



GEARING UP TO KEEP TOWNSHIP ROADS CLEAR THIS WINTER

There's always something to be done to keep Town of Wittenberg snowplows on the road, as Rick Hartleben prepares to grease the front end of his truck. The town has two snowplow trucks and a front-end loader. Keith Dorn handles the front-end loader. Dick Beversdorf, town chair, said clearing 80 "lane miles" — or the number of miles needed to be plowed — usually takes six to seven hours, well within the state law requirement of 72 hours. **FOR MORE FROSTY DETAILS, SEE PAGE 2.**

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Metropulos caps career with 2 top 10 finishes at state

'I couldn't be happier to be ending my season this way' - Metropulos

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Classic Western music highlights concert series

The Gibson Brothers, Dale Watson, Riders in the Sky and Eddy Raven will perform in March and April 2021 at the Witteberg-Birnamwood High School auditorium in the annual music concert series.

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Slagles want to retire - again

Couple looks to sell Once N Again Antiques, a host to many local vendors, in downtown Birnamwood.

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Valdes-Scantling is catching on with Rodgers.

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Wittenberg township gears up for winter snowplowing

Beversdorf: 'No slack times driving a plow'

By **DAVID WILHELMS**

Correspondent

There's always something to be done or fixed when it comes to plowing snow in the Town of Wittenberg.

Dick Beversdorf, town chairman, said town employees Keith Dorn and



KEITH DORN

Rick Hartleben needed to order some spare blades from the county highway department Nov. 13 when the three discussed the upcoming season.

The town has two snowplow trucks and a front-end loader to take on its 79-80 "lane miles" of roads. That's double the township's 39-40 miles of roads because, as they reminded each other, you have to plow both lanes. Dorn handles the front-end loader, and Hartleben drives a truck.

The town doesn't coordinate with the county on plowing schedules, Hartleben said.

Beversdorf said the roads are usually cleared in six to seven hours, well within the state law requirement of 72 hours.

Mailboxes are an eternal hazard as the drivers try to keep them upright all winter.

Wet, heavy snow piling up ahead of



Rick Hartleben sizes up greasing of the front end of his snowplow, part of the ongoing maintenance routine for the Town of Wittenberg's two trucks and front end loader. He, along with Keith Dorn, are the drivers behind the Town of Wittenberg plowing operations, aiming at clearing the roads within six to seven hours after a snowfall.

DAVID WILHELMS

the blades is one concern in taking out a mailbox. The other is speed.

"If you slow down, you don't have the problems," Hartleben said.

Driving a plow is not as easy as it looks, Hartleben said.

Beversdorf added residents should step into the shoes of the plow drivers.

In particular, Beversdorf said a problem is the "rumble strips" of packed snow created when residents violate state law by pushing snow from their properties across a road into the opposite ditch.

The "strips" can catch and throw off a plow, he said. The "rumble strips" can also be a hazard for citizens using the roads, he added.

Dorn and Hartleben have assigned territories, and "you need to get to know it by habit," Hartleben said. In

fact, the drivers know their territories more by the challenges than by street names.

The two drivers discussed their most memorable hazards — including what Hartleben called "that big rock on the end of Birch Road," after they agreed that it was, in fact, Birch Road.

"You have to be careful," he said. "You can get some pretty wicked jolts, and it's hard on the equipment."

"Dead ends are the worst," Dorn added. "You have to remember where the ditch is or you can go in."

Beversdorf, who has some experience plowing parking lots, agreed.

"There are no slack times driving a plow," he said. "There's always the unexpected."

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CWEC launches 2020 Toys for Tots toy drive

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) will once again partner with the U.S. Marine Corps to help make Christmas for local children through the Toys for Tots program.

Through the program, toys are collected and distributed to children in the area.

Last year, CWEC provided toys to more than 1,000 area children. All indications are that the need will increase this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a CWEC press release.

New, unwrapped toys at donation sites will be collected Dec. 4.

Donors can also have the CWEC do the shopping by writing a check to Toys for Tots and mailing it to: Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 100, Rosholt, WI 54473.

To make a donation online, go to <http://iola-wi.toysfortots.org>.

Toy collection sites include the following:

- Birnamwood: Banner Bank, 416 Main St.; Dollar General, 472 U.S. Highway 45.

- Bowler: Bowler schools, 500 S. Almon St.; First National Bank, 102 E. Railroad St.

- Elderon: Community First Bank,

311 State Highway 49.

- Rosholt: Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, 10401 Lystul Road; Community First Bank, 275 W. Grand Ave.; Dollar General, 436 W. Grand Ave.; Rosholt Elementary School or Rosholt Middle School/High School, 346 W. Randolph St.

- Tigerton: First National Bank, 140 Cedar St.; Tigerton Community Center, 221 Birch St.; Tigerton BP, 140 Cedar St.

- Wittenberg: Associated Bank, 501 S. Webb St.; Banner Bank, 202 S. Westgor Ave.; Dollar General, 309 N. Genesee St.

It's a great time for school district to be thankful

Superintendent reflects on successful first quarter

As I write this newsletter, I reflect on the fact that we have much to be thankful for in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District.

As crazy as it sounds, the first quarter of the school year has come and gone. With time flying by, and all things considered regarding



GARRETT ROGOWSKI

This has resulted because of the collaborative efforts our parents and staff have made to allow school to continue.

COVID-19, we feel fortunate that our students have had the opportunity to participate in what we would consider "as normal of a start to the school year as possible."

The month of November provides us in the school environment an opportune time to teach students about what it means to be "thankful" and how the gift of "giving" and being selfless in our actions and words makes the world a better place. The contributions in our local and school community during this difficult time in our history has provided a testament to these teaching points. There are no better examples than what so many of our team members have done to ensure our students' experience is rewarding and meaningful.

In addition, the month of November provides many opportunities that remind us about the importance of family, coming together and appreciating the simple things in life. As we enter a new season of the calendar year, a new chapter in the school year and a time where we have so much to be thankful for, I wish all of our residents a happy Thanksgiving and, to those who participate, best of luck this deer season.

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

WOW continues holiday tradition — with a few changes

Change, adapt and keep traditions going when possible. That's the current mantra for at Walls of Wittenberg, which is bringing its annual Christmas event to WOWSPACE with a few modifications.

Due to the pandemic, WOW has canceled the Christmas craft fair at WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St., Wittenberg, that was set for Dec. 4 and 5.

However, Santa will help light the Christmas tree in the Art Park

and pass out goody bags at 7 p.m. Dec. 4.

A few years ago, it was decided to decorate the large pine tree in the adjacent Art Park with decorations and have a tree-lighting party.

Melissa Gauderman will direct the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School choir as it leads the crowd in an old-fashioned Christmas carol sing-a-long.

The Wittenberg Area Chamber

of Commerce is sponsoring Santa's visit, bags of candy and cookies.

People interested in attending the events that weekend can check the website www.wallsofwittenberg.com for updates.

In Birnamwood at Chet & Emil's, 388 Main Street, kids will have the opportunity to drop off their letters to Santa in the banquet hall on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 12-2 p.m. and receive a bag of candy.

Letters can be addressed to Old Saint Nick, 55 Cane Cane Lane, North Pole, AK 99083.

Letters with a return address on the envelopes will receive a return post card from the North Pole.

Because this will be an inside event, masks and social distancing will be appreciated.

This event is sponsored by the Plover Valley 4-H and supported by several local businesses.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Support Center



Inspired to give this holiday season? Give a gift that will truly make a difference in someone's life.

