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It takes more than a pandemic and a temporary physical disability to stop some people from exercising their civic duty. With a Green Bay Packer mask on and a scooter to help mobilize his broken leg, Jack Van Order showed up at the Matsche Community Center in Birnamwood on Election Day to cast his vote. **AREA ELECTION RESULTS, PAGES 2, 10-11.**

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Open enrollment at Witt-Birn on an upward trend

The WBSD annual budget is \$14.2 million. The good news is increased open enrollment, and a decrease in the mill rate. grant.

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Packers need to fill holes in roster to save their season

The Packers have almost what they need for a championship season. Find out what they need in the Green and Gold Express.

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Metropulos leads swim team at Bay championships

The WBHS swimmer won a pair of individual events to help lead the girls swim team in an unusual championship tournament.

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A photograph of Jake Webster, a man with glasses, wearing a light blue shirt and a dark tie, holding a white mug with the name "JAKE" on it.

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Shawano County Clerk Pam Schmidt scans voter counts on paper and electronically as she and her staff tally the votes from Shawano County Tuesday evening.
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Parker holds on to DA seat

Incumbent beats Damrau by 55-45% margin

By **TIM RYAN**
Reporter

Incumbent Republican Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney Greg Parker held onto his seat Tuesday against a contentious election challenge from independent candidate Aaron Damrau.

Parker, who has been district attorney since 2007, emphasized his experience and modeled himself as the law and order candidate, while Tigerton-based attorney Damrau leveled numerous charges that Parker has mismanaged the office.

He claimed that mismanagement was responsible for a number of cases being dismissed.

Damrau maintained the district attorney's office consisted of "bullies" who were unwilling to let defendants move on with their lives.

He also alleged outside attorneys

refuse to come to Shawano County because of the district attorney's office refusal to negotiate plea agreements up until the trial date.

Despite those allegations, Parker won 55% of the vote in Shawano and Menominee counties, 12,739 to Damrau's 10,322.

The results still need to be certified by the Board of Canvass.

Parker could not be reached for a comment by press time Wednesday. In a Facebook posting, he thanked those who came out to vote and the volunteers that helped his campaign.

Damrau posted a statement on his Facebook page saying his primary objective in running for district attorney was to expose what he claims is going on in the district attorney's office.

"This election has made clear that voters want transparency and accountability in their DA's office

and in local government," he wrote. "Even though I won't be district attorney, I will continue to serve on the Shawano County Board and promise to continue to work hard to ensure that all elected officials are held accountable."

In Shawano County, Damrau had his best showings in Tigerton and the Town of Red Springs, and finished ahead of Parker in the city of Shawano, 2,101 to 1,887.

Damrau, who was elected to the Shawano County Board last spring, graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2015 and has worked as a public defender in Wausau.

Shawano County Clerk Pam Schmidt, Treasurer Deb Wallace and Register of Deeds Amy Dillenberg were also on the ballot Tuesday in uncontested races.

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CORRECTIONS

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

Open enrollment is up for Wittenberg-Birnamwood District

School board approves \$14.2 million 2020-21 budget

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

In a year that has been full of adjustments and concerns, the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Board of Education heard a lot of good news when it passed the \$14.2 million 2020-2021 budget at the Oct. 26 board meeting.

One positive note is that student enrollment has held steady thus far in a school year filled with uncertainty.

Open enrollment, which is always a bit of a wild card, has worked in favor of the district again this year, with 167 area students opting to transfer into the district compared to 146 students who transferred out, according to Garrett Rogowski, superintendent.

He believes holding all in-person classes has helped with those numbers.

"I think what's working in our favor is that we do five days a week, which neighboring school districts don't," said Rogowski.

While the school district has tra-

ditionally benefited from the state's open enrollment option — which allows students from the Antigo, Tigerton and Bowler districts, for example, to transfer in — this year's pandemic could have led parents to withdraw their children and use an online education system at home.

Retaining as many students as possible is an important part of the district's finances.

Open enrollment, which is generally a \$1.4 million line item in the yearly budget, changes every year.

The average cost per open enrollment student is about \$10,000.

The total school district population, as tallied on the third Friday in September, is 1,136 students for the 2020-21 school year — down only nine from the 1,145 total for last year.

The school population for financial purposes is counted on a three-year rolling average so that one low year doesn't severely impact the school budget, said Rogowski.

More good news is that the mill rate of \$8.34 per \$1,000 is down almost 9% from last year's rate of

\$9.14, which is below the state average of \$9.34.

The \$8.34 per \$1,000 rate would mean that someone who owns a home valued at \$100,000 would pay \$834 in school taxes.

The district uses equalized values, which are calculated annually by the Department of Revenue and used to insure statewide fairness and equity in property tax distribution.

Equalized value represents an estimate of a taxation district's total taxable value.

This provides for the fair apportionment of school districts and county levy for each of the municipalities, explained Rogowski.

Changes in equalized value don't necessarily translate to changes in

property value, which is based on assessed value.

They are two separate issues.

"Equalized valuation in our school district continues to grow about 4.5% each year, which lowers the mill rate," said Rogowski. "This is good news even above and beyond what we provided to our taxpayers when we first held meetings before the referendum."

Rogowski also noted that no students are paying for lunch this year, as that expense is being covered by a \$400,000 federal grant; students just pay for a la carte extras, such as potato chips.

All student lunches from the beginning to the end of the school year are being funded, he said.

NOTICE

Early Thanksgiving Deadlines

Our Shawano and Oconto Falls Offices

WILL BE CLOSED
Thursday, November 26.

Regular business hours will resume Friday.

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Oconto Co. Times Herald	Wed., Nov. 25	Wed., Nov. 18
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COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court:

- Rogelio Cuenica, 40, of Shawano, was charged Nov. 3 with a felony count of possession of methamphetamine.

He could face a maximum 3½ years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Cuenica was scheduled

for an initial court appearance Nov. 4.

- Lucas J. Ashenbrenner, 25, of Shawano, was charged Nov. 2 with 34 counts of possession of child pornography. He could face a maximum 25 years in prison and \$100,000 fine on each count if convicted.

A warrant has been issued for

Ashenbrenner's arrest.

- Terry N. Hoffman, 65, of Gresham, was charged Oct. 30 with two felony counts of strangulation and suffocation. He could face a maximum six years in prison and \$10,000 fine on each count if convicted. Hoffman posted a cash bond of \$2,500 and is due back in court for an adjourned

initial appearance Nov. 16.

- Sara L. Holoubek, 32 of Wittenberg, was charged with a felony count of possession of methamphetamine. She could face a maximum 3½ years in prison and \$10,000 fine if convicted. Holoubek is free on a \$2,000 signature bond was scheduled for a preliminary hearing Jan. 5, 2021.

Probation given for Facebook photo

By KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

A former monitor at a Menominee Indian tribal school was placed on five years' probation Oct. 31 for receiving and posting on his Facebook page a sexually explicit photo of a minor female.

Kelly L. Turney, 24, of Zoar, gave no explanation during the combined plea and sentencing hearing as to why he committed the offense. He did say that he "was sorry that it happened, and I won't do it again."

Turney also said he was a hall monitor at a tribal school for 4.5 years until his arrest earlier this year.

According to the plea agreement: The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children notified the Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation, that Facebook had flagged an image as pos-

sible child pornography. The image of an underage female had been uploaded to its site by a user.

Facebook deleted the image from its site before sending a copy to the NCMEC.

A state DCI agent obtained the subscriber information for the Facebook account user who posted the image and learned that the account belong to Turney.

Turney told investigators that he used his phone on Jan. 12, 2018, to seek sexually explicit images of young women on the internet and obtained a photo of the girl referenced in the case.

He then posted the photo to his Facebook page and created a new Facebook account after his first was deactivated.

Turney's attorney, Krista Halla-Valdes, said that a search of her client's phone and computer located only one

obscene photo involving a child and that photo was on Facebook "for less than an hour."

