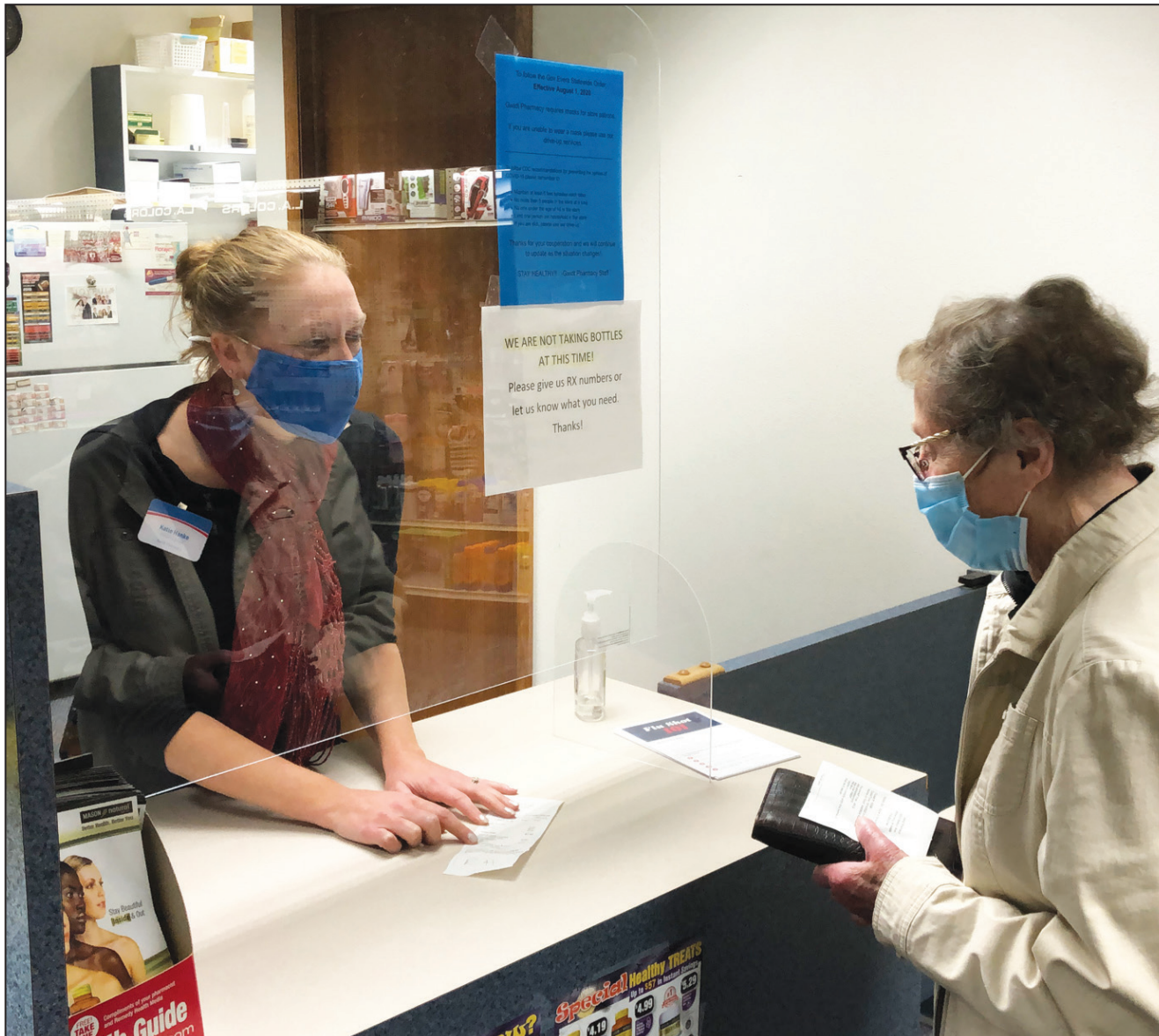




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Pharmacist Katie Hanke, left, answers questions for Ramona Hanson at Gwidt Pharmacy in Wittenberg. Hanke shares the answers to the most frequently asked questions about COVID-19. **READ MORE ON PAGE 2.**

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Pharmacist addresses common customer questions about COVID-19

Q&A with Katie Hanke from Gwidt Pharmacy in Wittenberg

Editor's note: Katie Hanke, a pharmacist at Gwidt Pharmacy in Wittenberg, reached out to the Wittenberg Enterprise & Birnamwood News about addressing some of the questions many customers were asking about dealing with COVID-19. Listed below are questions she receives from her customers and her responses.

Q: What can I do to prevent getting COVID-19?

A: Stay well hydrated, get proper sleep, wear a mask in public, practice social distancing, take supplements and keep your regular appointments with your primary care provider. If you are uncomfortable going into a clinic, talk with your primary care provider to discuss options for safely keeping appointments during the pandemic. It is extremely important to keep chronic conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes and mental health under control to keep you healthy and out of the hospital.

Q: What supplements can I take?

A: Immune boosting supplements typically include vitamin C, vitamin D, zinc and echinacea. At this time, there is no evidence that taking immune boosting supplements prevents or treats COVID-19. Although there aren't any scientific studies showing they work, these immune boosting supplements are safe for most people when taken at recommended doses.

Some supplements should be used cautiously. Avoid zinc nasal spray, as it can cause permanent loss of smell. Elderberry extract is likely safe, but if you have allergies to grass pollen you may experience an allergic reaction to elderberry. Garlic interacts with many blood thinners.

Always discuss new supplements you want to try with a trusted health care provider to ensure the supplement and dose is safe for you.

Q: I heard you can't take ibuprofen if you have COVID-19. Which over-the-counter medicine can I take for COVID-19 symptoms?

A: For most people, we recommend acetaminophen (Tylenol) first as an

over-the-counter option to treat fever and body aches. Acetaminophen is easier on the stomach and safer for older adults or people with kidney or heart problems. People with liver problems should avoid acetaminophen.

There is no evidence that NSAIDs (non-steroidal anti inflammatory drugs) worsen COVID-19. NSAIDs include ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil), naproxen (Aleve) and aspirin. NSAIDs can be used if desired.

It's always a good idea to check with a health care provider to make sure an over-the-counter medicine is safe for you to use. If symptoms worsen, seek emergency care.

Q: Will antibiotics help treat COVID-19?

A: Since COVID-19 is caused by a virus, antibiotics will not treat COVID-19. However, some people, especially older adults or those with underlying conditions, may get bacterial pneumonia with COVID-19. If a person gets bacterial pneumonia, that may be treated with an antibiotic. If you qualify for a pneumonia shot, make sure yours is up-to-date to help protect you.

Q: Why is it so important to get a flu shot (influenza vaccine)?

A: We need to keep as many people out of our hospitals as possible. Influenza is another respiratory illness that also causes thousands of people to be hospitalized and die every year. The influenza vaccine is the best prevention we have to keep influenza patients out of the hospital. In addition, there is a chance a person could get COVID-19 and influenza at the same time, which would further complicate their care. The influenza vaccine may not be 100% effective at preventing you from getting the flu, but it's the best tool we have.

Q: What kind of flu shot should I get?

A: At this time there is a delay in getting influenza vaccines to clinics and pharmacies, especially the high-dose senior flu shot. The Centers for

Disease Control recommends that if influenza vaccine is available, get it and don't delay waiting for a specific kind of flu shot. Suppliers and manufacturers are working to keep influenza vaccines in stock. It's a good idea to call ahead of time to ensure there are doses available before you visit your local pharmacy or health care provider.

Q: When can I get a vaccine against COVID-19?

A: There are several large studies in the final stages of reviewing the safe and effective use of a COVID-19 vaccine. The government is currently planning how to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine fairly across the United States once it is approved. At this time, the government is still hoping for a 2021 approval of COVID-19 vaccine.

Q: Will the COVID-19 vaccine be safe?

A: It is extremely expensive to develop a vaccine. Typically vaccine manufacturers proceed slowly through phases of research. Each phase has a specific goal — like to determine the dose, the number of shots needed, the safety and how well it works. Once each phase is completed, the vaccine gets approved. After approval, the manufacturer then starts making vaccines to sell.

The U.S. government is heavily investing in COVID-19 vaccine development. So instead of a stepwise approach, all the phases of the studies are being done at the same time. The manufacturers are already making vaccines, so as soon as the COVID-19 vaccine is approved, it will be ready to be distributed throughout the country. None of the safety steps have been eliminated; everything is being done faster due to government investments.

