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The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School football team gathers before its season-opening game against Stratford on Friday in Wittenberg. The Chargers learned some valuable lessons while taking on one of the state's top teams from the past few seasons. **SEE MORE ON PAGE 46.**

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Rural communities get 60 miles of fiber optics

A \$4.5 million grant is bringing high speed internet to the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation and surrounding communities to help develop economic opportunities.

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Arrival of pigs brings purpose to the new Ag Building

Six pigs will be part of the Wittenberg-Birnamwood agriculture curriculum. Students will learn how to care for pigs as they also learn to show pigs in competition.

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60 miles for 600 residents

High speed internet for rural communities

By **MIRIAM NELSON**

News Editor

Wittenberg Telephone Company/Cirrinity is partnering with the Stockbridge-Munsee Community to bring high speed internet to the tribal reservation and surrounding rural communities.

Work has begun to lay more than 60 miles of fiber optic cable to bring reliable, high-speed broadband internet access to more than 600 addresses throughout the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Reservation, as well as the Red Springs and Bartelme communities. Working in partnership with Wittenberg Telephone/Cirrinity, this \$4.5 million project is part of the Stockbridge-Munsee's ongoing commitment to growing the region economically and improving the quality of life of its membership.

Lack of reliable internet access has long been a barrier to economic growth for rural communities in Wisconsin. According to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, approximately 43% of rural residents lack access to high-speed internet. Despite some state and federal government funding, the cost of laying fiber optic cable in under-served locations has been prohibitive for many communities, with Native American communi-

ties and households among those most disproportionately affected according to the PSC.

"Access to reliable, high-speed internet access isn't a luxury, it is a necessity," said Shannon Holsey, tribal council president of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. "It directly impacts nearly every aspect of our life, including work, school, health care, commerce, and entertainment."

Holsey noted that the COVID-19 pandemic further exposed how rural communities are left behind without reliable internet service. The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council decided to make a multi-million-dollar investment to address this issue once and for all. The Wittenberg Telephone Company/Cirrinity was willing and able to partner with the council on this critical initiative said Holsey.

The project is expected to be complete by early summer 2021, with work to lay the remaining fiber optic cables to be paused over the winter months as the frozen ground will be difficult to dig. Residents will be able to activate service as soon as construction proceeds through their neighborhood. For areas that cannot be reached by fiber optic cable, an advanced Wi-Fi solution will be available.

"We are thrilled to be working with the Stockbridge-Munsee Community

FYI

Residents wanting to sign up for internet access will need to call the Wittenberg Telephone Company/Cirrinity at 715-623-0558.

to build Central Wisconsin's fastest internet service," said Scott Nyman, general manager and CEO of Wittenberg Telephone/Cirrinity. "Since 1998, we have been working to bring high-speed internet access to rural communities in the area because we know how important it is to our economy and quality of life.

Nyman noted that partnering with the Stockbridge-Munsee will ensure that even more families and businesses will continue to grow this region as a great place to live and work.

"Our work has just begun as we continue to push to close the gap in under-served broadband access in rural Wisconsin, and we thank the Stockbridge-Munsee Community for their trust in us and our ongoing partnership," said Nyman.

Earlier this year, WTC expanded coverage between Galloway, Elderon, Eland, Shepley and Birnamwood. According to Nyman, the company has already laid 106 miles of cable as part of that ongoing project.

WTC is a privately-owned, third generation family company. In 2021, it will be celebrating 100 years in business.

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No concerns at public hearing for Webb Street project

By **MIRIAM NELSON**

News Editor

The Webb Street project in Wittenberg is complete and came in on budget.

"There are just some quick tweaks to the retaining wall," said Abby Maslanka, project engineer at Martenson & Eisele, Inc. "Otherwise the site passed inspection, with some minor issues left on the punch list."

Maslanka spoke virtually during a Sept. 22 public hearing at the Community Center in Wittenberg. Residents were invited to attend in person or participate from home with an internet connection.

Martenson & Eisele, the Menasha company overseeing the project, was pleased with the work done by Jake's Excavating and Landscaping LLC, of Ironwood, Michigan. Ten companies had submitted bids for the reconstruction project, and they came in with

the winning bid of \$575,981.18. It was the first time Martenson & Eisele had worked with the company.

The village of Wittenberg had applied for a Public Utilities grant of \$328,000 and also received \$256,000 from the state for the project as part of the closing of the federally funded revolving loan program.

Wittenberg had been participating in the Wisconsin Department of Administration's revolving loan fund program since 1997. The program was a way for Wisconsin to support expansion of local businesses by granting federal funds in the form of low-interest loans for business development. Those funds are repaid to local municipalities, which are then able to be reloaned to spur even more economic growth.

The cost of the project was \$630,000, pending any extra money needed to complete the punch list. The

grant covered 92% of the project, or \$580,000, including the closing funds of the revolving loan program.

"They were on budget, and Wittenberg covered the costs of the administration fees for the grant and the engineering fees, \$50,000, which we knew we had to cover and came out of the general fund budget," said Village Clerk Traci Matsche.

Construction began in May. The portion of South Webb Street being reconstructed was in between Reed Street and College Avenue. When the sidewalks were replaced, several trees were removed. The new trees have an insurance policy on them to be replaced should they not survive the transplanting process.

According to Matsche, the project is essentially completed and all paperwork will be wrapped up within 30 days.

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The pigs have arrived!

New Ag building has six pigs to study

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

The pigs have arrived and are busy getting used to their new surroundings in the pens in the new Ag building at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School.

Jake Roth, owner of Jake's Pig Palace in Eland, has loaned four gilts for the students to work with. A gilt is a female pig that hasn't had a litter yet. These four are each about 70 pounds at just three months of age and will grow to 235-280 pounds before the end of the school year. Roth is donating the feed, made up of ground corn, ground up oats and wheat, and minerals for the four sows he's keeping. The school purchased two barrows, castrated male pigs, from Roth and plans to sell them in a raffle for the FFA banquet in March.

"We're going for the school farm-to-table effect," said ag instructor Matt Christian.

Roth's nephew, Leland Heinrich, is a junior in Christian's Ag program and is in charge of the general care for the pigs.

"It fits into my life plan, which is to raise and breed show pigs," Heinrich said. "I'm already doing that by working for my uncle so this gets me even more experience."

Christian, who is in his third year teaching agriculture at WBHS, has Heinrich in a lot of his classes.

"Leland should be able to use this for his Supervised Agricultural Experience program," said Christian. "Having the pigs here and at his uncle's farm, Leland should be able to get some national recognition."

The SAE is a program that provides agricultural education and experience on a state and national level through the FFA. Christian noted that they haven't even had their first FFA meeting of the year and already 100 students have joined. He hopes to beat last year's total of 150 members.

Christian has about 25 students in his agriculture and large animal science class and in the spring will have about the same number in the veterinary science class. He also teaches the

intro to ag class. Christian says that of the 25 students per class, only about five live and work on farms.

"The big attraction is getting the opportunity to work with the animals," said Christian.

Students will test hair and skin products on the pigs and learn how to train the pigs to walk at competitive meets. Skin and hair maintenance and walking are all important parts of the competition. Pigs are also judged by their profile: muscles from head to toe, how the belly is, how the back, ham, and front shoulders look. Pedigree is important, too.

According to Christian they'll soon be getting a scale to track how much the pigs are fed compared to how much weight they gain. Calculating the cost of getting to the end result will determine if it's financially feasible.

When it comes to the tastiness of pork meat products, what they're fed will determine that end result.

