xavier competed on Saturday.

It was a disappointing culminating event for the conference, but Shawano coach Steve Stomberg said he was just happy that the Hawks could participate.

"What really fired me up (to run despite it not being a full Bay Conference event) was running against some teams we already did and trying to compete better with them," said Shawano runner Ethan



Shawano's Aidan Preston navigates the course during Saturday's Bay Conference Championship in Seymour.

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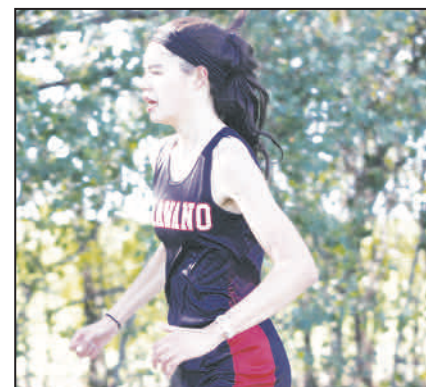
Onesti. "So I had that in the back of my mind."

Onesti was the top finisher for the Shawano boys team, placing second with a time of 18 minutes, 2.1 seconds.

Aidan Preston (18:25.8), Alec White (18:43.1) and Andon Chelberg

(18:48.7) also finished in the top 10, taking seventh, ninth and 10th, respectively. Will Chelberg (19:13) capped the team score by placing 11th.

Grace Chelberg and Lily Guenther each turned in top-10 finishes for the Shawano girls team. Chel-



Shawano's Lily Guenther competes during Saturday's Bay Conference Championship in Seymour.

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berg was third in 21:44.6 and Guenther took seventh in 22:25.5.

Timea Kovacs (25:45.4), Onna Hermann (26:37.1) and Jenna Arens (26:41.8) rounded out the team score, taking 15th, 16th and 18th, respectively.

"I'm very proud on how the girls on my team placed and they all ran hard," said Chelberg. "We all love pushing each other in each race!"

With the conference season now in the rear view mirror, Shawano will ready itself for postseason action. The Hawks are scheduled to next run in a Division 1 Neenah Subsectional on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Boys team scores: 1. Seymour 19; 2. Shawano 39; 3. Xavier 70.

Girls team scores: 1. Xavier 26; 2. Seymour 48; 3. Shawano 59.

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Bonduel girls 2nd, boys 5th at Don Chase Relays

Witt-Birn boys claim 3rd

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Bonduel High School girls cross-country team posted a score of 35 to place second at the Don Chase Relays on Oct. 8 in Weyauwega.

Kara Troxel led Bonduel with a third-place finish in 21 minutes, 29 seconds.

Ashlyn Kurey (22:22) and Kalleigh Schroeder (22:53) placed sixth and 10th, respectively. Kendra Troxel (23:11) took 12th and Breanna Schnell

(24:09) 15th to round out the team score.

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood boys claimed third place with a score of 82. Tommy Bruski was the team's top finisher, claiming third in 18:04. Simon Schairer finished sixth in 18:46.

Nash Wojnowiak (19:18), Ian Resch (20:36) and Ian Salveson (20:37) capped the team score, placing 16th, 28th and 29th, respectively.

The Witt-Birn girls took fourth, led by Ruby Nowinsky, who took 17th in 24:58.

Annika Resch (25:56) placed 20th and Lauren Dombeck (28:17) was

27th. Ava Wepner (29:39) claimed 31st, while Amelia Bessert (31:02) was 35th.

The Bonduel boys took fifth as a team with a score of 116. Jack Johnson led the Bears with a 11th-place finish in 18:56, while Cooper Uelmen was 14th in 18:59.

Ayden Dunst (20:04), Ben O'Brien (21:12) and Alex Jasch (21:32) rounded out the team score, placing 22nd, 35th and 36th, respectively.

Marion also competed, but didn't qualify for any team scores.

Jaden Stuhr (20:41) was the top Marion boys finisher, taking 31st. Jesse Trebus (23:36), Jackson Krohn

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Full results can be found at <https://www.performancetiming.com/category/results/>.

(23:53) and Jack VanKooy (28:49) took 44th, 46th and 52nd, respectively.

Kelsey Zillmer (29:40), Haiyle Larson (32:35) and Claire Brei (35:05) ran for the Marion girls, finishing 32nd, 37th and 38th, respectively.

Girls team scores: 1. Amherst 22; 2. Bonduel 35; 3. Iola-Scandinavia 95; 4. Wittenberg-Birnamwood 96.

