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Workers from Kauffman Carpentry in Marion are putting the final touches on the roof frame of the new warehouse for Fireworks Country west of Wittenberg.
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The Wittenberg Area Fire/Ambulance Protective Service has added a newer model ambulance to their fleet thanks to financial support from the Village and Town of Wittenberg.

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Building for future comfort

Fireworks Country invests in new warehouse building

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

"I should have done this 10 years ago," said Jerry Bamke, owner of Fireworks Country, talking about the 8,000 square foot warehouse he's having built on his property just west of Wittenberg.

Ten years ago, Bamke and his wife, Sally, had already established a good business been selling fireworks. At the time there was talk about creating a frontage road for highway 29 which would have run through their existing retail structure.

There hasn't been any talk of road construction for awhile now and Bamke figures with the pandemic going on there won't be any new plans made or old ones revisited. Now seemed as good of a time as any to build the warehouse and he hired local help to get the work done.

Paul Ostrowski Cement & Mason, Wittenberg, spent a couple of days doing prepwork for the floor and within half a day he had the six inches of concrete poured.

Kauffman Carpentry, Marion, came highly recommended by friends of the Bamke's who live in Marion. In less than a week they had the framing done for the walls and the roof and by the end of this week Bamke figures the crew will have finished the roof and siding.



Jerry Bamke, owner of Fireworks Country, Wittenberg, inspects the framing being done by Kauffman Carpentry, Marion, for his new 8,000 square foot warehouse.

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The insulation of the walls and ceilings will also be completed.

Bamke estimates that he'll have enough time to get inventory moved, from a couple of the trailers holding it now, before new shipments are delivered this month.

The structure is set up with large doors on both ends on the building so the semitrailers can drive right into the building, get unloaded and drive out through the other end. There's another large door on the west side that will be used for trucks to back up for unloading

purposes.

Bamke is looking forward to unloading product without having to consider the weather conditions. He recalled a time when they had to unload a semi when the temperature was 24 degrees below zero.

"It's going to make it so much nicer to have the warehouse, we'll have lights to work later at night and wider aisles," said Bamke.

Christmas and New Years are busy holidays in the fireworks business. In the summer they have their annual Fireworks Extravaganza,



Paul Ostrowski Cement & Mason poured the six inches of concrete and Kauffman Carpentry did the framework of the new warehouse building at Fireworks Country, Wittenberg

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A red roof, blue siding and white trim of the new warehouse will echo the color scheme of the Fireworks Country retail space, west of Wittenberg. By the end of the week the exterior and interior of the warehouse should be finished.

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which is a one day event that brings in anywhere from 10,000 to 15,000 customers. People come to the event for food and drinks during the day, then watch an hour-long fireworks show from the bleachers at night. With order sheets in hand,

customers mark off the fireworks displays they were interested in purchasing. There is a classic car show, mini rod and tractor pulls and live music.

The Bamkes, including their son and nephew, work nine months

putting Fireworks Extravaganza together and invest about \$20,000 before the day even starts.

The event was canceled this year due to the COVID-19, but it rained three inches that day so, “It worked out in our favor this year,”

said Bamke.

With a new warehouse and more inventory on the way the Bamke’s are looking forward to the upcoming season and a new year.

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A fond farewell and thanks for the memories

So long, it’s been good to know you — say goodbye to Hollywood — packed my bags it’s time to go. There have been a lot of farewell themed songs running through my head since we agreed to an end date for my time here at the newspaper. Change is good, though sometimes painful, but it always makes for a good topic to sing about.

I bought the newspaper in December of 2008, after having spent a couple of months learning the tricks of the trade from Gordy Boldig and Darlene Block. I really have to thank all the subscribers who stayed with me even though my learning curve was a little brutal at times. Fortunately, Gordy and Darlene were just a phone call away.

It was a big transition for me to own and operate a newspaper, but like the late Dan Brandenburg of



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the Marion Advertiser promised me in a phone call, “It’ll be a lot of fun!” He didn’t lie to me. It was fun, and a lot of hard work and disappointments that build character; basically it was life wrapped up with a bow. It certainly qualifies as the most interesting occupation I’ve tried, and I have tried many.

I remember saving the cards and letters people sent encouraging me and pulling them out to reread on days when things didn’t go so well. I appreciated everyone who reached out to me with information on story ideas. Many of them have since passed on, but they were

there when I needed them. Shirley Hartleben was one of those supporters. She and her husband John owned the newspaper for a few years, so they understood the work process. It’s bittersweet that her obituary is in this, my last official paper as the editor.

I’m grateful for those who supported me when I started up Your Community Shopper. It was an interesting ride to own two businesses and be responsible for employees.

Having two major surgeries within a couple of years made me face the fact that I needed a backup plan for those two businesses. When the opportunity came to sell the businesses to what is now NEW Media Inc. I was proud of the fact that I had been able to ensure employment for the five of us.

Being part of NEW Media gave

me the time and support I needed to write stories, do interviews and attend board meetings. Best of all, I had the opportunity to write my own column. Over the past four years I’ve had many stories that connected with my readers that caused them to reach out to me. I was astounded at how many people had memories of schaum tortes for dessert! I’m grateful to those who tell me they enjoy my column because I’ve truly enjoyed writing it.

There may be a few articles in future issues of the Wittenberg Enterprise & Birnamwood News but for now, I’m engaged in yet another adventure. So with the Lawrence Welk tune swimming around in my brain I say good night, au revoir, auf wiedersehn!

Miriam Nelson is the news editor of the Wittenberg Enterprise and Birnamwood News.



A moment of peace

After what weeks of elections and election returns, a little respite filtered through the area like the soft November sublight. Jake Stamper took a walk for some breakfast earlier this month along the Mountain Bay Trail in Shawano.

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CIRCUIT COURT

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court: Raphael J. Boivin, 34, Keshena, received an administrative disposition for a charge of operating a vehicle while revoked. The charge is a misdemeanor and carries a potential penalty of not more than \$500 or being jailed for not more than 30 days

or both. His next court appearance is scheduled for Dec. 28 before Judge William Kussel Jr. Nicholas R. Smith, 47, Shiocton, was charged Oct. 23 with operating a vehicle while revoked and felony bail jumping. If convicted on the revocation charge, he could be fined not more than \$500 or jailed for not

more than 30 days or both. The bail jumping charge carries a penalty of not more than six years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Rodney L. Olson, 57, Shawano, was charged Oct. 26 with knowingly violating a domestic abuse order-injunction as a repeater and bail jumping as a felony for incidents that

allegedly occurred Sept. 14. The injunction violation could be punished with a fine of not more than \$500 or jailed for not more than 30 days or both. The bail jumping charge carries a penalty of not more than six years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. He is charged with the same offenses for incidents on Oct. 17 and 19.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 9 Deputies logged 42 incidents, including: Disturbances on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton, Country Lane in the Town of Washington and Nabor Road in Cecil; disorderly conduct on Vinal Street in Tigerton; an assault on Second Street in the Town of Washington.

