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Tigerton schools back in business after cyber attack

Schools closed for three days while specialists helped restore systems

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Federal law enforcement is looking into why cybercriminals decided to launch a sophisticated ransomware attack on the Tigerton School District recently.

District officials found themselves not able to access its technology systems, including its phones, for several days after the attack was launched on May 11, according to Superintendent Kelly Strike. Because of the extent of the attack, the schools had to close for three days as the district called in specialists to help restore everything

to normal.

"Fortunately, our incident response preparedness included maintaining backups of critical district systems from which we are able to restore," Strike wrote in a statement to parents last week. "Please know that the district did not and will not negotiate with the group that caused this disruption."

She said in a phone interview with NEW Media that the district works with a number of third-party vendors on issues like information technology, as it only has a part-time IT specialist on staff. With the help of the vendors, the district was partially recovered by

May 17 and then on May 18 was fully operational again, according to Strike.

"Everything was down, from phones to internet to operational (systems)," Strike said. "We're still troubleshooting a little here and there, but for the most part, we're up and running."

Strike didn't know for sure how much the attack is impacting the district financially, but hiring the vendors to resolve the ransomware issues is expected to have some impact.

The investigation is ongoing, and it's unclear whether the school district was specifically targeted.

Superintendent: Bonds with classmates tend to hold steady over the years

Dear Wittenberg-Birnamwood District Residents,

In just a few short days, we will once again be celebrating the culmination of another class's journey through the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District.

All of our graduating seniors will move on to new and exciting futures in their chosen interests. All will maintain close connections to the close friends they have grown up with. They might not see each other for months, maybe years, but the



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That's the amazing thing about school. So much happens here in

bond established as a student right here in our halls and classrooms, on our fields and in our gyms, in our auditorium and in our commons, will hold steady through whatever time passes.

the relatively short time they attend. The pride students leave here with as graduates of WB and the bonds and friendships they make are everlasting. They will forever be a part of the Wittenberg-Birnamwood Chargers family.

We're proud of you, Class of 2021!

Sincerely,
Garrett Rogowski

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

Memorial Day ceremonies scheduled

The Birnamwood Legion Post 341 plans Memorial Day services Monday, May 31, at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery 7 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery 7:15 a.m., St. Philomena's Catholic Cemetery 8 a.m., Riverside Cemetery 8:45 a.m., Aniwa Cemetery 9:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Cemetery 9:45 a.m., Forest Cemetery 10:15 a.m., final

salute 11 a.m. behind Chet & Emil's, where the post's annual chicken dinner celebration returns from noon-2 p.m.

Wittenberg area services are scheduled at Bethany Cemetery 8 a.m., Ho-Chunk 8:30 a.m., Robbins Road 9 a.m., Homme Home 9:30 a.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery

10 a.m., Holy Family Catholic Church Cemetery 10:30 a.m., and Forest Home Cemetery 11 a.m.

Eland area services are at Eland Cemetery 7:30 a.m., Lily Cemetery 10 a.m., and St. Mary's Church Cemetery 11 a.m.

Tigerton's service is scheduled for 11 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.

CLARIFICATION

In the May 14 issue, the story "Cost to replace jail windows causes sticker shock," indicated that the cost to replace windows at the Shawano County Jail would cost \$42,000, up from \$12,000 previously quoted. The cost to replace the windows includes the metal frames that hold the windows. We apologize for any confusion.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board votes to purchase three buses

The used vehicles would cost a total of \$41,500

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Students and staff can expect to see new vehicles in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood school district.

At the May 24 Wittenberg-Birnamwood school board meeting, the school board unanimously voted in favor of purchasing three used buses for the school district.

"We are in need of a handicap bus," said Superintendent Garrett Rogowski. "If you get a small handicap bus that's new, you are going to pay about \$65,000 at least."

The available handicapped-accessible bus has about 100,000 miles on it, but only costs \$5,500, he said. The bus can transport one wheelchair.

The second bus brought to the

board's attention is an early childhood bus that has 100,000 miles at a price of \$6,000. Rogowski described the bus as being in excellent shape, providing pictures and showing the vehicle has no rust.

He said that purchasing this smaller bus would alleviate the trouble of having to bring bigger buses on different routes.

"There are constantly special education routes that you don't need a 72-passenger bus for," said Rogowski.

The two used buses total \$11,500.

The third bus that Rogowski recommended was a larger vehicle that seats 12 more people than a normal school bus. The bus has 56,000 miles at a cost of \$30,000. Rogowski said that the vehicle goes for \$120,000 new.

"It is like a yellow coach bus without the bathroom," he said.

Rogowski said the district doesn't plan on using this bus for everyday things, but rather for larger events.

"We would use a bus that size for things like football and things like sending the senior class to Six Flags," said Rogowski.

Board member Dan Stewart said, using a picture provided to the board, that he saw some rust starting to form in the back of the bus.

"Maybe we should take care of that right now," Stewart said.

Rogowski assured the board that any rust issues and other fix-ups would be taken care of before the buses were turned over to the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District.

With how big the bus is compared to normal buses, board member Rich Olson posed the question, "is anyone was qualified to drive it?"

Rogowski answered, "anyone with a commercial drivers license (CDL) can drive this bus."

Due to the school district vehicles lack of need for significant maintenance this year, money from the transportation fund will be used to purchase these buses.

The three buses would be purchased for a total of \$41,500 from Peterson Bussing LLC, which Rogowski said was recently bought out by Mid-State Truck.

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Peterson: Summer tourist season looks good

As activities return to Shawano, Menominee counties, so do flocks of visitors

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Since summer 2020 was basically canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, people are eager to hit the road, the lakes or anywhere else that will allow them to get away from their regular lives in general.

Events are coming back in some form or fashion, and hotels and restaurants are opening back up to welcome anyone who comes to pay northeast Wisconsin a visit. Gas stations should expect brisk traffic, as well, although those who are venturing out on Memorial Day weekend should expect to pay for fuel at prices not seen at the end of May since 2014. Wisconsin's average was \$2.885, just above the \$2.877 one week earlier but well above the \$1.903 experienced by the state a year ago, according to AAA.

Having events return to Shawano and Menominee counties is welcome news to Patti Peterson, tourism manager for the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce.

"We're very happy to see that things are getting closer to normalcy," Peterson said. "Events are happening again. Some are restricted, but the outdoor events are happening, and we are happy to see that or are encouraged by the people who are interested in them."

Peterson noted that some people are still cautious about doing things on their own, but there are some things they're willing to do — like the three unique self-guided barn quilt tours offered through the chamber. Some of the events that callers and others inquiring have asked about include the Rhu-barb Fest offered by the Shawano County Historical Society, activities happening at Franklin Park like the Thursday night bands and the farmer's market, and Sun Drop Dayz.

"People are just happy to see things happening," Peterson said.

There have been a few inquiries about events happening later in the



Barn quilt tours are attracting interest again from visitors to Shawano County as the coronavirus pandemic marches toward its conclusion. According to tourism manager Patti Peterson, people are eager to hit the road and find things to do after spending more than a year at home in isolation.

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summer, like the Independence Day celebrations and Pulaski Polka Days in July.

There have not been reports coming into the Chamber office about how well the hotels and restaurants are doing with visitor traffic, but Peterson noted that she's been seeing some full parking lots while commuting from work.

"With events happening, they'll definitely see an increase around those dates for sure," she said.

The chamber is partnering more closely with the state Department of Tourism to get the word out about local events, according to Peterson. It is also increasing its

presence on social media and on Travel Wisconsin's website.

"We've got a lot of things in the works," Peterson said.

The chamber is encouraging local businesses that are holding special events to do what they can to get the word out, as tourists are hungry for specific activities, according to Peterson. Downtown Shawano activities are of particular interest, she said.

"We've been updating all of our menus and things that people can get here at the visitor center," Peterson said. "All the different chamber-member restaurants, we've been reaching out to them because people

come in and like to pick those up so they can make their choices about where they want to go to eat."

With the health crisis being no longer as large as it was, Peterson is eager to see whether the Shawano area can get its visitation back up to where it was before the coronavirus shut everything down.

"People are anxious to do things, want to be out and about," Peterson said. "I think it's all been very positive as more people are comfortable doing things they had done previously and maybe trying something new. That's encouraging."

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Board amends sidewalk project contract

Amendment to include four new sections of sidewalk

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Wittenberg Village Board voted May 18 to expand a contract for sidewalk work in the village.

The vote went through unanimously. Board trustee Paul Yaeger was absent.

Representatives from the engineering services firm Martenson and Eisele attended the May 18 board meeting in order to provide board members with information on the project.

The original contract with Martenson and Eisele was to construct two sections of sidewalk on Grand Avenue and Genesee Street.

Mary Jo Miller, a representative from Martenson and Eisele, said the projects were discussed at a public informational meeting along with the village's application for Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) money through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

After the public information meeting Trustee David Timm contacted Miller about financing four more sections of sidewalk in the village. The proposed sidewalks are located on the east side of South Webb Street by Washington Park, the south side of East Vinal Street by Pond Park, the south side of West Reed Street from Howard Street to South Mill Street — including up the west side of South Mill Street to the park pavilion — and on the east side of South Ellms Street, from East Reed Street to just past Walnut Street.

"These are all sidewalks that people have been asking for," said Bill Switalla, board president.

With the board deciding to wait another year and applying for TAP money, they found it appropriate to add additional sidewalks that need to be done.

"We walked those sections and are providing this proposal to include that as a part of this project," Miller said.

She then went into detail on what the proposal would include.

"This proposal is for surveying, design, permitting, bidding and applying for the grant for the TAP money," said Miller.

Including this would introduce a contract amendment to the original contract, which would include the four additional sidewalk sections.



Pond Park, features a walk up dock to go fishing or admire the water. The walkway to the dock extends from the parking lot and the pavilion on South Mill Street.

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In order to apply for the TAP fund, applications are expected to come out in fall. Contracts are awarded in the spring of 2022, and the TAP money can then be spent starting July 1, 2022.

"Any money that you spend prior to that (July 1, 2022), you have to cover yourself," said Miller.

She added that if the board decided to wait until after that July 1 date to start design, construction would not be able to start in 2022.

In a related matter, Timm initiated a conversation at the meeting

about adding a 10-by-20-foot cement slab included with the sidewalk on East Vinal Street by Pond Park.

"It would be a platform for wheelchairs," said Timm.

According to Timm, a driveway that leads toward the pond could be extended with a sidewalk and cement slab to give wheelchair users the opportunity to go up to the edge of the pond. Railings would also be added around three sides of the slab.

"I would imagine it is probably on three sides, but we will check with our architects to make sure we get

that ADA-accessible," said Miller.

A handicapped parking spot would also be included on the street.

Timm said if there were upgrades to Pond Park, including better handicapped accessible areas, it would play a factor into receiving the grant application.

The costs for the project are not yet known, but according to Wittenberg Village Clerk Traci Matsche, more information will be known when the grant application is done.

WOW presents seventh annual Emerging Talent art show

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Walls of Wittenberg presents the seventh annual “Emerging Talent” showcase exhibit of artwork by students in Wittenberg-Birnamwood schools, opening Saturday, May 29, in the WOWSPACE Gallery, 114 Vinal St., Wittenberg.

This show will feature about 100 pieces of artwork including kindergarten through high school from Witt-Birn School District’s students. The gallery is scheduled to be open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through June 13, the last weekend coinciding with Wittenberg Community Days.

“We are lucky to have three very talented and dedicated art teachers, Naomi Engelke, Diana Wendler, and Keven Brunett, who are not only able to teach art, but also able to inspire their students and bring out surprising and fun creativity, even in spite of the Covid-19 craziness for both the teachers and students this year,” said Elaine Diffor, WOW volunteer. “The talent in our district is amazing and the arts should not be overlooked.”