Boys team scores: 1. Pacelli 26; 2. Iola-Scandinavia 76; 3. Wittenberg-Birnamwood 82; 4. Weyauwega-Fremont 104; 5. Bonduel 116; 6. Amherst 130; 7. Manawa 162.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

VOLLEYBALL

Witt-Birn 3 Bonduel 0

Wittenberg-Birnamwood earned its 10th win of the fall after sweeping Bonduel by scores of 25-18, 25-17, 25-19 on Oct. 8 in Wittenberg. The match was considered nonconference despite featuring two Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division teams.

Reese Rogowski finished with 15 digs, eight attack kills and three aces for Witt-Birn. London Metropulos tallied 11 total kills, while Emma Herb had eight attack kills.

McKenna Foster led the Chargers with 24 digs. Payton Foster assisted on 13 kills, with Lilly Betry recording 12 assists.

Witt-Birn 3 Amherst 2

Witt-Birn claimed a back-and-forth CWC-East Division battle against Amherst on Oct. 6 in Wittenberg. The Chargers won by scores of 25-22, 20-25, 25-14, 16-25, 21-19.

Reese Rogowski tallied 18 total kills for Witt-Birn, while Emma Herb had 15 attack kills. London Metropulos had three block kills.

Payton Foster recorded 17 assists



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Payton Foster sets the ball during a match against Bonduel on Oct. 8 in Wittenberg.

TINA BACON

and served six aces for the Chargers. Lilly Betry led the team with 23 assists, while McKenna Foster had a team-leading 26 digs.

GIRLS SWIM

Witt-Birn 88 Shawano 78

Witt-Birn won eight of 11 varsity events to edge Shawano in a Bay Conference dual on Oct. 8 in Wittenberg.

The Chargers 400-yard freestyle relay team of Alexa Chaney, Jalynn Horacek, Jessica Storlie and McKenna Metropulos placed first in 4 minutes, 30.72 seconds. Storlie, Chaney, Olyvia Stark, and Annika Resch teamed up for a top finish in



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's McKenna Foster serves the ball during a match against Bonduel on Oct. 8 in Wittenberg.

TINA BACON

the 200 freestyle relay (1:54.5), while Stark, Resch, Metropulos and Emma Herb formed the top-finishing 200 medley relay (2:06.4).

Individually, Metropulos won the

200 IM (2:20.61) and 100 butterfly (1:03.02), while Resch claimed the 100 freestyle (59.3) and 100 backstroke (1:10.08). Stark took first in the 200 freestyle (2:19.76).

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Lakeshore Lanes — Tuesday Afternoon Ladies

Team	W	L
Lisa's Floral	18 1/2	9 1/2
Mike's Plumbing	16	12
Lake Drive Solutions	15	13
Tim's Harvest Queens	14	14
Lakeshore Lanes	14	14
Mike's Girls	12	16
Spinning Wheel	12	16

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High individual games: Connie Rusch 227, Gayle Springborn 213, Terri Robley 184, Connie Babino 181, Helen Heimerl 178, Marsha Johnson 175.

High individual series: Connie Rusch 569, Terri Robley 503, Helen Heimerl 482

Lakeshore Lanes — Guys and Dolls

Team	W	L
9 Pin Tappers	23	12
A Team	23	12

Good Times	20	15
Happy Old Farts	20	15
Slingers	19 1/2	15 1/2
4 Masked Bowlers	18 1/2	16 1/2
SSI's	16	19
The Aces	16	19
Hilly's Helpers	13	22

High individual game (women): Patricia Nathan 214, Hilda Schultz 188, Ronda Nolan 175, Patricia Nathan 173, Patricia Nathan 171.

High individual game (men): Charles Poling 230, Tim DeCoster 227, John Campbell 222, Jim Schwaller 221, John Campbell 213, Tim DeCoster 210, John Campbell 209.

High individual series (women): Patricia Nathan 558.

High individual series (men): John Campbell 644, Tim DeCoster 609.

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OPINION

It's time to pass the torch of women's rights

Calling all women voters: This election is crucial to your rights as women.

Women have been fighting to have equal rights for over a century. The women's rights movement began in Seneca, New York, in 1848. At this very first woman's rights convention in the United States, women discussed their social, civil and religious condition and lack of rights for women. This event triggered the fight for women's suffrage and the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

Up until this time, women's voices remained unheard of in a world where men's voices dominated. The leaders of the Seneca Falls Convention vowed to work toward a society where women's voices would resound loudly and their rights would be equal to men's.

It took women 70 years of conventions, protest marches, arrests and hunger strikes to finally convince the men in power that women should be able to express their opinions on who should be elected to government positions. Today, women continue that struggle to be equal and have their voices heard in issues including family, the workplace, immigration, reproductive rights and gender equality.

