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A grandson helped his grandmother pick out some fresh vegetables at Hanke's Garden Market on Sept. 9 while visiting the area. The market has been a fixture in the Wittenberg community for 39 years. SEE MORE ON PAGE 8.

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More representation for villages in western Shawano County

Deputy Eric Chernitski will attend village board meetings in Birnamwood, Mattoon and Wittenberg to improve a law enforcement presence.

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Phosphorus levels for Birnamwood need to be lowered

The DNR will set phosphorus levels for water next year, and Birnamwood will need to find the best way to lower them.

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Chargers looking to win conference in volleyball again

Wittenberg-Birnamwood volleyball team smacked down Bonduel, setting them on a winning course for a second conference title.

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Evers extends mask mandate, declares new emergency

Sharp spike in Shawano, Menominee cases over the past week

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Gov. Tony Evers on Tuesday declared a new public health emergency in Wisconsin due to a recent surge in COVID-19 cases among young people and issued a new mask mandate effective immediately.

The previous mandate was set to expire Sept. 28. The new order extends that until at least Nov. 21.

In Shawano County, confirmed cases of the coronavirus jumped by 220 over the course of a week, from 410 on Sept. 15 to 630 on Sept. 22, with 100 new cases reported over the course of the weekend.

Menominee County cases rose to 59 on Sept. 22 from 36 on Sept. 15.

Shawano-Menominee Counties Public Health Director Vicki Dantoin could not be reached for a comment by press time.

"We continue to learn more about this virus, but what we know is that we are facing a new and dangerous phase of the COVID-19 pandemic here in Wisconsin," Evers said in a statement.

**TONY EVERS**

"We are seeing an alarming increase in cases across our state, especially on campus," he said. "We need folks to start taking this seriously, and young people especially — please stay

home as much as you are able, skip heading to the bars, and wear a mask whenever you go out. We need your help to stop the spread of this virus, and we all have to do this together."

With the start of the school year, Wisconsin is seeing a surge in cases, especially among young people. In fact, 18- to 24-year-olds have a case rate five times higher than any other age group.

This significant increase has only occurred within the past month and appears to be driven by in-person social gatherings, according to the state.

Last week, eight Wisconsin cities were listed among the top twenty cit-

ies in the United States where COVID-19 cases were rising fastest, and six of those eight cities have University of Wisconsin System campuses.

"The current surge among young people is concerning, but it is important to remember that this increase in cases is not confined to college campuses," Department of Health Services Secretary-designee Andrea Palm said.

"Students come to these campuses from across the state, and we worry about the effect their return from an area with a high infection rate could have on their home communities. That is why it is imperative we take action to curb transmission now — to protect residents of Wisconsin in every corner of the state."

According to state figures, Wisconsin is now experiencing unprecedented, near-exponential growth of the COVID-19 pandemic with the daily number of new cases rising from 678 on Aug. 31 to 1,791 on Sept. 21, a 2.6-fold increase in three weeks, driven in part by the unprecedented number of infections among 18-24 year-olds.

Administrative coordinator takes new job

Brent Miller's last day in Shawano County is Oct. 16

By **TIM RYAN**
Reporter

Shawano County Administrative Coordinator Brent Miller will be leaving the county next month to take a job in Sauk County.

Miller was officially hired Sept. 15 as Sauk County's first county administrator after the Sauk County Board unanimously approved his contract. His last day in Shawano County will be Oct. 16.

Miller, who has been in his post in Shawano County since December 2014, said he has been happy here and had not been looking for a new job.

He was approached by recruiters looking for candidates for the Sauk

**BRENT MILLER**

County position.

"I was not looking," he said. "They called me twice and asked me to apply. The first time, I just thought, 'no,' and then my wife and I talked about it after the second

time. It's near where we someday want to retire because it is close to the kids and the grandkids."

Miller went through the interview process, competing against more than 30 other candidates.

Miller's Sauk County contract calls for an annual salary of \$138,000 with benefits and a \$1,000 stipend for moving expenses within the first six months of his employment.

He had been making a salary of

\$105,000 in Shawano County.

The Sauk County administrator position carries more responsibility than his administrative coordinator post in Shawano County. Department heads will be working directly for him, and he will present a county budget to the board as opposed to working with the board to develop a budget.

Shawano County Chairman Tom Kautza said the county was very happy with Miller and his job performance here.

"We would have been very happy if he had stayed," he said, "but you only have grandkids once, and his kids, and you can't blame him for that."

Kautza said the human services department would begin to pursue the process for interviewing and hiring of candidates to replace Miller.

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CORRECTIONS

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More coverage by sheriff's department for Birnamwood, Mattoon and Wittenberg

Deputy Chernetski will attend village board meetings

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

Deputy Eric Chernetski of the Shawano County Sheriff's Department introduced himself at the Village of Wittenberg board meeting Sept. 15 and explained that in the future, he will be attending board meetings in Wittenberg, Birnamwood and Mattoon.

Chernetski recently moved to the village of Birnamwood and was looking for a way to bring more attention what he sees as an under-served area

by law enforcement. The western edge of the county — Mattoon to Marion — can almost seem like its own county, Chernetski said.

"It's an official capacity for the sheriff's department. I went to the bosses and got it approved," said Chernetski.

Chernetski will be switching his schedule to accommodate going to the meetings. Normally he works 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., but on days when he's attending board meetings, he'll adjust his schedule accordingly. The plan is to attend one meeting per month between the three villages. His goal is to be aware of plans and concerns of the villages and to serve as a resource for questions from the boards and residents attending the meetings.

After taking a couple of years off from law enforcement, Chernetski

joined the Shawano County Sheriff's Department on May 11. He had served at the Langlade County Sheriff's Office from 2006-2017, and feels he gained valuable experience in dealing with a variety of situations — including drug trafficking and abuse.

With the ongoing pandemic, Chernetski takes the extra precautions of wearing a mask and frequent hand washing, but he doesn't consider it to be an extra worry.

"For me, I deal with so many people with viruses and diseases that COVID-19 is just another one added to the list," said Chernetski.

With a 14-year-old stepson who attends Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School and a 10-year-old stepson attending the Birnamwood Elementary/Middle School, being a part of the community he serves is

important to Chernetski.

Chernetski feels this area will now have more of a presence in the Shawano County Sheriff's Department with this new addition of duties and with Deputy Matt Higgins and School Resource Officer Dan Weisensel living in the Wittenberg area.

Residents are encouraged to attend village board meetings. Birnamwood meets at the Matsche Center, 362 Railroad St., at 7 p.m. on second and fourth Monday of each month. Mattoon meets at the Village Hall, 310 Slate Ave., at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, and Wittenberg meets at the Community Center, 208 W. Vinal St., at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

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Birnamwood prepares for new phosphorus limits

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

The village of Birnamwood has too much phosphorus in its wastewater, said Chris Jensen, director of public works, to the village board at its Sept. 14 meeting.

While the municipality is not in violation of state Department of Natural Resources guidelines yet, he said they will need to put a plan in place to stay compliant, and some residents with older homes might need to replace their external plumbing.

Jensen detailed for the board a four-hour phone conversation he had

earlier that day with a wastewater engineer from the DNR. He said he was informed by the engineer that phosphorus limits will be put in place soon throughout Wisconsin.

Birnamwood has fluctuating phosphorus levels, anywhere from 0.75 to 1.75 parts per million gallons of water, said Jensen. According to the information from the DNR, the new guidelines will be 0.2 parts per million gallons, Jensen said.

In order to renew the village's wastewater permit, which expires in June, the village needs to apply in January, Jensen said. At that time, the DNR will establish a timeline to reach the smaller amounts within the

next four or five years. Jensen noted that too much phosphorus caused excess algae in waterways.

Jensen told the board he had asked about phosphorus levels when they built the waste treatment plant in 2015 and said he was told at that time there were no limits on phosphorus.

