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Mary Moltzan, Mosinee, studies a floral quilt in the "Sew On and Sew Forth" quilt show at WOWSpace in Wittenberg on Jan. 30. The annual event displays quilts from all over Wisconsin. **FOR MORE ABOUT THE SHOW, SEE PAGE 13.**

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Dancer sues Texas Jay's over wages, tips

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Correspondent

An exotic dancer is suing Texas Jay's, an adult nightclub north of Birnamwood, because she wasn't paid a minimum wage or overtime and was required to share her tips with employees, all reportedly in violation of federal wage law.

The complaint filed Jan. 26 in federal court alleged that Debra Weiss, a former dancer at the club, was misclassified as an independent contractor and should have been paid as an employee. The club's sole intent in misclassifying Weiss was to exploit her and avoid paying her as required under the Fair Labor Standards Act, according to the suit.

Weiss wasn't paid at all by the club. Instead, she said she was compensated only by tips, which she had to contribute to the "tip pool" for distribution to managers, disc jockeys and bouncers who don't customarily receive tips. The practice violated the Tip Income Protection Act, which prohibits employers from receiving tips from workers for any purpose, the suit said.

Required tip sharing is considered an illegal kickback under federal law. The dancer's tip income can't be considered wages paid by an employer because it violates the "free and clear" provision of the Federal Labor Standards Act, which requires tips to be received unconditionally by workers, the suit claimed.

A tipped employee is also required to be paid at least \$2.13 per hour.

Weiss and the other dancers should have been considered employees as they worked 40-hour weeks, the suit said, and club management exercised control over significant aspects of their working conditions — including the shifts they worked, the music they performed to, the prices of their performances, the portion of the tips they had to share and their dress and appearance standards.

Weiss also wasn't compensated for the approximately two hours spent preparing for each shift and \$500 she spent annually on makeup, hair and costume-related expenses, according to the suit.

The suit also said Weiss can also not be considered an employee exempt from overtime because she had no managerial authority and possessed no job requirements other than "physical attributes" and the ability to dance seductively.

Weiss and her coworkers danced on stage, performed table dances and entertained customers in VIP rooms while semi-nude.

Texas Jay's is owned by Aniwa, LLC. John Urban, Waterford, is Aniwa's agent and director.

The suit alleged that Urban is frequently at the club and sets policies concerning payment to dancers and management of the dancers. He and the Aniwa corporation were named defendants in the suit.

Attempts to contact Urban for comment on Weiss' allegations Jan. 29 were unsuccessful.

Weiss' attorney, Jay Urban, did not return a call seeking comment.



Texas Jay's, a self-described gentlemen's club north of Birnamwood, is one of the latest entertainment businesses sued in Wisconsin and nationwide by a dancer, claiming she should be treated as an employee, not as an independent contractor. DAVID WILHELMS | NEW MEDIA

The suit seeks class action status for an estimated 100 dancers who worked at the club during the past three years.

The suit seeks compensatory damages of at least \$100,000, special damages and restitution of unspecified unpaid wages, attorney fees and civil and statutory penalties.

Dancers have filed numerous suits in Wisconsin and nationwide during the past several years challenging their status as independent contractors. In 2019, owners of Cruisin' Chubby's Gentleman's Club, near Wisconsin Dells, paid dancers and their attorneys \$332,000 to settle a similar lawsuit.

In 2015, the South Carolina Supreme Court concluded that a stripper was a club employee and entitled to worker's compensation benefits after she was injured by a stray gunshot while performing.

Owning and learning 2020's lessons



GARRETT ROGOWSKI

negative effects of COVID-19 and events of the past year?

I read a comment in a recent blog I subscribe to that stated, "As much as we all want to put this past year behind us in our quest for life to return to normal, there's definitely a lot we can learn from pausing and

reflect on how we responded. Did our level of engagement in the things that matter change? Did we come together for the good of the group, or were we stuck on the

taking inventory of what we've been through.

"What went well? What worked? What didn't go well? What must change? How did I (we) respond to the adversity? If we own it and learn from it, review, remember, remorse and rejoice, we'll be better for it." I agree. There are many things we can take away from this past year that can help us as we move forward. And the way we respond will make all the difference. I'm looking forward to 2021 and expressing gratitude for all that life offers.

Wishing you all the best.

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

Homme Home plans to use new bus for safe outings

Nurses and support staff at Homme Homes spent some time looking at the features of a 2021 Ford E-350 bus on Jan. 29.

Homme Homes is a system of elderly care housing facilities at 604 S. Webb Street, Wittenberg.

The 12-passenger vehicle, delivered in December 2020, has room for two wheelchairs along with regular passenger seating. The features include a wheelchair lift.

Kathy Unverzagt, executive assistant/Homme Foundation coordinator, said fundraising for the \$63,882 vehicle began Feb. 22 with the first Annual Bowling tournament. Unverzagt thanked Resch Lanes, as well as everyone who bowled, donated or sponsored the tournament.

Additional funds for the bus came from Ho-Chunk Gaming Casino Wittenberg hosting Coins for a Cause, a grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund established by the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and United Way Fox Cities, Doris and Irving Hanson Memorial Fund for Wittenberg with the Shawano Area Community Foundation and dona-



Homme Home nurses and staff checked out the features of the facility's new bus Jan. 29. Lacy Lettau, RN supervisor, left, Tina Opper, PCA, watch as Kimmyra Bowers, RN, in the black jacket, gets familiar with the controls for the wheelchair lift. Watching from the right are Lynsay Mauritz, RN, Jessica Kriegel, activity aide, Christine Koepke, nurse scheduler and Kathy Unverzagt, executive assistant/foundation coordinator. The 12-passenger vehicle, delivered in December 2020, has room for two wheelchairs. Also on hand were Gloria Lorge, RN, Tami Demaskie, activity aide and Rachael Wedemayer, PCA.

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tions from community members, Unverzagt said.

Unverzagt said the bus will take

residents on outings when it is again safe to do so.

She added that this year's bowl-

ing tournament has been canceled, but the 2022 event is already on the calendar.



Registered nurse Lynsay Mauritz was among the Homme Home staff members who checked out the new bus, including how to open the door. The bus will be used by residents for outings when it is again safe to do so.

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Sheriff's Facebook post draws county supervisor's ire

Miller asks if Bieber was in D.C. day of Capitol riot

By **DAVID WILHELMS**
Reporter

It could have been a “yes” or “no” answer to a question Joe Miller asked at the Jan. 27 Shawano County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Miller, county board member and former police officer, asked if Shawano County Sheriff Adam Bieber was in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 6, the day thousands of former president Donald Trump's supporters broke into the U.S. Capitol.

No one from the sheriff's department, including Bieber, was in attendance at the board meeting when the question was asked, although there is

usually a department representative present.

Miller said that he began his question noting it may not be able to be answered immediately.

When asked on Feb. 2 if he was in the capital on Jan. 6, Bieber said, “No. I don't know why anyone would think I would be.”

Told of Bieber's answer, Miller said he was satisfied.

Bieber, however, initially responded with a Facebook post Jan. 28 showing a photo altered to put the sheriff's face on the body of a man with his feet on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's desk. Bieber commented with the photo, “A county board member asked in open session whether I was in D.C. on January 6th...lol” followed by three emojis.

Dan Weisensel, a Shawano County deputy, commented immediately

below the manipulated photo, “Dam straight you were there!”

The Associated Press reported the man in the original photo is Richard Barnett, 60, Gravette, Arkansas. He faces a felony charge of unlawfully entering a restricted area with a lethal weapon. AP said the weapon was a stun gun.

