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Emersyn Kickhauer is chased by her brother Brody Kickhauer in a rolling "hamster wheel" in the children's play area of Schairer's Autumn Acres in Birnamwood. The pick-your-own pumpkin patch opened with an antique tractor show and music Sept. 12-13. FOR MORE, SEE PAGE 48.

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Livin' la vida solo and lovin' it most of the time

There are many advantages of living alone except when you need someone to blame.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood cross-country teams place third at the Charger Invitational.

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Girl's night out down at the farm

Wining, noshing and crafting creates an evening for female bonding at Schairer's Autumn Acres.

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School year is off to a safe, solid start

With the first week of the school year behind us, having our students in the buildings and receiving instruction daily has truly been a highly anticipated and positive experience. Even with the extra measures we need to take to keep our students and staff safe, having them present and getting back to some resemblance of school as they know it to be, has been worth every effort made on everyone's part.

At this time, we continue to receive valuable feedback from our staff as to how the reopening plan is going, including their perspective on everything from the masking mandate to the complexity of providing both face-to-face and virtual instruction in a simultaneous format.



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Additionally, we continue to meet with the Board of Education on our current practices and will make alterations to our plan that are responsive to the current conditions in our communities and schools. What this means exactly is that at this point in time, we fully understand there is no perfect solution to achieving our best intentions of keeping students in school and attending every single day. That is our plan, and we will do what we have to in an effort to sus-

tain face-to-face instruction, so long as it is possible and safe.

Everything to date has changed — from food service, to transportation, to instructional delivery, to extra and co-curricular activities. We will get back to normal, and many of us long for that day. While we work through this unprecedented time in our lives, please feel free to reach out and let us know how we're doing. We do value all the feedback we receive.

You can always reach me at grogowski@wittbirn.k12.wi.us or by phone 715-253-2213. Thank you for your continued support of our students and their school experiences.

Garrett Rogowski is the superintendent of the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District.

Say goodbye to summer



Wittenberg Area Historical Society will close the museum doors on Sept. 20 for the season. Hand-crafted folk art will be on display and cookies will be served from 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday.

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CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Enterprise & News, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 715-526-2121.

Living the single life

There are so many advantages to being single.

After having roommates for so many, many years, it's great to have a big house all to myself. I can go from room to room knowing everything is right where I want it to be because I put it there. If a room is messy, I know it's my mess and I'm not having to navigate around anyone else's mess. If a room is sparkly clean, it's because I hired a good and trusted friend to make it that way!

I never have to worry about running out of gas while driving down the road because I'm the one who filled the tank, cleaned the windshield and checked the tires.

No one ruins my plans. No one gets sick and expects me to clean up the aftermath. No one tells me I can't hang up pictures on my walls, because I'm in control.

Granted there is a flip side — not having someone to go some place with, not having anyone to bring me back to health and no one to hang the pictures at a height I can't possibly reach.

Still, the trade-off seems to be OK. I can come and go as I please. I don't have to answer to anyone, and if I want to sleep all night in a chair in the living room with every light in the house on, I most certainly can.

The ice cube bucket is always full because I always remember to fill the trays with water, a trick I could never teach to roommates. And if I had a newer refrigerator, I wouldn't even need to do that!

If I go someplace alone, I can



MIRIAM NELSON

enjoy the event without being pestered about leaving early or staying too late. I can also find a parking spot to that event knowing it suits me just fine.

I never have to worry about eating some-

thing that I won't like because I'm entirely in charge of the grocery shopping.

Knowing that any mistake or miscalculation falls solely on me means that I'm able to spin my version of the truth of the matter. If a room is messy, I can point out to myself that I'm better off because I had more time to pursue life, liberty and happiness.

I'm not sure Jefferson had me in mind when he penned those famous words, but I'm forever grateful he did as I can use them to justify most any excuse that needs justifying.

Granted there are days when I think it would be nice to have a companion with an extra paycheck to share, or a built-in date for social gatherings — once we get back to having them. For now, I'll just enjoy things the way they are and even convince myself that not having someone around to get me a roll of toilet paper is just an inspiration for another column.

