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A Wittenberg troop gets a wintry reward for a successful can collection project.

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The Shawano County Board has to figure out to bolster its drug court now that a \$107,000 state grant is at risk of being taken away.

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Alternate fall sports seasons about to get underway for high school volleyball and football.

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RETURN OF THE SNOW SNAKES

Harold Katchenago, sixth grade teacher at Bowler School, shows off a snow snake put together by a student and talks about how the Oneida and other tribes regularly had competitions with the snakes to show off athletic skill and boost spirits in winter. The school had its first snow snake competition Feb. 22 and plans to make it an annual winter event in future years. **FOR THE FULL STORY, SEE PAGE 2.**

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Snakes travel far in Bowler School competition



Evan Pranke balances on one leg as he tosses his snow snake on the playing field at Bowler School on Feb. 22. Pranke's snow snake had a red and black color motif, but students used a variety of colors and decorating to make their snow snakes unique.

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Game has ties to Oneida, other tribes in Midwest

Sixth-grade students at Bowler School are starting a new tradition at the school with the help of a very old game played by a number of indigenous tribes.

Recently, the students brought out their carefully crafted "snow snakes" behind the school, where a carved-out snow path awaited them. The task at hand was to toss their snakes along the path and watch where they stopped. Each student got two tosses, and the student whose snake traveled the greatest distance would be the winner.

"Depending on the surface, it'll skid around a little bit. Sometimes, it'll travel on its side," said Harold Katchenago, a sixth-grade math teacher. "It depends on how you throw it."

To add to the fun, school principal Wade Turner made a bet with the students. If one of the students

was able to throw farther than either of his attempts, he would give the sixth-grade students a popcorn party. Some of the students achieved that goal, with Jacob Jonet coming out on top with a throw of 85 feet.

The snow snakes are now part of the sixth-grade social studies curriculum, helping to fulfill the requirements of Act 31, which requires schools to teach about the 11 recognized tribes in Wisconsin. According to Katchenago, the snow snake game, played during the winter months, was one utilized by the Oneida tribe, among others.

"We worked with the art teacher, and on Mondays they work on them," Katchenago said. "They had to put on final decorations, put a shellac on it."

The school found a number of wooden dowels that were cut in half, and then the students sanded them

down and decorated them as they saw fit. Katchenago hopes to plan ahead more in future years and have the students do some carving work to really make their snow snakes come alive.

"We'll carve in some fangs and some eyes," Katchenago said. "This year was our first attempt. Next time, we'll put in a weighted end, and that'll make it travel further."

The snow snake game was typically played by men after they returned from their hunting trips. The game was seen as a showcase of athletics, but it was often referred to as a medicine game as it lifted the spirit of the men during the long winters, much like school basketball games do today.

Katchenago remembered how prominent the snow snake game was when he was young, so he thought it would be a good thing to pass on to



Jacob Jonet tosses his snow snake out in a Feb. 22 practice round at Bowler School. Jonet wound up having the longest toss in the inaugural contest, sending his snake sailing 85 feet. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

younger generations. It was a game that could be played by both men and women, he said, so it allowed for all students to equally participate.

"It's something fun to do that's outside," he said.

However, in some tribes, women were not allowed to touch a man's snow snake, nor could they participate. In some cultures, they weren't even allowed to watch the competition.

Even though it was only sixth-grade students participating in the first year, next year they will be in the seventh grade and in the middle school level, and they will be competing against next year's sixth-graders for personal pride. Katchenago

feels it's a good way to honor the requirements of Act 31 while having some kind of mid-winter event to help stave off any seasonal blahs.

"We're going to call it our Bowler Snow Snake Challenge and work out bragging rights with the two areas of the school," Katchenago said. "It's just something to break up winter, for one thing — something we could do outside and give us a little more freedom doing something outside instead of inside."

Katchenago noted that, aside from learning about another culture, the snow snake competition is helping to learn about skills spanning non-Native cultures as well, such as sportsmanship.

"It was something old and tradi-

tional from the tribes in the north," Katchenago said. "The tribes that do this in the United States, particularly the Midwest and Canada, are the ones that do this on a regular basis."

The school plans to hold its next snow snake competition in mid-Jan-

uary of next year, with Katchenago noting that this year's mild winter and higher than average temperatures last week almost made it too warm to hold the competition.

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Bowler School sixth-grade teacher Harold Katchenago, left, consults with school principal Wade Turner after a student tossed a snow snake.

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SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 1

Officers responded to 24 calls, including a disturbance call on South Main Street; a theft at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; a disturbance on South Lincoln Street, an automobile theft on West Picnic Street, a disturbance on South Franklin Street, a juvenile problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; a property damage call on West Picnic Street; a property damage call on Oak Court; a property damage call at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

Feb. 28

Officers responded to 18 calls, including a noise complaint on South Main Street.; a burglary on South Union Street; a property theft located at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a disorderly conduct on South Hamlin Street; a property theft located at the Four Seasons Hotel, 201 N. Airport Drive; an assault located at Shawano Health Services, 1436 S. Lincoln St.; a noise complaint on South Main Street.

Feb. 27

The Shawano Leader did not receive information by press time.

Feb. 26

Officers responded to 21 calls, including a reckless driving complaint on Highway 47-55 and Balsam Row Road.

Feb. 25

Officers responded to 22 calls, including a property theft complaint on East Richmond Street.; a theft property complaint on Waukechon Street; an

operating while intoxicated on state Highway 47-55 and Old Lake Road.; an inoperable vehicle on East Elizabeth Street; a shoplifting at Peoples Express East on 1206 E Green Bay St.

Feb. 24

Officers responded to 22 calls, including a sexual assault on South Eighth Street.; a two vehicle crash on South Main Street and East Lieg Avenue.; a juvenile runaway on East Division Street.; a debit card found in an ATM at BMO Harris Bank, 101 N. First St.; a hit-and-run on W Lieg Avenue.

Feb. 23

Officers responded to 17 calls, including a welfare check at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; a disorderly conduct on West Richmond Street.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 1

Deputies responded to 30 calls, including a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; a disabled vehicle on County Road G and Spur Rd in the Town of Red Springs; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 22 and county road CC in the Town of Belle Plaine; a fraud call on North Main Street in the Shawano; a juvenile problem on Opperman Way in the Town of Richmond; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; a domestic call on Main Street in Gresham; a disturbance on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; one crash.

Feb. 28

Deputies responded to 30 calls,

including a disabled vehicle on Kopitzke Road and U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Grant; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; a disturbance call on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton; two crashes.

Feb. 27

Deputies responded to 48 calls, including a disorderly complaint on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; a drug call on Lake Drive and Mork Road in the Town of Wescott; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 47-55 and Frailing Lane in the Town of Wescott; a bail-jumping call on Pine Street in Eland; a drug call on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 and U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a disabled vehicle on Nightingale Road and state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 47 and Shady Road in Gresham; an operating while intoxicated call on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; a trespassing call on Busch Rd and County Road F in the Town of Angelica; seven crashes, five involving deer.

Feb. 26

Deputies responded to 40 calls, including a reckless driving complaint on County Road Q in the Town of Wittenberg; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 47-55 and Balsam Road in the Town of Wescott; a juvenile alcohol complaint on Schabow Street in Gresham; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 and state Highway 160 in the Town of

Angelica; eight crashes, four involving deer.

Feb. 25

Deputies responded to 17 calls, including a disorderly conduct on County Road B in Shawano; an operating while intoxicated call on state Highway 47-55 and Old Lake Road in Shawano; a shoplifting complaint on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; a domestic disturbance complaint on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; two crashes.

Feb. 24

Deputies responded to 35 calls, including a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; a reckless driving complaint on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Fairbanks; a juvenile runaway on West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 47 and state Highway 156 in Bonduel; an assault on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg.; a disorderly conduct on Engel Drive in Shawano.; an adult drug complaint on state Highway 47-55 and Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott; five crashes.

Feb. 23

Deputies responded to 54 calls, including a disturbance call on North Main Street in Shawano.; a trespassing call on Basswood Road in the Town of Birnamwood.; a burglary on Nursery Lane in Bowler.; a scam report at Resort Road in Bonduel; a suspicious vehicle on Oak Drive in Shawano.; an intoxicated person report on Hutchens-Aniwa Townline Road in Birnamwood; an operating while intoxicated report on Pike Lake Road in Eland; 11 crashes.

COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee District Court include:

- Peter P. Grandaw, 45, Wittenberg, was charged Feb. 24 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Judge William F. Kussel set a \$1,000 signature bond, and a preliminary hearing is to be scheduled.
- Kyle J. Pecore, 37, Shawano, was charged Feb. 24 with fleeing an officer in his vehicle, along with several traffic violations. Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and will preside over a resumed initial appearance March 8.
- Carlos A. Roche, 43, Antigo, was charged Feb. 24 with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma scheduled an initial appearance for March 30.
- Arlin J. Cox, 42, Keshena, was

charged Feb. 25 with four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of theft of movable property valued at \$2,500 or less. Sloma will preside at an initial appearance April 6.

