



RAINY DAY BLUES IN THE PARK

As Wisconsin is starting to open back up again, "Open Tab" a two-piece band from Appleton, plays for 36 die hard fans at Washington Park in Wittenberg on June 9.

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Micah Schwantes is taking over for Lance Litchfield.

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Electronic recycling day set for village of Wittenberg residents.

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Lions receive donation from Top Brass

Money will help pay for new cheese curd trailer

By **MIRIAM NELSON**

News Editor

WITTENBERG — It's been a rough year for organizations like the Wittenberg Lions Club whose existence is dependent upon their ability to host fundraisers.

Because of the pandemic the Lions have had to cancel three of their major fundraisers.

Each year on Palm Sunday, the Wittenberg Lions Club hosts a pancake breakfast at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. All proceeds go towards scholarships for WBHS graduates attending some form of higher education either technical school, or a two- or four-year college. The money they raise from that event is usually around \$3,000, according to Lions treasurer Eric Nier.

In the past, the Lions have been able to give away as many as six \$1,000 scholarships. Nier said this year they were only able to give one \$1,000 scholarship.

Lion Dale Hartleben said the other two big fundraisers for the Lions are selling deep fried cheese curds at the Wittenberg Community Days and the Iola Car Show.

This is also the year the Lions decided to replace their iconic yellow cheese curd trailer. Hartleben noted it's frustrating to finally go forward in



Wittenberg Lions Club members were on hand to receive a \$1,500 donation from Top Brass on Monday, June 8. Lions members are, from left, Dale Hartleben, Rollie Hendrikson, Top Brass employees Josh Gartzke, Brad McKay, Mark Burgess, Liz Burgess, and Lions Mike Gilbertson and Roger Wendler.

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purchasing a new trailer and not being able to use it, but is excited because it will make the process of making the cheese curds so much easier. Hartleben and his wife, Meg, will be traveling to Georgia in the next few weeks to bring the trailer to Wittenberg.

The Lions recently reached out to Top Brass for a donation to help with the cost of the new trailer.

Because of the pandemic, Top Brass has received extra orders for the type of individual hand sanitizer wipes, which it manufactures at its facility at 1001 Mohawk St. in Wittenberg. Business has been so good that they are

hiring more people for the second and third shifts, according to Liz Burgess, corporate secretary.

"Top Brass is happy to help the Lions continue to make an impact changing lives in our area," said Burgess.

The Lions Club is an international organization, the sole purpose is to raise money to help people in need in their communities. If anyone has a special request or need or wishes to make a donation or join the club, they may send a letter to Wittenberg Lions, P.O. Box 236, Wittenberg, WI 54499.

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HONOR ROLLS

WITTENBERG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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When the curtain falls, what's there to fall back on?

It's going to be an interesting year, to say the least. Half of me wants to break out and boldly go places, and the other half of me wants to stay in my protective cocoon.

I went to a last-minute concert at Washington Park last Tuesday and enjoyed being out and about, listening to great music and seeing friends I hadn't seen for a while. I was the only one wearing a mask, which made me feel kind of silly, but given I'm the target market for the coronavirus, I guess feeling silly is a small price to pay.

How many of our leisure and social events will be available for us, and when will they open up? Sports, concerts, theater, parties ... all those things we do as a group activities are either on hold or canceled indefinitely. So much money is spent on and in the entertainment industry, and so many other industries depend on that industry to be healthy.

I know I feel the biggest loss when I think about the theaters being closed and all the people who



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are out of work or out of a valued hobby for those of us who do community theater.

I'm hoping we can do a show at the WOWSPACE this fall, but everything else is canceled, and who knows what things will be like this fall? I do know that if we don't have a show, I'll have plenty of time on my hands, and probably nothing to do.

My emails are full of announcements of seasons being canceled by all the places I've attended the past couple of years. Some people go to sporting events; some go to concerts. My outlet is definitely the theater, and most of them have been in the Twin Cities.

When I lived there, I didn't go to that many shows; time and money were always my enemies. Now that I'm over three hours away, I seem to manage several trips a year, and my

entire entertainment budget consists of those trips.

With everything else going on and life changing daily, I didn't notice so much of what I was missing. It was only when the reality set in that there will be no shows for me to see in the near future that I started to get bummed out. I might actually have to get myself a different hobby.

Having said that, I realize that could be a problem. I'm not crafty or handy or good at math, so there will be no card making or birdhouse building or quilting in my future. That leaves me with limited options. Facebook is filled with tutorials full of the endless uses for the inside of the toilet paper roll. Why is that? How many uses can there be, and why would any of us want to spend any time doing them? They look like preschool projects that will only find a home in the trash. I'm a little embarrassed to admit I've wasted a lot of time watching the videos.

How could I have gotten to this great age and not have a couple of hobbies to fall back on? I suppose it

was because I was too busy acting in, watching or directing plays. It's all very time consuming, but when you're in the middle of it all, it seems to go by so quickly.

When I first moved back home, I had grand ideas of what I was going to do with all my free time. Dad's lathe is in the basement. With a little instruction and a lot of wood, I could have a ton of great bowls and walking sticks to sell.