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

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Birthday!*

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& your loving grandkids
and great-grandson*



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Because both you and Richard like clean water. We both want to protect our waters, especially from the giant dairy farms which are destroying family farms.

Because both you and Richard are fiscal conservatives. We both believe that tax and spend is not helpful to our economy.

Because both you and Richard understand that the key to fixing the opioid crisis is to get treatment for folks with drug problems. We both think just throwing them in jail and hoping that they come out of jail "reformed" is not working.

Finally, because both you and Richard want to fix the potholes in our roads.

Meet Richard Sarnwick and Amanda Stuck at Franklin Park tonight, Sept. 18th, 2020 from 5-7 pm.
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COVID shutters several county offices

By **TIM RYAN**
Reporter

Several offices at the Shawano County Courthouse were temporarily closed on Tuesday due to an outbreak of coronavirus.

County officials were not releasing information about the number of offices closed or the number of employees affected.

"We may have some offices that are closed temporarily due to the COVID situation," Public Health Director Vicki Dantoin said.

She said she would have to confer with legal counsel to see whether any more information can be released.

Dantoin also said there were still details about the COVID situation being finalized.

"It's kind of the same as what's been

going on around the county and the numbers are significantly higher than they had been previously," she said. "It's bound to occur in some businesses."

Dantoin added it's not always the workplace where the virus is contracted.

"What people do in their personal lives is their business, and there can be exposure that way," she said. "It's

not always exposure at the workplace, but they do occur and there have been plenty of business in the county that have had COVID as well."

County Clerk Pam Schmidt confirmed that her office is one of those temporarily closed, but would not comment on others. She referred any further questions to Administrative Coordinator Brent Miller, who could not be reached by press time Wednesday.

Hillcrest reports positive coronavirus case

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Hillcrest Primary School has a confirmed positive case of coronavirus, Shawano School District Superintendent Randi Anderson confirmed on Tuesday.

A letter was sent home to parents letting them know that a positive case was in the school, but that everything was expected to continue as normal. The district is currently hav-

ing Hillcrest students attend classes five days per week.

Anderson said that she contacted the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department upon confirming the case and was informed that the school would not need to be closed at this time.

"We have been able to identify and notify individuals that would need to be quarantined based on close contact, and we're going to

continue the deep cleaning that we do every night," Anderson said. "At this point in time, we're able to stay open."

Anderson said there are no other confirmed cases at the other three schools in the district.

The letter reminded parents of ways to avoid potentially contracting the coronavirus, like washing your hands, social distancing and not attending any large-group event.

COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court:

- Emerson B. Bailey, 62, of Keshena, was charged Sept. 14 with a felony count of bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of battery, disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. He could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted on the felony charge. Bailey is free on a \$1,000 signature bond set by Judge Katherine Sloma and is scheduled for a status conference Oct. 19.

- Leslie A. Sleeter, 33, of Shawano, was charged Sept. 14 with three felony counts of bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of theft. She could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine on each of the felony counts if convicted. Sleeter was ordered held on a \$2,500 cash bond set by Judge Katherine Sloma and was scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 12.

- William J. Stimac, 43, of Antigo, was charged Sept. 10 with a felony count of possession of narcotic drugs. He could face a maximum 3½ years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Stimac posted a \$2,500 cash bond set by Judge William Kussel Jr. and was scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Sept. 21.

- Shaunice M. King, 28, of Tigerton, was charged Sept. 9 with a felony count of bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of theft. She could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted on the felony charge. King was ordered held on a \$1,000 cash bond and \$2,000 signature bond set by Judge William Kussel Jr. and was scheduled for a status conference Sept. 22.

- Joseph J. Hauke, 43, of Birnamwood, was charged Sept. 8 with felony counts of second or subsequent offense possession of cocaine and second or subsequent offense possession of marijuana. He could face a maximum 3½ years in prison and \$10,000 fine on each count if convicted. Hauke is free on a \$2,000 signature bond set by Judge Katherine Sloma and was scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 5.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 14

Deputies logged 47 incidents, including a 62-year-old man arrested for operating while intoxicated on County Road Z in the Town of Herman; a drug complaint at the Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a property theft on Adams Street in Bonduel; disorderly conduct on Ho-Chunk Road in the Town of Wittenberg and Prouty Street in Wittenberg; a disturbance on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine.