Both Christian and Heinrich are pleased with the amount of thought and planning that went into the construction of the pen area. Christian pointed out that there are floor drains on both sides of the pen so you can clean and spray out the pens while the pigs are in the outside pens. There are also cameras in the pen area for the safety of the animals and the students. If there is a special need to get back into the pen area at night, the students have key fobs that will grant them access to just the pen area.

Heinrich noted that pigs are affectionate and social, so having two pigs to a pen but in close proximity to other pigs where they can see each other is a bonus.

Because of COVID-19 Christian can't have a class of 25 in the pen area at the same time, so he takes groups of four to work with the animals. If they have to shut down the school, Heinrich can come in the side door every day.

With the cameras in place, Christian would like to eventually be able to live-stream the animals for the community.

"They've put so much into it with the referendum, I want to make sure the community feels welcome, but for now I can't arrange any public or private tours," said Christian.



Of the four pigs being raised as show pigs at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood Ag building, this one has profile the judges are looking for based on muscles from head to toe, how her belly is, and how her back, ham and front shoulders look.

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Junior Leland Heinrich trains a pig to walk for show competition as two curious goats look on.

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COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court:

- Lamarr S. J. White, 35, Krakow, was charged Sept. 29 with felony counts of attempted second-degree intentional homicide with a deadly weapon and strangulation and suffocation, as well as 24 felony counts of bail jumping.

He could face a maximum of 60 years in prison if found guilty. White was ordered held on a \$450,000 cash bond set by Judge Katherine Sloma and was scheduled for an adjourned

initial appearance Oct. 5.

- Michael L. Whistler, 68, Abrams, was charged Sept. 28 with a felony count of operating while intoxicated, fifth or sixth offense. He could face a maximum of 10 years in prison and \$25,000 fine if convicted. Whistler posted a \$2,000 cash bond set by Judge Katherine Sloma and is due back in court for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 19.

- Shelly L. Lynd, 27, Crivitz, was charged Sept. 28 with a felony count of fourth-offense operating while in-

toxicated. She could face a maximum of six years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted.

Lynd posted a \$1,500 cash bond set by Judge Katherine Sloma and is due back in court for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 19.

- David J. Piette, 48, Oshkosh, was charged Sept. 25 with felony counts of burglary and possession of burglary tools, as well as 10 felony counts of bail jumping.

He could face a maximum of 12 1/2 years in prison and \$25,000 fine if

convicted of burglary. A warrant for his arrest was issued Sept. 25.

- Robert M. Roche, 58, Wittenberg, was charged Sept. 23 with a felony count of operating while intoxicated, seventh, eighth or ninth offense.

He could face a maximum of 12 1/2 years in prison and \$25,000 fine if convicted. Roche was ordered held on a \$10,000 cash bond set by Judge Katherine Sloma and was scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 12.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 28

Deputies logged 37 incidents, including: Property theft complaints on River Road in Bowler and County Road M in the Town of Belle Plaine; a drug complaint at the Ho Chunk Casino, N7198 Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a disturbance on Webb Street in Wittenberg.

Sept. 27

Deputies logged 39 incidents, including: A property theft on Ellms Street in Wittenberg; trespassing on River Dam Road in the Town of Grant; harassment on River Drive in the Town of Wescott; disorderly conduct on Town Line Road in the Town of Navarino.

Sept. 26

Deputies logged 45 incidents, including: Disturbances on Old Lake Lane in the Town of Wescott and Roosevelt Road in the Town of Seneca; property theft complaints on Fair-Morr Road in the Town of Morris and High Street in Birnamwood.

Sept. 25

Deputies logged 45 incidents, including: An injury accident on state

Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; a domestic disturbance on Cedar Street in Tigerton; a drug complaint at the Ho Chunk Casino, N7198 Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg.

Sept. 24

Deputies logged 34 incidents, including: An assault complaint on Warrington Avenue in Cecil; shoplifting on Mission Street in Wittenberg; an injury accident on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; a property damage hit-and-run on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; a disturbance on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland.

Sept. 23

Deputies logged 33 incidents, including: Criminal damage to property on Third Street in the Town of Herman; trespassing on Potch Ha Chee Road in the Town of Wittenberg; disorderly conduct on County Road A in Gresham.

Sept. 22

Deputies logged 33 incidents, including: Disorderly conduct on Witt-Morr Town Line Road in the Town of Morris and Old Lake Lane in the Town of Wescott; property theft complaints on Ellms Street in Wittenberg, Grand Avenue in Wittenberg, U.S. Highway 45 in the

Town of Fairbanks and Howard Street in Wittenberg.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 28

Police logged 24 incidents, including: Disturbances in the 100 block of South Sawyer Street and 400 block of Humphrey Circle; a house fire in the 900 block of East Maurer Street; a two-vehicle property damage accident at Wescott Avenue and Washington Street; disorderly conduct in the 1200 block of East Green Bay Street.

Sept. 27

Police logged 22 incidents, including: A 63-year-old man arrested for operating while intoxicated at Lincoln Street and Lieg Avenue; a male subject arrested on a warrant at Main and Center streets.

Sept. 26

Police logged 22 incidents, including: A domestic disturbance in the 100 block

of South Franklin Street; a bail jumping arrest at Lincoln and Richmond streets; a property damage accident in the 1200 block of East Green Bay Street; an intoxicated person at Richmond and Waukechon streets; a disturbance in the 200 block of South Sawyer Street.

Sept. 25

Police logged 27 incidents, including: Harassment in the 200 block of South Andrews Street; two truancy complaints from the Shawano School District.

Sept. 24

Police logged 21 incidents, including: A drug complaint in the 500 block of South Union Street; a fraud complaint at Dreier Pharmacy, 117 S. Main St.

Sept. 23

Police logged 18 incidents, including: A property damage accident in the 1400 block of Waukechon Street; a juvenile problem at the Skateboard Park, 137 E. Elizabeth Street.

Shawano police rescue man from house fire

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano police rescued an unconscious man from a house fire in the 900 block of East Maurer Street Monday morning.

Officers Scott Ruen and Heidi Cartwright were dispatched at 8:54 a.m.

Within minutes, the officers arrived to find heavy smoke coming from the house. They found a 40-year-old woman and a 32-year-old man who had gotten out of the house.

The woman told Ruen her husband, a 57-year-old man, was still inside the house.

Ruen and Cartwright went to the front door, and as they entered the

house, they saw a man on the floor a few feet inside the door.

Ruen was able to get to the unconscious man, arouse him, and assist him outside.

The man and his wife were taken to ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano for smoke inhalation. The other man was not injured.

Shawano Area Fire Department personnel were able to rescue two dogs from the residence.

The cause of the fire appears to be from a burning candle. No damage estimate is available.

"I commend the officers' quick actions, which very likely saved a life," Police Chief Dan Mauel said. "Their response to this critical incident is indicative of the quality of all our personnel."

Damrau, Parker square off in October 6 forum

Greg Parker, incumbent district attorney for Menominee and Shawano Counties, and challenger Aaron Damrau will answer questions in "Your Voice, Your Vote," a virtual public forum, on Oct. 6.

The news teams for the NEW Media, Inc. and Results Broadcasting pose the questions in the live event at 9 a.m. Damrau is challenging Parker, a Republican, as an Independent.

The public is invited to submit

questions for the candidates until noon on Oct. 5. Send questions to news@newmedia-wi.com or tchdailynews@gmail.com. Submissions must have a name and city or town of residence attached. The news staffs will make the final selections.

The forum will be broadcast live on WTCH, 960 AM and 96.1 FM and will be livestreamed on WTCHradio.com and the WTCH Facebook page. Playback will be available at wtch-dailynews.com.