I inherited my aunt's card stamping supplies and her Kitchenaid mixer, so there was the possibility of creating my own line of hilarious greeting cards and pastries to go with them. The books that followed me home combined with those already here make for an eclectic library; surely a book club would be in order.

I'm willing to bet that none of those ideas will come to fruition, but I'm OK with that. It's not the end of the world, but it sure does feel that way.

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Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court:

- Rodney L. Olson, 58, of Shawano, was charged June 15 with two felony counts of false imprisonment, along with misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and domestic abuse.

He could face a maximum six years in prison and a \$10,000 fine on each felony count if found guilty. Olson posted a \$1,000 cash bond set by Judge William Kussel Jr. and was scheduled for an adjourned initial court appearance on July 27.

- Adam M. Farvour, 25, of Bonduel, was charged June 12 with a felony count of sexual assault with the use of a dangerous weapon.

He could face a maximum 60 years in prison if convicted. Farvour was ordered held on a \$25,000 cash bond set by Judge William Kussel Jr.

and was scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance on July 13.

- Austin M. Hartmann, 25, of Shawano, was charged June 12 with a felony count of possession of methamphetamine.

He could face a maximum 3 1/2 years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted.

Hartmann is free on a \$1,000 signature bond and is due back in court for a preliminary hearing on Aug. 4.

- Armando Valencia, 37, of Shawano, was charged June 10 with a felony count of first-degree child

sexual assault.

He could face a maximum 60 years in prison if convicted. Valencia was ordered held on a \$25,000 cash bond set by Judge William Kussel Jr. and was scheduled for a preliminary hearing on July 31.

- Richard J. Schreiber, 50, of Green Bay, was charged June 10 with two felony counts of child neglect. He could face a maximum 3 1/2 years in prison and \$10,000 fine on each count if convicted. Schreiber was scheduled for an initial court appearance on July 20.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 15

Police logged 28 incidents, including: A vehicle reported vandalized in the 600 block of East Lieg Avenue; a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of River Heights; an intoxicated person at the Super 8 Motel, 211 Waukechon St.

June 14

Police logged 15 incidents, including: A 27-year-old Shawano man arrested for disorderly conduct/domestic violence in the 500 block of West Second Street; an injury accident in the 1200 block of East Green Bay Street; a fireworks complaint at Richmond and River streets.

June 13

Police logged 22 incidents, including: Disturbances in the 700 block of South Maiden Lane, the 1300 block of East Lieg Avenue and 400 block of South Main Street; domestic disturbances in the 1600 block of Estates Lane and 700 block of South Smalley Street; a property damage accident in the 500 block of North Main Street; a 26-year-old woman arrested for operating while intoxicated at County Road BE and state Highway 22.

June 12

Police logged 30 incidents, including: A motorcycle injury accident in the 1000 block of South Sawyer Street; sandals reported stolen from a porch in the 500 block of South Union Street; property damage hit-and-runs at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St., and in the 400 block of Humphrey Circle; a disturbance in the 1100 block of Waukechon Street; a bike reported stolen in the 600 block of South Maiden Street; a scam complaint at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; a 25-year-old man cited for operating after revocation at Lincoln and Maurer streets; a 33-year-old man cited for operating after revocation at Green Bay and Andrews streets.

June 11

Police logged 17 incidents, including the following: Suspicious person complaints in the 500 block of South

Main Street and 700 block of South Lafayette Street; suspicious vehicle complaints in the 400 block of South Hamlin Street and 100 block of Woodlawn Drive; a 42-year-old woman cited for operating after revocation at Waukechon and Richmond streets.

June 10

Police logged 18 incidents, including: An intoxicated person in the 700 block of South Main Street; a disturbance at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; harassment in the 100 block of South Main Street.

June 9

Police logged 15 incidents, including: A disturbance in the 700 block of East Fifth Street; a domestic disturbance at Main Street and Alpine Drive; an intoxicated person at Huckleberry Harbor, 222 N. Sawyer St.; a vehicle reported stolen in the 1100 block of Waukechon Street.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

June 15

Deputies logged 36 incidents, including: A disturbance on Moh He Con Nuck Road in Bowler; a 33-year-old woman cited for operating after revocation on state Highway 32 in the Town of Green Valley.

June 14

Deputies logged 38 incidents, including: A disturbance on state Highway 22 in the town of Belle Plaine; harassment on Hillview Road in the Town of Herman, state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine and County Road F in the Town of Angelica; a domestic disturbance on Airport Road in Shawano.

June 13

Deputies logged 40 incidents, including: Disturbances on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington, Town Line Road in the Town of Hartland and North Beach Boulevard in the town of Wescott; a 52-year-old man cited for operating after revocation on County Road E in the Town of Wescott; a 39-year-old woman cited for operating after revocation on Cecil Street in the Town of Hartland; an injury accident

on Lake Drive in Cecil.

June 12

Deputies logged 49 incidents, including: A property theft complaint on Front Street in Wittenberg; disorderly conduct on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; an injury accident on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood.

