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The Wittenberg Village Board unanimously approved action allowing ATVs and UTVs on area streets.

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Mattoon library hosts stuffed animal search

Local kids went hunting for stuffed animals in a Mattoon ball field, and they got books for their efforts.

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Fall sports start up for schools

Find out what the cross-country, swim and volleyball teams have planned for the fall season.

ONLINE

FARM BOYS LAUGH THROUGH THE RAIN

A pair of teen boys share a laugh on a John Deere tractor Aug. 7 while a light rain falls as they travel along the route for the Bowler Bash parade, which went through downtown Bowler. The village's summer festival was scheduled to include live entertainment and fireworks, but the rainy weather kept crowds down for the event.

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Board agrees to open roads for ATVs, UTVs

Wittenberg's downtown area now open to vehicles

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

ATV and UTV routes have changed in the village of Wittenberg.

After a discussion arose at the Aug. 3 village board meeting, the village board elected to add new routes to where residents and visitors can legally operate their ATV and UTVs.

The roads that were added were Webb Street from Walker Street to Reed Street and Vinal Street from Webb Street to Howard Street.

Wittenberg resident Tommy Krolow was in attendance at the meeting to share his thoughts on what the board should do about the ATV and UTV routes.

"I have talked to a lot of people," said Krolow. "When they ask me to drive my four-wheeler to their house, I say that I can't. Other people come to town and they wonder why they can't drive to certain areas in the village."

Krolow also said that he tells residents and visitors that there are certain roads that ATV and UTVs are allowed to drive on and certain roads that they are not allowed to drive on.

"I would just like to see people be allowed to drive around to whomever's house you want to," said Krolow.

He added that he wanted the board to reconsider opening all of the streets in the village to ATV and UTV use.

According to Krolow and Wittenberg resident Don Aanonsen, visitors from surrounding communities have been driving their ATV and UTVs in the village not knowing that some roads prohibited them.

Board trustee David Timm said that he has heard that there have been issues with younger riders on ATV and UTVs.

"I would like the rest of the board to know that the members of the ATV club in town are aware of the people who are causing problems on the ATV and UTVs," said Timm. "They are aware of the color of the machines and they talked to some parents so they are working on policing."

Board trustee Paul Yaeger added to Timm's statement, saying, "I don't have a problem with the vehicles, but I see a lot of kids that look like they are 10 or 12 years old and they come through the village and don't stop or don't have blinkers. That is the only problem I have here."

Krolow added that due to problems stemming from young riders, people who operate their vehicles safely are being punished.

"I just feel like I am being punished for people who can't raise their kids right," said Krolow.

Yaeger said that he wasn't sure if he wanted to open up more streets if the behavior continues.

"Until I see something a little bit better than what I am seeing now, I personally would not want to open this up to every street," said Yaeger. "If they are doing that now, what are they going to do when everything is open?"

Board president Bill Switalla said that he received a call about two people racing their vehicles.

"That is my problem with opening all of the roads," said Switalla.

"People live on residential streets and have complained about the noise.

Some people have asked me not to open up the roads for that reason."

Yaeger suggested that the board could open the downtown roads, including Walker to Reed Streets and Webb to Howard Streets.

Switalla said that the original reason why some streets were open was due to residents having the ability to get to every business in town on their vehicle.

Timm said that he thought that the whole village should be open to ATV and UTVs soon to avoid confusion.

"I would soon open up the whole village," said Timm. "With some streets being open and some streets not could cause confusion. If you were with the sheriff's department and had to look at a map to see what streets are open and which aren't, you could be confused."

Yaeger suggested that the board should revisit the idea of opening roads to ATV and UTVs in the future.

According to Aanonsen, residents in the Wittenberg community have the opportunity to be trained as assistants to police officers. Their duties would involve identifying vehicles that are disobeying the law and relaying that information to officers, thus helping to eliminate the dangerous behavior.

The board unanimously agreed on opening Webb Street from Walker Street to Reed Street and Vinal Street from Webb Street to Howard Street. Trustees Renee Switalla, Marlene Wepner and Barb Buchholz were absent from the meeting.

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DAVID TIMM, Wittenberg board trustee

CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Enterprise and News, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 715-526-2121, ext. 7018.



Mattoon children hunt for stuffed animals

ABOVE: Mattoon resident Emma Meverden collects her prize as recognition for being a part of the stuffed animal hunt on Aug. 3. Her prize contained books and other supplies from the Mattoon library.

LEFT: Mattoon resident Ryan Copas selects a Yoda stuffed animal as one of his prizes for taking part in the stuffed animal hunt at the north ballpark in Mattoon on Aug. 3.

BELOW: Catherine Knowles, the Mattoon library branch manager, smiles after she counts all of the stuffed animals that were found in the park Aug. 3.

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GOP attorney general candidates go to bat for police

Owens, Toney say Kaul has thrown officers 'under the bus'

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

With the next election for Wisconsin attorney general still 15 months away, two Republican candidates have already stepped forward to challenge incumbent Democrat Josh Kaul.

Ryan Owens and Eric Toney appeared Aug. 9 at the invitation of the Shawano County Republican Party to discuss their views on a series of questions posed by a panel of retired law enforcement officers. The two candidates shared similar views on

a number of issues, especially on the question of whether Kaul has been an effective attorney general.

Toney, who has been the Fond du Lac County district attorney since 2013, said he decided to run for attorney general after Kaul failed to support law enforcement time and again.

"I could not sit back and watch as our law enforcement had their backs against the wall like they've never had in their entire professional career, and we had an attorney general who failed to stand with them and turned his back on them," Toney said.

Owens, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and director of the Tommy

G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership, said the incumbent attorney general has not prioritized criminal law enforcement.

"Josh Kaul has done his utmost to make sure that the resources necessary to enforce the law aren't available," Owens said. "The attorney general has thrown (law enforcement) under the bus, abdicated his responsibility," Owens said. "They're on their own because he has chosen to side with the left-wing radicals rather than with them."

Kaul came to Madison with a liberal agenda that has made the average citizen's life less safe and less free, Owens said.

"I think we need to have an attorney general who will stand with

law enforcement and stand against government overreach," he said.

Both candidates condemned calls to defund police departments.

"This kind of left-wing 'defund the police' stuff, not only does it stagger the mind, it's also stupid," Owens said, noting that the same critics call for more community police officers to interact in neighborhoods. "How in the world are you going to do that if you're not funding law enforcement officers to get on the ground?"

"Defund the police is dangerous. It's reckless, and it's irresponsible," Toney agreed. "Law enforcement needs more resources."

Richard Kucksdorf, chairman of the Shawano County GOP, said both men are outstanding candidates.

COURT NEWS

- Samuel C. Yazzie, 37, Keshena, was charged Aug. 2 with one count of operating while intoxicated (fourth offense) and four counts of bail jumping. Judge William F. Kussel Jr. set a \$3,000 cash bond and a \$3,000 signature bond. He also set a preliminary hearing for Aug. 10.

- Louis J. Sanapaw, 24, Keshena, was charged Aug. 2 with one count of using or attempting to use force to intimidate a victim, four counts of bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of possession of THC. Kussel set a cash bond of \$7,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 11.

- Sonny J. Hayes, 40, Cecil, was charged Aug. 2 with one count of operating while intoxicated (fourth offense) and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,500 and a signature bond of \$3,500. This case will resume at a later date.

- Ezell D. Golatt, 30, Menasha, was charged Aug. 2 with one count of manufacture/deliver heroin, less than three grams, one count of manufacture/deliver schedule 1,2 narcotics, one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of narcotic drugs and four counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$20,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 6.

- Jade L. Pecore, 30, Neopit, was charged Aug. 3 with one count of possession of methamphetamine and one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense). Kussel set a \$100 cash bond and a \$1,000 signature bond. Kussel also scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Aug. 24.

- Arlin J. Cox, 43, Keshena, pleaded no contest Aug. 3 to one count of

possession of methamphetamine and one count of bail jumping. One count of possession of narcotic drugs and seven counts of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record.

