



Tiny house provides students building skill introduction

High school learners from Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School are exposed to range of construction trades as they build a house heading for Leadville, Colorado.

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Deputies arrest two for meth in Tigerton

Shawano County deputies make early Sunday arrests in Tigerton when they find two pounds of meth while executing a search warrant.

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WBHS teams split tilts against Bears

The Bonduel girls basketball team pressures the Chargers into a loss while the Witt-Birn boys best the Bears.

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MAKING SURE IT'S JUST THE RIGHT FIT

Dave Humblet checks in with wife Marta on the width of a candidate Christmas tree on a recent Sunday. The Humblets renewed a family tradition at Valley Christmas Tree Farm outside of Wittenberg in choosing and cutting their tree. Dave Humblet is a Birnamwood native and has been friends with Rick Brekke, who owns the farm with his family, for years. The Humblets recently returned to the area and live in Ringle.

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'The Dog Thief' proves to be a surprisingly good read



JAN JONES

Well, "The Dog Thief" by Marta Acosta was a real surprise. It included more than a few modern-day issues and situations. I liked that it is filled with interesting and quirky characters.

Sisters Kenzie and Maddie Whitney recently returned to Coyote Run, California, with hopes of making a living on the family ranch.

Kenzie is a psychotherapist who works divides her time between the school district and doing equine therapy. Older sister Maddie boards dogs and does behavior therapy. Maddie is probably autistic. She hates crowds, has mild obsessive-compulsive disorder and uses several "tics" to calm herself in bad situations. She very much prefers the company of dogs to that of humans and is unapologetically bisexual.

Maddie has recently been dumped by Claire Des Jardins, and she's not taking it well.

Not long ago, Maddie took on a service dog from his nearly catatonic handler. Bertie was injured saving the soldier's life but now needs to a chance to live out his life. One day, Maddie and Bertie took a stray dog and her two little pups from a local

AT A GLANCE

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barn. To calm the dog, she walks cross country to the local vet's office.

Ben Meadows is the new vet, and Maddie is surprised to find that he is both good and likeable. On the walk to her truck, Maddie cuts through private property and soon discovers a badly decomposed human body. When hounded about how she found the body, Maddie flippantly says that blackbirds told her. Suddenly, she's "The Dog Psychic."

The body is identified as a visitor named Sherry Rae, but there's no hint of who killed her or why.

As much as Maddie hates it, business increases and she get caught up on bills. A drunken visit to Claire lands Maddie in police officer Oliver's truck on his way to shoot a "killer" dog. Maddie knows that the dog is just doing its job, so she gets inside, quiets the dog and escapes with him.

She soon learns that Zeus is a highly trained and loyal animal and begins training him to do Search and Rescue, or S&R. Within days, she is asked to help find a dementia patient who wandered into a thick wood. Between Zeus and Bertie, she is found safe. Now Maddie is really famous,

so Oliver doesn't dare arrest her and take the dog.

Instead, she proposes creating a S&R unit to help the police. Oliver grudgingly agrees, thus forcing the two enemies to spend time together for training. To her surprise, Maddie is also building a firm friendship with Ben and his family.



When Dawg, the vet's stoner receptionist, calls saying he needs her help, Maddie and Bertie rush to his aid. Too late, Dawg explains that he believes his dog has told Mad-

die that he killed Sherry Rae and is working with a drug cartel. So now, he must kill Maddie and Bertie. Using one of Oliver's tricks, Maddie manages to escape. Dawg follows but hits a hidden trip wire, setting off a huge explosion.

Things go smoothly until the annual Bonanza Days when a little boy disappears. Oliver and Maddie use Zeus to track the boy to a motel but he's not there. The suspect is too confident, so Maddie takes Zeus and finds the child locked in an old shed. Once again, she is a reluctant hero, but now she's learning to handle it better. Before long she has made big changes in her life and living situation. With a little luck, this weird girl will be OK.

Rogowski looks to holiday season with sense of renewal



GARRETT ROGOWSKI

Normally by the time I write this particular monthly newsletter, we've got a pretty good coat of snow blanketing the ground! This year is proving to be a little different, but we all know it will be just a matter of time before Old Man Winter takes over.

I certainly know that winter weather brings its challenges, but with the year we've all endured, I've chosen to take another perspective on

the impending new year and season of joy approaching quickly. We're provided with a sense of renewal, a season of hope, dreams and excitement that shine through in all that our children say and do. It's an annual tradition at our house to make Christmas cookies.

As I'm sure it is with many others, when the process is over, there is often more frosting on the kids than the cookies. And when they pack a handful in that sandwich bag for their teacher, because they simply love them, no one really cares if they are edible by the time they get transferred to the teacher's desk. It's just what we do.

We celebrate the little things in

life this time of year; the first snowfall, the Elf on the Shelf, Ralphie's friend licking the flag pole, a cold glass of egg nog (yes, some do enjoy that) and the crumbled cookie in transport. At a time in our history where we've been divided from family, friends and forced a different kind of hand, I hope you can all enjoy the holiday season for what it is and is meant to be. So as it is with winter, I hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable season this year and we will do our best to make sure your children don't stick their tongue on the flagpole! Merry Christmas!

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

Students help with Bowler grade school announcements



Wade Turner, Bowler Elementary School principal, gets some help with morning announcements recently from Charles Piotrowski, left and Eleanor Onesti, right.

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SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Dec. 14

Deputies responded to 33 calls, including a fight in progress at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; a threatening complaint at Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School, 337 Main St., Birnamwood; an identity theft complaint on Kolpack Road in the Town of Almon; reckless driving complaints on South Webb Street in Wittenberg, state Highway 22 in the Town of Green Valley and state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; an accident involving a deer.

Dec. 13

Deputies responded to 19 calls, including an operating while intoxicated on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington, the arrest of two people during a drug investigation in Tigerton; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; two accidents, both involving deer.

Dec. 12

Deputies responded to 35 calls, including a drug complaint at BMO Harris, 214 W. Fifth St., Shawano; operating without license complaints on County Road HH in the Town of Washington and Railroad Street in the Town of Bartelme; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; four accidents, three involving deer.

Dec. 11

NEW Media did not receive a report

for this date by press time.

Dec. 10

Deputies responded to 38 calls, including a drug complaint at North Star Casino, W12180 County Road A in the Town of Bartelme; a property theft at Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving complaints on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica and Warrington Avenue in Cecil; an operating without a license complaint Front Street in Wittenberg; four accidents, all involving deer.

Dec. 9

Deputies responded to 40 calls, including a repossession on Washington Street in Bonduel; a property theft complaint on Golfview Road in Cecil; a weapon offences on McDonald Road in the Town of Navarino; a harassment complaint on Webb Street in Wittenberg; a reckless driving complaint on Bluebird Road in the Town of Birnamwood; three accidents, two involving deer.