Barnett, also is charged with disorderly conduct and theft of public property, the AP added. If convicted on all charges, Barnett, currently in federal custody and denied bond, could be sentenced to more than 11 years in federal prison.

In an email, Miller said, “This is how Bieber responded. A sworn Law Enforcement Officer depicting himself committing a federal crime!”

The sheriff said that “absolutely” his intention with the Facebook post

was to be humorous.

“It ain't funny,” Miller said.

“I just wish county board members wouldn't play politics in this manner,” Bieber said.

Miller related in an email to Tom Kautza, county board chairman, “Yesterday, my question in the board member comment (part of the agenda) was with the intent that I had to address rumors and questions floating out in the county. I phrased the question so it could be answered with a simple yes or no.”

Miller said he had no malicious intent.

Miller continued in the email that he found Bieber's response was disrespectful to the entire board, “He (Bieber) could have just stated ‘no,’ that would have been sufficient. He did not do that.”

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Feb. 1

Deputies responded to 35 calls, including a criminal damage complaint on Park Avenue in the Town of Wescott; a fraud complaint on Rolling Hills Court in the Town of Belle Plaine; and four traffic crashes, all involving deer.

Jan. 31

Deputies responded to 32 calls, including a trespassing complaint on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; an operating while intoxicated call on Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott; a property theft complaint on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; reckless driving complaints on state Highway 117 in Cecil and state Highway 29 in Bonduel; four crashes.

Jan. 30

Deputies responded to 40 calls, including a noise complaint on Prouty Street in Wittenberg; property theft complaints on South Jefferson Street in Bonduel, Grove Street in the Town of Angelica and County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; an intoxication complaint at North Star Casino, W12180 County Road A in the Town of Bartelme; a reckless driving complaint on County Road M in Tigerton; five crashes.

Jan. 29

Deputies responded to 32 calls, including a bail jumping call at North Star Casino, W12180 County Road A in the Town of Bartelme; a criminal damage complaint on Lake Street in Aniwa; reckless driving complaints on state Highway 29 in three different locations in the Town of Maple Grove, Town of Belle Plaine and Shawano; four crashes, three involving deer.

Jan. 28

Deputies responded to 30 calls, including an automobile theft on Primrose

Lane in Tigerton; reckless driving complaints on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor and state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; found property at John's One Stop, N5847 State Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a trespassing complaint on Shepley Road in the Town of Wittenberg; drug complaints on Hartleben Lane in the Town of Morris, Moonlight Lane in the Town of Hartland and North Cecil Street in Bonduel; an identity theft complaint on Willow Creek Road in the Town of Herman; an assault at the Huber Work Release Center, 1240 Engel Drive in Shawano; two crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Feb. 1

Officers responded to 19 calls, including a trespassing complaints in the 100 block of South Franklin Street and the 500 block of South Andrews Street; a reckless driving complaint at Airport Drive and Green Bay Street; a death investigation at an undisclosed location.

Jan. 31

Officers responded to 15 calls, including a domestic disturbance on Humphrey Circle; a found gun in a cleared-out rental property in the 600 block of South Lincoln Street; an operating while intoxicated call at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; a property theft complaint at Family Video, 606 E. Green Bay St.

Jan. 30

No information was provided by press time.

Jan. 29

Officers responded to 19 calls, including a hit-and-run in the 1100 block of South Sawyer Street; a property theft complaint in the 800 block of East Lieg Avenue; a bail jumping call at Brickstone Inn, 622 E. Green Bay St.

COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County District Court include:

- Michael J. Thorson, 33, Wittenberg, was charged Jan. 28 with driving/operating a vehicle without consent, disorderly conduct and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. He posted a cash bond of \$1,500 and an initial appearance will resume Feb. 17 before Judge William F. Kussel Jr.

- Trevor J. Aschenbrenner, 23, Shawano, was charged Jan. 29 with two counts of battery or threat to judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, disorderly conduct, resisting/obstructing an officer and eight counts of felony bail jumping. A cash bond of \$20,000 was set and an initial appearance before Kussel will resume Feb. 15.

- Malorey C. Borroughs, 33, Bonduel, was charged Jan. 29 with possession of methamphetamine. She signed a signature bond of \$2,000 and an initial appearance will resume Feb. 24 with Kussel.

- Marquita R. House, 31, Keshena, was found guilty Jan. 29 by Judge Katherine Sloma on a count of operating while revoked and ordered to spend 15 days in jail, concurrent with all other charges and credit for time served, pay \$1009 in fines and costs and a 90-day license suspension.

On a count of possession of methamphetamine, Sloma imposed and stayed a sentence and 18 months of probation ordered, imposed \$608.75 in fines and costs, and ordered House to pay \$250 for a DNA sample and on a county of operating with a restricted/controlled substance, Sloma ordered 15 days in jail with credit for time served, \$1,492 in fines and costs, a 13-month license suspension and alcohol other drug abuse counseling. A charge of operating while intoxicated, second offense, was dismissed on the prosecutor's motion.

- Kussel found Taylor M. Olson, 21, Keshena, guilty of failure to report to the county jail and imposed a 45-day jail term with Huber privileges, ordered Taylor to pay \$150 fine plus costs, pay \$250 for a DNA surcharge and sample. A cash bond of \$500 was applied. The court will grant expungement in one year if Taylor pays all fines and costs on time, has no new criminal charges and petitions the court for expungement.

- Nathan M. Teller, 29, Neopit, was ordered by Sloma on Jan. 27 to spend 11 months in jail concurrent with other sentences on a charge of escape from criminal arrest and nine months in jail on a charge of misdemeanor bail jumping. Teller was also ordered to pay \$1,159 in fines and costs for the two charges. Two additional charges of misdemeanor bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. The sentences will be served concurrently with those Teller is already serving at the Red Granite Correctional Institution.

- Bradley J. Miller, 38, Bonduel, was found guilty of one count of disorderly conduct with a domestic abuse modifier by Kussel on Jan. 26. Miller was ordered to spend 18 months on probation, pay \$443 in costs and to stay away from his previous residence. A charge of battery or threat to judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer was dismissed on the defendant's motion.

Also on Jan. 26, Kussel found Miller guilty of knowingly violating a domestic abuse order and imposed a jail term of 60 days with credit for time served, Huber Law privileges and any counseling required by the probation agent. Probation of 18 months was also imposed. Miller was also found guilty of misdemeanor bail jumping and will spend 18 months on probation.

A second charge of misdemeanor bail jumping was dismissed on the prosecutor's motion.

Starting over involves murder in novel

"Previous Confections" by Ruth Hartzler was listed as "An Amish Cupcake Cozy Mystery." I grew up near many Amish families, so I was curious.

Jane Delight was raised in a traditional Amish family but left the faith after her "rumspringa" (a time when Amish young people sample living as the "English" do before committing to the Amish). She met and married Ted Delight. He didn't want children, so they built a life without them.



JAN JONES

The spark went out of their marriage long ago, but she was hopeful when Ted took her to a fancy restaurant for her 50th birthday.

Instead of celebrating, he announces that he wants a divorce so that he can marry his young mistress. Cherri is pregnant, so he'll need the house and he can't afford to give Jane any financial settlement as he'll need the money for his new family. He was counting on Jane's Amish upbringing to avoid any arguments from her, and it works.

With no other realistic options, Jane must return to her hometown. Six months later, Jane is working in her twin sister Rebecca's cupcake shop and living in the upstairs apartment. Jane is grateful for the love and support she gets from Rebecca and the Amish community.