Urgent needs: Paper towel, toilet paper, coffee, disinfectant sprays, gas cards (\$10), grocery store cards

For a complete list of needs, please check out our website or FaceBook page.
Cash donations made December 1st-15th to CoVantage Cares at the Shawano locations will be matched & given to Safe Haven.



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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 16
Deputies responded to 37 calls, including two tobacco complaints at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, 400 Grand Ave., Wittenberg; a trespassing complaint on state Highway 153 in the Town of Wittenberg; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; a weapons offense on North Madison Street in Bonduel; a harassment complaint on Alder Street in Tigerton; a traffic hazard complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond.

Nov. 15
Deputies responded to 28 calls, including an assault complaint on County Road BE in the Town of Waukechon; fleeing complaints on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg and state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; a complaint about drugs on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; five accidents, with three involving deer.

Nov. 14
Deputies responded to 40 calls, including an OWI complaint on County

Road S in the Town of Lessor; a fight in progress on County Road A at the North Star Casino, W12180 County Road A in the Town of Bartelme; a traffic hazard complaint on County Road Q in the Town of Almon; four accidents, three involving deer.

Nov. 13
Deputies responded to 39 calls, including a fraud complaint on Adams Street in Bonduel; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; a drug complaint on Witt-Birn Townline Road in the Town of Wittenberg; a property damage complaint on South Warrington Street in Cecil; 10 accidents, six involving deer.

Nov. 12
Deputies responded to 36 calls, including a scam complaint on North Washington Street in Bonduel; an assault complaint on Main Street in Birnamwood; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; 10 accidents, six involving deer.

Nov. 11
Deputies responded to 51 calls, including a traffic hazard complaint on Lulu Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a reckless driving complaint on state

Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a drug complaint on state Highway 29 in the town of Richmond; eight accidents, all involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 16
Officers responded to 17 calls, including a hit-and-run complaint in the 200 block of East Green Bay Street; a scam complaint in the 500 block of South Sawyer Street; a vehicle theft complaint in the 700 block of South Lincoln Street; a harassment complaint at Safe Haven, 380 Lakeland Road.

Nov. 15
Officers responded to nine calls, including a harassment complaint in the 900 block of East Randall Street.

Nov. 14
Officers responded to 14 calls, including a disturbance complaint in the 400 block of South Lincoln Street; a vehicle lockout at Sherwin Williams, 1221 E. Green Bay St.; an assault complaint at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B, Shawano.

Nov. 13
Officers responded to 18 calls, including a controlled substance complaint at The

Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.; threatening complaints on Richmond Court and Prospect Circle; a reckless driving complaint at East Green Bay Street and Woodlawn Drive.

Nov. 12
Officers responded to 33 calls, including a fraud complaint in the 900 block of South Lafayette Street; a car damage complaint at Cellcom, 511 N. Main St.; a shoplifting complaint at Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.

Nov. 11
Officers responded to 29 calls, including a hit and run at Pizza Hut, 816 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving complaints at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St. and at state Highway 22 and Cedar Lane; a harassment complaint at Shawano Square Apartments, 820 E. Richmond St.

Nov. 10
Officers responded to 31 calls, including a hit and run at Wisconsin House, 216 E. Green Bay St.; a vandalism complaint at Wisconsin House, 216 E. Green Bay St.; an identity theft complaint on Southview Court; a reckless driving complaint at East Green Bay Street and Woodlawn Drive; a traffic hazard complaint in the 900 block of South River Street.

COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County District Court include:

Raymond J. LaRock, 23, Keshena, was charged Nov. 6 with money laundering - knowingly receiving or acquiring \$2,500 and under, four counts of felony bail jumping and one count of receiving or concealing stolen property. An initial appearance is scheduled for Nov. 30.

Carlos A. Roche, 43, Birnamwood, was charged Nov. 6 with intentionally pointing a firearm at a person, possessing a firearm after being convicted of a felony and two counts of bail jumping. An initial appearance is scheduled for Dec. 7.

Destiny M. Malone, 30, Bowler, was charged with one count of theft of movable property and three counts of bail jumping. An initial appearance is scheduled for Dec. 14.

Latasha J. Linders, 39, Shawano, was charged Nov. 6 with one count of failing to report to the county jail. She is now being held in the county jail and a preliminary hearing is set for Nov. 20.

Scott A. De Briyn, 49, Shawano, was charged Nov. 6 with one count of battery with modifiers of domestic abuse and domestic abuse repeater and disorderly conduct with modifiers of domestic abuse and domestic abuse repeater. His initial appearance is scheduled for Dec. 7.

Lydi V. Dodge, 27, Shawano, was

charged Nov. 9 one count of misappropriating identification to obtain money with a modifier of being a repeat offender and one charge of bail jumping with a modifier of being a repeat offender. She is being held in the county jail in lieu of a \$1,000 cash bond. An initial appearance is set for Nov. 23.

Brett J. Faust, 27, Birnamwood, was charged Nov. 9 with one count of second degree assault with use of force and a modifier of being a repeat offender. He is being held in the county jail in lieu of a cash bond of \$30,000. The adjourned initial appearance will resume Nov. 23.

Bruce G. Cornelius, 34, Fox Lake, was charged Nov. 9 with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, fifth or sixth offense and operating while revoked. He is being held on a \$7,500 cash bond.

Britney M. Gavitt, 29, Wittenberg, was charged Nov. 9 with one count of failing to report to jail. An initial appearance is scheduled for Nov. 23.

Elmer J. Kakwitsch, 37, Keshena, was charged Nov. 9 with one count of battery with modifiers of domestic abuse and domestic abuse repeater and disorderly conduct with modifiers of domestic abuse and domestic abuse repeater; five counts of bail jumping with modifiers of being a repeat offender and one county of bail jumping with modifiers of domestic abuse and being a repeat offender. A cash bond of \$5,000 was set.

Kakwitsch faces additional charges, also filed Nov. 9, for stalking resulting in bodily harm with modifiers of domestic abuse and being a repeat offender, substantial battery intending to do bodily harm with modifiers of domestic abuse and being a repeat offender, theft of movable property valued at \$2,500 or less with a modifier of being a repeat offender, one count of disorderly conduct with modifiers of being a repeat offender and domestic abuse, two counts of child abuse and recklessly causing harm with modifiers of being a repeat offender and 24 counts of bail jumping, all with modifiers of being a repeat offender. He is being held in lieu of a \$25,000 cash bond. His initial appearance on all charges is scheduled for Dec. 7.

Margaret J. Boyd, 36, Shawano, was charged Nov. 9 with one count of credit card theft by acquisition, one count of fraudulent use of a credit card of \$2,500 or less. Both credit card charges have a modifier of being a repeat offender. She faces one county of misappropriating identification to obtain money with a modifier of being a repeat offender and three counts charge of bail jumping all with modifiers of being a repeat offender. A preliminary hearing is set for Nov. 23.

David A. Lewis, 30, Shawano, was charged Nov. 10 with one count of criminal damage to property over \$2,500 with a modifier of being a party

to a crime. His initial appearance is scheduled for Dec. 7.

Nicholas D. Lanphear, 35, Clintonville, was charged Nov. 10 with one count of criminal damage to property over \$2,500 with a modifier of being a party to a crime. His initial appearance is scheduled for Dec. 7.

Samuel C. Yazzie, 36, Keshena, was charged Nov. 12 with one count of bail jumping. Yazzie is facing an amended bond of \$500 cash and \$2,000 signature. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing at a Nov. 17 court appearance and an arraignment was set for Nov. 30.