- Jared J. Lane, 26, Shawano, was charged Feb. 25 with possession of methamphetamine, six counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,000, and Sloma will preside at a resumed initial appearance on March 10.
- Dierdre R. Cloud, 29, Shawano, was charged Feb. 26 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a signature bond of \$1,500 and will preside at a resumed initial appearance on March 24.
- Kristin L. Sanapaw, 39, Keshena, was charged Feb. 26 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor

disorderly conduct. Kussel set a signature bond of \$3,000 and will preside at a resumed initial appearance on March 16.

- Steven R. Nass, 44, Lena, was found guilty but not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect Feb. 26 to misdemeanor charges of resisting or failing to stop and resisting or obstructing an officer. The charges were reduced from a felony in a plea agreement. Kussel ordered him to undergo one year of outpatient treatment.
- Katie L. Nielson, 30, Scandinavia, pleaded no contest Feb. 26 to possession of methamphetamine and felony bail jumping. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on three years probation, with a six-month jail term stayed for the probation agent's use. She must maintain absolute sobriety, stay out of Class B licensed establishments, and have no contact with any know drug users or

sellers except in treatment settings and situations. She must undergo an alcohol and other drug abuse assessment and either maintain full-time employment or make 10 job search contacts weekly.

- Kimberly S. Brown, 36, Keshena, pleaded no contest Feb. 25 to escape while under extended supervision. Sloma sentenced her to six months in jail and assessed fines and court costs of \$1,657.54.
- Nathan D. Sullivan, 37, Plover, pleaded no contest Feb. 16 to burglary and felony bail jumping. Misdemeanor charges of theft and criminal damage to property were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced him to three years in prison followed by three years of extended supervision, consecutive to any other sentence. Conditions of extended supervision will include that he maintain absolute sobriety and full-time employment and have no contact with known drug users or sellers.



At the Sylvan Hills sledding hill are, from left, Boy Scouts Dusty Welch, Roman Johnson, Dalton Day and Alex Robbins.

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Wittenberg Scouts descend on Sylvan Hills

By **OLIVYAH JOHNSON**
Special to NEW Media

Wittenberg Scout Troop 445 went sledding Feb. 19 as a reward for the collection of cans. The trip is a winter version of the many other types of outings from the work Scouts do.

The cans are donated to many donation centers, then transported to Wellers Salvaged by the Scouts to be recycled.

The winter event itself is at Sylvan Hills in Wausau, a giant hill for tubing that is open to the public with concessions to enjoy. Right now only one hill is open and there are three lanes to sled down with a tow rope that brings the riders back up.

The Scouts who went to the hill were Logan Hanson, Dalton Day, Chewy Horacek, Alex Robbin, Will Marek, Marcus Brennan, Sabine and Dusty Welch, and Olivyah and Roman Johnson. The Scouts had a great time with each other, and used the buddy system to stay safe and make sure no one was separated while having a good time.



Taking a pause at the Sylvan outing are Wittenberg Scout Troop 455 members, from front to back, Will Marek, Olivyah Johnson and Sabine Welch.

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OBITUARIES

Hilary Allen 'Sarge' Waukau

Hilary Allen "Sarge" Waukau was called home by the Creator and his wife, Pat, early Friday morning, Feb. 19, 2021. Sarge was a force of life unlike any other. Those who knew him could find him laughing and singing wherever he went, and his passion for life lifted everyone around him. His booming trademark laugh was unparalleled, and his passion for music and his teams was boundless.

Sarge was a devout follower and practitioner of traditional Native spiritual practices, and he shared his knowledge and wisdom with all who sought his advice and counsel. Sarge was also a devoted husband to Pat Waukau and father to H.J. and Eileen Waukau; and he happily moved heaven and earth doing whatever was required to make sure they were happy and cared for. He lived the example he preached and guided others to do likewise.

Sarge was truly one of a kind, and our world is better because he lived in it. He touched so many lives in such a positive way that it is beyond description how much he meant to us all.

Sarge was born and raised on the Menominee Indian Reservation in Wisconsin to Hilary John "Sparky" Waukau and Edith Marion Waukau, and he was the oldest of 13 kids. Life and the world dealt Sarge a tough start growing up on the Menominee reservation during the era of "termination," and it was further compounded by being born with only one arm.

While the Creator didn't bless Sarge with many material advantages,



he was blessed with one of the biggest hearts imaginable. His heart provided him with the fire and desire to not just survive but thrive in the face of adversity. He

played and excelled at football at Shawano High School and went on to play at St. Norbert College in Green Bay.

While some may have thought having only one arm may have hindered his ability, they greatly underestimated the heart and ferocity with which he played, earning the unmitigated respect of teammate and opponent alike. He passed along his passion for sports and competition not just to his brothers and sisters, but also his children, nieces and nephews.

Sarge moved to Colorado in 1974 where he set out for a new chapter in his life. He was working as a bartender in Estes Park, singing away with the jukebox and chatting up the clientele, when Pat Schumacher walked in the room for a brief respite during a road trip, and their worlds changed forever. It was kismet. Pat knew immediately that "she was going to marry that man," and Sarge proclaimed "they were better together than were apart."

The spirit of that initial encounter endured over the next five decades as they were always at each other's side. Their love was enduring and eternal as they were blessed with two

children — their son, H.J., and their daughter, Eileen. Their house was one of love, laughter, games, dance recitals, birthday parties, graduations and the occasional WrestleMania party.

After marrying Pat, Sarge worked a series of jobs ultimately landing a job as the head of security at Norlin Library at the University of Colorado. It was here that Sarge provided the education and guidance not found in the classroom to untold thousands of students at UC. Sarge made it his personal priority to ensure that students from all walks of life worked together and treated each other with respect.

It was common to see students in the Norlin Security office who were from different ethnic, racial, economic and spiritual backgrounds sharing laughs and working together. Sarge was also active within the UC Indigenous student community sharing his knowledge and wisdom with all who asked, and always when needed.

Sarge loved going to concerts and UC football games and was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish and go hiking in the mountains. He had a passion for life that enchanted everyone who came across his path, be they strangers he met on the street, or the famous musicians he counted as friends and who would surprise his mom by singing happy birthday to her.

It was often said of Sarge that you could drop him anywhere in the world with nothing, and he would either find someone he knew or charm somebody into helping him out. You could always find him in the front

row singing along to every song and dancing with mom at every show. As big a fan as was of the Buffs and the Packers, he saved his most passionate ardor for his children. He traveled far and wide so his children could chase their dreams, never missing a game or a recital, and loved every minute of it. Even after they asked him to resign as their coach early in their careers.

Sarge's passion for his family and friends was unmatched and he was quick to open his heart and his home to all who asked. He was a father not just to his own children but to countless others who sought refuge under his and Pat's roof, treating each one of them as if they were his own. Whether it was words of wisdom, a favor, a meal, money, or sometimes a song, he was willing to share whatever he had to help those in need.

He is survived by his children, H.J. Waukau and his wife, Elizabeth Schrimpf, and Eileen Waukau; his brothers, Mark, Jeff and Mitchell Waukau; and his sisters, Stephanie Henry, Lenore Waukau, Natalie Waukau, Lori Waukau, Annie Egan-Waukau and Teeta Wilber.

He preceded in death by his parents, Hilary "Sparky" and Edith Waukau; his brother, Berard; and his sisters, Kim and Mary Lou.

A private family final service was held Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Those wishing to send flowers may do so, but the family would also suggest that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Native American Rights Funds.

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Francis 'Franny' B. Pitzen

Francis "Franny" B. Pitzen, 84, of Shawano, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021.

He was born June 2, 1936, in the Town of Marshfield to Joseph and Esther (Simon) Pitzen.

He attended New Holstein High School.

On Oct. 26, 1957, he married Theresa Wollersheim at St. Peter's Catholic Church in St. Peter.

Franny worked briefly at Kohler Company. In 1960, he became employed at C.D. Smith, where he remained until his retirement in 1997.

Franny was a former member of the St. Cloud Volunteer Fire Department and the Riverside Hunting and Fishing Club. Franny and Theresa were members of St. Martin's of



Tours Catholic Church in Cecil. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He spent many hours on Shawano Lake where he immensely enjoyed the company of

his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa; his children, Joan (James) Rosenthal, Janet Lefebber, Tom (Patti) Pitzen, Jerry (Cindy) Pitzen and Lori (Mark) Kuhn; his 12 grandchildren, James (Amy) Rosenthal III, Scott (Taryn) Rosenthal, Angela (Dan) Smith, Laura (Kyle) Gehrke, Kimberly (Paul) Servais, Jacki (Mike) Brice, Jamie Pitzen

(special friend, Preston), Sarah (Michael) Kolbe, Kelli Pitzen, Rachel Pitzen, Kayla (Evan) Weber and Adam Kuhn; 15 great-grandchildren, Isabelle, Addison, Brady, Stella and Ada Rosenthal, Mara and Finley Smith, Carter Gehrke, Levi and Dax Servais, Hudson and McKinley Brice, Brock, Colton, Halle Kolbe and the 16th great-granddaughter expected in June; his sisters, Mary Guelig and Carol (Ronald) Steffes; his sister-in-law, Kathy (LeRoy) Reiser; and a brother-in-law, David (Dorothy) Wollersheim.