Dec. 8

Deputies responded to 39 calls, including an identity theft complaint on Pioneer Avenue in Wittenberg; a threatening complaint on Angelica Street in the Town of Angelica; an assault at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B, Shawano; a reckless driving complaint on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a weapon offense on Beach Boulevard in the Town of Wescott; six accidents, three

involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 14

Officers responded to 20 calls, including car accidents at Lieg Avenue and Waukechon Street and at Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E. Green Bay St.; a reckless driving complaint at Green Bay Court; an arrest of a 37-year-old man on a warrant; a drug complaint in the 100 block of South Lafayette Street; assisting at a fire call on Birch Hill Lane.

Dec. 13

Officers responded to 20 calls, including a found key in the 100 block of South Main Street; a reckless driving complaint at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; noise complaints on Humphrey Circle and the 600 block of South Lincoln Street; a death investigation at an undisclosed location; controlled substance problem at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; a vehicle fire in the 700 block of South Hamlin Street; a found wallet at the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; a shoplifting complaint at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.

Dec. 12

Officers responded to 20 calls, including a vicious animal complaint in the 400 block of West Richmond Street, a missing iPhone at the dog park, 1270 Jaycee Court; a reckless driving complaint in the 1100 block of South Lincoln Street.

Dec. 11

Officers responded to 15 calls,

including a hit-and-run accident at Waukechon and Richmond streets; a stolen phone at Executive Auto, 202 S. Sawyer St.; a controlled substance problem at state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a purse found on South Main Street; a wallet found at Dunham Sports, 1211 E. Green Bay St.

Dec. 10

Officers responded to 14 calls, including a controlled substance problem at Eagle and Smalley streets; an animal bite complaint at the dog park, 1270 Jaycee Court; a trespassing complaint at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.

Dec. 9

Officers responded to 18 calls, including assisting with a fire in the 700 block of South Main Street; a controlled substance problem at an undisclosed location; power lines hanging across the road after a semi hit a pole on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; a reckless driving complaint at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; a fight in progress on Prospect Circle.

Dec. 8

Officers responded to 18 calls, including an intoxicated person in the 1000 block of Engel Drive; a purse found on Humphrey Circle; a property theft complaint in the 200 block of North Airport Road; a controlled substance problem at Novolex, 3100 E. Richmond St.

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Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County District Court include:

- Benito M. Del Bosque, 46, Chipewewa Falls, was charged Dec. 10 with operating while intoxicated, fourth offense; burglary of a building and operating with Prohibited Blood Alcohol Content, fourth offense. A cash bond of \$7,500 was set and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Dec. 16.
- Mary R. Montoure-McIntosh, 48, Shawano, was charged Dec. 11 with possession of narcotic drugs with a repeater modifier. A cash bond of \$1,500 was set and an initial appearance will resume Jan. 4.
- Kateri K. King, 47, Shawano, was charged Dec. 11 with possession of narcotic drugs with possession

of a controlled substance on or near certain places and repeater modifiers; possession of methamphetamine with a repeater modifier and possession of drug paraphernalia with a repeater modifier. A cash bond of \$3,000 was set and an initial appearance will resume Jan. 4.

- Taylor R. Krause, 28, Shawano, was charged Dec. 11 with strangulation/suffocation with a domestic abuse repeater modifier; substantial battery with intent to do bodily harm with a domestic abuse repeater modifier and disorderly conduct with a domestic abuse repeater modifier. A cash bond of \$2,000 was signed and an initial appearance will resume Dec. 21.
- Jason J. Huncosky, 19, Suring,

was charged Dec. 11 with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. A signature bond of \$5,000 was signed and an initial appearance will resume Feb. 5.

- Riley T. Bosman, 18, Bonduel, was charged Dec. 14 with possession of methamphetamine, two counts of possession of narcotic drugs, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. A cash bond of \$2,500 was set and an initial appearance will resume Dec. 21.
- Tiffany T. Socha, 28, Bowler, was charged Dec. 14 with operating while revoked, possession of THC, five counts of felony bail jumping, possession of narcotic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. A cash bond of

\$7,500 and a signature bond of \$2,500 were set. No future court appearances were listed.

- Ivan Mora Casillas, 29, Green Bay, was charged Dec. 14 with possession of methamphetamine. A cash bond of \$3,000 was set and an initial appearance will resume Dec. 21.
- Erin E. Wynos, 23, Neopit, was charged Dec. 14 with operating while revoked, two counts of felony bail jumping and one count of misdemeanor bail jumping. A cash bond of \$1,500 was set and a preliminary hearing was set for Dec. 16.
- Joseph S. Sazama, 58, Hatley, was charged Dec. 14 with two counts of bail jumping. A cash bond of \$1,500 was set. No future court appearances were listed.

DNR announces wolf hunting season

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources announced Dec. 4 that the official wolf season will begin

Nov. 6, 2021.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will delist gray wolves from the federal list of endangered species on Jan. 4, returning management authority to the lower 48 states and tribes.

Under Wisconsin law, when the

wolf is delisted, the state's annual hunting and trapping seasons shall resume.

The recovery of gray wolves is a triumph of the Endangered Species Act and stands as a testament to the cooperation of federal, state and tribal

agencies, as well as other conservation partners working together to support wolf recovery. The most recent monitoring effort indicated a minimum of 1,034 wolves in Wisconsin, primarily across the northern third of the state and the Central Forest region.

Tiny house bound for Colorado from WBHS shop

Building trades project nears completion

By **DAVID WILHELMS**
Reporter

A mobile “tiny house” from the shops of Wittenberg-Birnhamwood High School will soon join similar buildings from six Missouri high schools in Leadville, Colorado.

The seven structures will be part of a rental complex in the mountain town, said Caleb McPhail, WBHS building trades instructor. Tiny houses are a recent architectural and social movement that advocates living simply in small spaces.

The building, sporting an exterior that might be called a vivid green, is parked outside the shops at the high school. The color choice was the buyer's, McPhail said. It will be done by the end of this school year. It was to have been completed last school year but the COVID-19 pandemic intervened, causing delays, McPhail said.

How the 26-foot structure became part of a western project is a story that starts in 2019. McPhail noticed a slide of a tiny house in a presentation on new technology and new teaching practices in Wittenberg.

McPhail saw the tiny house as a way for his students to do something more than the “usual” shed, like the one built for Wittenberg Elementary School, involving skills from construction trades besides carpentry.

A little investigation uncovered the buyer's name and residence in Pennsylvania. Further work solidified the contract for WBHS. Work began in November 2019 after getting school board approval.

McPhail called the board's support “fantastic” with the only guidelines being that the students learn something and the project doesn't lose money. The students are responsible for executing every part of the building, using the blueprint supplied by the buyer.