Trustee Jody Dombrowski asked Jensen what was causing the high levels of phosphorus and what residents could do to help. He said residents can purchase phosphate-free laundry detergent and refrain from pouring soda down the drain.

He also noted that old clay and cracked lateral pipes from homes to

the sewer lines leads to clear ground water coming into the sewer lines. He said that later tests will determine which homeowners will need to replace their lateral lines, and the board will eventually need to determine a timeline for the plumbing work.

"At some point, we're going to need to hire an engineering firm to find the most cost effective way to bring it to the required level," said Jensen. "Maybe there is extra funding we can get; the engineers usually know where to apply for that." The board took no action on the matter at the meeting.

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New call center expands support for people in emotional distress

Wisconsin callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline are much more likely to speak with a Wisconsin-based counselor with the opening of a new Wisconsin call center funded by a grant from the Department of Health Services.

"No one should ever have to be alone when they feel hopeless," said DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm. "Adding capacity to handle Wisconsin calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is part of our ongoing effort to ensure the right supports are

available at the right time for people in emotional distress."

Known as the Wisconsin Lifeline, the new call center is managed by Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin under a \$2 million annual grant. It accepts calls originating from communities not covered by one of four existing Wisconsin-based call centers in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. All of the call centers accept calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Palm noted that Wisconsin-based

counselors have the expertise and linkages to local resources that callers need, which is important as more people seek help due to the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a network of more than 170 call centers around the country. Callers are routed to a member call center near them based on their phone number. In most cases, calls that are not answered by a local call center roll over to a national backup system. However, in Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Lifeline

serves as backup to the four locally funded call centers further ensuring calls are answered by Wisconsin-based counselors.

The Wisconsin Lifeline places Wisconsin in a good position to handle the predicted surge in calls when 988 becomes the new nationwide number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 2022. For now, anyone wishing to connect to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline should call 800-273-TALK (8255). The call is free and confidential.

COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court:

- Jordan A. Smith, 30, of Neopit, was charged Sept. 21 with a felony count of possession of narcotic drugs. He could face a maximum 3½ years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted.

Smith was ordered held on a \$500 cash bond set by Judge Katherine Sloma and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Oct. 9.

- Jose E. Quezaire, 18, of Bowler, was charged Sept. 18 with a felony count of receiving stolen property. He could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Quezaire posted a \$500 cash bond set by Judge Katherine Sloma and was scheduled for a preliminary hearing Oct. 2.

- Blu R. Anderson, 27, of Eland, was charged Sept. 18 with a felony count of repeated sexual assault of a child, three counts of child enticement-sexual contact, two counts of using a computer to facilitate a sex crime, possession of child pornography and two counts of child sexual exploitation.

Five of the counts each carry a maximum possible penalty of 40 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine if convicted.

The others each carry a maximum 25 years and \$100,000 fine. Anderson was ordered held on a \$15,000 cash bond and \$35,000 signature bond set by Judge Katherine Sloma and was scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 26.

- Bert Roehl, 58, of Birnamwood, was charged Sept. 16 with a felony count of possession of methamphetamine and five counts of felony bail jumping.

He could face a maximum 3½ years in prison and \$10,000 fine on the drug count and six years and a \$10,000 fine on each of the bail jumping counts if convicted. Roehl is scheduled for an initial appearance on Oct. 26.

- Leslie A. Sleeter, 33, of Shawano, was charged Sept. 16 with felony counts of possession of narcotic drugs, possession of methamphetamine and nine felony counts of bail jumping.

She could face a maximum 3½ years in prison and \$10,000 fine on each of the drug counts if convicted and six years and a \$10,000 fine on each of the bail jumping counts.

She was ordered held on a \$5,000 cash bond set by Judge Katherine Sloma and was scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 12.

Democrats meet constituents, enjoy ice cream



Amanda Stuck, current State Assembly Representative running against Mike Gallagher for the 8th Congressional District seat in November, joins 6th Assembly District candidate Richard Sarnwick, who is challenging incumbent Gary Tauchen, at a socially-distanced ice cream social organized by Sarnwick at Franklin Park in Shawano on Sept. 18.

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 21

Deputies logged 47 incidents, including burglaries on Genesee Street in Wittenberg and Rainbow Circle in the Town of Wescott; property theft complaints on Ellms Street in Wittenberg, Cedar Street in Eland, Cherry Street in Wittenberg and Woodland Road in the Town of Washington; a disturbance on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton.

Sept. 20

Deputies logged 33 incidents, including disturbances on Big Lake Road in the Town of Red Springs and Madison Street in Bonduel; property theft complaints on Rustic Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine and Genesee Street in Wittenberg.

Sept. 19

Deputies logged 36 incidents, including criminal damage to property on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton; injury accidents on state Highway 22 in the Town of Wescott, state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor and state Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland.

Sept. 18

Deputies logged 45 incidents, including

injury accidents on U.S. Highway 45 in Aniwa and state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; property theft complaint at the Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a drug complaint on County Road C in the Town of Maple Grove.

Sept. 17

Deputies logged 41 incidents, including disturbances on Rollman Street in Bowler and County Road G in the Town of Herman; property theft on Main Laney Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; a fight in progress on Main Street in Shawano.

Sept. 16

Deputies logged 31 incidents, including a disturbance on Murphy's Road in Bowler; property theft on County Road G in the Town of Red Springs.

Sept. 15

Deputies logged 39 incidents, including an attempted burglary on County Road Z in the Town of Aniwa; property theft on Railroad Street in Bowler; disturbances on Rollman Street in Bowler, Elm Avenue in the Town of Wescott and Shawano Hills Court in the Town of Wescott; a drug complaint on Broadway Road in the Town of Richmond.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 21

Police logged 37 incidents, including a burglary in the 200 block of East Richmond Street; a license plate stolen in the 1300 block of East Lieg Avenue; property damage accidents at Lincoln and Richmond streets and in the 1200 block of East Green Bay Street.

Sept. 20

Police logged 20 incidents, including a property damage accident in the 1000 block of East Green Bay Street; a property damage hit-and-run in the 1200 block of East Green Bay Street; an attempted theft in the 700 block of South Main Street.

Sept. 19

Police logged 20 incidents, including drug complaints in the 1000 block of Rusch Road and at Lincoln and Randall streets.

Sept. 18

Police logged 33 incidents, including a property damage accident at Richmond and Cleveland street; disorderly conduct in the 400 block of East Green Bay Street and 200 block of West Lieg Avenue; a fraud complaint in the 300 block of Mountain Bay Trail Drive; a bike reported

stolen in the 1200 block of East Green Bay Street; Halloween decorations stolen in the 100 block of South Franklin Street.

Sept. 17

Police logged 21 incidents, including graffiti reported on playground equipment at Olga Brener Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; disturbances in the 200 block of North Main Street and 200 block of South Andrews Street; pumpkin decorations stolen in the 600 block of East Randall Street.

Sept. 16

Police logged 22 incidents, including a property damage accident in the 700 block of Oak Drive; an automobile theft reported in the 700 block of South Prospect Street; a disturbance at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; a fight in progress at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; property theft complaints at CoVantage Credit Union, 911 E. Green Bay St. and in the 200 block of South Union Street; an internet scam complaint in the 200 block of Alpine Drive.

Sept. 15

Police logged 20 incidents, including harassment in the 700 block of South Main Street; a threatening complaint in the 500 block of Prospect Circle.

Farm living the life for Jesse and Carla Hanke

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

For the past 39 years, Jesse and Carla Hanke have been busy farming, and raising a son and a daughter. Jesse Hanke also worked full time as a rural postal carrier for 27 years while his wife, Carla, operated their garden market.

Like most markets, the food is picked fresh each day, but unlike other places, the food stays fresh all day long. The fresh produce they offer is displayed on their wagon, but it is also stored in covered insulated cartons when there aren't any customers around.

"Styrofoam is one of the best insulations and I got the grape storage cases from my cousins down the road who own Hanke's Sentry Foods," said Hanke. "I put ice packs under a layer of plastic and it keeps the produce fresh rather than wilting away all day."