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

Preceding him in death were his parents, Joseph and Esther Pitzen; his infant daughter, Mary Pitzen; his son-in-law, Kevin Lefebber; his

brother, Walter (Liz) Pitzen; his brother-in-law, Harold Guelig; two nephews, Paul and Bernie Guelig; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ervin and Esther Wollersheim.

A liturgy of the word service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2021, at St. Isidore Parish-St. Cloud Church, 924 Main St., St. Cloud. The Rev. Gary Wegner will preside. Franny will be laid to rest in the St. Cloud Catholic Cemetery following the service.

Family and friends may visit with Franny's family at the church in St. Cloud on Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

For further details, please contact the Sippel Funeral Home in St. Cloud, 920-999-2291, or visit www.sippelfuneralhome.net.

Doris J. Lancelle

Doris Jane Lancelle, 86, Seymour, passed away Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021. The daughter of Raymond and Pauline (Glinski) Luedtke was born March 2, 1934, in Green Bay. On Oct. 6, 1956, she was united in marriage to Howard Lancelle. Howard preceded Doris in death on Aug. 9, 2010.

Doris was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Zachow. She worked at Proctor and Gamble for many years until her retirement in 1990. Doris thoroughly enjoyed her time playing bridge with her friends in Seymour at Good Shepherd Services. She also cherished her "hen club" lunch group with her high school classmates. Doris had a green thumb and cared for a beautiful garden.

Survivors include one son, Jeff (Jill) Lancelle, Milwaukee; one daughter, Julie (Martin) Hock, Seymour; four grandchildren, Kelley Lancelle, Kevin (Jessica) Lancelle, Andrew Hock and Alex Hock; three great-grandchildren, Landon Lancelle and Finn and Charlie Lancelle; siblings, Esther (Jim) Fox, Leona Hoersch and



Marvin (Meredithe) Luedtke; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by numerous brothers-in-

law and sisters-in-law.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, W1978 Church Drive, Zachow, the Rev. Virgil Hanson officiating. Burial took place in the parish cemetery.

Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.

The family extends a special thanks to Aurora At Home Hospice for their compassionate care.

Online condolences may be expressed to Doris' family at www.muehlboettcher.com.

Kelvin 'Kelly' Matz

Kelvin "Kelly" Matz, 64, of Weston, died on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021, at Marshfield Medical Center, Weston, after courageously battling cancer for over five years.

Kelly was born Nov. 14, 1956, in Tigerton, the son of LaVerne Matz and Jeanette (Foth) Nemetz.

On Sept. 26, 1992, Kelly was united in marriage to Kelle Mavis at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wittenberg.

Kelly worked for Fed Mogel for 12 years before retiring. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. The couple enjoyed riding their Harley all over the U.S. and visited many states. They were members of the local Hog Chapter and volunteered for numerous events, including the MDA and Children's Hospital. Family was very important to Kelly, and he enjoyed smoking meats with his son and would often be found spending time with his great-nieces and great-nephews.

Kelly is survived by his wife, Kelle Matz of Weston; two children, Kaleb Matz of Weston and



Brenda Matz of Green Bay; his mother, Jeanette Nemetz of Weston; brother, Randy (Theresa) Matz of Wausau as well as two sisters-in-law; numerous nieces

and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews and friends.

Kelly was preceded in death by his father and brother, Greg Matz.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2021, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. The Rev. Mike Fox will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Wittenberg. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. Saturday at the church until the time of service.

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

Ronald Johnson

Ronald "Ron" Johnson, 61, of Neenah, formerly of Tigerton, passed away on Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 at his home.

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

Donna M. Reed

Donna M. Reed, 85, of the Town of Morris, Shawano County, passed away Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021, at her home.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Tigerton.

Donna Mae Seefeldt

Donna Mae Seefeldt, 82, of Bonduel, passed away in Shawano on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021. Donna was born in Bowler on Oct. 19, 1938, daughter of William and Edna (Gumz) Messerschmidt. Donna graduated from Bonduel High School and did clerical work at the Bonduel Clinic. On Feb. 28, 1960 she was united in marriage to Harold Thompson at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel. Harold preceded Donna in death in 1975.

On April 7, 1979, Donna was united in marriage to Kenneth Seefeldt at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel. The couple moved to Chippewa Falls in 1980 where they owned and operated a motel. Donna also worked at Mason Shoe Manufacturing while in Chippewa Falls. Ken and Donna returned to the Shawano area in 1998, and Donna worked at Shawano Medical Center.

Ken and Donna enjoyed traveling together, taking vacations to Arizona, Florida, Alaska, Hawaii. They enjoyed fishing in Canada and snorkeling in the Caribbean off the Island of Roatan, Honduras. Donna enjoyed sports and was an avid fan of Bonduel's High School teams, the Milwaukee Brewers, and the Green Bay Packers. More than anything, Donna loved her family and treasured every moment she spent with them. She especially looked forward to the special after school visits from her great grandchildren.

Left to cherish Donna's memory are: her daughter, Tammy (Keith) Rosin, of Bonduel; stepchildren, Pam Seefeldt, of Shawano, Alan (friend Cheryl) Seefeldt, of Green Bay,



Gary (Charlene) Seefeldt, of Shawano, Larry Seefeldt, of DePere, and John (Terry) Seefeldt, of Neenah; four grandchildren, Jenilee (Andy Plantz) Hughes,

Joshua (Lisa) Hughes, Katie Jo (Jordan) Greuel and Mikal (Tess) Anshutz; great-grandchildren, Tyler, Ava, Myles, Drew, Lila, Theodore, Brooklyn, Quinn, Aubryn, Lydia, and a baby girl, Anschutz, due in June; step-grandchildren, Samantha Seefeldt, Kyle Seefeldt, Dylan (Melissa) Seefeldt, Brianna Seefeldt, Tasha Seefeldt, Hanna Seefeldt and Sam Seefeldt; many step-great-grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Harold Thompson; second husband, Kenneth Seefeldt; a daughter, Kathie Jo Thompson; her parents; three sisters, Florence Mavis, Ethel Svetnicka, and Evangeline Thiede; and one brother, Roger Messerschmidt.

A funeral service for Donna will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel at 11 a.m. on Friday March 5, 2021, with the Rev. Mark Palmer officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Donna's family would like to extend a special thank you to Meadow View Estates for the wonderful care and for making Donna's time there so enjoyable for her.

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Mary W. Mathews

Mary W. Mathews, 87, of Clintonville, formerly of Embarrass, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021, at home.

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County drug court could be in jeopardy

Low enrollment cause for concern with county board

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano County Drug Court program is still in its infancy, but there is a very real threat that grant funding for the program could be stripped if the county doesn't find more people to participate.

The drug court was a topic of heated discussion Feb. 24 by the Shawano County Board of Supervisors. Drug court officials and legal representatives pointed out that, in spite of the ongoing issue of drugs in the county, finding people to go through the program for 14-24 months is not as simple as busting someone for possessing a marijuana joint.

Currently, eight people are going through the county's drug court program, which has a capacity for 20 people. However, the referrals are not coming in, even though referrals can be made by judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and others.

If the county can't increase its numbers, it risks losing \$107,000 in grant funding. The program has the potential to save the county more than \$400,000 annually in incarceration and other costs if participation is at capacity.

"DHS (Department of Human Services) is afraid that, if we don't get things improved, we're not going to get the funding from the state the next time around, and that the drug court is failing," said County Board Chairman Tom Kautza.

Becky Edgren, the county's drug court coordinator, noted that the county approved its drug court in 2017 and, after a year of training, started it in earnest in late 2018. She said that the stringent requirements of the program limit the enrollment to high-risk, high-need offenders, and only in cases where the person does not have a record of violent crimes. The program is for those who are drug dependent — not those dealing the drugs, according to Edgren.

"The National Association of Drug Court Professionals states that research has proven that drug courts work better than jail or prison. They work better than probation and better than treatment alone," Edgren said. "Drug courts significantly reduce



Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney Greg Parker, right, talks briefly about his office's role in the drug court program during the Feb. 24 Shawano County Board of Supervisors meeting. Assistant District Attorney Laura Nelson has been handling most of the drug court referrals. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. speaks to the Shawano County Board of Supervisors on Feb. 24 on what needs to be done to improve drug court enrollment.

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drug use and crime and do it cheaper than any other system and any other justice strategy that is used with these people."

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. noted that the reason high-risk offenders are targeted is that they have been involved with drugs long enough that only a large treatment program is effective. First-time users can usually get treatment in a shorter time frame, he said.

"These are people who need our time and our effort," Kussel said of the high-risk offenders. "We are aware that drug court is very time consuming. It's very, very expensive, not only for the county but it's also time-consuming for those who are admitted into it."

As a recommendation to help

bolster the drug court program, Kussel suggested that the county turn the part-time family court commissioner position into a full-time post so that more people can be helped through drug court. He noted that the court calendars are very congested, making it difficult for him and fellow Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma to have the time to check up on enrollees.

"Drug court is not a free ride. It's very difficult," Kussel said. "Their lives are controlled by that drug court team. They're told where they can live pretty much. They're told the jobs they can have and can they be employed and their hours of employment, who they can talk to, who their friends are, what they can do. They have to go through multiple meetings and multiple sessions."