This includes the expected tasks, such as putting up walls and installing windows, but also making and installing trim work and flooring. The main goal is to expose students to tasks expected of a range of construction trades, McPhail continued. They are responsible for executing all as-



Students in the building trades courses at Wittenberg-Birnhamwood High School are completing the final tasks of this “tiny house,” now parked outside the school's shops. The structure is a fully equipped home and is part of a current style trend of making living spaces as small as possible. A tiny house usually has 400 square feet or less of living space. When done at the end of the school year, it will be towed to Leadville, Colorado, and become part of a rental complex.

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Caleb McPhail, Wittenberg-Birnhamwood High School building trades instructor, points out the location of some of the features in the “tiny house” now nearing completion outside the shops at the school. The main goal is to expose students to tasks expected of a range of construction trades, McPhail said. They are responsible for executing all aspects of the plan they were provided. “Maybe a student wants to be an electrician but they ‘pull wire’ for two weeks and discovers they don't want to be an electrician any more. Then another kid will find he likes being a plumber,” he said.

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pects of the plan they were provided.

Making the execution easier is the remodeled shop space and addition of machinery and tools from the recent district referendum, McPhail said.

“Maybe a student wants to be an electrician but they ‘pull wire’ for two weeks and discovers they don't want

to be an electrician any more. Then another kid will find he likes being a plumber,” he said.

Because of ongoing health concerns, students work on the house in small groups focused on a task, such as finishing the piping under the floor, instead of focusing on one

skill set, such as plumbing. “We don't want anyone to miss out on trying different things,” McPhail said.

The real world orientation to teaching the construction trades will continue and may take several forms in coming years, McPhail said. The buyer behind the Leadville project wants similar buildings for a Florida complex and is interested in continuing the relationship with WBHS, McPhail said.

A community member has also reached out to McPhail for building a house. That is an exciting prospect, McPhail said, because it involves the students in working with a client, developing and executing plans and other pre-construction details. The instructor added he likes to see students involved in the design and early decisions, as it gives them more ownership in the project.

An example of that is the recently completed storage shed for the school's baseball team. He noted some of his students were also baseball players and were pretty excited to build their own storage.

OBITUARIES

Carolyn M. Thompson

Carolyn M. Thompson, 81, of the Town of Matteson, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, at her home, surrounded by her family.

The former Carolyn Mae Bucher was born May 8, 1939, in the Town of Grant, Shawano County, daughter to the late Herman and Hildegard (Voigt) Bucher. She attended the one-room school house in Split Rock and moved to Shawano with her family when she was 11 years old. Carolyn was a 1957 graduate of Shawano High School. She was united in marriage to Knute Thompson at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano on Aug. 2, 1958.

She worked at the Hanson



her children. She was a member of Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville, where she volunteered for the salad luncheons and funerals. Carolyn really enjoyed crafts, cooking, baking and entertaining friends. She will be remembered as a great mother and wife, as well as for the love she had for her family.

Glove Factory in Clintonville and then Urban Telephone for a few years. Carolyn also worked as an Avon sales representative for many years while raising

Carolyn is survived by her husband of 62 years, Knute; daughter, Linda (Bill) Kinziger, Ripon; grandchildren, Kali and Jack Kinziger; and brother, Jerome (Kathi) Bucher, Shawano.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gregory; a sister, Lorraine Heger; brother, Charles Bucher; and brother-in-law, Paul Heger.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, at Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville, with the Rev. Brian Crocker officiating. Inurnment will follow privately at Greenwood Cemetery in the Town of Matteson. Friends may call at the church

from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. If you plan on attending, please wear a face covering and practice social distancing at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to be directed to Christus Lutheran Church.

The Thompson family would like to thank the staff at Theda-Care At Home Hospice, especially Katie Krueger, RN, for the wonderful care given to Carolyn.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting the Thompson family with the arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Leone F. James

Leone F. James, 78, of Keshena, passed away Monday afternoon, Dec. 7, 2020, at Birch Hill Care Center in Shawano.

Leone was born Dec. 27, 1941, in Keshena, a daughter of the late William and Rose (Tucker) Wilber. She attended grade school in Milwaukee before moving to Keshena in her high school years. Following high school, Leone worked as a waitress at the L&L Restaurant in Shawano. On March 26, 1969, she was united in marriage to Gordon James Sr. in Gresham. Following their marriage, the couple lived in Keshena, where Leone worked as a CNA and a school bus driver. She then went to work as a teacher's aide for



music and watching scary movies. She enjoyed journaling and taking rides in the woods with her family members. Leone adored celebrating the holidays with her family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Chief Oskäs (Pat Peters and his significant other, Carolina), of

many years at the tribal elementary school.

She is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Keshena. Leone loved listening to country

Keshena, Denise (Steve) Crowe, of Appleton, Randy (Rose) Peters, Kandi (Ray) Peters, Gordon James Jr., Richard James and Marlin James, all of Keshena, Karen James, of Shawano, and stepson, Gordon Pogan, of Keshena; 40 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Leone was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon, on Dec. 4, 2019; her daughter, Jessie Lynn James; her son, Tracy A. Peters; her granddaughters, Christy Dawn King and Gwendolyn Amber Peters; and grandson, Albert Patrick "Muggers" Waupoose Sr.

Traditional Native American services for Leone will be held Sat-

urday, Dec. 12, 2020, at 10:45 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Keshena. John Teller will officiate. The family will greet friends at the cemetery after 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the family requires masks be worn while in attendance and social distancing will be enforced at the gravesite.

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



Robert J. Greub

Robert J. "Bob" Greub, 90, of Shawano, passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, Dec. 13, 2020, at his home.

Bob was born June 5, 1930, in Shawano, a son of the late John and Ella (Kroenke) Greub. He attended school in Shawano, then went to work as a lead man in the machine shop at Ampco Metal in Milwaukee. On Oct. 18, 1952, Bob was united in marriage to Audrey Schoneck at St. Martin Lutheran Church in Clintonville. Following their marriage, the couple lived in Milwaukee, where they raised their family. Bob retired from Ampco Metal in 1992, having worked there for 42 years. When Audrey retired, the couple moved to



of the NRA. Bob was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and enjoyed spending time with his family.

Survivors include his loving wife of 68 years, Audrey, of Shawano; his children, Barbara (Bill) Bunker, of Shawano, Ricky (Chrissy) Greub, of Dollar Bay, Michigan, and Nancy

Shawano.

Bob is a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and woodworking. He was a proud member

(David) Brandt, of Lakeland, Florida; his grandchildren, Rebecca Brandt, Michael (Laura) Brandt, Matthew (Heather) Brandt, John Brandt, Kaylynn Brandt, Luke Brandt, Ricky Greub Jr. and Anne Greub; one great-granddaughter, Audrey J. Brandt; two nieces, Jane (John) Losee and Gail Schefchick; nephew, Dan Trawicki; and several other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Raymond Greub, and his sister, Mary Trawicki.