OBITUARIES

Lynne A. Kuepper, 85, of Shawano, passed away peacefully to walk joyfully with God on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020, following a long battle with Alzheimer's. Filled with the love and power of music all her life, she'd play from memory any song requested without hesitation — even far into her battle with Alzheimer's. She shared her gifts and played the piano until God called her home to accompany the heavenly choir.

Lynne was born Aug. 8, 1935, to Anders and Esther (Chronquist) Folsstad. She lived her early life in Barron, moving across the border to graduate from the University of Minnesota with a degree in music education. She met her husband, Richard Kuepper, when both were counselors at Camp Lannon Fields Farm in Lannon. She was the archery instructor (it seemed to her like it was something she should be able to do).

The couple were married on June 13, 1959, in Barron. They raised two daughters and were blessed with two granddaughters whom she often



lulled to sleep singing "You Are My Sunshine," a happy memory they carry with them today.

Lynne shared her love of life and music with others freely, whether through teaching,

friendship, or playing piano at the hospital to brighten the day of anyone who happened to walk by. Starting her teaching career in Beloit, Lynne also taught in Madison and Clintonville, eventually settling her family in Shawano in 1970, teaching elementary music and taking on individual piano students. She taught cooking in summer school and was known for her pies, even selling one at auction for \$300.

Lynne tried retiring once but didn't like it, so she went back to work teaching in Gresham for a few years. She was the first to call on new neighbors, and she belonged to the bridge

club but didn't really like bridge. It was the people (and the dessert) she enjoyed. The Corning-ware coffee pot was always on for any who stopped by unexpectedly.

While soft spoken, Lynne had a quick wit. When greeting John Rutter, her favorite composer, she simply said, "I like most of your music." Lynne always had a dog with her on her daily walks, keeping in shape by running after them. She was always moving and traveled whenever possible, traveling to Brazil, Scandinavia and Germany for a tour of J.S. Bach's homeland. Where she couldn't go, she and Richard brought to them by hosting exchange students: Karen Israelson from Sweden, Marcia Costa from Brazil, Astrid Solberg from Norway and Jussi Toivonen from Finland.

Lynne is survived by her husband, Richard, of Shawano; her daughters, Wendy (Jon) Kofoot, of Savage, Minnesota, and Kathy (Dan) Braun, of Shawano; her granddaughters, Haanah Braun, of Northfield, Minnesota, and Maris Braun, of Seattle, Washing-

ton, and her international family who loved her dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents, Anders and Esther Folsstad.

Due to the coronavirus, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials to honor Lynne are preferred to the Alzheimer's Association or Heartland Hospice.

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

The family would like to extend a huge thank you to those who cared for Lynne during her journey with Alzheimer's — Jean Lamers and Brandon Wegner for their loving care while she was still able to be home, the staff at the Cottages Memory Care Unit and the staff of Heartland Hospice.



Entrepreneur and builder David G. Wenz passed away peacefully with his wife Royola by his side, at his home in Port Richey, FL on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020. He was 76 years old.

Born on July 29, 1944 to Samuel and Edna Wenz in Algoma, he went on to study mathematics, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and later graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. After his graduation from college, he went to work for IBM for the next 21 years as a computer programmer and architect. During his time at IBM Dave amassed more than 50 invention and patent awards earning him an Out-



standing Technical Achievement Award as well as a fourth level Invention Achievement Award from IBM.

Dave, along with some of his fellow IBM co-workers, left the company to start

ShowCase Corporation. Showcase grew to become a leading provider of business intelligence and data warehousing solutions that were used by some of the world's largest corporations. Showcase employed hundreds of people across the US and

throughout the World. The company went public in 1998, allowing Dave to retire.

Although Dave was a successful businessman his greatest accomplishment was helping to raise his two sons, Scott and Gregory, whom he had with his first wife Joyce (Geminer). Dave also put his creative energy into building several lake cabins from scratch. A lifelong avid woodworker, he especially enjoyed building furniture out of cherry wood, and he even carved and painted decoy ducks. He also loved golfing, fishing and cheering on the Packers, traditions his sons continue to carry on.

Dave is survived by his wife

Royola, whom he loved for the last 15 years, his two sons, Gregory (wife Erin) and Scott; one stepdaughter, Nicole; four grandchildren, Sarah, Jack, Julian, and Katrin; two step granddaughters, Anastasia and Evelyn; and a sister June (husband Michael) Delwiche.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Edna (Meyer) Wenz; sisters Donna (husband William) Wenthon, Carol (husband LaVerne) Yero, Betty (husband Roger) Swado and brother Richard (wife Jean) Wenz.

Family and friends will hold a celebration of Dave's life next summer in Rochester, MN.

David G. Wenz

LoAnne L. Mac Murray

LoAnne L. Mac Murray, 88, of Shawano, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Appleton.

LoAnne was born Nov. 15, 1931, in Plymouth, a daughter of the late Edmund and Dorothy (Hein) Laack. She attended school in Sevastopol and Shawano, graduating from Shawano High School with the Class of 1950. Following school, LoAnne was employed as an operator at the Urban Telephone Company in Shawano. On March 8, 1952, she was united in marriage to Roger J. Mac Murray at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano.



Following their marriage, LoAnne stayed home to raise her family. When her children were grown, she went to work as a cook at Evergreen Health Care Center in Shawano.

LoAnne is a member of St. James Lutheran Church. Her hobbies included cooking, traveling and sewing. She enjoyed visiting the Black Hills in South Dakota and Door County, where she

connected with many friends from her early high school years in Sevastopol.

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Roger, of Shawano; her sons, David Mac Murray, of Shawano, and Brian (Laurie) Mac Murray, of Lunds; four grandchildren, Melanie (Andy Nelsen), Michelle and Myra Mac Murray, and Nicole (Adam) Clark; two great-grandchildren; and her sister, Patricia Anker, of Shawano.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her son, Michael Mac Murray.

A funeral service for LoAnne L.

Mac Murray was held Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, at 11 a.m. at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. Pastor Mark Dregler officiated. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano.

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



OBITUARIES

James Allen Zimmerman, formerly of Shawano, WI, passed away at his home in Rogers, Arkansas on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020. He was born to Clarence and Iola (Petit) Zimmerman on Oct. 2, 1939 in Elgin IL. Jim was baptized and confirmed at Good Shephard Lutheran Church in Elgin, IL. He graduated from Elgin High School in 1957, after which he served our country from 1959-1961 in the U.S. Army Signal Corps stationed in France. Upon returning from his service, he married his wife of 59 years, Carna-Jean Becker on Sept. 30, 1961.

Jim worked as a pressman for a printing company in Northbrook, IL for many years prior to moving to Shawano in 1972. In 1973 Jim and Carna purchased the Shawano Journal Co. which later became Shawano Print-



ing Co., Inc. which they continued to operate until 1993 when they sold the business to their son Greg and his wife Jodi.

He was a member of Shawano Lodge #170 and served as Master

in 1983. He went on to become Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin in 1992. Jim was a member of all Scottish and York Rite Bodies, Beja Shrine in Green Bay, WI, Shawano Shrine Club, past patron of Shawano Chapter #167 order of Eastern Star. He served on the Shawano United Way Committee and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Shawano where he served on various committees before moving to Rogers, Arkansas, where he was

currently a member of Peace Lutheran Church.

Jim enjoyed serving the many organizations and committees he was involved in, hunting, woodworking and loved being outdoors putting around in the yard.