Edgren said there are currently no referrals waiting to be screened. She noted that only Shawano County residents can be referred, sparking concern from board members that no one from the Menominee Reservation can be eligible, as 99% of the reservation is outside Shawano County, even though the court system includes Menominee County.

Laura Nelson, an assistant district attorney who has handled much of the drug court traffic since November 2019, told the county board that the district attorney's office has the final say on whether someone is admitted into the program. Nelson noted that

setup is not unusual, as Marinette County operates its drug court the same way — something she saw firsthand as a defense attorney in that area.

Nelson also pointed out that state Highway 29 is a major corridor for drug trafficking, and many of those apprehended by law enforcement do not live in the county, so they can't be considered for the local drug court.

"People come up here for a lot of recreational opportunities, and unfortunately, they bring drugs with them," Nelson said. "That's one of our struggles. We can charge them here because this is where the crime happened, but we don't get all of those people that are eligible for drug court because they are not residents of Shawano County."

Nelson noted that candidates for drug court also have to face a minimum probation sentence of two years. She said that some offenses, like the first-time possession of THC, only carries with it a one-year period of probation.

"These are not kids smoking weed in the basement that we're targeting, and that's not by my definition," Nelson said. "That's the terms of the drug court team."

Kautza is tasking the county's public safety and health committees to look at the drug court program and figure out what to do to keep the state funding from being lost.

OPINION

Time to take a new 'interim' role with the paper

Hi, folks. I've been asked to assume the role of interim editor-in-chief of NEW Media, this nimble little company that publishes the Shawano Leader, Oconto County Times Herald, and the Wittenberg Enterprise & Birnamwood News.

When I first took on the position of Times Herald editor, I figured I wouldn't have time to get too personally engaged in the community.

After all, I said to myself, after 40-odd years of doing journalism — a couple of decades in radio news and then a couple of decades in newspapers, with a quixotic run for Assembly



WARREN BLUHM

in between, all of it in my beloved Northeast Wisconsin — I was almost at retirement age, and they would need someone else, someone younger, in no time at all. Better to leave it to my successor to

engage the community.

Four years later ...

I was the one who asked that the title include the word "interim."

After all, I said, I'm already past retirement age, and you'll need someone else, someone younger, in no time at all.

It'll be interesting to see where we all are in four years.

In a sense, everything we do is "interim," even our "permanent" jobs. I think I've learned it's better to dive in for the duration, however long that duration lasts.

So, how are we doing? We are approaching the first anniversary of our pandemic-related interim (that word again) decision to semi-merge the three papers into a weekly entity

that shares a little more than half of its pages among themselves, with unique local covers and interior pages more specific to our local communities — and, of course, the three outlets share the same daily online presence, www.newmedia-wi.com.

What could we do better? What do you miss? Email wbluhm@newmedia-wi.com or voicemail/text 920-848-3427 to let me know.

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Readers can contact Warren Bluhm at wbluhm@newmedia-wi.com.

Transition comes to NEW Media as editor steps down

There is a time for grand speech-making and flowery prose.

This is not the time.

Rather, it is a time to reflect, and most of all, to say, "Thanks."

With this edition, I will be turning over the oversight of the three newspapers and website that make up the editorial portion of NEW Media, Inc. to the steady hand of Warren Bluhm. Some readers will recognize the name as the editor of the Oconto County Times Herald. He has had a long career in journalism and a wealth of editorial experience.

But I can't leave this position without acknowledging how grateful I am to have been in it.



CAROL RYCZEK

First, thanks to Warren and my colleagues at NEW Media for making sure that the news will continue to be printed and posted. The staff is committed to offering subscribers fact-based, fair

coverage of Shawano, Menominee and Oconto counties. This type of coverage is a service that newspapers have provided since the inception of the United States, and its role was deemed so important that the found-

ing fathers included it in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

In rural America, small newspapers fill a void that large-market TV stations and national media overlook. While social media has a role in local communication, newspapers take steps that social media does not — validating both facts and sources.

Newspapers, whether in print or online, are a place where the hard questions are asked. We appreciate those who answer those hard questions.

Thank you to everyone who was photographed, spoke on the phone or sat for interviews, sharing the best, and sometimes, the worst, mo-

ments of your lives.

It has been a privilege to be a witness to everything from pop-up weddings to political transitions; to share the excitement of sports and the creativity of local artists; to relay the story of someone who reached a 100-year birthday and a young entrepreneur who started a new business in the midst of a pandemic.

Thank you for your support through your subscriptions and advertising. NEW Media may be a constitutionally-protected entity, but it is also a small, local business.

As the now former editor-in-chief, it is time for a personal transition, and for one last time, to say, "Thanks."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shawano County behind times for health care

To the editor:

I just spent six days working on securing an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine for my 88-year-old mother in Shawano through the ThedaCare website. When I called

ThedaCare, they said to get her logged into their portal and keep checking back until a schedule shows up.

I checked every three hours for six days and kept getting the message that no appointments were available and to check back later. I was lucky enough to check at 11 p.m. on a Thursday when a schedule appeared. She is living independently and not in a nursing home

or assisted living in Cecil.

Why is it that a computer scheduling system is the only way to get an appointment? It is the same for Walgreens. What about our elderly that either don't have a computer and not on social media? How are they to navigate this system to get vaccinated?

I live in Bayfield County and our pharmacies and county have lists and

are going down their list. The calling order is by age or by order of being placed on the list. I am 65 and am getting my second shot this week. I would have gladly given my shot to my mom, but we live 4½ hours apart.

If Bayfield County can figure it out, why can't Shawano County? We need to do better for our elderly.

Lynn Adams, Washburn

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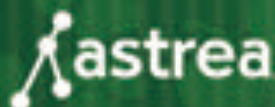
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County Board approves ATV/UTV ordinance

Supervisors take issue to licensing rules, speed limits

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance expanding which county-designated roads can be used for all-terrain vehicles and utility-terrain vehicles, but not without some pushback.

Supervisor John Ainsworth took issue with allowing operators as young as 12 to drive ATVs on county roads and tried to push through an amendment that would require any ATV or UTV operator to have a state driver's license and pay liability insurance. That measure failed as only eight of the 27 board members voted in favor.

"If one of these vehicles is involved, causes an accident, nobody's liable?" Ainsworth said.

Supervisor Randy Young pointed out that some of the vehicles don't have seat belts or turn signals, as a motor vehicle is required to. Like Ainsworth, Young feels intermingling ATVs and UTVs with cars and trucks is an accident waiting to happen.

"From day one I've said this, it's just a bad idea to mix these vehicles on county roads with regular vehicles," Young said. "If the towns want to do it on theirs, I'm fine with it. It's the county roads I have an issue with."

If there are issues with the ATVs being on county roads, the Shawano County Sheriff's Department hasn't seen many complaints. Chief Deputy George Lenzner said deputies have dealt with very few incidents involving ATVs or UTVs.

"It's been a lot better than what we expected," Lenzner said.

Supervisor Mark Bolin had issue with Ainsworth's amendment because it would make a stricter ordinance than state law already has in place. State agencies like the Department of Natural Resources are under no obligation to enforce county regulations, he noted.

"It takes away the enforcement ability for the DNR and the state patrol and leaves everything on the sheriff's department," Bolin said. "They will not enforce our ordinance."

The reason for the updated ordinance, which was first passed in 2019, is that it only permitted ATV/UTV use on piecemeal segments of some county roads to the point where it was difficult to ascertain where someone could or could not ride their vehicles, according to Highway Commissioner Grant Bystol.

"We started getting so many requests in certain segments, and in enforcement it was difficult because there were so many segments where it's open, closed, open, closed," Bystol said. "The intent of this ordinance, brought to you by the highway committee, was to open it up and clarify they can all be open."

Bystol noted that ATV/UTV users between the ages of 12 and 16 are required to be accompanied by an adult driver. This can be in either the same vehicle or a separate vehicle.

Ainsworth feels that the heavy use of county roads would make expanded ATV/UTV use too dangerous.

"We have loaded log trucks. We have full-length semis on county highways that stop and back into driveways, taking up most of the highway and both shoulders when they back in," Ainsworth said. "We have farm equipment that can be as wide as 16 feet. We have horses and buggies that

travel 12 or 13 miles per hour. These (ATVs/UTVs) are fully capable of driving past that 16-foot farm implement or that horse and buggy.

"These kids are going into sixth grade. They are not given any driver's training, driver's instruction or anything like that. I just don't think it's safe for 12-year-olds. I think they should have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance like we need for motor vehicles."

Supervisor Richard Ferfecki took exception to Ainsworth's amendment, clarifying that tractors and other farm equipment are designated vehicles of husbandry.

"That's state law," Ferfecki said. "You can't stop them from going on

the road, and you don't need a driver's license."

Supervisor Ken Capelle also had concerns with the expanded ordinance, but not with the licensing requirements. He expressed concern about limiting ATV speeds to 35 miles per hour when the posted limit for motor vehicles can be as high as 55.

"These vehicles are capable of driving the same speed as a motor vehicle," Capelle said. "They are not a slow-moving vehicle."