June 11

Deputies logged 43 incidents, including: A vehicle fire on state Highway 29, Town of Hartland; an injury ATV accident on River Bank Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; an assault complaint on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; a threatening complaint on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine.

June 10

Deputies logged 37 incidents,

including: Disturbances on Loon Lake Drive and on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a fraud complaint at the Ho-Chunk Casino, N7214 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a property theft on Maple Road, Town of Aniwa; an assault at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St. in Shawano; a vehicle fire on Town Line Road in the Town of Washington.

June 9

Deputies logged 38 incidents, including: Disorderly conduct at the North Star Casino, W12180 County Road A, Town of Bartelme, and on Cloverleaf Lake Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; property theft on Maple Road in the Town of Aniwa; a domestic disturbance on Park Street in Gresham; a property damage hit-and-run on Loon Lake Circle in the Town of Wescott.

Annie's Campground owner cited for telephone harassment

By **TIM RYAN**
Reporter

GRESHAM — The owner of Annie's Campground in Gresham has been cited for telephone harassment after pretending to be a Shawano County sheriff's deputy in a phone call to a Washington state man she claimed had been harassing her.

Ann Retzlaff could have faced a criminal count of impersonating an officer but authorities chose not to pursue that charge after consulting with the district attorney's office, according to documents provided by the sheriff's department.

Retzlaff admitted to posing as a sheriff's department employee, according to those documents, and warning the person she called that he could face arrest or prosecution if he called the campground again.

Retzlaff told authorities she made the call because she has been inun-

dated with harassing calls, messages and death threats over keeping the campground open and operating in spite of COVID-19 concerns.

She did not file any complaints with the sheriff's department about the alleged harassment at the time.

Retzlaff also posted on Facebook that masks would not be allowed at the campground because of incidents in Shawano in which people wearing COVID face masks have taken advantage of the masks to commit robberies and other crimes.

Both the sheriff's department and Shawano police have said no such incidents have taken place.

That Facebook post went viral on social media and garnered media attention that increased the harassment, Retzlaff told authorities.

The citation issued carries a \$263.50 forfeiture. Retzlaff is scheduled for an Aug. 17 court date on the matter.



COVID-19 Journal

—NEW Media—

Pick-your-own patches to open — cautiously

Northeast Wisconsin berry patches request masks, social distancing

By **DAVID WILHELMS**
Correspondent

Strawberry picking will be available this year, but two local growers requested cooperation with Centers for Disease Prevention and Control guidelines — including wearing masks and social distancing.

In discussing this year's harvest, Troy Porter, owner of Porter's Patch south of Bonduel, said the COVID-19 pandemic has pretty much changed everything about operating his farm for this year.

He pledged to make changes day-to-day if necessary to keep customers safe.

"There are some things we've changed because, obviously, we've never done this (respond to a pandemic) before. We'll do what makes people feel safe," Porter said.

Not the least of those changes is wearing masks. Porter said he understands the need, but he really dislikes them because he's a people person and wants to see his customers' faces — especially their smiles.

Because he values those smiles, staff members will not wear masks, he said.

Porter's will provide "curbside service," although there aren't any



A ripe strawberry awaits picking at Porter's Patch south of Bonduel. A blossom and green berries hold the promise of future picking. Porter's Patch will ask for cooperation from customers to respect CDC guidelines and practice social distancing. Another change for this year is curbside service, said owner Troy Porter.

DAVID WILHELMS

curbs on the farm. Porter encouraged people with concerns about crowding and exposure to park in the yard and honk their horn. A staff member will respond.

Customers also won't be able to pick through the produce for what they want, as all pre-picked vegetables and fruits will be bagged, an-

other change from previous years.

Porter said they will start taking orders Wednesday but said the pick-your-own fields won't be available until about June 26. That date is subject to change depending on the sun and rain, he added.

Andy Lefebre, owner of Berryland near Abrams, said: "We're

AT A GLANCE

- Berryland, 5810 Heimke Lane or 5687 Steinkraus Lane, Abrams. 920-621-6971 or 920-826-729. Take Abrams Exit 185 from Hwy. 41/141. West Frontage Road. (EE), 1/2 mile north of the Arby's/Shell station.

- Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156, Bonduel. 715-758-8162. Nine miles south of Bonduel. Turn West on State Highway 156. 1/2 mile.

almost getting started with strawberries."

The operation features no-touch hand-washing station and respect for CDC guidelines on social distancing and masks, he said.

While Lefebre said he preferred to be the bearer of good news, his fields suffered from a rough winter and wet spring. Yields are expected to be much lower than usual.

Berryland is not taking orders this year.

"We're telling people to contact us before coming out because we're not even sure we'll let people into the patch," he said.

On the other hand, Lefebre predicted a great 2021 as they have planted 60,000 June-bearing strawberry plants.

Information accurate as of June 15, 1:36 p.m.



Signs guiding customers at Porter's Patch south of Bonduel await their users. Troy Porter, the patch's owner, said he anticipated pick-your-own customers can harvest strawberries June 26, but that depends on the sun and rain.