Families, friends, and communities are encouraged to attend to support and recognize the students and their achievements in the arts, Diffor said.



Fifth-grader Landon Meron’s “Grand Slam” is among about 100 pieces of student artwork featured in “Emerging Talent VII,” a showcase exhibit of Wittenberg-Birnamwood students at the Walls of Wittenberg WOWSPACE Gallery that opens Saturday.

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OBITUARIES

Albert J. Koepfel

Albert ‘Al’ John Koepfel, 67, of Wittenberg, died on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, after surviving the devastating effects of both pancreatic cancer and its treatments for two years and three months. He faced each setback with incredible strength and courage.

Al was born on Nov. 8, 1953, in Green Bay, to Austin and Alice (Zegers) Koepfel. Al grew up with two sisters and four brothers in Seymour.

On July 6, 1985, Al and Mary Beth Frasch were married at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Tigerton. Together they raised three children, Lindsay, Beth and Michael. Above all else, Al valued his faith, his family and his work.

Al’s faith continued to grow and deepen throughout his life. He



taught religious education classes and attended many Koinonia retreats. He openly shared his faith, encouraging others to seek their own, this included his own children, his coworkers in the woods, in the log yard or in his pick-up.

Al worked ‘in the woods’ in one capacity or other for over 40 years, logging, fighting forest fires, procuring timber, managing woodlands and educating. The majority of his career was spent at Kretz Lumber Co. in Antigo, which he viewed as a family.

Al immensely enjoyed being out-

doors whether working or hunting. He would enthusiastically share stories about either.

He was an admired mentor, leader and teacher, qualities that earned him a spot on the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame in 2019 and the Outstanding Alumnus Award CNR-UWSP in 2020 but mainly in the hearts of those he worked with.

Al is survived by his wife, Mary, of 35 years; his daughter Lindsay (Ben) Konrad and grandson, Alton and a granddaughter due in August; his daughter Beth Koepfel and son, Michael Koepfel; siblings, Kathleen (Dennis) Wieck, Darlene Koepfel, John (Norene) Koepfel, Greg (Sue) Koepfel, Tony (Brenda) Koepfel and Pete (Holly) Koepfel, and many beloved nieces and nephews, other relatives, friends and cowork-

ers.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, Austin and Alice Koepfel.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 24, 2021, at Holy Family St. William Catholic Church, Wittenberg. Fr. Matthew Settle presided. Burial will be in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery, Wittenberg. Visitation 5-8 p.m. Sunday at Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home in Wittenberg and again on Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass at the church.

The Koepfel family would like to thank all the staff at the Aspirus Cancer Center and the Aspirus Wausau Hospital for the compassionate and loving care given to Al and his family.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial is being established in Al’s name.

Menikanaehkem to build teaching lodge

Lodge will be used to teach community members about life skills and culture

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Menikanaehkem community plans to build a new teaching lodge in Gresham in June.

Construction of the lodge, including people of all ages, started on May 22 but was postponed.

“We hope to have all age brackets involved,” said Anahkwet “Guy” Reiter, the executive director of Menikanaehkem. “This lodge is for our community, so we have to have all of those age dynamics to be a part of building it, from the little kids all the way up to the grandma and grandpas.”

Menikanaehkem is a grassroots community organization based on the Menominee Reservation that Reiter said focuses on environmental justice, energy sovereignty, food sovereignty, a youth organization and a culture and language initiative.

Reiter said that the teaching lodge is reminiscent of lodges from thousands of years ago.

“It kind of breaks down into a medicine lodge,” he said.

He mentioned that the lodge that is being built isn’t used for ceremonies.

“This lodge is for teaching,” said Reiter. “The actual lodge itself tells a story and gives you a path forward, like how to live your life.”

Reiter believes that something like this is needed in the community. He alluded to the fact that the teaching lodge has been a part of his culture for many years.

“This is something that our people



Community members and volunteers begin to build the teaching lodge on May 22 at the Menikanaehkem complex. The construction of the lodge began on May 22 but was postponed until June.

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have done for thousands and thousands of years,” said Reiter. “The lodge itself is a teacher — when we get it together, we are hoping that the love, compassion, time and energy that we put into it, makes it come alive and gives it back to whoever stands inside of it.”

Reiter said when anyone comes in to visit the lodge, they will feel the love, compassion, time and energy.

“We are always trying to remind our relatives and volunteers to do it with a good mind and good energy,” said Reiter. “We tell them that if they get angry, to step out because we want to have good intentions.”

The Menikanaehkem community uses the lodge for various teaching activities every Thursday when it is up and running.

“We have some sort of teaching — sometimes it is cultural, sometimes it is more life skills like learning about taxes,” said Reiter. “We have games and perform songs in there and always have visitors.”

Reiter explained that the lodge will play an important role within the Menikanaehkem community.

“The thing about this is that it recognizes our own strengths as Indigenous people as well as recognizing our history,” said Reiter. “The lodge is utilizing our own strengths, our own beauty, and our own history to bring it into this contemporary world that we live in now.”

He also added that the lodge can

bring people within the community together to build stronger bonds.

“We are bringing it into 2021, where it seems like everything is so divided and people can’t get along,” Reiter said. “In the construction of this building, we come together as one people and try to do it in a way that is compassionate and caring for not only each other, but also for the Earth, the trees and the environment that we are in.”

Menikanaehkem aims to help their community by building housing as well as creating task forces like the MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women).

He said that the teaching lodge is a cultural building, while the houses and other projects have a specific purpose.

“This lodge is more encompassing,” said Reiter.

Reiter mentioned that if people wanted to learn more about Menikanaehkem, what they do and who they are, they can visit, <https://www.menomineerebuilders.org> and find them on Facebook — @Menikanaehkem - Community Rebuilders.



Menikanaehkem executive director Anahkwet “Guy” Reiter begins the preparation of building the lodge by digging holes at the Menikanaehkem complex on May 22.

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Ribbons cut at convenience store, bank

Menominee, Oneida tribes work together to help community

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Bay Bank and Standing Pines Convenience Store simultaneously held their grand openings on May 25 in Keshena.

"This is a great addition to the community," said Wolf River Development Company General Manager Jennifer Peters.

Representatives from WRDC, Bay Bank, the Menominee and Oneida tribes were in attendance at the complex to celebrate the grand openings by cutting ribbons.

"Thank you to the WRDC board of directors, both past and present," Peters said. "If it wasn't for you and your willingness to take a risk, we wouldn't be here today."

Bay Bank President and CEO Jeff Bowman said the Oneida Nation started Bay Bank 30 years ago, and through determination, they were able to expand to the Menominee Reservation.

"Oneida Nation was a pioneer 30 years ago and started this bank when tribal nations starting a bank was unheard of," Bowman said. "The vision that they had 30 years ago made this happen."

Bowman described the celebration as a milestone for both the Menominee Nation and Oneida Nation.

"Both of us have opened brand new businesses," he said. "These businesses will help us and many other people."

He added that out of the 72 counties in Wisconsin, Menominee County was the only one without a full service bank.

"We knew that there was a lot of opportunity to help people, and that's where it starts," Bowman said. "We pride ourselves on personal service."

Bowman said Bay Bank exceeds in helping people find homes in tribal communities.

"You can really transform a community by increasing home ownership," he said.

It's important to have Bay Bank in the Menominee community, Bowman said.

"With this new banking office, we have the opportunity to transform



Jeff Bowman, president and CEO of Bay Bank, addresses the audience between Bay Bank and Standing Pines Convenience Store in Keshena on May 25. Bowman said economic development in native communities is important.

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Members of the Bay Bank Board of Directors, from left, Elaine Skenadore-Cornelius and Fern Orie cut the ceremonial ribbon in front of the Bay Bank, next to the Standing Pines Convenience Store in Keshena on May 25.

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a community," he said. "Economic development in native communities is so important, but it doesn't happen unless there are solid friendships and committed partnerships."

Economic development was also a focus in Menominee Chairman Gunnar Peters' remarks.

"In 2015, Menominee Tribal Legislature combined three charter travel businesses into one — rechartering Wolf River Development Company,"

said Gunnar Peters. "In just a few short years, that company has taken phenomenal steps forward to energize the economic development engines of the Menominee Tribe. They created jobs and improved our commerce here on the reservation."

He added that the partnership between the Menominee Tribe, WRDC and representatives from Bay Bank worked together to produce positive results for the community.

"The tribal legislature, the tribal administrator along with our finance manager and WRDC, worked diligently with Bay Bank to construct this facility and finally brought a full banking service to the Menominee Reservation," said Gunnar Peters.

Peters said the partnership with WRDC can amount to a positive economic future for the Menominee Reservation.

"When the tribal legislature considers what the WRDC has accomplished in just five short years, we cannot wait to see what the future holds," he said. "To all of our travel employees out there come and try the car wash. Soon our Menominee Reservation will be known for pristine lakes, clear streams and also clean cars."

Oneida Chairman Tehassi Hill called the grand opening a stepping stone for nations to come together.

"Today's grand opening of the Bay Bank branch is a great testament to striving for our nations to work together across the state," Hill said. "I hope that we can work together in other avenues — I think that we have a lot to offer one another."

The Keshena Bay Bank branch opened in January, while the Standing Pines Convenience Store opened in February.



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'American Pickers' coming to Wisconsin



By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A popular History Channel show will be making its way to Wisconsin in July.

The crew from American Pickers will be looking for large, private collections that they can pick through during the day.

"We are looking for different, unusual and unique items — Something that we have never seen before with an interesting story," said American Pickers Associate Producer Maggie Kissinger.

American Pickers began in 2010, and the show follows the duo of Mike Wolfe and Frank Firtz in their search to find interesting and unique artifacts for their collections and stores.

The pickers only visit private collections and do not go to public places, like flea markets, museums, malls, stores, auctions or businesses.

The show has roots in the Midwest with a home base in Le Claire, Iowa. According to Kissinger, the Midwest is a spot that is always on the radar for the pickers.

"The show is originally from the Midwest and the pickers love coming back to visit their old backyard," said Kissinger. "We are excited to find some rusty gold in Wisconsin again."

In order to contact with the American Pickers about a possible collection, an email can be sent to AmericanPickers@cinetflix.com or a call can be made to 855-653-7878. They also have a Facebook page at @GotAPick. They are asking for a name, a city and a state, contact information, a brief description and pictures of the collection.

Mike Wolfe, a star of American Pickers, is looking to find antiques and treasures in Wisconsin in July.

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Red, white and blue — in wood

Bieber boys make American flags, crosses as a source of pride, profit

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Many folks pledge allegiance to a flag with 13 stripes of alternating red and white and 50 stars in a field of blue, made of cloth that stands limp when the wind doesn't blow.

The flags that the three sons of Shawano County Sheriff Adam Bieber make are a little sturdier, though, with interesting touches on each one.

Will, West and Wyatt Bieber have been hard at work making a variety of American flags to sell and give to people, all out of wood. While many of them are the traditional flags, others have been made in the old Betsy Ross style with the 13 stars from when the United States was first established. Still others have the words of the current Pledge of Allegiance emblazoned on them, and some bear the words of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution regarding the right to bear arms.

The flags are not the only things that the Bieber boys make in red, white and blue, though. The American flag imagery also shows on a number of crosses they've created, combining patriotism and faith.

The common theme to them all is a symbol that has kept the country whole for well over two centuries, one that gives the Bieber family and many others in Wisconsin a sense of pride when they see it flying over homes and businesses or coming down the road in a community parade.