"He has no (other) record, no arrests ... this is a good outcome," Halla-Valdes said of the five-year probation sentence both parties recommended to U.S. District Judge William Griesbach.

Turney faced maximum statutory penalties of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and three years' supervised release.

Griesbach accepted the sentencing recommendation and told Turney that his offense was a serious matter as it invades the privacy of children. Although Turney didn't take the photo, he contributed to the violation of the girl's privacy by downloading the photo and sharing it on Facebook, Griesbach said.

"This (offense) has a bad effect on children and on you. It changes you," the judge said.

Woman indicted for intent to murder

By KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

A Keshena woman has been indicted in federal court for assault with the intent to commit murder, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced Monday.

If convicted, Michelle L. Pamonicutt, 35, faces maximum penalties of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and three years' supervised release.

The indictment issued Oct. 20 alleged that Pamonicutt assaulted a man identified only as John Doe on Oct. 27, 2019 on the Menominee Reservation.

Pamonicutt was arraigned on Oct. 23. Her release order prohibited her from having any contact with the victim or witnesses to the alleged incident.

A Jan. 4, 2021, trial date was set for the case before District Judge William Griesbach in Green Bay.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 2

Deputies logged 37 incidents, including a citation for operating after revocation on state Highway 117 in Cecil; injury accidents on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg and County Road C in the Town of Green Valley.

Nov. 1

Deputies logged 52 incidents, including property thefts on Evergreen Road in the Town of Belle Plaine, Ellms Street in Wittenberg and Carroll Road in the Town of Green Valley; a domestic disturbance on Knoke Street in Gresham; a disturbance on County Road E in the Town of Washington.

Oct. 31

Deputies logged 53 incidents, including a domestic disturbance on Pioneer Avenue in Wittenberg; burglaries on Park Street in the Town of Angelica, Big Lake Road and Sumac Lane in the Town of Red Springs and Taylor Street in Wittenberg; an arrest for operating while

intoxicated on state Highway 160 in the Town of Angelica.

Oct. 30

Deputies logged 33 incidents, including a citation for operating after revocation on Robin Road in Wittenberg; a property theft on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott.

Oct. 29

Deputies logged 33 incidents, including criminal damage to property on Sarah Street in Birnamwood; a domestic disturbance on Ebert Street in Gresham; a drug complaint on Golfview Road in Cecil.

Oct. 28

Deputies logged 31 incidents, including a property theft on County Road OO in Eland; disorderly conduct at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St. in Shawano.

Oct. 27

Deputies logged 40 incidents, including citations for operating after revocation on state Highway 22 in Cecil and Bluebird Road in Birnamwood; disturbances on Leopold Road in the Town of Herman and Julius Street in the

Town of Angelica; disorderly conduct on Main Street in Birnamwood; domestic disturbances on Pioneer Avenue in Wittenberg and Bartlett Street in Gresham.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 2

Police logged 27 incidents, including a property theft in the 900 block of East Fifth Street; criminal damage to property in the 900 block of South Franklin Street; disturbances in the 1300 block of South Union Street and 700 block of South River Street.

Nov. 1

Police logged 20 incidents, including a stolen vehicle recovered in the 200 block of North Washington Street; a property theft in the 200 block of East Division Street; a disturbance in the 500 block of South Franklin Street.

Oct. 31

Police did not provide an incident list.

Oct. 30

Police logged 17 incidents, including

disorderly conduct in the 100 block of Aspen Court; a disturbance at Birch Hill Care Center, 1475 Birch Hill Lane; shoplifting at Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.

Oct. 29

Police logged 20 incidents, including two shoplifting incidents reported at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St., and at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.

Oct. 28

Police logged 20 incidents, including disturbances in the 300 block of East Maurer Street and 300 block of West Picnic Street; disorderly conduct in the 300 block of South Washington Street.

Oct. 27

Police logged 25 incidents, including a burglary in the 400 block of Humphrey Circle; disorderly conduct in the 300 block of Prospect Circle; disturbances in the 1000 block of South River Street and 1200 block of East Green Bay Street; property thefts in the 300 block of West Green Bay Street and 1000 block of East Richmond Street

OBITUARIES

Robert D. Alberg

Robert D. Alberg, 90, of Wittenberg, went to be with Jesus his Savior on Friday, Oct. 30, 2020, at the Homme Home of Wittenberg.

Robert was born July 6, 1930, in the Town of Morris, the son of Bert and Doris (Simpson) Alberg.

On May 31, 1952, Robert was united in marriage to Lorna Krueger in Split Rock.

Robert was employed as treasurer and bookkeeper for both the Wittenberg and Niagara Telephone Companies for many years until his retirement. In his younger years, Robert enjoyed playing baseball and played on two championship teams in the Badger Amateur Baseball Association. He was an active member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Wittenberg, and served as president of the congregation. Singing was



an important part of his life, and he enjoyed participating in the Redeemer choir as well as the former Pro Music Ensemble. Robert was active in his community, serving on the Village of Wittenberg Board of Trustees, as a director for the Wittenberg Chamber of Commerce, as president of the Wittenberg Lion's Club and as president of the Forest Home Cemetery Association.

His other interests included golfing, fishing, being in the woods, gardening, playing cards and spending time with his family. Everyone who knew and loved Robert appreciated

his ready smile, positive attitude, quick wit and sense of humor.

Robert is survived by his devoted wife of 68 years, Lorna, of Wittenberg; three children, Susan Levandoski of Wittenberg, Jan (Robert) Ostrowski of Wells, Minnesota, and Peter (Karen) Alberg of Shirley, Arkansas; eight grandchildren, Diane (Adam) Carlson, Tracy Levandoski, Andrea (Kyle) Waite, Sarah (Miguel) Mejia, Amanda (Andrew) Hagen, Katie Ostrowski (fiancé Tom Grode), Gabrielle Alberg and Matthew Alberg; 12 great-grandchildren, Grace Carlson, Anna Carlson, Austin Frederick, Aiden Frederick, Livia Waite, Hannah Waite, Cristian Mejia, Nick Mejia, Alex Mejia, Andrew Mersman, Allesandra Mersman and Asher Hagen; brother, Bernard (Bess) Alberg and sister-in-law, Margaret Alberg;

and many special nieces and nephews who loved their Uncle Bob.

Robert was preceded in death by a son, Michael, and four siblings, Marion (Earl) Holm, George (Nadine) Alberg, Edward Alberg and Vera (Erick) Hafstad.

The family wishes to express sincere gratitude and appreciation for the loving, personal care Robert received at Homme Home.

A private family graveside service will be held at Forest Home Cemetery, Wittenberg. A public memorial service celebrating his life will be held at a later date at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Wittenberg.

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

Cecil S. Johnson

Cecil S. Johnson, 85, formerly of the Town of Plover, Marathon County, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Cecil was born March 26, 1935, in Birnamwood, the son of Cecil B. and Linda (Pick) Johnson.

On Nov. 26, 1955, Cecil was united in marriage to Catherine Tautges at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Aniwa.

The couple were blessed with over 60 years together. Catherine passed away on May 29, 2016.



Cecil lived in the Town of Plover his entire life and attended Maple Park School. He worked at Wausau Iron Works for some time and farmed for many years

with his wife. Cecil enjoyed gardening, playing cards, baking and puzzles.

Cecil is survived by his daughter, Catherine (Peter) Marien, of Birnamwood; grandchildren, Christopher (Kim) Marien and Jason Marien; and great-grandchildren, Dakota, Taylor and Madison Marien.

Cecil was preceded in death by his wife, parents and sisters, Mary Ann Strangfeld, Harriet Matuszak, Elaine Senzig and Evelyn Gorman.

Due to the current pandemic, a private Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Philomena Catholic

Church in Birnamwood. The Rev. Vicente Llagas will preside, and burial will be in St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery, Aniwa.

A celebration of life will be announced and held at a later date.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Birnamwood is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

Eldien A. Jarvis

Eldien A. Jarvis, age 86 of Shawano, passed away on Friday, October 23, 2020 at Birch Hill Health Services from COVID-19.