Jim is survived by his wife Carna, Sons: Jeffery Zimmerman (friend Tanya), Rogers, Arkansas; Gregory (Jodi) Zimmerman, Greenville, Wisconsin; Dr. Robert (Sheri) Zimmerman, Rogers, Arkansas; brother David Zimmerman, Gresham; brother-in-law Bill Becker (friend Sue), Round Lake Park, Illinois; grandchildren Elizabeth (Ben) Koepsell, Sheboygan; Adam (Rachel) Zimmerman, Manitowoc; Ryan Zimmerman, Greenville; Alex Zimmerman, Shawano; Aiden Zimmerman, Rogers, Arkansas; Liam Zimmerman, Rogers, Arkansas; step-granddaughters Madison Cantrell and Sarah-Kate

Cantrell, Rogers, Arkansas; plus nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother and his sister Christine Krog.

Private family services were held at Stockdale-Moody Funeral Home, Rogers, Arkansas, officiated by Pastor Melissa Ehrhardt, Peace Lutheran Church, Rogers, Arkansas.

Masonic Services will be held at Swedberg Funeral Home, Shawano, WI on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, at 7 p.m. with visitation preceding at 6 p.m.

A celebration of life service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI with Pastor Scott Ludford officiating on Friday, Oct. 9, 2020 at 2 p.m., with visitation preceding at 1 p.m.

Military honors will be conducted by the Shawano American Legion Post #117 following the services at church. www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Robert E. Thorson

Robert E. Thorson, 51, of Tigerton, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, at Copperleaf Terrace under Interim Hospice Services.

Robert was born June 30, 1969, in Appleton, the son of Lester and Juretta (Lund) Thorson.

Robert was a faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, in the Town of Morris, where he loved attending services. He worked as an iron pourer at the Waupaca Foundry for 19 years. Robert enjoyed walking his dogs and walked up to 10 miles a day. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially snowmobiling and kayaking.

Robert is survived by his father, Lester; two brothers, Mike Thorson of Tigerton, and Russ (Diana) Thorson of Green Bay; eight nieces and nephews, Jennifer Thorson of Billings,



Montana, Jeri Korth of Green Bay, Greg Thorson of Billings, Montana, Jordan Thorson of Tigerton, Mike Thorson Jr. and Jacob Thorson of Wittenberg, Nick Thorson of Portland, Oregon,

and James Thorson of Green Bay. He was preceded in death by his mother, Juretta, and brothers David and Scott.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be held in the spring of 2021.

Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

Richard Sean King

Richard Sean King, age 31, of Keshena, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020. Richard was born on Sept. 7, 1989 to James Waukau and Kateri King. He graduated from Menominee Indian High School. Richard worked on rigs for Noble Casing in North Dakota. He lived in the Keshena and Bowler areas most of his life. Richard was a member of the Menominee Indian Boxing Club, National Indian Champion, and Junior Olympic Champion. He enjoyed basketball, football, baseball, and spending time with his friends.

Richard is survived by his children, Janissa, Nekoqsmaw, and Payton LaVonne; father, James (special friend, Tory Gladue) Waukau; mother, Kateri



King; siblings, Leroy (Annette Peters) Sanapaw, Sherilyn King, Shaunice King, Justice King, Gamma-bne White, Shanon White, and Sheenah White; as well as other nieces, nephews,

other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his uncle, Mike Waukau.

Private funeral services will be held at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano with Fr. Raja officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery. www.swedbergfuneralhome.com.

Delphine M. Yunk

Delphine M. Yunk, age 88 of Shawano, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020. Her illness came on suddenly, but her family was able to spend time with her before her passing. Delphine was born on June 15, 1932 in Milwaukee to the late Frederick and Joanna (Brzezinski) Drezdson. She had nine siblings, four sons, and two daughters.

She graduated from an all-girl high school, Girl's Tech, in 1950. Delphine loved high school and was the editor of the senior yearbook. She met our father, Walter Yunk, and moved to Philadelphia to be with him on the base before he left for the Korean War. They returned to Milwaukee after the war. Because of her love of camping (we may be lying) and her love of Shawano, she moved her family there in 1969. After a short time, they purchased a cottage resort.

It was lots of work, but a great place to raise a family. Delphine provided her children with the ultimate playground living on Shawano Lake. She was a stay at home mom for most of her life, there was always a hot dinner at night and dessert! Delphine loved giving gifts at Christmas. She was an accomplished seamstress and a pro at crossword puzzles. Delphine was a faithful member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Once her children were grown, Delphine moved to California for several years before returning to Shawano. She loved football (including college) and the Green Bay Packers. She ran the Packer pool



at the apartment complex where she lived. She loved to gamble and enjoyed going to the casinos in Las Vegas.

Mom is survived by her five children, Walter "Kuba" (Kathy)

Yunk, David Yunk, Nancy (Mark) Villars, Daniel (Laurie) Yunk, and Lori (Bill) Kumbalek; grandchildren, Heather Martens, Sarah (VonDeck) Yunk, Richard Yunk, Ariel Kumbalek, Billy Kumbalek, Kayla Yunk, Noah Kumbalek, and Ben Kumbalek; many great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three surviving siblings, Shirley Kaboskey, Lois Riley, and Karen Kennon; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; Auntie Martha and Uncle Clem; and siblings, Myron Drezdson, Freddy Drezdson, Ruthie Gambino, and Pat Dent; one son, Steven Yunk; and grandson, David Martens.

A memorial service will be held for Delphine at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Visitation will be held on Saturday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

The family of Delphine would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors and nurses at The-daCare in Shawano and Neenah, we will forever be grateful by your direction and kindness.

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Allan C. Luniak

Allan C. "Bud" Luniak, 87, of Shawano, passed away Thursday, March 5, 2020. Al was born Sept. 21, 1932, in Shawano, a son of the late Frank and Ida (Bucholz) Luniak. He graduated from Marion High School and University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in civil engineering.

Following his graduation, Al served his country in the U.S.



worked for the state of Wisconsin transportation department for many years and also as an engineer

Navy. In his earlier years, Al enjoyed snowmobiling and fishing up north with friends. He also loved his regular weekly golf and sheep-head games with his buddies. Al

at various local private companies.

Survivors include his special friend, Marilyn Richards; his niece, Susan (Larry) Reinke; and great-nieces, Jennifer (Eric) Sarauer and Amy (Ryan) Mikel.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Jean Luniak and Melda Hellestad.

A memorial service for Allan C. Luniak was held Monday, Sept. 21, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Mickelson Funeral Service in Shawano. Pastor Lew Worthington will officiate. In-

terment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano. Military honors were conducted by the Shawano AmVets Post 10 at the cemetery.

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



Vernon "Vern" Victor Martzke

Vernon "Vern" Victor Martzke, age 88, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020 at Woodside Villa of Green Bay.

Vernon was born on Oct. 14, 1931 in Shawano, a son of the late Theodore and Alma (Lindner) Martzke. He attended and graduated from Shawano High School. Following high school Vern graduated from UW Oshkosh where he met his future wife, Rose-Mary Hicks.

On Aug. 22, 1953 Vern was united in marriage to RoseMary in Gillett. Vern continued his education at University of Wisconsin-Madison while working as a math and science teacher, and received his Master's Degree in School Administration. Over the years he worked in various levels of education until becoming the Superintendent for the Alma Area School District. Vern and Rose lived in Alma for 50 years. Following Rose's death in February of 2015, Vern



moved to Green Bay to be closer to his family.