In another case, Cox pleaded no contest to one count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of battery. Two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and three counts of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record.

In a third case, Cox pleaded no contest to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property, less than or equal to \$2,500. Three counts of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record.

In a fourth case, Cox pleaded no contest to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of retail theft, less than or equal to \$500. One count of bail jumping was dismissed but read into the record. In another case, Cox pleaded no contest to one count of retail theft, one count of possession of methamphetamine and one count of bail jumping. Three counts of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. In another case, Cox pleaded no contest to one count of bail jumping.

In a fifth case, Cox pleaded no contest to one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense). One count of possession of methamphetamine and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed but read into the record. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced Cox to six months in jail and three years of probation.

- Charges against Elmer J. Kakwitsch, 38, Keshena, were dismissed Aug. 4 on prosecutor's motion. These charges

included three counts of bail jumping, three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of battery and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

In another case, charges against Kakwitsch were also dismissed on prosecutor's motion. These charges included one count of stalking, one count of substantial battery, two counts of child abuse, 12 counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property less than or equal to \$2,500, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and 12 misdemeanor counts of bail jumping.

- Brett A. Miller, 42, Bowler, was charged Aug. 4 with one count of strangulation and suffocation, two counts of false imprisonment, two misdemeanor counts of battery and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and a \$2,500 signature bond. He also scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Sept. 1.

- Isaiah G. Arseneau, 17, Bowler, was charged Aug. 5 with one count of second-degree sexual assault of a child and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a review hearing for Sept. 8.

- Jennifer Cloud, 36, Keshena, was charged Aug. 5 with two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a cash bond of \$250 and a signature bond of \$2,000. He also scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 26.

- Sandra M. Koszarek, 42, Shawano, was charged Aug. 5 with one count of disorderly conduct-domestic abuse repeater. Kussel set a cash bond of \$100 and a signature bond of \$1,000.

He also scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Aug. 24.

- Joseph D. Steffen, 39, Hatley, was charged Aug. 5 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, 12 counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a cash bond of \$25,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 11.

- John F. Braz, 47, Milwaukee, pleaded no contest Aug. 5 to one count of possession of methamphetamine and one count of bail jumping. One count of maintaining a drug trafficking place and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed but read into the record.

In another case, Braz pleaded no contest to one count of possession with intent, less than or equal to three grams of amphetamine and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. One count of bail jumping was dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Braz to 587 days in jail.

- Daniel R. Liebergen, 32, Red Granite, pleaded no contest Aug. 6 to one count of operating with prohibited alcohol concentration (fourth offense). One count of operating while intoxicated (fourth offense) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Kussel sentenced Liebergen to 60 days in jail and suspended his license for 24 months.

- Charges against Arthur H. Hicks, 45, Eland, were dismissed Aug. 6 on defendant's motion. These charges include retail theft and four counts of bail jumping.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Aug. 9

Officers responded to 23 calls, including a hit-and-run on East Green Bay Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; property theft at First Presbyterian Church, 100 Presbyterian St.

Aug. 8

Officers responded to 23 calls, including property damage on West Third Street; a probation violation on South Andrews Street; a restraining order violation on East Stevens Street; a disturbance on South Smalley Street.

Aug. 7

Officers responded to 20 calls, including property theft on South Franklin Street; a disturbance on West Third Street; property theft on North Washington Street; a disturbance on East Randall Street; an automobile theft on East Randall Street; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; reckless driving on South Lincoln Street.

Aug. 6

Officers responded to 30 calls, including a hit-and-run on Olson Street; car property damage on Eberlein Park Drive; trespassing at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; car property damage on North Franklin Street; shoplifting at Shoe Sensation, 180 Woodlawn Drive; disorderly conduct on South Lutz Street; harassment on East Fifth Street; car property damage on North Lake Drive;

Aug. 5

Officers responded to 25 calls, including a disturbance at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; disorderly conduct at West Lake Lodge, 211 Waukechon St.; identity theft on East Center Street; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; bail jumping on South Sawyer Street; disorderly conduct at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; an automobile theft on South Lutz Street.

Aug. 4

Officers responded to 21 calls, including trespassing at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; an alcohol offense on state Highway 47-55; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; property theft at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; an overdose on East Richmond Street; a domestic disturbance on South Washington Street.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Aug. 9

Deputies responded to 41 calls, including an automobile theft on East Reed Street in Wittenberg; identity theft on North Branch Road in the Town of Pella; reckless driving on County Road BE in the Town of Waukechon; a burglary on state Highway 153 in the Town of Wittenberg; a disturbance on

Resort Road in the Town of Washington; property theft on Butternut Road in the Town of Richmond; property damage on Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott; one crash.

Aug. 8

Deputies responded to 28 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; a disturbance on U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood; a drug problem on state Highway 117 in the Town of Hartland; disorderly conduct on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; a disturbance on County Road D in the Town of Almon; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in Wittenberg; a disturbance on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; a restraining order violation on East Stevens Street in Shawano; one crash.

Aug. 7

Deputies responded to 52 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; property theft on Salzman Lane in the Town of Fairbanks; property theft on Lake Road in the Town of Birnamwood; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in Cecil; four crashes.

Aug. 6

Deputies responded to 45 calls, including identity theft on Nightingale Road in the Town of Wittenberg; harassment on Loon Lake Circle in the Town of Wescott; disorderly conduct on Oriole Road in the Town of Wittenberg; a threat on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a disturbance on Resort Road in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; a domestic disturbance on Meisner Road in the Town of Fairbanks; a disturbance on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; three crashes.

Aug. 5

Deputies responded to 40 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; identity theft on Meadow Lark Road in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; a burglary on West Walker Street in Wittenberg; trespassing on Butternut Road in the Town of Richmond; trespassing on Fischer Street in Gresham.

Aug. 4

Deputies responded to 39 calls, including trespassing on Oriole Road in the Town of Birnamwood; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; an alcohol offense on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; an aircraft problem on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; property theft on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; disorderly conduct on Maple Street in Birnamwood; a threat on Primrose Lane in Tigerton; property theft on North Main Street in Shawano; four crashes, two involving deer.



Taylor Przybylski, left, holding miniature horse Stanley, and Riley Caron, right, holding donkey Theo, are shown with Shawano County's 369th barn quilt on their horse barn at W534 Townline Road, Krakow.

JIM LEUENBERGER

Dreams coming true with new barn quilt

Taylor Przybylski, daughter of Gary and Diane Przybylski, has had a passion for horses since she started riding at the age of 2. At 7, her parents bought her her first horse that she named Joker. When Gary and Diane purchased their dairy farm near Krakow, they decided it was time to start bringing some of their horses home from their boarding stable near Bonduel.

Some of Przybylski's horses have been home since 2016, but in the fall of 2020, Przybylski built her very own horse barn complete with an indoor arena, close to her parents' dairy barn. With the help and support of her boyfriend, Riley Caron, Greener Pastures Farm was born. With that birth, Przybylski decided it was time for her new horse barn and her parents' dairy barn, to have barn quilts displayed on them.

Przybylski's barn quilt, named Dreams Do Come True, which is Shawano County's 369th, is displayed on her horse barn at W534 Townline Road near Krakow. It is painted in col-

ors that match those of the horse barn, with her logo in the center, which was designed by her sister, Lindsey.

"The horse in the center captures the spirit of my first and most beloved horse, Joker, with its beautiful, flowing mane," Przybylski said.

The interlocking square pattern is Przybylski's favorite quilt pattern and represents her and Caron working together.

Now, with all their horses, Tango, Apollo, Ryder, miniature Stanley and miniature donkey Theo, at home, Przybylski and Caron enjoy riding and spending time with their little herd. The farm has also grown into a small business, offering horse boarding along with riding lessons. Overall, it has become a labor of love that both Przybylski and Caron are very proud of.