Shania L. Novak, 24, Shawano, was charged Nov. 12 with one count of theft of movable property valued from \$5,000-\$10,000. An initial appearance was scheduled for Dec. 7.

Ammie L. Munoz, 51, Gresham, was charged Nov. 13 with one count of strangulation and suffocation and one count of child abuse with intentionally causing harm and one count of disorderly conduct.

Alexander L. McIntosh, 26, Shawano, was charged Monday with one count of disorderly conduct with a modifier of domestic abuse, one count of a felony in possession of a firearm and one count of strangulation and suffocation with a modifier of domestic abuse. A cash bond of \$7,500 was set. An adjourned initial appearance resumes Nov. 30.

OBITUARIES

Vincent L. Zehren

Vincent Leo Zehren, 96, a world-renowned cheesemaker and dairy scientist, died of natural causes on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020, at his home in Green Bay, where he lived for 66 years.

He was born Nov. 19, 1923, in the living quarters of the family's Belle Plaine and Richmond Cheese and Butter Association factory located between Shawano and Pella to his parents Leo and Agnes (Loughrin) Zehren. Part of a line of award-winning Wisconsin cheesemakers whose history stretches back to the early days of the state's industry, he grew up working side-by-side with his father, receiving his cheesemaking license on Oct. 19, 1942, shortly before his 20th birthday.

After graduating from Shawano High School in 1941, he interrupted his studies at St. Norbert College in De Pere on Dec. 4, 1942, to voluntarily enlist in the U.S. Army amid World War II. Assigned to the 328th Regimental Antitank Company of the 26th Infantry Division in General Patton's 3rd Army (the Yankee Division), he was in combat in the Battles of Northern France, Ardennes (the Battle of the Bulge), Rhineland and Central Europe.

In all, he was in combat for 222 days, surviving many near brushes with death. For his service he earned numerous awards and medals, including four Bronze Battle Stars and a Purple Heart. Upon honorable discharge from the Army on Jan. 2, 1946, he returned to work with his father in the family cheesemaking business before returning to St. Norbert College, from which he graduated with a degree in chemistry in 1948.

He went on to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned a master's of science in dairy industry in 1950 and a Ph.D. in food science and biochemistry in 1954. The first University of Wisconsin student to be awarded a Fulbright Grant, he studied under the Fulbright Research Scholarship program at Massey Agri-



Kentucky Western University.

Upon completion of his doctoral studies and travels, he married his fellow Ph.D. student and research collaborator Virginia Mularz, a former scientist at Kraft Foods in Chicago. The couple moved to Green Bay where, in November 1954, he began his long and successful career with Schreiber Foods Inc., which grew into one of the world's largest private dairy companies.

Joining 12 other employees in purchasing the company in 1962, he served as technical director, director of manufacturing practices, vice president of industrial affairs, a member of the board of directors since 1988 and in other senior corporate capacities throughout his entire adult life until shortly before his death. In 1992, he authored the book "Process Cheese," which chronicled his contribution to the invention, development and manufacture of the now popular food staple. His partner in scientific research and life, Virginia was the driving force behind his personal and professional success.

A global industry leader and respected scientist, he literally traveled the world — South and Central America, Europe, Russia, China, India, Africa, the Middle East, the Arctic and Trans-Arctic — often with Virginia and his children, advancing the growth of Schreiber Foods, the U.S. dairy industry and American science, spending considerable time helping modernize and upgrade product quality, facilities and public health.

For 10 years, he was research chairman of the National Cheese Institute, which provides major recommendations to U.S. policymakers. He also played an important role

cultural College of the University of New Zealand and traveled the world from 1952 to 1953. At the age of 75, he earned a master's degree in business administration from

in helping build Green Bay's modern business community and spur local economic development from his post as chairman of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Biotechnology Subcommittee.

In 1977, Vincent became the first recipient of St. Norbert College's Distinguished Achievement Award in Natural Sciences. Vincent was also honored to receive the St. Norbert College Alma Mater Award in June 2005, and in 2016 he was awarded a LLB honorary degree from St. Norbert College.

In 1986, Schreiber Foods established the Vincent L. Zehren Award for Excellence in Applied Technology, making him the first recipient. That same year, he received the Outstanding Contribution to Agriculture in Brown County from the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Governor's Council on Biotechnology and, in 1989, the National Cheese Institute honored him as the first recipient of its Laureate Award. The United States Information Agency honored him in 1997 for training the Russian Dairy Products Delegation in Wisconsin.

Active in his community, he also served as president of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, president of the Resurrection School Board and supported the Boy Scouts of America. A man of profound Catholic faith including serving as Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, expansive charity and personal and professional accomplishment, his greatest attribute was his ability to form lasting bonds of friendship with people throughout the world from all walks of life.

A wonderful son, brother, father, uncle, colleague and true friend to many, he dedicated his later years to caring for Zachary, his youngest son with special needs. The familiar pair formed a deep bond and grew to be well-known and embraced by the Green Bay community.

In addition to his wife Virginia, who passed away in 1993, he was preceded in death by his sister, Maribeth

Shelendich, who is survived by her husband, John Shelendich, of North Oaks, Minnesota; his brother, Roger, husband of his sister-in-law, Peggy (Kallin) of Winona, Minnesota; and his brother-in-law, Howard Jacques, husband of his sister, Joan, of Green Bay.

He is survived by his brother, John Zehren, and his wife, Ruth (Dillenburg), of Green Bay; his brother, Leo Zehren, and his wife, Janet (Ebert), of De Pere; and his sister, Catherine, and husband, Harry Mueller, of De Pere.

His immediate survivors, daughter, Margaret Zehren Moores, and her husband, James Moores, and her son Matthew Barry, of Beaufort, North Carolina; his daughter, Maria Zehren, and her husband, Don Salmon, of Green Bay; his son, Charles V. Zehren, and his wife, Patricia Kean, and their children, Benjamin and Ethan, of New York City; his son, Christopher Zehren, and his wife, Andrea Baier, and their children, Simone and Spencer, of Washington, D.C.; his son Craig Zehren, of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; and his son, Zachary Zehren, of Green Bay; mourn the loss of a beloved father and grandparent.

The entire family extends their most profound thanks and gratitude to the dedicated caregivers, especially Nancy Close, who gave so deeply of themselves in attending Vincent during his later years.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, at Resurrection Catholic Church, 333 Hilltop Drive, Green Bay, with the Rev. Tom Reynebeau as celebrant and the Rev. Paul DeMuth as con-celebrant. A graveside service and burial occurred after the funeral Mass at Allouez Catholic Cemetery, 2121 Riverside Drive, Green Bay, with full military honors.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit www.NewcomerGreenBay.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials directed to St. Norbert College or to the Virginia Mularz Zehren Scholarship Fund at Bellin College in Vincent's name are appreciated.

Dennis W. Rogge



Dennis W. Rogge, 76, of Bowler, died Nov. 10, 2020, at home. He was born June 8, 1944, in Bowler to Orville and Elizabeth (Dahl) Rogge.

Dennis was a truck driver. Dennis was always telling a good story or a funny joke; he had quite a personality and a deep love for his large family. He loved good food, and he would make a friend anywhere he went.

He never hesitated to voice his opinion anytime. His big, loud voice helped with that. He will be deeply missed by many family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela; five sons, Christopher (Beth), Brian, Jeremy (Karen), Kurt and James (Sarah); grandchildren, Christopher Jr., Rebecca (Jose), Kassandra (Franke), Jessica, Peyton, Jesse

(Tasha), Tanner (Holly), Krystal and Will; great-grandchildren, Luis, Rilee, Brayden, Chase, Derek and Briella; sister, Sharon Miller; and sister and brother-in-law, Paula and Tom Dirks; and sister, Roxanne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws, a sister and two brothers.