Nothing affects women and their families more than access to affordable health care coverage. The cost of some life-saving prescription medications is ridiculously high. Living with a preexisting condition can quickly send a family into bankruptcy. Nevertheless, President



JAN KOCH

Women have also been fighting to have equality in the workplace. It took until 1993 with the Family and Medical Leave Act for employees to be able to take job-protected and unpaid leave from their jobs for qualified medical and family reasons. Beginning this month, government employees can get 12 weeks of paid time for the birth, adoption or foster of a new child.

Although these events are steps forward for working women, they are woefully inadequate especially in the era of COVID-19. Other countries around the world offer much more help to women and their families.

The New Zealand government offers paid parental leave when you stop working to look after a child under 6. You can receive at least the equivalent of 10 hours per week at minimum wage.

Canada allows 52 weeks of parental leave at 55% salary per week for the year. Norway gives you 49 weeks of parental leave with 100% salary. In Germany, you can get one year of paid leave at 67% salary. By contrast, the United States, with zero paid leave days, has a long way

Donald Trump and the Republicans are moving ahead with trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act that more than 1 million Wisconsinites use to get health insurance.

to go.

Discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex continues to exist decades after the enactment of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Despite the enactment of the Equal Pay Act of 1963, many women continue to earn significantly lower pay than men for equal work. These pay disparities exist in both the private and governmental sectors. Pay disparities are especially severe for women and girls of color.

Because this act has not worked as Congress originally intended, improvements and modifications to the law are necessary. In 2020, women are paid 81 cents for every dollar made by men for comparable work. The gap is wider when examining pay data for black and Hispanic women, according to the research firm PayScale.

New to the gender pay gap report for 2020 is analysis on the impact of lost wages on lifetime earnings. Among the top 20 jobs with the highest gender pay gap ranged from 83 cents (anesthesiologists) to 90 cents (sales representatives) showing that the gender pay gap is very real and larger for women in certain occupations.

Lilly Ledbetter worked for Good-year and was denied a settlement for backpay when she found out she was being paid less than her male counterparts for the same job. Because of President Barack Obama's signing of the Lilly Ledbetter Act, employees now have the right to

file suit 180 days after the last pay violation if they prove that they have been receiving less pay.

Women are less likely to negotiate pay and more likely to be penalized when they try. They are also often pushed out of the highest-paying professions in the country, which reward workers who put in long hours — schedules that disproportionately hurt working mothers. About a third of the pay gap, however, is the result of discrimination against women. In March 2019, the House of Representatives passed the Paycheck Fairness Act in a bipartisan vote. The Republican-controlled Senate has refused to even discuss this bill.

In her time on the court, the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was fierce in her support for gender equality, access to abortion, rights for immigrants and so much more. Women need to thank her for the right to sign a mortgage without a man, the right to have a bank account and a credit card without a male co-signer and the right to be pregnant or have kids and still be able to work.

Ginsburg was a great leader. She always acknowledged the groundbreakers before her and stayed laser-focused on the future women who would follow her. Today, we are that future.

Let her memory be a revolution. Let's vote to continue her fight.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Damrau gets new resident's vote for DA

To the editor:

I am new to Shawano County, and this will be my first time voting here. However, regardless of where I have lived, I take the right to vote as a privilege and one that should be taken seriously with time put into collecting information to make an informed decision.

Although I know neither district attorney candidate from other than the information in ads and listening

to the forum, my choice was easily Aaron Damrau.

However, wanting to make sure I was not missing anything, I called the DA's office this morning (Oct. 12) with some simple questions to give Greg Parker the benefit of the doubt and the chance to clarify some things for me.

These "stumpers" I asked were, for example, wondering if the two-thirds of defendants in the Shawano County judicial system who are Native American were representative of the population of these counties, or if they were being singled out (I

was just trying to get facts to make a decision). They didn't know what percentage of the population was Native American Indian.

Ditto asking for information on the drug court. I have no idea how it works, and if it has been beneficial for the community. Again, they didn't know. I was referred to social services or the internet.

I did my due diligence; Damrau will get my vote. Sometimes being younger is not a disadvantage, but advantage. He appears able to provide insight into issues that people my age (middle age) do not have

the same grasp of.

He has hands-on experience in the DA's office, and I agree with him that over 50 misdemeanor cases being filed over a year after the incident is a disgrace.

Parker states it was because felony cases take priority. If so, why were eight felony cases dismissed because even that paperwork was not filed on time?