Przybylski's barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy Raddant and his grandson, Keenan, both of whom work for Raddant Electric in Shawano.

OBITUARIES

Linda R. Lambrecht

Linda Rae Lambrecht, 67, of Mosinee, passed away peacefully with her children and husband by her side on Aug. 2, 2021, nearly five years after being diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer.

She was born Nov. 30, 1953, the fourth of five children, to Harry and Nellie Krumrie. Linda spent her early childhood in Menomonie, later moving with the family to Wittenberg. After graduating from high school in 1971, she met her husband of 48 years and avid fisherman, Gary (Chops) Alan Lambrecht. The two were married on May 5, 1973, also the opening day of the fishing season that year. Together they raised three children, Amy, Krista and Kirk.

Linda had a natural talent for sales and carved out a successful 20-year career in jewelry retail with Sterling, Inc. She began in the Wausau Center Mall on the Shaw's Jewelers sales floor in 1983 and quickly rose to district manager, eventually becoming the company's first female regional vice president of operations — all while being a devoted mother and wife. She was a recognized, trusted face in the Shaw's storefront, and with her radiant personality and signature blonde hair, drew customers looking for just the right piece of jewelry.

She had countless repeat custom-



ers who sought her out when shopping for something distinctive to mark a special occasion. Even 35 years later, she often ran into former customers who recognized her and held out a hand to show her the ring she sold to them decades earlier. She carried the talents and management skills developed in jewelry retail to various hotel and bank management positions until retiring in 2016.

Linda loved to travel and visited 29 countries during her lifetime, including trips to the Bahamas, Caribbean islands, Europe, Hawaii and South America, where she made lasting memories and friendships. She also enjoyed visiting local Wisconsin destinations and was just as content vacationing at a Northwoods waterfront cabin or taking day trips to Door County as she was at a tropical beach resort.

Holiday entertaining was her specialty. On Christmas Eve, Linda always opened her home to family and friends, filling it with laughter, card playing and a remarkable array of food. She taught her children enduring holiday traditions that they will pass

on to their children. Her Thanksgiving dinner was replicated year after year because everyone loved it so much. Her turkey stuffing was a particular family favorite.

Linda had a heart of gold and gave generously to others. Her thoughtfulness was unmatched. She was a prolific sender of greeting cards and never missed an occasion. She knew that the best cards weren't empty, so she always included something special for her grandchildren, such as a movie ticket, a gift card or a few dollars.

When she was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic breast cancer in 2016, she remained optimistic and raised funds for various breast cancer causes. Her positivity and resilience never faded throughout her illness. Even on her weakest days, she always found the strength to give more.

Linda's zest for life, genuine goodness and fun-loving nature are an innate part of each of her three children and nine grandchildren, who will continue to contribute gifts to their communities throughout their lives. Her legacy will endure in ways Linda could not have imagined, all because of the values she instilled.

Linda is survived by her loving husband, Gary, of Mosinee; her three children, Amy (Howard) Ruddell, of Port Angeles, Washington, Krista

(Andrew) Hamilton, of La Crosse, and Kirk (Sarah) Lambrecht, of St. Charles, Missouri; nine grandchildren, Maggie, William, Luke, John, Matthew and Peter Ruddell, Alec and Claudia Hamilton, and Alden Lambrecht; her brother, Harry (Alexandra) Krumrie Jr., of Lake Wales, Florida; sisters Kathy Hoffman, of Mesa, Arizona, and Dr. Shirley (Dr. Steven) Kleiman, of Ada, Michigan; sister-in-law Joan (Gary) Martin, of Stevens Point; brother-in-law Bruce Lambrecht, of Wausau; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and beloved brother, James Krumrie, with whom she shared a close eternal bond.

The family wishes to thank Linda's close supportive friends and family members for keeping her spirits up during her cancer struggle, and her oncologist Dr. Niaz Haque, for providing guidance and reassurance after her diagnosis. His compassion and support meant the world to her.

A private celebration of Linda's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Aspirus Hospice Care (www.aspirus.org/donate-now) in Linda's name.

Mid Wisconsin Cremation Society is assisting family at this time. Online condolences may be expressed at www.honorone.com.

Mark A. Blood

Staff Sergeant (ret.) Mark Allen Blood, 55, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, June 26, 2021, at his home in Hinesville, Georgia.

Mark was born May 21, 1966, to his parents, Gary and Dolores Blood from Birnamwood. Mark was a graduate of Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Class of 1984. Mark proudly served his country in the United States Army, where he was active duty for four years before getting out and rejoining with the National Guard/MATES. Stationed at Fort Stewart, he retired after serving for 22 years. After retirement, Mark worked at Walmart for 1½ years in the TLF Department.

Mark was a loving son, brother,



husband, father, grandfather, uncle and great-uncle. He was a loyal friend and loved by many. Mark loved his family, he especially loved being a papa. Mark was a good person with a kind heart. He was always friendly and he never met a stranger. Mark was the type of person who didn't know how to say no, the word was just not in his vocabulary. He was always willing to help out if someone was in need.

How do you fit a life cut too short

into a few paragraphs? Mark took great pride in being a hunting mentor to his children and grandchildren and enjoyed hunting and fishing with both his Georgia and Wisconsin families. He especially enjoyed taking his grandsons out fishing. Surprising his Wisconsin family with home visits was always a feat he enjoyed pulling off. He loved fixing and building things from baby cribs to desks. No matter the task it would get done.

Mark is survived by his parents, Gary and Dolores Blood; sister, Kim (Jeff) Johanning; brother, Scott (Carla) Blood; wife, Henrietta Garrison-Blood; son, Jason (Jessica) Walling, grandchildren, Brendon, Austin, Stacy,

Zane, Maddox; daughter, Cassie Garrison (special friend Curtis Rackley); daughter, Shawna (David) Linderman, grandchildren, Zachary, Mason; uncle, Jerica (Shawn) Kosky; Kade Johanning; great-uncle, Emmalyn and Raelyne Kosky; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mark will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A celebration of life will be held Aug. 14 at the Norrie Town Hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Military rites will be conducted by the Darling Gunderson American Legion Post 341.

Carol A. Pfeffer

Carol A. Pfeffer, 72, Shawano, passed away Wednesday afternoon, July 28, 2021, at a Neenah hospital. Born March 9, 1949, in Green Bay, she is the daughter of the late John and Mary (Clark) Reany.

After Carol graduated from Green Bay Southwest High School, she headed out to California, where she spent

most of her adult life. She returned to Wisconsin in 2002 and has been with her best friend and companion, Billy Ray Hellinger, ever since. Together, they owned and operated a small horse ranch where Carol enjoyed many hours riding. She will be remembered by those who truly knew her as a kind soul who would give the

shirt off her back if you were ever in need.

She is survived by her companion, Billy Ray, of Shawano, and her uncle and aunt, John and Ruth Clark, of Oshkosh, and numerous cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Sharon "Sherry," and her half-brothers,

Robert, Ronald and Rodney Kleir.

Private family services were held at Malcore (West) Funeral Home. She will be laid to rest with her parents and sister in Fort Howard Memorial Park.

Visit www.malcorefuneralhome.com to share a condolence with the family.

Visitors enjoy a night of corn



Bonduel residents Justin Krueger, left, and Tim Trzebiatowski take their first bites of their roasted corn cobs on Aug. 6 at Village Park in Bonduel.



ABOVE: The corn cobs for visitors to eat were roasted on grills at Village Park in Bonduel on Aug. 6. RIGHT: Bonduel residents Ethan DeBunk, left, and Aiden DeBunk practice throwing bean bags for the cornhole tournament at Village Park in Bonduel on Aug. 6.



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Board to vote on COVID-19 protocols next week

Committee looks over CDC guidelines, discusses how to keep students, staff in schools

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano School District is going to try to keep its schools open full-time for in-person learning and try to avoid the frustrations that families endured last year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The district's policy and curriculum committee met Aug. 9 with officials to look at the latest recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and see how they could fit in with schools' mitigation efforts. According to Superintendent Randi Anderson, administrators got together the previous week to come up with a plan that would be presented to the full Shawano School Board on Aug. 16.