There will be no service or visitation, per Dennis' request.

Randal 'Rudy' E. Roehl

Randal "Rudy" E. Roehl, 64, of Shawano, passed away at his home Monday afternoon Nov. 9, 2020, under the care of Unity Hospice and his loving family.

Randal Eugene Roehl, later known to most as "Rudy," was born July 17, 1956, in Oshkosh as the son of Eugene and Jean (Reinke) Roehl. Rudy graduated from Clintonville High School with the Class of 1974, where he was a member of the curling team. Following high school, he enjoyed playing softball in area bar leagues and worked for Peterson Built Products in Embarrass as a mechanic for a couple of years.

Rudy spent most of his working career as a truck driver, working for Badger Transport, Holman Trucking and Retzlaff Transport out of Berlin prior to retiring in 2019. He was united in marriage to Fay (Yaeger) Shepard on Oct. 22, 2009, in Shawano. Fay and Rudy loved camping, whether it was camping locally with their trailer or at their permanent site on Fawn Lake. Rudy proudly served as a volunteer firefighter for the Village of Embarrass for over 21 years. He was a current member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Shawano and had faith in his Lord. Rudy's soul was at home in the outdoors, and he loved to hunt and fish for just about any wild game over the years. His love for his family ran deep, as he was loved and will be missed by them all.

Survivors include his wife, Fay



Roehl; children, Brittney Roehl, Adam (Ashley) Roehl and step-daughters Erin, Amber and Kimber Shepard; grandchildren Alex, Allie, Kaden, Deja,

Hunter, Briell, Kamiya, Addisyn, Knox, Zeraya; parents, Eugene and Jean Roehl; mother-in-law, Carol Yaeger; brothers, Dennis (Elaine) Roehl and Brian (Diane) Roehl; brothers-in-law, Steven (Julie) Yaeger, Ken (Lisa) Yaeger and Guy Yaeger; nieces and nephews.

Rudy was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Herman Yaeger; his brother Kevin Roehl; and his sister-in-law Marylu Roehl.

Rudy's memorial service will be held privately at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville with the Rev. Steve Conradt officiating. Inurnment will be at Graceland Cemetery in Clintonville. A public visitation was held at the funeral home on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020. Rudy's family asked attendees to consider wearing a flannel shirt in his memory.

Rudy's family would like to thank the kind staff of Aurora Medical Center and Unity Hospice for the wonderful care and guidance they provided. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Paul Neja Jr.

Paul Albert Neja Jr., 87, of Galion, Ohio, passed away Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, at the Avita Health Systems Galion Hospital.

Paul was born in Marinette on Jan. 7, 1933, to Paul Albert Neja Sr. and Margaret (Schneider) Neja. He married Monica Ann (Kopish) Neja on July 18, 1959, and she survives him.

Paul was a psychotherapist and founding administrator for the Mental Health Centers of Shawano/Waupaca Counties in Wisconsin. After moving to Ohio in 1978, he worked as an executive administrator for the ADAMH Board of Marion/Crawford Counties. He received his bachelor's degree from St. Norbert College and his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Paul was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Galion, Ohio.

In addition to his wife, Monica, Paul is survived by a son, Timothy (Cathy) Neja, of Galena, Ohio; his daughters, Cathy (James) Vasconcellos, of San Diego, California, Michele (Scott) Williams, of Logan, Ohio, and Cindy (Michael) Nielsen,



of Winter Springs, Florida; and seven grandchildren, Nic and Ansley Vasconcellos, Mariel and Anthony Neja, Chase Williams and Bryce and Sophia Nielsen.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Albert Neja, Sr. and Margaret (Schneider) Neja; and seven siblings, Anthony, John, Michael and Patrick Neja, Sr. Virginia Neja, Margaret Patrick and Rosemary Archambault.

A memorial mass will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Galion St. Joseph School and Parish Fund.

Those wishing to share a memory of Paul or to the Neja family may do so by visiting www.masfh.com.

The Schneider-Gompf Funeral Home, 303 Portland Way North, Galion, Ohio, is honored to serve the family of Paul Albert Neja Jr.

Philip D. Hellestad

Philip D. "Phil" Hellestad, 90, of Plymouth, passed away Nov. 5, 2020.

Phil was born Jan. 14, 1930, in Shawano County, a son to Elmer and Mildred (nee Danielson) Hellestad. He graduated from Wittenberg High School in 1947 and continued his education at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in 1951.

He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War from 1951-1955.

Phil taught and coached at high schools in Potosi and Albany and then at Plymouth High School from 1959 until his retirement in 1994.

On March 24, 1951, he married Janet Hanson in Wittenberg.

Phil was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He enjoyed all sports as well as the activities of his family. He enjoyed traveling with Jan to Tampa, Florida, in winter for 20 years, visiting many states and Norway.

He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church for many years, was a Sunday School superintendent, usher, reader and was involved in many other



church activities. Phil also belonged to "The Sons of Norway," many card clubs, golf, softball, basketball and bowling leagues.

Survivors are his beloved

wife, Jan; two sons, Mark (Cheryl) and David (Carrie); daughter, Merrie (Jack) Novak; seven grandchildren and their spouses; 13 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a brother-in-law; Lee (Sandy) Hanson.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Mildred Hellestad; his parents-in-law, Henry and Myrtle Hanson; and brothers, Victor (Melda) Hellestad, Leland (June) Hellestad and Kenneth Hellestad.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private memorial service will be held for immediate family members only.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given in Phil's name to the charity of your choice.

The Suchon Funeral Home and Cremation Service is serving the family. For online condolences, please visit www.suchonfh.com.

Rogean L. Ehlert

Rogean L. Ehlert, 93, of Shawano, passed away Monday, Nov. 9, 2020. Rogean was born Jan. 27, 1927, to the late Gustav and Adelia (Schultz) Berndt in Embarrass. On May 20, 1950, Rogean was united in marriage to Lloyd George Ehlert; they made their home together in Shawano. Lloyd preceded Rogean in death on July 21, 2009.

She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church of Shawano. Rogean enjoyed outdoor activities by gardening and camping. She was a homemaker all of her life, taking care of her family. Rogean loved her family dearly, especially enjoying the time that she spent with her grandchildren. She will be missed dearly by all of those who knew and loved her.

Rogean is survived by her sons, Bruce Ehlert, of Anderson, South Carolina, Larry (Carol) Ehlert, of Antigo, and Richard Ehlert, of Shawano; grandchildren, Daniel (Beth) Ehlert, Mirjam (Mark) Breazeale, Rebekah Ehlert and Joshua Ehlert; and four great-grand-



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

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and siblings, Carl Berndt, Vera

Smith, Myra Vomastic, Betty Nolandberg, Evelyn Schmidt and Beatrice in infancy.

Funeral services for Rogean were held Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano with the Rev. Steven Schauder officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. James Lutheran Church.

The family of Rogean would like to extend a special thank you to all of the staff at Evergreen for all of the wonderful care that they had given.

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Adrain S. Larson

Adrain Sunshine (Aders) Larson, 102, of Robinson, Illinois, died Nov. 3, 2020, in the comfort of her son's home

in Robinson.

The Goodwine Funeral Home in Robinson is in charge of arrangements.