Keep in mind there is new information about coronavirus every day. Always contact a trusted health care provider for the most up-to-date recommendations. The Centers for Disease Control website, www.cdc.gov, is another great resource for additional information about COVID-19.

Murder a second time around at a haunted campground

Last week, I picked up a box of books at a club auction. My first selection was "For the Last Time" by Joyce and Jim Lavene. It is listed as a Sharyn Howard Mystery.



JAN JONES

Bell's Creek flows through Diamond Springs, a small city in the middle of Montgomery County, North Carolina. Locals say that Bell's Creek has been cursed ever since a flash flood swept 30 individuals to their deaths.

The congregation had a summer camp for poor children near the infamous creek. It was said that the builders created all kinds of false entries, stairways to nowhere and other strange tactics to fool the devil if he were to visit the camp.

Twenty-five years ago, 12-year-old Rebecca Liston was found stabbed to death in her bed. No one heard or saw a thing. The case went unsolved, and the camp was turned over to the county and closed. But time and politics have a way of changing things.

Today, a determined group of volunteers is working to spiff up the remaining usable cabins for a grand reopening. One of the workers is Sharyn Howard. She is the sheriff of Montgomery County — fair-minded, dedicated, single and not in favor of reopening the camp.

Her grandfather had been sheriff when the little girl was murdered, and the case made him decide to retire. The law is in Sharyn's blood. Her father was sheriff until he was gunned down in a robbery. Sharyn left law school, ran for the position and won with ease. As another election nears, she hasn't decided whether she'll run for another term, and her opponent is doing his best to convince her not to run.

Senator Caison Talbot pushed to get the camp open, and her mother is now engaged to him. When a young interviewer trips over something in the soon-to-be parking lot, Sharyn is called over. She finds an old suitcase with what appears to be blood on the cover. When the medical examiner checks, they find a blood-soaked dress with stab holes. But it can't be Rebecca's because the blood types don't match.

Suddenly, Sharyn has a second old

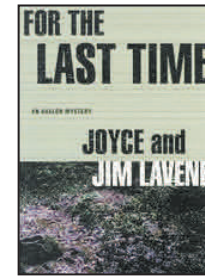
AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "For the Last Time"
AUTHOR: Joyce and Jim Lavene
PUBLISHER: Thomas & Mercer
PUBLISHED: June 1, 2002
PAGES: 192

murder to deal with along with all her other duties. Whoever killed Rebecca can still be out there, and when strange things happen Sharyn is sure of it. Thanks to a ring, some hair and the internet, they learn that the second victim was one of the camp counselors, Elizabeth Peterson. Oddly, no one had seen her since the day Rebecca was killed, and no one has searched for her.

Sharyn is especially curious about the family dynamic between Ezekiel Reynolds, his son Pastor Paul Reynolds and Paul's adopted son, Keith. It is obvious that the elderly man has some form of dementia and is being protected by his son and grandson. So, she expands her background search.

Against her strong objections the camp is reopened, and within days one of the campers has been stabbed and a counselor taken. The counselor just happens to be Sharyn's younger sister, Kristie. While camp is in chaos,



Sharyn catches a flash of movement. It is Ezekiel Reynolds, and he has Kristie. With no other choice Sharyn shoots, the man falls into the boiling creek and Kristie is free.

When all the details are sorted out, we learn that Elizabeth Peterson met Paul Reynolds at college.

When she found out she was pregnant, she fled her abusive father and stayed with an aunt until the baby was born. She went to work at the camp, but Paul's father contacted her and killed her to keep her from ruining his son's life. To his amazement, the baby Paul adopted from a closing orphanage turned out to be his own child.

This book has several other story lines so it is a well-rounded work, and I would happily read the next one.

I am happy to note that when it comes to books, there is always a "next one" waiting to be read. That's the beauty of your public library. Go in and check it out.

Careful monitoring of coronavirus is keeping WBSD safe

I hope this time of the year finds you all doing well. The fall season is definitely my favorite of the year. It's just a great time to get outside, take advantage of the often nice weather and do some things with family that the other seasons typically don't afford.

As I write this newsletter, we are entering our seventh week of the 2020-21 school year. It hasn't been a traditional start, but I am thankful for our families and staff and their willingness to go the extra mile in supporting the district as we continue to combat the challenges the COVID-19 virus has presented.

Our substitute teachers have been incredible in covering classes as a result of staff vacancies. Additionally, our regular staff have stepped in across the district to cover classrooms and ensure we have instruction for all students at all levels.

Into the second week of October, the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District has recorded nine positive cases of COVID-19 and quarantined



GARRETT ROGOWSKI

52 students and staff. We continue to be diligent in identifying close contacts to ensure conditions are as safe as possible for those attending. With the right measures in place, I believe that school is one of the safest places our children can be during this time.

The value of a quality education and positive school experience extends into growth and opportunities that build upon each other and will be impactful in so many different ways well beyond our students' time at WB schools. We have to keep fighting for that.

Thanks for your continued support of our students and district!

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



Joe and Katie Frappy are proud to announce the birth of their son

KYSEN JOSEPH FRAPPY

Born October 8, 2020 at 12:25 a.m.

4 lbs. 7.4 oz. 17 1/2 in.

Big brothers Nathan and Jack are excited too.

OPINION

Minorities should support Trump this election

I wish that we would stop calling Americans Black, Hispanic, Native or Asian Americans and just say American.

I will focus on two identified minority groups: Blacks and Hispanics. Both groups traditionally vote Democratic. Using presidential election statistics from 1984 through 2016, President Barack Obama received 95% of the Black vote in 2008 and in 2012, 71% of the Hispanic vote. George Bush Sr. received 10% of the Black vote in 1992, and in 2000, George W. Bush received 35% of the Hispanic vote. The average for the Democrats during that timeframe was Blacks, 90.16%, and Hispanics, 60.5%. Republicans averaged 7.6% of the Black vote and 30% of Hispanic.

I am predicting that in 2020, 50% of Hispanics and 25% of Blacks will vote for President Donald Trump. What makes me think that? I believe that Democrats and liberals in general believe that they can control minorities, and that the minorities are not informed. Let's start by looking at Trump's opposition.

Vice president candidate Kamala Harris has Black heritage. Her father is Jamaican, and her mother is from India. Harris' parents are not from the American slave background, which has some Black Americans questioning if Harris can relate to or understands their struggle.

Harris' other problem with Black voters is her history as a prosecutor. She was California's attorney



RICHARD W. KUCKSDORF

general from 2011 to 2017. According to the Aug. 12 New York Post, Harris refused to endorse a bill calling for a special prosecutor to investigate deadly police shootings and rejected calls from civil rights groups following the 2014 shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

Harris has a record of being tough. She opposed a state initiative to soften minimum mandatory sentences. During her time as attorney general, 1,560 people were jailed for marijuana-related offenses. These numbers come from the Washington Free Beacon.

Minorities are not uninformed, and they know that presidential candidate Joe Biden proudly exclaimed that he authored the 1994 Crime Bill. German Lopez, on Vox Media, stated that some criminal justice reform activists have identified this crime bill as one of the key contributors to mass incarceration in the 1990s. This bill authored by Biden led to more prison sentences, more prison cells and aggressive policing hurting Black and Brown Americans disproportionately.

Biden was proud of his crime bill, according to his Nov. 18, 1993, speech in defense of the Biden/Hatch Crime Bill, also known as the Violent Crime

Control Law of 1994. He wanted to end the rumor that Democrats were weak on crime, and a statement he made clearly exclaims his pride: "A Democratic senator from Delaware and a Republican conservative senator from Utah are united in a 'Biden/Hatch Crime Bill' that does all the things that I just said."

Here are other Biden statements from his speech. "We have predators on our streets, that society has, in fact, in part because of its neglect, created. We have no choice but to take them out of society." You're looking at the "fella" who was one of the primary architects of the sentencing commission.

There is much more in the speech Biden gave. According to a C-Span video, Biden was the chairman of the judiciary committee at that time, which is why he could give himself extra time. Biden gave himself extra time twice in three-minute increments. It is obvious that Joe Biden was extremely proud of this crime bill and wanted everyone to know that he was the driving force.

Minorities are not uninformed. They know that Kamala Harris has been tough on crime, and blocked efforts to reform criminal justice as a state attorney general. Minorities know about Joe Biden and the damage that the 1994 crime bill has caused to their communities. Trump might hurt your feelings, but Biden hurt people's lives.

Black pastors have come out in favor of Trump and against Harris.