Eldien was born July 22, 1934 in Antigo, a daughter of the late Walter and Lucille (Nutmeg) Albrecht. She grew up in Antigo and graduated from Antigo High School. Following high school, she worked at the Southern Colony Group Home in Union Grove. On October 11, 1954, Eldien was united in marriage to Wayne E.



Jarvis in Union Grove. Eldien was employed for over 15 years at American Roller Company as a Quality Control Technician. She was also a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. In 2000 the couple relocated to Shawano, shortly after she retired. Eldien enjoyed baking

and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her sons, Jeff Jarvis of Colorado, James Jarvis of Rhinelander, and Jerry Jarvis of Shawano; her granddaughter, Morgan of Toledo, Ohio; her brothers, Butch Albrecht and Everett Albrecht; her brother-in-law, Marvin Jarvis of Eagle River; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne, on April 11, 2019; her brother, Walter Albrecht, Jr.; her sister, Thelma Brehm; and her

sister-in-law, Betty Jarvis.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, private family services will be held.

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



Jerry M. Brandt

Jerry M. Brandt, 79, of Shawano, passed away Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 27, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay where he had been a patient for the past three weeks. Jerry was born Oct. 17, 1941, in Shawano, a son of the late Milton and Viola (Goree) Brandt. On Aug. 6, 1960, he was united in marriage to the former Amy Kay Clough. Jerry was employed at Hotz Manufacturing before beginning his



own woodworking business. He enjoyed watching the Packers.

Survivors include his wife, Amy, of Gresham; his children, Sheri (Mike) Krause, of Shawano, Tom (Terri Kosky) Brandt, of Shawano,

Karen (Bill) Burghardt, of Neenah, and Tim (Christy) Brandt, of Shawano; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; his sister, Peggy (Bill) Tyson, of North Pole, Alaska; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother and sister-in-law, David and Niece Brandt; his sister, Nancy Schultz; and his in-laws, Edward and Anita Clough.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, private family services will be held.

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



OBITUARIES

Donald L. Teske

Donald Lester Teske, 81, of the Town of Pella, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020, in Brown County, surrounded by the compassionate caregivers at Patient Pines Assisted Living and AseraCare Hospice. It has been a difficult, heartbreaking battle during COVID-19, but Don fought a long courageous battle against his Lewy Body Dementia with his family by his side.

Don was born on June 12, 1939, in the Town of Bear Creek, Waupaca County. He was the son of the late Clarence and Anita (Fredrick) Teske. Don was united in marriage to Mary Ann Rysewyk on July 2, 1960, at St. John Lutheran Church Hermansfort. The couple was married for 58 endearing years and lived in Shawano County for their entire marriage. Mary devoted her final years caring for Don with his dementia until she entered her



final resting place on April 10, 2019.

Don was a hardworking and devoted family man. He started his long working career as a foundry worker in Milwaukee,

which is where he met his soulmate, Mary. He went to Bertram's Auto and FWD in Clintonville before beginning his long career in 1966 at Marion Body Works, Inc., in which he retired from in 2005 after 39 years of hard work.

Don enjoyed the outdoors, everything from working on demo cars with the boys to deer and turkey hunting, bear hunting with his son, Roger, and all the bass fishing tournaments he could do. Don was a lifelong

member of the Shawano Bassmasters. He enjoyed his flowers and the garden that he planted every year. Before Mary's passing, Don and Mary enjoyed watching all the deer and turkeys from their patio window and spending time with their dogs Buster, Tuffy and Skippy, which kept them busy as they enjoyed their retirement years together.

Don is survived by his two sons, Roger (Cindy) Teske and Greg (Jackie) Teske; step-grandson, Justin Scott; and one brother, Gerald Teske.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; parents, Clarence and Anita Teske; his father- and mother-in-law, Casey and Doris (Dunst) Rysewyk; brother-in-law, Albert (Charlotte) Rysewyk; and sister-in-law, Evelyn (Harry) Tischauser.

Funeral services for Don will be

held on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano, with the Rev. Steve Conradt officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Church Hermansfort cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Saturday from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Face masks will be required.

The family would like to extend a special thank you for the exceptional care that Don received over the past year at Patient Pines Assisted Living. All the caregivers and Toni Carter the owner went above and beyond to make sure he was always comfortable and loved every single day. The family would like to extend an additional thank you to all the AseraCare Hospice caregivers that helped every step of the way.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Richard L. Garbelman

Richard L. Garbelman died peacefully on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at Mariposa Hospice House in The Villages, Florida. He was 73. He was born on Jan. 8, 1947, in St. Charles, Illinois. Richard's family moved to Wisconsin when he was 1 year old.

Richard and his wife, Pat, moved to The Villages, in Lady Lake in 2019 for health reasons. They enjoyed all The Villages offered especially the entertainment and pools. He regularly went to the pool for water therapy. Although he had many health problems, Richard persevered at trying to maintain independence and working



on his therapy.

Richard enjoyed golfing, motorcycling, and working on and driving his classic cars. He won many trophies at car shows. He was a quiet peaceful

man. When he had something to say it was usually sarcastic and funny. His sense of humor made people laugh. Richard never had a bad word to say about others. He was well respected by all that knew him. Richard was 32

years sober and a grateful member of AA.

Richard is survived by his wife of 37 years, Pat, his son, Mike (Amy) Garbelman, of Shawano; his daughter, Kelly Garbelman (Steve), of Marquette, Michigan; his sister, Bobbette Hull, of Shawano; three sisters-in-law, Bonnie, JoEllyn and Kathy; three brothers-in-law, Jim, John and Tom (Steven); three grandchildren, Brad (Amelia), Jeremy (Angela) and Jessica (Tim); and six great-grandchildren, Ivy, Vivian, Addison, Michaela, Aubrey, and Kaylee. He is further survived by

his uncle, Richard Beane, of Illinois; many cousins, nieces, nephews, and the best friends ever.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Myron and Juanita Garbelman; one granddaughter, Kayla; his in-laws, Richard and Patricia Jerow; and four brother-in-laws, Bill Olson, Doc Hull, Mike VanLieshout, and Jim Dutcher.

No services will be held.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to Mariposa Hospice House in The Villages, and thank you for keeping him comfortable in his final days. Rest in peace with love.

Joshua J. Krueger

Joshua Jo Krueger, 32, of Gillett passed away unexpectedly Monday October 26, 2020.

Josh was born Aug. 2, 1988, in Bellevue Washington. Josh and family moved to Gillett when he was 7 years old. Josh was a colorful soul and loved dirt track racing, working on anything with a motor, camping and being outdoors. He was a jack of all trades master of none, always had a gypsy soul, never liked to do the same thing for too long — but most of all he loved his family.

Josh was employed with the family business, Iron Horse, and also worked for his dear friends Orlin and Roger at R&R Tree Service. Josh was a father, brother, son, and uncle and wore every title very well.

Joshua was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather and grandmother, Chuck, and Iris Perala and his paternal grandmother Kathleen



(Cookie) Krueger and his mother Ellie Krueger. Josh is survived and missed greatly by his daughter, Journi Anne Loberger; his father, Troy Krueger; his

stepmother, Laura Anderson; his siblings Robert (Amy) Krueger, Kellie Krueger, Dylan Krueger, Grandfather Robert (Bob) Krueger, Nephews Gavin, Mason and Braxtyn and many other relatives and close friends.

Kuehl Funeral Home, Gillett, is honored to assist the family. Visitation was held Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family has established a Memorial Fund in Josh's name for his daughter, Journi.

Edwin John Greenwald

Edwin John Greenwald, 81, of Cecil, passed away Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020. Edwin was born Oct. 18, 1939, in Wauwatosa. Following graduation from high school, Edwin proudly went on to serve his country in the United States Army for 27 years. While serving his country, he was stationed in Korea and Vietnam. After retiring from the military, he went on to work in security.