Sept. 13

Deputies logged 46 incidents, including an injury accident on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; disturbances on Bartlett Street in Shawano, Ah Toh Wuk Road in Bowler and Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; property theft on Lone Maple Road in the Town of Fairbanks; a burglary on River Road in Bowler.

Sept. 12

Deputies logged 32 incidents, including an auto theft on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; an intoxicated person on Railroad Street in Bowler; a property theft on Primrose Lane in Tigerton; a drug complaint on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; an injury accident on County Road U in the Town of Pella; a domestic disturbance on Hemlock Road in the Town of Herman.

Sept. 11

Deputies logged 39 incidents, including

a property theft on County Road CC in the Town of Waukechon; a lewd and lascivious behavior complaint on State Road in Birnamwood; disturbances on Maple Street in Birnamwood, Two Creek Road in the Town of Lessor; Spruce Road in the Town of Belle Plaine and Cedar Street in Tigerton.

Sept. 10

Deputies logged 25 incidents, including a 45-year-old man cited for operating after revocation on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a disturbance on Witt-Birn Town Line Road in the Town of Wittenberg.

Sept. 9

Deputies logged 44 incidents, including an attempted burglary on Summer Street in Aniwa; a drug complaint on Church Road in the Town of Morris; a property damage hit-and-run on state Highway 117 in the Town of Hartland; property theft complaints on Green Bay Street in Bonduel, Loon Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott and Anderson Avenue in the Town of Wescott; a domestic disturbance on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott.

Sept. 8

Deputies logged 44 incidents, including a burglary on Cecil Street in Bonduel; property theft on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; an assault complaint on Warrington Avenue in Cecil.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 14

Police logged 26 incidents, including

property theft complaints in the 900 block of Olson Street, 500 block of East Fifth Street and 800 block of South Main Street; a threatening complaint in the 900 block of South Weed Street.

Sept. 13

Police logged 18 incidents, including disturbances at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B, and in the 900 block of South Bartlett Street; vandalism at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.

Sept. 12

Police logged 17 incidents, including disorderly conduct at Sawyer and Division streets; trespassing in the 400 block of South Main Street and 1500 block of East Lieg Avenue.

Sept. 11

Police logged 26 incidents, including a two-vehicle property damage accident at Fifth Street and Fairview Way; a juvenile problem in the 100 block of Aspen Court.

Sept. 10

Police logged 25 incidents, including a disturbance in the 200 block of Mountain Bay Trail Drive; a domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of South Franklin Street.

Sept. 9

Police logged 15 incidents, including a license plate reported stolen in the 1300 block of East Lieg Avenue.

Sept. 8

Police logged 16 incidents, including a 4-wheeler reported stolen in the 600 block of South Main Street; a burglary and stolen 4-wheeler reported in the 900 block of South Evergreen Street.

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OPINION

America's elections demand integrity

The cornerstone of a democracy is the people's right to elect their leaders. It is vital that our elections are safe and secure.

Today, the majority of people in our country get their news from social media, primarily Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

They are exposed to a daily dose of hoaxes, rumors, conspiracy theories and misleading news. When it's all mixed in with reliable information from honest sources, the truth can be very hard to discern.

We expect that the government will disclose information and not lie to us. However, according to the Washington Post's fact checker in July, Donald Trump had already told over 20,000 lies.

He has used a combination of methods used to sow deceit. Misinformation is false information which might seem credible on the surface but does not hold up to further scrutiny.

An example is when Trump says that it is safer to early vote than to vote absentee. It is actually the same thing.

What is even more dangerous in an election year, is disinformation. It is very powerful and can be destructive and divisive. This false information is intended to deceive and confuse.

When Trump says that mail-in voting will produce fraud, he is undermining the integrity of our elections and setting the stage for a contested election.

Every eligible voter should have the right to determine how they will exercise their right to vote, be



JAN KOCH

that by absentee ballot by mail or in person on election day. The false claim of voter fraud reduces confidence in our democracy.