Not that anything goes to waste at their market. Over the years they've figured out what they can sell and what they can't is turn into something else. Tomatoes are transformed into Carla's Famous Spaghetti Sauce or salsa, which also receives rave reviews from loyal customers.

The Hanks also make the most of whatever else grows on the property. Jams and jellies are made from pears, wild black caps, dandelions and wild grapes; things you can't find on a store shelf. Hanke noted that some people only come to buy his wife's canned goods. She sells a lot of canned goods in quarts and pints and half pint sizes.

Maple syrup is their biggest money maker and they produce between 1,000 and 1,500 gallons of syrup each year. Gone are the back breaking days of carrying buckets of sap when great-grandfather Wilhelm Hanke first tapped those trees. The Hanks now have their woods set up with a vacuum tubing system instead.

Farming has been a longtime family tradition for the Hanks.

In 1898, Jesse Hanke's great-grandfather, Wilhelm Hanke, settled the farm just east of Wittenberg. It passed from Wilhelm to his son William then to William's son George. When Hanke's dad, George, was thinking about selling the farm he offered it first to his three sons and daughter and Jesse decided he wanted to take over. He and his wife, Carla, had been living in Wausau and decided farm living was the life for them.

Over the years, the Hanks have



Carla and Jesse Hanke have been enjoying the farming life for 39 years. Their garden market provides fresh local produce and some socializing time with friends, neighbors and total strangers.

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planted 140 apple trees, 10 different varieties. Although the produce is grown organically, the apple trees are a different story. Twice a year, the trees are sprayed with commercial applications of pesticides to ensure they produce number one grade apples. Hanke finds that even though he uses organic sprays through part of the growing process, most of the organic sprays are not as effective.

The early apples are done for the season, but the Honeycrisp, Cortland, Liberty, Linda Mac and Wolf River varieties will be ready soon.

In years past, the Hanks have brought their wagon of produce across the road to Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats retail store parking lot on the weekends. This year to allow more room for social distancing they decided to stay put on their side of the road and it hasn't affected sales. The only other COVID-19 adjustment they've made is prepackaging the beans in half- and one-pound boxes, an idea they say they should have em-

braced years ago. Some people come with masks on but the majority feel comfortable being outside shopping.

"You meet all kinds, but most of them are friends and we appreciate their patronage. We're just trying to provide fresh local produce and we're the only market here so that's a good set up," said Hanke.

Gardening is hard work, and the customers who can no longer garden frequently tell the Hanks that they appreciate that the Hanks have kept their market open.

"It's a little social time for them," said Hanke of the locals. "One of the two of us will always visit with them when they stop by."

Noting that the Hanks each just drew their first Social Security checks, Jesse and Carla know the day when they will have to close up shop isn't that far off.

About seven years ago, the Hanks got rid of the cows and farm animals and started renting out most of their land. Their focus now is on their mar-

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Hanke's Garden Market

WHERE: W17857 County Road Q, Wittenberg

WHEN: Open 9 a.m. daily through Oct. 31

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ket and it takes up most of their year. Mid-February they start planning for tapping trees which usually happens in March and is done by the first week of April. Then it's time to think about the garden, working the soil, rotating the crops and getting everything planted. They stay busy with the market until Halloween. November through January is used for taking vacations.

The Hanks have a son and a daughter who could take over the farm when they decide to call it quits, but their grandson might be the one most likely to take over. Until that day comes Jesse and Carla Hanke plan to keep working the garden and enjoying life on the farm.

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OBITUARIES

Phyllis J. Habeck

Phyllis J. Habeck, 87, of Shawano, passed away Tuesday evening, Sept. 15, 2020, at the Cottages in Shawano.

Phyllis was born Jan. 16, 1933, in La Crosse to Earl and Marjorie (Hill) Hazelwood. She lived in La Crosse and Wausau, graduating from Wausau High School. Phyllis attended college at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, which is where she met her husband, Roy Habeck. The couple was married on Aug. 29, 1953.

Shortly after marriage, 20-year-old Phyllis began teaching at Hancock Elementary School. She and Roy moved to Adams in 1957 until 1960, where Phyllis was an elementary school principal. The couple then moved to New Glarus in 1960, where she taught grade school and junior high school classes and special education students until 1968.

Phyllis and Roy moved on to Woodstock, Illinois, where Phyllis volunteered for the local hospital auxiliary and at the high school, spending much time on variable scheduling for students. She also earned her mas-



ter's degree at Northern Illinois University during that time.

Beginning in 1978, she moved to Shawano Lake, and Phyllis began counseling students at North-

east Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay for 18 years. She then served as a volunteer board member for the next 17 years, holding various offices on the board. Phyllis founded two scholarships at NWTC as well as endowments to finance education majors at UW-Stevens Point and UW-Madison. She and Roy also sponsored a scholarship fund with Shawano Dollars for Scholars.

Phyllis worked part-time at the Shawano City-County Library, volunteered for the Navarino Nature Center, the Town of Wescott Cemetery Association, and St. James and St. Jakobi Lutheran churches in Shawano. Phyllis also volunteered at

the Shawano County Humane Society, where she adopted her dogs, Tip and Lucky. When she retired from her education career, Phyllis became active with the Shawano County Republican Party. She and Roy received the 8th Congressional District Volunteers of the Year Award. Phyllis also served as a poll worker for over a decade.

Phyllis was a talented knitter, winning about a dozen Best of Show purple ribbons at the Shawano County Fair for her afghans. Many of her afghans were customized for wedding couples, and she even knitted a special afghan for a graduate of the U.S. Army Military Academy at West Point, New York. Phyllis also won ribbons at the fair for her photography and flowers.

She was a Green Bay Packers owner and fan and witnessed the Packers defeat the Patriots in Super Bowl XXXI. She also enjoyed following the UW-Stevens Point Pointers, the Wisconsin Badgers and the Milwaukee Brewers. Phyllis's other hobbies

were open water fishing, reading and jigsaw puzzles.

Survivors include her husband, Roy, of Shawano; her children, retired Judge James R. (Penny) Habeck, of Shawano, and Jean Habeck, a teacher in Denver, Colorado; her sister, Ann Lydon; and her twin brother, Philip Hazelwood; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Don and Bill; and Roy's siblings, Agnes Smolarek, Milton Habeck, Harold Habeck, Ralph Habeck and Ruben Habeck.

Due to COVID-19 regulations, a celebration of Phyllis' life will be held at a later date.

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



Emmeretta Miller

Emmeretta Miller, our sister, mother, aunt and friend died unexpectedly due to complications of COVID-19 at 2:20 p.m. on Sept. 12, 2020, at ThedaCare in Appleton. The unrelenting rain on Sept. 12 was symbolic of the tears and devastation felt by all upon news of her passing.

Emmeretta was born Oct. 24, 1956, to the late Leonard E. "Jack" and Glenore T. "Betty" (Boivin) Miller. Emmeretta was a graduate of Bowler High School and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Emmeretta's major in college was physical education, which she took to Bowler High school and taught for 20 years.

She was not finished. When she retired from teaching, she went on to work for the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe in its payroll department, where



she managed staff until retirement. Along with her late husband, they owned and operated the convenience store in Neopit, Kenah Mecem. In her youth, she was

the proud representative of Polaris snowmobiles.

Emmeretta, her late husband, Norbert Miller, their daughter, Dory, and family dog, Presley, lived both on the Stockbridge-Munsee and Menominee Indian Tribe reservations.

Emmeretta was a generous native soul, carrying on the traditions of hospitality, love, generosity and encouragement. To one loving nephew, she

was called "Retta." Family enjoyed her cooking lessons (bread, rolls baked in Grandma Leoris's historic bread pans) and heritage recipes created with love. She was an avid QVC shopper; they're going to miss her. She belonged to a food group on Facebook and loved her conversations with them.