DAVID WILHELMS

SPORTS

AUTO RACING



Zachery Raab (74), Jeff Schmuhl (11) and Jayden Schmidt (24) battle for position during Saturday's IMCA Sport Mod feature at Shawano Speedway.

MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

Week 2 racing action warms up cool evening at Shawano Speedway

Naeyaert, VanStraten, Sobiesczyk, Yarie, Westphal earn feature wins

By **DAVE BUSS**

Special to NEW Media

SHAWANO — Tom Naeyaert, Travis VanStraten, Tyler Sobiesczyk and Marcus Yarie collected their first feature wins of the season on a cool Saturday night at Shawano Speedway.

Tanner Westphal became the first driver to earn back-to-back victories after also winning on opening night.

Sobiesczyk grabbed the lead on lap two from Bryce Clements and survived five yellow flags to pick up the win in the IMCA Sport Mod feature event.

Jeff Schmuhl and Zachary Raab swapped second and third throughout the feature event, with Raab eventually grabbing that spot. Schmuhl slipped back to a fifth-place finish. Jayden Schmidt and Jason Jach made impressive runs to the front, grabbing third and fourth, respectively.

Jordan Bartz took command of the IMCA Modified feature for the first five laps before Marcus Yarie wrestled the lead away from her. Yarie began to pull away as Bartz gave chase until Lance Arneson grabbed the second spot on lap 10.

Yarie held the point on a lap 10

POINTS (TOP 5)

Late Model

1. Troy Springborn 105; 2. Ron Berna 103; 3. Joe Reuter 100; 4. Chris Engels 97; 5. Kyle Raddant 96.

IMCA Modified

1. Lucas Lamberies 77; 2. Wyatt Block 76; 3. Jordan Barkholtz 74; 4. Jerry Wilinski 68; 5. Eddie Muenster 65.

IMCA Sport Mod

1. Jayden Schmidt 77; 2. Tyler Sobiesczyk 75; 3. Jeffery Teske 74; 4. Jeff Schmuhl 73; 5. Brock Saunders 71.

IMCA Stock Car

1. Travis VanStraten 77; 2. Jeremy Christians 77; 3. Shawn Wagner 70; 4. Rod Snellenberger 67; 5. Devin Snellenberger 66.

Mighty 4

1. Tanner Westphal 80; 2. Brad Wedde 75; 3. Jason Stueck 74; 4. Troy Everard 70; 5. Clint Malueg 68.

restart and grabbed the checkered flag. Arneson held on to take second, with Wyatt Block and Lucas Lamberies taking third and fourth, respectively. Bartz rounded out the top five.

In early IMCA Modified heat action, 79-year-old Jerry Muenster grabbed a win.

Naeyaert grabbed the lead from his outside row one starting position on lap number one and lead from green to checkers in the Late Model feature.

While Naeyaert was driving away



Jordan Bartz (12) and Marcus Yarie (58) try and grab the lead early in Saturday's IMCA Modified feature race at Shawano Speedway. Yarie went on to take first, while Bartz finished fifth.

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ONLINE

For full results and point standings, visit <https://www.myracepass.com/profile/?r=1874&rt=track>.

from the field, the action was hot and heavy behind him. Chris Engels settled in to second and maintained that position throughout the event.

Troy Springborn and Ron Berna put on a great battle of past champions, swapping positions three and four. Berna eventually got the best of Springborn, grabbing third. Springborn and Joe Reuter rounded out the top five.

Cody Scray used his pole position to grab the early advantage in the IMCA Stock Car feature. Scray led the first six laps until Shawn Wagner made the pass and assumed the lead.

Meanwhile, VanStraten methodically worked through the field. VanStraten took the lead on a lap 11

restart and began to pull away. Jeremy Christians followed VanStraten to the front and took over the second spot on lap 13.

Chucky Forstner grabbed the third spot after starting 14th, with Devin Snellenberger and Wagner completing the top five.

It took Westphal five laps to get to the front of the pack after starting in the 10th position. Once he took the lead, he would not relinquish it as the Mighty 4 feature went caution free.

Tony Everard gave chase in the second spot for a majority of the event until Jason Stueck grabbed that spot on lap 11. Brad Wedde grabbed fourth and Scott Blanke, driving for Lucas Hacker, took fifth.

AMATEUR BASEBALL

Several Dairyland League teams get seasons started

Bonduel tops Shawano in extras

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BONDUEL — Several Dairyland League teams got their 2020 summer seasons underway on a perfect Sunday afternoon for baseball.

Bonduel 3, Shawano 2

A cross-town rivalry between the Shawano Lobos and Bonduel Broncos didn't disappoint, with Bonduel scratching out a win in 10 innings at Jack Reinke Field in Bonduel.

Strong pitching led to a scoreless contest after four innings before Shawano was able to push across a run in the top of the fifth.

Bonduel responded with a pair of runs in its half of the fifth, only to have the Lobos answer with another run in the sixth to tie it back up.

Hunter Van Der Linden provided the heroics for the Broncos, delivering a walk-off single. Isaac Boldt earned the win on the hill.