Edwin took pride in his yard and enjoyed working on small projects. He was funny, a great joke teller and a prankster. Edwin was a warm-hearted and wonderful man who loved his family dearly. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Edwin is survived by his sister Elsie Stalker; nieces, nephews,



other relatives and friends. He is further survived by his close friend Joanne Krueger; her children, Dean (Debbie) Krueger, Brad (Missy) Krueger

and Layla (Jeremy) Jensen; Joanne's granddaughter, Marissa (Sheldon); and Joanne's great-grandchildren, Lilly, Jordan, Dakota and Trenton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Stella (Inman) Tronnier; and siblings, Kenneth Tronnier, John Tronnier Jr., Richard Tronnier, Nettie Kryll and Joyce Fakler.

Due to COVID-19, a memorial service is being planned for a later date.

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Gerarda M. (Okimosh) Peters

Gerarda M. (Okimosh) Peters, 67, of Keshena, passed away Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Appleton. Gerarda was born March 28, 1953, in Keshena to the late Peter Sr. and Delvinia (Waters) Okimosh. She graduated from Shawano High School. On Nov. 25, 1991, Gerarda was united in marriage to Darrell Peters.

Gerarda worked at Menominee Indian High School and at Menominee Casino. She enjoyed going to the casino, hunting, fishing and riding in the woods. Gerarda was the best cook ever. She loved her family dearly, especially her grandchildren. Gerarda will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved her.

Gerarda is survived by her husband, Darrell; children, Frank (Tina) Okimosh, Ree Okimosh, Leslie (Geronimo) House, Delvinia (William) Okimosh, Justin Okimosh, Justina Okimosh and Fallan Okimosh; grandchildren, Frank Jr., Darrell, Hunter, Channing, Isabella, Bryce, Payton, Dean III, Delvinia, DaVannee, Kesoq, Koda, Audra, Kenai, Carl III, Cyrius, Casheous and Chance,



Sr.; eight great-grandchildren; siblings, Audrey Okimosh, Peter (Cathy) Okimosh Jr., John (Mary) Okimosh, Forrest (Renee) Okimosh, Basil (Wally) Okimosh, Richard

(Denise) Okimosh, Diane Boivin and John Teller Sr.; nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Michelle Mauritsen; special nephew, Brett "Chip" Okimosh; and special friend Dean Waupoose Jr.

She is further survived by other relatives and friends, including the Arikara family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Davey Jean Okimosh Reiter, Elthea Richmond and Anna Mauritsen.

Visitation was held for Gerarda on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano. The procession then left for Okimosh Cemetery in Keshena with Nahwahquaw officiating.

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Jack A. Ossmann

Jack A. Ossmann, 84, of Gillett, entered his heavenly home Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, with family by his side. Jack was born May 23, 1936, to his late parents, Kurt and Ruth (Pope) Ossmann, in Waukesha. After graduating from Waukesha High in 1954, Jack entered the workforce and Air Force Guard. He married his wife, Suzanne, on Feb. 14, 1959. Jack started his longtime career at International Harvester shortly after marriage. He was honorably discharged in 1961 from the U.S. Air Force. They moved to Gillett in 1976, where they continued to raise the family homestead. Jack retired in 1986.

Jack loved spending time with his family. He was an avid outdoorsman – most of his stories consisted of hunting and fishing. He was also a big sports fan.

Jack is survived by his wife, Suzanne (Huff), of 61 years; his six children: Calvin (Patty) Ossmann, Jackie Begolke (Larry Buchholz), Rhonda (Patrick) Nelson, Shelly (Paul) Morrow, Robert (Holli) Ossmann and Amanda Ossmann; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Susie Sweet; many nieces, nephews and



other relatives.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Delores Furrer; son-in-law, Loren Begolke; three brothers-in-law; sister-in-law.

His family would like to thank Shawano Health Services, ThedaCare Appleton and ThedaCare Hospice for their care.

Visitation was held Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020, at Christ Lutheran Church in Hintz from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Michael Pahlke officiating. Jack will be interred at Christ Lutheran Cemetery. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.



Gary V. Burden

Gary Vincent Burden, 70, Green Bay, passed away at home on Oct. 22, 2020. Gary was born on Nov. 5, 1949, in Shell Lake to Paul V. and Virginia M. Burden. He was a 1968 graduate of Spooner High School, Spooner.

On June 15, 1969, Gary married Deborah Ann Griffin in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Gary worked all his life in the veneer and hardwood plywood industry, ending his career as co-owner of Burkel-Piette in Oconto Falls. He had a passion for deer hunting, fishing and gardening. He loved traveling, among his favorite destinations were International Beatles Week in Liverpool, England and more recently Venice and Rome, Italy.

Gary is survived by wife, Debbie; daughters, Christine (Laura) Burden of Saukville, and Jodi (Richard) Petersen, of Combined Locks; son, Jeffery Burden, of Madison; grandchildren, Kyle and Lauren Katchem, Claire and Bella Petersen; and great-granddaughter, Noelle Jourdan. Gary is also survived by sisters, Jean (Chris) Burden, of West Salem, and



Adele Burden, Rice Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Virginia Burden.

Due to COVID-19, no public services will be

held. A portion of Gary's cremains will be scattered in Douglas County, where he deer hunted for over 50 years. Final internment to be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Candler (Asheville), North Carolina.

The family wishes to thank Unity Hospice, DePere, for the extraordinary care provided during Gary's illness, especially RN Cindy and CNA Amy. Your support and expertise during the past eleven months were surpassed only by your compassion and love. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Unity Hospice.

Pfotenhauer Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences are welcome at www.pfotenhauerfuneralhome.com.

Judy Rounsaville

Judy Jean French Rounsaville, 73, passed away Oct. 23, 2020, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

She was born Oct. 8, 1947, in International Falls, Minnesota, the daughter of the late Maxwell S. French and Madeline Inez-Elinore Schroeder Bartlett. She grew up in Shawano. She was a postal worker with the U.S. Postal Service for over 20 years, retiring in 2004. She married Jack Rounsaville on Feb. 19, 1993. They made their home in Oklahoma City, Henderson, Nevada and then moved to Finger, Tennessee, in 2008.

She enjoyed visiting casinos. She loved life and enjoyed being alive and spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Rounsaville is survived by her husband, Jack Charles Rounsaville, of Finger; a daughter, Trisha Leanne Deary (James) of Humble,

Texas; one son, Billy Wendell Goode, Jr. (Zola), of Peru; three stepsons, Roger Scott Rounsaville (Shawana), of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Russell Shawn Rounsaville, of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Michael Lance Rounsaville (Stephanie), of El Reno, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren, Holly Deary, Emily Deary, Bane O'Rion Goode, Libby Rounsaville, Jackson Rounsaville, Evinn Rounsaville, Wyatt Cole Rounsaville and Cheyenne Renee Rounsaville; three sisters, Patricia Wiseman, of Clarksville, Tennessee, Rita Preston, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Lana Hintz, of Shawano; and several nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Beverly Montour and Aleen Kern.

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Lorraine I. Riemer

Lorraine I. Riemer, 90, of Shawano, passed away Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, at ThedaCare Regional Medical

Center-Appleton.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home, Clintonville, is assisting the family.

Linda J. Radtke

Linda J. Radtke, 72, of Shawano, formerly Marion, passed away Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home, Clintonville, is assisting with the arrangements.

Toasting to the good life

There aren't a lot of great things that have come with the pandemic, but I find myself happily enjoying the good things.

My gal pals and I are going to have our first fall virtual happy hour next Wednesday. We started having them once a week this past summer, but as the days grew busier with all of our "adjusting" to the pandemic we found it harder to get together even with the help of our electronics.

What does it say when we finally become acclimated to our new life changes and we can once again set aside just one hour per week for such a simple ritual?