A memorial service for Robert J. Greub will be held Monday, Dec. 21, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. at Mickelson Funeral Service in Shawano. Pastor Steve Schauder will officiate. Visita-

tion will begin at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. and continue until the time of service. In lieu of flowers and plants, memorials are preferred to the St. James radio broadcast in Bob's name. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the family requests masks be worn while in attendance, and social distancing will be enforced.

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



Elizabeth A. Trever

In loving memory of Elizabeth Ann Trever, 66, Town of Underhill. Passed away peacefully at her home on Dec. 7, 2020.

Elizabeth was born July 21, 1954. She was a loving CNA and spent her time cooking for the

ones she loved. Her hobbies were picking apples to make pie, strawberries to make jam and asparagus. She loved feeding her birds, as well.

She was married on May 27, 2000, to her late husband, Richard Trever. He was the love of her life.

She loved all her children and grandchildren. Elizabeth was a firm believer in the Lord, our Savior.

A special thank you to St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay and Unity Hospice for the loving care that they showed her.

Diane V. Foth

Diane V. Foth, 75, of Wittenberg, died unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at Cloverleaf Terrace in Birnamwood.

Diane was born Jan. 28, 1945, in Elderon, the daughter of Ernest and Kathryn (Plaski) Kluck.

On Sept. 4, 1965, Diane was united in marriage to Wesley Foth in Birnamwood. He preceded her in death on Aug. 8, 1999.

Diane was employed at the former Wittenberg Locker Plant and Bahr's Ben Franklin and was most recently employed at Gwidt Pharmacy in Wittenberg. Diane enjoyed playing cards and played in local card clubs through the years. She enjoyed her dogs, but especially enjoyed the time spent with her grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, Scott (Tina) Foth, of Wittenberg; grandsons, Collin (Amanda Schultz) Foth and Cody Foth, both of Wittenberg; sister, Donna Owen, of Wittenberg; brother-in-law, Kenneth (Doris) Foth, of Wittenberg; nieces, Dawn (Vernon Jr.) Krolow, of Wittenberg, Denise Owen Wheelock, of Wausau, and Betty (Chuck) Reinke; nephews,



Austin, Annebelle and Haven Owen.

Diane was preceded in death by her husband; parents; a niece, Debra Owen; brother-in-law, Dan Owen Sr.; and parents-in-law, Erdmund and Sarah Foth.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, at Holy Family-St. William Catholic Church in Wittenberg. The Rev. Matthew Settle will preside. Burial will be in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery in Wittenberg. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass at the church.

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

Dan (Kim Felch) Owen Jr., of Wisconsin Rapids, and Michael (Amy) Foth, of Clintonville; and great-nieces and nephews, Nicholas and Hannah Wheelock, Kraig

Leland J. LaMotte

Leland J. LaMotte, 45, of Euless, Texas, formerly of Neopit, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020.

Leland was born March 19, 1975, in Antigo, a son of Bernice Kapishkowitz and the late Leighton LaMotte Sr. He earned his high school diploma from Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, South Dakota. Most recently, he was employed by Amazon in Fort Worth, Texas. Leland enjoyed traveling, sightseeing, photography and spending time with family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his mother, Bernice, of Zoar; his siblings, Valerie (Mark Sr.) Self, of Middle Village, Muriel Waupoose, of Neopit, Rosemary (Shannon Sr.) Waupoose-Tucker, of Middle Village, Leon (Sonja) Nahwahquaw Sr., of Neopit, George Nahwahquaw Sr., of Bonduel, Mary Nahwahquaw, of Shawano, Denise Black, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, Leighton LaMotte Jr., of Shawano, Lisa LaMotte, of Euless, Texas, Jerry Nahwahquaw, of Shawano, and Marquise (Marissa Escalante) LaMotte, of Keshena; his stepsisters, Twila Shawano, of Bowler, and Kemawin (Robert) Dess,



of Bowler; and several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Keesha Madosh; his father, Leighton C. LaMotte Sr.; his stepfather, Jerry B. Shawano; his sister, Susan Waupoose; his brother, Norman Waupoose Jr.; his maternal grandparents, George and Susan Kapishkowitz; and his paternal grandparents, Joseph and Odile LaMotte Sr.

Private traditional family services were held Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, in Middle Village. Burial will take place in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Neopit in the spring.

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



Robert W. Kolpack

Robert W. Kolpack, 93, of Bowler, died on Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, at the Homme Home of Wittenberg under the care of LeRoy Hospice.

Robert was born May 23, 1927, in Tigerton, the son of Otto and Louise (Fuhrman) Kolpack Sr.

Robert farmed for many years, a job he truly loved. He received a 30-year award from the Morning Glory Dairy Association. He also drove school bus for the Bowler School District for many years. Robert was active in the surrounding community, was a volunteer firefighter for the Bowler Fire Department for 50 years and enjoyed bowling at Chet and Emil's. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed spending time in the woods, logging and making maple syrup.

Robert was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bowler and Peace Lutheran Church in Tilleda. He was an avid Green Bay Packers fan and enjoyed listening to polka music, deer hunting and playing cards, especially sheepshead. He also enjoyed traveling and cher-



ished his trips to Disney World and Hawaii. Robert was known as the gentle green giant and will be deeply missed.

Robert is survived by nieces, Jane (Jon)

Brainard, Janet (Richard) Skoda and Linda (Gregory) Small; nephew, David (Debi) Striker; great-nieces and great-nephews, Meghan, Laura, Susan, Aimee, Mason, Luke, James, Ethan and Julian.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Otto (Sally) Kolpack; and a sister, Mary Jane (Edward) Striker.

A private family burial will take place at Union Cemetery in Tigerton.

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

Allen M. Voelz

Allen Milton Voelz, 82, formerly of Bowler, Wittenberg and Hudson, as well as St. Paul, Minnesota, passed away on Dec. 11, 2020.

Allen is in a much better place now, after a brave fight for many years of suffering with leukemia and lymphoma.

He was born to Milton and Helen Voelz in Shawano.

Survived by his wife, Valarie (whom he met in high school band. Their marriage lasted 60 years); daughter, Cheryl (Dave) Qualey; granddaughter, Kendall Qualey; and siblings: Malcolm, Steve and Dennis.

Preceded in death by his parents; sister, Paula; and stepmother, Rosalie.

Allen had a long banking career, during which he touched many lives. As much as he enjoyed the career, his family always came first.

Special thanks to Dr. Hocking of



Marshfield Clinic, Dr. Cheema and all of HealthEast.