According to Jacob Jarvis in his May 22 Newsweek article, Darrell Scott, a Black pastor, referred to Trump as the most pro-Black president he has ever seen. A group of Black pastors led by Bishop Aubrey Shines were quoted in the law enforcement magazine written by Pat Droney on Oct. 1. They were critical of Harris' stance on Black Lives Matter.

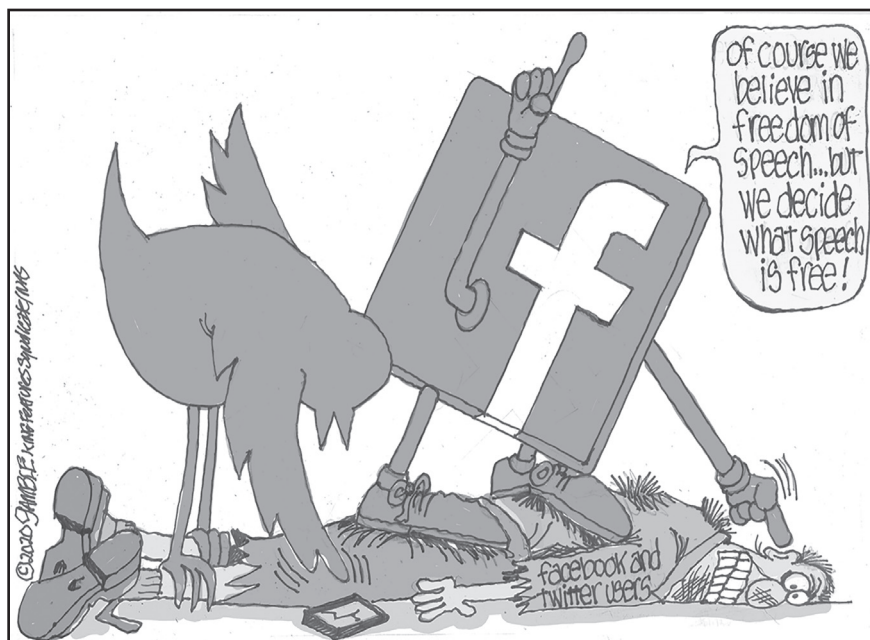
Bishop Shines slammed Harris in The Christian Post, saying, "It's extremely disheartening to see a U.S. senator and a candidate for vice president give such high praise to a group that is trying to destroy our country."

Black Entertainment founder Robert Johnson told the Squawk Box on Sept. 30, that he does not know what Biden would do. Johnson did not endorse Trump but said, "Where I come out as a businessman, I will take the devil I know, over the devil I don't know, anytime of the week."

Mary Papenfuss from the Huffington Post on April 21, 2019, shared that Kim Kardashian defended her efforts in working with Trump on prison reform, a topic promised by many presidents that included Obama. Trump is delivering.

Blacks and Hispanics know what Trump's economic policies did for them. They also know what Obama and Biden did not do for them.

Richard W. Kucksdorf is a retired U.S. Army colonel residing in Bondel. Kucksdorf has other writings on his website, "Observations From Flyover Country," at rwkucksdorf.com.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Media, politicians not objective with Trump

To the editor:

I really am fed up with the distortions and outright disgusting lack of objectivity the national media and politicians engage in when talking about President Donald Trump. The following are just a small sample of which I speak:

- The media and some politicians almost universally vilify Trump as having handled the coronavirus pandemic badly. Yet they were the ones who almost universally called him a racist and a xenophobe when early on he was the one who tried to protect us with the travel bans. Joe Biden openly criticized him relentlessly for the bans, and who remembers that?

- The media also tried to blame him for not having fast enough responses to supplying personal protective equipment for the health care professionals and the public. Well, Bunkie, why did the national press not dig into why our national supplies were not there? Because they would have found that the Barack Obama administration depleted the national stockpiles during the SARS epidemic, and they did not replace them. These are facts you can verify by just looking it up for yourself.

- Production of PPEs and drugs to fight this pandemic were shipped out of the country mainly to the Pacific Rim nations (China, in the case of prescription drugs) by the government (overregulation) and drug companies for economic gain. Zero regard was given to disruptions to the supply chain should we have an emergency. Who is bringing the manufacture of these things back? It wasn't Joe.

Billionaires like George Soros, Michael Bloomberg and Silicon Valley moguls are funneling millions into the elections overwhelming the system trying to buy the election. Don't you care that we are not dealing with a level playing field? Don't you want to get unbiased news? Don't you want to get unedited and undistorted video when people

speak publicly to the media?

Why aren't you angry at political leaders like governors and mayors who are using the pandemic to shut down our economy claiming they are following science when, in fact, they are not? Wake up, or lose our nation.

Bruce Watters, Bowler

Tauchen ad on health care is misleading

To the editor:

A recent campaign ad for Rep. Gary Tauchen reads "Gary works for health care." The next line states, "Guaranteed coverage for pre-existing conditions."

I found this extremely confusing, since there is no existing Wisconsin law that provides protections for pre-existing health conditions. The only law that guarantees protection is a federal law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), which Tauchen's party has made every effort to attack.

I contacted Tauchen's office to better understand why his ad makes this claim and had a good conversation with his staffer, Derrick Scherdell. While Tauchen supported a measure regarding pre-existing conditions, Scherdell admitted that the legislation was never taken up in the Senate and so no bill was ever signed into Wisconsin law.

President Donald Trump, encouraged by the Republican party that has no health plan of its own, is determined to get rid of the Affordable Care Act, which would eliminate health care access for over 7 million Americans and end protections for all Americans who have pre-existing conditions, including over 8 million Americans who have recently contracted COVID-19.

Therefore, if the protections under the federal ACA are gone, there would be no guaranteed coverage for pre-existing conditions, as claimed by the Tauchen ad. Tauchen can say he supports the idea of these protections, but if he sits silently as his party attacks the ACA, his claim seems disingenuous and misleading.

According to staff, once the ACA is gone, Tauchen thinks Wisconsin will pass laws in its place, but health experts question whether state laws for pre-existing conditions will be comprehensive enough to be successful. To read more about this, go to <http://www.wisconsinbudgetproject.org/state-law-cant-adequately-protect-people-with-pre-existing-conditions>.

The voters of the 6th State Assembly District deserve accurate information as they decide who will best serve the people and the needs of this district.

Laura Robinson, Shawano

Candidate Joe Biden has a health care plan

To the editor:

Biden has real plans for health care.

Yes, candidate for president Joe Biden has one. President Donald Trump? No, he has a "Trust me. I'll get 'it' to you after the election." Sad.

The Biden health care plan centers around reinforcing portions of the Affordable Care Act and improving access to care. Whether one has coverage through an employer or has to purchase one's own, there will be a "like-Medicare" (not present Medicare) option.

Some portions of the "public option" will be for those who don't have Medicaid benefits that they may qualify for in another state. It's a great idea to even the insurance playing field for those stuck in states that do not provide for their own citizenry.

Biden's proposal would lower prescription drug prices within Medicare. It would create an independent commission to oversee and regulate the price of drugs, present and new ones, and get rid of tax breaks given to pharmaceutical corporations on advertising.

Programs for the training of workers would happen to aid Americans suffering from opioid addictions first focusing on the thousands of addicted veterans.

Finally, Biden would seek the creation of a public health jobs corps,

which would employ thousands of Americans as health care workers in medically underserved communities to work in and for disease prevention.

Most importantly, any pre-existing condition in all plans would be mandatory.

I urge anyone in Wisconsin who has had problems getting insurance and maintaining it, as well as businesses that offer plans to their employees that would lower total costs for their plans, to vote for Biden, building us back better.

Edward Johnson, Clintonville

If yard sign goes missing, put up two

To the editor:

I am sure that most Republicans respect my constitutional right to free speech. However, someone out there is so worried that Joe Biden is going to win that they have stolen the Biden sign on my front lawn. The sign was my personal property, and stealing it is a misdemeanor in the state of Wisconsin, punishable by law.

Here is my recommendation to anyone who has had a political sign stolen, no matter what party. If you have one sign stolen, put up two. If you have two signs stolen, put up four. Aim your deer cam at the signs so that you can catch the culprit next time they come.

Sue Franke, Shawano

Resident casting votes for Trump, Parker

To the editor:

I am voting for President Donald Trump because he promised to nominate conservative judges to the courts. He has done that. Trump promised to negotiate a new agreement to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement, and he did that with Mexico and Canada. Trump promised to reduce taxes, and he reduced my taxes. Trump makes promises, and he keeps his promises.