I think it says that life is getting back to being good and I'll take good over the sadness and uncertainty that's been so prevalent since March. It's been exhausting dealing with all the bad news we hear and



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see and having to cope with it all without the benefit of in-person visits with our friends. One good thing about having great friends is that they don't shame you with their pas-

sions for the Vikings or the Packers, Biden or Trump, they just let you have your own opinions and let it be at that. I think one mistake people make when developing friendships is that they think you have to agree on everything in order to be friends. I think it's better to have some areas of disagreement so you can always remember it's more important to be a good friend than it is to be right.

It takes a lot of skill and dedication to be able to appreciate the differences in order to protect the respect that comes from having good friends.

We don't always get the opportunity to embrace that kind of critical thinking these days because we're too busy posting and liking and sharing and spending way too much time on social media outlets. It's hard to cast all the blame on that, but with people not socializing in person as much anymore, I'm a little concerned that we won't know how to behave once the worst of the pandemic is over.

My biggest fear is that I'll resemble the Dr. Niles Crane character (of the TV show Frasier) pulling out a disinfectant tissue and wiping down chairs and tables before I deem the world suitable for me to participate in and that preoccupa-

tion will come at the expense of greeting old friends with a warm hug and shaking hands with new ones. Of course if that behavior becomes the new normal then it won't really matter.

I'm hoping my old friends will keep me on track and keep me real. I hope there will be more good things happening at regular intervals so we get used to appreciating and accepting the good news in whatever form it takes. I'm hopeful about being hopeful again and I couldn't really say that last spring.

We have much to be grateful for and as I check in with my "peeps" next week I'll look forward to toasting to the good life. Skol!

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SPORTS

PRO BASEBALL

Brewers decline options on Gyorko, Sogard, Gamel

Braun's option also declined

By **STEVE MEGARGE**
The Associated Press

The Milwaukee Brewers declined 2021 options on infielders Jedd Gyorko and Eric Sogard, as well as outfielder Ben Gamel.

Gyorko and Sogard each had \$4.5 million options and now instead become eligible for free agency. Gyorko gets a \$1 million buyout and Sogard \$500,000.

"Both of them were complete professionals and contributed a great deal to our culture this year," Brewers general manager David Stearns said Oct. 30. "Eric probably didn't have the year he was hoping for. Jedd performed very well for us. And we all agreed to keep the lines of communication open and see how the offseason goes. I do think, depending on how the offseason plays out, there could be interest in either or both returning."

Gamel becomes eligible for salary arbitration after the Brewers declined a \$2.55 million option.

The moves came one day after the



Milwaukee Brewers third baseman Eric Sogard throws to first base during a playoff game against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sept. 30 in Los Angeles. The Brewers declined 2021 options on Sogard, Jedd Gyorko and Ben Gamel.

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Brewers declined a \$15 million option on 2011 NL MVP Ryan Braun, whose 352 homers make him the franchise's leader in that category. Braun, who is due a \$4 million buyout, said during the season he was contemplating retirement.

Stearns said he spoke with Braun a couple of days ago but didn't have any timetable on when the outfielder might

make a decision about 2021.

"I think as we've said all along here, we're in such a strange place in the world in general, and all of these decisions, especially a big decision like this one for Ryan, it deserves time," Stearns said. "This is a very unusual year and he deserves time to decompress and spend time with his family, to see what the world looks like as we

get into January, February, March. So the answer is, we really don't know, and we might not know the answer for a while. And that's OK."

Gyorko, 32, batted .248 with nine homers and 17 RBIs in 42 games and 135 at bats this season. His .838 OPS was the highest of any Brewer with at least 60 at-bats.

He played mostly against left-handers but became the Brewers' primary first baseman by the end of the season.

"I think there's a recognition that flexibility is important right now, and we don't know what the next couple of months are going to look like," Stearns said. "We don't know what the environment is going to be as we do plan for a spring training in the 2021 season. So we have to remain flexible. And that desire for flexibility has likely contributed to some of the decisions we've seen throughout the industry over the last couple of days."

Sogard, who turns 35 on May 22, hit .209 with one homer, 10 RBIs and a .560 OPS in 43 games. He had a .281 on-base percentage and .278 slugging percentage.

Gamel, who turns 29 on May 17, batted .237 with three homers, 10 RBIs and a .718 OPS in 40 games.

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Brewers' Devin Williams named 2020 NL Reliever of Year

Milwaukee pitcher wins award for 3rd-straight year

By **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Milwaukee Brewers rookie Devin Williams was named the winner of the 2020 Trevor Hoffman National League Reliever of the Year Award, Major League Baseball and presenting sponsor The Hartford announced on Oct. 24.

Williams became the first rookie and the first pitcher without a save ever to earn Hoffman Award.

"I am very excited to earn NL Reliever of the Year and have this prestigious award remain with the Brewers for a third straight season," said Williams. "I want to thank the organization — particularly my manager, coaches and teammates — for all of the support. I also thank

the great Brewers fans, who were watching and cheering us on from home during this unique season."

Balloting for the award, which debuted in the 2014 season, was conducted among a panel of seven all-time great relievers in order to determine the recipients. Mariano Rivera and Hoffman, both of whom spent their entire careers in the same league en route to the top of the all-time saves list, were joined as voters by three fellow Hall of Fame relief pitchers — Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers and Lee Smith — as well as John Franco and Billy Wagner.

The seven voters ranked the top three NL relief pitchers based

solely on regular season performance, using a 5-3-1 weighted point system.

In his first full season in the majors, the 26-year-old Williams shined in his 22 appearances for the Brewers, who reached their third straight postseason in 2020. The rookie assembled a 0.33 ERA and fanned 53 batters in his 27 innings of work, in which he surrendered just one earned run on eight hits and nine walks (0.63 WHIP).

Among all Major League pitchers with at least 20 innings, the St. Louis native posted MLB's best ERA, WHIP and opposing batting average (.090), and he tied for the Major League lead among relievers in strikeouts and strikeouts per nine innings (17.67). His changeup

emerged as one of the signature pitches in the game.

Williams allowed an earned run in the Brewers' fourth game of the season (July 27) and none thereafter, which included a span of holding opponents hitless in 31 straight at-bats from Aug. 14-Sept. 11. The Brewers have now won three consecutive Hoffman Awards, as Williams' teammate Josh Hader was the recipient in both 2018 and 2019.

The NL pitchers who were runners-up were Trevor Rosenthal (1-0, 1.90 ERA, 11 saves, 23.2 IP, 12 H, 8 BB, 38 SO), who joined the San Diego Padres via a trade from the Kansas City Royals in August, and Jeremy Jeffress (4-1, 1.54 ERA, 8 saves, 23.1 IP, 10 H, 12 BB, 17 SO) of the Chicago Cubs.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIM

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Metropulos wins two conference titles

Chargers finish 5th as team

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School senior McKenna Metropulos won a pair of individual events to lead the girls swim team at the Bay Conference Championships on Oct. 29.

The Chargers earned 222 points to place fifth as a team.

The conference meet was unlike any before it, as it was split into two venues, and conducted in front of no spectators. Witt-Birn competed against Clintonville and Shawano in Clintonville, while Seymour hosted Marinette and New London to round out the conference.

The times for all the events were combined between the two meets, but because the Clintonville meet started earlier, swimmers didn't know their exact finish until well after they had completed the event.

Metropulos posted a time of 54.37 seconds to win the 100-yard freestyle. She claimed the top time of 25.03 seconds to win the 50 freestyle.

Metropulos was also a part of the team's 200 freestyle relay that took third in 1:51.15. Olyvia Stark, Jessica Storlie and Annika Resch filled out the relay team.

Metropulos' fourth event was the 400 freestyle relay to end the night. She teamed up with Stark, Resch and Storlie again for a fourth-place finish in 4:09.29.

"I'm super happy with the way I swam tonight and my times," said



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Olyvia Stark competes in the 100-yard backstroke during the Bay Conference Championships on Oct. 29 in Clintonville. Stark took third place in the event.