One niece best described her important role in our family: "She taught us how to be strong, how to take care of others, how to cook and how to bring the family together." Either by purpose or design, she became our family's matriarch after our mother passed away.

Emmeretta is survived by her daughter, Dory Miller; her siblings, Linda (David) Boundy, of New York, Trilby Beauprey (Glen) McIntosh, of Shawano, John (Cindy) Miller, of

Gresham, Terry (Debbie) Miller, of Bowler, and Mary (Wally) Miller, of Bowler. She is further survived by her pet dog, Presley. Nieces, nephews, aunts and uncle also share in her heritage.

Emmeretta was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Luke E. Beauprey III; sister, Jacqueline Miller; grandparents, Jack and Leoris Miller; and Julius and Geraldine Boivin.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

The family of Emmeretta would like to thank the emergency teams of Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe; the airlift personnel and "Roger" and staff of ThedaCare of Appleton. Your kindness and loving care will never be forgotten.

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Karen L. Reeck

Karen L. Reeck, 78, of Pella, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Sept. 17, 2020.

Karen Lee Reeck was born on Sept. 1, 1942, in West Allis to the late Carol and Florence (Mullinix) Eckley. She was married to Carlyle "Sonny" Reeck on Feb. 16, 1993. She worked many jobs, but one of her favorites was taking care of over 250 foster children in Dodge and Shawano counties. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, reading, word puzzles, music, baking, cooking and giving horse



drawn wagon rides with her husband. She also enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Kaye (Wendy Mathison)

Kangas, Kent (Megan) Van Buren, Rebecca Van Buren and Matthew (Jess) Van Buren; grandchildren, Jordan and Hailee Saunders; great-

grandchildren, Michael and Daniel; nephews, Steve (Shannon) Eckley, Mark Eckley and Colin (Kari) Eckley; and her cat Dutchess.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Sonny; brother, Robert Eckley; sister-in-law, Rosemary Eckley; and brother-in-law, Jerry Reeck.

A memorial service will be held 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville with the Rev. Karen Reimer officiat-

ing. Friends may call on Saturday at the funeral home from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service.

The family would like to thank ThedaCare Hospice, the Pines Post Acute Memory Care, Dr. Alexander Starr and Kristen Brockdorf N.P. of ThedaCare Oncology.

The family welcomes donations to Shawano County Humane Society as an expression of sympathy in lieu of flowers.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Barbara Host Marlier

Barbara Host Marlier, 76, went in quiet peace to her God, her blessed virgin Mary, her many relatives, friends and other saints Monday, Sept. 7, 2020. In her last days, she was surrounded by her husband, her children and grandchildren while at Appleton ThedaCare Regional Medical Center and in hospice care at the same facility.

She was born Barbara Martha Host in Milwaukee on Aug. 15, 1944, to her now-deceased parents, David Host and Patricia Host (nee Bellew).

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Thomas Robert Marlier, whom she married May 6, 1972. She is also survived by her four children and eight grandchildren, David Host Marlier (Heather Jean, nee Gilbert) with Sebastian and Josephine Marlier; BethAnna Host Davis, nee Marlier (Joey Lee Davis) with AnnaBelle, Maximus and Tannen Davis; Jonathan Host Marlier (Caroline, nee Bruschuk) with London Marlier; and Mollica Host Marlier (Randall Kent Davis) with Miles and Finnigan Davis.

She is further survived by her four sisters, nieces and nephews, Mary Pat



Monica Host (Joel Jablonski) with Day and Gabriel Host-Jablonski.

Barbara was a deeply religious, warm, caring and compassionate person. She had a strong devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was deeply formed in the social teachings of the Roman Catholic Church with regard to the primary teaching of Jesus Christ, which is to care for those less fortunate. She believed in a progressive Catholic Church based on the above with appropriate respect to its teachings and rules. These beliefs were shaped by her parents and the example of Dorothy Day. She and her husband shared these same beliefs.

After graduating from Marquette

Host with Alia Trillegi; Andrea Host with Michael Mullaney; Thea Host (Kevin Keane) with Jeremy Gramling, Erin Keane, Patrick Keane and Benjamin Keane; and

University with a degree in theology and beginning studies in psychology, Barbara spent most of her life in social work, taking off due time to provide full-time care of her growing children. Barbara lived one year at Casa Maria Hospitality House in Milwaukee, donating her salary to it while helping the homeless and the poor.

As early as the 1960s, she marched for civil rights. She continued in these beliefs up to the present. Because she believed that all persons are created equal by the one loving God, Barbara could not hold any person inferior or superior by reason of race, color of skin, national origin, sex, culture or creed. Fairness to all and love were her lasting attributes.

She began her career in social work at the Milwaukee County Department of Public Welfare. She then moved to Barron, where her husband was corporation counsel and cubmaster and she served as Girl Scout leader. In 1990, they moved to Shawano. In Shawano, she established a chapter of Emotions Anonymous, a support group to help members cope with their emotions.

She worked at Homme Home in Wittenberg helping counsel youths. Later, she also volunteered helping counsel pregnant teens at The Marion House in Green Bay.

After retiring, she remained active caring for her grandchildren and providing communion and visitation to persons at Maple Lane Health Services. When COVID-19 struck, she was deeply saddened that she would not be able to see the many people there with whom she had developed warm friendships.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions for the Casa Maria Hospitality Center in Milwaukee where she once lived. These may be made through the Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano.

Visitation will be Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish in Shawano. Mass of the resurrection will follow. Per the family's wishes and the policy of Sacred Heart Parish, masks must be worn.

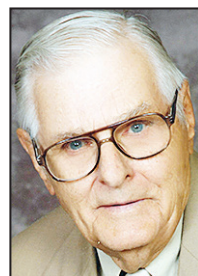
For information, please check at www.swedbergfuneralhome.com.

Robert Thimke

Robert Charles Thimke, 97, of Shawano, passed away at 12:12 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 31, 2020, surrounded by his family and his companion, Shorts the cat. Bob was born Sept. 26, 1922, to the late William F. and Emma (Engel) Thimke in Shawano.

Bob grew up with his brother, Harry, and his sister, Ruth, during the Depression, residing on Lafayette Street and having lots of adventures with his gregarious neighborhood friends. When World War II broke out, he helped form the Civil Air Patrol in Clintonville, flew a plane and collected numerous stories to regale in his later years.

Bob spent his entire life in Shawano running the family jewelry store with his wife and partner, Mary. He raised three children (Bill, Mark and Claire), all of whom survive him. He remained active throughout his adult life with his community and Peace Church. Bob loved to travel, and his stories of the places he had been and the people he had met were a joy and comfort to him. He always valued



friendship and had friends of all ages throughout his life.

Though our father lived to be 97 years, we his children are already missing him. We hope

everyone who knew or came in contact with Bob will have the same feelings of joy at his long and fruitful life and sadness at his passing.

A funeral service for Bob will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, at Peace United Church of Christ, with the Rev. Lew Worthington officiating. Burial will be held in Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday at the church from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Shawano County Humane Society or the local charity of their choice.

Bob's family would like to extend a special thank you to his neighbors, caregivers Terri, Brenda and Paula and to Jenny's Assisted Living.

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Lois M. Glocke

Lois M. Glocke, 91, of Clintonville, passed away peacefully on Friday, Sept. 18, 2020, at the Greentree Health and Rehabilitation

Center in Clintonville.

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

Michael L. Sutherland

Michael Leo Sutherland, 83, of Hudson, Florida, formerly of Bonduel, passed away on Sept. 8, 2020, at a VA hospital in Tampa, Florida. He was born May 12, 1937, in Detroit, Michigan, to Leo H. and Marie E. Sutherland.

Michael enlisted in the United States Navy from 1956 through 1967, serving as an aviation structural mechanic during Vietnam attached to a heavy attack squadron. After the service, Mike was the owner/operator of several service stations before farming in Michigan. Mike became a member of the Bonduel farming community in 1976. Mike was a member of the Bonduel area VFW.