"We know that our priority and our ultimate goal is to keep students and staff in our buildings for 190 days this year," Anderson said.

Jessica Wiesman, a nurse with the school district, pointed out there are some changes in the CDC guidelines that came out in July from the protocols the district had in place for the 2020-21 school year. Masking is being recommended

even for those students and staff who are vaccinated, but the district is only going to require staff to mask. Masking will be required for everyone on buses because it's a federal transportation requirement, according to Wiesman.

Physical distancing requirements have been relaxed somewhat, with the 6 feet apart requirement being reduced to a minimum of 3 feet, Wiesman said.

"We can't do 6 feet and get all of the kids back into the building," Wiesman said.

The public schools will not be screening students for the coronavirus on a regular basis, she added, saying that parents need to be aware of their children's health and keep them home if they are ill.

"Some places actively screened students as they walked in the door, but we chose not to do that last year," Wiesman said. "It's better for parents to just be aware of their own children and do that before they get to school."

Quarantine protocols will be different, to the relief of some committee members. Wiesman said that anyone suspected of being in

contact with someone who has the coronavirus will be quarantined for 10 days if they are not wearing a mask and don't show symptoms, but they can return after seven if the person gets a negative COVID-19 test on the fifth day. If both the positive case and the close contact are wearing masks, no quarantine will be required.

Board member James Davel praised the shorter quarantine, noting that parents were frustrated with the 14-day isolation last year, even after the CDC changed it in the middle of the year. He said that the CDC guidelines have been a moving target that the schools should adjust to when they change.

"The school stayed with the 14, and the CDC was recommending 10 and public health would tell people it was 10," Davel said. "My recommendation is that, when we're deciding things, we're very clear about some of these things. Parents were very frustrated."

Davel urged district officials to make sure there's clear communication between the schools and families.

"I didn't like what the school did

last year when the governor's order was lifted, essentially lifting the mask policy at school, but we didn't say that," Davel said. "We've got to be clear with parents about what the expectation is."

Davel said the same should apply when it comes to requiring vaccinations. Anderson said there are no plans to require older students and adults to be vaccinated in order to be in the school, and there are no vaccines approved for children under 12.

Davel urged flexibility in COVID-19 protocols.

"What we saw last year was all one-sided, and it was all gloom and doom — everything's wrong," Davel said. "The intent is to keep these kids in school as long as we can."

Board member Chris Gull said it looked like the coronavirus is never going to completely go away, and maybe it was time to start treating it like the flu.

"It's going to mutate, and it's going to be here for the next 100 years," Gull said. "We have to treat it the way that it is, and it's a virus."

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Manipulation better than injections for those with sciatica

Sciatica often starts suddenly with pain in your lower back that radiates down from your buttock to one thigh and into your leg. You may have pain when you sit, sneeze or cough. You may also feel weakness, "pins and needles," numbness or a burning or tingling sensation down your leg.

Sciatica symptoms may result from general wear and tear, plus any sudden pressure on a disc. Most commonly, this occurs when a protruding or herniated disc irritates the sciatic nerve. Sciatica is a major source of disability and impairment of daily living activities. About 20% of those with sciatica experience symptoms for more than six weeks.

How do you know whether your sciatica will respond to self-care or whether it needs professional attention? As a general rule, you should call your doctor if the pain is intense, travels down your leg or prevents



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you from moving; your leg, foot, groin or rectal area feels numb; you have fever, nausea, vomiting, weakness or sweating; an injury caused your pain; your pain hasn't decreased after one week;

or you've had past episodes of back pain.

Fortunately, new evidence identifies an effective treatment for this debilitating condition. A team of medical doctors and chiropractors recently published in the "Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics" the results of a study involving sciatica treatment. In this study, 102 patients with back pain and sciatica with disc protrusion received either chiropractic spinal

manipulations or nerve root injection.

Both chiropractic care and nerve root injection demonstrated benefit. Improvement was reported in 76.5% of spinal manipulative therapy patients and in 62.7% of the nerve root injections group. Worsening was reported in 2% of spinal manipulative therapy patients and in 5.9% of the nerve root injections group. Improvement in patients' pain scores at one month were similar. Average treatment costs were \$559 for spinal manipulative therapy and \$730 for nerve root injections.

Spinal manipulative therapy was superior to nerve root injections on two clinical measures and equal on another. When considering direct procedure costs, the average cost of spinal manipulative therapy was 23% less expensive.

This is the first study to compare spinal manipulative therapy and

nerve root injections head-to-head for sciatica. When evaluating any therapy, you must assess not only potential benefits, but also the risks. Lumbar spinal manipulations are very safe, but nerve root injections are not.

Mayo Clinic warns patients that repeated steroid injections can weaken spinal bones and nearby muscles and upset natural hormone balance, leading to potentially serious medical conditions. As might be expected, the greater the number of steroid injections, the greater the risk of side effects or serious adverse events.

Practitioners managing patients with back pain and sciatica with protruding discs should consider chiropractic care as a first option.

Dr. Brian Grieves is a doctor of chiropractic with a master's in public health and a member of the Shawano Community Health Action Team (CHAT). Call 715-524-8722 for more information.

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Jehovah's Witnesses teaching kids about giving

Children have been essential in spreading hope, love to community members

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Jehovah's Witnesses' children are aiding in the efforts to spread support during tough times.

After officials had decided to suspend in-person ministries due to the COVID-19 pandemic, children all around the world are coming together to send love and support in various methods.

These methods have included reaching out to others in the community through phone calls and baking deserts for community members. Parents have also aided in this by teaching their children about kindness, compassion and community service.

U.S. Jehovah's Witnesses spokesman Robert Hendriks III said that there has been a heavy emphasis on teaching children how to build compassion and kindness.

"As Jehovah's Witnesses, we have never separated our children from our worship," Hendriks said. "When children are baptized, they become ministers. So the primary thing to be able to train somebody to become a minister is to be able to teach them to become givers. Being able to give to others is a lifelong transcendent skill that will benefit them forever and make everyone happier."

One Shawano family shared its thoughts on how the pandemic has affected family members and the strategies that they are using to support each other and their community.

"We just see how social distancing as affected so many of the kids with school," said Shawano resident and Jehovah's Witness member Summer Rich.

"Encouraging your children to share comforting thoughts, positive messages and a letter, call or card has really helped a lot."

Her husband, Tyler Rich, said he has seen the negative effects that the pandemic has had on their daughter, Laney, and his family.

"The challenges that I have noticed for our family is that Laney has had to stay home and has not seen her friends," said Tyler Rich. "We have been isolated and haven't been able to see people and get that skin-touch to show comfort. That has been hard for Laney."

Laney Rich, who is 13 years old and has been a child helping the community, said not being able to see her friends has had a big effect on her social life.

"All of a sudden, I was at school eight hours a day and then it all stopped," said Laney Rich. "It was rough at first, but I have gotten used to it."

She added that she came up with different ideas on how to keep in communication with her friends and family though.

"I would FaceTime a lot," said Laney Rich. "If I was feeling down, I would call someone else who may need help and that would help both of us. I was just staying optimistic about it."

Summer Rich said the family has received call



From left, Summer and Laney Rich prepare cookies that they will pass out to other Shawano community members for support during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Rich family is from Shawano and are Jehovah's Witnesses members, who are trying to keep in contact and support fellow community members.

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backs from people in the community thanking Laney and the family for being in contact with them throughout the pandemic.

"It really warms your heart to hear people thank you for being kind," she said.

"Helping others go through this rough time has really helped our family too," said Tyler Rich.

Laney Rich added that she has been enjoying reaching out to others in the community to spread joy.

Hendriks said members of the congregation, like the Rich family, have used this time to strengthen relationships with each other.