I am voting for District Attorney Greg Parker. Parker promised to be tough on crime, and he has been tough on crime.

Joyce Hagen, Shawano

OPINION PAGE POLICY

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OBITUARIES

Robert J. Grignon

Robert (Bob) John Grignon, 74, of De Pere, died in the early morning of Oct. 14, 2020, in the loving arms of his wife. Bob was born on New Year's Day 1946 to the late Jerome and Sunday (Tourtillott) Grignon in Shawano. He grew up on the Menominee Reservation in Neopit with his many siblings, family, and friends.

In 1970, Bob married Mary Pat Kroner who preceded him in death on June 20, 1995. A blind date on July 5, 1996, led to Bob marrying Arleen (Van Lanen/Koenig) Grignon on Jan. 2, 1999. Combining their two families made for wonderful, not to mention noisy, family get-togethers and holidays. Bob loved every second of it.

Bob furthered his education at St. Norbert College at which time he joined ROTC and continued as first lieutenant MP with the Army Reserve being honorably discharged after eight years. Bob enjoyed his 31-plus year career working for IBM, retiring in 2002 with the title of large systems network specialist. Though most of us never understood what he did, his numerous awards and



commendations confirmed that he was great at it.

Bob's athleticism became apparent playing basketball in third grade. Years later, this skill resulted in

a scholarship to St. Norbert College where he made many lifelong friends. Bob was also quarterback at Shawano High School, played baseball in several leagues and, in retirement, became a certified golf instructor at Hilly Haven Golf Course for 13 years. Bob was honored to become a three-sport inductee into the Shawano High School Hall of Fame in 1999.

Bob was also a natural born mentor and teacher. Whether it was through volunteering at schools teaching math and educating youth about engineering, through his work at IBM, as a golf instructor or gently guiding his grandchildren, he made it fun to learn, giving positive feedback and always with a smile and a story.

Bob's greatest teachings took place after he suffered a severe stroke nearly four years ago. His

wit and positive attitude served him well through this most difficult of recoveries. Our children and grandchildren will always have memories of him pushing forward against the odds using his faith and love for all of us as his motivation.

Bob loved his family very much, and we certainly loved him.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Arleen; children, Michele Grignon, Chandler, Arizona, and Beau (Holly) Grignon, Verona; stepchildren, Gregg (Danelle) Koenig, De Pere, and Kelly (Jason) Benzschawel, De Pere; son-in-law Rob Braender, Tempe, Arizona; grandchildren: Alexandra Braender, Morgan and Tre' Grignon, Jessica (Nate Poellet) Koenig, Beau Koenig, Addison and Julian Benzschawel; siblings, Sharon Waupoose and Mary Claire Grignon, Neopit; in-laws, Marianne Gibbons, Green Bay, Carol (Bill) Felber, Winter Haven, Florida, and Sharon Van Lanen, Green Bay.

Bob is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Bob was preceded in death by siblings, James Grignon, Jerry Lee Grignon, Connie Waupoose, Joan Waukau, Guy Grignon, Jeri-

lyn Grignon, Dana Grignon, Carol Warrington, Michelle Grignon and Stanley Grignon; in-laws, Norb and Doris Kroner and Minnie Van Lanen; brothers-in-law, Irwin Waupoose, Gordon Waupoose, Orman (Pam) Waukau, James Van Lanen; and sister-in-law, Marilyn Grignon.

Family and friends may gather on Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, from 4-7 p.m. at Cotter Funeral Home, 860 N. Webster Ave., De Pere. Visitation will continue Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at St. Mary Catholic Church, 4805 Sportsman Drive, Ledgeview (De Pere) from 10 a.m. until the memorial Mass at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Ingold officiating. Due to current COVID-19 concerns, those in attendance are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Those who are not able to attend are welcomed to watch the livestream on the Cotter Funeral Home Facebook page.

To Bob's many doctors, nurses, therapists, CNAs, Rennes Skilled Nursing Home, Unity Hospice, family, friends and neighbors, there are not enough ways to say thank you for your care, compassion, support, love and prayers. Our family is forever grateful.

Nora Young

Nora "Kay" Young, 79, of Greenville, formerly of Shawano, passed away Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020, at The-daCare Appleton. Nora was born to the late Earl and Mary (Thompson) Sykes on Aug. 4, 1941, in New London. On Oct. 22, 1960, she was united in marriage to Nathan Young at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Stephenville. The couple remained in Stephenville until 1970, when they purchased the Hiawatha Lodge on Shawano Lake. They owned and operated the resort for nearly 25 years.

Nora was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Nora was a devoted mother who was loved by



many. She made you feel welcome and always had a hug and a kind word to say. She enjoyed life and had a great sense of humor and would never complain. She

enjoyed spending time with her grandkids and supporting them in all their activities. She loved to cook and share her famous strawberry jam and peanut butter cookies. Thanks, Mom, for the all the love and support through the years. You are truly one

in a million.

Nora is survived by her daughter, Shawn (Mike) Cronce; her grandchildren, Chelsea (Brent) Williams, Amber Moericke and Michael Cronce; two great-grandchildren, Landon and Layce Moericke; two sisters, Mary Ellen Knoke and Linda (Larry) Schultz; one brother, Sam Sykes; and many nieces and nephews.

Nora was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Nathan (2016); brothers- and sister-in-law, Gill Knoke, Dave Schultz and Janice Sykes.

The memorial service for Nora was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct.

22, 2020, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano with the Rev. Scott Valentyn and Deacon Jim Lonick officiating. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in the Town of Ellington.

The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at The-daCare and a special thank you to family and friends, especially Matt Moericke and John and Barb Gloede for their love and support during this difficult time.

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Irene R. Wohler

Irene Wohler, 90, of Deforest, formerly of Shawano, passed away Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, in Deforest. Irene was born in Waupaca County on July 3, 1930, daughter of the late Herman and Ella (Wudstrack) Grosskopf. On Oct. 14, 1961, Irene married Ewald Wohler in Tilleda. Ewald preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 2013.

Irene loved gardening, sewing,



birds and quilting with the ladies of Peace Lutheran Church. She was a wonderful, strong person who never had a bad thing to say about anyone.

She was an active member of Peace Lutheran Church

in Tilleda. In her later years, she lived in Deforest with her children and loved spending time with her cat that came from the farm with her, Shadow.

Irene is survived by her children, Emily (Greg) Norman, of Madison, Paul (Kim) Wohler, of Deforest, and Linda Wohler, of Madison; five grandchildren; and a sister, Marcella (Martin) Hille, of Tigerton.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ewald; two sons, Michael and Reinhold; her parents; and two sisters, Donna Kerstner and Germaine Wilhelm.

Private family services will be held at Peace Lutheran Church in Tilleda on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Tilleda. www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Wayne L. Moeller

Wayne L. Moeller, 78, of Nava-rino, passed away on Oct. 12, 2020, in Shawano. Wayne was born in Green Bay on April 28, 1942, son of the late Louis and Alice (Rudie) Moeller. After graduating from Bonduel High School in 1960, Wayne enlisted in the United States Army serving from 1960-1963 in the 101st airborne, complet-ing 28 jumps, give or take a couple. On Aug. 15, 1964, Wayne mar-ried Joy Nitzske at Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville. He worked for a time at 4WD in Clintonville before



he decided to farm full time. In his free time, he enjoyed picking blackberries and spending time out-doors. Wayne was a member at Im-manuel Lutheran Church of Cicero. Wayne is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joy; his children, Jill (Lee) Deruyter, of Shawano, and Wayne (Lorie) Moeller, of Bonduel; grandchil-dren, Racine (Jesse Richter) Pedersen, Cameron (Alexis Clift) Pedersen

and Amanda (Josh Krull) Richter; great-grandchildren, Patrick, Lukan and Jaxson; siblings, Lyle Moeller, Keith (Sandy) Moeller, Gary (Nancy) Moeller, Ruth Schinke, Eva (Tom) Gruenewald and Jean "George" (Den-nis) Diemel; sister-in-law, Dorothy Curtiss; and brother-in-law Francis (Ioline) Nitzske. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Shannon Pedersen; grandson-in-law, David Richter; his parents; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Helen and Herbert Nitzske;

brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Karen Moeller, Ben Shinke and Don Curtiss; niece, Tina Moeller; and nephew, Kevin Nitzske.