Beverly A. Kersten

Beverly Ann (Edwards) Kersten, 94, of Clintonville, passed away on Nov. 11, 2020, at Shawano Place Senior Living in Shawano, where she

has resided for the past two years.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting her family.

Carol Eileen Bernitt

Carol Eileen Bernitt, 91, formerly of the Town of Norrie, Marathon County, died peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, at Pride TLC Assisted Living Facility in Weston, under the care of Ascension Hospice.

Carol was born Jan. 10, 1929, to Emil and Olga (Haugen) Brown in Milwaukee. She was a 1947 graduate of Custer High. Upon graduation, she was employed in Milwaukee and later followed her parents move to Elderon. She was a typist at Employers Mutual of Wausau.

On Aug. 23, 1951, she was united in marriage to Edward Kiedrowski. Edward was killed in the Korean War on June 15, 1952. They had a daughter, Linda.

On Aug. 19, 1955, she was joined in marriage to Arnold "Arnie" Bernitt Sr. During their marriage of 51 years, they were blessed with five children. Arnie preceded Carol in death on



April 16, 2006.

Together they lived on the family dairy farm for 33 years. Carol was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Eland, and was active in the Ladies Aid and Sunday school. She en-

joyed many years in the Home Makers Club, Norrie Community Club, women's bowling league, Canasta Birthday Club and 4-H. She loved traveling and snowmobiling with friends (the Norrie Gang) and visits to family. She enjoyed her grandkids and attending all of their events. She especially enjoyed spending time with her great-grandchildren.

After Arnie's death, she enjoyed being a foster grandparent at the Birnamwood Elementary.

Carol is survived by her children, Linda (Jim) Stoltenberg, of Waupaca, Arnold Bernitt Jr., of Eland, Greg (Debbie) Bernitt, of Birnamwood, LuAnne (Bob) Steeb, of Wittenberg, Mary (Richard) Ostrowski, of Eland and Robert Bernitt, of Eland; 16 grandchildren, Mikal (Katelyn) Stoltenberg, Kristin (Bruce) Doscher, Megan (Johnny) Bandt, Paige (Cody) Ciszewski, Logan (Marissa Van Patten) Bernitt, Peyton (Brad Becker) Bernitt, Ryan (Bill) Chadek, Brooke (Shane) Schmidt, Katy Bernitt, Julia (Steve) Kunst, Kayla (Joe Coxey) Steeb, Robyn (Matt) Krull, Heather (Eric) Matsche, Travis (Lydia) Ostrowski, Brittany (Lou) Hughes and Olivia (Dan Haufschild) Bernitt; 25 great-grandchildren with two more on the way; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Edward;

second husband, Arnie; two brothers, Kenneth Brown and Wayne Brown; and a sister, Eleanor Bamke.

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 available for viewing on Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home's Facebook page following the service. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Carol loved her family, her church and her home. The love of simple life she inherited from her mother, Olga. She was most proud of her children and grandchildren. She said her life may be quiet but it has been filled with much love and laughter.

James W. Kolinski Sr.

James W. Kolinski Sr., 83, Wittenberg, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, at his home.

James was born Feb. 20, 1937, in St. Francis, Wisconsin, the son of Nick and Evelyn (Doty) Kolinski.

Jim was a United States Air Force veteran, proudly serving his country as an aircraft mechanic from 1954 to 1959. He was a member of the Elderon Memorial Post #8068 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On Oct. 10, 1959, James was united in marriage to Margaret Wombacher in East St. Louis, Illinois. She preceded him in death on Sept.



5, 2006. He then married Mary (Szutkowski) Van Lanen on Feb. 12, 2008, in Las Vegas.

Jim worked at various companies as a maintenance supervisor. He also owned

and operated the former Jim and Marge's Tavern in Elderon as well as Klinkers in Wittenberg. Jim was an avid sports fan and enjoyed the Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee

Brewers. He enjoyed hunting, a trip to the casino and socializing with his friends and family in local establishments.

James is survived by his wife, Mary Kolinski; three sons, James (Lori) Kolinski, Joseph Kolinski and Jerald Kolinski; four step-children, Cindy (Dan) Borcharding, Robert (Diane) Van Lanen, Russell (Jan) Van Lanen and Greg (Cindy) Van Lanen; five grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren and one sister, Rhonda (Duane) Miller.

James was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Margaret, and two sons, John, in infancy, and Jeffrey.

A funeral service was held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service at Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg. Rev. Greg Bohren presided. Burial will be in Evergreen Rest Cemetery, Elderon, with military honors conducted by the VFW.

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

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

New names ready to lead Witt-Birn boys to successful season

Chargers confident despite lack of varsity experience

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School boys basketball team anticipates a strong season despite having a bunch of new faces on the court this winter.

The Chargers posted a 12-12 record last season, going 7-5 in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division under coach Garrett Rogowski. Witt-Birn graduated five seniors from that team and also lost the second-leading scorer from that team.

Juniors Ben Wesolowski (guard) and Jack Fraaza (forward) return with the most experience for the Chargers. Wesolowski started and finished third on the team in scoring (over 8 points a game), while Fraaza averaged over 6 points off the bench.

Despite having a new cast of players on the court, the team's expectations haven't changed.

"Our expectations are the same with our new team," said Wesolowski. "We hope to win conference and make a deep playoff run."

"As one of the returning players, I have to play an important role in helping us stay focused on every possession and making the most of winning every possession and making sure guys are in the right place

every time," he added.

Helping fill out the team's rotation are juniors Simon Schairer (forward), Ben Flak (center), Kaden Schmidt (point guard) and Luke Musha (forward), sophomore Michael Miller (point guard) and senior Henry Seegmiller (center).

"The junior grade has been playing basketball together for a long time, and we're hoping to use that and take it into our games," said Fraaza.

Rogowski said the CWC-East will be tough again this season, with Iola-Scandinavia and Shiocton at the top, but the rest of the teams being able to win any night.

To get ready for the tough conference slate of games, Rogowski said the team has put together a competitive nonconference schedule. He also believes if his team comes together, they could be in contention for one of the conference's top spots.

"I like the mix of talent we have returning this year," said Rogowski. "I think there is a lot of potential to be very competitive every night we step on the floor. There will be some new faces to the varsity level that will have to step up and make huge contributions early, but I'm confident that they are capable."

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ben Wesolowski, right, contemplates his next move with the ball during a CWC-East game against Menominee Indian on Jan. 2 in Wittenberg.

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HIGH SCHOOL SWIM

Witt-Birn's Metropulos earns pair of top 10 finishes at state meet

Senior posts personal records in both of her events

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood senior McKenna Metropulos capped her high school swim career with a pair of top 10 finishes at the Division 2 State Girls Swimming and Diving Championships on Nov. 13 at the Waukesha South Natatorium in Waukesha.

Metropulos placed sixth in the 200-yard freestyle. She claimed seventh in the 100 freestyle.

"Finishing at state is always the goal but it is the little cherry on top to have placed so well and make the podium (top-six finish) so I couldn't be happier to be ending my season this way," said Metropulos.

Metropulos posted a time of 1 minute, 58.84 seconds in the 200.

"My 200 was probably the better of my two races for me personally," said Metropulos. "I dropped a full second and made podium."

Metropulos swam faster than her seed time in both events, finishing



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's poses for a picture after reaching the state podium in the 200-yard freestyle at the Division 2 State Girls Swimming and Diving Championships on Nov. 13 at the Waukesha South Natatorium in Waukesha.

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with a time of 54.11 seconds in the 100.