Pulaski 13, Navarino 12

The Pulaski Reds earned a wild road win over the Navarino Rangers.

Pulaski scored twice in the top of the first to take the lead before Navarino put up a 9-spot to take control.

Pulaski was able to regain a two-run lead in the fifth, only to have Navarino score twice in the bottom half of the frame to tie it. The seventh inning was the last inning the teams scored in, with the Reds tallying two runs and the Rangers scoring once.

Wyatt Erb suffered the loss after pitching three innings for Navarino. Paul Sellner struck out eight batters over four innings, while Kendall Lecker pitched the final two innings.

Navarino tallied 16 hits, with Bailey Dingeldein and Ben Prodel tallying three each. Brett Krull, Parker Bohm and Sellner had two hits each.

Hortonville 3, Freedom 1

The Hortonville Stars opened the season with a tight home win over the Freedom Mets.

Freedom's lone run came in the first inning when Dakota Brockman singled in Jake Schramm. Hortonville tied the game in the fifth before scoring two more runs in the seventh. The Mets had two runners reach base in the ninth, but the Stars were able to hold on.

Nick Dugandzic led Hortonville with three hits, while Brett Kramer



Bonduel's Jack Reinke delivers a pitch during the team's season-opening home win over Shawano on Sunday. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

delivered the go-ahead, two-RBI hit in the seventh.

Jarrad Rettler pitched three scoreless innings for Freedom. Hunter Schabo worked four innings before Jacob Gonnering tossed the last two. Alex Nicholson tallied three hits for the Mets, while Brockman had two.

Freedom fell to 0-2 after dropping a contest to Hofa Park on June 7.

Waupaca 7, Cecil 5

The Waupaca Lakemen had a successful Dairyland League debut, top-

ping the Cecil Mudhens in Cecil.

Wes Austin finished with four hits, including a home run, to lead Waupaca at the plate. Walker Smith and Kyle Douglas each added two hits, while Tyler Goggins homered and drove in two runs.

Cam Seidl started and pitched three perfect innings for the Lakemen. Jim Nighbor worked the next four innings and got the win before Ryan Dayton earned the save.

Nichols 14, Hofa Park 9

A 14-run third inning propelled the Nichols Nitros to a season-opening win over the Hofa Park Panthers on Sunday in Nichols.

Hofa Park, which scored the final nine runs of the contest, fell to 1-1 overall.

Schedule

In this week's Dairyland League action, Shawano and Hofa Park are set to get things started with a matchup in Shawano on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

All other league games are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Freedom will host Cecil, while Navarino travels to Nichols. Waupaca will play host to Hortonville.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Schwantes takes over Marion/Tigerton football team

Litchfield out after 2 seasons

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

MARION — Micah Schwantes was tabbed the new Marion/Tigerton football head coach.

Schwantes replaces Lance Litchfield, who also served as Tigerton's athletic director.

"I love the game of football," said Schwantes. "Beyond my family, there is nothing that I am more passionate about. It, more than anything else, helped prepare me for life. It built the foundations for my greatest successes and taught me to persevere when faced with challenges and failures. I want to give my student-athletes that same experience."

Schwantes has several years of football coaching experience under his belt as he steps in as the co-op's next coach.

He began coaching the game at Lancaster High School (his alma mater) as a defensive coach. He then served as an assistant on offense for UW-Platteville for three years as he was wrapping up his degree in physical education. After graduating, Schwantes served as an offensive coordinator in Waupaca for four years.

"With all the experiences that I have had at different levels, I am going to take pieces from all to create a positive culture for not only the student-athletes but for the fans of Marion/Tigerton Thundercatz football," said Schwantes, who also serves as the head coach for the Marion boys golf team.

"I want to equip them with the

tools that they will need to meet all of life's trials and tribulations. By having the coaching staff implement a philosophy of being committed to developing a positive and productive program, we will be able to help our athletes acquire these tools. This will be achieved by building a dedicated, aggressive, strong and determined team that is a positive representation of our school and community while consistently competing."

Helping fill out the high school staff will be Brian Gleason (defensive coordinator), Caleb Bembenek (special teams coordinator) and volunteers Mark Fredy, Chris Goke and Tony Malueg. Jason Rieckmann and Matt Herbal will help guide the middle school level.

Schwantes is hoping to pick up where Litchfield and the Thundercatz left off. In 2019, Marion/Tiger-

ton posted a 6-4 record, tied for the Central Wisconsin Conference title and qualified for the eight-player playoffs.

Litchfield stepped down as the football coach and Tigerton AD to accept the AD position at Cochrane-Fountain City.

"I feel I am ready to move on to a little bigger school," said Litchfield.

Litchfield served as the Marion/Tigerton head coach for the past two seasons, and was also an assistant for two years before that.

Litchfield takes great pride in the way the co-op performed during the 2019 season, calling it his greatest accomplishment as coach. Marion/Tigerton was playing in its first season of eight-player football and coming off a win-less 2018 season.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Packers' Kirksey benefits from familiar face in new place

New linebacker played under Pettine in Cleveland

By STEVE MEGARGEE
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY — Green Bay's Christian Kirksey believes his history with his new defensive coordinator will help the veteran linebacker make a smooth transition as he switches teams for the first time.