Years of experience does not mean years of success. This DA's office needs an overhaul. Vote Damrau.

Kristina Nikolai, Shawano

Confessions from a disorganized mind

I'm guessing there was something I missed either in school or just traveling through life in general about learning how to break down a large project into manageable steps. It's the difference between being organized or disorganized.

Some people have an easy time with this. They've learned to look at a large project and break it down into small steps that are easily accomplished, ultimately reaching the desired goal. Fascinating concept — but so out of my wheelhouse.

I'm trying to narrow the time period to when I should have learned this skill and I've narrowed it down to the fourth grade.

My aunt taught fourth grade throughout most of her teaching career. I remember chatting with her when I was in college about some of her experiences. She spoke lovingly of one student who couldn't seem master the task of putting things away when he was finished.

Rather than putting away his books from one class he merely added the next book for the next subject on top of whatever he had been working on. Apparently having everything visible supported his sense of purpose, but ultimately it



MIRIAM NELSON

showed he didn't have the ability to compartmentalize the day. When all his books were out, his day was at the end.

My aunt had to assign other students the task of helping him put everything away at the end of the day so he could begin his next day with a fresh start.

I only have to look at my dining room table to see that I never learned the concept of finishing one thing before starting another either. My table holds for me the beginnings of many many projects, mostly involving filing or shredding, which have no hard deadline. Where others see chaos, I see important things that need my attention — some day — just not today.

I've picked the fourth grade because, in addition to the story my aunt told me, I also know that the fourth grade was a big turning point for me.

We had a new to the school teacher and for some reason that

inspired me to come out of my shell. No one I know today believes I was ever a shy child, but I can assure you that I was.

I also had speech therapy once a week during math class which I conveniently blame for my inability to add or subtract. Numbers are still a mystery for me and interruptions to my schedule just means I'll get back to something at a later time. Thank goodness words fall within my comfort zone so I can share these revelations.

Being a visually oriented person I need to see things out and about or I forget they exist. My computer desk top has always been what others would classify as a mess, but to me it's like being surrounded by friends who are just a glance away.

I tried to make files to put all my precious treasures in but I seem to do that sparingly and almost never go back to the original train of thought. This means I have several files holding pictures, but none of them are in places where they would be easy to return to should I need them.

One day I was looking for a certain group of pictures and was having a devil of a time trying to locate

the correct file. They weren't under "Pictures" and they weren't under "Miriam" and they weren't under "Miscellaneous." I could go on forever listing the files they weren't in but that would just show how creatively my mind works when categorizing a simple subject like pictures.

I never did find the pictures I was looking for until about a year later in a file labeled "Keep" in a file marked as "Minutes" in an organization I no longer belong to. I'm so grateful that my curiosity lead me to open the file. Had I just deleted it because I thought it was no longer important I would have never found the pictures.

For those who might care to know, I did put the "Keep" file into the "Picture" file and actually deleted the file of the info I no longer needed. Baby steps to be sure, but a great feeling of pride for actually finishing a task came over me.

The question remains, should I rejoice that the lost was found or am I in serious need of an assistant to organize my desk top, my table, my life in general.

Miriam Nelson is the news editor of the Wittenberg Enterprise and Birnamwood News. Readers can contact her at mnelson@newmedia-wi.com.

Boo to you



The stage is set at Jenni Roth's house for Halloween at 715 Webb St., Wittenberg. A drive through the village will find you many displays of Halloween fun. Next to Christmas, Halloween is the most decorated holiday of the year in the community.



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Hidden gold is protected by 'ghost' in an abandoned old mansion

I've always loved the beauty of old houses. So when I saw Eva Pohler's "Secrets of the Greek Revival," I wanted to read it.

Ellen, Sue and Tanya have always been best friends. Now, empty-nester



JAN JONES

Sue resents her mother's meddling, Tanya's mother has dementia and Ellen's mother has long had depression.

They decide they need a project. With the help of Ellen's real estate agent husband, they purchase one of San Antonio's old Greek revival relics. The outside was in poor condition, but it was sound inside. While inspecting the property, they see a ghostly white apparition. When they learn that six previous buyers bailed because of the "ghost girl," they are more intrigued than frightened.

They hold a seance to try and communicate with the ghost. To their surprise, she appears but flees when their neighbor, Bud, arrives. They explain that they really want to know the history of the place before they decide how they want to restore it. Bud suggests they talk to his wife, Millie.