County Board Chairman Tom Kautza noted that the 35 mph limit is set by the DNR, so the county can't waver from that.

"That's what we used as a model when this all started," Kautza said.

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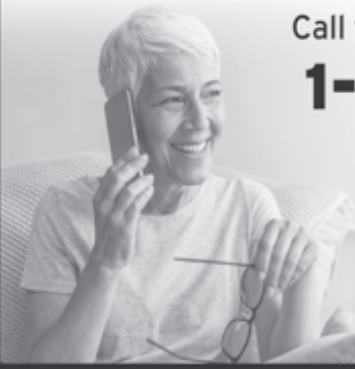
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Davel serving as interim administrative coordinator

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

James Davel is serving as the interim administrative coordinator for Shawano County after it has gone months without one at all.

The office has been vacant since Oct. 16, when Brent Miller left to become county administrator for Sauk County. Miller had been making \$105,000 in Shawano County but was offered \$138,000 by Sauk County.

Since then, the county's administrative committee has gone through two rounds of finding a permanent replacement for Miller. According to County Board Chairman Tom Kautza, the county had no one promising after the first round of interviews, and in the second round, one candidate stood out but ultimately



JAMES DAVEL

declined to take the job. Kautza said the candidate had a lot of questions about benefits and didn't try to negotiate. "I don't know what was exactly happening," Kautza said. "Perhaps we were being used to promote where he was working to try to get a little more money or not."

Davel, the county emergency management director, will serve in the interim position for about three months part-time.

"He's got a lot of catching up and, I think, some learning to do," Kautza said.

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Passion Madosh, a fourth-grade student at Keshena Primary School, uses Play-Doh to form an expression on the face of a blank person to show how she's feeling in class. The stress kits also include other coping tools like sand timers, bubble wrap, doodle pads and more.

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Stress relief comes to Keshena Primary School

Student kits obtained through DPI grant help them to sort through emotions

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

They might look like bags of toys, but the stress kits are actually bags of tools that help students at Keshena Primary School to sort through their emotions during difficult times.

The elementary school recently received a School-Based Mental Health Service Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, which allowed it to

produce 440 stress kits that include items like Play-Doh, pinwheels, sand timers and more to allow students, both in class and at home, to focus on something as they're dealing with emotions like anger and sadness or if they're just feeling overwhelmed.

Courtney Slewinski, social worker, said that KPS teaches a variety of self-regulation techniques to its students and coping tools. With the entire school district remaining in virtual learning mode

for the full first semester of the school year, the stresses that young students normally feel were magnified, and with most of them isolated from friends and other resources, Slewinski and others at the school knew they needed to get something in their hands to help.

"We kind of came up with the idea of creating an SEL (Social Emotional Learning) toolkit, known as a 'calm down kit,'" Slewinski said. "That way, they have access to things that we're teaching them

here at school at home, as well."

One of the items is a mat with a drawing of a person with no facial features. Students can use the little containers of Play-Doh to form eyes, a mouth and other features that they can show teachers and other staff members what they're feeling.

"Some of them might look like toys, but how we teach them is to use them as tools," Slewinski said. "If you're struggling with your words sometimes to say what you're feeling, sometimes it's easier to draw it out."

If words are not so difficult for

students, the kits also have tiny journals with lavender stickers that students can use to make their feelings known and why they're bothered.

"We teach them about how different scents can help with self-regulation as well as journaling," Slewinski said. "Drawing pictures is a great way to get out those thoughts and feelings in a healthy way."

Pinwheels and bubble makers help the students with breathing techniques. Slewinski noted that those items are not as effective when students are wearing masks in school, but they're helpful for students who are socially distanced at home or elsewhere.

"While we're teaching them the deep breathing exercises, we're also teaching them how physically things in their body are changing and helping them calm down and regulate," Slewinski said.

Snacks are also included in case hunger is an issue, as growling tummies can make it hard for students to be in a decent place emotionally, according to Slewinski. There are also do-it-yourself bottles with orbs that grow in water and glitter that helps students to focus on the changing and swirling patterns and help ground themselves during emotional crises.

Mary Juckem, KPS principal, said the bottles have been particularly helpful to students, and she's heard from students about how much they help with emotional grounding.

"I've had some students who have said they take them to their rooms, and one says he even sleeps with it whenever he's getting frustrated or irritable," Juckem said. "That's the tool he's using (to calm down)."

Of course, some classic items are in order, too. Each stress kit comes with some bubble wrap for students to use for popping and getting back to a calm state, and there's even a sand timer that students can watch and actually feel themselves calming down over a period of time.

"We talk about health coping tools versus unhealthy coping tools and how do we express our frustration and anger in a way that's healthy to ourself and other people and property around us," Slewinski said.

The school has been highlighting one of the items weekly in newsletters sent to families so parents can learn about the tools and how to use them to calm their children down when they're stressed at home, according to Juckem.

"They can apply those pieces in different settings," Juckem said.

All in all, the kits are making it easier for teachers to manage their



Eric Webster, a fifth-grade student at Keshena Primary School, doodles on a doodle pad that's included with the stress kits. Drawing pictures can help when emotions are hard to express verbally, according to social worker Courtney Slewinski.

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Diamond Kaqutosh, a fourth-grade student at Keshena Primary School, stretches out a coil to de-stress in class. The stress kits have proven very effective in getting students to express emotions in healthy ways.

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classrooms without having to resort to disciplinary action on students who are displaying negative behavior.

"I think it's empowering them to learn how to manage their own emotions in safe ways, but also knowing they have resources with their adults

and things like that to ask for help," Slewinski said.

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FRESH Project coming out of hibernation

CSAs, summer market, expansion to Menominee County in the works this coming year

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The coronavirus pandemic kept the FRESH Project from doing its annual winter market in Shawano, but patrons of the program can rest assured that other activities are taking place to keep food coming to the area.

The FRESH Project held a community-supported agriculture project over the weekend, featuring local food producers like Five Star Lamb, Johnson Family Cattle, Belle Plaine Cheese, Pienko's Meat Processing, Sweet Timber Maple Syrup and Milo's Eggs. According to Barbara Mendoza, the program's executive director, the one-time event is a prelude to an extended subscription program that will start around summertime.

"We've done this several times, where we would just work with our local farmers," Mendoza said. "We say that we'd like to do a CSA with your products, and then we add maybe 50 cents to their price, and it's just a small fundraiser for us."

The FRESH Project will start accepting subscriptions for the full CSA on April 1. The cost will be dependent on a family's income, Mendoza said, and prices are still to be determined.

The CSAs are a good thing to come about in light of the FRESH Project having to cancel its winter market, which started a few years ago as a monthly way for farmers to sell off excess product. Due to the coronavirus pandemic still causing a high number of cases in the area when the winter market was due to begin in November, it was determined that the indoor event couldn't be pulled off safely.

"That is so missed," Mendoza said. "That is missed by so many people and our farmers, but we are going to have a full farmers market."

The summer farmers market was able to take place last year but required eliminating a lot of the activities in order to keep people socially distanced. This year, Mendoza is confident that the farmers market can be spread across the full perimeter of Franklin Park to allow some distancing but not require people to hurry in and hurry out.

"We are getting the forms and the



Barbara Mendoza, left, executive director for the FRESH Project, and her husband, Dave Mendoza, fill up bags with food items provided by local farmers Feb. 27 at the First Presbyterian Church. The FRESH Project distributed the local Community-Supported Agriculture items to those who signed up, but an expanded CSA program will be starting April 1.

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BARBARA MENDOZA, The FRESH Project executive director

applications ready for that," Mendoza said. "I'll be sending out an email to all of our vendors, including our craft vendors, and then we'll have our forms online April 1."

This year's market will kick off June 19 and continue through Oct. 2, going from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Once again, the market will team up with Shawanofest on July 10 and stay open later. The market will also hold its regular 5K walk/run, but it will not include the scrabble run, according to Mendoza.

The need for fresh food is there, she said, noting that the Shawano Area Food Center called the FRESH Project to help stock its shelves at one point during the pandemic.

The FRESH Project has done a mobile market program for years that has brought fresh vegetables and other items to the smaller communities. Mendoza said the program is being expanded to include Menominee County with the help of a grant.

"We are working with Keshena

Primary School to work with their third-grade class about planting, the soil, the light and the water," Mendoza said. "We are also working with the Boys and Girls Club Menominee Nation. We're going to expand their garden, and we'll have a classroom setting to talk about some higher-level education on that."

The Menominee County expansion will also include preparing garden boxes for families that will include the soil needed to grow the seeds, according to Mendoza. The mobile market and the CSA program will also take place at the tribe's farmers market every other Friday when it starts up again.

"We have a lot going on," Mendoza said, noting that she hopes to revive the winter market for next winter.



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David Allen Sibley, bald eagles have five times more light-sensing cells in their eyes than we do, and 80% of those cells are cones that see color. This allows them to see much more detail than we do.

They also have two foveae (we have only one) where focus is the sharpest at the back of the each eyeball; these are packed with those light-sensing cells. The two foveae in each eye point in different directions — one

its stout, hooked and sharp beak to break it down into bite-size chunks.