Due to COVID-19, services will be held at a later date with burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Hope Lodge in Marshfield or the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.

Services are entrusted to the O'Connell Family

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Kitty L. Liss

We are sad to announce that on Dec. 12, 2020, Kitty Lynn Liss, 54, lost her battle with cancer in Cape Coral, Florida. She graduated from Shawano High School and then the Bellin School of Nursing.

She deeply loved her daughters and family. The world has lost a beautiful soul and heaven has gained an angel. Look up at heaven and find the brightest star. That will be Kitty.



She is survived by her mother, Shirley (Louis) Paris; her stepfather, Dennis Rende; her daughters, Stormy (Brian) Gale and Destiny Schreiber; granddaughter Baily Gale; grandson, Jamison Gale; uncle, Jerry (Bonnie) Roloff; aunts, Donna (Gary) Hansen and Luanne (Phil) Chart; and cousins Tim, Scott, Craig, Rob, Sarah, Wendy, Raneen, Michelle and Dan.

2 arrested after meth found in Tigerton

Shawano County sheriff's deputies seized two pounds of methamphetamine and arrested two people Sunday at a Tigerton residence.

When deputies attempted to locate a 36-year-old female with active felony probation warrants at the residence on U.S. Highway 45 Sunday morning, they found a 35-year-old man slumped over, sleeping in a vehicle on the property.

The man was found to be on probation for prior intent to deliver and charges associated with the distribution of methamphetamines, according to the sheriff's department.

After further investigation, about two pounds of methamphetamines and about \$7,000 in cash were reportedly located in the vehicle.

A search warrant was served, alleging possession and possible distribution of illegal drugs out of the home, according to spokesperson Lt.

Kurt Kitzman.

During the search, varying quantities of items believed to be marijuana, methamphetamines and illegal drug paraphernalia were located.

The sheriff's report stated both suspects were taken into custody without incident and taken to the Shawano County Jail, according to Kitzman.

The Tigerton woman was booked on her active felony probation warrant while the man, who has a Mosinee address, was booked on drug charges related to the incident.

Tigerton and Clintonville police departments and the Wisconsin State Patrol assisted in the investigation and arrests.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the sheriff's office at 715-526-3111 or scdispatch@co.shawano.wi.us. Callers can remain anonymous.

Family continues tradition at Brekke's



Dave Humblet trims the trunk of the tree he, wife Marta and daughter Ella chose Dec. 6 at Brekke's Christmas tree farm east of Wittenberg. The Humblet family lives in Ringle and has been choosing trees at the farm for years. They like trees with widely spaced branches as they show off their ornaments, especially those from Dave's alma mater, the U.S. Air Force Academy. "We love a live tree because of the smell," Amrta said.

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SPORTS

ATHLETE PROFILE: LOGAN THIEX

Bowler senior off to strong start on court

After missing a good chunk of his junior season because of an injury, Bowler High School's Logan Thieux is expecting a big senior season on the court for the boys basketball team.

Through Dec. 13, Thieux had played in three of the team's five games. Bowler won each of the games he participated in, taking down Tigerton 68-48 on Dec. 8 in Bowler, Gillett 76-51 on Dec. 10 in Bowler and Lena 63-55 on Dec. 11 in Lena.

In his first game of the season against Tigerton, Thieux scored 13 points. He also finished the game with 10 rebounds, six assists and six steals.

Against Gillett, Thieux scored a game-high 29 points after knocking down 14 field goals. He grabbed 10 rebounds, blocked two shots and finished with eight steals.

Thieux led the Panthers with 22 points in the win over Lena. He also tallied 16 rebounds, four assists and two blocks.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: It started around fourth grade. I wasn't really excited about it until I would go on the playground and shoot around with my friends.

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

A: My favorite part is the playoffs. There is a certain intensity and desire that is felt throughout the games.

Q: What has basketball taught you over the years?

A: I learned when I am struggling, I can't tip my hat and walk away. I have to strive to get better all the time.

Q: What are you most looking forward to this winter season?

A: I'm looking forward to having a successful senior season. As long as we work hard, play hard and play as



Bowler's Logan Thieux, center, looks on after taking a shot during a nonconference game against Gillett on Dec. 10 in Bowler.

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ONLINE

This week's high school and college highlights and recreation scorecard can be found online at www.newmedia-wi.com.

a team, I think I can be happy about the results.

Q: After missing most of last year with an injury, do you have any goals for your senior season?

A: First off, I'm going to do my

best to stay healthy. I also want to keep myself controlled while having the ball in the post and look for the smart play.

Q: Do you have any rituals you go through to get ready for a game?

A: I usually just try to get five minutes before the game where I can tune everyone out and listen to music.

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Logan Thieux

SPORT: Boys basketball

POSITIONS: Forward

SCHOOL: Bowler High School

YEAR: Senior

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

A: I think out of all of my favorite memories, hitting the game-winning buzzer beater sophomore year (against Northland Lutheran) is the best of them.

Q: What are you going to miss most about high school basketball?

A: I'm going to miss playing with my teammates especially, but I'm also going to miss my family and friends rooting the team on.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Big Sky." Movie — "The Sandlot." Musical artist — 21 Savage/Luke Combs.

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

A: My late Grandpa, Pete Thieux, is my role model. He's always taught me how to get better at fundamentals in sports. He's told me I've always had potential in whatever I do, and my senior year of sports is devoted to him.

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

A: There may be people who have more talent than me, but there isn't an excuse for anyone to work harder than I do.

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

A: I'm going to go to college and major in something that interests me and play sports.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Chargers split matchups with Bears

Boys team wins behind Schairer, girls hurt by turnovers

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School boys and girls basketball teams split Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division matchups with Bonduel last week.

The Witt-Birn boys rode a big game from Simon Schairer and used a key 18-4 run in the second half to claim a 73-60 win Dec. 8 in Wittenberg.

A young and inexperienced Witt-Birn girls team lost 65-41 to Bonduel on Dec. 7 in Bonduel.

Schairer powers Charger boys

Schairer, a junior, was nearly unstoppable when he was on the court, converting 13 field goals on the night and doing most of that work inside the paint. He also knocked down four free throws.

He scored 10 of the team's first 14 points as the teams traded the lead in the first half. Despite battling foul trouble, Schairer ended the first half with 17 points and helped the team take a 36-29 lead into the break.

Schairer scored the first two baskets in the second half to push the Chargers' lead up to 11, but then Bonduel went on a 11-5 run to tighten the game back up.

Witt-Birn responded with its own 18-4 run to take control of the game and, despite some free throw woes down the stretch, was able to hold off Bonduel.

"We were able to take a bigger lead the second half because we played better defense, and we worked more as a team on offense,"

said Schairer. "Our defense helped make it tough by making it harder for Bonduel to drive and helped us get more turnovers."