"Members have used this time to form different kind of connections," said Hendriks. "We have found ways to reach out to our neighbors in a different way. In some cases we have found that we have connected to more people this way."

Going through the pandemic together as a family as opened the Rich's eyes and taught them lessons.

"I have learned that you need to stay optimistic," said Laney Rich. "If you try to encourage others it really helps you and you get excited when you see someone smile after dropping off cookies."

Hendriks added that the Rich family has been a good example of a family that is succeeding in following the idea of teaching children about compassion.

"When you look at the Rich family, you can see a family that is really trying to help their daughter to be the adult she needs to become," said Hendriks.

"Following these ideas of giving, empathy, love, kindness and putting others first — that is going to help her be the adult that we all want her to be and need her to be."

He added that children are very important when it comes to the future of not only the congregation, but also everyone's lives.

"We need more Laney's in the world," said Hendriks. "We need more Laney's to be able to be givers and not takers. That is what she is already. If she is a giver now, she will be a giver for the rest of her life."

Tyler Rich spoke on what children mean to him as well as the community.

"Children are our youth," said Tyler Rich. "They bring joy and happiness when we see them reaching out to others."

He added that it helps to brighten everybody's day when he sees children wanting to be involved and help others.

"Pride is apparent when your kids follow examples of showing kindness," said Tyler Rich.

Summer Rich said that it also helps Laney to build empathy.

"It will only help her show care to others when she gets older," said Summer Rich.

Hendriks said that using this time to teach children about giving has been very beneficial.

"Taking this opportunity at this dark time to be able to teach our children those lessons is the best thing that we can do for our communities," said Hendriks.

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Church celebrates summer with picnic



Tristan Lawe, 12, carefully pulls out a block from a large Jenga game on Aug. 8 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church summer picnic as Ryan Coffey and his daughter, Mya Coffey, 11, watch.

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Dale Vanes, with the Shawano Knights of Columbus, turns over some corn on the grill Aug. 8 during the Sacred Heart Catholic Church summer picnic.

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Clintonville woman wins homemaker crown

Rosalee Rohloff from Clintonville has been named the 2020 Ms. Senior Homemaker after the pageant was finally held on July 15 following a long wait due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Other candidates for the crown were Shirley Metoxin and Helen Raddant from Shawano, Kay Doran from Antigo, and Carla Parsons from Bonduel.

The candidates were asked "If you went to the doctor and had tests, and he returned telling you the symptoms show for a pregnancy and twins and you were over 65, what would you do?"

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Fans provide energy during rainy Family Night

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Green Bay Packers held their annual Family Night on Aug. 7, and for the first time in awhile, Lambeau Field started to look and sound like it had prior the the pandemic.

Just under 35,000 fans were in attendance for the practice that started late because of lightning in the area and was eventually cut short because of heavy rain. Despite the subpar weather conditions, there was a buzz and energy to the stadium that was missing last season.

After an offseason of uncertainty, quarterback Aaron Rodgers put on a show with his accurate throws in the first portion of the practice before the defense controlled much of the 11-on-11 sessions later on.

Throughout it all, fans made their presence felt, from loud cheers after a big play to dance breaks and doing the wave.

The practice was another step in helping the team prepare for the upcoming season but also provided some rookies, first-time Packers and even second-year players with an idea of what Lambeau will be like this season.

"What a great experience to have fans back in the stands man," said head coach Matt LaFleur, who added the team came away from the night injury free. "They brought a lot of juice, a lot of energy."



Fans pack into Lambeau Field to watch the Green Bay Packers Family Night practice Aug. 7 in Green Bay.

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Wisconsin and Bay Port High School graduate and Green Bay offensive lineman Cole Van Lanen enjoyed his first Family Night as a Packer, saying he enjoyed the atmosphere and that it got him excited

to play in games.

The Packers will open their preseason trio of games against the Houston Texans on Aug. 14 at Lambeau. Green Bay will then host the New York Jets on Aug. 21 before

their lone preseason road game against the Buffalo Bills on Aug. 28. The team will then have over two weeks off before its regular season opener at the New Orleans Saints on Sept. 12.

PRO BASKETBALL

Bucks acquire Grayson Allen from Grizzlies, announce signings

By **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The Milwaukee Bucks have acquired guard Grayson Allen from the Memphis Grizzlies for guard Sam Merrill and two future second-round picks.

Allen, 25, averaged 10.6 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 25.2 minutes for the Grizzlies this past season. He played 50 games and made 38 starts.

His 2020-21 season included a 26-point performance in a 128-115 victory over the Bucks.

Allen has shot 42.3% overall and 38.1% from 3-point range during his three-year career. Utah drafted him 21st overall out of Duke in 2018.

Merrill, 24, played 30 games and averaged 3 points, 1 rebound and 7.8 minutes as a rookie with the Bucks this past season. He shot 44.7% from 3-point range. He played collegiately at Utah State and was the Mountain West Player of the Year in 2019.

Bucks announce 4 signings

George Hill is returning to the

Bucks' backcourt.

The Bucks announced Friday the signings of Hill, guard/forward Rodney Hood and forward Semi Ojeleye. The Bucks also officially announced they had re-signed forward Bobby Portis.

Hill, 35, previously played for the Bucks from 2018-20 before leaving as part of the four-team trade that brought Jrue Holiday to Milwaukee.

The 6-foot-4 guard averaged 8.2 points, 2.8 rebounds and 2.6 assists during his two seasons with the Bucks. Hill shot an NBA-leading

46% from 3-point range in 2019-20.

He averaged 8.7 points this past season with the Oklahoma City Thunder and Philadelphia 76ers.

Hood, 28, averaged 4.5 points and 1.9 rebounds this past season with the Portland Trail Blazers and Toronto Raptors. He scored 11 points per game and shot 49.3% from 3-point range in 2019-20 with Portland.

Ojeleye, 26, averaged 4.6 points, 2.6 rebounds and 17 minutes in 46 games with the Boston Celtics this past season.

Ski Sharks place 2nd at national championships

Individuals also have strong showings

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Ski Sharks enjoyed a successful weekend on the water during the Division 2 Show Ski National Championships that Shawano hosted.

The Ski Sharks took second out of nine teams in the team competition and had several individuals shine as well.

Shawano accumulated 1,238.9 points for its second-place finish. Shermatot (Nekoosa) came in first with 1,364.57 points.

“Our team skied the cleanest show I’ve ever watched,” said Dave Passehl, the team’s president and host of the team’s show. “The crowd was so excited and cheering so loud that sometimes I could not even hear me announcing. So I just let them cheer and soaked it up. In my 32 years of show skiing, this is hands down the most memorable and electric moment ever for me!”

“Wow. It was incredibly special to put on the performance we did in front of our hometown crowd, with the added pressure of it being the D2 Nationals competition,” said show director Jaime Anday, who added that requests have been made already for Shawano to host the championships again. “Our entire team, skiing and non-skiing members, worked together to put on an entertaining show for the crowd. If we strive for having fun, entertaining the crowd and not worry about how we place in the competition, the results seem to just happen.”

The Ski Sharks had the top team scores in the doubles and tow boat categories.

Ski Sharks’ Ryan Strachan was also named the most valuable male of the championships.

“Receiving the most valuable male skier award was a huge honor because I’ve worked really hard on this team and on my own time to always improve my skills,” said Strachan, a 15-year-old. “I was excited to be recognized by my show director and the judges in a field of so many talented skiers. That shows that skiing can be done at any age level, and I hope that I can encourage kids to always work hard and try their best. I would like to thank my team for always supporting me and for all the fun memories.”

The Ski Sharks were the third team



The Shawano Ski Sharks perform as a team during the second day of the Division 2 Show Ski National Championships on Aug. 7 in Shawano. The Ski Sharks ended up placing second behind Shermatot.

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Shawano Ski Sharks Carsten McHugh, bottom, and Jessa Jochman compete in the strap doubles open competition on Aug. 6, the first day of the Division 2 Show Ski National Championships in Shawano. The duo took second place.