Nov. 8 Deputies logged 28 incidents, including: An injury accident on County Road M in the Town of Pella.

Nov. 7 Deputies logged 42 incidents, including: Disturbances on County Road T in the Town of Washington and Hemlock Street in Eland; criminal damage to property on Hunting Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; a fraud complaint on Lake Sandia Drive in the Town of Angelica.

Nov. 6 Deputies logged 48 incidents, including: Property theft complaints on Cozy Oaks Circle in the Town of Wescott and Vinal Street in Wittenberg; an arrest for operating while intoxicated on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott.

Nov. 5 Deputies logged 29 incidents, including: Disturbances on Arrowhead Court in the Town of Wescott, County Road A in Gresham and Warrington Avenue in Cecil.

Nov. 4 Deputies logged 38 incidents, including: An assault complaint at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St. in Shawano; an arrest for operating while intoxicated on Elizabeth Street in Shawano.

Nov. 3 Deputies logged 44 incidents, including: Sandy Drive in the Town of Washington and Nass Lane in the Town of Green Valley;

a threatening complaint on Evergreen Road in the Town of Belle Plaine.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 9 Police logged 18 incidents, including: Property theft complaint at ThedaCare, 100 County Road B; trespassing in the 100 block of Franklin Street; disorderly conduct in the 1300 block of East Green Bay Street.

Nov. 8 Police logged 22 incidents, including: Property thefts in the 100 block of Bartlett Street and 100 block of Aspen Court; a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of West Fifth Street.

Nov. 7 Police logged 13 incidents, including: A disturbance in the 200 block of North Airport Drive; a two-vehicle property damage accident in the 500 block of

North Main Street.

Nov. 6 Police logged 32 incidents, including: 23 truancy complaints from the Shawano School District, a scam complaint in the 300 block of South Washington Street.

Nov. 5 Police logged 27 incidents, including: An attempted theft in the 500 block of South Main Street; vandalism in the 500 block of South Cleveland Street.

Nov. 4 Police logged 16 incidents, including: Shoplifting in the 100 block of River Heights; disorderly conduct in the 100 block of South Washington Street; an arrest for operating while intoxicated on Elizabeth Street.

Nov. 3 Police logged 20 incidents, including: A property damage accident in the 1200 block of East Green Bay Street.

Special features in the greenhouse promote learning all year long



Ag teacher Matt Christian checks on a cucumber project in the new, state-of-the-art greenhouse at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School.

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State-of-the-art heating and cooling systems are an integral part of the new greenhouse on the south end of the ag building at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School.

Roof and sidewall vents automatically open and close according to the temperature in the room to ensure that it will always remain between 60 and 80 degrees. When the room reaches 76 degrees, the roof vents will open, and the side vents will open when it reaches 79 degrees. As soon as the room temperature reaches 80 degrees, the roof vents will close and the fans will kick in to keep the air flowing sideways instead of up.

There is also a shade system connected to a device that measures the

intensity of the sun and adjusts the shades accordingly to prevent crops from burning.

Matt Christian, Witt-Birn's ag science teacher, noted that having the automated temperature controls will enable students to conduct plant growth experiments throughout the entire school year.

"I have a plant science class that is working on produce with the hope of donating to the produce to the Wittenberg Food Pantry before Christmas," said Christian.

Sweet corn, cabbage, tomatoes, sweet peas, green beans and cucumbers are being grown now for that project.

Junior Hunter Matsche is doing an experiment on corn growth in the new building. He's hoping to determine whether growth of the plant and cob size are affected by growing one

or two stalks in a single large planter. The corn was started in small containers before being moved to pots on the back side of the tables to allow the most room for corn stalk height. His assumption is that the single stalk in a planter will grow well, but maybe the competition of having two stalks growing in one planter might affect the growth in a positive way. Matsche might use this experiment as an agri-science fair project for FFA.

The 7,800-square-foot building was constructed as part of the referendum project. There are three main sections to the building: a pen area for animals, two large classrooms and the greenhouse, which also contains a hydroponic area and fish tank.

In the spring, students will be able to grow flowers and vegetables on a larger scale in preparation for the annual greenhouse sale. The fundraiser

is a big part of the agricultural education. It gives students the opportunity to interact with the customers and gain the experience of growing and marketing products.

Currently there is no music in the building, but that will be introduced later as an encouragement for plant growth and animal management, Christian said.

In college, he did a study for a music class that found that milk production increased with music, and the constant noise covers the other noises in the barn that would normally startle the animals. Although he doesn't remember which genre of music he played for his study, he does remember his grandfather saying that polka music is the best for dairy cattle.

OBITUARIES

Shirley E. Hartleben

Shirley E. Hartleben, 90, of Wittenberg, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, at Aspirus Hospice House, Wausau.

Shirley was born Jan. 15, 1930, the daughter of Elmer and Ethel (Tullberg) Johnson. She moved to the area from Milwaukee in 1938, at the age of 8. She attended and graduated from Wittenberg High School in 1947.

On Aug. 13, 1949, she was united in marriage to John J. Hartleben in Birnamwood. He preceded her in death on Aug. 19, 2010. The couple owned and operated the former Evergreen Inn in Wittenberg from 1961 to 1976, where Shirley made the best fish fry in the area. The couple then owned and operated the Wittenberg Enterprise for eight years, retiring in 1987. Shirley worked in the kitchen at the Wittenberg Grade School for many years.

Shirley liked to play bingo at Homme Home of Wittenberg and enjoyed helping those who needed a little more assistance playing. She also



volunteered at the Homme Home resale shop, Alpha House, in Wittenberg.

She was always willing to do shopping for friends and neighbors who had trouble getting around. Acting as

a chauffeur, one of Shirley's joys was driving people to the Aquatic Center in Wittenberg, to doctor appointments, community affairs and the like.