She is healing and learning to stand on her own. For the last few months, the wealthy, arrogant Colin Greaves has been pressing Rebecca to sell the bakery to him. He's already purchased most of the street with only Rebecca and the nearby health food store holding out. One morning Greaves arrives, offering more money along with veiled threats. Once again, Rebecca refuses to sell.

Moments after eating a sample cupcake, Greaves falls to the floor clutching his chest. They assume it is a heart attack, but the paramedics say it isn't his heart before they take him to the hospital. When the police take all the cupcakes and talk in hushed tones, Jane is sure that Greaves is dead from poisoning.

Before she can take it in, her new roommates arrive. Matilda and Eleanor Birtwistle are extremely spry elderly ladies from England. They have just finished another world tour and will share the three-bedroom apartment with Jane. They have just acquired a stray cat they've named Mr. Crumbles. Mr. Crumbles quickly shows that he has a mind of his own. Before the ladies can get settled, Detective Damon McCloud shows up.

Jane chastens herself for noticing that the ruggedly handsome man has a soft Scottish brogue. She has watched enough TV to know that she is a suspect but since Rebecca is Amish, she's not. When he leaves, the women discuss the situation. Matilda, Eleanor and Jane agree that they

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "Previous Confections"

AUTHOR: Ruth Hartzler

PUBLISHER: Clean Wholesome Books

PUBLISHED: 2019

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must find the killer and clear Jane's name. She also notes that someone is following her. Who would follow her and why?

She doesn't have time for this and tries to remain focused on finding Greaves' killer. A little creative snooping nets the fact that Greaves had lots of enemies, his marriage was a shell and he had little use for his son. Some inside help reveals that Greaves was poisoned with wolfs-

bane. Whoever grows it could be the killer. The Birtwistle sisters have it in their garden.

Greaves' widow was an herbalist and grows it in her garden, and the health food store has it on their shelves.

An Amish herbalist tells them that the poison would take at least 15 minutes to kill, so Jane must track Greaves' movements before he got to the bakery.

Step by step, she narrows down the list to one place and one person, but before she can tell McCloud what she knows, she is confronted.

To her great surprise, her salvation comes in a completely unexpected form. It was a quick, fun read, and I'll definitely try to find her next book.

NTC announces medical assistant apprenticeship

Northcentral Technical College has launched a medical assistant apprenticeship for what it calls a one-of-a-kind program that aims to help increase essential health care workers this spring.

NTC's program gives learners the opportunity to earn a college degree while completing a State of Wisconsin Registered Apprenticeship.

Medical assistants perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician including scheduling appointments, maintaining

medical records, billing and coding information for insurance purposes.

Clinical duties include taking and recording vital signs and medical histories, preparing patients for examination.

Employers interested in offering a medical assistant apprenticeship position should call Metko at 715-803-1242 or email metko@ntc.edu.

For information about the apprenticeship program at NTC, visit: <https://www.ntc.edu/academics-training/apprenticeships/medical-assistant>.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District 4 Year Old Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-2022 school year

If you have a child who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2021, you are welcome to come anytime during the scheduled hours:

Monday, March 15 at Wittenberg Elementary School
3:30-5:30 P.M. — Commons

Wednesday, March 17 at Birnamwood Elementary School
3:30-5:30 P.M. — Cafeteria

*Un intérprete de español estará disponible ambos días.

4K Sessions will run either Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs from 8:00-3:00. (Children enrolled at Head Start will go to school 4 days per week, Monday-Thursday. Two days will be "4K Days" at the Head Start building and two of the days will be Head Start programming days.) 4K sessions will be filled based on order of enrollment. Those that register on time will be given preference on days and/or location, but cannot be guaranteed.

Children must be 4 years old by September 1st in order to register for 4K. Sorry, no early admittance will be accepted. Please bring along proof of birth date (birth certificate, baptismal record, or passport—only to be verified, we do not need a copy) and immunization record. More information about the 4K program will be available at registration. Children do not need to be present at registration, but are welcome to come.

For more information about 4K Registration, please call:
Joan at 715-449-2576 or Brenda at 715-253-2221

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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—Spring Primary Election, Tuesday, February 16, 2021 is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021. 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, February 16, 2021 Spring Primary Election on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, Assembly Room and Tuesday, February 23, 2021 to complete the canvass, including any rehabilitated Provisional Ballots.

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Notice of Public Test on Electronic Voting Equipment

Notice is hereby given that the following municipalities will conduct a pre-election public test on the required electronic voting equipment to be used at the Spring Primary Election on February 16, 2021. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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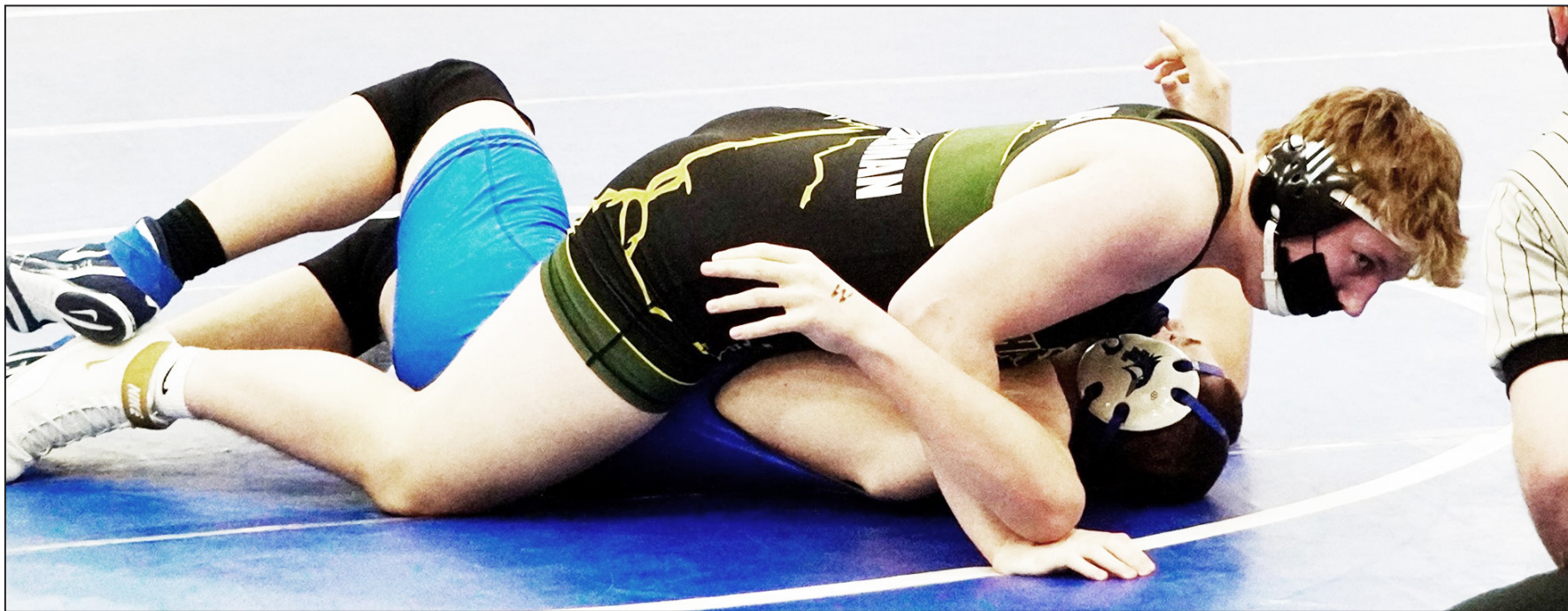
Tues., Feb. 9th @ 11:00 a.m.
Wittenberg Town Hall,
W17395 Co. Rd. Q., Wittenberg.
Weds., Feb. 10th @ 10:00 a.m.
Wittenberg Community Center,
208 W. Vinal St., Wittenberg.