Kirksey signed with the Packers in March after he was released by Cleveland, where he spent his first six NFL seasons. Packers defensive coordinator Mike Pettine was the Browns' head coach in 2014-15.

"Honestly, as soon as I opened the playbook, man, I was so familiar with it and his defense," Kirksey said June 10 in a Zoom session with reporters.

The unusual nature of the pandemic-imposed virtual offseason could hinder players who changed



Cleveland Browns outside linebacker Christian Kirksey is shown during an NFL football game on Oct. 28, 2018, in Pittsburgh. Kirksey signed with the Packers in free agency.

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teams and haven't gotten accustomed to their new surroundings. Kirksey is counting on his comfort level with Pettine to help as the 27-year-old enters a critical stage of his career.

Kirksey was one of the NFL's most prolific tacklers from 2016-17, but he's had trouble staying on the

field lately.

He played only seven games due to a hamstring injury in 2018. Kirksey appeared in just two games last year before a torn pectoral muscle knocked him out for the rest of the season.

Kirksey says he's healthy now and ready to reassert himself. The Packers signed him to a two-year, \$13 million contract that included a \$4 million signing bonus.

"For those who may have slept on me or said, 'Oh, he's injury prone' or 'He's not the same player he used to be,' I'm here to prove them wrong and prove to myself that I've still got what it takes to be one of the best linebackers in the league," Kirksey said.

Kirksey's recent injury history didn't scare the Packers away.

"Just going through the medical part of it and talking to our people, they didn't think it was anything that was long term," Pettine said during a Zoom session last month. "I mean, he's never been a guy that's been injury prone, so obviously that's a

concern when you see the amount of time that he's missed, but overall I just think it was a great signing for us for a lot of reasons. We're not just bringing a really good player into the room. I mean, this is a guy who has great leadership ability."

The Packers need results from Kirksey because they didn't make many other changes to a defense that allowed 285 yards rushing in an NFC Championship Game loss to the San Francisco 49ers. Kirksey essentially takes over for Blake Martinez, who led Green Bay in tackles each of the last three seasons before leaving for the New York Giants.

Kirksey is savoring the opportunity to play for a team with legitimate Super Bowl aspirations.

"I've never even had a winning season in my (NFL) career," Kirksey said. "Just to get on Zoom and be a part of a team meeting when you see your head coach say we went undefeated in our division and we're going to be the hunted and things like that, I got excited. I was revved up because I've never been a part of that."

Preliminary spring turkey harvest registrations up from 2019 season

MADISON — Preliminary totals show Wisconsin turkey hunters registered 44,963 birds during the 2020 spring turkey hunting season, nearly a 17% increase from the 38,576 birds registered in the 2019 season.

The 2020 youth season resulted in a total of 2,880 birds registered, up 47% from 1,953 in 2019. Harvest increased significantly across all zones and time periods compared to 2019 levels.

Although snow was persistent this winter in the northern half of the state, there were few long-lasting

cold snaps, favorable spring brooding conditions in 2019 and late standing crops in many areas of the state, leading to a healthy and robust turkey population entering the spring season. Weather conditions were optimal for almost every period of the 2020 turkey season.

"The 2020 spring turkey season represents the highest harvest since 2016 and the second-highest harvest since 2010," said Mark Witecha, Department of Natural Resources upland wildlife ecologist. "Good weather and enhanced opportunity for hunters this season likely contributed some to

increased harvest, but ultimately we continue to have one of the healthiest turkey flocks in the nation here in Wisconsin."

A total of 224,452 harvest authorizations were issued for the 2020 spring turkey season, a 5% increase from 2019, with 132,037 harvest authorizations awarded through the drawing and 92,415 sold over the counter.

Zone 1 produced the highest overall harvest at 11,689 birds. Hunters registered 11,264 birds in zone 3 and 10,934 birds in zone 2. Overall, the statewide success rate was 20% compared to 18.1% in 2019.

The 2020 spring season started April 11 with the youth hunt. The regular season began April 15 and ran through May 26 with six separate time periods. Having separate periods allows for maximum hunter opportunities with a minimum amount of interference while ensuring a sustainable harvest.

Biologists in Wisconsin closely monitor harvest, hunter interference rates, hunter satisfaction and other information to track turkey populations through time to maintain a successful, enjoyable and sustainable spring turkey hunt.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Green Bay men's basketball team hires Will Ryan, son of Bo Ryan

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREEN BAY — Green Bay is turning its basketball program over to Will Ryan, the son of former Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan.

Athletic director Charles Guthrie announced Sunday that the school and Ryan have agreed to a deal in prin-

ciple, though final contract details are still being worked out.

"Hiring leaders is about getting the right fit at the right time, and I have no doubt that coach Ryan is exactly the right person to lead our program today and into the future," Guthrie said in a statement.

The 41-year-old Ryan comes to

Green Bay after posting a 14-13 record in his lone season as the head coach at Division II program Wheeling in West Virginia.