Shirley also liked to bake and enjoyed volunteering at the Wittenberg meal site by helping with clean up and visiting with others. She also served on the Nutrition Council as one of the Wittenberg meal site representatives.

Shirley was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Wittenberg, and graciously volunteered whenever she could. She enjoyed card club and sitting outside, enjoying her flowers,

hummingbirds and deer. After living in Wittenberg for 82 years, her bucket list was fulfilled after traveling to Hawaii.

Water exercise was a favorite of Shirley's for many years in her retirement. Please share a splash in her honor. Life was very good to Shirley. She always said she was so blessed with wonderful family and great friends. The little things in life made her happy.

Shirley is survived by four children, Dennis (Patti) Hartleben of Eland, Melana Schlueter of Eland, Paul (Marcia Nueske) Hartleben of Wittenberg and Alan (Charis) Hartleben of Hudson; grandchildren, Todd (Jessica) Hartleben of North Bennington, Vermont, Jennifer (Greg Mercure) Hartleben of Neenah, Michelle Siebert of Charleston, South Carolina, Shawn (Jessie) Siebert of Greenville, Hope (Dave) Linke of Wausau, Ron (Michelle) Schlueter Jr. of Weston, Jordan (Ashley) Hartleben of Norwich, Connecticut, Cody (Frances VanEyck)

Hartleben of Chicago, Lucas (Anna) Hartleben of Minneapolis, Ryan (Elyse) Hartleben of Milwaukee and Nolan Hartleben of Minneapolis; 11 (soon to be 12) great-grandchildren; a sister, Eileen Schmidt of Neenah; sister-in-law, Audrey Hartleben of Wittenberg; a brother-in-law, Larry Trickel of Port Washington; and several other relatives and friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Hartleben; son-in-law, Ron Schlueter; and three sisters, Mildred Johnson, Charlotte Yaeger and Betty Trickel.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family has decided to have a small, immediate family-only funeral service. Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The funeral service will be live streamed on Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home's Facebook and available at schmidtschulta.com where memories and messages of support may be shared.

Armond "Dan" Schmidt

Armond "Dan" Schmidt, 85, formerly of Caroline, died Friday, November 6, 2020 at the Pines Post Acute and Memory Care, Clintonville.

Dan was born on April 23, 1935 in the town of Red Springs, Shawano County, the son of George and Leona (Eggers) Schmidt Sr.

Dan honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955 completing Utility Repairman and Construction Equipment Mechanic Certification at the USAREUR Engineer School in 1954. He was a member of the VFW and the Gresham American Legion Post 390 where



he was Commander from 2002 to 2007, earning the Commander Award on June 1, 2007.

He operated a dairy farm, drove logging trucks and was employed by Grunewald

Excavating until his retirement. In his retirement, he used his skills and developed his passion for restoring old cars and tractors that were showcased in numerous community parades.

Dan is survived by his loving wife, Annette; two daughters, Patty Jo (Kelly) Zillmer and Penny

Lou (Dan) Boileau; three grandchildren, Scott (Jodilyn) Zillmer, Catherine Zillmer and Kysia (Jason) Vanderveren; three step-grandchildren, Heather (Richard) Mitchell, Dustin and Joshua Boileau; one great-grandson, Lincoln; seven step-great-grandchildren, Emilee, Carson, Madison, Wesley, Richard Jr., Marley and Avalyn; siblings, Connie (Austin) Newcomb and Carol (Jack) Lowder; and 32 adoring nieces and nephews.

Greeting Dan in Heaven were his parents; siblings LaVon (Leonard) Andrus, Carmen (Milan) Thiex, Marlea (Ed) Schulz, Rose Marie (Jim) Churchill and George Jr. (Charlotte) and Angela; step-grandson, Michael (Jenny); niece, Carol Jean (Jim) Ale-

son; and in-laws, Alfred and Catherine Hanson and brother-in-law, Roger (Judy) Hanson.

We will always remember Dan's quick wit that made us laugh and his charming manner that made us all feel loved and special in his life. We are proud of his accomplishments, admired his hard work ethic and loved him dearly. We now say goodbye until we meet again.

A wake will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bowler from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, November 14th, followed by the funeral at 11 a.m.

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

Kenneth E. Boettcher Sr.

Kenneth E. Boettcher Sr., 92, of Shawano, passed away Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, at Shawano Health Services. Kenneth was born to the late Orin and Ethel Boettcher on Feb. 21, 1928, in West Bend.

Kenneth attended Golden Oak School in Barton. He worked for West Bend Transit and Burkhardt Electric before owning and operating Ken's Appliance. Kenneth later moved to Cecil, where he owned the Elbow Room tavern. After selling the tavern, he moved to Summit Lake, opening a supper club called High Point. He returned to Cecil years later.



Kenneth drove truck for J.P. Mach Company out of Plover. On Sept. 9, 1991, he was united in marriage to Nancy (Reiland-Crass). Kenneth later went to work for Roger Knueppel Farm. He loved working with the animals and the Knueppel family. He ended his working years with the village of Cecil, retiring in 2007.

Kenneth was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the Town

of Washington. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking in his shop, and having a beer with his friends. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Kenneth is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Nancy; sons, Douglas (Cheryl), of Berlin, Kenneth Jr., (Susan) of Campbellsport, Keith (Penny), of Campbellsport, Bruce (Tracy), of Kewaskum, and Rick; his daughter, Michele (Troy) Sherman, of Cecil; stepchildren, Linda (Michael) Fechter, of Florida, Cynthia (Dan) Kopydlewski, of Lily, and Jacob (Kathy) Reiland, of Lomira; 26 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchild-

dren; one great-great-grandchild; his sister, Janice (Eugene) Herriges of West Bend; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Douglas and Nancie Crass, of West Bend, and John and Ruth Abel, of Eagle River. He is further survived by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wives, Joyce and Wilma (Billie); and brothers-in-law, Marlin Erdman and Ronald Hackbarth.

A funeral service for Kenneth was held at noon Friday, Nov. 6, 2020, at Swedberg-Zastrow Funeral Home in Cecil with the Rev. Steven Pockat officiating.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Thomas A. Smith

Thomas A. Smith, aka “Taco” and “Graavy,” died peacefully with his wife by his side on Oct. 31, 2020, after a courageous battle with metastatic prostate cancer.