Village of Wittenberg:

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's David Gauderman, top, wrestles during the Division 3 Three Lakes/Phelps Regional on Jan. 30 in Three Lakes. Gauderman was one of seven Chargers who qualified for sectionals.

TINA BACON

Witt-Birn has 7 wrestlers qualify for sectionals

Chargers take 2nd as team

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School wrestling team had seven individual wrestlers qualify for sectionals after competing at the Division 3 Three Lakes/Phelps Regional on Jan. 30 in Three Lakes.

Witt-Birn earned 186 points to place second as a team, behind only Crandon (203).

The first- and second-place finishers in each weight class qualified for sectionals.

Witt-Birn's Andres Sanchez (113), Pierson Potrykus (126), Dakotah Olson (132) and David Gauderman (220) all won their weight classes. Austin Worzalla (138), Bryce Zoromski (145) and Wyatt Esker (152) each took second.

Potrykus was the lone wrestler at the 126-pound weight class, meaning he didn't have to compete on his way to first place.

Sanchez and Gauderman each wrestled just one time. Sanchez earned his win with a pin in the



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Bryce Zoromski, top, competes during the Division 3 Three Lakes/Phelps Regional on Jan. 30 in Three Lakes. Zoromski advanced to sectionals after placing second in his weight class.

Tina Bacon

second period, while Gauderman pinned his opponent late in the first period.

Olson wrestled two times to earn his top finish. He earned a first-period pin in the semifinals before claiming an 11-4 win in the first-place match.

"It means that I'm going to have to continue to work hard to be able to make it to state and continue on," said Olson, of qualifying for sectionals. "My expectations are to

qualify for state no matter the challenge, so I'll be working hard and improving this next week."

With three wrestlers in his weight class, Zoromski lost an 8-4 decision to start his day but was given a chance for redemption in the second-place match. The senior took advantage, winning by pin in the first period to punch his ticket to sectionals.

Worzalla started his day in the three-wrestler 138-pound weight

ONLINE

Full results from the regional can be found at www.trackwrestling.com.

class with a 12-5 decision win. He was pinned in the first-place match but didn't need to wrestle again because he'd already defeated the wrestler he would have faced in the second-place match.

Esker, a state qualifier last year, had a similar fate in the 152 class that had five wrestlers in it. He pinned his opponent in 34 seconds in the semifinals before dropping a 4-1 decision in the first-place match. He was awarded second without having to wrestle again.

"It's a good accomplishment, especially for my last season of wrestling," said Esker of advancing. "It is not the ultimate goal, but it's step one to reaching the state tournament."

The sectional qualifiers from Witt-Birn will next compete in the Division 3 Valders Sectional on Feb. 6.

Team scores: 1. Crandon 203; 2. Wittenberg-Birnamwood 186; 3. Three Lakes/Phelps 96; 4. Menominee Indian 82; 5. Elcho 74.5; 6. Wabeno/Laona 47.5.

ATHLETE PROFILE: HENRY SEEGMILLER

Wittenberg-Birnamwood senior enjoying, contributing to team's conference title push

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School boys basketball team is still in the hunt for the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division title. Senior Henry Seegmiller is trying to soak up all the memories he can as the team chases that goal and also prepares for the postseason.

As of Jan. 31, Witt-Birn sat two games back of the CWC-East lead with a couple conference games still on the schedule.

Seegmiller has produced for the team when he's been on the court. Despite not attempting many field goals, he's contributed four points on three separate occasions.

The senior has also helped on the boards, grabbing defensive rebounds to end opponent's possessions but also pulling down offensive boards to give his team second chances to score.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: I've always had a love for this sport. I don't really know when I first became interested.

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

A: My favorite part about the basketball season is just being a part of the team. We have a great group of guys, and it's just an amazing environment to be around.

Q: What has basketball taught you over the years?

A: Over the years basketball has taught me many things, like taking accountability for your actions, putting others first as in doing what is best for the team, and it has taught me commitment.

Q: Your team has enjoyed a solid season so far. What's the key for the team to finish strong and put together a playoff run?

A: It is important that we continue to play team basketball with very few turnovers, and we win the rebound battle.

Q: As the season winds down and postseason nears, what are you and your team hoping to accomplish?

A: This season our goal as a team is to become conference champions.

Q: What are you going to remember the most about this year's basketball team?



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Henry Seegmiller, left, defends during a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division matchup against Weyauwega-Fremont on Dec. 14 in Wittenberg.

TINA BACON

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Henry Seegmiller

SPORT: Boys basketball

POSITION: Post

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

YEAR: Senior

A: The thing I'm going to remember the most this year is wearing masks while playing.

Q: Do you have any rituals you go through before a game tips off?

A: Before every game Ben (We-

solowski) gets the team hyped up with his pregame pep talk.

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

A: During my junior year when we played a home playoff game against Little Chute, and we won.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "NCIS." Movie — "Waterboy." Musical artist — Juice Wrld.

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

A: I am an Eagle Scout.

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

A: Always be prepared.

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

A: I play on attending Rochester Community Technical College to pursue my four-year nursing degree.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BOYS BASKETBALL

Witt-Birn 69

Menominee Indian 54

Wittenberg-Birnamwood toppled Menominee Indian in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division matchup Jan. 29 in Keshena.

Jack Fraaza led a balanced Witt-Birn offensive attack with 18 points, while Simon Schairer tallied 17 points. Ben Wesolowski chipped in 11 points.

Witt-Birn led 34-14 at halftime.

Iola-Scandinavia 48

Witt-Birn 36

Wittenberg-Birnamwood fell short in a CWC-East matchup against Iola-Scandinavia on Jan. 28 in Iola.

Michael Miller was Witt-Birn's top scorer with 12 points. Jack Fraaza and Ben Wesolowski each added seven points.

The Chargers were outscored 29-18 in the second half.

Shiocton 65

Witt-Birn 51

Wittenberg-Birnamwood couldn't keep up with Shiocton in a CWC-East clash on Jan. 26 in Wittenberg.

Simon Schairer knocked down 10 shots and scored 22 points to lead Witt-Birn.

Jack Fraaza added 16 points, while Ben Wesolowski recorded eight points.

Witt-Birn 66

Tomahawk 37

Wittenberg-Birnamwood outscored Tomahawk 37-15 in the second half to



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Michael Miller, left, dribbles toward the rim during a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division matchup against Menominee Indian on Jan. 29 in Keshena.

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ease to a nonconference victory Jan. 25 in Wittenberg.

Ben Wesolowski scored 19 points to lead Witt-Birn, while Simon Schairer provided 15 points.

Jack Fraaza tallied 11 points for the hosts, which had nine different players score in the content.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Manawa 63

Tigerton 34

Tigerton dropped a CWC-North clash against Manawa on Jan. 29 in Tigerton.

Adrienne Brady posted 10 points and four steals for Tigerton, while Savannah Swartz had 10 rebounds, eight points and four blocks. Abby Swartz grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Tigers trailed 28-26 at halftime.

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Northland Lutheran 57

Tigerton 16

Tigerton dropped a CWC-North game against Northland Lutheran on Jan. 26 in Tigerton.