Surviving Mike are his wife, Nancy K. Sutherland, of Hudson, Florida; brothers, Colin Sutherland and Joseph



Sutherland, both of Michigan; sister, Ann Marie Sutherland, of Michigan; seven children, Nancy (Bill) Kulman, of Port Huron, Michigan, Kathy (Todd) Kienbaum,

of Appleton, Chris (Sonya) Sutherland, of Gillett, Terry (Pat) Cotharin, of New Port Richy, Florida, Michael K. (Connie) Sutherland, of Bonduel, Susan (Bob) VanSciver, of Appleton, and Mary (Scott) Mellberg, of Appleton; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Peter Sutherland and Donald Sutherland.

Private funeral services will be held at a later date.



MARRIAGES

Alan Mark Danielson and Cathleen Theresa Marcks, both of Bonduel, Sept. 19, 2020.

Jacob Andrew Drakenberg and Margaret Mary Zarter, both of Shawano, Sept. 19, 2020.

Jedediah James Hoffman and Jennifer Nicole Christianson, both

of Town of Belle Plaine, Sept. 12, 2020.

Dylan Wayne Singer and Melissa Mae Moore, both of Shawano, Sept. 16, 2020.

Dylan Micael Wolter and Kali Mackenzie Vedvik, both of Town of Maple Grove, Sept. 25, 2020.

Miles of Art smaller but still going strong

Three sites stay open to entice art lovers in October

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Shawano County's Miles of Art festival might have fewer miles this year, but there will still be plenty of art to peruse the first weekend in October.

Miles of Art has been reduced to three sites — two in Shawano and one in Gresham — but the other sites that have opted out plan to be back in action next year, with the hope that the coronavirus pandemic will have passed.

"It is a scaled-back version of our usual Miles of Art," said Megan Dorsch, one of the coordinators for this year's festival. "We let the artists that host the studios decide whether they wanted to participate or not."

David Aschenbrener, who operates a bronzing studio at W10181 Cherry Road near Gresham, is one of those artists who elected to stay open and welcome visitors from Shawano County and beyond.

He will be hosting three other artists — one of them being his son, Alex.

Another stop for visitors is the Wally G Beads Studio, N5656 Oak Rod in the Town of Wescott. Mary Redman and Walter Gross will host, and four other artists will be joining them for some fun.

Off the Wall, a Shawano art gallery owned by Tamara Magee at 124 S. Main St., will also serve as a stop on the Miles of Art tour, which will also allow those touring to stop and enjoy the downtown's annual Oktoberfest.

On a typical year, Miles of Art has extended all the way to the WOWSPACE in Wittenberg, stretched up into the heart of the Menominee Reservation and included as many as eight or nine host sites in a given year. However, Dorsch said, many of the sites felt it was best to take a break for 2020 and come back stronger in the next year.

Of course, those visiting the sites will also get the chance to see more



Megan Dorsch's artwork, which includes "Moon Man" can be seen at the Wally G Bead Studio during Miles of Art on Oct. 3-4.

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FYI

Although the WOWSPACE is not participating in the Miles of Art tour this year, the gallery is open with a new exhibit, "Kaleidoscope of Color." The exhibit will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 4. The gallery is located at 114 Vinal St. in Wittenberg. For information, go to www.wallsofwittenberg.com/community-events.

than 360 barn quilts around Shawano County and dozens of community quilts in and around Gresham, along with the natural fall colors.

Miles of Art will take place Oct. 3-4, with hours being 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Because the pandemic is still in full swing, Dorsch is urging those who go to the sites to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

She noted that Miles of Art foot traffic is usually a steady flow and not one where crowds peak at certain times.

"Let's say you have a purchasing situation and you're checking out in a garage area, we want people to try and stay six feet apart," Dorsch said.

"Sometimes, that may mean somebody's standing outside and not under a roof. We just ask for social distancing."

Aside from pandemic protocols prompting fewer sites, Dorsch said that the festival will still remain the same, and anyone who is eager to see what new creations local artists have put together should come out to see what's there.

"It's a cool opportunity to see some local artists in their own environment, ask some questions and do some early holiday shopping and all that good stuff," Dorsch said.

She added that there is already interest in making Miles of Art bigger and better than ever in 2021.

"We've had interest from new artists and had new sites that we wanted to open up, but this wasn't the year to do it," Dorsch said. "We're hoping to add some new things next year."

Information on Miles of Art can be found at www.smartwisconsin.com, and Dorsch said information



"Mountain Sunset" by Alex Aschenbrener will be one of the pieces the artist will have on display at his father's bronzing studio in Gresham for Miles of Art.

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will be updated on the Miles of Art Facebook page.

SPORTS

ATHLETE PROFILE: MCKENNA FOSTER

Witt-Birn senior helping lead team to big goals

Trying to win back-to-back conference titles is no easy feat, especially when a team graduates several impact players. The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School volleyball team is striving to win its second straight Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division title this fall, and senior McKenna Foster is serving as one of the leaders in that quest.

Foster, a team captain and the team's libero, helped the team get off to a 4-0 start, including one CWC-East win, in the first week of the regular season.

She had a team-leading 11 digs in its conference sweep of Bonduel on Sept. 15, then had nine digs in a CWC cross-over sweep of Pittsville on Sept. 17.

The senior served four aces in a triangular win over Weyauwega-Fremont on Saturday before recording 11 digs in another triangular win over Iola-Scandinavia.

Q: When did your interest in volleyball begin?

A: My interest in volleyball began in sixth grade, the first time I really sat down and watched a high school game. I fell in love instantly and knew I wanted to play.

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

A: My favorite part of the season is going to team meals and team bonding activities that bring us all together.

Q: What has volleyball taught you over the years?

A: The biggest thing that I have learned about playing volleyball over the years is how to communicate with others. I would say that this is the biggest game of communication, and if you don't have that, a team will struggle.

Q: As a senior, how do you try and help lead the rest of the team,



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's McKenna Foster looks on during the team's Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division match against Bonduel on Sept. 15 in Bonduel.

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yet still enjoy your last season?

A: As a senior, I like to help the newbies with positioning and most of all, coming out of their shell. A lot of underclassmen are nervous and timid coming into a varsity season, and I like to be the one to make it easier and more welcoming for them, because I've been in their shoes before and it is intimidating.

Q: With the team's biggest goal being to win conference again,

how does the team not let those high expectations get to you and instead stay loose?

A: Coming into this season with the same goal of last season is a huge motivator for us because we all know that we can play up to that potential so we just have to keep working hard to maintain that title and win conference again.

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

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: McKenna Foster

SPORT: Volleyball

POSITIONS: Libero

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

YEAR: Senior

Wittenberg-Birnamwood volleyball team?

A: My favorite memories of playing for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood volleyball team would have to be placing third in the Dells tournament and going undefeated in our conference last season.

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

A: The thing that I will miss most of high school volleyball is just playing the game in general. I love my team and the game so much — I know life won't be the same without it.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Grey's Anatomy." Movie — "Dirty Dancing." Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

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

A: I lived in Wittenberg when I was little. We sold our house then I moved to Houghton, Michigan. Eight years later, here I am, back in Wittenberg, living in the same house.

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

A: "Believe nothing of what you hear and only half of what you see."

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

A: After high school my goal is to graduate college (undecided where I am attending) and go to medical school to become a dermatologist.

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Chargers begin CWC-East title quest with win

Witt-Birn sweeps Bonduel, goes 4-0 in first week

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School volleyball team is hoping to win its second straight Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division title this fall, but it needed some young athletes to fill the voids left by graduated players.

The team's young talent were up for the challenge Sept. 15, when the team opened its season with a sweep of Bonduel by scores of 25-11, 25-16, 25-21 in Bonduel.

"That was the biggest thing I was saying in the (season) preview, is we got to start off strong right off the bat," said Witt-Birn coach Becky Rew. "Our No. 1 goal is to win conference again."