Tom was born Jan. 16, 1951, in Wausau to Alfred “Bevo” and Virginia (nee Cole) Smith. He attended St. Michael’s Catholic School and graduated from Wausau High School in 1969. After graduation, he went on to hold various jobs in different fields until he found his hidden talent at Wausau Tent and Awning Company/Wausau Canvas Company, where he became an expert sewer and fabricator of awnings, boat and truck covers and many other items. After 13 years, he decided it was time to get out of a shop and back outside. He started working as a greenskeeper during the inception of Greenwood Hills and worked there for several years until transferring over to the Wausau Country Club in 2000. It was there he earned the name “Graavy” because he always got the easy jobs and got to ride the mowers all day long. He worked there until retiring at season’s end in 2014.



He, along with his wife and son, have owned Xena’s Village Inn, Wittenberg, for the past 20 years. His sick sense of humor, raunchy nasty jokes (how he earned the name “Taco”) and eclectic taste in music will be missed by all he shared them with. The Village will never be the same without their Taco.

In his younger days, he was an avid runner and bicyclist, putting thousands of miles on his orange Schwinn. He enjoyed camping and cooking over the open fire. His favorite pastime was hiking with his two buddies, Thor and Shadow, on Rib Mountain. Rain, shine, snow or below zero temps, they went almost every day. I’m sure they were there to greet him, eagerly yipping for him to take them on a hike. He had a green thumb and, after moving out in the country, enjoyed tending his huge garden for many years. He also had an extreme love of music.

Reggae, being one of his favorites, inspired several trips for him to Jamaica, his home away from home.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Amy White; their son, Justin White; two sisters, Jane (Joe) Nikolai and their children Julie and David, and Shirley (Alan) Schilling and their children Rhonda and Brenda; many nieces, nephews, in-laws, relatives, his Village Family and many other very special friends too numerous to mention. He is also survived by Prada, his companion dog he sat for. She is already missing her Taco and the rides SHE TOOK HIM ON in HER little purple truck.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Virginia Smith and a brother, James Smith.

We would like to thank the staff at The Homme Home of Wittenberg for the loving care you gave to Tom during his time with you. He had nothing but good things to say about all of you and raved about the food! A very special thank you to Kimmyra Bowers for being there and taking care of our Taco when I wasn’t allowed to be. I know it was very hard on you, and we both love

you very much.

We would also like to thank the Diagnostic & Treatment Center Radiology Oncology Department, Melissa, Josh, Aaron, Heather, Claire, Kristen, Jini and Dr. Ly for the wonderful care given to Tom and the love and support given to us both during his treatments there. You all went above and beyond what was ever expected. Also a very big thank you to Cindy, the most AWESOME greeter at the Marshfield Cancer Center. Your kindness and smile will never be forgotten.

Please join us for a celebration of Tom’s life/memorial potluck gathering beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Village Inn, 500 S. Webb St., Wittenberg. Food, fun, good music and the sharing of many great memories. A dish to pass is welcome but not required to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the family to assist with medical and funeral expenses appreciated.

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

Marcus A. “Mark” Resch

Marcus A. “Mark” Resch, 87, Wausau, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020, at Our House Memory Care under the care of Interim Hospice.

He was born Oct. 2, 1933, in Aniwa, son of the late John and Elisabeth (Toetschinger) Resch. On May 14, 1960, he married Rosemarie Koerten at St. Therese Catholic Church, Rothschild. She survives.

Mark was a longtime barber in the city of Wausau and many tales were told in his shop. He also was a home builder and auctioneer, having



helped his brother, Herbert, with his business and eventually branching off on his own.

The Resch family has been parishioners of St. Michael Catholic Church. Mark

belonged to the Knights of Columbus George Schreier Council No. 1069 and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Pere Rene Menard General

Assembly, Wausau, as well as having been affiliated with the Brothers of Pius X.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemarie, two daughters, Mary (Joel) Bates, of Keller, Texas, and Diane (Bob) Donohoo, Franklin; grandchildren, Alex Bates and Adam Bates; sister, Susanna (Lenard) LaPorte, Schofield; brother, Anton Resch, Weyauwega, as well as nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son, James, and a brother, Herbert.

The funeral Mass was set for 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wausau. Rev. Msgr. Mark Pierce will preside. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Park, Wausau. Visitation was Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the church. Face masks and social distancing protocols are encouraged.

Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com.

Deer Hunters’ Dinner tradition carries on - safely

Holy Family-St. William Catholic Church, 202 N. Ellms St., Wittenberg, will have its annual Deer Hunters’ Dinner again this year, but with a few changes.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, from 3-7:30 p.m., there will be drive-through

pick-up service only with an emphasis on safety and social distancing.

Though there is no indoor seating, guests won’t go away hungry. The menu includes chicken, ham, potatoes, stuffing, vegetable, gravy

and rolls. Pie choices this year will be apple, pumpkin or pecan.

Dinner tickets will be sold car-side at the church entrance, and orders will be delivered to vehicles at the next door.

Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m.

“This dinner tradition started in the mid-1960s to help build the present church building,” said Margie Mech, event volunteer. “We are looking forward to serving our returning hunters and neighbors.”

Earn Your GED Through ZOOM and NTC

Northcentral Technical College offering an opportunity to help learners prepare for their General Education Development tests via Zoom workshops. Many employers today

require that employees have at least a high school diploma or the equivalent. Adult Education at NTC offers a self-paced, friendly environment to earn a GED.

Workshops are offered free of charge and learners can apply for grants to cover the cost of the GED test.

Those who are interested in completing their GED are encouraged to contact the campus nearest to them to

learn more about their options, including utilizing Zoom at home or at an NTC campus. Registration is required before completing a workshop.

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WAFAP upgrades ambulance fleet

Q&A with Laurie Zeil, ambulance director of the WAFAP

By MIRIAM NELSON
News Editor

Editor's Note: The Wittenberg Area Fire/Ambulance Protective Service recently purchased an ambulance to replace one that was no longer functional. Laurie Zeil, ambulance director, answered questions regarding the recent addition to the fleet.

Q: What did you purchase and when did you take delivery?

A: The WAFAP purchased a PL Custom 2017 Ford E-450 Medallion demo ambulance from Pomasl Fire Equipment in Antigo. The ambulance is a 2017 vehicle with only 4,000 miles on it. It has a power cart for lifting gurneys in and out of the vehicle and also has a 100,000-mile warranty. We took delivery of the new ambulance on Oct. 9

Q: Did the EMTs need any extra training for the new ambulance?