Witt-Birn junior Jack Fraaza scored eight of his 10 points during the spurt, including knocking in two 3-pointers. Schairer added eight straight points before fouling out at the 5 minute, 54 second mark with the Chargers up 63-44.

Fraaza fouled out at the 3:46 mark, but sophomore Michael Miller was able to carry the Chargers to the final buzzer, tallying half of his 12 points in the final 3 minutes.

Witt-Birn coach Garrett Rogowski was pleased with how players stepped up when they needed to.

"We did have a lot of guys that stepped up. When you have that kind of balance, it's hard to key in on one guy," said Rogowski. "And I think with this group, when they see what they are capable of, we're going to see more and more of that night in and night out. I'm really excited for them. I just hope that they can continue to see their potential and work toward it."

Bonduel 29 31 — 60

Witt-Birn 36 37 — 73

Witt-Birn (73): Kaden Schmidt 1-5 6, Ben Wesolowski 3-6 8, Luke Muscha 0-0 4, Ben Flak 3-4 3, Jack Fraaza 0-0 10, Simon Schairer 4-6 30, Michael Miller 4-8 12.

Bonduel (60): Carson Robaidek 5-7 9, Brett Margelofsky 0-0 6, Garrett Engel 1-1 12, Reece Stoltenow 4-4 13, Noah Weier 1-2 8, Jon Sell 4-5 12.

W-B girls cannot overcome turnovers

Despite some first half foul trouble, the Bonduel girls went on

a 20-7 run to finish the first half and led 31-14 at halftime. Bonduel pulled away by converting several Witt-Birn turnovers into fastbreak scores.

The Chargers eventually trailed by as many as 33 points in the second half, but they battled until the final whistle and amended some of their mistakes that plagued them earlier in the game.

Witt-Birn won the CWC-East last season, finishing a game ahead of Bonduel. But the Chargers came into the season without senior Abi Fraaza, who is out with an injury. She was the conference's player of the year last year.

The team also had to replace two other players from last year's squad, so Witt-Birn coach Nick Mechelke is needing to rely on a number of players who lack varsity experience.

"When you come into a situation with an experienced, guard-oriented team that can shoot the ball, I told our girls if we could handle the press, we'd be fine and could get them out of it," said Mechelke. "It's just the kids not playing in those big varsity games. We pretty much have three girls that have played varsity basketball. And after that, the next four have barely seen any varsity minutes. It's not their fault; they are just not ready to play in this type of style of game."

Senior Emma Herb led the Chargers in scoring against the Bears, tallying 19 points.

As a team leader, Herb is hoping that the early season loss to Bonduel will help the team in the long run.

"I think our biggest thing is we



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Kaden Schmidt, center, takes a jumpshot while being defended by Bonduel's Garrett Engel, left, and Jon Sell during a CWC-East matchup Dec. 8 in Wittenberg. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

got to work on our turnovers," said Herb. "Looking back, we're all going to be watching this film and we're all going to see the passes and the openings and what we could have done. A team like this, obviously, they are super good. But if we took away half of our turnovers, it would have been a closer game."

Sophomore Reese Rogowski finished with 11 points for Witt-Birn. No other Charger scored over three points.

Witt-Birn 14 27 — 41

Bonduel 31 34 — 65

Bonduel (65): Allaina Robaidek 1-5 19, Kara Troxel 3-4 23, Ella Hischke 0-0 7, Erin Timler 0-0 6, Meghan Wondra 0-1 2, Julia Lorbiecki 0-0 2, Brenna Hertzfeldt 1-2 1, Hailey Zernicke 1-2 3, Nicole Koeller 1-2 1, Kylie Hoffman 1-2 1.

Witt-Birn (41): Lilly Betry 0-0 3, Kiara Deruchowski 0-0 3, Reese Rogowski 1-1 11, Jadalynn Davids 3-4 3, Amara Schoepke 0-2 2, Emma Herb 8-8 19.

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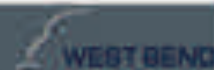
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Marion/Tigerton's Schweitzer honored for play on both sides of ball

Gresham/Bowler's Schultz, Marion/Tigerton's Malueg, Goke also earn all-conference spots

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Marion/Tigerton and Gresham/Bowler football co-ops had players make the Central Wisconsin Conference 8-player all-conference team.

Marion/Tigerton senior Charles Schweitzer made the first team as an offensive and defensive lineman. Sophomore Nick Malueg (running back) also made the first team, while senior Carter Goke (offensive lineman) was on the second team.

Along with leading the offensive line, Schweitzer finished as the co-op's top tackler on defense. He finished with 27 total tackles, five tackles for loss and a forced fumble.

Malueg led the team's running game, accumulating 470 yards and

five touchdowns behind the blocking of Schweitzer, Goke and the rest of the offensive line. Malueg also caught four passes for 46 yards and another touchdown.

Gresham/Bowler had one player honored by the conference. Senior Lane Schultz (running back) made the second team.

"It is a great accomplishment, but I am more thankful that all my teammates got to play this season and stay healthy," said Schultz. "We have a great group of young athletes, and I hope they keep pushing to get better. We have a bright future."

"With this being my last season," he continued, "I just want to say thanks for the recognition and a huge thanks to my team for working hard this season and staying safe through the pandemic."

YOUTH SWIM

WASP's Dickman turns in strong finishes at meet

Wittenberg Area Swim Program swimmer Reese Dickman competed in the Intergalactic Single Age All Stars competition Dec. 12-13 at the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center in Brown Deer.

Dickman placed 11th in the 50-yard breaststroke, posting a time of 36.33 seconds. She claimed 12th in the 100 breaststroke with a mark of 1:19.54.

Dickman also took 23rd in the 100 IM with a time of 1:15.84.

WASP started practicing at the end of October, but the team has had many of its meets canceled or postponed.

The Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center has been hosting meets because



Reese Dickman represented the Wittenberg Area Swim Program at the Intergalactic Single Age All Stars competition Dec. 12-13 at in Brown Deer.

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it has a large enough facility to help teams spread out and practice social distancing. No spectators are allowed, but the meets are streamed online.



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OPINION

Fear can be alleviated by hope at this time in lives

At this time in our nation's history, we have much to fear.

Fear is an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat. It can be real or imagined. This "loss of control" may cause us to panic.

Hope, however, is always possible when we begin to look at the whole picture positively and begin to believe something good could happen.

We need hope right now.

The coronavirus has caused many of us to fear for our lives or those we care about. A vaccine will bring us hope for a better tomorrow. The fact that the Biden administration will follow the science and has a detailed plan for distribution should alleviate some of our fears.

Because our children have had virtual classes, we may fear our country's youth are not receiving the schooling that they need to make their future's successful. Again, there is hope that Congress can come up with relief for school districts who are struggling to make their staff and school's environment safe.