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Metropulos. "Looking back on all my years of swimming, this is a huge moment for me because I have overcome the obstacles to get here to take conference champ in both my events.

"Losing last year in the 50 was a hard hit to me and being able to come back this year and win that title back is a very good feeling. Swimming is such a mentally drain-

ing sport so it is always nice to regain that confidence and feel good about how you swim. I'm really looking forward to how I can use this new motivation and confidence going into sectionals and hopefully state."

Resch and Stark claimed second and third in the 200 freestyle with times of 2:14.16 and 2:14.41, respectively.

FYI

Sectional swim results will be published in the Nov. 13 paper and can also be found online at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Stark also placed third in the 100 backstroke (1:12.54).

"In my 100 backstroke, it was very exhilarating to see my competition so close to me at the end. I touched the wall at the end and

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looked up at the scoreboard to see that my time wasn't recorded. The anticipation was killing me through the rest of the meet.

"When I figured out I got third I was super excited because I've been working my butt off this entire season to get at least on the podium."

Along with an eighth-place finish in the 500 freestyle (6:48.9), Storlie was also on Witt-Birn's third relay, the 200 medley. She and Adreonna Bessert, Jalynn Horacek and Emma Herb combined for a time of 2:23.41 to place sixth.

Individually, Horacek finished eighth in the 100 breaststroke (1:27.29). Herb took ninth in the 50 freestyle (29.61), and Resch was 10th in the 100 freestyle (1:04.17).

"The meet was very different to last years because you don't get as much support at the meets without spectators so it's hard for me to stay motivated to do good when nobody is there cheering me on," said Resch.

"It's also different without having the other swimmers there because you don't know where you stand while swimming if there was someone faster in the other pool. You couldn't look over and see them and then try to go faster, you



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Jalynn Horacek comes up for a breath during the 100-yard breaststroke during the Bay Conference Championships on Oct. 29 in Clintonville. Horacek took eighth in the event.

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just have to give it all you got and hope that it was enough."

Witt-Birn is scheduled to com-

pete in the Division 2 Rhinelander Sectional on Saturday to open post-season action.

Team scores: 1. Seymour 537.5; 2. New London 414.5; 3. Shawano 316; 4. Marinette/Peshtigo 244; 5. Wittenberg-Birnamwood 222; 6. Clintonville 204.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wisconsin's Saturday game vs. Purdue canceled

The Wisconsin football team's home game against Purdue on Saturday will not be played and team-related activities remain paused indefinitely, UW Director of Athletics Barry Alvarez announced Tuesday.

Saturday's game will not be rescheduled.

"I share in the disappointment of

our student-athletes and staff," Alvarez said. "We have seen a level of improvement in our testing numbers, but not enough to give us confidence to resume normal activities and play our game on Saturday. We will continue to test regularly, take the proper health-related precautions and look forward to getting our team

back on the field as soon as possible."

There have been five (two staff and three student-athletes) positive COVID-19 PCR tests recorded since Oct. 31. Over the last seven days (Oct. 27 to Nov. 2), student-athletes (10) and staff (11) have registered a total of 21 positive tests. There are currently 27 active cases in the program,

all since Oct. 24. That includes 15 football student-athletes and 12 staff members.

The Badger football team first paused team activities on Oct. 28 and its scheduled game at Nebraska on Oct. 31 was canceled.

Wisconsin plans to provide another update Saturday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wisconsin's Trice named candidate for Bob Cousy Award

Last season, D'Mitrik Trice developed into one of the Big Ten's top point guards, but now as he enters the 2020-21 season, he has been recognized as one of the nation's best. On Monday, the University of Wisconsin-Madison senior was named a candidate for the 2021 Bob Cousy Point Guard of the Year Award by Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Trice is one of 20 watch list candidates, and one of three from the

Big Ten, for the nation's best point guard. The Huber Heights, Ohio, native is Wisconsin's sixth candidate for the Bob Cousy Award and first since Bronson Koenig in 2017. Devin Harris (2004) and Jordan Taylor (2011) went on to be finalists for the prestigious honor.

A third team All-Big Ten honoree last season, Trice rounded out his game averaging 9.8 points, 4.2 assists and 4 rebounds per game. Trice ended the year ranked second

in the Big Ten with a 2.5 assist-to-turnover ratio (131 assists, 53 TOs). During UW's eight-game win streak to end the season, Trice averaged 10.4 points (46.2% on 3-pointers) and 5.8 assists per game.

Scoring his 1,000th career point in UW's Big Ten title-clinching victory last season at Indiana, Trice became the first player in school history to amass 1,000 points, 300 rebounds and 300 assists by his junior season. Trice currently ranks

fifth in UW annals with a career 2.07 assist-to-turnover ratio (307 assists, 148 TOs) and ninth for career 3-point field goals (182).

In late January, the Bob Cousy Award watch list of 20 players will be narrowed down to 10. In late February, five finalists will be presented to Cousy and the Hall of Fame's selection committee. The winner of the 2021 Bob Cousy Award will be presented April 9, 2021.

OPINION

Native American values trump 'misinformation'

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of monthly columns by Ryan Winn, a member of the faculty at the College of Menominee Nation. The columns will explore Native American culture and history and the impact on both native and non-native communities. The first column expands on an earlier Shawano Leader story, "Misinformation, the stories we choose to tell."

To paraphrase Cherokee writer Diane Glancy, if America is a melting pot, then the Native cultural practices that endure today are things that wouldn't melt — and for very good reasons. Gerald Vizenor (White Earth Anishinaabe) defines Native perseverance against settler colonialism as "survival" — which combines both survival and resistance as a process rather than an ending point. Survival is an active act that doesn't succumb to assimilation—meaning that culture that endures does so to protect native people.

This preamble is to say, it is an impossible task to reduce the 574 distinct Native American nations within the United States to a single survival response on any topic, that includes recognizing misinformation. That being noted, there are some common threads across native teachings.

First of all, misinformation is, obviously words that are intended to persuade an audience. Words are nec-



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essary for stories, and, according to Cherokee scholar Thomas King, "Stories are all we are." This is a philosophy that is reflected in all Native American creation stories, because these stories, often told through an oral tradition, explain the worldview, beliefs, values, and culture of a given society.

Similarly, the Biblical book of John affirms the values of words (and by extension stories) in Christian's creation beliefs — "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Since the United States is, at its heart, or at least its founding, a Judeo-Christian nation, my hope is that we can all agree that words form the foundation for core beliefs in which one steers their lifeways.

Second, one of the things that didn't melt is that across the United States, Native people begin orations by introducing themselves. This is often done in one's indigenous language, but I contend that it can be in English (or Spanish) and still convey the cultural practice of stating one's name and perhaps ties to one's community or family.

The point is this — Native people

begin by staking their reputation on the words they are about to share. This predates candidates being forced to say, "I approve this message" in their campaigns, but the purpose is intended to be the same — an affirmation stating that the speaker stands behind the words being spoken. In short, honesty is a cultural value that is ingrained in communicative practice of Native people. If stories are all we are; they better be true stories.

Third, Native people's stories are not privileged in American society. From tales of the Wild West to the battles to protect water sources, Native stories and Native views are not elevated as the most significant stories being told.

Case in point, it is impossible to tell the story of 1920s women's suffrage without the contributions of Gertrude Simmons Bonnin (Yankton Dakota), Louise Bottineau Baldwin (Turtle Mountain Chippewa), and Laura Cornelius Kellogg (Wisconsin Oneida), but how often have we heard their names in this year's centennial celebrations? The Native stories shared most are of people best known for giving land away — Pocahontas and Sacagawea — because they fit the narrative of Manifest Destiny.

Fourth, since their stories are not privileged, the aspects of information most interrogated by Native people

are those that speak directly to their values. The Menominee tribe's value statement reads, "As Omāēqnome-nēwak (People of the Wild Rice), we value our children, elders, and each other, preserving our language, tradition, history and culture." Misinformation that conflicts with those values are most likely to be refuted.