"We got six seniors, but we also have a lot of sophomores and freshmen playing, and there were some nerves. I saw it in warmups. The nerves were kind of there, but I was very happy with how they came together."

It was the senior duo of Abi Fraaza and Emma Herb that combined for 15 kills to lead the way for the Chargers, but several underclassmen also stepped up.

Freshman London Metropulos finished with four kills, while sophomore Reese Rogowski also had four kills and added 10 digs. Sophomore setter Payton Foster had a team-leading 11 assists and chipped in six digs, with sophomore Lilly Betry contributing in multiple areas, finishing with two aces, five assists and three digs.

"I think (tonight) was a good turning point because we've been practicing so much. We've been having our open gyms, but this was our first actual contact play we've had," said Herb, who had five attack kills on the night. "I think it's just exciting, especially coming out of quarantine since we didn't get to play in our spring sports. So to come back and be able to play our first game and beat them as we did, it was pretty cool."

Along with her 10 kills — four of which were blocks — Fraaza also came through as a server, finishing



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Abi Fraaza, second from right, tips the ball over the net as Bonduel's Halea Sporisky (4) and Josie Hoffman (12) try to block it during a CWC-East match on Sept. 15 in Bonduel.

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with 19 serves attempted and a pair of aces. Senior McKenna Foster tallied a team high 11 digs.

After falling behind early in the first set and never being able to bounce back, Bonduel was able to battle with Witt-Birn in the second and third sets, something that gave coach Abby Reinke some confidence.

"We've got a really good group of kids; I think sometimes it just takes them that game to get going. But if we can figure out a way to start the first set that way, we have the talent," said Reinke. "There's a lot of opportunity to grow, but I saw some fight and competitiveness there (second and third sets) so that's good."

Senior Halea Sporisky and sophomore Josie Hoffman each finished with six attack kills for the Bears, while junior Brenna Hertzfeldt had five. Hoffman topped the team with 11 digs, with Sporisky, Hertzfeldt and Alaina Robaidek each tallying six digs.

Robaidek and Sporisky racked up all but two of the team's assists, finishing with 11 and seven, respectively. Robaidek and sophomore Nakiyah Henning each contributed three kills.

The two teams went undefeated the rest of the week.

On Sept. 17, Bonduel swept Rosholt (25-18, 25-16, 25-17) in a CWC cross-over match in Bonduel.

Henning led Bonduel with seven kills, while Hoffman and Hertzfeldt had six kills each. Henning also had four aces, while Hoffman had three. Robaidek was the team leader in digs and assists, tallying 15 and 14, respectively.

That same night, Witt-Birn earned another road win, sweeping Pittsville by scores of 25-15, 25-15, 25-12.

Fraaza finished with 11 total kills for Witt-Birn, while Herb had nine attack kills. Fraaza also had four aces.

Metropulos had 12 total kills, five of which were blocks. Jadalynn

Dauids added four blocks kills, Amara Schoepke served five aces and Betry totaled 15 assists and four aces. Payton Foster led the team with 14 assists and McKenna Foster had nine digs.

The Chargers wrapped up the week with a pair of wins at a home triangular Saturday.

In its 25-17, 25-13 win over Weyauwega-Fremont, Rogowski tallied six kills and four digs for Witt-Birn, while Fraaza and Herb contributed six and five kills, respectively. Payton Foster recorded seven assists and three aces, Betry added eight assists and McKenna Foster served four aces.

In its 25-23, 25-16 victory over Iola-Scandinavia, Herb led the team with seven attack kills, with Fraaza and Rogowski each tallying three block kills. McKenna Foster recorded 11 digs, while Payton Foster and Betry tallied nine and seven assists, respectively.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Bowler facing low roster numbers as season begins

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bowler High School volleyball team is battling low roster numbers as its fall season gets underway.

Bowler, which is coached by Brad Brei, graduated five seniors from last year's team that finished 13-12 overall and 2-4 in the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division. The team made it to a regional final in the postseason before being eliminated.

Brei said the team only had 11 eligible players near the start of the season and returns just two starters.

Seniors Tynea Johnson (outside hitter, defensive specialist) and McKayla Putnam (middle blocker, right side, setter) are the two starters back.

Senior Skye Breitrick (setter,

outside hitter), juniors Morgan Paiser (middle blocker) and Tia Kroening (setter, outside hitter, defensive specialist) and sophomore Brandi Spencer (setter, outside hitter) also have varsity experience.

Sophomore Shianne Pike (middle blocker, right side) and freshmen Weengeetah Mohawk (outside hitter), Bertina Dodge (outside hitter) and Isabella Stevens (middle blocker) are some players who could also figure into the varsity rotation this fall.

Bowler had a busy first week to its regular season, playing three matches.

On Sept. 15, Bowler opened up its season with a comeback road win over Tigerton. Bowler won by scores of 19-25, 19-25, 25-18, 25-18, 15-11.

Putnam led Bowler with 12 kills and 16 assists, while Spencer had 11

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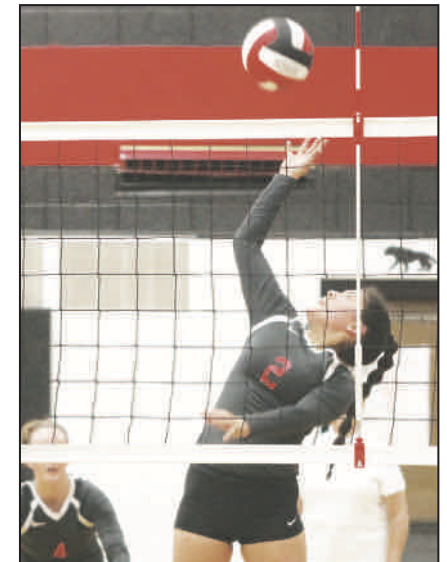
assists, eight kills and six digs. Paiser finished with six kills and four aces and Johnson had seven digs.

On Sept. 17, Bowler dropped a CWC crossover match in Shiocton by scores of 18-25, 25-18, 26-24, 25-20.

Paiser tallied a team-leading nine kills and 12 digs for Bowler. Putnam added seven kills, nine assists and eight digs. Spencer finished with eight assists for the Panthers, while Johnson totaled 10 digs.

Bowler was swept 25-9, 27-25, 25-12 by Gresham on Saturday in Bowler.

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Bowler's Tynea Johnson leaps up to hit the ball during a 2019 CWC-North match against Gresham in Bowler. Johnson is one of just two starters back for the Panthers this fall. FILE | NEW MEDIA

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Wittenberg-Birnamwood teams each finish 2nd at invitational

Three Gresham/Bowler runners also compete

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Both Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School cross-country teams placed second at the Bonduel Invitational on Sept. 15 in Bonduel.

The boys earned a team score of

64, while the girls posted a 56.

Jenna Stone (22 minutes, 49.1 seconds) was the girls top finisher, taking fifth. Ruby Nowinsky (25:41) came in 11th, while Annika Resch (27:18.1) was 16th and Lauren Dombeck (28:00.8) 20th. Ava Wepner (31:31.1) rounded out the team score with a 28th-place finish.

The Witt-Birn boys top individual finish was also fifth place, accomplished by Tommy Bruski (18:11.7).

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Full results from the invitational can be found at <http://pttiming.com/>.

Simon Schairer (19:13) and Craig Wendel (19:14.8) finished 11th and 12th, respectively. Wyatt Dickman (19:30.6) took 17th and Ian Resch (19:47.1) was 19th.

Three Gresham/Bowler runners participated in the invitational.

Bryson Nelson (23:00.6) and Zachary Young (24:21) placed 44th and 49th, respectively, for the boys. Maya Thiex (32:04.5) came in 29th for the girls.

Girls team scores: 1. Bonduel 17; 2. Wittenberg-Birnamwood 56; 3. Iola-Scandinavia 71.