Ladia Block had five points to lead Tigerton, while Savannah Swartz posted four points and eight rebounds.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Luke Muscha, right, puts up a shot during a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division matchup against Menominee Indian on Jan. 29 in Keshena.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Winona State

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School graduate Maddy Pietz competed in two events for the Winona State University (Minnesota) women's track and field team during a 94-57 dual loss to Mankato State on Jan. 30.

Pietz posted a time of 25.3 seconds to come in sixth in the 200-meter dash.

The Witt-Birn grad was also on the 4x400 relay team that placed

first with a time of 3:51.51.

Bemidji State

Witt-Birn graduate and volleyball player for Bemidji State University Taylor Nier was a recipient of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award.

To be eligible for the honor, athletes must be seniors who have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.75 or higher, are exhausting their eligibility and are on track to graduate.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Girls postseason brackets released

Shawano, Bonduel, Gresham, Suring earn No. 1 seeds

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association released postseason brackets on Jan. 31.

The opening round of regional play is scheduled for Feb. 9. The second round of regionals is set for Feb. 12, with regional finals on Feb. 13.

The brackets will be reseeded prior to the sectional semifinals that are scheduled for Feb. 18, with sectional finals on Feb. 20.

Division 2

Shawano earned a No. 1 seed in its Division 2 regional pod.

The Hawks will open the post-season Feb. 12 against fourth-seeded Marinette. The winner will take on second-seeded Antigo or third-seeded Seymour in the regional final on Feb. 13.

Division 3

In Division 3, undefeated Bonduel also picked up a No. 1 seed. The Bears were bumped up a division when the WIAA evened out the amount of playoff teams in each division.

Bonduel will play Feb. 12 against the winner of the Feb. 9 playoff battle between fifth-seeded Menominee Indian and fourth-seeded Oconto.

Third-seeded Oconto Falls and



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogwoski, center, puts up a shot during a nonconference win over Marathon on Dec. 29 in Wittenberg. Witt-Birn is a No. 2 seed for the postseason.

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second-seeded Peshtigo round out the regional pod.

In another regional pod, Wittenberg-Birnamwood earned a No. 2 seed and will open the postseason hosting third-seeded Clintonville on Feb. 12.

The winner will take on top-seeded Amherst, fourth-seeded Northland

Pines or fifth-seeded Tomahawk in the regional final on Feb. 13.

Menominee Indian and Witt-Birn were also bumped from Division 4 to Division 3 for the postseason.

Division 4

Also bumped up a division for the

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Full WIAA girls basketball brackets can be found at <https://www.wiaa.org/Sports/Winter/Girls-Basketball/Tournament>.

playoffs, Gillett was handed a No. 4 seed in its Division 4 pod.

The Tigers will host fifth-seeded Crivitz on Feb. 9 to start their playoff journey, with the winner taking on top-seeded Crandon on Feb. 12. No. 2 Wabeno/Laona and No. 3 Coleman round out the loaded regional pod.

Division 5

Gresham, Suring, Tigerton, Marion, Lena and Bowler all will play in Division 5.

Gresham earned a No. 1 seed and a bye in its regional pod. The Wildcats will play Feb. 12 against the winner of the Feb. 9 playoff game between fifth-seeded Bowler and fourth-seeded White Lake.

In that same pod, Tigerton is the No. 3 seed and will host sixth-seeded Marion on Feb. 9 to open the post-season. The winner will take on second-seeded Northland Lutheran on Feb. 12.

In another regional pod, Suring earned a No. 1 seed. The Eagles got a bye and will play Feb. 12 against the winner of the Feb. 9 contest between fourth-seeded Lena and fifth-seeded St. Thomas Aquinas Academy.

No. 2 Green Bay NEW Lutheran and No. 3 Oneida Nation fill out that pod.

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RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Resch Lanes — Thursday Men's League

Team	W	L
Resch Lanes	69	43
Legacy Seed Pro	65	47
Melody Mill	64	48
Cherek Transport	63	49
Gutt'er Done	58	54
Gullivers	54	58
RJ Auto Repair	48	64
Legacy Seed	27	85

High team scratch games (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro 1,171, Melody Mill 997, Cherek Transport 991.

High individual scratch games (top 7): Taylor Arndt 300, Jim Schultz 262, Tim Lemke 255, Allard Meverden 247, Greg Rosenow 233, Jason Resch 232, Tom Berg 225.

High team scratch series (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro 3,165, Cherek Transport 2,886, Resch Lanes 2,745.

High individual scratch series (top 7): Tim Lemke 723, Allard Meverden 688, Jim Schultz 674, Taylor Arndt 647, Ron Onesti 645, Greg Wolff 640, Joe Onesti 628.

Resch Lanes — Monday Ladies Handicap

Team	W	L
Resch Lanes	33 1/2	26 1/2
Gulliver's Landing	33 1/2	26 1/2
Lisa's Lakeside	33	27
Tavern Front	29	31
Strike-a-pose	23	37
Kropf's Meats	19	41

High team handicap games (top 3): Gulliver's Landing 908, Tavern Front 863, Strike-a-pose 836.

High individual handicap games (top 7):

Cassandra Eckes 274, Mary Krause 248, Sue Thiex 245, Heather Schultz 243, Jean Kriehn 243, Cheryl Zeinert 242, Sue Zeinert 242.

High team handicap series (top 3): Gulliver's Landing 2,520, Strike-a-pose 2,402, Tavern Front 2,394.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Heather Schultz 721, Sue Zeinert 657, Jordyn Krueger 646, Mary Krause 643, Jean Kriehn 643, Cherie Zeinert 633, Sue Thiex 631.

Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap

Team	W	L
Liberty Potatoes	81	66
Mama's Place	69	78
Tavern Front	69	78
Resch Lanes (2)	66 1/2	80 1/2
Resch Lanes (1)	66 1/2	80 1/2

Slammers 66 81
Hanke's Sentry Foods 62 85
Kemmer Electronics 52 95

High team handicap games (top 3): Mama's Place 1,297, Hanke's Sentry Foods 1,292, Resch Lanes (2) 1,265.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Danny Schrank 298, Kurt Zeinert 291, Jeff Arndt 278, Randall Skaggs 277, Kevin Rosenow 276, Paul Bahr 275, Jenny Schrank 274.

High team handicap series (top 3): Resch Lanes (2) 3,661, Mama's Place 3,638, Hanke's Sentry Foods 3,620.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Danny Schrank 880, Kurt Zeinert 806, Paul Bahr 759, Steve Burkhart 758, Jeff Arndt 747, Robert Harris Sr. 742, Adrian Czerwonka 737.

OBITUARIES

Deacon Hugh Dyson Walker, Ph.D., passed to be with his Lord on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021.

A Mass of Christian burial for Deacon Hugh was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Burial will be in the spring at Guardian Angel Cemetery, with full military honors.

Hugh (also known as Dyson) was born in Plymouth, New Hampshire, on Feb. 21, 1934, son of Hubert and Lena May (Bosence) Walker. He grew up in Nashua, New Hampshire, attended local schools and graduated from Nashua High School in 1952, where he was active in band, including All-State Band, French Club, sports writing, the basketball team and the golf team. He loved snowshoeing, skating, swimming and golf.

He attended the University of New Hampshire where he received his BA in history in 1956. He was a member of the freshman basketball team, freshman football team, the 1954 Yankee Conference Champion football team and the 1955 football team. He was also a member of the 1956 lacrosse team and a



member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

After college, he graduated from Naval Officers Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island, Class XX-VII, and was commissioned ensign,

USNR. He served aboard the destroyer USS Marshall, DD 676, including a tour of duty to east Asia as damage control officer and later as chief engineer. He was honorably discharged in August 1958.