He worked on his father's Wisconsin staff from 2002-07, where he served as a director of basketball operations and video coordinator. Bo Ryan was Wisconsin's coach from

2001-15 after previously coaching at Wisconsin-Platteville and Milwaukee.

Will Ryan replaces Linc Darner, who went 92-80 and posted a winning record in all but one of his five seasons at Green Bay. After the Phoenix went 17-16 this season, Green Bay officials announced in May that the university and coach had "decided to part ways."

Electronics can be recycled at special event

Village working with Harter's to dispose of old equipment

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

WITTENBERG — The village is hosting an electronics recycling event where residents can bring electronics to Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at W17620 County Road Q, Wittenberg, on Saturday, June 27 from 9-11:30 a.m. for a small fee.

Depending on the type and size of the electronic units, residents will pay between \$5-\$25, which, according to Village Clerk Traci Matsche, is less than the normal fee charged by Harter's.

Small residential use items such as CD players, video gaming units, laptops, microwaves, com-

puter monitors and televisions are examples of what will be accepted that morning.

No furniture, appliances or other household items will be accepted at this event, according to Matsche. The board generally sets up an event in the fall for those items.

Harter's accepts large items at their location Mondays through Fridays during business hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. An open top roll off container can be arranged to be dropped off and picked up for large renovation or cleaning projects.

According to Andy Gayhart, general manager and owner of Harter's Fox Valley Disposal, the advantage for towns and villages to

book a specified recycling day is so they can get a better bulk rate. The money Harter's charges the towns and villages is less than what an individual would pay to drop off at their location.

"The main reason recycle days are scheduled is because they want to keep the roads and ditches free from debris," said Gayhart.

"Last year's electronic recycling event raised \$205, and our Harter's bill was \$300, so we don't break even, but we didn't expect to," said Matsche. "We do this as a community service, much like the yard waste dumpster."

Matsche noted that the advertising the village did last year en-

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Electronics Recycling Event

WHEN: June 27, 9-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Harter's Fox Valley Disposal, W17620 County Road Q, Wittenberg

FYI: Open to Wittenberg village residents only

couraging residents to recycle on a weekly basis seems to have paid off. The village pays less for recycled materials than they do for garbage so it saves all of us money and it's good for the environment said Matsche.

"As for our regular recycling programs, our numbers increased in 2019 thanks to our residents recycling more items," said Matsche. "Our tonnage went up from 48.85 tons in 2018 to 62.93 tons in 2019."

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Exotic animals surround the death of a rich eccentric

I selected "The Beast" by Faye Kellerman from the list of library e-books. It was one of her many Peter Decker/Rina Lazarus novels, but it stands alone well. Because I read this out of order, I missed some of the back story from a previous book.



JAN JONES

The Deckers' foster son, Gabe, has just testified in a case where he and his girlfriend were nearly killed. Gabe is 17, making a name for himself at Julliard and deeply in love with 16-year-old Yasmine. It is a bit of a Romeo and Juliet story, with the teens determined to be together.

After years in homicide, Peter wants his home to be a sanctuary — especially when he and detectives Marge Dunn and Scott Oliver are called to investigate a grisly murder.

Hobart Penny has lived in a modest apartment complex for about 25 years. At 89, the reclusive millionaire is a mystery to his neighbors. When complaints about "roaring" sounds and a terrible stench get no response from the building manager, the police are called in. Animal

Control finds a full-grown Bengal tiger inside the apartment.

When it is removed, investigators find piles of tiger feces and the very badly decomposed body of Hobart Penny. At first, they assume he was killed by the tiger, but closer examination shows only superficial scratches to the body. The real cause of death was a combination of blunt force trauma to the face and a .22 bullet in the back.

Strangely, none of Penny's neighbors knew he had a tiger, though a few had made complaints about odd noises. It is obvious that the building manager is hiding something. With a bit of pressure, Decker learns that Penny rented a total of four adjoining apartments with one filled with tanks of venomous snakes, spiders and other creepy crawlies.

Someone had to care for the critters, which points them to the manager of an animal rescue. She explains that Penny often gave money to the rescue and had hired her to care for the exotic creatures. She claims that he was very generous, never made advances and treated her well.

That's not the story they get from Penny's second former wife. She describes him as a man who became more and more obsessed with controlling others. She said during

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "The Beast"

AUTHOR: Faye Kellerman

PUBLISHER: William Morrow

PUBLISHED: Aug. 6, 2013

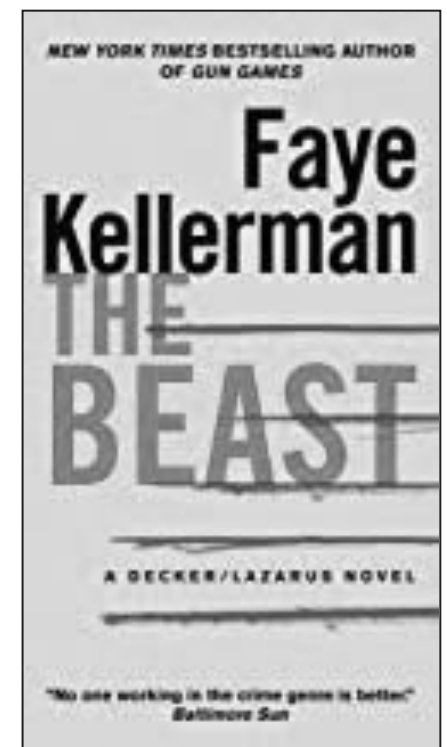
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their marriage, he went from odd to frightening. He was rich enough to hire others to help him indulge in barbaric and humiliating sex acts.