Boys team scores: 1. Pacelli 28; 2. Wittenberg-Birnamwood 64; 3. Iola-Scandinavia 65; 4. Weyauwega-Fremont 107; 5. Bonduel 120; 6. Manawa 178; 7. Marion 216.

Statewide deer hunter diary study to be conducted this fall season

This fall, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is launching its largest ever survey of deer hunters to better understand which harvest opportunities hunters decide to take.

Participating hunters will use an online diary to record the number of hours they spend hunting, deer sightings and observations related to buck age and harvest selectivity. The aim of this study is to gain more information about statewide hunter success and selectivity when deer hunting.

The deer hunter diary started with the beginning of the bow

season on Sept. 12 and will run until the end of the nine-day gun season on Nov. 29. The department plans to contact more than 130,000 licensed hunters by email asking them to participate in the diary survey.

The DNR will randomly select hunters to participate in three days of online diary entries to record their experiences deer hunting. Examples of the types of questions asked within the diary include: How many hours were spent hunting, how many deer were seen, how many deer the hunter had an opportunity to harvest and how many

deer were harvested.

"This study allows for a unique opportunity for hunters to have direct involvement in citizen science and deer management in Wisconsin," said Robert Holsman, DNR resource sociologist. "This is the first time we are conducting the deer hunter diary at the statewide level, and we are looking forward to hearing directly from deer hunters about their observations of deer and experiences while hunting."

"We test piloted this study in Bayfield and Iowa counties last fall, and we are hoping to build off of our findings to figure out how often

hunters are passing bucks they consider to be too small," said Meghan Pluemer, DNR resource sociologist.

Groups of deer hunters will be sampled continually throughout the deer seasons this fall, so hunters may be selected to participate at any time throughout the bow and nine-day firearm season.

Participation in the diary survey is optional, and the department strongly encourages everyone selected to take part. For the diaries to reflect hunter experiences statewide, it is important that hunters respond if they are selected to participate.

Bring on the fall colors

"It's the most wonderful time of the year." Yes, I know those are the opening lyrics to a beloved Christmas song, but for me fall is the most wonderful time. I enjoy the bit of chill in the air. Sweatshirt weather is my favorite weather. The coziness of putting on a sweatshirt to avoid an early morning or early evening chill is almost better than getting a hug. Notice I said "almost," because there is nothing I've missed more this year than the giving and receiving of hugs!

I always get a little bit giggly when I see the leaves turning color. Nothing brings a smile to my face faster than a sunny day with a forest ablaze with colors. Given how so many of our western states are dealing with forest fires, it's probably not the best choice of words. But I need to embrace a bit of poetic license for this column.

With the Webb Street project now complete, I'm looking at a very different fall. In years past, this was one of the prettiest streets in the fall because it was lined with so many great trees. The colors were always amazing and usually worth the time



MIRIAM NELSON

and effort it took to rake up the leaves after their moment of glory. I was never much good at enjoying the outdoors, except when it came time to rake leaves in the fall. When I first moved back home, a neighbor and I would take our time gathering the leaves to be burned while enjoying our cup of coffee. ("Cup of coffee" was code for a little wine that would make this job more enjoyable.) After she moved, raking leaves on my own just wasn't as much fun.

I've been home 16 falls now, and my yard has changed a lot during that time. A windstorm cracked a rather large branch off a tree in the middle of my yard. Because it landed on my deck and roof, it wasn't a tough decision to have the rest of the dying tree removed. Another storm brought the branch of a very large tree next to my house down and



Leaves in the area are starting to turn, creating pockets of red, yellow and orange that will eventually sweep across entire hardwood forests.

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through a very small basement window. Removing that tree ensured the safety of my house as well as eliminated the need to have Roto-Rooter clear the roots out of my sewer line every other spring.

As I'm aging, it is a little bit less fun to rake leaves — now that it's not so much fun to jump in the piles of leaves — but I still mourned the loss of the two trees at the front of my property that had to come down in order to put in the new street. Those trees were part of my life since we moved here in 1966. I loved how they looked in front of our house and one of them I could actually climb, so it was especially hard to watch that one come down.

Now that the street is finished and the curbs and sidewalks make our street travel-able again, I have all my hope for beauty tied up to the survival of the one lone tree they planted. Each property got one tree, and some are doing better than others, but they are guaranteed to grow or will be replaced. So far, mine is doing well; it at least has leaves. Some of the new trees down the street are not doing as well, but there is still hope. I'm not sure what this fall will bring, but next fall I should be able to enjoy a bouquet of bright red leaves.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Lawrence University

Lawrence University students were named to the 2020 dean's list, an annual honor roll of students demonstrating exemplary academic performance. The following local students have earned 2020 dean's list honors at Lawrence University: Summer Kopitzke, of Marion, and Mara Kissinger, of Shawano.

The dean's list is compiled at the end of the academic year once all grades have been recorded. To make the dean's list, a student must have earned at least 36 units in Lawrence courses during the academic year and have earned a GPA of at least 3.5.

Winona State University

Winona State University has announced the dean's list for spring semester 2020. Local students making the list are Morgan Klitzke, Shawano; Alexis Nick, Clintonville; Abigail Palmer, Bonduel; Elizabeth Pautz, Pulaski; Madeline Pietz, Birnamwood; and Ian Zeinert, Wittenberg.

To be named to the list, a student must achieve a minimum grade-point average of 3.5.

Carthage College

Carthage College has named Geovanni Virella-Torres from Pulaski to its dean's list for academic excellence during the spring 2020 semester.

Dean's list honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester.

University of Alabama

Gage Pillsbury, of Shawano, was named to the University of Alabama President's List for spring 2020.

A total of 16,470 students enrolled during the 2020 spring term at UA were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0.

Edgewood College

The following area students have earned semester honors for

the spring 2020 semester at Edgewood College: Mackenzie Hoffman, of Gresham, and Lauren Kane, of Pulaski. The following students have been named to the dean's list: Mackenzie Hoffman, of Gresham, and Jaime Keeney, of Wittenberg.

Full-time students who achieve a 3.5 grade-point average for the semester are eligible for this honor.

Lawrence University

The Lawrence University community gathered virtually in June for a commencement celebration unlike any other in the school's 171-year history. Held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic that moved spring term classes to distance learning, the ceremony celebrated the accomplishments of nearly 270 Lawrentians in the Class of 2020.

Summer Kopitzke, of Marion, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in biology. Mara Kissinger, of Shawano, graduated from with a Bachelor of Arts in gender studies.

Winona State University

Winona State University has announced the graduation list for spring semester 2020. Local students graduating are Morgan Klitzke, Shawano, Bachelor of Science, nursing, magna cum laude; and Alexis Nick, Clintonville, Bachelor of Science, marketing.

UW-Whitewater

The following students earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on May 16:

- Jeremy Bartels, of Pulaski, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting.
- Lauren Rolloff, of Shawano, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing.
- Michelle Wood, of Pulaski, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in special education.

More than 1,700 students received degrees in May.

Georgia Southern University

Georgia Southern University recently recognized approximately

2,800 students on the spring 2020 president's list. Ashley Pantalone, of Bonduel, has been named to the list for excellence in academics. To be eligible for the president's list, a student must have a 4.0 grade-point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

Northcentral Technical College

Northcentral Technical College is pleased to announce the following students earned their degrees during the fall semester of the 2019-20 academic year:

- Birnamwood: Sean Janssen, Jacob Stuffle, Elizabeth Walter
- Bowler: Charity Anderson, Sierra Jones, Nathan Montez
- Eland: Angela Bembek
- Shawano: Tara Lohrentz, Natalie Stepniewski, Shawna VanRite
- Tigerton: Amy Seefeldt
- Wittenberg: Christopher Benson, Matthew Higgins, Amanda Krueger, Dylan Wieland

The following students graduated in the spring semester:

- Aniwa: Pamela Brehm, Christopher Gromiuk, Esther Manteufel, Rachel Zahrt
- Birnamwood: Joshua Andraschko, Jacquelynn Bell, David Fons, Patricia Leonard, Alaina VanProoyen, Melissa Wald, Elizabeth Walter
- Clintonville: Emily Galica, Rebecca Kelly
- Eland: Noah Buss, Sandra Cherek, Matthew Easker, Benjamin Stensberg
- Mattoon: Brian Horrell
- Pulaski: Aaron Hoppe
- Shawano: Annie Skowronski
- Tigerton: Theodore Johnson, Renee Menge, Julie Wudstrack
- Wittenberg: Evelyn Kizewski, Autumn Krueger, Erin Mlodik, Andrew Stoinski, Dylan Wieland, Ian Spieth

Upper Iowa University

Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce Dawn Chuilli, a public administration major from Wittenberg, was named to the dean's list for the summer 2020 session. To be honored, the undergraduate must have earned a minimum 3.5 GPA and be enrolled

as a full-time student.