What started out as a project that the sheriff hoped would keep his sons occupied in the early days of the pandemic after Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers ordered all schools closed has turned into a passion project for the boys that Adam Bieber believes has taught them some valuable lessons about running a business.

"(Wife) Amy and I have both encouraged them to keep doing it," the sheriff said. "They've thought about getting other jobs, but now



West Bieber paints one of the red stripes on a wooden flag as a photo of the Bieber family hangs in the background. What started out as a project to keep the boys busy during the initial weeks of the pandemic turned into a source of great pride for the family.

ADAM BIEBER

they're back into baseball, back into football, back into wrestling and all those things that are going on, working out of the garage actually works really well for them, and I think they're finding that out. They can work it around their schedule."

Adam Bieber added that his sons seem to take pride in what they do, especially when they deliver the flags to paying customers or organizations they decide to give them to. Some of the flags have been prizes won at community raffles.

"They've donated to the Boys and Girls Club, to some veterans groups, and they gave to help a benefit for Doug Rogers recently," he said. "They see the value in giving and helping people to raise money for good, quality organizations in the community."

West Bieber, Adam's middle son, noted that when the project began during the pandemic, the flags were not the original idea for the project.

"We were going to make bird-houses, but then we thought about flags," he said. "After we made our first flag, we thought, 'This is nice; we're going to do this.'"

Will Bieber, the eldest brother, added that the flag project was better than the alternative, given the length of the pandemic.

"We just kind of sat at home, played video games most of the time," he said. "Then we thought we should probably do something with all of the time at home. We wanted to make some money, too, because teenagers want money to do stuff."

There were many different materials the Biebers could have looked to use to make flags.

"The wood, I thought, would look the best," Will Bieber said. "It's probably cheaper than buying metal flags or different materials. We saw some wooden flags online and just thought that we should go with wood."

The flags are made in bulk and usually take about one or two hours per flag to be constructed. The stars and any other special items like writing are made through templates and then glued on, and the boys have been quick to change whenever someone has requested a variation.

"People have different preferences," West Bieber said. "Some people want them normal, while others want some writing on it. There's just a variety."

Word soon got out into the community about the Biebers and their flags once they posted photos on Facebook and Instagram.

"More people have asked for them, and we just keep on making them," West Bieber said. "We love



One of the flags bears the current Pledge of Allegiance. Many of the flags that the Bieber brothers make have the pledge or the words of the Second Amendment, but many of them are made without words, depending on a customer's preference.

ADAM BIEBER



Will Bieber, left, and his youngest brother, Wyatt, hold up a pair of crosses with the stars and stripes of the American flag on them, with one of them noting the Bible verse John 3:16. While the flags themselves have been popular in the Shawano community, the crosses have also generated some attention.

ADAM BIEBER

doing them. They're nice."

While the flags have been the main attraction in the boys' wood-

working, the crosses have also caught people's attention.

"We just thought, what if we were

to make crosses?" West Bieber said. "We put together a couple of designs, put them together, and then we did that. It went pretty well."

"Whatever came to mind, we did them," Will Bieber added.

It was trial and error to come up with the first ideal flag. Will Bieber noted that the prototypes were plain and needed "something to spice them up."

"We had no burning (on the wood) at first; we had the wood and we just stained it and that was it," he said. "We thought we'd spice it up by adding some burning marks and wooden stars instead of white spray paint. It was a process."

So far, the boys have made about 300 of the flags. Recently, they made an American flag that also tied in with breast cancer awareness, and another one was made for National Nurses Week.

"We were just trying to keep them busy when we started this. Everything was canceled and shut down, and we wanted to keep them busy and doing something positive with their time and learning something," Adam Bieber said. "It really morphed into a lot of good life lessons."

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Planning vacation easier, but caution urged

A family tradition for many is planning a summer vacation, and due to new guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the increased access to COVID-19 vaccinations, heading to the beach for some sun and fun is a possibility.

Dr. Long Nguyen, a family medicine physician at ThedaCare Physicians-Wautoma, said the new CDC guidelines for people who have been vaccinated can be helpful to planning ahead for an upcoming summer vacation.



LONG NGUYEN

"We want people to remember that travel can increase your chance of contracting COVID-19," said Nguyen. "It would be a safe practice to delay traveling until you're vaccinated. If you're not vaccinated and must travel or will be traveling with children, who are ineligible for the vaccine at this time, there are some safe behaviors and precautions people can take."

In general, people are considered vaccinated two weeks after their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or two weeks after the single-dose vaccine from Johnson and Johnson.

The CDC said if anyone who has a condition or is taking medications that weaken the immune system, they may not be fully protected even if they're fully vaccinated. Those in that category may want to consider delaying travel plans and talk with their health care provider for additional recommendations.

According to the new guidelines from the CDC, fully vaccinated travelers are less likely to get and spread COVID-19 and can travel safely within the United States.

"It's important that everyone still follow safety precautions and keep using proper hygiene practices," said Nguyen. "Fully vaccinated people should still follow those precautions as well, especially while traveling."

The CDC recommends fully vaccinated travelers practice safety measures including wearing a mask over the nose and mouth, staying

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Before you travel:

- Get tested with a viral test one to three days before your trip

While you travel:

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth. Masks are required on planes, buses, trains and other forms of public transportation.

- Avoid crowds and stay at least six feet from anyone who is not traveling with you.

- Wash your hands often.

After you travel:

- Get tested with a viral test three to five days after travel and stay home and self-quarantine for a full seven days after travel.

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- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

- Avoid being around people who are at an increased risk of severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.

- Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.

feet from others and avoid crowds, and washing your hands often or use hand sanitizer.

"Some of the new CDC guidelines include updates to testing and quarantine," Nguyen said. "Make sure to plan ahead and learn what guidelines or mandates may apply where you're traveling, even if you're familiar with the place, there may be new health updates. Be sure to also check with your airline carrier to make sure you have any required testing and/or documentation for safe travels and check back often for any new updates that could be available."

The CDC says fully vaccinated travelers do not need to get tested before or after travel unless their destination or airline requires it and they do not need to self-quarantine. The CDC website offers a travel planner with the latest health recommendations for where you're planning to travel.

"Taking all of the CDC travel precautions can help prevent the spread of COVID-19," said Nguyen. "We are all ready to get back to fun events like family vacations, and following recommendations will allow us to do so safely."

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dition to other public spaces.

Regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, masks will be required by patients, visitors and team members in any public setting on a ThedaCare campus. If patients or visitors do not have a mask, one will be provided.

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Everyone should enter and be screened at designated entrances for each facility. Signs will be posted to direct community members to the appropriate entrance.

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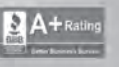
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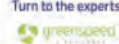
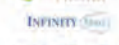
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Retzlaff faces felonies in traffic incident

Gresham business owner accused of endangering safety, fleeing and resisting deputies

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

A Shawano County campground owner is once again in hot water as she faces charges of fleeing an officer and other crimes following an incident May 15.

Ann Retzlaff, owner of Annie's Campground west of Gresham, is facing a single count of fleeing an officer, two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering the safety of police officers and one count of resisting an officer. The resisting charge is a misdemeanor, while the others are felonies.

She also faces a traffic citation from Menominee County in relation to the incident. The Menominee County Sheriff's Department contacted Shawano County after 8 p.m. on May 15 about a pursuit from Menominee Indian High School southbound.

A preliminary hearing was moved back to Aug. 13 after Retzlaff said at a hearing on May 25 she still did not have an attorney representing her.

"It's very hard to find any attorneys right now that are constitutionally sound," Retzlaff said.

Shawano-Menominee Circuit Court

Judge William Kussel said he could continue the hearing to a later date to allow Retzlaff more time to find legal counsel. He originally wanted to reschedule the hearing for 20-30 days later, but Retzlaff asked for a later date not around the Independence Day holiday because her campground is busy during that time.

"The summer is when I need to be there to run my business, which is one of my rights," Retzlaff said.

Retzlaff requested a list of attorneys who had experience in "constitutionally-sound lawyers who are in our area," but Kussel said he was not allowed to recommend attorneys. He instead recommended that Retzlaff call the State Bar of Wisconsin for assistance.

Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney Greg Parker said he had no objection to the delay.

This is not Retzlaff's first legal wrangling this year. Retzlaff has restraining orders against her that forbid her to make contact with Shawano County Supervisor Joe Miller and his wife, Jackie Miller, after Marathon County Circuit Court Judge Suzanne O'Neill ruled that she had harassed the pair and made "false claims and/or allegations of criminal or violent

behavior." Retzlaff, an ardent foe of pandemic mask mandates, said the supervisor and others who voted against the county's Second Amendment sanctuary resolution in March "need to be removed, fined, tried, jailed."

The mask requirement became an issue when Kussel ordered Retzlaff to put one on. Retzlaff argued that the Wisconsin Supreme Court did not require a mask in court, but Kussel responded that the court "indicated" on May 21 that chief judges make the determination whether or not a mask is required in courtrooms.

"I am in violation if I don't have people wear masks," Kussel said. "If you can do that for me, I would appreciate it."

Retzlaff then said she could not wear a mask because of breathing issues.

"I have allergies, and it's hard for me to breathe," Retzlaff said. "I actually have an upper respiratory infection right now, so it's hard for me to breathe without a mask."

Kussel said he would proceed with the hearing, knowing he could face consequences for allowing Retzlaff to be maskless. He said any future instances where Retzlaff declined to

wear a mask would require she be put outside of the courtroom if the mask mandate is still in effect.

Retzlaff posted a \$1,500 cash bond on the current charges on May 18. One of the caveats required that she not be in contact with the two law enforcement officers, a lieutenant and a deputy with the Shawano County Sheriff's Department, who were involved in the traffic incident. Retzlaff said she wanted Kussel to rule that those two agents could not be allowed on her property if there was a call to the sheriff's department about any incidents at the campground, but Kussel said he could not do that.

"They were the ones who harassed me," Retzlaff said of the sheriff's officials who initiated the traffic stop, which took place at the intersection of state Highway 47-55 and Montoure Road. "I don't want them on my property."

Kussel explained that he can't impose restrictions on the officers or victims in a case, only the defendant.

No pleas were entered on the charges as Retzlaff wanted to have an attorney before proceeding.

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Crawford Center hosts Touch-A-Truck

LEFT: Sisters Anessa, Isabella and Leighla Bantle all have big smiles on their faces as they pack into the construction loader at the Crawford Center on May 19.

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BELOW: Henry Hoffman sits in the excavator on display at the Crawford Center in Shawano on May 19. Hoffman said that although he liked the excavator, his favorite vehicle was the dump truck.

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BOOKS & STUFF

Ford's Norman Norman makes a fast-paced, challenging read

I am so glad I stumbled across P.F. Ford's "A Body on the Beach." It is the first book in a series, and I will definitely find and read book number two.

Norman Norman used to be a detective sergeant in the London police force but left under a cloud. Now his private detective agency is failing, and he is bored.



JAN JONES

He's surprised when his former boss, Superintendent Nathan Bain, asks him to return to active duty. Bain wants him to work with some young officers who've gotten off to a bad start and are wasting away in Llangwelli, West Wales.

DC Catren Morgan, DC Derik Thomas and DC Judy Lane are competent officers, but past failures have sapped their self-confidence. Norman knows the feeling so with nothing

better to do, Norman agrees.

Detective Inspector Sarah Southall was lead officer in an arrest when one of her subordinates made a foolish move and was wounded. It was his fault, but as lead officer Southall must take the blame. Now she has been offered a position as DI in far off Llangwelli. Determined to remain on the force and prove herself she takes the position and moves to Llangwelli.