The eagle's sharp vision gives this hunter a really distinct advantage. According to "What It's Like to Be a Bird" by

straight ahead, the other at about 45 degrees, allowing an eagle to focus on four different areas at the same time and providing nearly 360 degrees of peripheral vision. We have much less, about 110 degrees of peripheral vision.

When you see an eagle cock its head to one side, it is using one fovea of one eye to see something more sharply. An eagle's vision is so sharp, according to the NEC, it can see a rabbit bounding across the landscape three miles away.

According to Sibley, to approximate an eagle's visual acuity we would need to look through binoculars that magnify our world by a factor of five. And bald eagles have yet another advantage: They also see in the UV range of light which allows them to track their prey by its urine trail.

Once a species protected by Federal Endangered Species Act, and the state,

the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) has made a comeback, thanks to all the conservation measures taken to restore its population. You can now see bald eagles year-round in Wisconsin. Locally, we see them at the Oconto Harbor, along the west shore of Green Bay and perching near rivers, woodland edges and roadways.

Take care when driving rural roads where eagles may be feeding on roadside carrion. The bald eagle's large size makes it difficult for them to make a speedy getaway from approaching vehicles, and many of them are killed or injured every year by vehicles.

Enjoy your bald eagle sightings, and know that while you are watching this majestic bird, you too are "captured" in even sharper focus by this majestic and amazing raptor.

Cathy Carnes of Oconto is a retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist who volunteers with Bird City Oconto.

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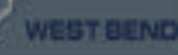
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SPORTS

5 area high school teams eager for start of alternate fall season

4 volleyball teams, 1 football team will play over next several weeks

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The winter high school sports season has come to a close for all area teams, which usually means spring sports are on the horizon. But because of the pandemic altering the sports calendar, it will be several weeks until those spring sports begin, and instead several area teams will compete in the alternate fall season over the coming weeks.

Volleyball teams from Gresham, Bowler, Tigerton and Menominee Indian and Menominee Indian's football team all plan to participate in the alternate fall season after having their original fall season cut short or not played at all.

The volleyball teams have already begun practicing, with games starting up this week.

With so many area teams being a part of the alternate season, schedules were a bit easier to put together and long trips were mostly avoided. While no schedule was the same, the teams are set to play around 10 matches. After those matches, the WIAA also has plans to have a postseason.

Gresham, Bowler and Tigerton would typically be competing for a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division title, but with other members of the conference having already completed their seasons in the fall, no conference title will be on the line.

"The first thing that stands out about the opportunity to play in the alternate season is it is going to give our seniors another opportunity to play volleyball before graduating," said Gresham coach Tim Wild. "Secondly, it is going to give our younger players an opportunity to play together and learn more as we move forward to next year. If we weren't able to play in this alternate season, those younger players would lose that experience."

"We are excited to get to play another season," said Bowler coach Brad Brei. "The girls are excited to get to play more volleyball. As a coach all I can ask the girls is to play hard, have



Bowler's Tynea Johnson, right, reaches out to hit the ball during a match against Manawa on Sept. 24 in Bowler. The Bowler volleyball team is one of five area teams participating in the alternate fall season.

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fun and remember it's just a game."

While the alternate volleyball season will be unlike any that came before, teams are still approaching it as if they were playing in a normal fall season.

Teams will continue to chase wins, but most importantly play hard every chance they get and try to have fun while doing it.

"We approach this alternate season with a peculiar excitement that is difficult to explain," said Tigerton coach Holly Mevenden. "There is no conference championship on the line, but that doesn't mean our athletes will settle for anything less than their best efforts. There is the tournament to look forward to that we didn't think was possible when we closed down

our season last fall."

For Menominee Indian's football team, which starts practice on March 8, the situation is much different.

The Eagles will play a seven-game schedule but have to make several long trips to do so, as not many area football teams are part of the alternate season. There is no postseason or culminating event for football.

The only team on Menominee Indian's schedule that the team has played before is Deerfield. Arcadia, Kewaunee, Parkview/Albany, Princeton/Montello/Green Lake, Poynette and Columbus round out the schedule, with only the game against Princeton/Montello/Green Lake being a home one for the Eagles.

Coach Chris Clache said playing

this schedule "is definitely a huge jump up in competition. I feel this will prepare us for our eventual move into the Northwoods Conference in the fall. We will definitely need to improve to be competitive with those teams, and I feel our schedule this spring will do just that."

While the alternate volleyball season will wrap up before the start of spring sports practices on April 19, football games are scheduled through May 6.

Clache said the school has worked out a practice schedule that will allow athletes in football to also participate in their spring sports. "I feel our athletes are able to handle it."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Witt-Birn's Herb lands on CWC-East girls 1st team



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Emma Herb, center, prepares to go up for a shot during a nonconference game against Marathon on Dec. 29 in Wittenberg. Herb was named to the CWC-East first team in her senior season.

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Rogowski an honorable mention

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's Emma Herb was named to the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division first team after a strong senior season on the basketball court.

In the team's four conference games, Herb averaged a double-double, tallying 17.8 points and 10.2 rebounds per contest.

"It feels good and I am happy that my work has paid off for others to notice. Being my senior season,

it is a good way to go out on a high note," said Herb.

The all-conference honor was the fourth of Herb's strong high school career.

As a freshman, she was an honorable mention. She was a first team selection as a sophomore and unanimous first team selection as a junior.

For the season, Herb held averages of 16.9 points, 10.2 rebounds, 1.7 assists, 2.1 steals and 1.4 blocks per game.

She scored her 1,000th career point during a nonconference victory over Marathon on Dec. 29.

"I am going to remember how great it feels winning a big game and having played good both individually and as a team," said Herb

of what she'd remember most about playing high school basketball. "I've made some great teammates over the years and I'll miss suiting up with them."

Witt-Birn sophomore Reese Rogowski picked up her first career all-conference honor, being named to the honorable mention team.

Rogowski averaged 14 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists and 2.8 steals across the team's four CWC-East contests.

"I was happy to be selected for that award," said Rogowski. "This honor motivates me because I know that I have to continue to work harder for us to reach the goals that we are striving for next year."

For the season, Rogowski averaged 13.6 points, 3.8 rebounds, 5.1

assists, 2.5 steals and 1.5 blocks per game.

Witt-Birn finished 2-2 in its conference clashes this winter. The Chargers finished the regular season at 11-2 before earning a play-off win over Clintonville and then being eliminated by Amherst in a regional title game.

The Chargers last CWC-East game of the season was on Jan. 8. The team only played one game between Jan. 19-Feb. 11.

Bonduel's Kara Troxel was the conference's Player of the Year. Bonduel's Jerry Reinke was the Coach of the Year after leading the Bears to a perfect conference record and title.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Witt-Birn boys eliminated after sectional semi loss

Chargers unable to rally against Wrightstown after slow first half

By **MORGAN RODE**

Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School boys basketball team was eliminated from the postseason after a Division 3 sectional semifinal loss to Wrightstown on Feb. 25 in Wrightstown.

The fourth-seeded Chargers scored just 13 first-half points and trailed by 21 points at halftime. Witt-Birn was able to hang with top-seeded Wrightstown in the second half, but were never able to erase the big deficit, eventually losing 72-44.

"They are deep, so their ability to stay fresh on the floor and really push it up the floor in transition is tough to deal with," said Witt-Birn coach Garrett Rogowski about Wrightstown. "We were starting to drag our tongues a little bit as the end of the first half went on.

"We made a nice little run when we came (out for the second half). We changed a few things up, but they are just a buzz saw. They are a senior-laden team and you saw from some of the shooting performances that went on today that if you don't have a hand in their face, they're going to make you pay."

Wrightstown scored on its first three possessions of the game and scored 10 points in the just over four-and-a-half minutes to take early control. As the hosts piled up the points, Simon Schairer kept Witt-Birn in the contest, scoring the team's first seven points.

Jack Fraaza was the next Charger to score, hitting a shot about halfway through the first half, and Schairer followed with another field goal a couple minutes later to make it an 11-point game, 22-11.

Just when it looked like Witt-Birn had figured out a way to slow Wrightstown offensively, the hosts found an answer. Wrightstown went on a 10-2 run in the final three-and-a-half minutes of the half, turning a couple Witt-Birn turnovers into easy buckets before hitting a 3-pointer to cap the half.

"They kept up the pressure all game. They just executed everything. They hit their shots, made good passes. It's hard to stop that," said Fraaza.

Instead of packing it in, Witt-Birn found another gear to start the second



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Simon Schairer, center, drives to the rim during a Division 3 sectional semifinal loss to Wrightstown on Feb. 25 in Wrightstown. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

half, scoring the first nine points to make it a 12-point game, 34-22. Michael Miller and Fraaza hit 3-pointers on the first two possessions of the half before Wesolowski converted a 3-point play.

Like it had throughout the first half, Wrightstown answered, hitting two triples during a 8-2 run to regain control.

Wesolowski converted another and-one to make it a 15-point game, but Wrightstown answered with back-to-back 3-pointers.

Witt-Birn continued to find a way to get the ball through the basket, but the hosts always seemed to come right back with buckets of their own to fend off any rally attempts.

"They came out and hit shots. Every time we had a run, they came back and hit two 3s in a row and put us out of our run," said Wesolowski.