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to put their show on the water Aug. 7, wrapping up before any rain fell. Many teams had to ski in the rain as the team competition wrapped up Aug. 8.

The individual portion of the cham-

pionships took place Aug. 6.

There were a pair of Shawano duos competing in the strap doubles open division.

The team of Carsten McHugh and

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Full results from the national championships can be found at <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Water-Ski/News/2021/August/04/Shermatot-Wins-D2-Show-Ski-Nationals>.

Jessa Jochman placed second with a score of 9.77 after two doubles teams posted identical first-place marks of 10.53.

“I think it means we tried our best, and there is nothing else wrong with what we did,” said Jochman of her doubles competition. “I thought it was really fun to ski where we practice, that way it feels like home.”

Brad Keuschel and Kylie Wallace came in fourth in strap doubles.

“Our run was a major bummer, and it was not our best by far,” said Wallace, a member of the Webfooters out of Fremont. “Next up for us is some fun practice, which is less tournament-driven and more focused on having fun and trying new things. We will see what happens in the upcoming off-season for summer 2022.”

Carsten McHugh also came in first in the freestyle jump open after being the only competitor in the event.

“Jump was so much fun,” said McHugh. “I just came off an injury with a fractured foot. I just got cleared Tuesday before nationals, with only being able to do very little tricks be-

cause of it. Being only able to practice three days before this competition was hard but ended in very good results.”

Faith McHugh also competed as an individual, finishing ninth in swivel.

“I learned from another swiveler, you don’t compete to win. You compete to beat your personal best,” said McHugh. “I am so grateful I was able to compete at my homesite where all my teammates and family could be there to support me. You can’t see their faces on the water, but I can definitely hear them cheering me on. When you hear your people cheering you on, it puts the biggest smile on your face, because no matter how you did you know they believe you had the best routine.”

Shawano shines in spotlight

Keuschel, a main proponent in bringing the national championships to Shawano, was thrilled with how the weekend went and heard plenty of positive reviews from fans and teams.

“I would like to thank everyone who came out for our show or any of the shows this weekend,” said Keuschel. “During our show, there were well over 1,000 people on site and you could feel the home town excitement



The Shawano Ski Sharks had a big crowd on their feet several times during their show on Aug. 7 in Shawano.

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in the air. Our team skies the absolute best show that we have skied all year and I truly believe that was aided by wanting to put on a great show for our hometown friends and families on a national stage. The crowd was in to the show the entire time and our skiers feed off of that energy.”

Keuschel thanked the Shawano community and several departments

for helping the Ski Sharks welcome opposing teams to town. He added that individuals in town for the event could also be found at local establishments following action on the water.

“Our phones, emails, and social media pages have been blowing up with praises for our town, our team, and our ski site,” said Keuschel. “It warms our hearts to be able to show

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everyone what we already know. They are extremely jealous and impressed by the support that our community offers for us.”

“This event was a huge undertaking and our team stepped up to the challenge and hosted the largest Division 2 tournament ever,” said Passehl. “We are proud to have hosted this in our very own hometown! There was not a hotel room available, restaurants were full, and I’m told that Main Street was just full of people!”

Like Passehl, Keuschel said he has never been more proud in his 25-year water skiing career than he was this weekend.

“We made a big impact this weekend and our whole team and community should be proud,” said Keuschel, who added that the livestream of the championships were being broadcast to over 30 countries and had 30,000-plus viewers at any given time.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Packers’ Funchess apologizes for slur against Asians

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Green Bay Packers wide receiver Devin Funchess has apologized for using a racial slur against Asians during a news conference on Saturday night.

“I want to apologize for the disparaging remark I used tonight,” Funchess said in a statement posted on Twitter late Saturday night. “It was not OK. I have grown to develop deep personal and business relationships in the Asian community! I meant no harm, and

those that know me, know I have love and respect for all cultures and people. I will learn from this and will continue to grow as a person. I’m forever sorry!”

General manager Brian Gutekunst called Funchess’ comment “very unacceptable” and added that it “certainly doesn’t live up to the standards and values of the Green Bay Packers.”

“We’ve addressed it with Devin,” Gutekunst said Sunday. “He knows it’s unacceptable. I do think he’s sincerely remorseful and will hopefully learn

from this. ... I do want to say that’s something that is not condoned and it’s certainly, it doesn’t live up to what we believe here with the Green Bay Packers.”

Gutekunst was asked if the Packers considered releasing Funchess over the remark.

“Not at the moment,” Gutekunst said. “I think through the conversations that we’ve had, I think — and there’s going to be more — but I think that his apology was sincere. I think he

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made a mistake and (it) certainly can’t happen again.”

Funchess, 27, signed with the Packers in April 2020 but hasn’t played a down for them.

He opted out of last season and noted at the time his family had been directly impacted by the pandemic.



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PRO FOOTBALL

Barry gives energy boost to Packers' defense

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
The Associated Press

New Green Bay Packers defensive coordinator Joe Barry can only hope his players display the same spirit on the field that he brings to meetings and practices.

The word “energy” comes up constantly when players talk about Barry. Cornerback Jaire Alexander tells a story that exemplifies Barry’s approach.

Barry, 51, was discussing tackling techniques during a meeting when he gave an impromptu demonstration by hitting the ground and essentially tackling the air.

“It was amazing to see,” Alexander said. “He got right back up. His glasses were still on the shirt. It was cool, man.”

Even if it didn’t turn out quite the way Barry had planned.

“In the moment, I just flailed on the ground and rolled,” Barry said. “I actually hit my fricking elbow on the damn ground and that hurt. But the guys loved it.”

Packers coach Matt LaFleur hired Barry to replace Mike Pettine after a 31-26 NFC Championship Game loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Barry spent the last four seasons as a linebackers coach for the Los Angeles Rams and worked alongside LaFleur there in 2017.

“I firmly believe, let’s be consistent and let’s bring energy,” Barry said, “and hopefully that translates, from a player standpoint, to great effort.”

Barry can hope it will translate to better results than his defenses produced in his two previous stints as a coordinator — with Detroit from 2007-08 and Washington from 2015-16.



Packers defensive coordinator Joe Barry, right, talks with head coach Matt LaFleur during the team's Family Night practice on Aug. 7 in Green Bay.

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The Lions ranked last in the NFL teams in total defense and scoring defense in both of Barry’s seasons — and in 2008, Detroit didn’t win a single game.

Washington was near the bottom of the league in both yards allowed per play and per game in both of Barry’s seasons.

Barry said earlier this year he has “scars” from those previous stops and noted how adversity can lead to growth. Packers outside linebacker Preston Smith played on Barry’s Washington defenses.

“Regardless of his past as a coordi-

nator, I don’t keep up with statistics,” Smith said. “I just keep up with what you’re doing now. Right now, I like what he has going on. I like what we have going on. I like the energy he brings. I like the system.”

Barry is working with much more firepower in Green Bay than he had in Detroit or Washington.

Alexander earned second-team honors in last year’s All-Pro balloting. Outside linebacker Za’Darius Smith has earned Pro Bowl honors each of the last two seasons and has 26 sacks during that stretch. Defensive tackle Kenny Clark was a 2019 Pro Bowl

selection. Adrian Amos and Darnell Savage provide a strong safety tandem.

“They’re all into ball,” Barry said. “They love football. They’re passionate about it. They want to succeed. They want to have success. They want to win. They want to play great team defense. They don’t care who gets the credit. I don’t want to say it’s been easy, but they’ve been a great group to work with so far.”

The feeling has been mutual.

“He loves life,” defensive back Chandon Sullivan said. “He loves football. He’s energetic. He brings that passion every day. He just challenges guys to be great every day and never get complacent. Cool dude.”

Outside linebacker Rashan Gary says he likes the freedom that Barry’s scheme gives to players. Gary also noted that Barry’s high-energy style makes it easier for players to push themselves.

“If we don’t have the juice one day, he’s bringing it, so we’re always working and always pushing to be consistent,” Gary said.