On Oct. 11 Ruth, Abby, Pippa, and Kim are enjoying their monthly girls' night out. The friends are concerned that Kim is especially drunk and blatantly flirting with a younger man at the bar. About 10:30 they decide to leave and urge Kim to go with them, but she says she'll find a ride home. The friends know that Kim sleeps around but she's usually more discreet.

That night Kim disappears. On Oct. 22 DC Catren Morgan discovers a body on the beach. As DI Southall sets the investigation in motion, she is interrupted by DS Hickstead. He is from the larger force known as 'region' and expects to take charge of

the case.

Southall firmly explains that her team can and will handle the case without the help or interference of the regional office. The body is Kim Lawrence, and she was murdered.

Using CCTV film, they quickly find several potential suspects, but all turn into dead ends. Her husband Greg explains that Kim had 'disappeared' several times when she was having a fling with another man. He didn't like it, but he loved Kim and would never hurt her. The night Kim disappeared he says he played Snooker at Nick's, got roaring drunk and was taken home to bed.

Nick readily backs up Greg's alibi, but his smug attitude bothers both DS Norman and DI Southall. Kim's friends reveal that Kim was disappointed in her husband's lack of ambition. To punish him she often slept around.

Southall is pleased when her team is able to find the place where Kim was put in the water. Using the latest in technology they track vehicle movements and narrow the suspect

list. A search of the Lawrence home turns up a surprising clue. It appears that someone is trying to put the blame on Greg.

Things get strange when an elderly neighbor supplies Greg with a different alibi. Southall and Norman can feel the case coming together. The killer may be cunning and cold-blooded, but he hasn't reckoned with the police team at Llangwelli. Their dogged determination and new-found confidence will combine with the experience and instincts of Southall and Norman to bring him down.

"A Body on the Beach" was well-written, fast-paced and full of false leads, making for a good read and a challenge.

We all mess up. It is an essential part of learning and growing as individuals. As this book points out, with a second chance we can take what we learned from our failures and use it to succeed.

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

May 24

Deputies responded to 48 calls, including disorderly conduct on North Main Street in Shawano; property damage on East Richmond Street in Shawano; trespassing on Partridge Road in the Town of Wittenberg; property theft on Oriole Road in the Town of Birnamwood; a fleeing/pursuit on County Road BB and Shawano Line Road in the Town of Green Valley; reckless driving on County Road D and Blueberry Road in the Town of Almon; a threat on Riverside Drive in the Town of Wescott; harassment on Pine Street in Tigerton; reckless driving on state Highway 29 and South Cecil Street in Bonduel; property damage on County Road D in the Town of Pella; three crashes, one involving deer.

May 23

Deputies responded to 19 calls, including disorderly conduct on Frailing Road in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 and state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; a disturbance on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 and Bluebird Road in the Town of Birnamwood; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; property theft on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; one crash.

May 22

Deputies responded to 45 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; a missing person on Park Street in Gresham; reckless driving on state Highway 29 and County Road K in Shawano; property theft on West Vinal Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 29 and

Redwood Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; a fight in progress on Resort Road in the Town of Washington; an assault on Arrowhead Court in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on South Washington Street in Shawano; one crash involving deer.

May 21

Deputies responded to 58 calls, including a disturbance on South Warrington Avenue in the Cecil; property theft on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; reckless driving on County Road BE and Lakeview Road in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on Highway 156 and J-H Road in the Town of Navarino; a disturbance on South Cecil Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 29 and South Cecil Street in Bonduel; disorderly conduct on West Express Way in Bonduel; disorderly conduct on Green Valley Road in the Town of Green Valley; criminal damage on Lake Street in Aniwa; a probation violation on Lakeland Road in Shawano; reckless driving on state Highway 29 and County Road OO in the Town of Wittenberg; a domestic disturbance on Old Shawano Road in the Town of Pella; five crashes.

May 20

Deputies responded to 30 calls, including reckless driving on County Road BE and Hillcrest Road in the Town of Waukechon; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; reckless driving on state Highway 29 and County Road C in the Town of Angelica; a disturbance on Main Street in Gresham; property theft on Marcus Street in Birnamwood; a disturbance on Lawn Road in the Town of Maple Grove; a fight in progress on East Green Bay Street in Shawano.

May 19

Deputies responded to 27 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 and South Cecil Street in Bonduel; trespassing on Sunrise Road in Tigerton; a disturbance on Elm Grove Road in the Town of Pella; a disturbance on County Road M in the Town of Pella; reckless driving on state Highway 29 and County Road U in the Town of Herman; a disturbance on Warrington Avenue in Cecil; trespassing on County Road M in the Town of Gresham; one crash.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 24

Officers responded to 36 calls, including property theft on South Washington Street; a fleeing/pursuit on County Road BB and Shawano Line Road; reckless driving on South Main and West Green Bay streets; a threat on West Green Bay Street; property damage on North Main Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street and North Fairview.

May 23

Officers responded to 25 calls, including a threat at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.; a hit-and-run at McDonald's, 1202 E. Green Bay St.; a hit-and-run at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; a weapons offense on West Third Street; property theft on North Riverside Drive.

May 22

Officers responded to 19 calls, including a disturbance on East Richmond Street; property damage on Acorn Street; a disturbance on Humphrey Circle; property theft on East Center Street; a disturbance on South Washington Street.

May 21

Officers responded to 35 calls, including an adult drug offense on East

Green Bay Street and Eberlein Park Drive; a disturbance at Shawano Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; reckless driving on South River Street and West Lieg Avenue; a fight in progress at Sharona's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; reckless driving at Culver's, 1220 E. Green Bay St.; a probation violation at Sharona's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; an adult drug offense on North Main Street and West Fourth Street; a fight in progress at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

May 20

Officers responded to 21 calls, including reckless driving on West Third and North Franklin streets; a disturbance at Olga Brener School, 1300 S. Union St.; a juvenile problem at Coop Park, 1001 E. Richmond St.; trespassing on West Fourth Street; trespassing at St. James Lutheran Church, 324 S. Andrews St.; a fight in progress at Wisconsin House, 216 E. Green Bay St.; disorderly conduct on East Green Bay Street.

May 19

Officers responded to 28 calls, including property damage on South Evergreen Street; a domestic disturbance on East Fifth Street; property theft at American Marina, 1100 E. Green Bay St.; a disturbance on West Third Street; a juvenile problem at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.

May 18

Officers responded to 36 calls, including a disturbance on East Richmond Street; a domestic disturbance on South Washington Street; car property damage on North Main and West Green Bay streets; a threat on South Sawyer Street; bail jumping on South Hamlin Street; a disturbance on South Main and East Division streets; a disturbance on East Randall Street.

COURT NEWS

▪ Sandra L. Thundercloud, 43, Oneida, was charged May 17 with one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Judge William F. Kussel Jr set a cash bond of \$250 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 21.

▪ Ann M. Retzlaff, 52, Gresham, was charged May 17 with one count of fleeing/eluding an officer in a vehicle, two counts of 2nd degree recklessly endangering safety and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 25.

▪ Jerome F. Coogle, 54, Tigerton, was charged May 17 with one count of operating while intoxicated (seventh, eighth or ninth offense). Kussel set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 24.

▪ Charges against Isaiah J. Casper, 19, Green Bay, were dismissed May 17 on prosecutor's motion. The charges were one count of bail jumping and one

misdemeanor count of possession of THC.

▪ Brandon R. Decremmer, 35, Allouez, pleaded no contest May 17 to one misdemeanor count of battery, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. One count of strangulation and suffocation was dismissed, but read into the record. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced Decremmer to two years probation and a withheld sentence of 60 days in jail.

▪ Rebecca A. Lusiak, 31, Wittenberg, pleaded no contest May 17 to one count of possession of methamphetamine. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Lusiak to 18 months in state prison, two years of extended supervision and three years of probation.

▪ Carey P. Forsyth, 69, Shawano, was charged May 18 with one count of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a resumed initial

appearance for June 8.

▪ Jolea R. Jones, 38, Wittenberg, was charged May 18 with three counts of battery or threat to judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer and three counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$15,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 26.

▪ Victor J. Bukolt, 66, Antigo, was charged May 19 with one count of operating while intoxicated (fourth offense). Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for June 16.

▪ Shane L. Howard, 39, Bowler, was charged May 19 with one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a signature bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for July 19.

▪ Jonathan J. Ortiz Irizarry, 34, Cecil, pleaded no contest May 20 to

one misdemeanor count of criminal damage of property, one misdemeanor count of battery and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. One count of strangulation and suffocation was dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Ortiz Irizarry to 90 days in jail and two years of probation.

▪ Lester F. Moesch, 37, Shawano, pleaded no contest May 20 to one count of operating with prohibited alcohol concentration (fifth), one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked, and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. One count of operating while intoxicated was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Sloma sentenced Moesch to one year in jail and revoked his license for 26 months.

▪ Shane M. Boyd, 39, Shawano, was charged May 21 with one count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked, and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for June 22.

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls place 3rd, boys claim 5th at invitational

Tigerton girls take 7th

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls track and field team earned a third-place finish at the May 20 Bonduel Invitational in Bonduel. The Witt-Birn boys claimed fifth.

The Bonduel girls accumulated 171.5 points to take first, with Weyauwega-Fremont (110.5) coming in second. Wittenberg-Birnamwood scored 89 points to take third, while Tigerton (26) finished seventh.

The Amherst boys scored 166 points to take first, with Bonduel (140) in second. Witt-Birn tallied 52 points to come in fifth.

Reese Rogowski won the 100- and 200-meter dashes with times of 12.89 and 26.13 seconds, respectively, to lead the Witt-Birn girls.

"I felt like I got out of the blocks strong and kept a good stride throughout both events," said Rogowski, who keeps herself motivated after claiming top finish after top finish by always trying to achieve personal records.

Jalynn Horacek won the 100 hurdles (18.03), while Allison Linke claimed the top time in the 300 hurdles (52.55) for the Chargers.

Simon Schairer was involved with both of the first-place finishes for the Witt-Birn boys team.

Schairer won the 800 (2:06.25) and was on the top-finishing 4x400 relay team (3:56.29). Tommy Bruski, Trevor Schmidt and Craig Wendel filled out the relay team.

"I was able to get a first-place finish in the 800 because I had a good finish at the end and was able to sprint the last 100," said Schairer. "And as a team we were able to win the 4x4 by all of us running hard and running under a minute.

"The top finishes help motivate



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Tommy Bruski, left, and Simon Schairer battle for position in the 800-meter run during the May 20 Bonduel Invitational in Bonduel. Schairer took first, while Bruski was second.

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me to try to get even faster for when we have our upcoming meets and gives me more confidence in upcoming meets."

The Witt-Birn girls earned three second-place finishes, while the boys tallied two.

Tigerton's top finish came from Mary Kreklow, who was the lone competitor in the 3,200 (16:02.98).

Elizabeth Robbins claimed fourth in the 100 (13.84) and 200 (28.99).

Team scores (girls): 1. Bonduel 171.5; 2. Weyauwega-

Fremont 110.5; 3. Wittenberg-Birnamwood 89; 4. Manawa 72; 5. Amherst 65; 6. Menominee Indian 49; 7. Tigerton 26; 8. Marion 3.

Team scores (boys): 1. Amherst 166; 2. Bonduel 140; 3. Manawa 106; 4. Weyauwega-Fremont 97; 5. Wittenberg-Birnamwood 52; 6. Menominee Indian 14.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: JASMIN DURANCEAU

Witt-Birn senior reliable in circle for softball team

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School softball team is putting together a strong season this spring, with senior Jasmin Duranceau serving as the team's primary pitcher.