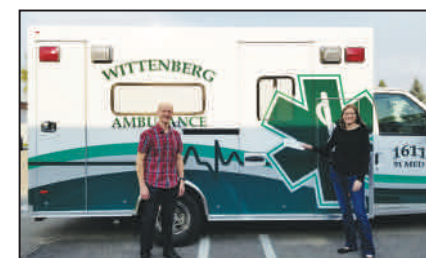
A: At our monthly meeting, we completed the stocking of the inside of the ambulance and became familiar with its layout and where items were stored. The drivers were able to familiarize themselves with the lights, siren and other functions needed for driving. Once all that was completed we did a self-inspection of the ambulance, which was faxed to the state prior to putting the ambulance in service.

Q: Did you need to do any work on the exterior or the interior?

A: Once the district approved the purchase of this ambulance, our EMS crew and drivers had an opportunity to look at the inside of the ambulance. The only addition to the inside was a LifePack 15 monitor holder so that our Lifepack could be secured in place. The outside of the ambulance was a basic white color, so we were able to sit down and choose a design we wanted. Once we had a design put together and approved, the ambulance was taken to FlipSide in Wausau to have the graphics put on it. We wanted it to have similar colors as our Med 2 but also want to incorporate new graphics to set it apart from other services.

Q: Where did you sell the old ambulance?

A: Our 2009 ambulance was sold on the Wisconsin Public Surplus auction site and purchased for \$5,820. In



Wittenberg Area Fire/Ambulance Protective Service President Dawn Chuilli, right, accepts delivery of an ambulance purchased from Kevin Pomasl of Pomasl Fire Equipment in Antigo on Oct. 9. CONTRIBUTED

general, used ambulances do not have a huge resale value as they tend to have a lot of miles on them. Many people buy them for cleaning services or construction vehicles for hauling items.

Q: What areas will benefit from this purchase?

A: The WAFAPS is an independent nonprofit, partially funded by the village and the Town of Wittenberg. Additionally, they hold contracts to service the Town of Franzen and the village of Elderon to provide both fire and ambulance service. They also contract with the Town of Morris for fire service and the Town of Almon to provide ambulance service.

Q: How was the purchase financed?

A: The WAFAPS contributed \$40,000 toward the purchase of the ambulance, and the Town of Wittenberg and the Village of Wittenberg each contributed \$25,000 and the remaining \$70,000 was borrowed from the Town of Wittenberg at a 2% interest rate.

Q: What qualifications are needed to work as an ambulance staff?

A: We are always looking for EMs and drivers. Small volunteer EMS services struggle to attract EMTs. Most people who are in EMT classes are looking to do it as a full-time career.

There are several levels of EMS providers, ranging from EMR (emergency first responder) to Paramedic. Each level has its own training requirements. Our service runs as an AEMT (Advanced Emergency Medical Technician) service which means that we are required to have at least one AEMT or higher on call at all times along with a second EMR or higher.

If anyone is interested in becoming an EMT or driver, they should contact any of our EMS members or district board members.

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OPINION

Social programs provide for the general welfare

"Socialism is a scare word."

When speaking about the GOP in 1952, President Harry Truman went on to say, "Socialism is their name for anything that helps all people."

The theme of this year's Conservative Political Action Conference Convention held last March was "America Versus Socialism." Matt Schlapp, chairman of the American Conservative Union, told attendees: "It's a very intended theme. Our view is it's not capitalism versus socialism because socialism isn't just about economics. Socialism, we believe, gets to the very core of violating the dignity of the individual human being that has God given rights."

In expanding on this theme throughout the year, the Republican Party has gone so far as to suggest that if the United States would adopt the Democratic socialist ideas of Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, the country would be another Cuba or Venezuela where the government — rather than individuals or businesses — would own and control major industries, and the economy would be planned centrally.

In a letter to the editor entitled "We need progressive politics," Duwane Huffaker explained why Sanders and Warren are not socialists. He said they are advocates for implementing the fundamental purposes and guiding principles stated in the preamble of the U.S. Constitution.

One of these principles is "to provide for the general welfare" of our



JAN KOCH

great country. They are advocating health care for all, free public education to obtain a skill to become a knowledgeable and productive member of society and the necessary social programs to

improve the general welfare.

Social programs are those services that are available to all citizens. They are schools, roads, police and fire protection. Socialism is an economic philosophy where the workers of the world own the means of production.

Though the U.S. is clearly a capitalist country, one of the hallmarks of its government system is Social Security, a government-run benefits program instituted in 1935, in the depths of the Great Depression. When Franklin Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act in the 1930s, many Americans were unconvinced that the program was good policy. Republican critics of the Social Security Act worried that the program's old age pensions and unemployment insurance were based on socialism.

In the 1960s, conservatives strongly opposed Medicare. They warned that a government-run program that provided health coverage to virtually all of the nation's elderly and a large share of people with disabilities would lead to socialism in America.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is the most progressive agency in the government. The VA provides opportunities in education, employment and small-business development. Today, veterans of all socioeconomic backgrounds are provided comprehensive and high-quality care for free or at a low cost. It is socialism in action, and we must defend it from privatization.

The current anti-government Republican psyche goes back to the 1971 and the infamous "Powell Memo." It warned that our "free enterprise system" is "under broad attack." He wanted the business elite to spread the message that the very survival of freedom of this system is threatened by those who seek to extend the power of government. He warned that business must fight back with the anti-government message.

So, what Powell was saying is that "freedom" isn't freedom of opportunity — as social movements had been insisting — but rather freedom from government interference. Government action to promote the general welfare — as in rules protecting clean air or voting rights or fair labor practices — denies freedom.

Lack of government interference has led to political power being amassed by America's biggest corporations allowing them to corrupt government and pass laws that benefit themselves at the expense of everyone else. In the 1980s, the Reagan administration overturned decades of anti-trust laws. This led to workers being disadvantaged and salaries remaining stagnant. Executive pay, however, skyrocketed 1,000%.

COVID-19 has made economic inequality more extreme than that of more than 100 other countries. In the

months we have already spent facing this common, invisible enemy has led to a deeper awareness of our connected fates. Losses have heightened our awareness of the need for government as our shared tool in protecting life and livelihood.