Barry says that’s always been his style. He was brought up to coach that way.

When he was asked to name what coaches had influenced his approach, he mentioned eight different names in a detailed answer and started with his father (former college and NFL assistant Mike Barry) and his high school coach (Colorado Sports Hall of Fame inductee Sam Pagano).

“I try to approach every day exactly the same way,” Barry said. “I think I’m fairly passionate and energetic just by nature in my personality. The way I coach, the way I come to work every day, it’s not a conscious thing. It’s just me being me.”



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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Schnell replacing Westrich as Bonduel coach

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Diane Schnell will replace James Westrich as head coach of the Bonduel High School track and field team this coming spring.

Schnell is also the Bears' cross-country coach and will remain in that role this fall, while Westrich will still be the school's varsity football coach.

Schnell has been on the track and field staff for the past six years, primarily working with the distance runners and relay teams. She's coached the cross-country team seven seasons.

"Whether I am coaching cross-country or track, my philosophy is the same," said Schnell. "I just want to give these student-athletes a fun way to stay in shape, make new friends, create new goals, become a smarter student and really enjoy what small town athletics does for the kids and our community. I like to win, but it isn't my first goal. I want the students to win in life. That is what is really important."



DIANE SCHNELL

Because of her involvement with cross-country and familiarity with the track team, Schnell expects a smooth transition next spring. She added she hopes to "keep great assistant coaches to help all areas of track and field

excel."

Schnell said she didn't know if there was ever a right or wrong time to add to her coaching duties, "but rather things simply happen for a reason."

Her goal is simple. Schnell wants to help athletes enjoy the sport as much as possible.

"I still want to help kids enjoy a sport that will last them their lifetime," said Schnell. "I want kids to make personal goals that will benefit others on the team. I want kids to have a place to forget about the stress of school work,



JAMES WESTRICH

life and relationships and do it in a way that is healthy and good for their physical and mental well-being. I want kids to enjoy being a kid, but also to learn responsibilities and how to work hard for a

common goal."

Westrich has been part of the track and field coaching staff for 15 of the past 16 years, serving as head coach the past several years. He's approaching his 18th year as a football coach.

Westrich also coaches some middle school basketball in the winter.

"I have two kids in the middle school age, and it's just been a lot of running with different activities in the spring," said Westrich on why he stepped down as track coach. "AAU, and then the kids doing their school sports and stuff like that, and I've

missed a lot of their stuff.

"I didn't really want to do that (miss his kids' activities). It's just a lot of time put in and I just wanted a little bit more time to spend with the family, so something had to give."

Westrich added that he'll be at practice as often as he's needed next spring, helping out in events where the team might not have a coach. He also didn't close the book on being a track coach permanently, saying that he's just taking a break for now.

When trying to think back on some of his best memories over his time as a track coach, Westrich said he's had the privilege of working with great athletes every spring.

He enjoys watching kids work hard on an event and then see the joy on their faces when goals are hit. "That never gets old, that's always something that's fun every year," said Westrich. "It kind of rejuvenates you and makes you remember why you're doing it for the kids."

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BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

East-West Division

Marion 9

Caroline 3 (7 inn.)

Marion picked up a seven-inning road win over Caroline on Aug. 8.

Joe Weyenberg earned the win for Marion after pitching four innings. Bryson Bernarde was dealt the loss.

Nate Reynolds, Mitch Elandt and Ryan Mortenson had two hits each for Marion, while Dave Jueds belted a three-run home run.

Eric Kroening had two of Caroline's

eight hits.

Neopit 16

Tilleda 8

Neopit doubled up Tilleda in a high-scoring clash on Aug. 8 in Tilleda.

Nick Grignon homered among his four hits to lead Neopit at the plate. Mequan Frechette also had four hits, while Bobby Peters, Alex Peters and Ray White all chipped in two hits. White also homered.

Bobby Peters earned the win. Adin Brei took the loss.

Kurt Brei led Tilleda with three hits, while Teagan Leaman had two.

Northern Division

Birnamwood 10

Aniwa 8

Birnamwood edged Aniwa in an Aug. 6 clash in Birnamwood.

Brandon Resch finished with four hits for Birnamwood, while Zach Bembenek homered among his three hits. Jared Klein and Erik Steigerwald had two hits each. Steigerwald also earned the win on the mound.

Kody Szeus suffered the loss but finished with two hits. Wade Farmer homered and had three hits, while Andy Meverden also totaled three hits.

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For more stats and news on the BABA, visit <https://www.bababaseball.com/index.html>.

Eland 11

Wittenberg 0

Eland blanked Wittenberg in an Aug. 8 game in Eland.

Jeremy Jensen and Shane Larson tallied two hits each for Eland, while Ryan Richter homered. Hunter Garski was the winning pitcher.

Preston Bagley had two of Wittenberg's five hits. James Thompson took the loss on the hill.



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Grace Family Church conducting revival

Marion church will welcome visitors to take part in prayers and song

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

One Marion church is hosting a spiritual revival for residents and visitors to attend.

The Grace Family Church in Marion will be hosting a "Revival by the River." The event will take

place Aug. 13-15 at Legion Memorial Park, 401 N. Main St., Marion.

Officials of the event suggest that visitors bring lawn chairs to listen and participate in prayers and songs, as well as enjoy the company of fellow Marion residents and visitors. The events will happen from 6-8 p.m. each day.

"With all that has gone on in the world during the past year, we want to bring life and joy back to people," said former Antigo pastor Dick Kendall.

Kendall will speak on Friday night. Jerry Ehrhardt, who served as a missionary in Asia from 1997 to 2007, will speak Saturday. Finally, on Sunday, pastor Phil Hohensee will speak.

"We saw the need for this revival and thought that it could benefit a lot of people," said Kendall.

Kendall added that everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the spiritual revival, no matter their religious denomination.

"Everyone is welcome," said Kendall. "We just want to get people to understand their relationship with God and Jesus."

He believes that hosting a revival can help to get people's minds back on track and focus on their religion.

"I hope that people will use this as an opportunity to mend relationships," said Kendall. "If they can turn the page back to their lives before the pandemic, then these relationships with their religion as well as their family and friends will be for the better."

Kendall said that this is the first time that Grace Family Church is hosting an event like this. Due to this being the first time, he said that he doesn't know what the turnout will be.

"If we see 50 people on a given night, then I will count that as a success," said Kendall. "If we do have a good turnout and it captures

people's attention, then we will consider running an event like this again."

The expectation from Kendall is that people will enjoy the event and have positive reactions to it.

"I think that if a lot of people join us that they will understand why we are doing this," said Kendall. "People are hungry for something positive."

He said that he wants visitors who attend to invite family and friends to help build relationships with others.

"It will be great if people invite family members and friends who are maybe on the fence," said Kendall. "I also hope that people who are in the park at the time will stop by, maybe out of curiosity."

With more people getting vaccinated, Kendall has been happy to see people attending and participating in community events again.

"I am happy that we can host and participate in public events again," said Kendall. "A lot of people were secluded during the pandemic. It is fabulous that things are opening back up again, and we are able to get back to reality and socialize again."

Kendall added that he is hopeful that a smaller community like Marion will be able to host this event and see a positive turnout as he believes that having everyone together will result in strength.

"The community that comes together over prayer in a vibrant and fun event will be strong together," said Kendall. "That is the message that we are hoping to portray to the visitors of the event."

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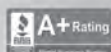
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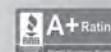
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Jeeps and other military vehicles cruise along Business Highway 41 in Oconto en route to Tractor Supply Company, part of a 70-vehicle convoy with the Military Vehicle Preservation Association.

Military convoy rolls along into Oconto

Over 200 come out to watch more than 70 vintage vehicles hit the streets

Oconto residents got to see history come alive Aug. 4 as 70 military vehicles rolled into the city and made a pit stop at the new Tractor Supply Company.