Duranceau helped the team to a 5-4 victory over Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division foe Weyauwega-Fremont on May 14. She struck out four batters and didn't walk any in a complete game effort.

Duranceau did it all for the Chargers in their 1-0 CWC-East win over Bonduel on May 11. She pitched all seven innings, striking out four batters while allowing just three hits. Duranceau also drove in the team's only run.

Duranceau allowed just three hits while striking out two batters in Witt-Birn's 16-1 win over Menominee Indian in three innings on May 10.

Duranceau pitched all five innings in the team's 15-5 victory over Nekoosa on May 7, stranding several runners on base. The senior overcame seven team errors and earned the win in the circle in a 15-11 victory over Iola-Scandinavia on May 6. Only four runs she allowed that game were earned.

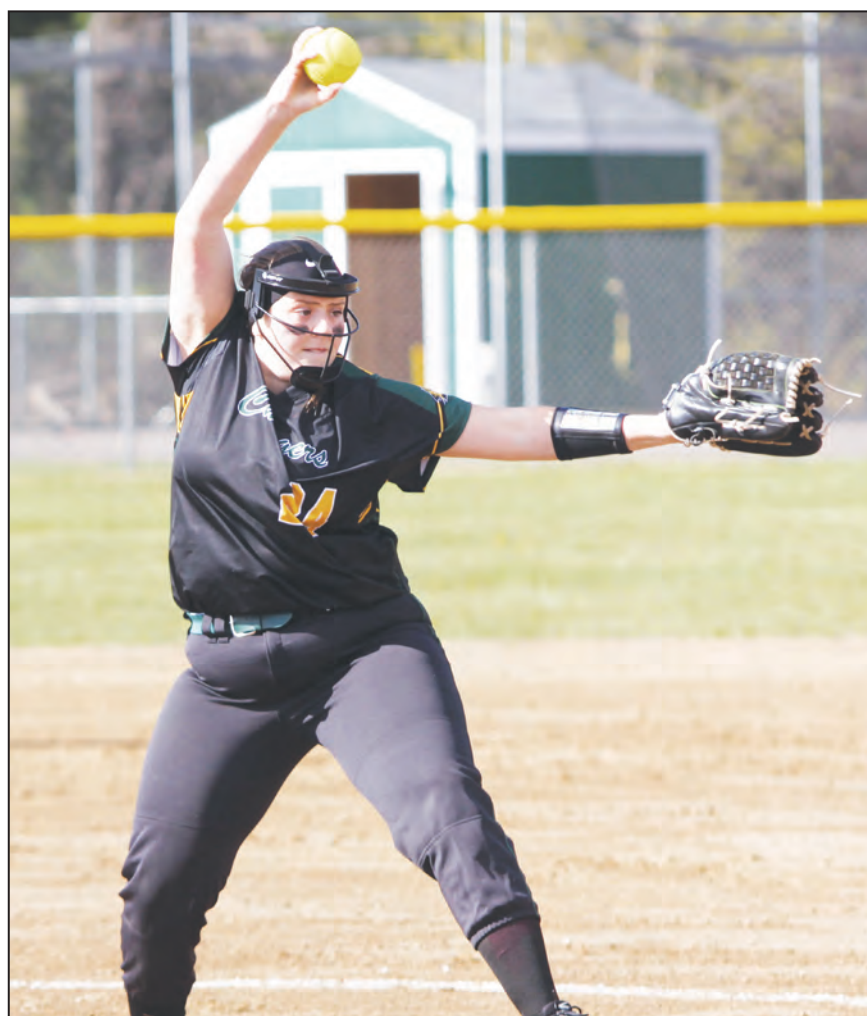
In the team's first win of the season, April 30 against Weyauwega-Fremont, she struck out three batters. She also posted a pair of hits at the plate.

Q: When did your interest in softball begin?

A: I started playing T-ball and little league. Then my parents (Jennifer and Craig) started the girls softball youth league when I was 9 years old, and my dad coached us for a few years. So you can say I always liked the game.

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

A: Being back with the team and spending time with all the girls who



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Jasmin Duranceau delivers a pitch during the team's Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division game against Shiocton on April 29 in Wittenberg. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

I don't always see during school or have classes with.

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

A: Getting my first varsity pitching start during my sophomore year and winning.

Q: Do you have any individual goals set for your senior season?

A: After being out a season last year, I wanted to be able to pitch as many games/innings as I could.

Also, to step up and be a better leader and captain.

Q: The team has put together a strong season so far. What's been the key to the success so far?

A: Teamwork and how close we are. We work well together, and our defense has been strong.

Q: You serve as the team's primary pitcher this season. How do you take care of your arm to cover so many innings for your team?

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Jasmin Duranceau

SPORT: Softball

POSITION: Pitcher

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

YEAR: Senior

A: I worked two times per week most of the offseason to get my arm ready to handle a lot of pitches for multiple games a week.

Q: Being a senior, and with this season going later into summer than usual, how do you plan to stay engaged and focused as the season winds down and post season nears?

A: Don't let up, keep working hard and practicing harder. This is our last year to go as far as we can.

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

A: Emma (Herb) puts eye black on everyone and always has encouraging words for the team to pump us up before the game.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV Show - "Greys Anatomy." Movie - "Twilight" and "Hunger Games." Musical artist - a lot of country artists, like Miranda Lambert.

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

A: I have two older brothers in the military. Jared is in the Marine Corps and Dominic is in the Air Force.

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

A: Everything happens for a reason, or have fun and enjoy the game.

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

A: Attend UW-Stevens Point for nursing and get my bachelor's degree, then work in a neonatal unit.



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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

SOFTBALL

Bowler 21

Menominee Indian 6 (3 inn.)

Bowler toppled Menominee Indian in a Central Wisconsin Conference crossover matchup May 22 in Keshena.

Tynea Johnson homered among her three hits, drove in two runs and scored four times to lead Bowler. Morgan Paiser posted two hits and five RBIs while scoring twice. Bertina Dodge drove in three runs, while Weengetah Mohawk, Abigail Chamberlain, Shianne Pike and Dodge all scored three runs.

McKayla Putnam earned the win in the circle, striking out three batters over three innings.

Bowler sweeps Marion

Bowler earned 9-1 and 15-1 wins over CWC-North foe Marion on May 20 in Marion.

In the 9-1 win, Bowler's Tynea Johnson and Bertina Dodge drove in two runs each, while Johnson and Tia Kroening scored two runs each. McKayla Putnam earned the win after striking out eight batters across five innings.

Bowler used a 14-run third inning to ease to the 15-1 win in game two. Johnson homered, drove in four runs and scored twice for the Panthers, while Brandi Spencer had three RBIs and Morgan Paiser and Bailey Grosskopf two each. Putnam earned the win after striking out six batters in three innings, while Shianne Pike worked the final frame.

Tigerton 14

NL/WVL 7

Tigerton took down Northland Lutheran/Wisconsin Valley Lutheran in a CWC-North clash on May 17 in Kronenwetter.

Savannah Swartz led Tigerton at the plate with a home run, triple and single to drive in four runs. Bethany Jobe drove in four runs on two hits.

Adrienne Brady tallied two RBIs and two hits, while also earning the win in the circle. She struck out four batters in a complete game effort.

BASEBALL

Tigerton 2

Gresham 1

Tigerton earned a walk-off win over Gresham in CWC-North action May 20 in Tigerton.

Colby Wanta had two hits and a RBI for Tigerton. Kaeden Miller and Justin Knaup also had two hits for



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Austin Rekow bats during the team's CWC-East game against Bonduel on May 18 in Wittenberg.

TINA BACON

the Tigers. Mitch Zimdars earned the win on the mound, striking out 14 batters over seven innings.

Bowler 14

NL/WVL 4 (5 inn.)

Bowler scored at least two runs in every inning to ease to a CWC-North win over Northland Lutheran/Wisconsin Valley Lutheran on May 18 in Bowler.

Beau Brunner had three hits and three RBIs to lead Bowler at the plate, while Logan Thiex had three hits, two RBIs and three runs scored.

Ashwuut Mohawk also had three hits while scoring twice for the Panthers. Adin Brei finished with two hits and three runs scored, while Lane Schultz scored twice.

Thiex pitched the first two innings, allowing an unearned run. Brunner pitched the final three frames, striking out six and surrendering just one earned run.

Tigerton 12

NL/WVL 2

Tigerton cruised to a CWC-North victory over Northland

Lutheran/Wisconsin Valley Lutheran on May 17 in Kronenwetter. A six-run fifth inning gave the Tigers a comfortable lead.

Kaeden Miller, Colby Wanta and Justin Knaup all drove in two runs to lead Tigerton at the plate. Miller and Wanta had three hits each, while Mitch Zimdars, Asher Michaelis and Knaup had two each.

Miller scored three runs, while Knaup scored twice.

Isaac Shoen earned the win after striking out seven batters over five innings. Miller tossed two scoreless innings to wrap up the win.

Bowler 6

Manawa 5

Wylee Dodge singled home Adin Brei and Logan Thiex to cap a four-run seventh inning and give Bowler a thrilling CWC-North win over Manawa on May 17 in Bowler.

Thiex and Ashwuut Mohawk also drove in runs earlier in the inning for the Panthers. Beau Brunner drove in a run earlier in the contest.

Thiex and Mohawk had two hits each, while Thiex also scored two runs.

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Lane Schultz, Thiex and Brunner pitched for Bowler. Schultz worked 3 2/3 innings and struck out five, while Thiex tossed two scoreless innings. Brunner got the final four outs, striking out three.

Witt-Birn 7

Amherst 1

Wittenberg-Birnamwood rallied from an early deficit for a convincing CWC-East win over Amherst on May 17 in Amherst.

Ian Salvesen, Austin Worzalla, Austin Rekow and Mason Meverden all drove in a run for Witt-Birn. Bryce Zorowski scored three times.

Zorowski and Rekow had three hits each, while Meverden and Carter Herb tallied two hits each.

Rekow earned the win after striking out six batters over seven innings.

BOYS GOLF

Chargers 1st in CWC meet

Wittenberg-Birnamwood took first at another CWC meet May 18 at Shamrock Heights Golf Course in New London.

Witt-Birn posted a score of 336, well ahead of Wisconsin Valley Lutheran and Manawa (365 each).

Ian Resch fired an 18-hole round of 77 to lead Witt-Birn on the course and finish as the best individual golfer on the day.

Calvin Scheurer (83) and Brian Nelson (86) each had rounds in the 80s, while Maverick Beran and Nolan Fraaza each carded round of 90.

TRACK AND FIELD

Gresham/Bowler girls 1st at meet

The Gresham/Bowler girls team earned a first-place finish at the May 18 Wild Rose 7-Team Meet in Wild Rose.

Hannah Cerveney won the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 56.6 seconds, while Josie Cerveney had the top time in the 800 (3:11:63) to lead the Gresham/Bowler girls to first place. Emmitt Kietlinski won the high jump after clearing 5 feet, 10 inches to lead the Gresham/Bowler boys.

Mary Kreklow won the 1,600 (7:00.31) and 3,200 (14:41.51) to lead the Tigerton girls.

Full results from the meet can be found at <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/434940/results>.

AUTO RACING

Whitman cashes in after IMCA Modified win

Schmidt, Arneson, Frank, Wedde win other features

By DAVE BUSS

Special to NEW Media

A picture-perfect night for racing brought a large crowd to the Legendary Half Mile at Shawano Speedway. With added money in the IMCA Modified division, it was sure to be a big night of racing.

Jayden Schmidt, Eric “Chummy” Arneson, Johnny Whitman, Gunner Frank and Brad Wedde had the biggest of nights with feature wins in their respective divisions.