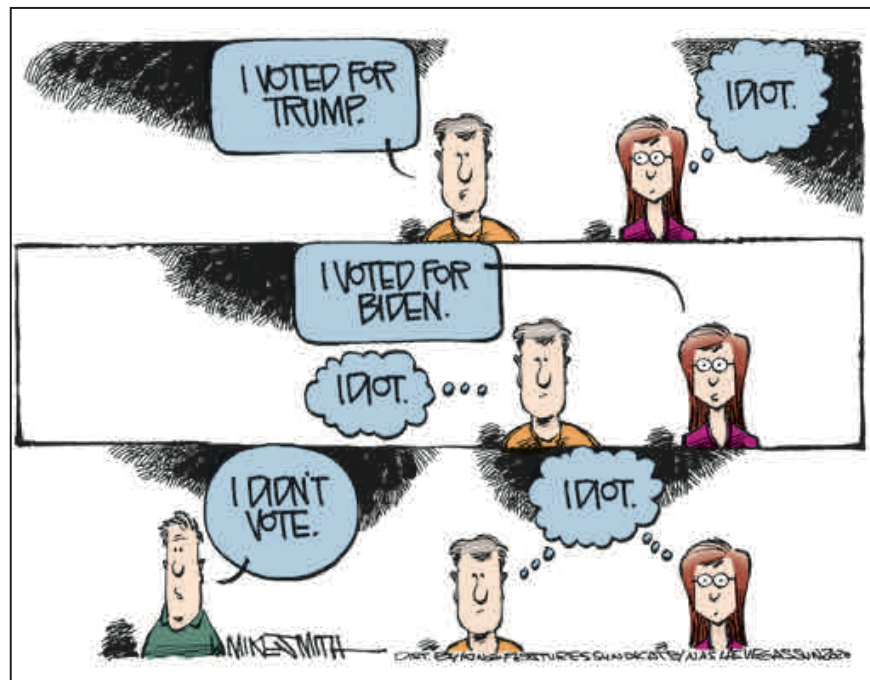
With millions of jobs evaporating, many permanently, a public health care system could meet the human needs the private health care system isn't able to provide. The government has all the power that it needs to solve at least access issues to both health care and medicines. Everything is at its disposal.

The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) was the first step in bringing health care to millions of Americans who had no other health insurance. Rather than being eliminated as the Republicans have tried to do for years, the system needs to be expanded so that no one has to go without health insurance ever again.

For the first time, a majority of Americans agree climate change action should be a top national priority. Republicans mock changes outlined in the Green New Deal and scoff at its price tag. However, the pandemic is awakening Americans to fact that its only a matter of political will. Our government can solve these pressing problems; the question is whether or not we have the political will to do it.

The future is not America versus socialism. America needs to continue its ownership of capital goods by private individuals and businesses while at the same time continuing to embrace programs which improve its citizens' health and well-being.

Jan Koch is a Shawano resident and the chairwoman for the Shawano County Democratic Party.



OPINION PAGE POLICY

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls dealing with adversity as season starts up

Chargers looking to repeat in CWC-East

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls basketball heads into the 2020-21 season hoping to repeat as Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division champions, but needing to replace some key players from last year's squad to accomplish that.

Witt-Birn graduated two players from the team that finished 22-2 overall and 11-1 in conference play last winter. The Chargers will also be without senior Abi Fraaza when play begins—possibly for the entire season—after she underwent meniscus reconstruction surgery after an injury during the fall sports season.

Fraaza was the conference's player of the year as a junior, along with making the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association honorable mention team in Division 3. She was the conference's leader in rebounds and assists per game and third in scoring.

Even with Fraaza out, coach Nick Mechelke believes his team can repeat as CWC-East champions.

"It's hard to replace Abi, she was last year's player of the year, but we will have players take on a bigger role to fulfill our needs," said Mechelke.

Senior Emma Herb is the other all-



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Emma Herb reaches for a loose ball during a CWC-East matchup against Amherst on Jan. 7 in Wittenberg.

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conference player back for Witt-Birn. She made the first team unanimously after averaging 18 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

"Losing a player like Abigail can change the entire ball game," said Herb. "She is an amazing athlete and will be missed greatly on the court. This year we are all going to have to step it up to help fill her role."

Sophomore Reese Rogowski is the only other starter back for the Chargers.

Senior Amara Schoepke and junior Kaylee Schram played key roles off the bench last year, and will likely play even bigger roles this winter.

Junior Jadalynn Davids is one of the players who could also carve out a role for the Chargers.

"Our team will need to work a lot harder and focus more without Abi right now," said Rogowski, who aver-

aged just under five points a game last year. "We will have to fill a big void without her there on the court. All of us will have to step up and take a responsibility for our team's success."

The CWC-East won't do the Chargers any favors, as Mechelke believes it will remain as tough and competitive as ever. Only six total players graduated from last year's all-conference teams.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Postseason brackets finalized by WIAA

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association announced 2020 football culminating event brackets early Saturday morning.

Shawano, Bonduel, Oconto Falls, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Clintonville are all part of the 11-player playoff qualifiers.

A total of 197 teams across the state opted into the postseason, and 196 were included in playoff brackets. Divisions 1-5 all had 32 teams, while Division 6 had 36 teams.

Every team was placed in a pod consisting of four teams. There will only be two levels of postseason play, instead of the usual five.

The winners of the level one

games will play each other in level two on Nov. 19. Teams that lose their level one games can either face each other in level two, schedule a game against any other teams from around the state or decide not to play a game on Nov. 19.

Shawano earned a No. 1 seed in its Division 2 pod. The Hawks are scheduled to host fourth-seeded Marinette on Friday at 7 p.m.

No. 3 Antigo and No. 2 Seymour fill out the pod.

Bonduel is a No. 1 seed in Division 5. The Bears will host fourth-seeded Oconto on Friday.

Second-seeded Manawa and third-seeded Mishicot fill out the pod.

Witt-Birn picked up a No. 2 seed

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Full WIAA postseason brackets can be found at <https://www.wiaawi.org/Sports/Fall/Football/Tournament>

in Division 4. The Chargers will host third-seeded Tomahawk on Friday.

Witt-Birn dropped a Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division battle against Manawa on Friday in Manawa in its regular season finale, losing 42-20.

Witt-Birn dropped to 1-3 overall and in conference play.

No. 1 Stratford and No. 4 Neillsville/Grant round out Witt-Birn's playoff pod.

Clintonville also secured a No. 2 seed. The Truckers will host third-

seeded Winneconne in a Division 3 playoff game Friday.

Top-seeded Little Chute and fourth-seeded Denmark are the other teams in the pod.