In April 2020, a 20-year voter fraud study by MIT University found the level of fraud "exceedingly rare" since it occurs only in 0.00006% of instances nationally, and, in one state, 0.000004% — about five times less likely than getting hit by lightning in the United States.

Nevertheless, Trump has recently suggested that people in North Carolina stress-test the security of their elections systems by voting twice — an act that constitutes the kind of voter fraud the president has railed against. Voting twice, by the way, is a felony.

In this campaign season, we have to be on the lookout for what could be disinformation. Trump lied when he said that Russia had nothing to do with helping him in the 2016 election.

Now, four years later, the Senate has the proof that the Trump campaign was eager to take Russian help in 2016. In its final review of the situation a Republican-led Senate committee said Russia used Paul Manafort and the WikiLeaks website to try to help Trump win the 2016 election.

The Russian's purpose was to get Trump elected because they

thought that his policies would benefit them if they helped him get elected.

Why does Trump doubt the information from U.S. intelligence agencies but he believes Vladimir Putin without question?

There are already concerns about the integrity of the 2020 election with an intelligence official warning earlier this month that Russia, China and Iran are all seeking to interfere in the presidential contest this fall.

The Trump's administration's recent policy changes intelligence briefings so they will no longer be held in person. This could clearly limit the amount of information that American voters have about election interference.

Trump appears to think that most of the mail-in voting is done by Democrats. According to the Chicago Tribune, Trump has said that if the United States switched to all-mail voting, "you'd never have a Republican elected in this country again." Therefore, he wants to have Democrats believe that their vote won't count.

This is fear propaganda, it is an appeal to a person's fear attempting to increase anxiety towards a perceived danger. Trump has been using this technique when he says that people should vote in person (despite the chance of being exposed to COVID-19) because with absentee ballots, the results won't be known for days, weeks or even years.

By saying this Trump hopes that people won't want our country to

be in turmoil, so they won't vote by mail. Trump himself, however, has voted absentee by mail.

Moreover, members of military have safely voted this way for years.

It's important for us to be vigilant. We should be able to recognize propaganda techniques when we see them.

Lying and deception can include the utterance of half-truths, name-calling, misuse of statistics and many more.

We can't rely on those who manage Facebook or Twitter to weed out misinformation and disinformation. There are some things we can do.

We can think before we share a post on social media. We can read beyond the headlines. We can check more than one source or go to sites like snopes.com and fact-check.org.

We can look carefully to see if a picture was retouched or altered. We can look for grammatical errors which might mean the post came from a foreign source.

According to Thomas Jefferson, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press and that cannot be limited without being lost." So, because our democracy demands a free press, we need to take the time to sift through the news to determine what is really the truth.

Your vote is your voice. Our elections demand integrity.

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

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ATHLETE PROFILE: LAUREN DOMBECK

Witt-Birn runner enjoying final high school season

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's Lauren Dombeck is enjoying her senior season of cross-country while also helping the team finish near the top of its Central Wisconsin Conference meets.

Dombeck placed 31st at the Charger Invitational on Aug. 8 in Wittenberg, a night the girls team placed third. The girls team also placed third at the T-Bird Invitational on Aug. 31 in Iola, with Dombeck finishing 35th that evening.

Q: When did your interest in cross-country begin?

A: My interest really peaked my sixth grade year when our cross-country coach Cathy (Easker) asked me if I would be interested in joining cross-country because I was doing track. I really wasn't interested at first, but I ended up giving it a shot and fell in love with the sport.

Q: What is your favorite part about the cross-country season?

A: I really love how close the team is. Everyone gets along, and we are always messing around with each other every day at practice and at meets. The team is like a second family to me.

Q: What has cross-country taught you over the years?

A: Cross-country has taught me how to persevere and work hard to reach your goals. There have been times where I wasn't happy with my meet times, but I have learned over the years that if I don't like my time to work harder in practice and get better for the next meet and never give up.

Q: As a senior, how do you try and help lead the rest of the team, yet still enjoy your last season?

A: By being a role model and trying to help guide the underclassmen and middle schoolers but still enjoying being around them and the rest of my friends.