The IMCA Sport Mods got the show rolling with Jason Jach trying to find a groove after a rough early start to the season. Jach grabbed the early advantage despite multiple cautions in the early going.

While Jach didn’t want to see any yellow flags, Schmidt was happy to see them. Schmidt, having started mid-pack, used each caution to shrink the gap to the front of the pack. On lap 10, Schmidt wrestled away the lead and cruised to a feature win.

Jach finished with a strong runner-up performance, with Jeffery Teske in third place.

It is getting very difficult to find adjectives that explain just how great the action has been in the IMCA Stock Car division. Saturday was no exception.

For the first nine laps, Vern Stedjee was out in front of all the craziness behind him. Kyle Frederick rose to the top on lap 10 and looked to escape.

Meanwhile, Arneson was battling



Johnny Whitman won the IMCA Modified feature race May 22 at Shawano Speedway in Shawano.

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with numerous heavy hitters in three-wide battles that evolved into four-wide wildness. Arneson snuck past Frederick with four laps left and drove to the win.

Chucky Forstner grabbed third, with Travis VanStraten and Trent Nolan using late-race charges to complete the top five.

Thanks to LINE-X Extreme Coating, there were 1,000 reasons to win the IMCA Modified feature. Normally a driver leading green to checkered for the win makes the recap a boring thing to write, but not on this night.

Whitman took the lead on the opening lap after starting third. Whit-

man then began to power away from the field. With multiple feature wins this season, Mike Mullen was doing his best to entertain as he was slicing his way to the front. By lap six, Mullen made his way to second from 10th.

Mullen began to cut into the lead lap after lap, and it looked like he would get by the Whitman machine on multiple occasions. Whitman was up to every challenge.

A late-race caution gave Mullen one more shot, but Whitman was up to the challenge and picked up the win. Mullen was second with Marcus Yarie third and Lance Arneson fourth.

Frank wouldn’t let anyone spoil

his pole position start as he jumped to a big lead in the Late Model feature. Building an over five-second lead at one point in the race, Frank was just too strong.

Luke Postl would be the talk if it wasn’t for Frank, as Postl finished a strong second. Brett Swedberg finished third with Mullen grabbing fourth while racing double duty.

Wedde kept up his strong season with a win in the Mighty 4’s as he took the lead on lap two and cruised to victory.

Tanner Westphal finished second. Taylor Becher and Alexis Michonski completed the top four.



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WIAA State Track and Field Championships remain in La Crosse

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse have agreed to continue planning for the State Track & Field Championships at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse on June 24-26.

The State Track & Field Championships and all spring sports were canceled in 2020 in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The schedule of the state meet will be altered this year from its traditional format to accommodate continued COVID-19 guidelines. The meet will be held over a three-day period with events

for both genders conducted in one day for each of the respective three divisions.

“For the high school track and field student-athletes in Wisconsin, this year is so very significant,” WIAA Assistant Director Kate Peterson Abiad said. “On the heels of losing the 2019-20 season in its entirety, we are proud to be able to offer them the opportunity to compete on the UWL campus with the hospitality of the La Crosse community. We are grateful to our longtime host for helping us to make this happen.”

The accommodations and guidelines will permit up to 5,500 in attendance for each of the three days of competition. The specific dates of the event are: June 24 for Division 3; June 25 for Division 2; and June 26 for Division 1.

“UW-La Crosse and the La Crosse community are delighted to partner with the WIAA and host the 2021 State Track Meet,” UWL Chancellor Joe Gow said. “It’s been a challenging year with COVID-19, and UWL looks forward to working with the WIAA to put on a memorable championship event for Wisconsin’s high school student-athletes.”

The State Track & Field Championships have been held at Veterans Memorial Stadium on the campus of UWL since 1990. The event is the longest running state high school meet in the country, with origins dating back to 1895.

For details and information about the state tournament schedules, times and locations, visit the WIAA website and each sport’s respective tournament page (<https://www.wi-aawi.org/Tournaments>). Additional details will be posted on the website when they become available.

BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

East-West Division

Leopolis 14

Tilleda 7

Leopolis doubled up Tilleda in a matchup May 23 in Tilleda. Leopolis is now 1-2 overall, while Tilleda dropped to 2-1.

Nick Schoen had three hits and four RBIs to lead Leopolis at the plate. Kasey Kristof also had three hits, while Andrew Kristof, Brandon Laabs, Alex Zimmerman and Ryan Malueg all chipped in two hits.

Laabs struck out 11 batters and picked up the win on the mound.

Landon Kroening suffered the loss for Tilleda. Stephen Reinke posted three hits, while Teagan Lehman and Joel Brei had two hits each.

Clintonville 11

Tigerton 6

Clintonville improved to 3-0 with a win over Tigerton on May 21 in Tigerton.

Jared Carpenter homered among his two hits, while Jared Doornink and Matt Seefeldt added two hits each for Clintonville. Hunter Vollmer was the winning pitcher.

Patrick Bailey was dealt the loss for Tigerton, which is now 0-3 overall. Conner Harris tallied four hits,

while Paul Sellner and Pat Provoast each had two hits.

Marion 11

Shawano 6

Marion toppled Shawano in a battle of win-less teams on May 23 in Marion.

Joe Weyenberg, Jake Westphal and Nate Reynolds all had two hits for Marion in the win. Jaden Stuhr picked up the win on the mound.

Mike Korth Sr. recorded three hits for Shawano, while Riley Uttecht had a pair of hits. Jacob Springborn suffered the loss on the hill.

Neopit 9

Gresham 3

Neopit knocked off Gresham in a May 23 battle of 1-1 teams in Neopit.

Walker Miller and Mike Pecore each totaled three hits for Neopit. Alex Peters was the winning pitcher.

Brett Nelson and Chase Quinney each had two hits for Gresham, while Jordan Stichman took the loss on the hill.

Little Falls 11

Caroline 4

Little Falls moved to 3-0 overall after defeating Caroline on May 23 in Caroline.

Chris Dunn struck out 12 batters over seven strong innings to earn

the win for Little Falls. Carter Kurki pitched the final two innings.

Hunter Gruenwald had three hits and a home run, while Dunn added a three-run homer to lead the visitors at the plate. Kal Fischer added three hits, while Cam Gruenwald had two hits.

Bryson Bernarde and Justin Reminger each pitched for Caroline, with Bernarde taking the loss. Tyler Marquardt had two hits for Caroline, which fell to 2-1 overall.

Northern Division

Hatley 2

Birnamwood 1

Hatley earned its first win of the season after topping Birnamwood on May 23 in Hatley.

Kyle Zblewski, Jeremy Schmidt and John Breske had Hatley’s three hits in the contest. Breske picked up the win, moving Hatley to 1-2 overall.

Birnamwood slipped to 3-1 after the setback. Erik Steigerwald was dealt the loss on the mound. He joined teammates Shane Herb, Zach Bembeneke, Brandon Resch and Jason Rieck as Birnamwood players with hits.

Eland 9

Antigo/Polar 7

Eland edged Antigo/Polar in a May 23 matchup in Antigo. Eland re-

mained perfect, moving to 3-0, while Antigo/Polar dropped to 1-3 overall.

Jared Richter had two hits for Eland, while Ryan Richter was the winning pitcher.

Alex Frisch, Jordan Arrowood, AJ Kirsch and Neil Bretl all posted two hits for Antigo/Polar. Logan Doering was the losing pitcher.

Elderon 16

Wittenberg 2

Elderon rolled to a lopsided win over Wittenberg on May 23 in Elderon. The hosts improved to 2-2, while Wittenberg slipped to 0-3.

Marvin Meronk and Casey Kerstner each homered for Elderon, while Meronk had four total hits. Matt Meronk, Brandon Groshek and Justin Meronk all had three hits, while Troy Leiskau had two hits.

Adam Janikowski earned the win on the mound, while Dominik Anderson was dealt the loss.

Keegan Miller had three of Wittenberg’s hits. Zach Urquardt and Noah Cole had two hits each.

South Central Division

Games between Scandinavia and Green Lake and Plover and New London were postponed due to rain.

More stats and other game details can be found at <https://www.baba-baseball.com/index.html>.

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Isolation, inactivity in pandemic 'recipe for falls'

CDC targets 4 states, including Wisconsin, for falls prevention campaign for older adults

By SHAMANE MILLS
Wisconsin Public Radio

Wisconsin has the nation's highest rate of deadly falls among older adults — and the pandemic may have made the problem worse.

In response, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is launching a new campaign — Still Going Strong — in Wisconsin, along with Maine, Oklahoma and Oregon, to prevent falls among older adults.

The campaign will have TV, print, radio and social media ads that highlight the importance of being active and staying up to date on routine doctor's visits.

Wisconsin has consistently ranked in the top three in the nation for deadly falls among older adults, said Janet Zander, policy coordinator for the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network.

"We continue to try to find what is the way to message this that's going to really get their attention. Because we certainly have not been successful to date," she said.

Candy Hoyt, 70, remembers repeated trips to the hospital for falls she had in 2015. She wasn't seriously injured but had to undergo rehabilitation services for five weeks.

"I missed Christmas, I missed New Year's. I missed a lot," she recalled. "When I went in, I could not walk on my own, I needed help. It was a very humbling experience."

Doctors believe a thyroid problem made her gait unstable, along with low vitamin D levels which she said may have increased her chances of falling.

While exercise classes like Stepping On focus on improving strength and balance, there are many contributing factors that can affect a person's gait or ability to stay upright — like Hoyt's. Sometimes it's not always obvious.

"To a lot of people it's confusing and their first answer will be, 'Well, it's cold outside and it's slippery.' That's not it. We have colder states, we have Minnesota doing better than us," said Dave Nelson, executive director of The Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging, which urges older adults to talk to their doctors about any medication they're on, in case it may contribute to falling.

Not only is Wisconsin No. 1 in deadly falls, but the most recent data shows rates are increasing faster than other states.

The rate of deaths from falls among people 65 and older in Wisconsin rose 19.1% from 2016 to 2019, while the nationwide rate increased 7.6% over the same time period, according to the CDC.

A 2019 report from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services showed alcohol-related disorders accounted for the second-highest rate of hospitalizations in those 65 and older, and that "excessive drinking, icy winters and better reporting of falls" were cited as reasons for why Wisconsin leads the nation in deadly falls.

New national data for 2020 isn't out yet but some have speculated that, like other Americans cooped up during the pandemic, older adults may have lost some strength and balance that can help prevent falls.

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How to downsize your home for a move

By JIM MILLER

Special to NEW Media

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips can you offer for downsizing? My husband and I would like to relocate from our house into a retirement community condo near our daughter but need to get rid of a lot of personal possessions before we can move.

Overwhelmed Willa

Dear Willa,

The process of weeding through a house full of stuff and parting with old possessions is difficult and overwhelming for most people. A good place to start is to see if your kids, grandkids or other family members would like any of your unused possessions. Whatever they don't want, here are a few tips and services that may help you downsize.

Selling your stuff is one way to get rid of your possessions and pad your pocketbook at the same time. Selling options may include consignment shops, a garage sale, estate sale and selling online.

Consignment shops are good for selling old clothing, household furnishings and decorative items – they typically get 30 to 40% of the sale price. A good old-fashion garage sale is another option, or for large-scale downsizing you could hire an estate sale company to come in and sell your items. See EstateSales.net and EstateSales.org to locate options in your area. Some estate companies will even pick up your stuff and sell it at their own location – they typically take about 35% of the profits.