Fear can also come from the news we hear on television or social media. Our democracy is being challenged by doubt that some of the 150 million ballots cast in the November election were fraudulent. Despite these claims by our current president, there is the hope that our constitution is working and our elections were free from fraud.

Intelligence reports we hear from



JAN KOCH

DHS counterterrorism professional, "the most significant terror related threat facing the United States today comes from violent extremists who are motivated by white supremacy and other far-radical right ideological causes."

We all remember the hypersensitive emotions caused by George Floyd's death by police last summer. This incident led to non-violent protests all over the world. For too long, beginning with the shooting of an innocent Black youth named Trayvon Martin in 2012, minorities were being killed by law enforcement and people were fed up. Those who believe that Black and brown Americans deserve to be treated fairly feel motivated and use their First Amendment right of free speech to rise up and show their support.

Unfortunately, United States-based violent extremists have capitalized on the increased social and political tensions in 2020. They have tried to exploit the "social grievances" driving lawful protests with their actions. The Black Lives Matter movement

agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other law enforcement sources can also cause fear.

According to John Cohn, a former

has been overshadowed by far-right extremists known for hate speech and conspiracy theories. Groups like the Proud Boys, who are known for racist statements, have emerged on the scene.

White supremacists believe that white people are superior to people of other races and that white people should dominate people of other races. The DHS and the FBI have stated that these domestic white supremacist groups pose the greatest threat of terrorist attacks in the United States of America. Though Donald Trump will not condemn these white supremacist groups, he has instead tried to label any left-leaning demonstrators as Antifa.

There are small groups who call themselves Antifa. They are, for the most part, a broad group of individuals with no central leadership. They have political beliefs that lean toward the left but do not conform to the Democratic platform. Many members support oppressed populations and protest the amassing of wealth by corporations and elites. Some have been known to employ radical or militant tactics to get out their messages. The DHS has not identified these groups as terrorists.

It has been hard to determine which groups or individuals instigated the violence and looting that occurred in Minneapolis, Portland or Kenosha. We, as Americans and human beings, cannot look away from the oppression of minority popula-

tions with a blind eye.

In a Joe Biden administration, police departments would not be defunded. Instead, there is hope that they could be funded and reformed in such a manner where the role of the police is public safety and law enforcement rather than trying to force the police into the role of social workers, mental health specialists and youth counselors.

President-elect Biden says he will work for social and racial justice. There is a ray of hope that reforms will take place. We need community programs which address the grievances of marginalized groups. This would help reduce the tensions that exist between the police and the communities where they work.

Joe Biden brings us a feeling of hope. He wants us to open our hearts and heal this country. Eighty million voters, the highest popular vote ever, have faith that our nation can be made whole again.

The majority of the people in this country want to believe that we can be the United States of America once again.

The Christmas holiday is filled with feelings of love and peace. It is a time when we are encouraged to dream again, to respect one another again and, by the grace of God, to begin to heal. May the holiday season bring you hope for a brighter tomorrow.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republicans' silence on Biden compliance

To the editor:

To experience the complicity in the conspiracy theories propagated by the current occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. has been truly appalling and frightening. Despite the constant stream of rejections in court and the courage of a few state and local Republican officials in contested states, only 27 Republican members of Congress have openly acknowledged the president-elect status of Joe Biden. I mentioned a few brave souls in other states. From my standpoint, no such individuals exist in Wisconsin and, more specifically, in Shawano County.

It was the silence of those in Germany

while still having the choice to stand up that led to Adolf Hitler's rise. The fact that millions of Americans still support the lies of Trump speaks volumes. If it were not for the strength of the institutions created over 200 years ago, our democracy would be in greater jeopardy than it now is. In fact, recently pardoned Mike Flynn is actually calling for Trump to establish martial law to thwart the will of the majority having elected Biden.

For those of you who "claim" to be Christians, some food for thought: Willful stupidity is not part of the Christian tradition. I would suggest a closer reading of the good news.

The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in times of moral crisis, chose to do nothing.

Ken Kroenke, Shawano

OPINION PAGE POLICY

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Letters can also be sent by mail or delivered in person to 1464 E. Green Bay St., Shawano.

NTC plans virtual graduation

Northcentral Technical College will recognize its 2020 class during an enhanced virtual commencement ceremony Dec. 19 at 9 a.m.

A school press release announced 523 students will get diplomas with 58% of graduates earning a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade-point average, making them eligible to wear gold cords.

"While we cannot be in person to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates, it is an honor to recognize their achievements through this enhanced virtual event," said Dr. Lori Weyers, NTC president. "As the backbone of Wisconsin's essential workforce, they will be the unsung heroes who keep our communities safe, healthy and supported during this pandemic."

NTC will debut two commencement videos on the same day at



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www.ntc.edu/commencement and as a premiere event on the college's Facebook page and encourage graduates to coordinate a watch party with family and friends.

The commencement video will remain available for on-demand viewing on the website.

Video One will cover the School of Business, Community Services and Virtual College.

Video Two will highlight the School of Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing, School of Public Safety, School of Health Sciences, School of General Studies, School of Agricultural Sciences and Utilities & Transportation.

TOWN NEWS DIGEST

Editor's note: This section is dedicated to town notices, operations and meetings.

Town of Almon

Town board meets the second Monday at 7 p.m. at the town hall, N8096 Regina Road, Bowler.

Town of Aniwa

Town board meets the second Monday May through September at 8 p.m., October to March at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall, W17712 County Road Z, Birnamwood.

Town of Bartelme

Town board meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. at the town hall, N7685 Elm Road, Bowler.

Town of Birnamwood

Town board meets the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the town hall, N9291 Riverview Road, Birnamwood. Exceptions may occur March through May. Check with Dennis Knack, 715-449-3212.

Town of Fairbanks

Town board meets the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall, N3272 County Road SS, Tigerton.

Town of Germania

Town board meets monthly at 7:30 p.m. See posted notices for dates at the town hall, W18101 County Road M, Tigerton.

Town of Grant

Town board meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at the town hall, W12610 County Road M, Caroline.

Town of Hutchins

Town board meets the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the town hall, W15698 Red River Road, Birnamwood.

Town of Morris

Town board meets the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the town hall, W15320 Berg Road, Tigerton.

Town of Seneca

Town board meets the second Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the town hall, W13104 County Road D, Tilleda.

Town of Wittenberg

Town board meets the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall, W17395 County Road Q, Wittenberg.

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Anxious that your kids brought home the virus from school? Concerned you may have been exposed? The Aspirus healthcare system has two options for finding out if you have COVID-19.

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The system said this is the quickest way to schedule a test or see results. Use this sentence or not.