In 1957, he was married to Sandra Ann Peary of Weirs Beach, New Hampshire. In the following years, they lived in Westwood Village, California, where he was a graduate student in history at UCLA, and she was employed by the UCLA Antibiotic Research Laboratory, working on some of the first staphylococcus antibiotic research in the country. Following his MA and teaching assistantship in history, and language studies in Chinese and Japanese at UCLA, he undertook graduate studies in Chinese at Yale.

The couple moved to Tokyo, Japan,

in 1962, where he was a professor of History and Chinese Language in the Far East Division of the University of Maryland, and she studied Japanese Flower arranging and became a licensed teacher in the Sogetsu Ikebana School.

In 1965, they moved to Stevens Point, where he was appointed assistant professor of history at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, with the charge from President Albertson to “develop Asian studies” at UW-Stevens Point. In the next five years, 37 courses on Asia in eight departments were developed, and a minor in Asian studies was offered.

Hugh received his Ph.D. in history from UCLA in 1972 and taught Chinese language at UW-Stevens Point from 1976 to 2000; he continued to teach several Asian history courses until his retirement as professor emeritus in history and Chinese in 2005. Teaching was his life.

In 1983, he was ordained a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church, one of the first class of deacons ordained in the Diocese of La Crosse. He was given the status of senior deacon in 2005 and continued to function

on a limited basis until his death.

He had a God-given gift of languages — he was fluent in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Vietnamese, the first three of which he also taught, in addition to French and German; and semi-fluent in Russian, Italian, with reading knowledge in New Testament Greek and some Mongolian. At the invitation of the Chinese government, he was invited to give a paper in Beijing to be orated in Korean — which he did and received many compliments from the Korean scholars who attended.

In 2010, he returned to part-time teaching, volunteering to teach Chinese language classes at Pacelli Catholic High School in Stevens Point.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sandra; children, Christopher (Lynn) Walker, of Stevens Point, Sarah (Shawn) Hagedon, of Plover, Gregory (Laura) Walker, of Benbrook, Texas, and Anne (James) Hassett, of Kenosha; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and nine nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; his brother, James H. (Blanche) Walker; and son, Andrew (Milissa) Walker.

Online condolences can be made by visiting www.shudafuneral.com.

Mary A. Friedrich

Mary Ann Friedrich, 83, of Clintonville, passed away Sunday morning, Jan. 24, 2021, at Cherry Meadows in Appleton after a long battle with diabetes and health-related complications.

Mary was born on May 18, 1937, in Oshkosh, as the daughter of the late Clarence and Lillian (Benedict) Hunt. She grew up in the Oshkosh area and was united in marriage to Norman W. Friedrich Sr. of Clintonville on Nov. 10, 1956, in Winneconne. The couple moved to Clintonville in 1959, where they resided ever since.

Mary worked at a local bakery and restaurant in town for a while and was a dietary aide at Greentree Health and Rehabilitation in Clintonville for over 10 years until her retirement. Her life revolved around her faith and her



family. Mary was the quintessential homemaker — always making sure her family had home-cooked meals. She and Norman raised their six children and always looked forward to family time.

Mary enjoyed gardening, feeding and watching her birds and baking, and she was very talented at drawing and painting. She was a member of Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville where she helped with Vacation Bible School and was a member of the Christus Lutheran Church Women. Mary will be remembered for her love

of her family and had a big heart when it came to helping others.

Survivors include her children, Steve (Sharen) Friedrich, Barb (Jim) Ebert, Jeff (Sherry) Friedrich, Sue (Dan) Friedrich and Heather (Andy) Friedrich; grandchildren, Greg, Danielle and Teressa Friedrich, Julie (Neil) and Josh (Teri) Ebert, Melissa Friedrich, Nicole (Josh) Biertzer, Gabbie, Gavin, A.J. and Serina Springborn, and Angie (Brad) Dillman; great-grandchildren, Addisyn, Carter, Harper, Aubree, Ryder, Aida, Ilse and Henrik; a sister, Shirley Roberts; brothers-in-law, Jim Borchardt and Dave Krueger; numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Norman Friedrich Sr.; a son, Norman Fried-

rich Jr.; a sister, Charlotte Krueger; a brother, Clarence “Jimmy” Hunt Jr.; a sister-in-law, Janet Borchardt; and brothers-in-law, Arlen Friedrich and Doug Roberts.

Mary’s funeral service was held Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville with the Rev. Brian Crocker officiating. Burial followed at the Graceland Cemetery in Clintonville.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established by Mary’s family.

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Mary’s family would like to extend its most sincere appreciation to the staff of ThedaCare Medical Center in Appleton and Cherry Meadows for their wonderful care and compassion.

Duane ‘Skip’ Read

Duane “Skip” Read, 80, of Bonduel, passed away in Green Bay on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021. Skip was born in Fond du Lac on Dec. 4, 1940, son of the late Donald and Marion (Schofield) Read. Skip graduated from Plymouth High School. In 1959, he was united in marriage to Billie Jo Hawkins in Plymouth.

Skip worked as a union steam fitter for over 50 years. His job took him all over the country; he and Billie Jo lived in Missouri, Minnesota, Wyoming, New Mexico and



Wisconsin. In his free time, Skip was an avid hunter, hunting deer and elk. Skip was quite a character and had a great sense of humor and a contagious

laugh. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Skip is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Billie Jo; his children, David Read, of Wyoming, and Diane (Jay) Jackson, of Altoona; two grandchildren, Rachel Read and Ryan Jackson; and siblings, Janet Stevenson, of Whitewater, Debra (Dutch) Reinke, of Bonduel, and

Fredrick Read, of New Mexico. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lianne, and his parents.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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Raymond Dudzik

Raymond Dudzik, 84, of Tigerton, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Tigerton is assisting with the arrangements.

Randy Lee Carley

It is with deepest sorrow we announce that Randy Lee Carley, 64, our most beloved father, grandfather, brother, family member and friend went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021.

We know Randy is now with his loving mother and father and was loved here on earth as well as our beautiful heaven. Randy was born May 1, 1956, at Shawano Hospital to the late Merlyn "Bob" and Mary (Hull) Carley.

At an early age, Randy loved sports, especially being a catcher for Bowler's BABA Baseball Team. He also loved hunting and fishing with family and friends. Randy graduated from Bowler High School in 1974. He worked for the United States Postal Service in Bowler for 30 years.

He lived in Bowler his whole life. About two years ago, he built his dream home on Lake Gogebic, Michigan. He enjoyed looking at God's beautiful sunrise and sunsets over the lake.

He will always be remembered as the life of the party with a heart of gold, telling his funny stories with that beautiful twinkle in his eye.

Randy is survived by his special friend, Diana Carley; son, Collin Lee (Amanda) Carley; daughter, Alanah (Dylan) Carley; precious grandson, Kyden; his loving caregiver and brother, Tommy Hi (Deb) Carley;



Millie, who gave him many kisses until the end.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bowler at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, with Pastor Mark Hesse officiating. Visitation will be held on Saturday at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of services. In respect for family and friends, it is requested that you please wear a mask.

A celebration of life for Randy will be held at a later date.

Don't worry, my friend

We are moving apart

But our friendship

Is deeply rooted in my heart

I have to take one path

While you pursue another

But we will meet soon

Let's promise each other

Farewell

— Unknown

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John P. Williquette Sr.

John Peter Williquette Sr. from Oconto, born April 1, 1948, passed away on Jan. 22, 2021, from injuries sustained in an ATV accident.