Selling online is also a great option and opens you up to a wider audience. The OfferUp app (OfferUp.com), Facebook Marketplace (Facebook.com/marketplace), Craigslist (Craigslist.org) and the CPlus for Craigslist app (Yanflex.com) are great options for selling locally, which can eliminate the packing and shipping costs and hassle. These websites and apps also don't take a cut of your sales, but you're responsible for connecting with your buyer and making the exchange of money and goods.

If you itemize on your tax returns,

donating your belongings to charitable organizations is another way to downsize and get a tax deduction. The Salvation Army (SAtruck.org, 800-728-7825) will actually come to your house and pick up a variety of household items, including furnishings and clothing. Goodwill (Goodwill.org) is another good option to donate to but they don't offer pickup services.

If your deductions exceed \$500, you'll need to file Form 8283, "Non-cash Charitable Contributions" (IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8283.pdf). You'll also need a receipt from the organization for every batch of items you donate and will need to create an itemized list of the items donated. To calculate fair market value for your stuff, use the Salvation Army's donation guide at SAtruck.org/home/donationvalueguide.

If you have a lot of junk you want to get rid of, contact your municipal trash service to see if they provide bulk curbside pickup services. Depending on where you live, you could hire a company like 1-800-Got-Junk (1800gotjunk.com, 800-468-5865) or

Junk-King (Junk-King.com, 888-888-5865) to come in and haul it off for a moderate fee.

Another disposal option is Bagster (TheBagster.com, 877-789-2247) by Waste Management. This is a dumpster bag that you purchase for around \$30, fill it to a limit of 3,300 pounds and schedule a pickup, which costs anywhere between \$100 and \$300 depending on your area.

If you want or need some help, consider hiring a senior move manager. These are professional organizers who help older adults and their families with the daunting process of downsizing and moving to a new residence. To locate one in your area, visit the National Association of Senior Move Managers at NASMM.org or call 877-606-2766. You can also search at Caring Transitions (CaringTransitions.com), which is a large senior relocation and transition services franchise company that has more than 200 franchises nationwide.

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How to reduce back pain during pregnancy

The good news during a normal pregnancy is that your baby is growing. The bad news is that you are likely to experience back pain.

Your symptoms may occur in the pelvic area or the low back, or both, and some women may also experience leg pain. Back pain during pregnancy is generally attributed to postural changes (increased low back curve to balance increasing belly weight) and ligament laxity caused by hormones.

Most pregnant women will experience some degree of back and/or pelvic pain during pregnancy. It usually begins in the third month of pregnancy and peaks in the third trimester before declining in severity. Many women report a return to pre-pregnancy levels of low back pain within six months of delivery, but some experience chronic low back or pelvic pain. The 12-month postpartum rate of back or pelvic pain is 37%, and the six-year rate is 18%.



BRIAN GRIEVES

Pregnancy-related low back pain contributes substantially to health care costs. Ninety-four percent of women who experienced low back pain during pregnancy have recurrent symptoms with subsequent pregnancies, and two-thirds of these patients experience disability requiring sick leave. Notably, 19% of women with pain in an initial pregnancy report avoiding a future pregnancy out of fear of a recurrence of these symptoms.

Fortunately, several effective non-drug strategies can help reduce the severity and frequency of back and pelvic pain — practicing good posture when standing and sitting, sleeping on your side and wearing low-heeled shoes with good arch support. Exercise and spinal ma-

nipulation are also very effective.

Medical research teams have found that an individualized exercise program that includes stabilizing exercises and aerobic exercise is effective for pregnant patients with back or pelvic pain. Aerobic exercise during pregnancy is important to your overall health, the improvement your mood and the reduction of fatigue. Stabilizing exercises can control pain, improve function and enhance overall quality of life. Both forms of exercise can be used not only to treat pain, but also to prevent it. You should consult with your medical doctor before beginning any exercise program.

Researchers have found that spinal manipulation can provide safe and effective relief of back and pelvic pain in pregnant women. Three scientific reviews found that chiropractic treatment during pregnancy is a safe and effective means of treating common spinal symptoms

in pregnant patients. Altogether, the current literature suggests that chiropractic treatment is a safe intervention for pregnant women with back and pelvic pain.

Recently, a randomized clinical trial found that adding chiropractic care (between four and six treatment sessions) to standard obstetric management provided important clinical benefits to pregnant women with back and pelvic pain. This study, published in the "American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology," was conducted with medical doctors and chiropractors. The Mayo Clinic has also recommend spinal manipulation for pregnant patients. If you are considering chiropractic care, it is recommended that you consult with an evidence-based chiropractor.

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Letters to home

ABOVE: Sacred Heart Catholic School first-grade students pose with their letters outside the Shawano Post Office on May 14. They were excited to secretly write and then mail their letters to their families.
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RIGHT: Sacred Heart Catholic School first-grade student Hunter Goetsch places his envelope with a letter in one of the mail slots inside the Shawano Post Office on May 14. The first grade class has been learning how to handwrite a friendly letter as well as how to properly label an envelope and even how to mail it out from the post office.
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Butterflies in school



Bonduel High School seniors Gracie Giese, left, and Aubrey Rausch recently completed work on a butterfly mural that is located near the kindergarten hallway at Bonduel Elementary School.
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Shawano Area Writers give out awards



Ellie Ford has a big smile on her face after she accepted her first-place award for poetry in the first and second grade category for the George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest on May 23 at the Mielke Arts Center.
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Sacred Heart holds 4K graduation



Sacred Heart Catholic School held a graduation for its 4-year-old kindergarten class on May 20 inside the church. Students and their parents/guardians had a special private ceremony with songs and certificates. Pictured are, from left, front row, the Rev. Scott Valentyn, Bryce Jessup, Declan Firari, Weston Marcks, Samson Gilling, Dani Johnson, Meah Brunner, Lennyn Wassenberg, Riley Coffey and Deacon Jim Lonick; back row, Harper Ebert, Brea Sperberg, Carmen Grignon, Isabella Bantle, Trell Raddant and Everett DuQuaine. Not pictured are Ava Raddant and Isabelle Bobick.

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\$2 million available for food waste reduction

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the availability of up to \$2 million for local governments to host Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction pilot projects for fiscal year 2021.

The cooperative agreements support projects that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans and they are part of USDA's broader efforts to support urban agriculture.

USDA's Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (Office) will accept applications on www.grants.gov until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on July 16. Projects should span two years with a start date of Sept. 25, 2021, and completion date of Sept. 25, 2023.

"Finding ways to turn food waste into nutrient rich compost is a win-win for farmers, communities and the environment," said Tyler Radke, Acting State Executive Director in Wisconsin. "The level of enthusiasm and creativity communities are putting towards this kind of problem solving is inspiring, and USDA is proud to support it."

Cooperative agreements support projects led by local governments that generate compost, increase access to compost for agricultural producers, reduce reliance on and limit the use of fertilizer, improve soil quality, encourage waste management and permaculture business development, increase rainwater absorption, reduce municipal food waste and divert food waste from landfills. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service will

provide assistance for conservation related activities.

Priority will be given to projects that anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits, incorporate plans to make compost easily accessible to farmers, including community gardeners, integrate other food waste strategies, including food recovery efforts and collaborate with multiple partners.

This is the second year the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production offered this grant opportunity.

A pre-recorded webinar will provide an overview of the cooperative agreements' purpose, project types, eligibility and basic requirements for submitting an application. The webinar will be posted at farmers.gov/urban.

Questions about this cooperative agreement opportunity can be sent to UrbanAgriculture@usda.gov.

The Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production was established through the 2018 Farm Bill, and in addition to these grant opportunities, it offers grant and engagement opportunities. It includes representatives from many USDA agencies, including the Farm Service Agency and the Agricultural Marketing Service, and is led by NRCS. More information is available at farmers.gov/urban.

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Saturday May 29th 11:00

HUGE Auction for Several Estates at Yoap's Auction Gallery

6234 Duane Road, Lena, WI—Stiles Junction (Jct of 141 & 22)

Like new Polaris Ranger, SUV, Yard & Shop Tools

2015 Polaris Ranger XP900 EPS "White Lightning" Side x Side UTV with 3,000 1-owner miles. This is a Fully Loaded Ranger with a Pro-Fit hard cab, ProStar engine, P-X-T tires, alloy rims, winch & hitch. Also selling like new Camoplast T4S Track System for Ranger, Clean 2011 Hyundai Santa Fe GL 4WD SUV with 2.4l 16V 4cyl, console automatic & 116k miles, Newer Gravely ZT 48XL zero turn mower w/ 185 hours, Cub Cadet LT1042 mower w/ 160 hours, Cub Cadet GT1554 54" mower, Cub Cadet LT2042 42" mower w/ bagger, Lawn roller(2) Stihl KM110R pro trimmers w/ blower, rubber rake & broom attachments, Toro 721E snow thrower, Like new Onan 5500 generator, Monarch 14" x 6ft Lathe, Lathe tooling, Arbor press, Workbenches & Welding tables, Like new Millermatic 252 wire welder, New Lincoln 225 AC/DC stick welder, Torch set, Hypertherm Powermax 30XP plasma cutter, 30ton Press, Husqvarna 365 chainsaw w/ bars up to 4ft, Saw chain & sharpeners, Log snag & tow chains, Clevises, Nylon straps, New Smittybilt 17,500# winch for skid steer, Stump bucket & Tree puller for skid steer, Bobcat 15C post auger, Lots of Tools, Potbelly stove, Antiques & Household Items

Sunday, May 30th 11AM

Excellent Auction for MaryAnn Pasek Estate

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Parcels #2 thru #28: Individual Surveyed Lots that will all Perk Test for a conventional septic system. Each lot has frontage on a Town Road and has an electric pedestal already installed. The lots range in size from 2.01 Acres to over 3 1/2 Acres.

Parcel #29: Combination of all Unsold Lots in the Subdivision with up to 28 Lots and covering over 80 Acres of platted land. This land is affordable to Hold with the current farmland rent servicing the taxes. Terms on Real Estate: \$ 10,000 earnest money downpayment with Offer. NO Contingencies to Offer. Closing in about 4 weeks. NOTE: This property may be purchased prior to the Auction. Call to schedule a Viewing at (920) 604-1704



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Marathon County Public Library to reopen June 1

All nine Marathon County Public Library (MCPL) locations plan to reopen to the public on Monday, June 1. The reopening date was approved by the MCPL Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting on May 17.

Starting June 1, all MCPL locations will also return to their pre-pandemic hours of operation, which include a mixture of daytime and evening hours, Monday through Saturday (for a list of hours by location, visit www.mcpl.us)

Drive-through service will continue to be offered in Wausau and

Marathon City, and limited curbside pickup hours will be offered in Athens, Edgar, Hatley, Mosinee, Rothschild, Spencer, and Stratford. Curbside pickup hours vary by location, so patrons should call their preferred location for curbside pickup hours and availability.

For the time being, library events will consist of virtual programs and Grab & Go activities, as well as a select number of outdoor, in-person events. Meeting rooms and study rooms will also be restricted upon reopening.

Senator's staff available Wednesday in Eland

Staff from U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson's office have scheduled mobile office hours from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the Eland Village Hall, W19141 Maple St., Eland.

These office hours allow constituents to meet with the senator's staff

to request assistance with a federal agency or regarding other federal matters.

The staff also plans a visit to the Nichols Village Hall, N9065 Krull Road, Nichols, in Outagamie County, from 1-2 p.m. Thursday, June 3.

CLUB NOTES

The Shawano Area Writers met May 20 in the Udder Room at Farm Inn. There were 11 members in attendance — Dennis Vickers, Irma Timmons-Arndt, John Mutter Jr., Manuel Moraleda, Twilla Beyer, Wendy Goerl, Lee Pulaski, Tom Thorstenson, Trudy Bosman, Terry Misfeldt and Barb King.