Vern enjoyed woodworking, remodeling, and gardening. He and Rose loved antiquing for old glassware. He was a longtime mem-

ber of St. John Lutheran Church in Alma where he was a choir director, church council member, and council president. After retiring from education, Vern was elected to two terms as a Buffalo County Supervisor, the last of which was as President. Vern also served as the Buffalo County Food Pantry manager, along with Rose for many years. He was also a member of the Alma Lions Club.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Doug (Mary Kaye) Martzke of Green Bay, Kristin (Brent)

Schneider of Andover, MN, Jeff (Nikki) Martzke of Nelson, BC, and Lisa (Bruce) Deemer of Marshfield; his grandchildren, Erica (Johnathan) Novak, Brandon (Lindsey) Martzke, Jason Schneider, Amelia and Willem Martzke, Emily (fiancé Paul Ojambo) Goeppinger, and Mariah Goeppinger; great-grandchildren, Carter and Emmett Novak, and Eve and Rhett Martzke; sisters-in-law, Norma Martzke and Beverly Hicks; and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Kenneth, Willard, and Eldor; and his grandson, Ryan Schneider.

An outdoor funeral service for Vernon was held on Monday, Sept. 28, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Jakobi Lutheran

Church, Town of Richmond. Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt officiated. Visitation will begin at 12:30 p.m. and continue until the time of service. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Due to COVID-19, the family respectfully asks all in attendance to wear masks, and encourages social distancing.

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

"The family sends a special thank you to the staff at Woodside Villa and Unity Hospice for the care and support given to Vernon."

Margaret A. Schmidt

Margaret A. Schmidt, 91, of Jacksonville, Florida, passed away September 21, 2020. Arrangements are being handled by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home, www.quinn-shalz.com.

Laugh and the world laughs with you, unless you're single in a pandemic

"Nothing is sacred but the circus" was the quote written on a piece of sheet rock in the basement of Dudley Riggs' Brave New Workshop. The quote was from the man himself who started his life as the son of circus performers, a profession that made him a world traveler and seasoned performer.

Eventually Riggs ended up in Minneapolis and in 1958 started one of the very first theaters in the country doing satirical sketches and improvisational comedy. I suppose for him, everything was a target for satire, but the circus life was the one thing he revered.

Covering the rest of the basement walls were a multitude of autographs from the performers and students who had performed on that stage over the years. I was a little giddy when I was able to add my name to wall. The two years I spent learning and honing the craft of writing and performing sketch

comedy and improv were a couple of amazing years.

Part of the fun was knowing I was doing something I had always wanted to do, learning something I wanted to learn, and creating something just for the joy of creating it. The timing was perfect as it also provided a temporary escape from dealing with the worry of Mom and Dad's declining health and trying to make the decision to move back home.

Mr. Riggs passed recently at the ripe old age of 88 and I found myself mourning a man I never really got to know. He had come into the store I worked at in the Mall of America and bought a witty reference book about all the things you're supposed to know about, but might not if your education is incomplete. I immediately bought the same book. Honestly, I had been thinking about buying it at sometime, but knowing that a man who had seen



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and lived the world as much as he had could find value in it, I decided it needed to be in my library as well.

I think the gift of laughter is sorely underrated in our society. I'm not talking about the great

shows or movies or big events that make us laugh, but the little things in every day life. While mourning Riggs' passing I thought about how little I've laughed during this pandemic. I didn't realize how much it bothered me until I thought about how much I miss the in-person socializing I used to do. I enjoy listening to someone laugh at something I said or how I can see the sparkle in someone else's eyes when

they've made me laugh uncontrollably. There's something about that shared experience that connects us all.

In my years of working at the mall, I always felt the sales were secondary. I was a good sales person but I also felt the mall was my rehearsal hall to try out new material, rework oldies but goodies and generally go for the laugh. It didn't matter if it was for me or the staff or the customers, as long as there was laughter there was a connection with the rest of the human race.

I have a friend who posts jokes and cartoons that I find extremely funny and it really makes my day having a good chuckle. It helps but it's still not the same as sharing the moment with someone, reacting to their reaction.

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Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg provides over 100 meals to essential workers

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg partnered with another local business, Resch Lanes, to provide Wittenberg-Birnhamwood area health care personnel and first responders with a three-week lunch series of free lunches which began on Sept. 14.

This effort was a byproduct of the "Coins for a Cause" drive held earlier this year by Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg. The Coins for a Cause drive was held to aid the impact Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg endured during the national coin shortage. The drive was better than anticipated. With the outpouring success of the drive, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg wanted to give back to local community members, while utilizing a local business.

"Having companies that appreciate the community they do business in and give back to those people that directly help others is what makes living in our area great. We are proud to partner with Ho-Chunk Gaming

Wittenberg to provide lunch for the essential workers in our area," said Jason Resch, owner of Resch Lanes.

"We are honored that we are able to help our community. It is with great gratitude that we aid in this drive to help out those who help us," Fletcher Collins, executive manager of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, reflected on the lunch series.

"Lunch on Us" was a three-day lunch series over a span of three weeks. Participants came from the Aspirus Clinic, Marshfield Clinic, Homme Home of Wittenberg, Wittenberg Ambulance, Wittenberg Fire Department, Wittenberg EMTs and EMRs. Over 100 meals were provided to these essential workers who have worked non-stop through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg plans to partner with additional local businesses to give back to community members who are impacted during the pandemic.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: MCKAYLA PUTNAM

Bowler senior doing it all on volleyball court

The Bowler High School volleyball team graduated a good portion of its lineup from last season, meaning there were plenty of voids to fill this fall. Senior McKayla Putnam has turned into one of the team's leaders this season, doing a little bit of everything for a small Bowler roster.

Putnam and the Panthers opened their season with a wild comeback win over Tigerton on Sept. 15, rallying from two sets down. Putnam had 16 assists and 12 kills to lead Bowler in the win.

The senior contributed nine assists, eight digs and seven kills in a setback to Shiocton on Sept. 17. She recorded eight kills, six assists, four digs and three aces in a loss to Port Edwards on Sept. 21.

Putnam had seven assists and six kills for the Panthers in a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division loss to Manawa on Sept. 24.

Q: When did your interest in volleyball begin?

A: My interest in volleyball began as soon as I was able to play, around fifth grade to be exact.

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

A: My favorite part about the volleyball season is the first few weeks of practice. It is when all magic happens. We learn more about each other and from one another.

Q: What has volleyball taught you over the years?

A: Volleyball has taught me that you can't change the past, you can only change the attitude towards the future. If you mess up there is nothing you can do about it, only play smarter.

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

A: As a senior, I help lead the



Bowler's McKayla Putnam goes up for a spike attempt during a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division match against Manawa on Sept. 24 in Bowler.

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team by lifting up my teammates and helping them learn the game. Enjoying my last season is easy. I love volleyball and being around people who enjoy it just as much as

I do is a plus.

Q: A few matches into the season now, what kind of things does the team need to improve on?

A: My team definitely needs

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: McKayla Putnam

SPORT: Volleyball

POSITIONS: Setter, hitter

SCHOOL: Bowler High School

YEAR: Senior

improvement on passing. Getting the ball high enough for the setter to get under it and make a good set is crucial for a good play.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Bowler volleyball team?

A: My favorite volleyball memory was in my junior year when we were playing at Suring's tournament. After fighting hard all day, we came out at the top.

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

A: I'm going to miss the competition and the feeling of winning after a hard game.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie, and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Grey's Anatomy." Movie — "Beauty and the Beast." Musical artist — Billie Eilish.

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

A: My feet are massive for a girl.

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

A: Change is not something that can happen overnight. You have to work for it.

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

A: After graduating high school, I plan on going to college to major in early childhood education. After acquiring this degree, I intend to teach kindergarten (the funnest age to teach).