Fifth, native people are earning post-secondary degrees in American institutions which teach all of their students how to spot misinformation. The best schools, such as Tribal Colleges and Universities including the College of Menominee Nation, teach these principles of critical thinking in culturally affirming ways.

So, if stories are all we are — then words are sacred. People and entities who advance misinformation are therefore profane. To combat this affront, Americans could look to the First Nations people for guidance on how to spot and resist profane misinformation by privileging Native American stories. When they do, they will discover a model of how best to stake their reputation on their words, their words on their values, and their values on their future.

Ryan Winn teaches English, theater and liberal studies at the College of Menominee Nation. He also writes regular columns for the Tribal College Journal and American History Magazine.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beef producers want input on future plans

To the editor:

The Northeast Wisconsin Beef Producers (NWBP) started selling feeder cattle through the Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association in Bonduel in 1962. NWBP sales were held twice a year, with two being held in the spring of the year and three sales in the fall.

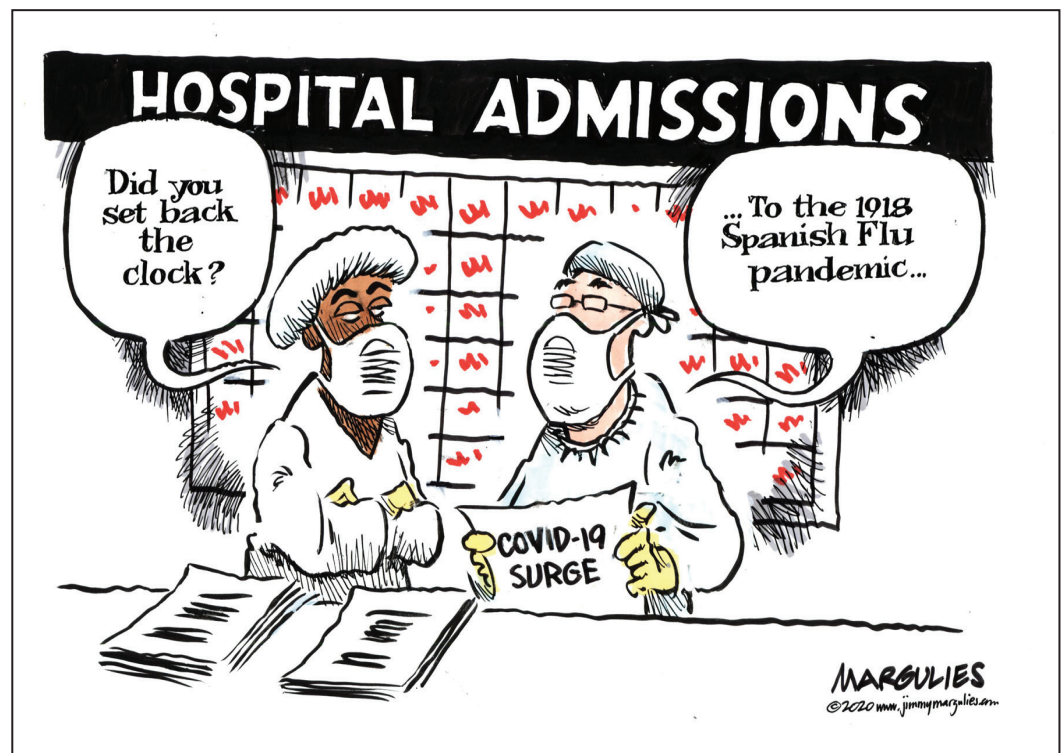
This year, the last NWBP sale was held May 1. On Sept. 23, the president of NWBP Cooperative, Tom Edler, received a letter from Curt Larson, president and CEO of the Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association. In the letter, Larson stated NWBP Cooperative would not be able to host feeder sales this year; no reason given why.

The NWBP is considering options for future sales. Two of those options are to hold sales at Premier Sales Market or to ship livestock to the Bloomington Sales Market.

The NWBP board of directors is asking for your interest and input and would appreciate your response. You may contact NWBP president Thomas Edler at 715-851-6160.

Bill Buchholz, Gillett

Vice president, board of directors, Northeast Wisconsin Beef Producers Cooperative



Patriotic duty



LEFT: Mike Heidenerich casts his vote at the Village of Eland town hall. RIGHT: Village of Wittenberg Board Trustee Dave Timm answers questions as office assistant Maria Donat manages the paperwork to register voters.

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Wittenberg-Biramwood School District Official Minutes of the Board of Education September 28, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Chuck Wendler. Pursuant to WI STATS 1984 (1), Superintendent Rogowski verified that this meeting was posted and published as required by law.

Roll Call of the Board: Seven Board Members present. Pestka and Stewart absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Minutes: (Olson - Magee) moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2020 regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

Delegations & Communications: In attendance along with Board members were: Garrett Rogowski, Joy Hartleben, Bill Hass, Randy Berndt, Megan Marcks and Vicky Haas. Visitors included: Miriam Nelson, Shannon Seegmiller, Tyler Tautges and Claudia Yaeger.

The Board received a thank you from Theresa Shankland and one from Julie Olson for the retirement gifts.

Public Comments: None.

Student Representative: Tyler stated that the Student Senate is planning events for homecoming, making every effort to social distance and wear masks for all activities. There will be a bon fire and a parade around the high school.

Board Concerns or Reports: None.

Financial Report: (Magee - T. Wendler) Motion to pay the following as of September 28, 2020: Budgetary checks numbering 102587-102815 in the amount of \$451,013.12; payroll checks numbering 141939-141969 in the amount of \$203,826.38; direct deposit advices in the amount of \$578,527.27; ACH payments in the amount of \$421,062.05 and credit card payments in the amount of \$28,112.12. I make a motion to approve all journal entries made for the month of August. Roll call vote: 7 yes 2 absent Motion carried.

Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of August 31, 2020 of \$3,440,759.35 and LGIP

Account balance as of August 31, 2020 of \$1056.78

Approve the Agenda: (T. Wendler - Olson) moved to approve the agenda with one closed session item to discuss support staff compensation schedule. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

- Bill Hass, High School Principal, stated that students are accepting the new norm, homecoming events are being planned and there will be a Senior Ball on October 17th to make up for not having a prom. Ms. Eland and students are planning that event.
- Randy Berndt, Biramwood Elem/MS Principal, stated that teachers have been putting in a lot of extra hours for face to face and virtual planning and are performing above and beyond the call of duty. They have also been stepping in to help other co-workers with coverage and that is much appreciated. Also the students are doing a great job of adapting. Thank you to the parents for the support through all these changes.
- Vicky Haas, Wittenberg Elem/MS Principal, stated that she would also like to commend the teachers for all of their hard work and staying way past normal working hours. Students are taking the new precautions and practices in stride. The District will be using a new screening tool Fastbridge, once all the bugs are worked out. So thankful to the staff for helping out with staff coverage when needed.
- Megan Marcks, Pupil Services Director, stated that the Spec ed team has been utilizing outside educational locations to offer Covid Impact Services. Continuing to develop contingency plans for all students who receive special education services. Due to a teacher resignation we are in need of a HS Spec Ed teacher. We have applied for an intern at the high school to join us in January.
- Garrett Rogowski, Superintendent stated that he wanted to thank the staff for making sacrifices and alterations to fulfill both face to face and virtual instruction to meet our students needs. Many Districts around us are starting to close for periods of time but as long as we can keep the school open safely we will continue to do so.