After 10 years they divorced, but the memories still haunt her. When they dig through the supply of frozen meat, Marge discovers a bag of frozen fingers. Experience tells them that these are the trophies of a serial killer. Penny was nearly 90. Was he the killer, or was someone else involved?

Penny frequently used a call-out massage service, but the owner and two women he used have disappeared. Decker is sure that they are key to learning what happened on the day Penny died. Tracking them down means that he must make a call to Gabe's scumbag father, Chris Donatti, in Las Vegas. Grating as it is, the call nets important results and the real horror story begins to unfold.

Hobart Penny was a very bad man whose crimes went unpunished. He won't be mourned, and at least some 30-year-old cold cases can now be closed. The whole sor-



did mess further convinces Decker that it is time to move east where he can still work and spoil his grandchildren.

Finding a healthy balance between work and play can be a challenge, but with the help of your public library, we can take a break with a good book. Decide where you want to go then just check it out.

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COLLEGE NOTES

UW-Madison

The following students were named to dean's list for the spring semester at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dean's honor list: Jurnee Beilke, Aniwa, College of Engineering; Alex Nelson, Eland, College of Engineering; Michael Nelson, Eland, College of Engineering; Nathan Jacobson, Hatley, College of Engineering; Anna Schaber, Hatley, School of Human Ecology

Dean's list: Kimberly Gums, Hatley, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences; Chloe King, Hatley, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences; Emily Strehlow, Hatley, School of Education; Lyndsey Agar, Wittenberg, College of Letters and Science.

UW-Stevens Point

The following students were named to the honors list for the spring semester at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point:

Highest honors: Beth Lee, Aniwa, junior; Brenna Behreandt, Birnamwood, senior; Alissa Rickert, Birnamwood, junior; Corriisa Konkol, Eland, senior; Jesse Brinkman, Hatley, senior; Kaitlynn Lehman, Wittenberg, senior

High honors: Macey Fischer, Birnamwood, sophomore; Kendra

Stoltz, Eland, senior; Claire Allen, Hatley, junior; Dylan Sprague, Hatley, sophomore; Zachary Urquhart, Hatley, senior; Anna Watters, Tigerton, sophomore; Jennifer Schrank, Wittenberg, senior

Honors: Aidan Koon, Eland, freshman; Katelin Wierzba, Eland, senior; Samantha Kasprak, Hatley, senior; Elizabeth Strehlow, Hatley, sophomore; Elise Thuot, Hatley,

senior; Kaila Trzebiatowski, Hatley, sophomore; Kendall Walkush, Hatley, sophomore; Paige Menge, Tigerton, senior; Gavin Czerwonka, Wittenberg, senior; Kelsie Fischer, Wittenberg, sophomore; Hannah Flak, Wittenberg, senior; Leroy Haywood, Wittenberg, freshman; Trevor Linke, Wittenberg, freshman; Kaszandra Walker-Daniels, Wittenberg, junior; Trent Yenter, Wittenberg, sophomore.

Hatley

High honors: Brooke Breitrick, Bowler; Griffin Magee, Eland; Emily Moderson, Tigerton

Honors: Haley Turzinski, Hatley.

UW-La Crosse

The following area students have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse: Karena Mal-luege, Birnamwood, biology; Hannah Zenkovich, Birnamwood, biology; biomedical science concentration; Kalei Groshek, Eland, middle childhood through early adolescence education; Siri Zeinert, Wittenberg, information systems.

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June 22, 2020

6:40 P.M. – Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

7:00 P.M. – Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

AGENDA

I. Meeting called to order, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).

II. Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2020, Regular Meeting as circulated.

IV. Communications and Delegations

V. Public Comments

VI. Board Concerns or Reports

VII. Financial Report

VIII. Approve the Agenda

I. The Board may adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1) for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matters and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.

II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

IX. Administrative Reports

High School
Pupil Services
Birnamwood
Wittenberg

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

- A. Approve Middle School Softball Proposal
- B. Approve Capital Projects
- C. Approve 2019-2020 Budget Amendment
- D. Approve Endowment Transfer
- E. Approve Fund 46 Transfer
- F. Approve Open Enrollment Applications
- G. Approve Reading Series for Grades 1-5
- H. Approve 2020=2021 Staff Handbooks
- I. Approve Teacher Resignations
- J. Approve Teacher Hires
- K. Approve Support Staff Hire
- L. Approve Annual Meeting Date
- M. Discussion of July 2020 Reopening Status

XII. Adjourn

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