"My 100 was a good race, but I just missed the podium spot which I was a little bummed out about. But I can't be upset with a PR (personal record)," said Metropulos.

She entered the meet with a seed time of 1:59.98 in the 200 and 54.39 in the 100.

Her finishes earned her school 25 total points, which was good enough for 21st place as a team. Rhinelander

won the meet with 255 points.

It was the second consecutive season that Metropulos appeared at the state meet. In 2019, she participated in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly as an individual and also was on the Witt-Birn 200 freestyle relay team.

This season, Metropulos decided to focus all of her attention on swim after being a dual-sport athlete in the past, also playing volleyball in past fall seasons.

The move paid off, as the senior

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

racked up tons of first-place finishes as an individual while also helping relay teams to strong finishes.

The senior finished as the Bay Conference champion in the 50 and 100 freestyles before claiming third-place finishes in the events at the sectional meet. She was named the conference's swimmer of the year and leaves the program holding school records in five events.

Before the season, Metropulos admitted that she didn't know if there would be a state meet because of coronavirus restrictions, so just to have the chance to compete at state was a win in the senior's mind.

Even though the meet had a bit of a different feel and was held at a new venue, she found other forms of motivation.

"The energy around me just from other swimmers and in the room was so high," said Metropulos. "You could tell everyone was super thankful to be having a state meet so it made me want to swim fast and pushed me to get those PRs."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Tigerton girls hope to continue where they left off

Tigers have 2 all-conference players back

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Tigerton High School girls basketball team enters the winter season under the direction of a new coach and needing some underclassmen to step up.

Tigerton is coming off an 8-15

season last winter, which included a 3-7 mark in the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division under coach Tanya Hintz.

Shawn Much is the new coach and he will have to replace a couple players that graduated from that team, but he's excited to see what the team can do after improving down the stretch last year.

"The work we put in started paying off as the season progressed resulting in us being more competitive and having some pretty exciting games," said Much.

The Tigers graduated one all-conference player, but get a pair back

in seniors Savannah Swartz (forward) and Adrienne Brady (guard). Swartz made the second team all-conference last season, while Brady was an honorable mention.

Swartz and Brady led the team in several statistics a season ago and were the top-two scorers.

Senior Ladia Block (guard) and junior Elizabeth Robbins (guard) also are back after starting last year for Tigerton.

The only other players on the roster with significant varsity experience are juniors Bethany Jobe (forward) and Mary Kreklow (guard) and sophomore Abby Swartz (forward).

Senior Taryn Graham and freshmen Samantha Suehring, Elizabeth Stueck and Jessalyn Zimdars are some new players to the varsity scene that could carve out roles and make impacts for the Tigers.

"Inevitably, we will have to count on our younger, less experienced players at times to step up and contribute when they ideally may not be ready," said Much. "I look for everyone to come in with the same desire to stick together and work hard learning the game no matter what the outcome each week."

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Jilted lovers, gamblers and murder in a Victorian age thriller

Harriet Smart set her “Northminster Mysteries” in the winter of 1840, creating the feel of the bleak cold of northern England. “The Butchered Man” is the first in the nine-book series.

Dr. Felix Carswell has arrived to become the police surgeon. He had to leave Edinburgh after breaking an engagement and now must put up with interference from Lord Rothborough, his biological father.

Only hours after meeting his employer, Major Giles Vernon, Felix must deal with a bag containing the body of man. An autopsy in the crude police building shows that the man has been stabbed many times, and his face has been mutilated beyond recognition. Major Vernon does not recognize the victim, so he begins asking about any missing persons and comes up with the name Rev. Stephan Rhodes.

With the aid of the victim’s fiancée’s sketchbook and his sister, Rhodes is identified. This is a crime of extreme emotion. Suddenly, Major Vernon and Felix find themselves surrounded by potential suspects.

First on the list is Rev. Lepaige and



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his family. Somehow Rhodes had managed to steal a lucrative appointment to a church that had been promised to Lepaige. Rhodes’ cousin John is another suspect. He argued with Stephan just

before his death and is hiding information about why.

They soon find that while Rhodes may have been extremely charming, he was also a true cad. He had wooed and discarded at least two young women in the area. As they work on this case, Felix is summoned to a home that reforms prostitutes and provides training as household servants. Young Abigail is in dire condition following a miscarriage. Felix orders specific care for her, but the woman in charge, Miss Hilliard, doesn’t seem concerned for the girl’s health.

During the Rhodes autopsy, Felix finds tiny seeds in his stomach. They learn that they are very poisonous

datura seeds. Only Mrs. Lepaige, who knows botany, has such seeds and a possible motive. Felix has seen other “miscarriages” like this and suspects that Miss Hilliard and her servant Mrs. Fulwood are behind a drug-induced abortion instead. When he demands better nursing for the girl, Miss Hilliard bans him from returning to the house.

He reports the situation and his suspicions to Major Vernon, but the police officer is smitten by Hilliard and refuses to listen. Determined to help the girl, Felix sneaks into the house several times, only to be thrown out and accused of improper behavior with the girl. Felix feels helpless and angry and resolves to save Abigail, even if it means losing his job.

When Major Vernon finally goes to the house to confront Hilliard, he finds Abigail in deep sleep. Unbidden, Felix arrives and declares that she is in coma. Now Major Vernon is forced to agree that something is amiss at this house.

Try as he might, Felix cannot save Abigail. But her autopsy sets in motion the events that will solve both her death and that of Stephan Rhodes.

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: “The Butchered Man”

AUTHOR: Harriet Smart

PUBLISHER: Silverwood Books

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PAGES: 364

Miss Hilliard finally admits that she had fallen under Rhodes’ spell, and they’d been lovers for a short time. True to form, as soon as he’d had her, Rhodes dumped her. When she found out he’d gotten Abigail pregnant, Miss Hilliard was livid. Soon she and Fulwood devised a plan to kill Rhodes using the datura seeds they’d gotten from Mrs. Lepaige to kill rats. After admitting what she’d done, Miss Hilliard slits her wrists and dies.

Both Vernon and Carswell are left to wonder how one charming man could hide so much evil and cause so much misery. This has been a learning experience for both men, and they resolve to find a way to bring justice to whatever cases arise in the future.

We all must learn from the past, deal with the present and face the future. Your public library may not provide all the answers, but it offers distractions. Go check it out.

Chair: Housing needed to spark Wittenberg’s economy

Apartment shortage precludes new industry, Beversdorf says

Housing will be a key focus of economic development for the Wittenberg area, said Dick Beversdorf, chair of the Wittenberg Area Economic Development Corp.

“With the virus, everyone’s working cautiously,” he said, in reviewing 2020 and looking ahead to the new year.

Beversdorf has been involved with the development group for 30 years and he’s learned to take the long view and remain optimistic.

“One of these days, someone will come to the village (of Wittenberg) with an idea,” he said.

When it comes to ideas that potentially have merit, “we look at everything,” Beversdorf said. But he added that in recent years, his group has noticed a real need for housing. That need is not just exclusive to the

Wittenberg area, but rather across Shawano County. “If you don’t have housing, you don’t have businesses and companies moving into the area,” he said.

While noting there is nothing moving forward right now, Beversdorf did say the group has been in discussion with three or four potential housing builders, with one expressing additional interest for the future. “While nothing is moving forward, the idea that (new housing might be) a few years away is better than 10 years away,” he observed.

“Everything’s open, but you have to have a commitment,” he said.

He noted the development group has land and resources to offer a builder, such as land repurposed from the existing area business park for apartments. Beversdorf added there are individual sellers in the area who have land available for housing.