Millie and her mother have lived next door all their lives. What she tells them spurs them to internet searches, and they discover that the house had been built by Theodore and Alma Gold. They lived there with Alma's sister, Inger. It was named the Gold

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "Secrets of the Greek Revival"

AUTHOR: Eva Pohler

PUBLISHER: Green Press

PUBLISHED: Dec. 12, 2015

PAGES: 331

House because it was rumored that Theodore buried gold on the property in case they fell on hard times.

Over the years many tried to find the gold, but none ever succeeded.

The house passed to Marcia Gold, who gave it to Dr. Jonathon Piers in exchange for long-term care. He turned it into a mental hospital, and she was a patient.

Millie had shared what she knew about the horrific ways that patients were "treated" and the scandal where Dr. Piers killed himself to avoid prosecution. His son, Johnny, then continued the evil treatments. Johnny died without known heirs, so the property went to the State of Texas.

Things open up when Sue discovers a diary in an old trunk. It clarifies the twisted relationships that developed inside that old house. Ellen is now certain that the ghost is a real person. With the reluctant help of Bud, Ellen learns that the "ghost" is a young woman named Amy. When the authorities shut down the hospital, they took her mother, Cynthia, to the State Hospital, but Cynthia told Amy to hide in the attic until she could come get her. Little Amy survived by stealing food from the neighbors. Eventually Bud was able to befriend her. It was his idea for her to become a "ghost" to frighten buyers.

With help from Sue's mother, they

find Cynthia in the State Hospital, but she can't be released without her doctor's approval. When Mitchell Clark learns that Cynthia is alive, he breaks down, telling them that he always loved her and thought she was dead. He also understands the map to the gold. To their amazement, it is there and worth a bundle. It is agreed that the money will be divided equally between Mitchell, Cynthia and the friends, with a sizable trust fund set aside for Amy.

Now they have to find a way to get Cynthia reunited with Amy and Mitchell, then get her released so she can live the life she was denied. As they untangle the long and sordid history of Gold House, they begin to understand the terrible wrongs committed in the name of medicine. Those wrongs can't be undone, but the three friends turn the now-beautiful Gold House into a museum to honor the patients who once suffered there. At the same time, the three friends learn a lot about themselves, their relationships and the value of family ties and friendships.



This was a good story with lots of interesting subplots mixed in. I'm ready for book No. 2.

History isn't just stale names and dates. It is who we are and where we came from. Your public library has lots of fine books for you to try. Make plans to check it out.

Snow Removal Bids Accepted Village of Wittenberg

The Village of Wittenberg will be accepting sealed bids for the plowing and removal of snow for the Village of Wittenberg Streets. Bid must include responsibility for fixing divots, and any other damage, caused by plowing, in the right-of-way. Any other specifications can be obtained by contacting the Village Clerk at 253-6063 or writing to the Village of Wittenberg, P.O. Box 331, Wittenberg, WI 54499. These bids are to be received at the Clerk's Office before 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2020. The Village Board of Wittenberg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Dated: Oct. 8 and Oct. 15, 2020
Traci Matsche, Clerk/Treasurer

WNAXLP

Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Meeting was called to order, at 6:00 pm, by Village President, William Switalla – Roll Call – Marlene Wepner – present, Renee Switalla – present, Barb Buchholz – present, William Switalla – present, Sharon Beversdorf – present, David Timm – present, and Paul Yaeger – present. Also present: Miriam Nelson and Officer Eric Chernetzki.

Beversdorf/Buchholz m/s/c to approve the September 1, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

R.Switalla/Buchholz to approve the interim bills for \$676.80 and the audited bills for \$11,259.92. Roll call vote – all ayes.

R.Switalla/Yaeger to approve the 2020 insurance renewal, from Central WI Insurance, for \$32,351. Roll call vote – all ayes.

R.Switalla/Buchholz to accept the quote, from Rhyme, for a new Sharp color printer for \$3,588.24. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Buchholz/R.Switalla m/s/c to adjourn at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Matsche
Village of Wittenberg Clerk/Treasurer

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Beversdorf/Buchholz m/s/c to approve the August 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Timm/R.Switalla to approve resolution 2020-07 to transfer \$272,000 from Associated MMA to general checking. Roll call vote – all ayes.

R.Switalla/Buchholz to approve the interim bills for \$276,587.45 and the audited bills for \$12,741.41. Roll call vote – all ayes.

R.Switalla/Wepner to renew the business park listing contract with Smart Move Realty. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Beversdorf/Timm m/s/c to adjourn at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Matsche
Village of Wittenberg Clerk/Treasurer

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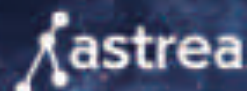
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