New Business:

- There was much discussion on the reopening plan and how we can help the teachers get more time for planning. (Pietz - T. Wendler) moved to approve 4 non-school teaching days to work on lessons and planning along with every Friday from 2:30-3:15. Motion carried.
- (Magee - Olson) moved to approve the bids from Hanson for Snow Removal at the High School and Wittenberg Elementary and Mevarden Excavating for the Biramwood Elementary as presented. Motion carried.
- (Magee - T. Wendler) moved to approve the Fuel bids from Remington and Wagner Shell as presented. Motion carried.
- (Olson - T. Wendler) moved to approve the start time for Board meetings to be at 6:00 p.m. with the Financial Committee Meeting at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried.
- (Magee - Olson) moved to approve the resignation of Dustin Ruleau as Special Education Teacher at the high school. Motion carried. The Board would like to thank Dustin for his time and service to the District.
- (Olson - Magee) moved to approve Mike Balliett as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach. T. Wendler - Abstain. Motion carried.
- (T. Wendler - Meredith) moved to approve the hire of Joselyn Huriburt as JV2 Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.
- (Schmidt - T. Wendler) moved to adjourn the meeting, 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy A Hartleben
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School Board Secretary

Backyard bones help uncover a long forgotten affair

The dreary weather helped me decide to return to Pineapple Port, Florida, through "Pineapple Lies" by Amy Vansant.



JAN JONES

Charlotte was 11 when her mother died, and she moved in with her grandmother. Sadly, her grandmother died soon after she arrived. To keep her out of the foster care system, her grandmother's best friends found a way to allow Charlotte to stay in her grandmother's home.

Now 26, Charlotte has a small custom machine embroidery business. Her flexible schedule suits both Charlotte and the other residents of the Port.

Lately, Charlotte has been feeling like she lacks purpose in her life. Her first project is turning a former cement patio area into a garden. As she begins digging, she is joined by her neighbor's dog. To her horror, it pulls out a human skull. In an instant, her home is a crime scene with police tape and all.

Surprisingly, the deputy on guard allows a tall, handsome man to enter Charlotte's house. The women murmur that he's Declan, the local resale shop owner. While he and Charlotte argue about his right to be there, a deputy brings in a necklace they found with the bones. Declan is aghast. He explains that he gave that necklace to his mother just before she disappeared 15 years ago. The bones must be those of his mother, Erin Bingham. But what happened, and how did she end up in Charlotte's backyard?

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "Pineapple Lies"

AUTHOR: Amy Vansant

PUBLISHER: Vansant Creations

PUBLISHED: April 15, 2015

PAGES: 318

The autopsy finds a nick in one rib as well as scratches near to it.

Charlotte hates to admit it, but she is attracted to Declan. So she uses her connection with Sheriff Frank to supply him with information.

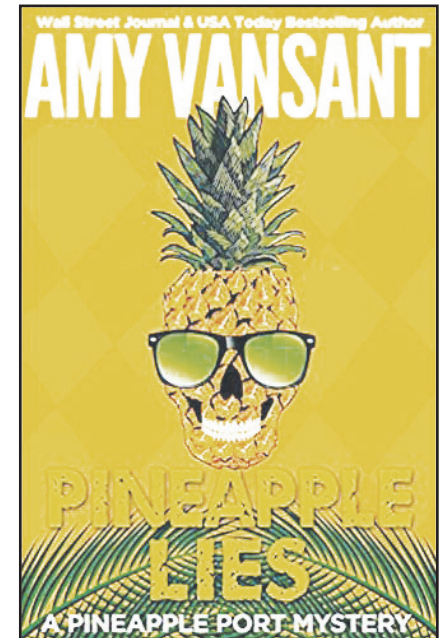
Charlotte is curious when elderly Joe asks to search the area with a metal detector. He insists he is a pro at solving cold cases. In minutes he finds a bullet in the dirt. Sadly, it doesn't match any guns in the area.

Then an anonymous caller says to look under an orange tree in George and Penny's yard. Authorities find a box full of love letters written to Erin and signed by George.

Meanwhile, Declan's uncle Seamus arrives from Miami. He used to run the local pawn shop. He tells Declan that he had been in love with Erin and hoped to marry her, but when she went to break up with her married boyfriend, she never returned.

In a strange twist of fate, the bullet matches a gun Seamus owns. He took it from the pawn shop when he moved to Miami. Old records show that the gun was sold by George the day after Erin disappeared.

It looks like an open and shut case against George, but Penny insists that it was her gun and she only shot it one time after she found out that George was having an affair with Erin. She shows them where the bullet went into a closet when she tried to shoot George. The damage had all been repaired but when they return to look at the closet Charlotte notices that the



floorboards now have blood stains.

That triggers a memory for Charlotte so she, Darla and Mariska break into Joe's house. They learn that he lied about solving old cold cases and that he'd planted all the recent evidence. He shows up but is too weak to be dangerous. Joe has end stage cancer.

He confesses that he worked for George and knew about the affair. Erin had been hiding in the closet and was hit by the bullet. She tried to get home, but Joe found her body in the ditch. He buried her at the building site that became Charlotte's home and squirreled away the evidence to use against George.

With Erin's disappearance, solved Pineapple Port becomes to gossip central again. Everyone is rooting for Charlotte and Declan to take their friendship to the next level, so they have something juicy to talk about.

Whenever you need a little vacation, drop by your public library and select a book that takes you away. It's fun and easy, and you'll be glad you checked it out.



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WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT ORIGINAL BUDGET 2020-21		
GENERAL FUND (FUND 10)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2020-21 BUDGET
REVENUES		
Local Sources	200	3,891,954
Interdistrict Payments Within Wisconsin	300	1,361,112
Intermediate Sources	500	13,234
State Sources	600	8,543,715
Federal Sources	700	403,111
Other Sources	900	25,000
TOTAL REVENUES		14,210,726
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES		
Undifferentiated Curriculum	110000	3,206,356
Regular Curriculum	120000	2,340,795
Vocational Curriculum	130000	433,790
Physical Curriculum	140000	45,411
Co-Curricular Activities	150000	229,480
Pupil Services	210000	293,941
Instructional Staff Services	220000	354,748
General Administration	230000	332,534
School Building Administration	240000	994,138
Business Administration	250000	2,357,191
Central Services	260000	92,695
Insurance & Judgments	270000	143,430
Debt Services	280000	10,968
Other Support Services	290000	387,996
Inter-fund Transfers	410000	1,848,873
Instructional Service Payments	430000	1,289,414
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES		14,210,726
SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS (FUND 21, 23, 27)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2020-21 BUDGET
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		
Inter-fund Transfers	100	1,431,815
Local Sources	200	40,000
Intermediate Sources	500	7,000
State Sources	600	455,000
Federal Sources	700	327,890
Other Sources	900	110,000
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		2,371,510
EXPENDITURES		
Special Education Curriculum	100000	1,891,454
Co-Curricular Activities	150000	150,000
Pupil Services	210000	248,417
Instructional Staff Services	220000	180,447
Business Administration	250000	23,932
Central Services	260000	18,790
Other Support Services	290000	7,000
Instructional Service Payments	430000	73,290
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,387,290
DEBT SERVICE FUND (FUND 39)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2020-21 BUDGET
REVENUES		
Local Sources	200	731,332
TOTAL REVENUES		731,332
EXPENDITURES		
Debt Services	280000	736,432
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		736,432

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LONG-TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TRUST FUND (FUND 46)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2020-21 BUDGET
REVENUES		
Inter-fund Transfers	100	415,058
TOTAL REVENUES		415,058
EXPENDITURES		
Business Administration	250000	800,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		800,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (FUND 48)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2020-21 BUDGET
EXPENDITURES		
Vocational Curriculum	130000	21,000
Business Administration	250000	5,180,143
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		5,201,143
FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2020-21 BUDGET
REVENUES		
Local Sources	200	92,000
State Sources	600	12,000
Federal Sources	700	399,512
Other Sources	900	1,000
TOTAL REVENUES		504,512
EXPENDITURES		
Business Administration (Food Services)	250000	504,512
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		504,512
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUNDS (FUND 80, 81)		
	ACCOUNT CODE	2020-21 BUDGET
REVENUES		
Local Sources	200	415,000
TOTAL REVENUES		415,000
EXPENDITURES		
Business Administration	250000	433,568
Insurance & Judgments	270000	1,500
Other Community Services	390000	168,932
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		604,000



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