Northcentral Technical College

Northcentral Technical College is pleased to announce the president's list for outstanding academic achievement for the fall 2019 and spring 2020 terms. The following students enrolled in a post-secondary program, earned a 3.75 grade-point average or above and successfully completed a minimum of six credits during the following terms:

- Aniwa: Christopher Gromiuk, Esther Manteufel, Gary Wilton
- Birnamwood: Mikayla Bullman, Dakota Marien, Braxton Resch, Jacob Stuffle, Alaina VanProoyen, Elizabeth Walter
- Bowler: Winter DeRoos
- Eland: Angela Bembek, Mandy Landwehr, Benjamin Stensberg
- Mattoon: Brian Horrell, SueAnn Milanowski
- Shawano: Natalie Stepniewski, Shawna VanRit
- Tigerton: Amy Seefeldt
- Wittenberg: Evelyn Kizewski, Lindsey Schwalbach, Ian Spieth, Andrew Stoinski, Mary Stoinski, Dylan Wieland, Olivia Zoromski

The following students made the president's list during the spring 2020 term:

- Aniwa: Jaime Dziemarski, Esther Manteufel, Steven Springer, Gary Wilton, Rachel Zahrt
- Birnamwood: Jacquelynn Bell, Jordan Carlson, Hailey Kolpack, Magen Malueg, Alaina VanProoyen, Elizabeth Walter
- Clintonville: Emily Galica
- Eland: Tyler Giddings, Mandy Landwehr, Benjamin Stensberg
- Mattoon: SueAnn Milanowski
- Shawano: Jocelyn Schroeder
- Tigerton: Renee Menge, Nick Schultz, Amy Seefeldt
- Wittenberg: Erin Mlodik, Stefanie Roskopf, Lindsey Schwalbach, Andrew Stoinski, Dylan Wieland, Ian Spieth

The College of St. Scholastica

Stephanie Dunlavy, of Clintonville, graduated from the College of St. Scholastica with a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

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FUEL BIDS FOR 2020-2021 Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District is currently accepting bids for Fuel Purchases 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 bid the fuel on a specific percentage discount off the total monthly purchase.

Diesel bids should be for blended fuel.

Please submit bids to Joy Hartleben, School Board Secretary, at the District Office located in the High School by Friday, September 25, 2020.

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An off-campus party turns deadly for FBI recruits

I didn't have much free time this week, so I selected a prequel. It was Casey Hill's "Crime Scene - A CSI Reilly Steel Thriller." As a prequel, it was a short story introducing FBI agent Reilly Steel.

We don't get much information on her other than she is a tall, blonde, blue-eyed, under-30 California girl. Beneath the good looks, Reilly is strong, resourceful and extremely focused on a career with the FBI. She does mention that her mother was murdered, though it isn't clear if the case was solved. Later, we find out that her father is a bitter drunk.

The story opens with Reilly arriving at the FBI training center in Quantico, Virginia. She and her roommate, Faye Williamson, are very different, but they instantly hit it off. They are

assigned to Special Supervisory Agent Rob Crichton's team.

One of the first activities is a five-mile run. Both women notice a good-looking man, and he notices them, too. Faye is impressed, but Reilly considers him a jerk. While studying a mock crime scene, Reilly discovers that her heightened sense of smell can give her insights into what happened. Crichton is impressed and tells her so. On the weekend, most of the recruits attend a party at an off-campus place where a classmate is "housesitting."

Faye and Reilly arrive a couple hours late and just in time. It appears that one of the party-goers died when he fell or was pushed from a second-floor balcony. Being the only sober people there, the two women take control. One of the partiers is Jake Callahan, and he says he happened to glimpse two men arguing in the master bedroom. No one else knows who the dead man is or saw any other stranger.

To her surprise and pleasure, Reilly is asked to examine the crime

scene. She and Crichton note several things the CSI team didn't find, including a hidden "panic room." Reilly's keen nose tells her that the vodka bottle was actually filled with water, meaning that he probably wasn't as drunk as he said.

Jake finally comes clean and tells them that he got a look at the taller man in the room. Now he's afraid that he'll be next. Crichton and the police chief agree that his team could be valuable to the case, so he asks Reilly, Faye and Jake to work as a team.

With Faye's computer savvy and Reilly's intuition, they begin to make progress. They learn a great deal about the owner of the house, the "host," the stranger in black and the dead man.

The homeowner, Barbara Smith, once worked for a wealthy businessman but left suddenly, bought a nice home and owned lots of expensive stock. Months later the businessman

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "Crime Scene - A CSI Reilly Steel Thriller"

AUTHOR: Casey Hill

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PAGES: 188

and his wife "adopted" a baby boy. He was the party host.

The dead man, Bill Williamson, turned out to be the homeowner's former boyfriend. They decide that the stranger has to be a cop but have no way of finding him until Reilly's amazing nose alerts on the odd cologne she smelled at the crime scene as belonging to Officer Ted Travers, Barbara Smith's latest lover.

Once Chief Mayridge hears what they've found, Travers is arrested and quickly confesses to planning to rob Smith as an insurance scam. He fought with Bill but didn't mean to kill him. Smith will be arrested when she returns from a cruise. Case closed.



JAN JONES

INVITATION TO BID Village of Eland

The Village of Eland is requesting proposals for snow removal and sand/salt mix for Village Streets for the 2020-2021 winter season. For specifications, contact Marnie Osterbrink, Village Clerk at 715.253.2968. Bids must be received by October 5, 2020, no later than 7:00 pm. Please send bid to Village of Eland, C/O Snow Plowing Bid, P.O. Box 65, Eland, WI 54427. The Village of Eland reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Marnie Osterbrink, Clerk

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Invitation to Bid

The Village of Eland is requesting proposals for the following residential garbage disposal services to begin January 2021:

- Weekly Garbage and Comingled Recycling pick-up
- 92 gallon garbage cans and recycling bins to be provided by hauler as part of contract
- 2 Large Item pick-ups to be held in the spring and fall of every year
- 2 dumpster rentals and pick-ups at local parks during the spring through fall seasons
- # Homes Served: 95
- Length of Contract: 5 Year Proposals and 10 Year Proposals will be looked at

For more information, contact President Brian Thuot at 715.551.1122. Sealed bids should be received no later than October 5th at 7:00 pm. Please send proposals to the Village of Eland C/O Trash Contracts, P.O. Box 65 Eland, WI 54427. The Village of Eland reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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

The Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 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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WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION September 28, 2020

6:40 P.M. - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 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 August 24, 2020, Regular Meeting as circulated.
- IV. Communications and Delegations
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Board Concerns or Reports
- VII. Financial Report
- VIII. Approve the Agenda
 - 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.
 - 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. Discussion & Approval of Reopening Plan Changes
 - b. Approve Fuel & Snow Removal Bids
 - c. Approve New Board Meeting Starting Time
 - d. Approve Teacher Resignation
 - e. Approve Middle School Girls Basketball Coach
 - f. Approve JV2 Volleyball Coach
- XII. Adjourn

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