A funeral for Wayne will be held at noon on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at Swedberg Wendt Funeral Home in Bonduel with the Rev. Ben Williams officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the Bonduel American Legion. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Cicero. Visita-tion will be held at the funeral home on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

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Edward G. Otradovec

Edward George Otradovec, 60, of Suring, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020. Edward was born Oct. 11, 1960, in Shawano to the late Adelbert and Chantel (Vigue) Otradovec. Edward was a dedicated worker at his various places of employment which included Nu-Line Industries, Menominee Tribal Enterprises, Menominee Casino and North Star Casino.

Edward enjoyed riding his motorcycle and shooting pool in the pool league in Suring. Edward loved spending time with his family, whether it was for a cup of coffee, a beverage of choice or a game of cards. He also loved the outdoors



and hunting as well as going to the casino.

Edward is survived by two daughters, Tasha (Jesse) Hagel, of Oconto, and Tabitha (Charles Jr.) Helsinger, of Keshena; two sons, Ryan (Kara) Otradovec, of Oconto, and Reese Otradovec of Peach Grove, Indiana; nine grandchildren, Aidan, Chloe, Passion, Aiyana, Gavyn, Cadyn, Leondias, Athena and Matthias; six brothers, Jerome (Rosanne), Rodger, Charles (Judy Ann), Peter (Harrison

Sehres) and George (Rachel), all of Suring, and John (Pam), of Wausau; two sisters, Delberta (Otto) Pethke, of Suring, and Dora Jean (Elmer) Diedrich, of Luthersville, Georgia; and his companion, Lisa Funk.

He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adelbert and Chantel; two brothers, Christopher and Leonard; and a sister, Christine.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Edward's life at Gru-etzmacher Funeral Home in Suring on Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, from 4-8 p.m. A prayer service with rosary

will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in South Branch at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with ar-rangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacher-funeralhome.com.



Lois M. Schnake

Lois M. Schnake, 77, of the Town of Matteson, passed away Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, at her home.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting with the arrangements.

Elaine L. Much

Elaine L. Much, 88, of Tigerton, passed away Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, at St. Joseph Residence in New London.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Ti-gerton is assisting with the arrange-ments.

Dr. Petty remembered as supporter of colleagues

Former Shawano physician seen as calming presence

By **CAROL RYCZEK**
Editor-in-chief

In the sometimes tumultuous world of medicine, Dr. David Petty was both a voice, and a presence, of calm, even in stressful situations. Petty's former co-workers and family described him this way.

Petty, 85, died Oct. 8.

"He was an excellent physi-cian," said Dr. Kathy Qualheim, who recently retired as regional medical director for ThedaCare.

Qualheim worked with him when she started in Shawano in the early 1990s. He practiced medicine in for 29 years, as a member of the medical staff of the Cantwell Peterson Clinic



DAVID PETTY

described him as very skilled in surgery, with a commitment to keeping up with latest techniques.

But what stood out was how much he valued helping the professionals around him, she said.

"He was generous with teaching younger folks," Qualheim said. "He was always really supporting of ev-eryone else in health care, and happy to teach," she said.

"He taught me how to use a

and what was then Shawano Community Hos-pital, now The-daCare Medical Center-Shawano. At that time, family practice doctors did a lot of surgery, she said. She

"Mighty Vac," she said, referring to what was then a new suction tech-nique for delivering babies. The technique is still used today, she said.

Obstetrics was an important part of his practice, she said.

"He delivered a lot a kids in this community," Qualheim said.

Karin Petty, who met and married Dr. Petty while he was practicing in Shawano, said she was drawn to "his whole personality."

"He cared so much for other people," Karin Petty said. "He helped me go on to RN school, and helped other associates at the clinic go on to school."

Petty attended Carroll College in Waukesha, and then the University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago. He was a member of the American Medical Association. David practiced medicine in Woodstock, Illinois, for

five years and spent two years in the U.S. Army as a major.

David retired in 1998 and moved to Smithville, Tennessee. In retire-ment, he spent time rescuing neglect-ed animals. Karin Petty noted that he had attended veterinary school for a year before deciding that he would rather use his skills for people.

She added that the commitment to medicine has been passed along to the the next generation. One Petty's children is a physician, another a pharmacist and another is a regis-tered nurse.

"They followed in his footsteps," she said.

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



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Raising money for breast cancer

Pretty in Pink finds new avenues to replace annual cocktail party

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

For the past seven years, the Pretty in Pink event has been a fun-filled girls' night out to raise money for the Marshfield Clinic Patient Care Cancer Fund, which services the Wittenberg, Birnamwood and Weston area. How much fun is decided by those who like to get dolled up, drink pink champagne and engage in a frenzied silent auction for hand-decorated artsy bras. The past couple of years has seen the art content grow from just bras to include chairs, shoes and accessories.

The women's-only cocktail party was limited to 100 participants at \$50 per person. In just seven years, the event has raised \$103,450. This is the year that everything changed. The Pink Ladies, the group name for the four to six women who help organize the event, had to figure out a new way to keep the event going without hosting the fundraiser in person.

"This year, we went out to sponsors and asked if they were still willing to sponsor the event, providing they were not hit financially by the pandemic," said Elaine Knab, who

often volunteers as one of the Pink Ladies.

The group is selling donated Charger Buffs, or cloth face masks, at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. Resch Lanes and Tavern Front, both located in downtown Wittenberg, are selling the pink ribbons for \$1. People can dedicate the ribbon to someone who may have had breast cancer or simply support the cause.

Resch Lanes owners Jenny and Jason Resch are also donating a set of cornhole boards, made by Jason Resch, to be raffled off at the bowling alley.

Denell and Hugh McAloon, owners of Tavern Front, are also hosting money-raising games to support the fundraiser.

Donations are also being accepted at Helping Foundation, P.O. Box 413, Wittenberg, WI 54499.

Money for the Pretty in Pink event is being raised during the whole month of October, with a goal of \$5,000.

The Pink Ladies hope that the cocktail party can resume next year and set a date of Oct. 23, 2021.

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Public prayer services this week

Everyone is invited to attend public prayer services this weekend, hosted by the three local Catholic churches.

The intent is to pray for relief from the stress of the pandemic, for understanding in addressing the racial crisis in the United States and for a peaceful presidential election. Veterans, law enforcement, first responders, EMTs and others will be

prayed for because of the protection they provide for everyone.

The first public prayer service will be in Wittenberg on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 11-11:30 a.m. at Washington Park, by the flagpole near the band shell.

Another public prayer service will be held in Marion at Veterans Memorial Park, later that day from 1:30-2 p.m.

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SPORTS

ATHLETE PROFILE: KHLOIE CHEREK

Supportive Wittenberg-Birnamwood senior helps team to conference title

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School volleyball team won the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division title on Oct. 15. The conference crown was the team's second straight, a perfect end to a high school career for seniors like Khloie Cherek.

Cherek finished as one of the Chargers top servers this fall. She attempted 81 serves and finished with the top serve percentage (96.3) for any player above 60 serves. She ended the regular season with 41 service points.

Q: When did your interest in volleyball begin?

A: My interest in volleyball began in eighth grade. I wanted to become more involved and my friends were in it, so I decided to try it.

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

A: My favorite part is listening to the fans cheer for us, especially during a very close set. The energy from the stands radiates onto the court.

Q: What has volleyball taught you over the years?

A: Volleyball has taught me how to work with a team, and to always work your hardest, on and off the court.

Q: Talk about what this fall season was like as you and your team dealt with new guidelines under the pandemic.

A: It was a struggle at first to get used to wearing the masks while playing, but I think playing with limited fans was harder. We also weren't allowed to do our usual pregame ritual of listening to music in the locker room while getting ready, and then praying for a good game.

Q: The team enjoyed a ton



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Khloie Cherek prepares to serve the ball during a CWC-East match against Amherst on Oct. 6 in Wittenberg.

TINA BACON

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Khloie Cherek

SPORT: Volleyball

POSITION: Defensive specialist

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

YEAR: Senior

of success this fall. What led to that success?

A: I think what led to our success was us being able to work as a team, especially with new teammates, and being able to adjust to new rotations and plays.

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

A: My favorite memory of competing on the team is the game we had at home against Amherst this year. We played five sets, and on one of the sets we went back and forth, but I loved whenever we would score and everyone would jump up and cheer.

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

A: I am going to miss making memories with all the new friends I made throughout the years, and being on the court.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Friends." Movie — "The Lion King." Musical artist — Polo G.

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

A: I once had to get stitches right above my eye from swinging, and then falling onto a coat rack.