With less than five minutes left in the contest and Wrightstown leading by 28, both teams started to empty their benches. Rogowski got the team's lone senior Henry Seegmiller on the court for a few minutes before subbing



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Kaden Schmidt, right, dribbles out of trouble during a Division 3 sectional semifinal loss to Wrightstown on Feb. 25 in Wrightstown. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

him out for a final ovation from the Charger fans.

Post game, Rogowski thanked Seegmiller for "his commitment to this program and our team and for all the hard work he's put in. It's been a joy and a pleasure coaching him."

While the sectional semifinal loss stung for Witt-Birn, the team knows it will have the opportunity to try and

replicate and further its postseason success next year with almost every player back in the fold.

"We have to work as hard as we did and even harder," said Fraaza. "We have to be able to make shots — we missed a lot of shots — and just handle the pressure better."

"We just got to get in the weight room and the gym, that's all we can do," said Wesolowski. "Get up shots and get up weights."

Witt-Birn ends the year with a 16-11 record. The Chargers went 8-4 in Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division play before winning its first regional title in 30 years.

Witt-Birn 13 31 — 44

Wrightstown 34 38 — 72

Wrightstown (72): Justin Lamers 0-0 2, Jack Van Zeeland 0-0 6, Matthew Hansen 0-0 21, Jake Van Zeeland 1-2 7, Sam Haese 5-5 21, Mason Mattes 0-0 3, Owen Ratkowski 0-0 2, Ethan Meulemans 0-0 2, Joe Hella 2-4 8.

Witt-Birn (44): Kaden Schmidt 0-0 2, Ben Wesolowski 2-2 13, Luke Muscha 1-1 3, Ben Flak 0-0 2, Jack Fraaza 0-0 5, Simon Schairer 1-2 13, Michael Miller 0-2 6.

YOUTH SWIM

Dickman, Crick turn in strong finishes at state

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Reese Dickman and Rylee Crick represented the Wittenberg Area Swim Program at the 12-and-under state swim meet Feb. 26-28 at the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center in Brown Deer.

Dickman earned a pair of top-10 finishes while swimming in three events in the 11-12 division. Crick had two top-20 finishes in her three events in the 10-and-under division.

Dickman placed ninth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1 minute, 16.45 seconds and 10th in the 50 breaststroke (34.79). She also placed 79th in the 50 backstroke (34.97).

Crick placed 12th in the 100 breaststroke (1:30.55) and 20th in

the 50 breaststroke (41.96). She also was 48th in the 50 backstroke (39.42).

The WASP spring and summer season will be starting at the end of April. Interested swimmers do not need to be in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District to participate with the team.

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WASP swimmers Rylee Crick, right, and Reese Dickman, front left, pose for a picture with coach Brenna Behreandt. Crick and Dickman represented the team at the 12-and-under state swim meet Feb. 26-28 in Brown Deer.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

UW-Stevens Point

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School graduate Hannah Flak took part in three events for the UW-Stevens Point women's swim team during a dual against UW-La Crosse on Feb. 22. No team scores were kept.

As an individual, Flak placed fourth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:05.

Flak was on two relay teams. She helped the 200 freestyle relay team take fourth in 1:50.14 and the 200 medley relay to sixth in 2:06.75.

Winona State

Witt-Birn graduate Maddy Pietz helped form the top-finishing 4x400 relay team for the Winona State University women's track and field team at the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Championships that took place Feb. 25-27.

Pietz and the relay team posted a time of 3:51 to claim first, a little over a second faster than the second-place finishing team.

Pietz also competed individually in the 200 dash, posting a time of 25.46 seconds to come in 12th place.

Oakland City

Bowler graduate Reanne Kietlin-

ski helped the Oakland City University (Indiana) women's basketball team to a River States Conference Tournament win last week.

In a 101-75 tournament win over Point Park University (Pennsylvania) on Feb. 22, Kietlinski played 15 minutes off the bench and scored eight points in that time. She also recorded a steal and assist.

Two days later, Oakland City was eliminated from the tournament after an 82-72 loss to Asbury University (Kentucky). Kietlinski played 27 minutes and tallied five rebounds, two steals and an assist.

Ripon

Witt-Birn graduate Lauren Bahr took part in four events for the Ripon College women's swim team in its 65-64 dual win over Lawrence University on Feb. 27.

Bahr was on the second-place finishing 200 medley relay, which posted a time of 1:53.06. She was also on the sixth-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:58.47).

Bahr was the only swimmer in the 100 backstroke, posting a time of 1:08.78 to earn her team nine points. Bahr was one of two competitors in the 200 IM, taking first in 2:36.82, to earn another nine points.

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Resch Lanes — Thursday Men's League

Team	W	L
Resch Lanes	92	48
Melody Mill	81	59
Legacy Seed Pro	74	66
Gullivers	73	67
Gutt'er Done	70	70
Cherek Transport	67	73
RJ Auto Repair	63	77
Legacy Seed	40	100

High team scratch games (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro 1,077, Resch Lanes 1,036, Cherek Transport 995.

High individual scratch games (top 7): Greg Wolff 267, Jason Cherek 258, Caleb Zblewski 255, Ron Onesti 246, Taylor Arndt 246, Danny Schrank 245, Allard Meverden 245.

High team scratch series (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro 3,055, Cherek Transport 2,890, Resch Lanes 2,865.

High individual scratch series (top 6): Caleb Zblewski 732, Danny Schrank 680, Allard Meverden 666, Ron Onesti 648, Greg Wolff 642, Jason Resch 635.

Resch Lanes — Monday Ladies Handicap

Team	W	L
Resch Lanes	39 1/2	32 1/2
Gulliver's Landing	38 1/2	33 1/2
Lisa's Lakeside	38	34
Tavern Front	36	36
Strike-a-pose	30	42
Kropf's Meats	25	47

High team handicap games (top 3): Tavern Front 878, Lisa's Lakeside 837, Kropf's Meats 827.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Brenda Rondeau 260, Mary Krause 253, Karen Tomlinson 248, Cheryl Zeinert 245, Shirley Petersen 245, Anne Rickert 242, Sue Thiex 240.

High team handicap series (top 3): Tavern Front 2,469, Lisa's Lakeside 2,439, Kropf's Meats 2,424.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Brenda Rondeau 699, Kristine Beran 666, Anne Rickert 664, Cheryl Zeinert 662, Mary Krause 659, Cassandra Eckes 651, Kelly Rosenow 643.

Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap

Team	W	L
Liberty Potatoes	100	75
Resch Lanes (1)	83 1/2	91 1/2
Mama's Place	83	92
Hanke's Sentry Foods	82	93
Resch Lanes (2)	78 1/2	96 1/2
Tavern Front	75	100
Slammers	74	101
Kemmer Electronics	68	107

High team handicap games (top 3): Resch Lanes (2) 1,312, Mama's Place 1,296, Kemmer Electronics 1,244.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Tom Schrank 298, Danny Schrank 292, Kurt Zeinert 291, Paul Giddings 290, Jordan Wanta 286, Darin Stuhr 285, Dave Falstad 273, Jamie Deruchowski 273.

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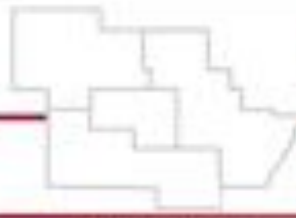
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Village of Wittenberg	Traci Matsche	715-253-6063	208 W. Vinal St. Wittenberg, WI 54499	Tuesday 3-23-2021	Friday 4-2-2021	M-Th 8-5:00
Town of Almon	Heather Matsche	715-571-2561	W16650 Cnty Rd N Birnamwood, WI 54414	Tuesday 3-23-2021	Friday 4-2-2021	M-F 5-7:00 By Appointment
Town of Aniwa	Tammy Resch	715-449-2351	N10485 Cherry Rd Birnamwood, WI 54414	Tuesday 3-23-2021	Friday 4-2-2021	M-F 8-2:00 By Appointment
Town of Birnamwood	Dennis Knaak	715-449-3212	W17874 Cnty Rd N Birnamwood, WI 54414	Tuesday 3-23-2021	Friday 4-2-2021	M-F By Appointment
Town / Village / City	Municipal Clerk	Phone Number	Office Address to Obtain Absentee Ballot	First Day to Vote Absentee Ballot in Clerk's Office	Last Day to Vote Absentee Ballot in Clerk's Office	Hours for In Person Absentee Voting
Town of Germania	Kathryn Breaker	715-535-2970	N2897 Comet Rd Tigerton, WI 54486	Tuesday 3-23-2021	Friday 4-2-2021	M-F By Appointment
Town of Hutchins	Jan Fischer	715-489-3403	N11814 Hutchins-Aniwa Rd Birnamwood, WI 54414	Tuesday 3-23-2021	Friday 4-2-2021	M-F 5-7:00 By Appointment
Town of Morris	Vicki Kennedy	715-326-1602	W15701 Marquardt Ln Wittenberg, WI 54499	Tuesday 3-23-2021	Friday 4-2-2021	By Appointment
Town of Wittenberg	Linda Fletcher	715-253-3222	W17395 Cnty Rd Q Wittenberg, WI 54499	Tuesday 3-23-2021	Friday 4-2-2021	M-F 8-12:00 noon By Appointment

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on April 6, 2021. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.