He was previously married to Dixie Williquette. They had two children, Rachel Micoley (ex-husband Terry Micoley) and John (Holly) Williquette.

He had many grandchildren, listed from oldest to youngest, Kelly Williquette, Maverick Williquette, Dylan Williquette, Dallas Micoley, Gage Micoley, Allie Mayhew, Colt Micoley, Mary Mayhew and Daniel Williquette.

He also had one great-grandson,



friends and family.

There was never a dull moment or lack of jokes when you were around him. He will be sadly missed by many.

Per his wishes, there will be no funeral.

Lee Arndt

Lee Arndt, of Three Lakes, formerly from Clintonville, went home to the Lord on Jan. 23, 2021. Lee graduated from Clintonville High School and continued his education at UW-Stevens Point prior to joining the U.S. Navy and serving on the USS Oriskany during the Korean War.

Lee was married for 58 years to the love of his life, Donna Mae Long. He owned and operated Choice Beer Sales in Shawano for many years until he retired in God's country on Seven Mile Lake. His spare time was spent



with his family of 10 children, 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Lee's children and family were the pride of his life.

Lee was a proud veteran

and lifelong member of the American Legion Post 63. He was also an avid curler for many years and a sports enthusiast his entire life. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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sister, Kerry (Ray) Murphy; and stepmother, Nancy Staszak Carley. He is further survived by many loving nephews, nieces and cousins, and cannot forget his fur-loving friend,

Ila Mae Gipp

On Jan. 16, 2021, Ila Mae Gipp joined the angels in heaven after 80 years of love, laughter and making so many memories with the ones she loved. She was born Aug. 18, 1940, in the Town of Cicero to the late Oscar and Meta (Madison) Gagnow.

After completing her general education in Seymour, she attended and received her degree from Wisconsin College of Cosmetology. Ila Mae was employed as a beautician at Spurgeon's Department Store in Shawano. She was also a waitress for many years in the Shawano community.

On Feb. 14, 1961, Ila Mae was united in marriage to DeWayne Gipp. Throughout their marriage, the couple lived and farmed in Bonduel where they raised their two children, Brenda and Arnold Gipp. On March 25, 1972, DeWayne passed away.

Ila Mae is a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. She loved meeting new people and traveling. She also enjoyed cooking, and her favorite dish to bake was her corn noodle casserole. When the holidays came around, she would spend time baking Christmas cookies and making candies for all to enjoy. Her favorite pastime was spending time with her sisters, children, grandchildren and

great-grandchildren.

The family of Ila Mae includes her two children, Brenda (Tony) Koeppl, of Stevens Point, and Arnold (Julie) Gipp, of Bonduel; four grandchildren, Candace (Nathan) Strehlau, Steffanie (Joseph) Gehl, Amanda (Ryan) Krause and Jared (Christi) Gipp; 10 great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Maebel, Monte, Delia, Carlie, Cody, Karly, Camden, Kiah and Isabel; and several nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Preceding family members are her brothers, Orville (Marcella) Gagnow, Robert (Rachel) Gagnow, and Marvin Gagnow; her sisters, Arlis Gagnow, Elaine Gagnow, Violet (Eugene) Klosterman, Beverly Zuleger and Darlene Gagnow.

In keeping with Ila Mae's wishes, private family funeral services have been held. To make a donation on Ila Mae's behalf, memorials are preferred to the St. James Children's Music Program or St. Jude's Hospital.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service of Shawano assisted the family with arrangements.



Geraldine M. Gueths

Geraldine M. Gueths, 94, of the Town of Richmond, passed away Friday morning, Jan. 29, 2021, in Shawano.

Geraldine was born Jan. 11, 1927, in the Town of Richmond, the only child of the late Alfred and Mabel (Nuske) Fenske. She attended Stony Hill Country School, then Gresham High School where she graduated with the Class of 1945. Following high school, Geraldine went to the Langlade County Normal School. On Aug. 9, 1947, Geraldine was united in marriage to Lawrence Gueths at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Stony Hill. The couple lived and farmed in the Town of Richmond, where she was a farm wife and homemaker. Lawrence passed away on Dec. 31, 1998.

She is a member of St. Jakobi Lutheran Church, and she was active with the Ladies Aid Society, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the Ladies Bible Study Group. Geraldine also taught Saturday School and was a seventh grade confirmation catechist. Her hobbies included knitting, crocheting and sewing. She also enjoyed gardening and canning.

Survivors include her four children, Warren Gueths of the Town of Richmond, Virgil (Cindy) Gueths of Shawano, Dianne (Stuart) Mattlin-Coles of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Lois



(John) Krizan of Shawano; seven grandchildren, Virgil (Jackie) Gueths II, Helen (Mark) Mueller, Nathaniel (Angela) Gueths, Katrina (Dan) Davis, Trevor (Ashley)

Krizan, Devin Krizan and Nathan Krizan; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Elfrieda (Marvin) Buettner and Betty (Sam) Cartwright; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Lawrence "Larry" Gueths Jr., in 1973; six brothers-in-law; and one sister-in-law.

A funeral service for Geraldine was held Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021, at 11 a.m. at St. Jakobi Lutheran Church in the Town of Richmond. Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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



Vaccines for county use facing some hurdles

County's health improving when it comes to coronavirus pandemic

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department is working to develop vaccination sites for the coronavirus vaccine, but resources are scarce to make it happen, according to Theresa Harmala, health director.

Harmala told the Shawano County Board on Jan. 26 that the health department is smaller than that of other counties across the state, and much of the acquired vaccine in Wisconsin is going to facilities that can more easily get shots into arms.

"I know this is burning on everyone's mind," Harmala said. "They've opened up the 1B (phase), which is 65 and older, plus the 1A. That opens it up to about 700,000 Wisconsinites that are eligible to be vaccinated, and we're only getting 70,000 (vaccines). People that want it want it now, and people that don't want it don't care about it. But it puts it in perspective."

Harmala said she is working with Menominee County and the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to get vaccines there, but Shawano County only recently received \$700,000 in coronavirus funding. However, the health department is working with an agency to establish a mass vaccination clinic.

"Your mass clinic is not going to look like your flu clinic where you can just walk in and do this," Harmala said. "If you've worked with ThedaCare at all, you know you have to have a scheduled appointment. With the coronavirus vaccine, there's a lot of prep work."



THERESA HARMALA

She noted her department is working diligently, but it's going to take some time to make things happen. Hospitals are moving to using the Pfizer vaccine, which requires extreme cold to store, which frees up the Moderna vaccine for county health departments and pharmacies to utilize, she said.

ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano is taking some appointments, according to Harmala, as is Gwidt Pharmacy in Wittenberg.

Supervisor Gene Hoppe noted that there are facilities in Green Bay offering help to people in Shawano County in the interim. He noted his wife was able to reserve spots for both of them in mid-February.

"You can get in there and get your vaccine, but you have to have it by appointment," Hoppe said.

Supervisor Sandy Steinke noted that Langlade County, which is similar in population to Shawano County, is currently administering vaccines through its health department, so she was puzzled why it couldn't currently be done here. She also said that Langlade County required a call through a primary physician, and she was worried that Shawano County residents would not be able to follow suit.

"Unfortunately, with ThedaCare, a

A lot of structure is required to administer the coronavirus vaccines, according to Harmala, which means volunteers need to be trained to make the process flow smoothly.

lot of people no longer have primary physicians because they've moved them back and forth so often that nobody knows who their primary physician is," Steinke said. "Can we get a number from your department that says what you've got to do if you don't have a doctor? People are confused. People are getting anxious."