Oconto Falls will also play in Division 3. The Panthers earned a No. 3 seed and will travel to face second-seeded Wrightstown on Friday.

No. 1 Freedom and No. 4 Northland Pines fill out the pod.

No area 8-player football teams opted into the postseason. Only eight teams opted in.

Area teams that weren't among the playoff qualifiers are still able to schedule games over the next two weeks. Check school's athletic calendars for the latest matchups.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIM

Witt-Birn's Metropulos qualifies for state in 2 events

Chargers finish 9th at sectional

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School senior McKenna Metropulos qualified for state in two swimming events after competing in the Division 2 Rhinelander Sectional on Saturday.

The sectional was combined with the Medford Sectional before final results were finalized.

Metropulos ended up with third-

place finishers in the 100- and 200-yard freestyle races. She posted a time of 1 minute, 59.98 seconds in the 200 and had a mark of 54.39 seconds in the 100.

"Making state is always my overall goal in the season, and even though this was a weird season with everything that has been going on, it still is just as meaningful as it had been last year," said Metropulos, who made it to state in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle as a junior.

The Witt-Birn team earned 102 points and placed ninth out of 12 teams.

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Full results from the sectional can be found at <https://www.wiaawi.org/Sports/Fall/Girls-Swim-Dive/Tournament>.

The Chargers only other individual top-10 finish came from Annika Resch, who posted a time of 2:11 to finish eighth in the 200 freestyle.

Resch also placed 13th in the 100 freestyle (58.64). Jessica Storlie came in 15th in the 500 freestyle (6:28.5).

Witt-Birn's 200 freestyle relay team placed seventh in 1:50.36. The team's 400 freestyle relay came in ninth in 4:06.77.

FYI

State swim results will appear in the Nov. 20 paper and can also be found online at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Metropulos will take part in the Division 2 State Girls Swimming & Diving Championships on Friday at the Waukesha South Natatorium.

She enters state with the third-best time in the 100 and the sixth-fastest time in the 200.

"I'm hoping to come out of state with new PR times in both events and making podium," said Metropulos.



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PRO BASEBALL

Sedar moving to advisory role on Brewers' coaching staff

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After working as a Milwaukee Brewers first-base or third-base coach for the last 14 seasons, Ed Sedar is moving into a new role as an adviser to the team's coaching staff.

That move marked the biggest change as the Brewers announced manager Craig Counsell's 2021 coaching staff Wednesday.

Sedar had been the Brewers' first-base coach from 2007-10 and third-base coach from 2011-20. He also has worked in the Brewers organization as a minor league outfield and baserunning coordinator (1992-2006) and minor league field

coordinator (2002-06).

"Eddie's still going to have the responsibilities of helping us down in spring training. He'll be around the major league team, in uniform before home games and really just continue to serve as a resource for Craig and the rest of our staff," Brewers general manager David Stearns said.

Quintin Berry will take over as a base coach next season after working as the Brewers' minor league outfielder and baserunning coordinator from 2019-20.

Counsell said Berry's responsibilities will include baserunning and outfield instruction.

"Immediately as he took the coaching role in our player development system, it was obvious he was going to become a big-league coach," Counsell said. "He's knowledgeable about his area. He has a presence that allows him to affect players. And he has a great energy about him."

Hitting coach Andy Haines, pitching coach Chris Hook, bullpen coach Steve Karsay, bench coach Pat Murphy and assistant hitting coach Jacob Cruz are returning to the same positions they had this year.

Jason Lane, a first-base coach this season, will be a base coach

again in 2021. Walker McKinven is back as associate pitching, catching and strategy coach.

Counsell said he hasn't yet determined which base coach will handle first and which will be at third.

The Brewers will have two new bullpen catchers next year in Nestor Corredor and Adam Weisenburger. Marcus Hanel had been a Brewers bullpen catcher for the last 21 seasons.

"Marcus was certainly an important part of us for a long, long time," Counsell said. "This is a physical job. It's largely a physical job. And so it was time for just someone new to do it."

OBITUARIES

Jeffery Kurt Reeder

The family of Jeffery Kurt Reeder is saddened to announce his passing on Nov. 5, 2020 at the age of 65, in Florence, WI after a valiant battle with diabetes.

The son of Victor and Ann (Myroup) Reeder was born in Chicago, IL on April 16, 1955. In 1968 the family relocated to Eland, WI. Jeff was united in marriage to Lucy Gritzmacher on Oct. 23, 1982. They were married until her passing on Dec. 26, 2011. Jeff and Lucy were blessed with a loving son Justin. Jeff later married Dora Howell on July 5, 2014.

While living in rural Wisconsin, Jeff developed an interest in raising sheep and became very involved in 4-H and FFA. Jeff graduated from Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School in 1973, and pursued a BS



degree in Agricultural Education from University of Wisconsin-River Falls in 1977, and later obtained his Masters in Education Administration from University of Wisconsin-Superior.

After caring for his wife Lucy, Jeff pursued an interest in the medical field and obtained certification as a Medical Assistant from Rasmussen College. At University of Wisconsin-River Falls he was a member of the swim team and the Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity. Jeff's career was filled with many accomplishments and adventures as one of the founding officers for his family's business, Cus-

tom Glass Products, an educator in four states, a youth swim coach, and ending his career as an administrator in Wisconsin and in Alaska.

Jeff is survived by and will lovingly be remembered by his wife Dora; son Justin; stepsons William (Robin) Howell, Nick (Rosemary) Nevil, Jesse Nevil; eight step-grandchildren; his siblings, Vicki (Joseph) Oboikovitz, Michael (Sarah) Reeder, Eric (Lisa) Reeder, Steven (Annetta) Reeder, Desiree' (Tim) Pampuch; many aunts, uncles, cousins; and his nieces, and nephews, Sarah, Matthew, Lana, Erin, Mallory, Sam, Mariah, Cameron, Celsea, Adam, and Victor who loved his "corny" jokes and his free spirit.

Jeff was an avid Chicago sports fan of the Bears, Blackhawks, and Cubs. He loved to travel, garden, and

ice fish, and enjoyed many challenges as a lifelong learner. Jeff enjoyed time with family and friends and was an especially devoted husband, father, and son. He will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association 1 (800) 342-2383 in memory of Jeff and Lucy.

Funeral services will be held Nov. 17 with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a service at 1 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home, Iron Mountain, MI.