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Witt-Birn learns lessons in season-opening loss

Chargers hope
to learn from
mistakes, improve
going forward

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnwood High School football team underwent a big early-season test on Friday when the team welcomed new Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division foe Stratford to town.

Despite Stratford losing almost all of its starters from a team that made it to the Division 5 state title game in 2019, Witt-Birn knew a big challenge still awaited. The Chargers matched an early Tigers score, but couldn't finish off any other drives during a 35-6 loss.

"I think this lets us know where our standards need to be, versus where we thought they were," said Witt-Birn coach Bernard Holsey after the game.

"When you go against a team such as this, of that caliber, you're going against some of the best in the state. And if you don't match it, things won't always go your way. We did some good things, but (we had) mental mistakes and some physical mistakes."

Witt-Birn's offense hit the field first, ready to take on a Stratford defense that didn't allow a single point until the fourth level of playoff games during the 2019 season. A pair of runs accounted for just two yards before an incomplete pass brought on the punt team.

The Chargers defense rose to the challenge and forced a three-and-out of its own.

Witt-Birn's offense picked up six yards on first down, but went backward on second down before an incomplete pass on third. After a short punt, Stratford's offense took over in Witt-Birn territory.

On the second play of the drive, Stratford's Colten Schillinger broke free for a 46-yard touchdown for the game's first points.

Witt-Birn didn't blink though, answering quickly on the ensuing possession.

Junior receiver Kaden Schmidt got behind the Stratford defense and hauled in a deep pass from junior



Wittenberg-Birnwood's David Gauderman, left, runs with the football during Friday's CWC-Large contest against Stratford in Wittenberg.

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quarterback Ben Wesolowski. A determined Schmidt outran a couple defenders to complete the 80-yard touchdown.

"That's a play that we've worked on and we kind of knew it was going to work while preparing and watching film," said Schmidt. "It was a play we had set up looking for a home run play, and we executed and hit the home run on it."

Just when it looked like the Chargers might have seized momentum, the visiting Tigers swiped it right back, scoring just four offensive plays later.

Stratford then forced another Chargers punt before going on an six-play scoring drive to make it 21-6.

The Chargers offense picked up a first down on their next drive, but a fumbled snap later on killed the drive. Stratford then blocked the punt and took over at the Witt-Birn 8-yard line.

After junior Ben Flak made a big

tackle for loss on third-and-goal, the Chargers defense looked to be on its way to a massive stop. Instead, the Tigers attempted their first pass of the day on a well-designed screen play that resulted in a 13-yard touchdown.

Stratford forced another punt and got the ball back at its own 44 with over two minutes to play in the half. Witt-Birn senior David Reid made sure the hosts didn't allow any more points before halftime though, as he broke through the offensive line and forced a fumble that the Chargers recovered.

The Chargers offense then put together one of their best drives of the game, picking up a pair of first downs and working the ball to the Stratford 4. But another low snap resulted in a big loss and turnover on downs.

The sequence was a sign of things to come in the second half. Witt-Birn's defense settled in, allowing just



Wittenberg-Birnwood's Kaden Schmidt reacts after scoring a touchdown during Friday's CWC-Large game against Stratford in Wittenberg.

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one scoring drive and forcing a three-and-out and forcing a turnover on the other two. The Chargers offense moved the ball better in the final half, but drives stalled after penalties and other costly mistakes.

Reid, who recorded a third-down sack to force Stratford to punt on its first possession of the second half, said the visitors "did a good job finding our weaknesses" on both sides of the ball.

The Chargers will look to learn from their mistakes and try and bounce back Friday in a scheduled road contest against Shiocton.

Honoring Egging

After receiving the opening kickoff, Witt-Birn's offense took a knee and a delay of game penalty in honor of Samuel Egging, who lost his life in an accident in December of 2019.

Egging was a member of the football team.

Stratford 14 13 0 8

Witt-Birn 6 0 0 0

First quarter

S: Colten Schillinger 46-yard run (kick failed), 5:51

WB: Kaden Schmidt 80-yard pass from Ben

Wesolowski (kick failed), 4:50

S: Schillinger 24-yard run (Schillinger pass from Max Vanderhoof), 2:08

Second quarter

S: Beau Gross 1-yard run (Schillinger kick good), 9:51

S: Gross 13-yard pass from Vanderhoof (run failed), 4:22

Fourth quarter

S: Kainoa Gouvela 2-yard run (Schillinger run), 11:13

PRO BASEBALL

Despite virus-related obstacles, baseball reaches postseason

Nearly every team played 60-game schedule

By **NOAH TRISTER**
The Associated Press

The 2020 baseball season began with Juan Soto testing positive for COVID-19. Now, he's a 21-year-old batting champion — after beating out another player who went through his own ordeal with the coronavirus.

Perhaps it was fitting.

Soto finished atop the National League with a .351 average Sunday, becoming the youngest person to win the batting title in the NL. The Washington outfielder outlasted Atlanta's Freddie Freeman, who hit .341. The fact that either player was in a position for this type of accomplishment was emblematic of a regular season that felt chaotic and uncertain at times — but ultimately

reached the finish line.

Soto missed baseball's season opener between the Nationals and New York Yankees back in July, but he ultimately played in 47 games and was one of few bright spots as the defending champions struggled. Freeman played in all 60 games for the Braves, but only after a scary battle with COVID-19. He said he had a fever of 104.5 degrees and prayed for his life.

There have been other sobering moments as well. Boston pitcher Eduardo Rodríguez missed the whole season after coronavirus follow-up tests showed a heart issue.

But although it seemed initially that the season might fall apart because of postponements and positive tests, every team except St. Louis and Detroit managed to play the full 60 games. The Cardinals and Miami Marlins — the two teams hit particularly hard by the



Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Ryan Braun, right, is congratulated by third base coach Ed Sedar after hitting a solo home run during a game against the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday in St. Louis.

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virus — both made the expanded postseason. Teams played shortened doubleheaders and the extra-inning rules were different, but in

some small ways this season did feel at least a little bit normal.

The Los Angeles Dodgers had the best record in baseball — no shock there. Trea Turner led the major leagues in hits, Jose Abreu topped the list in RBIs and Adalberto Mondesi had the most steals. Mike Trout was phenomenal, but his team didn't make the playoffs.

None of that would have seemed out of the ordinary in a 162-game campaign.

The postseason, now with 16 teams, could create its own wacky outcomes. The Milwaukee Brewers didn't spend a day above .500 this year, but are a well-timed hot streak from a pennant or even a World Series title. What happens over the next few weeks will go a long way toward determining how this season is remembered — and how fluky it ends up feeling.

For now, baseball can be relieved to have made it this far.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

FOOTBALL

Bowler/Gresham 52

Tri-County 8

The Bowler/Gresham co-op dominated Tri-County in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division 8-man matchup Friday in Bowler. It was the co-op's first varsity win since 2015.

Emmitt Kietlinski tossed four touchdowns and finished with 218 passing yards in the winning effort. Logan Thiex scored a total of four touchdowns, two rushing and two

receiving. Thiex had 103 rushing yards on seven carries.

Ashwuut Mohawk and Zach Ziemer recorded seven tackles each to lead the Bowler/Gresham defense.

"You can see how far we've come since last season," said Bowler/Gresham coach Ralph Smith. "Guys are playing with so much more confidence."

VOLLEYBALL

Witt-Birn 3

Shiocton 2

Wittenberg-Birnamwood improved to 6-0 on the season after

taking down Shiocton in five sets Sept. 24 in Shiocton. The Chargers won by scores of 25-14, 23-25, 25-22, 9-25, 15-7.

Reese Rogowski tallied 16 total kills for Witt-Birn, while Emma Herb had 11 attack kills and Jadalynn Davids tallied four block kills.