Regarding Langlade County's ability to provide coronavirus vaccines now, Harmala said that every county health department is different. In Shawano County's case, there is Harmala and one other nurse handling the department.

"A lot of them have a lot of different resources," Harmala said. "We just happen to not have a lot of resources, for what it's worth. Brown County was not doing it because it has a large hospital system. We're so limited in what we can do with just us."

Because of the limitations, coming in to the office at the courthouse will not be enough, according to Harmala. It would work once the "masses" were vaccinated, she said, but right now, bigger facilities and resources are needed.

"We need a space where we can have this, five stations," she said.

County Board Chairman Tom Kautza noted that there would need to be additional staffing, but he is unaware of any doctors or nurses who would be able to break away from hospitals and clinics, even for a day, to administer vaccines.

"There's also a ton of paperwork you have to go through even when you find someone to do it," Kautza said, noting that any medical personnel volunteering for the effort would need

liability insurance.

Supervisor Aaron Damrau suggested looking at retired doctors and nurses in the area as potential volunteers.

"You've got 27 people here on the county board that know a lot of people," Damrau said. "You can make something happen."

Supervisor Deb Noffke said that it "boggles the mind" how much red tape is holding up the process when people are seeking vaccines.

Supervisor Joe Miller suggested working with the Wisconsin National Guard. He pointed out how the guard has come to the Stockbridge-Munsee reservation for coronavirus testing for months, so it made sense to ask them for help with administering vaccines.

"With a mass vaccination event, they can assist you with that," Miller said.

Harmala said she has been in touch with the National Guard, but was informed that only five people would be provided — and that only happens once the county gets the clinic figured out.

Kautza said the process to administer vaccines would not be as easy as it appears on television.

"Everybody's looking for it, and they want it right now," Kautza said. "I don't understand where you can watch the news and they're driving up in cars, getting a shot and they're driving away, but that does not go with anything the state tells you that you need to have. I think they're being disrepresentative of what it really takes."

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COLLEGE NOTES

Winona State University

Winona State University has announced the dean's list for fall 2020, and the following local students were named to the list:

- Bonduel: Abigail Palmer
- Pulaski: Elizabeth Pautz and Sophia Pautz
- Birnamwood: Madeline Pietz
- Wittenberg: Ian Zeinert

To be named to the dean's list, a student must be an undergraduate enrolled full time and achieve a minimum grade-point average of 3.5.

Eastern New Mexico University

Ian Bornemann, of Shawano, has been named to Eastern New Mexico University's dean's list for the fall 2020 semester.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours with a GPA of 3.25 or greater.

Hamline University

Peyton Buerman, of Gillett, is one of 107 Hamline University School of Business undergraduate students to make the fall 2020 dean's list. To

qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher and maintain a full course load.

University of Mississippi

Emily Katherine Klein, of Clintonville, was recently named to the University of Mississippi's fall 2020 honor roll, which is for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.5 to 3.74.

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Bowler school donates more than \$1,000 for mother with cancer

By **WADE TURNER**
Special to NEW Media

When Bowler second-grade teacher Joe Ferrero realized one of his student's mothers was battling cancer, his attention immediately turned to what the school could do to help out.

His idea was simple, yet one that would create healthy competition between classrooms — a penny war from kindergarten through sixth grade students.

In all, Bowler Elementary recently raised \$623.60 in the fundraiser.

The school's Parent Teacher Community Organization also chipped in with an additional \$500, putting the total at \$1,123.60.

Tanya Ladwig, a former student at Bowler, is the mother with the cancer. With frequent trips to the hospital more than an hour away, expenses can be a burden for a family.

From gas costs to all the medical costs, the expenses never stop.

Ladwig's daughter, Kendyll, was equally touched by the outpouring of support for her mother.

"It was awesome," she said. "My mom really appreciated all the money the school got for her."

Ladwig's parents, Dan and Kathy Ladwig, are active community members.

Dan has an automotive repair shop in town, while his wife has driven a school bus for many years in the district.

Kathy is very appreciative of the money raised for her daughter, saying it is being put to good use as the expenses continue to mount.

"Any little bit helps," said Kathy. "I really appreciate what the school has done for us."

Braeden Diestler, a third grader, said he just thought making a donation was the right thing to do at the time.

"I had a lot of change sitting around home, and I said, 'Why not?'" he said.

Diestler actually made two donations during the two-week fundraiser,



Amy Jensen's fourth-grade class earned the most points and Joe Ferrero's second-grade class amassed the most overall money in the recent penny war at Bowler Elementary School. Second grader Cole Parker, left, event coordinator Joe Ferrero, center, and Kendyll Ladwig show off some of the coins captured during the recent war waged to benefit Kendyll's mother, who is battling cancer.

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which pitted classes against classes.

The intent of the penny war is for students to collect as many pennies as possible for their classroom in a designated container.

Pennies, along with paper currency, add to the classroom's total money amount.

Silver coins, however, are put in other classrooms' containers and are subsequently subtracted from their pennies and paper currency totals.

Each coin and paper currency is allotted a certain amount of points.

So a class has a total point amount and a total money amount.

Amy Jensen's fourth grade class earned the most points, while Ferrero's class amassed the most overall money.

Ferrero said the outpouring of support was overwhelming in helping Ladwig and her family.

"It's amazing that our school could

come together and help a community member like they did, especially during the difficult times we are in," said

Ferrero. "Bowler's staff and student body are a very caring bunch, and what we are able to do proves that."

Notice of Public Test on Electronic Voting Equipment

Notice is hereby given that the following municipalities will conduct a pre-election public test on the required electronic voting equipment to be used at the Spring Primary Election on February 16, 2021. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Municipality	Date, Time and Location
Town of Belle Plaine	Mon., Feb. 8th @ 2:00 p.m. Belle Plaine Community Center N3002 St. Rd. 22, Clintonville
Town of Herman	Mon., Feb. 8th @ 9:00 a.m. Herman Town Hall N5628 Co Rd. U, Shawano
Town of Richmond	Mon., Feb. 8th @ 1:30 p.m. Richmond Town Hall N5170 Co Rd. MM, Shawano
Town of Seneca	Thurs., Feb. 11th @ 5:00 p.m. Seneca Town Hall W13104 Co. Rd. D, Tilleda
Town of Washington	Weds., Feb. 10th @ 6:00 p.m. Cecil/Washington Fire Station 111 E. Hofman St., Cecil
Village of Bonduel	Tues., Feb. 9th @ 1:00 p.m. Bonduel Village Hall 117 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel
Village of Cecil	Weds., Feb. 10th @ 6:00 p.m. Cecil/Washington Fire Station 111 E. Hofman St., Cecil
Village of Gresham	Weds., Feb. 10th @ 5:00 p.m. Gresham Village Hall 1126 Main St., Gresham
City of Shawano	Mon., Feb. 8th @ 10:00 a.m. Shawano City Hall 127 S Sawyer St., Shawano

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Play bingo from your car at Birnamwood library

Two family Curbside Storytime Bingo nights are planned for Feb. 8 and Feb. 22 at the Birnamwood branch of the Shawano library system. The events start at 6 p.m. for both evenings.

Participants can make an appointment ahead of time to receive the bingo sheet by emailing bir@shawanolib.org or calling 715-449-3120.

"In order to participate, you'll only need a car with a radio. "Those interested can attend one or both nights," said Kristie Hauer, library director, in a press release.

During the program, participants will tune into staff on a radio station.

For information, participants can contact the library at sha@shawanolib.org or 715-526-3829.

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