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BOOKS & STUFF

Lawley book has ghosts, witches and a mysterious stone

This week I chose “Death Retires” by Cate Lawley. I guess it could be described as a sci-fi, romantic comedy and thoroughly enjoyable.

Geoff Todd is doing his best adjust to retirement and maintain a low profile in a quiet Austin neighborhood. That’s really difficult because he hasn’t been mortal for over 40 years and is woe-fully out of touch. His life is further complicated by his companion, Clarence.



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Clarence is a lecherous ghost who inhabits the body of bobcat. Clarence can open doors and use a telephone and computer with an ease that surpasses Geoff’s meager talents. He has taste for gas-inducing human foods, and that is just one of the things that create tension between the two housemates.

Geoff’s former job was a soul collector, a.k.a. Death. When people die, one of the many “Deaths” appears and ushers them on to their next existence. Right now, Geoff is trying to figure out how to get rid of an annoying ghost named Bobby. Bobby wants Geoff to protect his ex-wife, Sylvie, from an

unknown danger. Geoff is desperate to get rid of Bobby, but when he seeks help he finds himself surrounded by ghosts (Bobby and Ginny), a witch (Tamara), a medium (Lilac), a demon (Hector), strange neighbors (Mrs. Gonzalez) and others. Apparently, Bobby was killed when he couldn’t produce a stone owned by Sylvie. To Geoff’s amazement Sylvie also sees Bobby, but she doesn’t know anything about any stone.

When Sylvie’s garden shed is blown up, Geoff agrees to take action. Tamara the witch readily admits to destroying Sylvie’s shed to get rid of the men snooping there. Hearing that the intruders might have been searching for some kind of stone, Tamara takes them to Sylvie’s garden and points out a nondescript rock. Sylvie says it was a gift from her ghost-seeing grandmother.

Tamara explains that the rock holds magical power. Hoping to get more information, they summon Ginny. She tells them what she knows, then scolds Geoff for not being nice enough to Clarence. She also complains that when he collected her soul, he assumed she’d committed suicide. She has haunted the area ever since, waiting for a proper investigation of her death.

As they discuss their next move,

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: “Death Retires: Death Retired Mysteries Book 1”

AUTHOR: Cate Lawley

PUBLISHER: Independent

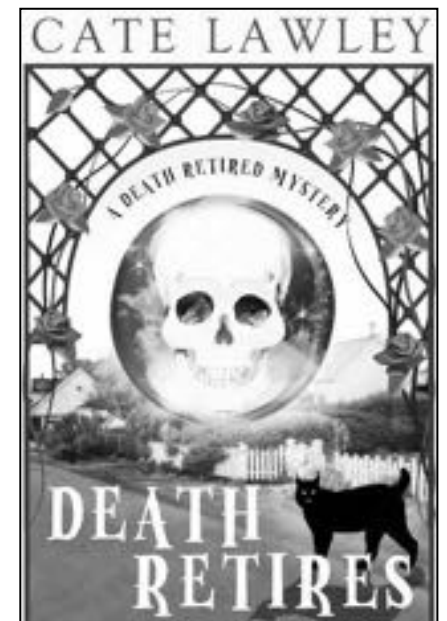
PUBLISHED: 2017

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they receive a ransom note demanding that they hand over the stone or Clarence will die. Sylvie is willing, but Tamara warns her that might create bigger problems. She tells them it is time to visit Hector. The man looks frightening, but he is a welcoming host, with many interests that intrigue Geoff. Hector teaches Sylvie how to pull the magic out of the stone so it would be useless to the thief.

By pooling their individual magical skills, the group narrows down the list of possible suspects and creates a plan to save Clarence and hold onto the stone. They rush to Geoff’s house to find Clarence moaning in pain. He hasn’t been harmed. He simply ate too much rich food provided by his kidnapper.

Nick Gonzalez isn’t a bad kid. He just wants the magic he believes he deserves. Nick and Sylvie’s grandmothers were sisters. Nick’s family knew all about her grandmother’s ability to communicate with ghosts, so Nick was upset when she left the stone



containing her powers to Sylvie. Those powers would be wasted on Sylvie, so he hatched a plan to get it for himself.

With that problem solved, Geoff now understands why he picked this neighborhood or maybe, like Clarence, it picked him. A perfect set up for book number two and beyond. I’m ready.

Your public library is filled with books in every genre. Some are even more far-fetched than this one. Make plans to get in there soon so you can check it out.

Webinar to cover garden soil and composting

Healthy soil is a vital part of the growing process. Adding compost to your soil can also help, adding rich nutrients that’ll help your plants grow.

The Marathon County Public Library and Extension Marathon County are offering an interac-

tive virtual talk on healthy soil and composting from 2:30-3:30 p.m. March 11. The class will be repeated from 7-8 p.m. March 18.

Janell Wehr, Extension Marathon County’s horticulture educator, will lead the classes via Zoom. Wehr plans to cover the basics of

soil texture and how to improve a garden’s soil. She’ll also talk about the benefits of adding compost to sandy and clay soils, and how to get started with composting this spring.

This event is free and open to the public, with registration required. After registering, par-

ticipants will be emailed a link to access the meeting on Zoom. For questions, email janell.wehr@wisc.edu. To register for the March 11 class, visit <https://cutt.ly/rk-KNmQY>. To register for the March 18 class, visit <https://cutt.ly/Wk-KNY78>.

DMV extends licenses for drivers 60 and over

The deadline to renew expired licenses for drivers age 60 and over has been extended to May 21.

The extension is due to the continued health risks from COVID-19. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) estimates this extension impacts 62,000 Wisconsin drivers.

Drivers who need to visit a DMV, such as those age 65 and over who cannot use the new online driver license renewal (wisconsin.gov/renewDL) or those needing a REAL ID, can reduce their time in the service center by beginning the process online. Use the Driver License Guide to fill in the form and submit it electronically, or make

an appointment through the Driver License Guide.

Drivers who no longer want to use their driving privilege but want identification can easily exchange their license for an ID online. A new ID card will be mailed to them. Details and other resources for aging drivers are available at wisconsin.gov/olderdrivers.

Most people do not need to visit a DMV, according to a press release from the division. All vehicle-related services are online (e.g. renew registration, get title and plates). DMV’s online services at wisconsin.gov have been expanded to support Wisconsin residents during the health emergency, according to the release.

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MARATHON COUNTY TAX DEED LAND SALE

TAKE NOTICE: That pursuant to Sec. 75.69, WI Statutes and Sec. 3.20, Marathon County General Code of Ordinances, four (4) parcels of tax delinquent real estate acquired by Marathon County, Wisconsin, hereinafter described are being offered for sale by sealed bid at a price not less than the appraised value or set value. Marathon County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Any special assessments in the process of collection shall be the liability of the purchaser, contact the municipal clerk for outstanding special assessments.

TAKE NOTE: TAX DEED PROPERTIES-It is the Bidder's sole responsibility to:

1. Investigate properties prior to putting in a bid to Marathon County.
2. Check if any special assessments are due on properties listed by contacting the municipal clerk.
3. Do additional research if more information is required than what is noted in the advertisement.

The sealed bids must be submitted on the Marathon County Land Sale Bid Form, which may be obtained from the Marathon County Clerk's Office at 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403. Bid forms may also be obtained from the Marathon County webpage:
<http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Departments/CountyClerk/TaxDeedProperty.aspx>

Each sealed bid envelope shall properly identify the parcel and sale #. Individual sealed bids will be accepted in the office of Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403 by noon, Tuesday, April 6, 2021. A 10% deposit by **cashier's check or money order**, payable to the Marathon County Treasurer must accompany all bids. No personal checks will be accepted. Deposits will be refunded to unsuccessful bidders.

Bids will be publicly opened, read and awarded by the Marathon County Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee at their meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI. Bids will be awarded according to criteria set forth in Sec. 3.20(6)(a) of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances. A copy of Sec. 3.20(6)(a) of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances can be obtained on the Marathon County website at www.co.marathon.wi.us. The Marathon County Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee may accept the bid most advantageous to Marathon County and reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Description:	Set Value:
City of Wausau, SALE # 2021-1 717 Forest St, Wausau, WI 54403 Stewart Manson & Parghers 2nd Add, W 37.5' of Lot 9 Blk 1 #291-2907-362-0011	\$ 13,000
Town of Rib Mountain, SALE #2021-2 227945 Partridge Ave, Wausau, WI 54401 SEC 04-28-07 PT of NE 1/4 SE 1/4 S 150' of N 578' of W 325' THRF #068-2807-044-0987	\$ 19,900
Town of Bevent, SALE #2021-3 206264 County Road J, Rosholt, WI 54473 SEC 18-26-09 PT of E 1/2 NE 1/4 - PCLS 1&2 CSM Vol 37 Pg 52 #008-2609-181-0995	\$ 8,200
City of Wausau, SALE #2021-4 109 N. 2nd Ave, Wausau, WI 54401 MARY POORS ADD LOT 14 BLK 2 #291-2907-264-0034	\$ 12,000