The web site also has the current testing schedule.

Call the Aspirus center dedicated to the virus at 844-568-0701 or 715-843-1454.

The center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. and on the weekends from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NOTICE OF WINTER PARKING VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG

MUNICIPAL CODE 7.04 PARKING RESTRICTIONS. (1) WINTER OVERNIGHT PARKING. No person shall park or leave standing any motor vehicle between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. from the first day of November to the first day of May.

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Minutes for Special Board of Trustee Meeting Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:12 PM by William Switalla, Village President – Present were: Marlene Wepner, Renee Switalla, Barb Buchholz, Bill Switalla, Sharon Beversdorf Dave Timm and Paul Yaeger.

R.Switalla/Buchholz to approve the proposed 2021 budget as published. Roll call vote – all ayes.

R.Switalla/Beversdorf m/s/c to adjourn at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Matsche
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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Minutes for Public Hearing Thursday, November 12, 2020

Public Hearing called to order at 6:00 PM by William Switalla – Village President – Present were: Marlene Wepner, Renee Switalla, Barb Buchholz, Bill Switalla, Sharon Beversdorf, Dave Timm and Paul Yaeger.

No questions were raised about the proposed 2021 budget

R.Switalla/Buchholz m/s/c to adjourn at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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Village Clerk/Treasurer

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**Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

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

Beversdorf/Timm m/s/c to approve the November 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes, the November 12 public hearing and the November 12 special meeting minutes.

Buchholz/Beversdorf to approve the audited bills for \$183,953.33 and interim bills for \$1,709.00. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Buchholz/Yaeger to approve final pay request #4, for Jake's Excavating, to include change orders #5 & 6, for \$96,356.63. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Buchholz/Beversdorf m/s/c to adjourn at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Matsche
Village of Wittenberg Clerk/Treasurer

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**Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting
Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

Meeting was called to order, at 6:00 pm, by Village President, William Switalla – Roll Call – Marlene Wepner – absent, Renee Switalla – present (arrived at 6:10 pm), Barb Buchholz – present, William Switalla – present, Sharon Beversdorf – present, David Timm – present, and Paul Yaeger – present.

Buchholz/Beversdorf m/s/c to approve the October 20, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

R.Switalla/Timm to approve the audited bills for \$2,426.59 and interim bills for \$13,949.83. Roll call vote – all ayes.

R. Switalla/Buchholz m/s/c to adjourn at 6:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Matsche
Village of Wittenberg Clerk/Treasurer
Maria Donat
Village of Wittenberg Office Assistant

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**Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District
School Board Agenda for December 2020**

December 21, 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 November 16 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
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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. 2019-2020 Audit for Information
 - B. First Reading of Policy Revisions Version 29.2
 - C. Approve Playground Equipment Purchase
 - D. Review & Approve High School Bell Schedule for 2021-2022
 - E. Approve High School Scheduling Handbook
 - F. Approve Support Staff Retirement
 - G. Approve Support Staff Resignation
 - H. Approve Coaching Resignations
 - I. Approve Coaching Hires

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**NOTICE OF SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL
VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG**

MUNICIPAL CODE 8.05 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL. (1) SIDEWALKS TO BE KEPT CLEAR. The owner, occupant or person in charge of each and every building or structure or unoccupied lot in the Village fronting or abutting any street shall clean, or cause to be cleaned, the sidewalk in front of or adjoining each such building or unoccupied lot of snow or ice to the width of such sidewalk and to the street surface within 24 hours after the cessation of a snowstorm. When the ice has formed on any sidewalk so that it cannot be immediately removed, the persons herein referred to shall keep the same sprinkled with salt, ashes, sawdust or sand. (2) DEPOSIT IN STREET PROHIBITED. No person shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, any snow or ice taken and removed from his premises or elsewhere upon any sidewalk, alley, parkway, public place or street in the Village. Snow shall not be piled at or near intersections so as to obstruct the view of pedestrians or operators of motor vehicles. (3) REMOVAL BY VILLAGE. The failure to remove or the deposit of any snow or ice upon any sidewalk, alley or street of the Village contrary to the provisions of this section shall be and is declared to be a nuisance and, in addition to the penalty provided for violation of this section, the Village may summarily remove any snow so deposited and cause the cost of said removal to be charged to the owner of the property from which said snow or ice has been removed. If not paid within 30 days, such charge shall be extended upon the current or next tax roll as a charge for current services, as provided in §66.0627, Wis. Stats.

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**COMMUNITY CENTER BATHROOM RENOVATION
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
WITTENBERG, WISCONSIN 54499**

The Village of Wittenberg will receive sealed Bids until 5:00 pm, on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at the Community Center, 208 W. Vinal Street, Wittenberg, WI, 54499.

Please bid for the total project. The work for which Bids are asked includes:

Furnish and Install the Following:

- Remove Toilets, Urinals (reuse fixture), Lavatories, Partitions, Mirrors, Faucets and install the following:

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- 1 – ADA Water Closet, Power Flush
- 2 – Urinal Valves, Hand Free
- 1 – Double Bowl Lavatory, Integral
- Sinks
- 2 – Lavatory Faucets, Hands Free
- 1 – Wall Mounted Sink Base
- 1 – Exhaust Fan
- Light Fixtures in Suspended Ceiling
- Partitions (Metal Powder Coated)
- 1 – Hands Free Paper Dispenser
- 1 – Toilet Paper Dispenser
- 2 – Mirrors, ADA
- 1 – Soap Dispenser
- 1 – Install Existing Baby Changing Station
- Tile on all four walls up to 60"

WOMENS

- 1 – ADA Water Closet, Power Flush
- 2 – Elongated Water Closet, Power Flush
- 1 – Double Bowl Lavatory, Integral
- Sinks
- 2 – Lavatory Faucets, Hands Free
- 1 – Wall Mounted Sink Base
- 1 – Exhaust Fan
- Light Fixtures in Suspended Ceiling
- Partitions (Metal Powder Coated) (Widen 1st Stall)
- 1 – Hands Free Paper Dispenser
- 1 – Toilet Paper Dispenser
- 2 – Mirrors, ADA
- 1 – Soap Dispenser
- 1 – Install Existing Baby Changing Station
- 3 – Sanitary Napkin Disposal
- Tile on all four walls up to 60"

OPTIONS

Replace tile floor
Substitute solid plastic partitions
Note: All power wiring by others, if required.

Please contact Joel Yaeger – 253-2684 for any additional information.
Proof of insurance must be on file before project is started.
BID OPENING DATE: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

Give total for main project and additional totals for options. Place the bid in an envelope addressed to William Switalla, Village President, and mark it Bathroom Renovation bid.
The Village Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the full bid, or any part thereof. The Village Board of Trustees reserves the right to waive any informalities or reject any and all bids.

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