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Lauren Dombeck

SPORT: Cross-country

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

YEAR: Senior

Q: Now that you're a few meets into the season, what are your goals for the rest of the year and how will you achieve those?

A: To improve my times every meet, and I will achieve that by pushing myself more and more every day in practice.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Wittenberg-Birnamwood cross-country team?

A: My favorite memory was being able to run on varsity at a Rosholt meet my freshman year with all the seniors I looked up to at the time.

Q: What are you going to miss most about high school cross-country?

A: I am going to miss our mini concerts on the bus to and from meets. A couple girls on the team love to share our headphones and sing all the songs that come on. It really gives us the burst of energy we need for the race.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Pretty Little Liars." Movie — "Cinderella." Musical artist — Post Malone.

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

A: Many people don't know that I was planning on joining volleyball instead of cross-country until coach Easker convinced me to join cross-country instead, and I am so happy I did.

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

A: The best advice I have gotten



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Lauren Dombeck competes in the Charger Invitational on Sept. 8 in Wittenberg.
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was to never cheat because you're only cheating yourself and your team.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after gradu-

ating high school?

A: I want to attend UW-Milwaukee or Marquette University and major in criminology. My major goal in life is to be a part of the FBI.

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A girls night out adventure awaits

Sips and Succulents event celebrates a second year

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

Taking a gamble on the “girls’ night out” theme, Karen Schairer marketed an event last year where women could create something while enjoying wine, food and the company of good friends.

Schairer, owner of Autumn Acres — a farm and corn maze venue in Birnamwood, brought back the event this year, and the Thursday night spots are filling up quickly. In fact, the Sept. 24 event is already sold out. People will be in full fall mode and ready to embrace the season by then, says Schairer.

“Each guest can choose six samples from the 12 different wines as part of the experience,” said Nikki Fraaza, a Birnamwood friend of Schairer’s who serves the wine.

According to Fraaza, Schairer goes to Withee to pick up the wine produced by Munson Bridge Winery. The winery offers a large variety of fruit wines using locally grown fruits and ingredients. They also have an event and wedding venue at that location. While there, Schairer noticed they had repurposed a piano and made it into a wine bar. Schairer recreated the look as a focal point in the bar area in her barn where the event takes place.

“After sampling the wines, people can pick a favorite and buy a glass or bottle to bring back to a table and enjoy some food or to drink while decorating their pumpkins,” said Fraaza.

Along with wine for sale, there is a full appetizer menu with easy-to-share items. Reservations are limited to 40 each Thursday night and need to be made in advance so that Schairer can prepare all the decorations. The pumpkins come from her farm’s pumpkin patch and are the perfect size for a table decoration. She grows the large variety of succulent plants in her greenhouse at a different location. The pumpkins are not pierced so they will last all season and the slips of the succulents are hot glued to the pumpkin so they can be transplanted at a later date.

“We like to get our girls’ nights in, and we’re always looking for something fun to do and this to-



Owner Karen Schairer, right, demonstrates to guests how to create their own take-home pumpkin decorations with a variety of succulents. Guests enjoying a girls night out are, from left, Nicole Melander, Wausau, Megan Olson, Birnamwood, and Cori Soukup, Hatley. The Thursday night event, Sips and Succulents, will take place through Oct. 8 at Schairer's Autumn Acres in Birnamwood.

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Create your own pumpkin succulent decoration, enjoy some wine and try tasty appetizers at the Sips and Succulents event Thursday nights at Schairer's Autumn Acres in Birnamwood.

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tally fits the bill,” said Cori Soukup, Hatley, who came with two of her friends. “It’s got crafts and good company and good food.”

In addition to the wine and the

food, there are other items to help satiate a shopping fix. There are mums, canned goods and framed word art created by Kelly Lettau, Schairer’s sister-in-law. Last year,

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Sips and Succulents ladies’ night out

WHO: Schairer’s Autumn Acres

WHERE: 194 Western Ave., Birnamwood

WHEN: Oct. 1, 8 from 5:30-9 p.m.