The area does have other assets, such as being located on state Highway 29 and U.S. Highway 45, he added.



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Bringing back the music that COVID-19 canceled this year

Q&A with Rob Wyman and the 2021 Concert Series

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

Editor's Note: Rob Wyman, owner of Rubber Soul Productions LLC, chatted with the editor about canceling shows for this year and announced the lineup for the 2021 music concert series. Wyman brings quality musical acts to the area at an affordable price. All concerts will be held at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School auditorium.

Q: When did you make the decision to cancel the 2020 concerts?

A: Based on concerns with COVID-19 and restrictions on large gatherings, the 2020 concerts needed to be postponed. That decision was made in early March 2020.

Q: Did you cancel or did the performers?

A: The decision to cancel was mutually agreed upon.

Q: Will you keep the same lineup for 2021?

A: The Gibson Brothers and the Dale Watson performance were both part of the 2020 concert series. We were happy to reschedule those acts as part of the 2021 series. We weren't able to find a 2021 date that worked for Asleep at the Wheel, so that show had to be canceled. We were able to add two additional shows for the 2021 series, with Riders in the Sky on Sunday, April 11, 2021, and Eddy Raven on Sunday, April 25, 2021.

Q: When did you make the decision to book for 2021, and do you have a backup plan?

A: The decision to move ahead with a 2021 series was made in late summer. At this point, we are pressing ahead and will make adjustments when/if necessary.

Q: Was it hard to get bookings for the 2021 series?



Riders in the Sky, a band celebrating 40 years of "The Cowboy Way," are among the four acts in the 2021 Rubber Soul Production Music Concert Series. Woody Paul (on fiddle) and the band will appear at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Auditorium Apr. 11, 2021.

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A: It wasn't difficult to pull together a four-show series for 2021. Many of these acts have not been able to perform for live crowds for the majority of 2020 and are eager to get back on the road and on stage. Everyone is hopeful and eager to return to life as we knew it prior to COVID-19.

Q: Can you give a brief summary of the performers?

A: The Gibson Brothers — siblings Eric and Leigh Gibson — have already made over a dozen albums, but none quite like the new Dan Auerbach-produced "Mockingbird." Their newest venture is an effortless blend of classic '70s-infused rock and timeless country, a modern twist on their traditional sound, and harmonies that will keep you wishing for more. The celebrated duo — named back-to-back Entertainers of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association in 2012 and 2013 — played the Nashville game two decades ago, while in their early

20s, and were offered a major label deal, only to be told at the last minute that they were too "retro" for modern country music.

Dale Watson has flown the flag for classic honky-tonk for over two decades. He's christened his brand of American roots "Ameripolitan" to differentiate it from the current crop of Nashville-based pop country. The Alabama-born, Texas-raised Watson may be the hardest working entertainer today and is rapidly approaching legendary status. He is a country music maverick, a true outlaw who stands alongside Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson and George Strait as one of the finest country singers and songwriters from the Lone Star State.

Riders in the Sky is an American Western music and comedy group which began performing in 1977. Comprised of Ranger Doug, Too Slim, Woody Paul and Joey, Riders in the Sky has made more than 8,000 live

RUBBER SOUL PRODUCTIONS 2021 MUSIC CONCERT SERIES LINEUP:

- The Gibson Brothers - March 14 (\$35/\$30)
- Dale Watson - March 28 (\$30/\$20)
- Riders in the Sky - April 11 (\$40/\$35)
- Eddy Raven - April 25 (\$45/\$35)

All performances will be held at 4 p.m. at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Auditorium, 400 W. Grand Ave., Wittenberg. For pricing and available seating, call Rob Wyman at 715-584-4203. Single-show tickets or season ticket options are available.

appearances. The band has released more than 40 full-length albums, starred in a self-titled television series on CBS, wrote and starred in an National Public Radio syndicated radio drama and appeared in television series and films, including being featured contributors to the Ken Burns' PBS Country Music documentary miniseries.

Born in Lafayette, Louisiana, in 1944, Eddy Raven achieved his greatest commercial success between 1984 and 1990, during which time Raven achieved six No. 1 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts. These singles were "I Got Mexico," "Shine, Shine, Shine," "I'm Gonna Get You," "Joe Knows How to Live," "In a Letter to You" and "Bayou Boys." Raven has a total of 18 Top 10 hits on that chart. Although his chart success diminished in the 1990s, Raven continued to record throughout the 1990s and into the 21st century. In addition to his own work, he has written singles for Don Gibson, Randy Cornor, Jeanne C. Riley, Connie Smith and The Oak Ridge Boys, among others.

Q: When do tickets go on sale?

A: Tickets are currently available online at www.rubbersoulproductions.com and will be available at the service counter at Hanke's Sentry Foods in Wittenberg beginning Nov. 20. For information, follow Rubber Soul Productions on Facebook or visit the www.rubbersoulproductions.com website.

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By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

It's been almost 21 years since Carl and Darlene Slagle retired for the first time. Now they are ready to do it again.

Once N Again Antiques, a business they brought to life in downtown Birnamwood in 2000, is up for sale. It's a turnkey operation that survived the economic downturn in 2008 and is still surviving through this current pandemic.

They prefer to sell it as a business; the 30 vendors who have their inventory there would prefer to stay. But the Slagles say they are certainly open to selling just the building.

The showroom floor is 3,000 square feet (with room for three more vendors) and there is a 1,900-square-foot apartment above the store with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, living room and great room. There are no tenants. The store and the apartment have separate gas furnaces, and the apartment got a new roof last year.

When the Slagles first bought the building, they spent nine months just cleaning and fixing the electrical and plumbing before they were able to transform it into the shop it is today.



Pat Drews, Hogarty Corners, adds a bit of Christmas magic to one of the vendor's three booths at Once N Again Antiques at 393 Main St., Birnamwood. The business owners are hoping to sell and retire again.

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Pat Drews, of Hogarty Corners, has been an antiques vendor there for many years.

"I'm very grateful for Carl and Darlene making this place available," said Drews. "Darlene has a good eye for display and keeps my booths looking good."

Drews actually has three booths there. She shares a glassware booth with an aunt, a tools and oil cans booth with her husband, John, and an arts and crafts booth of her own.

She jokes that her husband's booth does the best because "people love junk."

Someone like Drews, who has been in this "hobby" for the past 40 years, she said, would be a good candidate to take over the business. Drews, however, is too busy to do so with travels to Alaska and Florida.

The Slagles also plan to spend additional time in Florida, as their son recently opened a bed-and-breakfast there. Once the business sells, they

WHAT: Once N Again Antiques

WHERE: 393 Main St., Birnamwood.

WHEN: Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FYI: 715-326-0569 or see Facebook page

hope to do some additional traveling.

They couple currently has the business open three days a week for 10 months out of the year, and they manage to fit in another month's worth of vacation time during the open season. They believe it would be a perfect business for a semi-retired couple or someone wanting to expand the hours of operation. If sold as a business, the Slagles offered to help by sharing the secrets of their success to the new owners.

The pandemic has decreased foot traffic this year, but the Slagles say they are coming into the busy season. People are already buying Christmas presents, and many shoppers are choosing the Birnamwood store because they are interested in buying local because of safety and travel concerns during the pandemic, said Darlene Slagle.

"We're not doing that bad considering what's going on the world," she said.

They have listed the property with Coldwell-Banker but if the business doesn't sell before the end of the year, they will close in January and February as usual, since those are the quietest months. They plan to reopen in March and continue operating the business until it sells.