McKenna Foster finished with a team-leading 24 digs for the Chargers. Lilly Betry posted 16 assists, Payton Foster added 13 assists and Amara Schoepke served three aces.

Witt-Birn 3

Iola-Scandinavia 0

Witt-Birn swept Iola-Scandina-

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via by scores of 25-17, 25-16, 25-19 in a CWC-East match Sept. 22 in Wittenberg.

Emma Herb led Witt-Birn with eight attack kills, while Reese Rogowski had four attack kills and four aces. Jadalynn Davids contributed four attack kills, while London Metropulos had five block kills.

Lilly Betry finished with seven assists and five aces for the Chargers, while Payton Foster served three aces. McKenna Foster totaled seven digs.



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OPINION

Who is your dictator?

Have you noticed how easy we were all made to wear a mask? Why were we so willing? We are told that if we do not, we will get the Wuhan virus and die, or we are told that we are not helping our fellow man. So, we are wearing the mask out of fear or to help others or just plain guilt.

Have you seen or heard the public service advertisements with the quiet running water exclaiming that we are all in this together or something like that? I feel like I have been shanghaied.

People have been wearing masks in Asia for decades due to the polluted air. Decades ago, I saw Korean and Japanese wearing masks, and we have all seen pictures of people in China wearing masks especially in cold weather months. Most certainly everyone in Wuhan, China, was wearing masks, but they not only got the virus but spread it around the world.

In the beginning we did not know, so to be safe we agreed to flatten the curve. We are being conditioned to believe that people who stand up for their freedoms are selfish, extreme, irresponsible, hateful, irrational, lawless and of course ignorant. Is it for our health, or has it simply become political?

Democrats are always telling us that President Trump is a dictator. We remember Feb. 25 Speaker Pelosi telling us it was safe to go to Chinatown. On March 5, Mayor DeBlasio said it was safe to ride the subway. Trump banned travel from China on Jan. 31 and a day later Biden exclaimed, "Yesterday, Donald Trump further diminished the United States



RICHARD KUCKSDORF

in the eyes of the world. Trump's atrocious asylum and refugee policies — they are all designed to make it harder for black and brown people to immigrate to the United States. It's that simple. They are racist. They are xenophobic. And there is no evidence that they do anything to make us safer." On March 20, Dr. Fauci was on MSNBC and was asked about the China travel ban and stated, "One of the things we did right, was very early, cut off travel from China to the United States".

May 20, Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced that the city of Chicago would enforce shelter-in-place orders put in place by Governor J. B. Pritzker. This was to enforce the order against churches wishing to practice their First Amendment right. On the same day Pritzker proposed that any business that violates the states stay-at-home order should be fined or even get jail time, but like our Shawano County Sheriff Adam Bieber, numerous Illinois police said they would not enforce unconstitutional orders because people still had bills to pay. Who is your dictator?

On Sept. 8 the Federalist and CNBC Oct. 7 articles Elizabeth Warrens wealth taxes and others are discussed. Under the terms of the Warren "Wealth Tax", the American government would act like any fascist

Communist or a totalitarian government and would confiscate assets. Warren is proposing that any company worth more than 1 billion (3%) and a company worth over 50 million (2%) of all assets to be seized by the US government. If this was approved what would stop them from increasing the percentage or taking a portion of yours? When the 1913 tax collection law was passed only 3% of the population paid income tax but today approximately 53% pay income taxes. Who is your dictator?

Earlier this year former Vice President Biden was asked about his platform on the 2nd Amendment, and according to the May 27 Western Journal, Biden showed what his authoritarian wish would be. Biden said that no amendment is absolute. What does that mean? That tells me that Biden does not intend to protect the Bill of Rights or the US Constitution. Who is your dictator?

On April 24, Fox 11 News reported that the ordinance against violating the health laws gives the Green Bay police the option to ticket violators. Eric Genrich is the mayor of Green Bay and a Democrat. The maximum fine is \$1,000. On Sept. 25, WTAQ radio reported that Brown County is going to begin naming businesses and events that are not following proper COVID guidelines. Health Officer Anna Destree says that the county can issue citations and close the business to the public. Who is your dictator?

Governor Evers just extended his July 30 mask mandate until November 21. How has the mandate worked? Who is your dictator?

On March 23 Robert Barnes, a constitutional lawyer, expressed concern. Barnes warned that governments across America have used the media-stoked panic to limit, restrict or remove First Amendment freedoms of speech and worship. Americans are exercising their 2nd Amendment rights to purchase guns and ammo. Because governments across America are issuing no-arrest and no-detention orders for a wide range of crimes in their community and freeing inmates from prisons.

On March 19 the BBC reported that Los Angeles reduced its prison population by 600 and NY Mayor DeBlasio announced NY prisons will identify prisoners to release. On March 17 the Hill reported that Philadelphia police will delay arrests for some nonviolent crimes amid coronavirus outbreak. Our 4th Amendment is being violated when tech companies are used to surveil and spy on our movements and everyday activities. Stay-at-home orders keep you from earning a living without due process. That is a violation of the 5th amendment. Barnes describes violations of the 6th & 7th Amendment. The real pandemic threat is here. It is the panic that will quarantine our Constitution. Who is your dictator?

"When the people fear the government there is tyranny; when the government fears the people there is liberty."-- Thomas Jefferson

Richard W. Kucksdorf is a retired U.S. Army colonel residing in Bonduel and is chairman of the Shawano Republican Party. Kucksdorf has other writings on his website, "Observations From Flyover Country," at rwkucksdorf.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Protect COVID-19 survivors

To the editor:

It's hard to believe, but to date, Shawano County has reached over 900 COVID-19 cases. Maybe you haven't contracted the virus, but it's very likely that your life will be touched through a family member, friend or neighbor. Local cases have more than doubled since Sept. 6.

Researchers are studying the long-term effects of the virus. So far, they are finding that the virus can cause lung and heart damage and blood clots. (Source: Mayo Clinic)

Whether cases are mild or severe, there is one thing all COVID-19 survivors will hold in common: The virus will be a lifetime preexisting condition for them. Kaiser Health, at KHN.org, reports that "people seeking coverage after they contracted the coronavirus may have faced higher premiums or could have been turned down all together without the preexisting protections provided under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act."

Before passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in

2010, insurance companies could deny coverage for a prior health condition. Under the Affordable Care Act, health insurance cannot refuse coverage or charge more for having a preexisting condition.

That means that the 900 people in Shawano County and the 1 million people in the U.S. who have contracted the virus could face denial or increase costs for coverage if the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is revoked. Why would anyone want to revoke the Affordable Care Act,

especially during a pandemic? Ask President Trump, who wants to repeal it but has offered no health plan of his own.

Without the protections of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, over 8 million would lose health coverage altogether. All of us would lose protection from preexisting conditions. I urge you to vote for candidates who support these health care protections we all rely on.

**—Laura Robinson
Shawano**

Logan Zeinert involved in the production of Spoon River

Logan Zeinert was involved in the production of Spoon River presented on Sept. 24, 25, 26, 27 at Ripon College. Zeinert, majoring in psychobiology, played in the band on flute and performed in the play in various roles.

Zeinert, a Wittenberg-Biramwood graduate is the son of Kurt and Susan

Zeinert of Wittenberg.

A taped performance of the show is available at ripon.edu/spoonriver.

Professor of Theatre Kenneth Hill created a new theatrical adaptation of Edgar Lee Masters' ground-breaking book of poetry, Spoon River Anthology.