RESERVATIONS: call 715-573-8397

FYI: \$40 includes a take-home pumpkin succulent decoration you create and wine tasting



Schairer's Autumn Acres in Birnamwood has repurposed a piano featuring wine from Munson Bridge Winery, Withee, for the Thursday night Sips and Succulents events now through Oct. 8.

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Schairer asked Lettau to bring in some of her art to give the barn a cozy ambiance. The artwork sold so well, it’s available on all the week-ends that Autumn Acres is open to the public.

Kelly Gutowski lives close by and always has been a big supporter, noting that there are always so many things to do throughout the season and the farm is especially fun for the kids. The “Sips and Succulents” event is a nice outlet for Gutowski and her adult friends.

“I buy all my pumpkins, corn stalks. I get everything from Karen,” said Gutowski. “I just naturally gravitate to Autumn Acres in the fall.”

The Sips and Succulents event runs from 5:30-9 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 8. The cost is \$40, which includes the create and take home pumpkin decoration and wine samples.

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Schairer's Autumn Acres opens for season

A field loaded with pumpkins is just the start

Schairer's Autumn Acres is in its ninth year as a farm operation of Karen and Cory Schairer and their four children.

AT A GLANCE

WHERE: 194 Western Ave., Birnamwood

HOURS THROUGH OCT. 31: Fridays, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; other days by appointment only.

COST: Admission and parking are free, but there is a fee for some activities, food and pumpkins.



Families arrange themselves on a wagon, which is headed for pumpkin and corn fields.

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Karen Schairer hefts a pumpkin on the grounds of Schairer's Autumn Acres in Birnamwood. Pumpkins were available for sale, either as pick-your-own or already on a cart.

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A visitor jumps across large round hay bales.

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Levi Fischer, Hatley, pumps water for his racing rubber ducks in the children's play area.

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Crossing continents on the run but love leads him home

I was fascinated when I saw Jennifer Scoullar's "Fortune's Son" was set in Tasmania, so I had to read it. It was a long and complicated read.

When 14-year-old Luke Tyler went to the Abbott mansion to pick up his sister Becky, he discovered Sir Henry raping the girl. Enraged, Luke slammed the man into a wall. Within the hour, Luke was arrested for assault.



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The truth would ruin Becky, and no one would take Luke's word over Abbott's. Sentenced to 15 years in a harsh prison camp, his only solace was memories of time spent with Daniel Campbell's daughter, Belle. Daniel had purchased large tracts of land, returning it to its native status.

Luke got his chance to escape prison camp when he accompanied the warden to a dog fight. Someone put the biggest black dog he'd ever seen into the fight ring. It didn't want to fight but, when pressed, it quickly

dispatched its opponent and crashed out of the enclosure. In the ensuing chaos, Luke took off after the big dog. The two soon became close.

To his amazement, the dog he now called Bear worked with a female Tasmanian tiger and her three cubs. He would stay with Luke during the day and hunt with tigers at night. When an old trapper stopped by, he warned Luke that both he and the dog were wanted and shared supplies with the boy.

Eventually, Luke returned to the Campbell country home where he was welcomed by Daniel and Elizabeth. Knowing he was wanted, they gave him the name Adam McLeod. Luckily, Belle didn't recognize him. He realized he loved her more than ever but knew they could never be together, and his hatred for Henry Abbott grew.

Later, Luke went to work in Abbott's gold mine. While there, he and young Edward Abbott were nearly killed in a cave in. Suddenly "Adam McLeod" was a hero. Daniel took him back to his compound to heal and hide. Soon, he and Belle renewed their doomed relationship.

While Daniel and Luke were taking some endangered tigers to a secret val-

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "Fortune's Son"

AUTHOR: Jennifer Scoullar

PUBLISHER: Pilyara Press

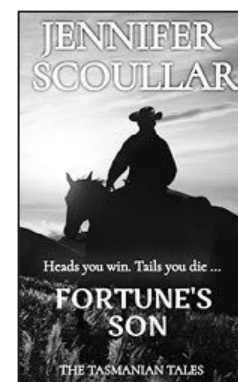
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ley, Belle found she was pregnant. Her mother knew that Edward had always loved Belle and convinced him to marry Belle to save her disgrace. Luke returned the night of their engagement party just as Henry Abbott was trying to rape Belle. It was Bear who attacked and killed Abbott, but Luke would be blamed. Once again, he was on the run.