Trilby Beauprey McIntosh will be greatly missed by the group. She had served as secretary for three years.

First to be discussed was the 2021 George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest awards ceremony held May 23 at the Mielke Arts Center at 1 p.m. Anyone who wanted to help set up needed to be there around noon. It was also decided that Fiona Hoffman from Gresham would receive her \$2,000 writing scholarship at that time.

The annual dues of \$5 were collected from each member.

Misfeldt brought up the idea of doing a workshop before each meeting for those who might like to learn skills like fleshing out a character or writing conversation that moves the story along. Members of the group could give the hour lesson. He wanted us to think about the suggestion and come came with ideas.

Next up was the voting-in of new officers, because the last group of officers had served four years instead of three due to COVID-19 keeping us from meeting. The new officers are Dennis Vickers, president; Lee Pulaski, vice president; John Mutter, treasurer; and Barbara King, secretary.

Vickers announced that the next meeting would be held June 17, the third Thursday of the month. The location was not decided at this time. Everyone will be advised of the location before the next meeting.

The Writers then went into the readings. Wendy Goerl read a section of her new photo essay book entitled "COVID County Fair." Goerl has been taking photos of the carnival rides at the fair since the 1990s and has expanded to take in all aspects of the Shawano County Fair. She has 3,460 images of the fair.

Lee Pulaski read an excerpt from his 10th Zachary Gagewood mystery novel located in Gresham, entitled "Dine Out and Die." Alice, a rather forceful newcomer to the town, is discussing with Zachary the fact that no one wants to back her plan of putting a library in town. First,

she wanted to put it in Zachary's bookstore, then she tried getting the town board to put it in the newly restored ballroom. Alice can't understand why no one is willing to follow her plans. She seems to have forgotten she called the village board doddering old fools.

Trudy Boseman showed us how she is keeping a journal and posting small pictures with the writings. She also read a poem called "Memories." Every Wednesday, Writer's Digest puts a poetry prompt on its website, and Boseman likes to see what she can come up with.

Barb King read the prologue from her mystery novel "The Children in the Garden." The year is 1981 and 7-year-old Linda is impatiently waiting for her mother to pick her up after school when a tall thin man comes up to her. He calls her by her name, but Linda says she can't talk to him because he's a stranger. He convinces her he isn't a stranger, giving her a red plastic heart ring. Linda takes the hand of the man and goes to his truck. Linda's mother, never noticed the truck pulling out of the parking lot as she pulled in or her little girl crying and pounding on the window calling, "Mommy."

Irma Timmons-Arndt read her story "Two Lucky Ducks." She had gone into the South Forty and spotted two fuzzy ducklings in a box. She whistled and clucked, and they came over to her. She would have liked to adopt these two but remembered the last encounter with ducks. Her husband had gotten 30 ducks for their pond. Every day he counted the ducks, and every day there was one less, until they all were gone. Timmons-Arndt called these two lucky ducks because she resisted her urge to take them home.

Dennis Vickers recited the hilarious poem he had written for his brother-in-law's 60th birthday. It retold the time his brother-in-law was dancing on a bar in Cuba and fell off, breaking both ankles. Vickers said the poem with a Cuban accent, and when he was Facetiming, he wore a sombrero and had a cigar in his mouth.

Manny Moraleda talked about the trip he and his wife took to Holland, Michigan. He also gave each woman in the group a bookmark of delicate flowers made from melted wax, that he had made.

After the readings, the meeting was adjourned.

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#3032
May 28, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the following individuals have made application for a license to deal in intoxicating liquors in the Village of Wittenberg, granting of which is pending:
Class B Beer & Liquor:
Amy White
d/b/a Village Inn
Amy White, Agent
500 S. Webb Street
Traci Matsche
Village Clerk/Treasurer
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#3033
MAY 28, 2021
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the following application for license to deal in intoxicating liquor has been filed with the Town Clerk.
Name: Jennifer Leigh Sadler
Trade Name: Sadler's Shadview
Address: 1121 Park Street
Gresham WI 54128
License Applied For: Class B
Premise location: N8330 Cty Rd D, Bowler, WI 54416
Dated: 5/27/2021
Heather Matsche, Almon Town Clerk
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#3034
MAY 28, 2021
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the following application for license to deal in intoxicating liquor has been filed with the Town Clerk.
Name: Lester Rickert
Trade Name: Back Road Bar
Address: W14874 Old Cty Rd D, Bowler, WI 54416
License Applied For: Class B
Premise location: W14874 Old Cty Rd D, Bowler, WI 54416
Dated: 5/27/2021
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#3035
MAY 28, 2021
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the following application for license to deal in intoxicating liquor has been filed with the Town Clerk.
Name: Lori Smith
Trade Name: The G Spot
Address: N9601 Kolpack Rd.
Bowler, WI 54416
License Applied For: Class B
Premise location: N9095 Cty Rd D, Bowler, WI 54416
Dated: 5/27/2021
Heather Matsche, Almon Town Clerk
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#3036
MAY 28, 2021
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the following application for license to deal in intoxicating liquor has been filed with the Town Clerk.
Name: Dennis Miller
Trade Name: Stoney Curve Bar & Grill
Address: N8089 Kolpack Road, Bowler, WI 54416
License Applied For: Class B
Premise location: N8089 Kolpack Road, Bowler, WI 54416
Dated: 5/27/2021
Heather Matsche, Almon Town Clerk
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#3037
May 28, 2021
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the following application for license to deal in intoxicating liquor has been filed with the Town Clerk.
Name: Donna Karcz & Jeff Jonas
Trade Name: Star Campsite LLC
Address: N9126 Hwy D, Bowler, WI 54416
License Applied For: Class B
Premise location: N9126 Hwy D, Bowler, WI 54416
Dated: 5/27/2021
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Interested bidders can visit pbswisconsin.org/auction now to register and begin receiving updates and deals from the auction team. This year's online auction will be held May 28 through June 6 at pbswisconsin.org/auction.

With donations from businesses, nonprofits and individuals across Wisconsin and surrounding states, the auction features a wide array of items, with offerings suited to every budget and taste. Articles up for bid include artwork, travel experiences, instruments, sports and recreation

experiences, home goods, salon packages, health and beauty items and electronics.

Continuing this year are two of daily auction specials — Deal of the Day and Nightly Nine. Deal of the Day features favorite items listed at a special discounted price and only available until they sell out. Nightly Nine features nine special items listed once per day, each day of the auction, and the highest bidder each night will win.

To participate in this year's auction, bidders should create an on-line account. To learn more about auction and register for the event, visit pbswisconsin.org/auction.

PBS Wisconsin is a service of the Educational Communications Board and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

TOWN OF WITTENBERG RESIDENTS

The Town of Wittenberg will be having a large item pick-up by Harter's on Thursday, June 3, 2021. See large items listed below that will be accepted for this event.

FURNITURE ITEMS

Couch/Sofa	Mattress or Box Spring
Chair/Recliner	Dresser
Bed Frame/Head Board	Cabinet
Doors	Windows
Fitness Equipment	Sink
Bike, Grill, Large Plastic Toy/Furniture	Toilet

NON-FREON APPLIANCES

Stove	Dishwasher
Washing machine	Dryer
Trash Compactor	Water Heater

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JOB OPENING

Special Education Teacher Assistant Wittenberg Birnamwood School District

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District is seeking a Special Education Teacher Assistant for the 2021-2022 school year.

This position involves working with 4k-8th grade students with learning/behavioral/other health impairment/autism disabilities in regular and special education settings. Assistant will work with and under the direction of a special education teacher(s) to determine duties and assignments throughout the year. The successful candidate must be capable of making proactive decisions based on the circumstances of the moment, remaining calm in moments of adversity, and willing to enhance their attributes through district provided professional development. Duties will include, but are not limited to: monitoring and supporting students in academic settings, assisting students with using technology programs to communicate, and follow through of behavioral modification programs. Assistant may require lifting of 50lbs or greater and supporting students with hygiene related needs.

Please complete a Wittenberg-Birnamwood Employment Application which can be obtained at any school or on our website at www.wittbirn.k12.wi.us. Also submit a cover letter, up-to-date resume, and three phone contacts for references. Application materials due June 4th to Megan Marks, Director of Pupil Services, 400 W Grand Ave, Wittenberg, WI 54499 or mmarks@wittbirn.k12.wi.us

STREET REPAIR ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS WITTENBERG, WISCONSIN 54499 SHAWANO COUNTRY, WISCONSIN

The Village of Wittenberg will receive sealed Bids until **5:00 pm, on Tuesday, June 1, 2021** at the Community Center, 208 W. Vinal Street, Wittenberg, WI, 54499.

Please bid for each street individually **AND** for total project. The work for which Bids are asked includes:

3 Sections of Cherry St. — 340' x 37', 244' x 24' and 262' x 36'

1 Section of E. Vinal — 160' x 30'

1 Section of College Ave. — 284' x 23'

Proposal price will include the following:

Pulverizing the asphalt
Fine grading of pulverized material
Paving 2" thick asphalt

Please contact **Joel Yaeger — 253-2684** for information.

Proof of insurance will be on file before project is started.

BID OPENING DATE: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

Place break out for each street, and total project cost, in an envelope addressed to William Switalla, Village President, and mark it Street Proposal.

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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MARATHON COUNTY TAX DEED LAND SALE

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

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

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

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

The sealed bids must be submitted on the Marathon County Land Sale Bid Form, which may be obtained from the Marathon County Clerk's Office at 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403. Bid forms may also be obtained from the Marathon County webpage:

<http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Departments/CountyClerk/TaxDeedProperty.aspx>

Each sealed bid envelope shall properly identify the parcel and sale #.

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

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

Description:

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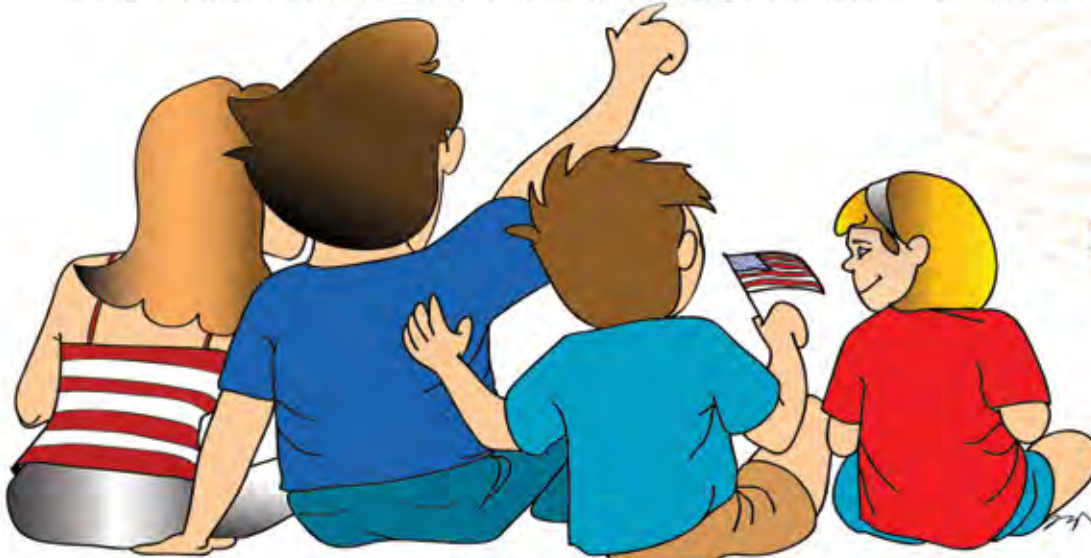
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