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

A: Keep on dancing. This has taken on multiple meanings — never give up even when it seems as though everything is stacked against you.

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

A: I am attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, and hope to accomplish earning a degree in mathematics and business finance.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Witt-Birn claims CWC-East crown again

Chargers sweep Shiocton to cap perfect conference run

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls volleyball team won a second-straight Central Wisconsin Conference-East title, claiming it with a 25-18, 25-23, 25-12 sweep of Shiocton on Oct. 15 in Wittenberg.

Witt-Birn team came into the season hoping to repeat as conference champions, but overcame several challenges along the way.

To start, the Chargers had to replace a strong senior class that graduated, which included three of its six all-conference players last year. A fourth all-conference player chose to pursue a different sport this fall and then senior Abi Fraaza — a first team all-conference selection a year ago — suffered an injury early in the season.

Guided by its remaining seniors and several underclassmen, Witt-Birn still were able to accomplish their main goal.

“I think it really proves how hard working we are, especially since I think we had seven seniors that we lost last year and then we lost Abi who was first team all-conference so obviously she’s pretty good,” said senior Emma Herb. “So coming off of that, I think we worked pretty hard this season and I think it was well-deserved — the win tonight and conference.”

“We definitely got a few less games than last year and a lot less practice and we lost one of our main hitters so that was definitely a big change,” said



Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s Reese Rogowski, right, tips the ball over the net during a CWC-East match against Shiocton on Oct. 15 in Wittenberg.

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senior McKenna Foster. “But I feel like just coming together as a team and working as one helped us a ton in practice and even out of practice. We did a lot of team bonding and just had to realize that we needed to finish the season strong because of all the limitations. I don’t know, going undefeated two years in a row is kind of a nice feeling.”

The Chargers honored their six seniors — Khloie Cherek, Kaitlyn Linke, Amara Schoepke, Herb, Foster and Fraaza — and then hit the court ready to cap another perfect run through conference play.

After a bit of a slow start, Witt-Birn got things rolling behind a kill and ace from sophomore Reese Rogowski. Freshman London Metropulos and Herb chipped in kills to put the Chargers ahead, and the hosts never surrendered the lead the rest of the set.

The second set was a back-and-forth affair, with neither team holding

a lead greater than two points.

Metropulos and junior Jadalynn Davids combined for three straight kills to put Witt-Birn up 8-6, but Shiocton took the next four points to go up two.

Trailing 20-18, the Chargers got a kill from Herb before an ace from sophomore Lilly Betry to tie the set up. Down 22-21, back-to-back kills from Herb and Rogowski helped the hosts surge ahead. Shiocton tied the set up, but then had two straight errors to allow the Chargers to go up 2-0 in the match.

“We really try to take every point like it’s a game point and work hard to earn it,” said Rogowski. “So it really shows that we want it more than the other team.”

The final set started off slow again for the hosts, but they bounced back in a big way. Trailing 5-1, the Chargers claimed 12 of the next 15 points to force a Shiocton timeout. Herb, Rogowski and Metropulos provided the kills dur-

ing the big run.

The timeout didn’t stop the momentum, as Metropulos added a couple more kills and Rogowski turned in strong serving to put the hosts up 17-9.

Witt-Birn eased to the win from there, with Herb and Metropulos adding a couple more kills to their strong nights.

Herb finished with a team-leading 12 attack kills, while Metropulos had 12 total kills.

Betry and sophomore Payton Foster each served three aces, with Foster assisting on 14 kills and Betry providing eight assists. Rogowski led the team with 11 digs and McKenna Foster had eight.

With the victory, Witt-Birn moved to 12-3 on the season.

“It just shows how talented our program is. We have a strong player who gets hurt and then we have everyone else stepping up and making a difference,” said Witt-Birn coach Becky Rew, who credited her team’s determination in the win over Shiocton. “It’s nice to know you always have three, four girls to go to and that makes a big difference in a team.”

“It’s just an all-around, great team that has a lot of talented people in every spot.”

On Oct. 13, Witt-Birn swept Weyauwega-Fremont by scores of 25-11, 25-11, 25-16 in Weyauwega.

Betry totaled 11 assists and five aces for Witt-Birn, while McKenna Foster had 13 digs. Payton Foster chipped in seven assists and Schoepke had seven digs.

Herb led the Chargers with 14 attack kills. Rogowski had 12 total kills.

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Bonduel girls, Witt-Birn boys 2nd at CWC Championships

Bonduel's Kurey, Troxel, Witt-Birn's Bruski all in top 5

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Bonduel girls and Wittenberg-Birnamwood boys cross-country teams each secured second-place finishes at the Central Wisconsin Conference Championships on Oct. 15 in Pittsville.

The Bonduel girls finished with the same score as Amherst (43), but Amherst had the better finish from its sixth runner, so it claimed first. The Witt-Birn boys had a score of 67, behind Pacelli (41).

Bonduel's top-five girls all placed in the top 20, led by Ashlyn Kurey and Kara Troxel. Kurey placed third in 21 minutes, 12.7 seconds, while Troxel was fourth in 21:38.1

"I'm so proud of my team," said Troxel. "We work hard in practice every day and it's finally paying off. Every single person on the team has a role and we all know that."

"It's been really exciting for me as a freshmen to come onto a strong team with a lot of senior experience and learn from them," said Kurey. "Coming into the season we knew we had to work hard. Tonight was a great race for our team, we just came up a little short of the conference title."

Kalleigh Schroeder also landed in the top 10 for the Bears, finishing ninth in 22:45.3. Kendra Troxel (22:56.2) placed 11th and Breanna Schnell (23:30.1) 18th to cap the team score.

Tommy Bruski and Wyatt Dickman paced the Witt-Birn boys team. Bruski finished fourth in 18:00.2, while Dickman was sixth in 18:07.2.

"I love our team because they are so fun to be around," said Bruski. "There's never a dull moment around them. And most importantly they

know when to get serious. Every one of us pushed themselves to the end to finish. I was proud of how far they came these past few months."

Witt-Birn's next three finishers all placed within six spots of each other.

Simon Schairer (18:51.4) claimed 16th, Craig Wendel (18:57.5) 20th and Nash Wojnowiak (18:57.6) 21st.

The Bonduel boys team posted a fourth-place finish after earning a score of 127. Cooper Uelmen (18:38.3) and Jack Johnson (18:48.2) led the way, finishing 10th and 13th, respectively.

Ayden Dunst (20:17.1), Ben O'Brien (20:44.3) and Alex Jasch (20:55.1) rounded out the team score, placing 31st, 37th and 38th, respectively.

The Marion boys placed 10th as a team, with Jaden Stuh's 46th-place finish in 21:27.8 leading the way.

Jesse Trebus (23:51.7), Jackson Krohn (24:26.3), Myles Peterson (25:17.3) and Jack VanKooy (30:28.3) filled out the team, finishing 66th, 71st, 74th and 80th, respectively.

The Marion and Witt-Birn girls teams each had runners compete, but didn't have enough to qualify for a team score.

Ruby Nowinsky was the top Witt-Birn girls finisher, taking 21st in 23:40.6.

Annika Resch (24:42.2) placed 29th and Lauren Dombeck (26:13.3) 42nd for the Chargers. Amelia Bessert (29:48.6) was the team's fourth runner, taking 52nd.

Kelsey Zillmer represented Marion, placing 53rd in 30:26.4.

Girls team scores: 1. Amherst 43; 2. Bonduel 43; 3. Weyauwega-Fremont 67; 4. Rosholt 70; 5. Pittsville 142.

Boys team scores: 1. Pacelli 41; 2. Wittenberg-Birnamwood 67; 3. Iola-Scandinavia 89; 4. Bonduel 127;

5. Rosholt 132; 6. Amherst 137; 7. Weyauwega-Fremont 140; 8. Manawa 202; 9. Pittsville 210; 10. Marion 294.

Girls all-conference finishers — first team:

Bonduel's Ashlyn Kurey, Kara Troxel; **second team:** Bonduel's Kalleigh Schroeder, Kendra Troxel;

honorable mention: Bonduel's Breanna Schnell; Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ruby Nowinsky.

Boys all-conference finishers — first team:

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Tommy Bruski, Wyatt Dickman; **second team:** Bonduel's Cooper Uelmen, Jack Johnson; **honorable mention:** Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Simon Schairer, Craig Wendel, Nash Wojnowiak.

Clintonville boys 6th at conference

The Clintonville boys team placed seventh as a team, while the girls didn't qualify for a team score at the North Eastern Conference Championship on Oct. 15 in Neenah.