While hiding in the secret valley, he found a stashed treasure of cash and gold, but Elizabeth convinced him to leave — letting Belle believe he and Bear had died in an explosion at the valley. So, he made his way to South Africa where he continued Daniel's conservation work, bought a struggling diamond mine and stumbled upon one of the largest diamonds. He was rich beyond belief, but he still longed for Belle.

Meanwhile, Belle's life was falling apart. Edward doted on Robbie and his two little sisters but was behaving badly. Learning he'd sold her family



home was the last straw, and Belle moved out. Hearing that Daniel and Elizabeth were dead, Luke returned to Tasmania using the name Lucas Buchanan.

As one of the world's richest men,

he began to right several old wrongs — including the ones Edward had committed against him and Belle. After lots of drama, some extortion and the intervention of family and friends, Belle forgave Luke for allowing her to believe he was dead. By the end of the book, Belle and Luke have come to an agreement with Edward, the children are adjusting to the new situation and the couple is ready to begin their new life together. It feels like a setup for a sequel, but we'll see.

They say that love conquers all; we know that isn't always true. One thing we can count on is the love of reading. Drop by your public library and check it out.

SNOW REMOVAL BIDS FOR 2020-2021 Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District will accept bids for Snow Removal for the 2020-2021 school year. Bids will be opened at the Board of Education Transportation Committee Meeting on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:15 p.m.

To make bids uniform, please pick up a "bid form" from the District Office or call Joy at 715-253-2213 and have one sent to you.

Please submit your bids to Joy Hartleben, School Board Secretary, at the District Office located in the High School by noon on Friday, September 25, 2020. Snow removal will be needed at all three District Schools.

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Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting Tuesday, August 4, 2020

- Meeting was called to order, at 6:00 pm, by Village President, William Switalla – Roll Call – Marlene Wepner – present (arrived 6:04), Renee Switalla – present, Barb Buchholz – present, William Switalla – present, Sharon Beversdorf – present, David Timm – present, and Paul Yaeger – present. Also present: Miriam Nelson and Paul Payant.
- Buchholz/Timm m/s/c to approve the July 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes.
- W.Switalla/Beversdorf to appoint Paul Payant, from Sommer, Olk and Payant S.C., as the Village Attorney. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- R.Switalla/Buchholz to approve the interim bills for \$14,181.44 and the audited bills for \$18,778.42. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Buchholz/Beversdorf m/s/c to adjourn at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Matsche
Village of Wittenberg Clerk/Treasurer

WNAXLP

Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting Tuesday, August 18, 2020

- Meeting was called to order, at 6:00 pm, by Village President, William Switalla – Roll Call – Marlene Wepner – present, Renee Switalla – absent, Barb Buchholz – present, William Switalla – present, Sharon Beversdorf – present, David Timm – present, and Paul Yaeger – absent. Also present: Miriam Nelson, Brian DeBaker and Aaron Damrau.
- Beversdorf/Buchholz m/s/c to approve the August 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes.
- W.Switalla/Buchholz m/s/c to deviate from agenda as needed.
- Timm/Wepner to approve a conditional use permit, for Brian DeBaker at 206 E. Westgor, to build a garage in the backyard. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Buchholz/Beversdorf to approve the interim bills for \$4,043.50 and the audited bills for \$26,475.98. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Wepner/Timm to approve pay request #3 for Jake's Excavating & Landscaping, for the Webb Street project, for \$166,658.46. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Buchholz/Timm to approve an agreement with the law firm of Sommer, Olk and Payant. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- W.Switalla/Buchholz to approve Cassandra Wierzbka as a LL assistant coach. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- W.Switalla/Buchholz to approve \$25,000, pending the Town of Wittenberg matching funds, for the District to use toward buying an ambulance, and then co-signing a loan for the remainder of funds needed. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Beversdorf/Buchholz m/s/c to adjourn at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Matsche
Village of Wittenberg Clerk/Treasurer

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COLLEGE NOTES

Upper Iowa University

Dawn Chuilli, Wittenberg, has been named to the summer 2020 dean's list at Upper Iowa University.