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TOWNS:

MUNICIPAL CLERK: NAME / TELEPHONE # / ADDRESS	DATES & TIMES OF ABSENTEE VOTING
ELDERON-Mary Ostrowski, Clerk 715-454-6845 217422 Black Cherry Dr., Eland, WI 54427	Please call for appointment. October 20-30, 8am-5pm
FRANZEN-Jonah Kosmowski, Clerk 715-677-3442 203340 State Hwy 49, Wittenberg, WI 54499	Please call for appointment. October 20-30, 3pm-7pm
NORRIE-Carla King, Clerk, 715-432-5036 183453 Cornell St Biramwood, WI 54414	Please call for appointment October 20-30
PLOVER-Doreen Ertbrecht, Clerk 715-449-2542 178680 Co Rd Z, Aniwa, WI 54408	Please call for appointment
REID-Kittie Milanowski, Clerk, 715-446-3767 175477 Plover River Rd, Hatley, WI 54440	Please call for appointment October 01-31, 9am-5pm

VILLAGES:

BIRAMWOOD- Lauri Klumppan, Clerk 715-449-2001463 State Rd, Biramwood, WI 54414	Please call for appointment. October 20-30
ELDERON-Robert H. Wyman, Clerk 715-584-4203 183987 State Hwy 153, Elderon, WI 54429	Please call for appointment. October 26-30
HATLEY-Joan Wawrzaszek, Clerk 715-446-3139, Hatley Library 435 Curtis Ave Hatley, WI 54440	Please call for appointment. October 20-30, 6pm

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Packers' defense looks to keep up strong play in final regular-season game vs. Lions

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2020 PACKERS SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Opponent	Time	Location
1	Sept. 10	at Minnesota Vikings	1:00	U.S. Bank Stadium
2	Sept. 17	at Detroit Lions	1:00	Spartan Stadium
3	Sept. 24	at New York Giants	1:00	MetLife Stadium
4	Sept. 30	at Dallas Cowboys	1:00	American Airlines Center
5	Oct. 7	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	1:00	Raymond James Stadium
6	Oct. 14	at Cleveland Browns	1:00	Akron Stadium
7	Oct. 21	at Minnesota Vikings	1:00	U.S. Bank Stadium
8	Oct. 28	at Pittsburgh Steelers	1:00	Acrisure Stadium
9	Nov. 4	at Kansas City Chiefs	1:00	Arrowhead Stadium
10	Nov. 11	at Philadelphia Eagles	1:00	Lincoln Financial Field
11	Nov. 18	at New York Jets	1:00	MetLife Stadium
12	Nov. 25	at San Francisco 49ers	1:00	Levi's Stadium
13	Dec. 2	at Los Angeles Rams	1:00	SoFi Stadium
14	Dec. 9	at Seattle Seahawks	1:00	CenturyLink Field
15	Dec. 16	at Denver Broncos	1:00	Empower Field at Mile High
16	Dec. 23	at Baltimore Ravens	1:00	M&T Bank Stadium
17	Dec. 30	at Washington Redskins	1:00	FedExField
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Municipality	Municipal Clerk	Phone Number	Address to obtain Absentee Ballot	Hours for in Person Absentee Voting
Tn of Alton	Heather Matsche	715-571-2561	W16650 Co Rd N Binamwood, 54414	M - F 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. By Appointment
Tn of Angelica	Cornie Przybylski	820-822-8191	N3285 Co Road C Pulaski, 54162	M - F 9:00 a.m. to noon. By Appointment
Tn of Aniwa	Tammy Rasch	715-449-2351	N10485 Cherry Rd Binamwood, 54414	M - F 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. By Appointment
Tn of Barteine	Beth Grosskopf	715-793-4491	N7525 Maple Rd Bowler, 54418	M - F 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. By Appointment
Tn of Belle Plaine	Kristina Vonastic	715-524-2690	N3002 State Hwy 22 Clintonville, 54629	Tues - W 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sat 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Tn of Binamwood	Dennis Knaak	715-449-3212	W17874 Co Rd N Binamwood, 54414	M - F By Appointment
Tn of Germania	Kathryn Breaker	715-535-2970	N2897 Comet Rd Tigerton, 54486	M - F By Appointment
Tn of Green Valley	Janetee Jenerou	715-745-2699	W977 Shawano Line Rd Gillett, 54124	M - F after 2:30 p.m. By Appointment
Tn of Hartland	Sharon Riehl	820-619-7696	W3445 Swamp Rd Bonduel, 54107	By Appointment
Tn of Herman	Lori Schmidt	715-853-6853	N7241 Lower Lake Rd Gresham, 54128	By Appointment
Tn of Hutchins	Jan Fischer	715-489-3403	N15814 Hutchins-Aniwa Rd Binamwood, 54414	By Appointment
Tn of Lessor	Katie Sprangers	820-833-1377	N662 Hill Rd Pulaski, 54162	By Appointment
Tn of Maple Grove	Kathy Luebke	820-822-5414	W1236 Main Laney Cr Pulaski, 54162	By Appointment
Tn of Morris	Vicki Kennedy	715-328-1802	W16791 Marquardt Ln Wittenberg, 54489	By Appointment
Tn of Navarino	Judy Krull	820-525-2597	N145 Lessor Navarino Rd Shroton, 54170	By Appointment
Tn of Red Springs	Owen Olsen	715-787-3356	W11019 W Townhall Rd Gresham, 54128	By Appointment
Tn of Richmond	Rick Stadelman	715-526-6527	N5170 Co Road MM, PO Box 240 Shawano 54166	M - F 9:30 a.m. to Noon & 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. By Appointment: M - F 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tn of Seneca	Raymond Rigby	715-851-2251	N5866 Rock Rd Leopold, 54948	M - F 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. By Appointment
Tn of Washington	Kara Skarupka	715-851-6592 or 715-745-4426	N6563 Lake Crest Dr Cecil, 54111	By Appointment
Tn of Waukechon	Christine Frey	715-853-2344	W7005 St Johns Church Rd Clintonville, 54629	By Appointment
Tn of Wescott	Angela Yreske	715-526-9853	N5754 Old Keshena Rd PO Box 526, Shawano 54166	M - Thurs 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tn of Wittenberg	Linda Fletcher	715-253-3222	W17395 County Rd Q Wittenberg, 54489	M - F 9:00 - noon By Appointment
Vil of Bonduel	Michelle Maroszczek	715-758-2402	117 W Green Bay St PO Box 67, Bonduel, 54107	M - F 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Vil of Aniwa	Mary O'Neil	715-218-2364	N11895 Summer St Aniwa, 54408	M - F 9:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. By Appointment
Vil of Cecil	Teri Westerfeld	715-745-4426	111 E Hoffman St PO Box 156, Cecil, 54111	M - Thurs 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Vil of Gresham	Judy Krutzel	715-787-3991 or 715-851-0222	1128 Main Street, PO Box 50 Gresham, 54128	M/Tues/Weds - 9:00 a.m. - noon; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Additional hours by appointment
Vil of Eland	Marnie Osterbrink	715-253-2966	W19089 Elm St Eland, 54427	M - F 9:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. By Appointment
Vil of Pulaski	Karen Ostrowski	820-822-5182	585 E Glenbrook Drive, PO Box 320 Pulaski, 54162	My - Thurs 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fri 9:00 a.m. to Noon By Appointment Only
Vil of Wittenberg	Traci Matsche	715-253-6063	208 W. Vinat St. Wittenberg, 54489	M - Thurs 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
City of Shawano	Lesley Nemetz	715-526-6138	127 S Sawyer St. Shawano 54186	M - F 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ALSO SAT, 10/24/20 FROM 9:00 - NOON

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