Jesse Wilson led the boys team with a 14th-place finish in 17:32.93. Cody Carrico (19:54.47) was 34th and Brody Prill (21:17.72) 43rd. Mason

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Cross-country subsectional and sectional results can be found online at www.newmedia-wi.com and will appear in the Oct. 30 paper.

Carrico (21:26.84) and Joshua Wilson (21:30.38) capped the team score.

Three Clintonville girls competed, with Jasmine Wilson (24:35.32) leading the way after placing 39th. Allison Smejkal (26:26.57) was 45th and Rebecca Pyatskowit (28:08.08) 49th.

Boys team scores: 1. Freedom 49; 2. Little Chute 49; 3. Fox Valley Lutheran 58; 4. Luxemburg-Casco 115; 5. Denmark 160; 6. Oconto Falls 163; 7. Clintonville 174; 8. Waupaca 198.

Girls team scores: 1. Freedom 37; 2. Fox Valley Lutheran 65; 3. Luxemburg-Casco 72; 4. Little Chute 75; 5. Marinette 109; 6. Oconto Falls 153.

Boys all-conference finishers — second team: Clintonville's Jesse Wilson.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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VOLLEYBALL

Bonduel 3

Shiocton 1

Bonduel rallied to take down Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division foe Shiocton on Oct. 12 in Bonduel. The Bears won by scores of 22-25, 25-14, 25-22, 25-21.

Bonduel's Allaina Robaidek finished with 18 assists and eight kills, while Josie Hoffman posted nine kills and four aces. Brenna Hertzfeldt provided six kills and four aces.

Hailee Thompson led the Bears with 14 assists, while Nakiyah Henning had 10. Macy Niles had a team-leading 19 digs.

GIRLS SWIM

Shawano 86.5

Marinette 79.5

Shawano edged Marinette in a Bay Conference match on Oct. 13 in Shawano.

Shawano had a pair of first-place finishes on the night. Individually, Isabel Colon won the 100-yard free-style in 1 minute, 1.34 seconds.

Colon was also on the 200 free-style relay team that took first in 1:56.26. Allison Langlois, Alli Brown and Macy Monfils filled out the team.

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Nelson admits disposing of Diemel brothers' bodies

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Garland Nelson, the Missouri farmer charged with the July 2019 murders of Nick and Justin Diemel, admitted in court Tuesday that he disposed of the bodies but continues to deny killing the men, according to the Associated Press.

The AP report did not identify any other suspects in the killings.

Nelson, from Braymer northeast of Kansas City, was charged with two counts of abandoning a corpse, first-degree murder and related charges in the deaths of Justin, 24, and Nick, 35,

both from the Bonduel area.

The brothers disappeared after visiting Nelson's farm in July 2019 to collect a \$250,000 debt. Their burned remains were later found on Nelson's farm and in a stock trailer sold to a Nebraska rancher.

Nelson's attorneys argued, in the AP report, that a person charged with murder cannot also be charged with abandoning the corpse of the alleged victim without violating the suspect's right to remain silent and against self-incrimination.

Prosecutors said Nelson could have followed Missouri law by anonymously

reporting where the bodies were located, thus avoiding self-incrimination.

Circuit Court Judge Michael Wagner denied the defense motion. Wagner is hearing the trial in Johnson County after Nelson's attorneys successfully sought a change from Caldwell County where Nelson lives and was first arrested.

The Diemel family will receive a \$2 million settlement reached in a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the brothers' mother, Pamela, and Nick's wife, Lisa, in Caldwell County Circuit Court, according to a report from a

Kansas City area television station.

The Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company will make the payment, according to a copy of the settlement cited by KSHB.com.

The court approved the settlement — including \$809,406.24 in attorney's fees and expenses with the remaining \$1,190,593.76 to be split among the Diemel brothers' family members, including Nick's four children, according to a statement from the family's attorney cited by the station. Nelson, his mother, Tommie Sue Feil, and their family business, J4S Farm Enterprises, were the defendants.

Welfare check ends in drug arrest PUBLIC RECORD

Clintonville police dispatched for a welfare check at Kwik Trip on Sunday night arrested a 47-year-old Minocqua woman for possession with the intent to deliver heroin.

Police were called at about 10:45 p.m. for a welfare check on a female that appeared intoxicated and had a child with her.

When officers arrived, they located the woman leaving the store and spoke to her regarding the complaint that the police department received.

While the officers were speaking with her, she reached in her pocket and multiple baggies with a powder

substance fell on the ground. The woman admitted that the powder substance in the bags was heroin.

After a complete investigation, 28 individual bags were located with a total weight of 32 grams of suspected heroin.

The woman was transported to the Wau-paca County Jail. The child that was with her was turned over to a responsible adult.

Police encourage anyone who has information about illegal drug activity occurring in and around the city of Clintonville to contact the Clintonville Police Department at 715-823-3117.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 19

Deputies logged 39 incidents, including trespassing on Second Street in Bonduel; a drug complaint on County Road E in the Town of Washington.

Oct. 18

Deputies logged 30 incidents, including an arrest for operating while intoxicated on Airport Drive in the Town of Wescott; a domestic disturbance on Mielke Road in the Town of Grant; property theft complaints on Partridge Lane in the Town of Aniwa; an intoxicated person on Cecil Street in Bonduel.

Oct. 17

Deputies logged 31 incidents, including a fraud complaint on Lake Sandia Drive in the Town of Angelica; a drug complaint on Main Laney Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; auto theft on County Road in the Town of Belle Plaine.

Oct. 16

Deputies logged 40 incidents, including a scam complaint on Elm Street in Tigerton; a disturbance on County Road G in the Town of Red Springs; a 52-year-old woman arrested on a warrant on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott.

Oct. 15

Deputies logged 37 incidents, including a drug complaint on Cecil Street in Bonduel; an assault on Washington Street in Shawano; an arrest for operating while intoxicated on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond.

Oct. 14

Deputies logged 44 incidents, including disturbances on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott and Vinal Street in Wittenberg; a domestic disturbance on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a fraud complaint on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; auto theft on Primrose Lane in Tigerton.

Oct. 13

Deputies logged 43 incidents, including a domestic disturbance on

Lemke Street in Cecil; a fraud complaint on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; a vehicle fire on County Road E in the Town of Green Valley.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 19

Police logged 31 incidents, including property theft complaints at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St. and in the 100 block of South Main Street; three truancy complaints from the Shawano School District; an assault complaint at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; an intoxicated person at the Wisconsin House, 216 E. Green Bay St.

Oct. 18

Police logged 21 incidents, including a disturbance in the 900 block of South Weed Street; disorderly conduct in the 200 block of South Sawyer Street; an intoxicated person at the Shawano Library, 128 S. Sawyer St.

Oct. 17

Police logged 16 incidents, including fire assist in the 100 block of Madison Way; trespassing in the 900 block of South Weed Street.

Oct. 16

Police logged 31 incidents, including fire assist for a gas leak in the 400 block of Tristan Drive.

Oct. 15

Police logged 21 incidents, including a property theft at Aarrowcast, 2900 E. Richmond St.; a disturbance at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a drug complaint in the 1300 block of East Lieg Avenue; an assault complaint at Sharona's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.

Oct. 14

Police logged 33 incidents, including assist for a chimney fire in the 100 block of Maple Court; a property theft at Knope Heating, 1473 E. Green Bay St.; three truancy complaints from the Shawano School District; a disturbance in the 1100 block of Waukechon Street.

COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court:

- Joseph E. Boyd, 31, of Gillett was charged Oct. 20 with felony counts of fleeing an officer in a vehicle, second-degree recklessly endangering safety and bail jumping. He could face a maximum 10 years in prison and \$25,000 fine on the reckless endangerment charge if found guilty. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

- Whitney Q. Stanford, 32, of Neopit, was charged Oct. 20 with felony counts of fleeing an officer in a vehicle, second-degree recklessly endangering safety and bail jumping. She could face a maximum 10 years in prison and \$25,000 fine on the reckless endangerment charge if found guilty. She is due in court for an initial appearance Nov. 2.

- Victor M. Castillo, 20, of Waunakee, was charged Oct. 20 with felony counts of operating while intoxicated-causing injury and operating with a prohibited alcohol count-causing injury. He could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine on

each count if convicted. He is due in court for an initial appearance Nov. 2.