Northcentral Technical College

The following students were named to the 2019 fall term of the president's list at Northcentral Technical College: Christopher Gromiuk, Esther Manteufel, Gary Wilton of Aniwa; Mitchell Imlah of Bevent; Mikayla Bullman, Dakota Marien, Braxton Resch, Jacob Stuffle, Alainna VanProoyen, Elizabeth Walter of Birnamwood; Winter DeRoos of Bowler;

Angela Bembenek, Mandy Landwehr, Benjamin Stensberg of Eland; Derik Krueger, Tyler Tryba, Dylan Volkman of Hatley; Brian Horrell, SueAnn Milanowski of Mattoon; Lucas Dionne of Phlox; Margaret Brandl, Colin Glodowski, Tracy Glodowski, Anna Lorbiecki, Ashley Simonis of Rosholt; Natalie Stepniewski, Shawwna VanRit of Shawano; Amy Seefeldt of Tigerton; Evelyn Kizewski, Lindsey Schwalbach, Ian Spieth, Andrew Stonski, Mary Stonski, Dylan Wieland, Olivia Zoromski of Wittenberg.

The following students were named to the 2020 spring term of the president's list at Northcentral Technical College: Jaime Dziemarski, Esther Manteufel, Steven Springer, Gary Wilton, Rachel Zahrt of Aniwa; Jacquelynn Bell, Jordan Carlson, Hailey Kolpack, Magen Malueg, Alaina VanProoyen, Elizabeth Walter of Birnamwood; Tyler Giddings, Mandy Landwehr, Benjamine Stensberg of Eland; Brianna Birkholz, Emma Bliese, Tyler Kudronowicz, Rachel Lease, Ben Vosters of Hatley; SueAnn

Milanowski of Mattoon; Lucas Dionne of Phlox; Royce Christiansen, Caitlin Gustafson, Sherrie Jacobi, Colton Kellnhauser of Ringle; Margaret Brandl, Donald Carter, Tracy Glodowski, Lucinda Heling, Anna Lorbiecki, Shaina Niewiadomski, Paul Olson, Ashley Simonis of Rosholt; Jocelyn Schroeder of Shawano; Renee Menge, Nick Schultz, Amy Seefeldt of Tigerton; Erin Mlodik, Stefanie Roskopf, Lindsey Schwalbach, Andrew Stoinski, Dylan Wieland, Ian Spieth of Wittenberg.

NTC offers Leadership Development Career Skills Path

Northcentral Technical College offers a new opportunity for working professionals to upgrade their leadership skills through Leadership Development Career Skills Path, short modules of skill-based training that add up to larger degrees over time.

The Leadership Development Career Skills Path gives working professionals the flexibility to earn college credit through modules that can be completed 100% online and take approximately five hours to complete.

Modules are self-paced, led by NTC faculty and build toward the Leadership Development Associate Degree.

Learners will develop skills in human relations, motivation, leadership, delegation, labor relations, problem solving, decision-making, communication, stress management, training, time management, business ethics and computer skills.

“Now, more than ever, employers have a tremendous need for individuals with a high level of communication, critical thinking and leadership skills,” said Brad Gast, dean of NTC’s Workforce Training and Professional Development. “The Career Skills Path in Leadership is an easy way to gain in-demand skills while also taking a

step towards earning college credits and degrees.”

"These professional development modules are an excellent means for individuals to improve job-related skills and add value to their organization," Gast said.

Digital badges will be awarded upon completion of each module and course, so learners can showcase their learning and expand their professional portfolios. Individual modules cost \$39 each. To view a list of modules for the Leadership Development Career Skills Path, visit www.ntc.edu/academics-training/career-skill-paths.



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The Ice Bowl and MVP Car bobbleheads are numbered to 1,967, the Career Accomplishments bobblehead is numbered to 2,019 and the Triple Quarterback bobblehead is numbered to 2,020.

The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum is located at 170 S. First St. in Milwaukee.

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To make bids uniform, please bid the fuel on a specific percentage discount off the total monthly purchase.

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