Potrykus Construction is open for business

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

With a business degree in hand and several years of construction experience under his belt, Braxton Potrykus decided to break out on his own and start a business during a pandemic.

"We got lucky with people who have wanted to do home improvement projects they've been pushing off for a couple of years," said Potrykus, "and help from the bank to buy the equipment we need."

The 2014 Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School graduate went to University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and also worked for Lewis Construction, Scho-

WHAT: Potrykus Construction LLC

WHO: Braxton Potrykus

WHERE: Wausau and Fox Valley areas

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field, for four years. Potrykus moved to Chicago where he continues to live with his girlfriend, Katie Murphy, and their daughter, Lylah.

"You need to make some moves while you're young," said Potrykus, about starting a business during a time when others are struggling to survive or even closing their doors.

Potrykus is starting out small and focusing on home improvement projects. He specializes now in concrete — building retaining walls, sidewalks,

driveways, garage and shed floors. He also does landscaping.

His business and crew, based in Illinois, divide their time between jobs in the Wausau area and the Fox Valley as well as Potrykus' home area. They have been busy all summer and fall thanks, in part, to family and friends, noted Potrykus. So far they've done well with referrals and word of mouth advertising, he added.

They are adding residential snowplowing in the Wittenberg area to their list of services this winter. There are no plans to break into the commercial account market at this time, as Potrykus wants to grow slowly and steadily and not overextend himself or crew members.



Braxton Potrykus started his own company as the state shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Based in Illinois, several jobs and projects brought the 2014 Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School graduate home to Wittenberg for a few weeks this summer. MIRIAM NELSON | NEW MEDIA

Notice of State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Judicial, Municipal, School District and Sanitary District Election
Shawano County, Wisconsin
APRIL 6, 2021

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
SHAWANO COUNTY)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, cities, school districts, wards and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, the following officers are to be elected:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

ONE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, for the term of four years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term of office will expire on July 31, 2021:

Carolyn Stanford Taylor

JUDICIAL OFFICERS

ONE COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, for the term of six years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term of office will expire on July 31, 2021:

District III Mark Seidt

ONE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, for the term of six years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term of office will expire on July 31, 2021:

Menominee-Shawano County

Circuit Court Judge Branch 1 Katherine Stone

TOWN OFFICES

All municipalities have an Election on April 6th, however, some may publish in a different newspaper or post their notice at the town hall. The term for town office begins on April 20, 2021. All terms are for two years.

TOWN OF ALMON

Office Incumbent
Town Board Chair Steve Onesti
Town Board Supervisor Scott Matsche
Town Board Supervisor Kristopher Claus
Town Clerk Heather Matsche
Town Treasurer Becky Herb

For more information, contact town clerk, Heather Matsche, at 715-671-2561 or almontownclerk@gmail.com - See information below regarding filing requirements and nomination papers.

TOWN OF ANITA

Office Incumbent
Town Board Chair Dan Lex
Town Board Supervisor Robbert Siggl
Town Board Supervisor Dale Matsche
Town Clerk Tammy Resch
Town Treasurer Ken Schram

For more information, contact town clerk, Tammy Resch, at 715-449-2351 or 715-449-3116. See information below regarding filing requirements and nomination papers.

TOWN OF BIRNAMWOOD

Office Incumbent
Town Board Chair Mike Fandrey
Town Board Supervisor #1 Dennis Van Prooyan
Town Board Supervisor #2 Edward Mevenden
Town Clerk Dennis Knaak
Town Treasurer Debbs Kassen

For more information, contact town clerk, Dennis Knaak, at 715-449-3212 or knaakdennis@frontier.com. See information below regarding the caucus procedure for this municipality.

TOWN OF GERMANIA

Office Incumbent
Town Board Chair Daniel Lehman
Town Board Supervisor #1 Michael Damrau
Town Board Supervisor #2 Steven Breaker
Town Clerk Kathryn Breaker
Town Treasurer Jennifer Werner

For more information, contact town clerk, Kathryn Breaker, at 715-535-2970 or germaniaclerk@frontier.net. See information below regarding the caucus procedure for this municipality.

TOWN OF HUTCHINS

Office Incumbent
Town Board Chair Patrick Mevenden
Town Board Supervisor Richard Fischer
Town Board Supervisor Jeremy Metko
Town Clerk Janice Fischer
Town Treasurer Pamela McAulay

For more information, contact town clerk, Jan Fischer, at 715-488-3403 or janfischer@yahoo.com. See information below regarding the caucus procedure for this municipality.

TOWN OF MORRIS

Office Incumbent
Town Board Chair Kurt Kliner
Town Board Supervisor #1 Dale Clark

Town Board Supervisor #2
Town Clerk
Town Treasurer

Lloyd Gutt
Victoria Kennedy
Molly Gutt

For more information, contact town clerk, Victoria Kennedy, at 715-326-1602 or morristownclerk@gmail.com. See information below regarding the caucus procedure for this municipality.

TOWN OF WITTENBERG

Office Incumbent
Town Board Chair Richard Beversdorf
Town Board Supervisor Dan Weissenel
Town Board Supervisor Justin Hartleben
Town Treasurer Sue Hamm

For more information, contact town clerk, Linda Fletcher, at 715-253-3222 or town-wittclerk@gmail.com. See information below regarding the caucus procedure for this municipality.

VILLAGE OFFICES

All municipalities have an Election on April 2nd, however, some may publish in a different newspaper. The term for village offices begins on April 15, 2019. All terms are for two years.

VILLAGE OF BIRNAMWOOD

Office Incumbent
President Mike Sprague
Trustee Ronald Resch
Trustee Don Schmidt
Trustee Karl Behm

For more information, contact village clerk, Lauri Klumppan, at 715-449-2001 or klumppan@aol.com. See information below regarding filing requirements and nomination papers.

VILLAGE OF ELAND

Office Incumbent
President Brian Thuot
Trustee Shane Larson
Trustee Kyle Resch
Clerk Marnie Osterbrink
Treasurer Claudia Plesger

For more information, contact village clerk, Marnie Osterbrink, at 715-253-2068 or elandclerk@hotmail.com. See information below regarding the caucus procedure for this municipality.

VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG

Office Incumbent
President William Switalia
Trustee Marlene Wegner
Trustee Sharon Beversdorf
Trustee David Timm

For more information, contact village clerk, Traci Matsche, at 715-253-6063 or wittberg@gmail.com. See information below regarding filing requirements and nomination papers.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 26, 2021. (All school districts have elections April 6th however, others may publish their notice in a different newspaper.) Please see the information below regarding filing requirements and nomination papers for school board member offices.

WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office Incumbent
School Board Member Area 4 Kristy Meredith
School Board Member Area 2 Tammy Petska
School Board Member Area 5 Tammy Wendler

For more information, contact Jody Hartleben at 715-253-2213 or jhartleben@wittber.k12.wi.us

FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICES THAT

REQUIRE CIRCULATION OF NOMINATION PAPERS:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 in the office of the clerk. The first day to circulate nomination papers is Tuesday, December 1, 2020, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Municipal candidates file with the municipal clerk. School district candidates file with the school district clerk. Please see contact information listed above by the municipality and/or school district information. Sanitary district candidates file with the town clerk as listed above.

FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICES THAT REQUIRE A CAUCUS:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled between December 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021. The caucus will be held on a date not sooner than January 2nd and not later than January 21st. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five days before the caucus.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. DONE in the City of Shawano, County of Shawano, this 18th day of November 2020.

Pamela Schmidt, Shawano County Clerk

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