- Jeremie J. Pasholk, 35, of Wausau, was charged Oct. 20 with felony counts of possession with intent to deliver amphetamine and possession of methamphetamine. He could face a maximum 40 years in prison and \$100,000 fine if convicted. Pasholk was ordered held on a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Nov. 23.

- Earl E. Wayka, 36, of Neopit, was charged Oct. 16 with a felony count of substantial battery with intent to do bodily harm. He could face a maximum 3½ years and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Wayka was ordered held on a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 26.

- Geoffrey C. Brei, 32, of Shawano, was charged Oct. 15 with a felony count of strangulation and suffocation. He could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Brei was ordered held on a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled for an adjourned initial appearance Oct. 26.

Co-op: Extend insurance open enrollment

Common Ground Healthcare Cooperative joined 31 other Wisconsin organizations in asking the federal government for more time to help people find the right coverage during the 2021 health insurance open enrollment period, which runs from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15, 2020.

CGHC is the state's largest insurer when it comes to individual and family coverage that people buy on their own, without the help of their employer. The cooperative said six weeks is not enough time to help all the people who may have lost coverage due to job changes and income disruptions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cathy Mahaffey, the cooperative's CEO, said that a lot of Wisconsinites will be eligible for the first time for federal tax credits that make Affordable Care Act-compliant coverage affordable or may see tax credits increase due to income disruptions.

"Unfortunately, we know from experience that a lot of people don't understand that once the open enrollment deadline passes, they cannot take advantage of these tax credits and enroll in coverage for the remainder of the year," said Mahaffey. "This is why it is so im-

portant that the deadline be pushed out."

CGHC is joined by other insurers, Wisconsin state agencies, organizations representing health care providers and many nonprofit advocacy organizations in asking for the extension. They say what is most important is that people get covered and stay covered during this difficult time, and that they get the help they need when choosing their coverage.

"Health insurance is confusing, and it is made more so by the existence of health insurance policies that don't cover essential health benefits and preexisting conditions," said Chris Martin, CGHC board chair.

The nonprofit cooperative encouraged people who have lost their job-based coverage or who have had income changes to consider their eligibility for tax credits to buy individual market coverage.

"Many people in this situation may be eligible to enroll now," said Mahaffey. She added, "COBRA or continuation coverage that may be offered by employers when you lose your job is expensive for most people when compared to individual

market coverage."

To determine eligibility for tax credits, visit the federal health insurance marketplace at healthcare.gov/lower-costs. Wiscovers.org is also a good resource for finding free

and local help, or ask your insurance agent or call 2-1-1.

Mahaffey's last piece of advice for enrolling in 2021 coverage? Get help as soon as possible after the enrollment period starts Nov. 1.

Sign-up open for ag loss programs

Agricultural producers can now make elections and enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2021 crop year.

The signup period is now open.

These key U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) safety-net programs help producers weather fluctuations in either revenue or price for certain crops, and more than \$5 billion in payments are in the process of going out to producers who signed up for the 2019 crop year.

Enrollment for the 2021 crop year closes March 15, 2021.

ARC provides income support payments on historical base acres when actual crop revenue declines below a specified guaranteed level.

PLC provides income support payments on historical base acres when

the effective price for a covered commodity falls below its reference price.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

For more information on ARC and PLC, including two online decision tools that assist producers in making enrollment and election decisions specific to their operations, visit the ARC and PLC webpage: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/arcplc_program/index.

For additional questions and assistance, contact your local USDA service center.

Waiting on the weather in Wisconsin is a full-time commitment

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, at least it was on Oct. 16 when I was helping a friend celebrate her birthday. We had taken a drive from Eau Claire to Durand, and the sun was shining and all was right with the world.

We went to Jean Accola's art gallery to take in one last look at her fine art before she closes the gallery and moves with her husband, Yata, to sort-of retire in northern Wisconsin. Retirement has a vague definition for artists and musicians, as there is generally no defining time when they actually quit doing what they've spent a lifetime doing.

Jean was the very first artist to show her collection at the WOWSPACE. I still remember how excited I was that our newly formed group, in our little village, was able to bring in a known talent to do a show. It ended on Mother's



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Day, and Yata brought his guitar and gave a concert as a thank you for sponsoring the show. Yata returned a couple of years ago to do one of the Summer Concert in the Art Park shows. There was so much to catch up on and so much to see that the time went by rather quickly.

As we were about to head out the door, the wind started howling and the sleet was pinging against the window panes. We decided to linger a bit longer and wait out the storm. By the time we left, there was an actual accumulation of snow on the sidewalk.

According to the weather app on

my phone, we had waited out the worst of it, but in my humble opinion, those apps and I don't always agree on much. My friend drove along at a steady pace, confident that her new car with four-wheel drive could handle anything Mother Nature threw in our way. I was less confident in the passenger seat. The road was wet and the snow had turned back to rain and the fog in the distance didn't seem all that distant to me.

When we arrived back in Eau Claire, the fish fry and Bloody Mary calmed my nerves more than the sun pushing its way back into the day.

I can tell myself that this is life in the Midwest, but the first snow encounter of the season makes me reevaluate why I live here, knowing what is coming next. I was perfectly happy the year we didn't really

have snow until after Christmas, even though it bothered my hunting friend considerably.

I'd like to say I'm ready for the snow season, but I'd be lying. The deck chairs have been stacked in the garage, and I'm still contemplating what kinds of covers to invest in this year. Who am I kidding? The same old ill-fitting tarps will get bungee corded in a last-ditch effort to protect both the table and the gas grill that never got used this summer.

While everyone else will probably make good realistic New Year's resolutions, I know I'll be hoping to just enjoy each season during the season it is happening.

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Local tribes well represented on MMIW task force

The area's three tribes, Menominee, Stockbridge-Munsee and Ho-Chunk, will be heavily represented in a group seeking to end a deadly crisis for Native Americans.

Attorney General Josh Kaul announced the membership of Wisconsin's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force, charged with helping to fight the abduction, homicide, violence and trafficking of Indigenous women in Wisconsin, on Thursday.

Eight of the 32 announced task force members are affiliated with the local tribes.

The task force plans to focus on examining the factors that contribute to missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW) and the response from social service organizations, understanding the roles federal, state and tribal jurisdictions play, and improving and implementing robust

data collection and reporting methods.

Members include: Stephanie Be-gay, a Ho-Chunk Nation tribal legislator; Myrna Warrington, a Menominee tribal legislator; Shannon Holsey, president for the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and a member of the Great Lakes Inter-tribal Council; Michelle Bailey, allied direct service professional with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin; Andrea Lemke, representing the Menominee as a cousin of Rae Tourtillott, who was murdered in the 1980s; Rebecca Smith, Menominee County sheriff; Kristin Welch, lead organizer for Menikanaehkem, a Menominee organization; Danica Zawieja, assistant tribal attorney for the Menominee tribe.

There will be additional opportunities for public participation through task force workgroups.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST AND CANVASS

Notice is hereby given the public testing of the DS-200 Precinct Tabulating Equipment and the AutoMARK marking device being used in municipalities within Marathon County—Fall Partisan Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2020. Municipalities within Marathon County will be publicly testing the DS-200 Tabulating Equipment and AutoMARK at the Municipal Clerk's Office in conjunction with the County Clerk's Office. Contact the Municipal Clerk for their scheduled time for testing.

The Marathon County Canvass Board will be canvassing election materials from the Tuesday, November 3, 2020 Fall Partisan Election on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, Assembly Room and Tuesday, November 10, 2020 to complete the canvass, including any rehabilitated Provisional Ballots.

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WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION October 26, 2020

5:40 P.M. - Budget & Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

AGENDA

- I. Meeting called to order, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).
- II. Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of September 28, 2020, Regular Meeting as circulated.
- IV. Communications and Delegations
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Board Concerns or Reports
Student Representative
- 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
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
 - a. Transportation Report & Policy Review - Discussion
 - b. Approve 2020-2021 Budget & Levy
 - c. Open Enrollment Numbers for Information
 - d. Approve Support Staff Retirement
 - e. Approve 2021 Early Graduates
 - f. Approve Youth Options/College Now Applications

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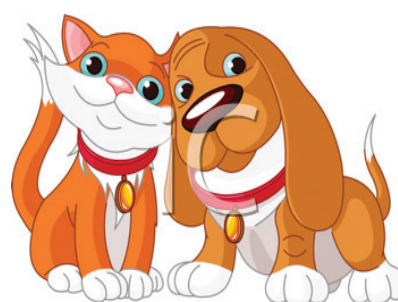
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