Graveside service will be held on Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. in Eland, WI at the Eland Cemetery.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Lambeau Field to continue indefinite hold on hosting fans

Due to the continued high levels of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the Green Bay area and across Wisconsin, the Green Bay Packers are continuing the indefinite hold on hosting fans for games at Lambeau Field this season.

In order to host fans, the area will need to see a significant improvement in the rate of hospitalizations, as well as in the community infection and positivity rates. This is based on

recommendations from community health care and public health officials.

"As evidenced by the sustained increase in cases in our community, we all need to work together to contain the virus," said Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy. "Our players would love to have fans in the stands at Lambeau Field, but it is critical for the safety of our community that we all do whatever we can to stop the virus.

"It is important to note that public

health officials have said we can make a difference relatively quickly by strict adherence to wearing masks, socially distancing and practicing proper hand hygiene. If the situation improves in the community and state, we'll be in position to safely welcome fans to games at Lambeau Field yet this season.

"We also remind our fans, when watching our games, please limit the people with whom you cheer to your small circle of family or close friends."

The Packers will continue to evaluate a variety of factors in consultation with local medical and public health officials for the possibility of hosting fans later in the season.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wisconsin's Reuvers named candidate for Karl Malone Award

Badger big man Nate Reuvers has become a big-time contributor for Wisconsin. Entering the 2020-21 season, the senior is garnering big-time recognition and was named a candidate for the 2021 Karl Malone Power Forward of the Year Award by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on Thursday.

Reuvers is one of 20 watch list candidates — one of three from the Big Ten — for the nation's best power forward. He becomes the second Badger to be named a candidate for the Karl Malone Award, joining Nigel Hayes (2017).

A third-team All-Big Ten honoree last season, Reuvers has become one of the Badgers' most reliable producers, averaging 13.1 points, 4.5 rebounds and 1.9 blocks per game in 2019-20. The Lakeville, Minnesota native scored in double figures in 24 of 31 games last year, including 12 of the final 15 games.

Reuvers was a defensive presence for the Badgers with 58 blocks last season, which tied for the seventh-highest single-season total in UW history. He enters his senior campaign tied for third in UW history with 144 career blocks, needing just 11 swats to break Ethan Happ's school record (154).

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

Previous winners of the Karl Malone Power Forward of the Year Award include Obi Toppin, Dayton (2020); Zion Williamson, Duke (2019); Deandre Ayton, Arizona (2018); Jonathan Motley, Baylor (2017); Georges Niang, Iowa State (2016); and Montrezl Harrell, Louisville (2015).

Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Meeting was called to order, at 6:00 pm, by Village President, William Switalla – Roll Call – Marlene Wepner – present, Renee Switalla – present, Barb Buchholz – present, William Switalla – present, Sharon Beversdorf – absent, David Timm – present, and Paul Yaeger – absent. Also present: Miriam Nelson and Joel Yaeger

- Buchholz/Timm m/s/c to approve the September 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes.
- R.Switalla/Buchholz to approve the interim bills for \$83,478.35 and the audited bills for \$88,214.48. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- R.Switalla/Wepner to not send disconnect notices on November 1st for delinquent utilities, but to use the Tax Roll process to collect those dollars, since it is not clear if the PSC will again stay the disconnect order on November 1st. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Buchholz/R.Switalla m/s/c to adjourn at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Matsche
Village of Wittenberg Clerk/Treasurer

WNAXLP

Minutes for Special Board of Trustee Meeting Thursday, October 15, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by William Switalla – Roll Call – Marlene Wepner – absent, Renee Switalla – present, Barb Buchholz – present, Bill Switalla – present, Sharon Beversdorf – present, David Timm – present and Paul Yaeger – present.

- Buchholz/Yaeger to approve a contract with Martenson & Eisele to engineer the 2021 sidewalk projects for Grand and Genesee. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- The 2021 budget was discussed.
- Buchholz/Beversdorf to enter into closed per 19.85(1)(c) for personnel at 7:14 pm. Roll call vote – all ayes
- R.Switalla/W.Switalla to reconvene into open session at 7:39 pm, to ratify decisions made in closed. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Yaeger/W.Switalla to approve a 3% raise for Joel Yaeger for 2021. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Yaeger/Beversdorf to approve a 3% raise for Larry Stark for 2021. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Yaeger/R.Switalla to approve a 3% raise for Traci Matsche for 2021. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Yaeger/R.Switalla to approve a 3% raise for Paul Paulson for 2021. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Yaeger/Buchholz to approve a 3% raise for Maria Donat for 2021. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- R.Switalla/Buchholz m/s/c to adjourn at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Matsche
Village Clerk/Treasurer

WNAXLP

Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Meeting was called to order, at 6:00 pm, by Village President, William Switalla – Roll Call – Marlene Wepner – absent, Renee Switalla – present, Barb Buchholz – present, William Switalla – present, Sharon Beversdorf – present, David Timm – present, and Paul Yaeger – present. Also present: Miriam Nelson and Stewart Hanson

- Buchholz/Beversdorf m/s/c to approve the October 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes and October 15, 2020 Special meeting minutes
- W. Switalla/Buchholz m/s/c to deviate from agenda as needed.
- R. Switalla/Buchholz to approve snow plowing bids from Hanson's Sanitation for prices listed. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- R.Switalla/Buchholz to approve the audited bills for \$23,716.23. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- W.Switalla/Timm to approve 2021 Fire contract for \$12,500.00 and ambulance contract for \$10,000.00 Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Yaeger/Buchholz to approve quote from Knutson for \$6,287.00 to finish steel work on fire and ambulance building. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- R.Switalla/Buchholz to go into closed session for 19.85(1)(c) Personnel at 6:40 pm. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- R.Switalla/Buchholz to reconvene into open session at 6:45 pm to ratify decisions made in close. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Yaeger/Buchholz to approve a \$1.00 raise for Paul Paulson. Roll call vote – all ayes.
- Timm/Beversdorf m/s/c to adjourn at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Matsche
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WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 16, 2020

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

AGENDA

- I. Meeting called to order, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).
- II. Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of October 26, 2020, Regular Meeting as circulated.
- IV. Communications and Delegations
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Board Concerns or Reports
Student Representative
- VII. Financial Report
- VIII. Approve the Agenda
 - I. The Board may adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1) for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matters and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.
 - II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.
- IX. Administrative Reports
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
 - A. First Reading of Board Policy Updates Volume 29 2
 - B. Support Staff Resignation
 - C. Support Staff Hire
 - D. School Safety Drills for Review/Information

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