Members of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association are spending part of their summer crossing the United States with military Jeeps, trucks and other assorted vehicles, traveling the Yellowstone Trail, the first transcontinental automobile highway through the upper tier of states. The trail goes from Aberdeen, South Dakota, to eastern Ohio.

Although Oconto isn't part of the Yellowstone Trail, the MVPA was eager to see what kind of hospitality the city offered, and there was no disappointment as veterans organizations, the city of Oconto and the Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce came together to give the drivers, many of them over the age of 60 and a majority of them veterans, a hero's welcome as they served up hamburgers and hot dogs and helped the drivers keep cool with ice cream sandwiches.



Kathy Smith with the Oconto American Legion Post 74, takes a step back as World War II veteran Richard Jenkins adjusts the hat Smith gave him in appreciation for his military service. She also presented Jenkins with a certificate.

Oconto Mayor Lloyd Heier told a crowd of nearly 200 that the city was proud to host a stop for the MVPA, which planned to also stop in Peshtigo

and Marinette before heading into the Upper Peninsula and down through the mainland of Michigan before returning to the Yellowstone Trail in

South Bend, Indiana.

"It means a lot to us to have a group of people want to be here," Heier said. "Everybody's friendly. They've put on tons of miles, so obviously they enjoy what they're doing, because these vehicles are not cheap to run. Gas is at a premium right now."

Heier noted that three local veterans got to ride along as the vehicles entered Oconto, something that he felt was a privilege.

Terry Shelswell, the convoy commander, commented that the reception and hospitality that he and his drivers received was incredible.

"This is day eight of the convoy, and we're traveling along the Yellowstone Trail," Shelswell said. "Some of you might say, 'The Yellowstone What?' and you'd be right because the Yellowstone Trail doesn't exactly go through Oconto."

Shelswell noted that the convoy will be stopping in South Bend, Indiana, for the MVPA's annual convention to help AM General, a manufacturer of humvees, celebrate its 50th

anniversary in the next week. For the time being, though, he was happy to see so many people come to the check out the vehicles and meet some of the veterans who have served this country.

"This is really, really appreciated by our team members to have the people come out the way that you have — the children, the veterans," Shelswell said. "We've said it before, but to each one of the veterans and the current service personnel who say thank you to us, you guys got it wrong. We're saying thank you to you for your service."

The presentation to the MVPA also included some words of tribute from John Maino, a former radio and TV host who is now executive director at Wisconsin Veterans Village, as well as the author of "Fifty Strong," a book featuring interviews with four decades of United States veterans and their families. He noted that some residents in Oconto and the surrounding areas were part of the 32nd Division, also known as Red Arrow, which he described as "the most underrated division in all of World War II."

"A bunch of farm boys and local boys and mill workers joined the National Guard for mainly one reason during the war — because they would get \$1 for every time they showed up for drills, and they had nickel beers at the armory," Maino said, eliciting chuckles from the audience. "They had no idea what would happen to them and how their world would change."

Originally thinking that they would be sent to fight in Europe, the 32nd Division wound up being sent at the last minute to New Guinea to keep the Japanese surge



American flags of all sizes were on full display Aug. 4 as people lined the streets of Oconto to watch a 70-vehicle convoy of military vehicles visit the community.

moving toward Australia, Maino said. He added that, if it was not for the courage of the local boys, the Japanese could have very well conquered the continent and have a much larger presence in the Pacific Ocean.

"Our world as we know it would have been different," Maino said. "The Japanese never advanced again at New Guinea, and that's because the men of Oconto and Oconto County, a bunch of 19-year-old farm boys, went over and did that."

Proceeds from the event are go-

ing into a fund to build a veterans memorial in Oconto County. Clyde Bridger, a retired U.S. Air Force major and one of the driving forces behind the memorial, that a group is working to get donations all over the county to produce it.

"The next time, just throw in a dollar or 100 bucks," Bridger said. "That'd be great, because those things are not cheap by any stretch of the imagination."

Bridger noted that, when he was in high school, efforts to reconstitute the 32nd Division were taking place, and he and many of his class-

mates, mostly under the age of 18 tried to join. He noted that one of the recruits, trying to remember to tell anyone who asked that he was 18, introduced himself as his phony age instead of his name.

"He must have been really shook up because when the colonel asked him, 'What's your name, young man?' he said, '18, sir,'" Bridger said.

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Retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Clyde Bridger talks about the proposed veterans memorial being planned for Oconto County.



Young and old alike came out to check out the vintage military vehicles on Aug. 4 at Tractor Supply Company in Oconto.

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Pant is the first in Green Bay to

perform this breakthrough procedure, called WATS3D, which uses advanced technology and artificial intelligence to better detect precancerous cells in the esophagus.

Traditionally, a physician may perform only a biopsy to detect precancerous cells. During an endoscopy, the physician retrieves a small sample of tissue from the surface of the patient's esophagus, which is then examined by a pathologist for the presence of cancer. While this method is still used, a biopsy — which only collects a small sample of tissue — may underestimate the presence of significant

disease in the esophagus.

Now, in addition to biopsy, physicians can use WATS3D during endoscopy which uses a specially designed brush instrument to collect more tissue over a wider area of the esophagus and below-the-surface cells where abnormalities may be lurking. Once the tissue is collected, it is examined by the WATS3D Neural Network, which uses AI and 3-D imaging to scan and analyze every cell with greater accuracy and consistency.

It is trained to detect abnormalities as a pathologist would and automatically selects the most suspicious

cells for further analysis. Once complete in the Neural Network, results are further reviewed by a pathologist and the physician.

"This tool has proven itself to help provide more protection for our patients, and that's what we're here for," Pant said.

Pant and Dr. Mark Laukka, another gastroenterologist at Prevea Health, perform the WATS3D procedure at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital and HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center in Green Bay. For information, visit <https://www.prevea.com/For-Patients/Your-Wellness/Resources/WATS3D-esophageal-cancer-pr>

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Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A, B & C
Members: Ken Capelle, Kevin Conradt, Steven Gueths, Gene Hoppe, Kathy Luebke

CU-26-21: Jason Johnson, Outagamie Clean Energy Partners, agent for Betley Farms LLC, owner, request conditional use permit for A) Construction of a large solar energy system, and B) for placement of more than 500 cubic yards of fill for creation of a uniform grade between and around proposed structures and in the proposed solar field area pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Section X.9.03 (120), (174) & (287) and Table X.2.02. Property is located and described as S _ SW _ Sec 9 T25N R18E Less and Except the East 282 feet of the South 650 feet and except Hwy 55, Tax parcel #030-09330-0010. Town of Maple Grove. Property address: W1630 Redwood Drive

CU-28-21: Jeff Boerst, agent for Gloria Q Siebers Revocable Trust, owner, request conditional use permit for filling and grading of more than 2,000 square feet on slopes of less than 12% of an area that is within 300 feet of the ordinary high water mark of Loon Lake pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance No. 6-16, Section 8.21(3) for the purpose of razing an existing single family dwelling and construction of a new single family dwelling with a patio and deck. Property is located and described as commencing at the Southwest corner of Government Lot No. 4 of Section 12, T27N R16E thence South on the east line of Government Lot No. 8, 151.1 feet, thence angle 56° 40' to the right 68 feet and this shall be the place of beginning. Thence angle 90° to the right 211 feet to Loon Lake. Thence Southwesterly along Loon Lake 50 feet. Thence Southeasterly parallel with the first course from the beginning 213 feet. Thence angle 90° to the left 50 feet to the place of beginning and to be known as Lot No. 4 of Shady Rest Inn. Tax parcel #048-75300-0020. Town of Wescott. Property address: W5210 Shady Rest Court

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CU-29-21: Jonathan T Martineau request conditional use permit for filling and grading of more than 2,000 square feet on slopes of less than 12% of an area that is within 300 feet of the ordinary high water mark of an unnamed creek pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance No. 6-16, Section 8.21 (3) for the purpose of constructing a single family dwelling with an attached garage. Property is located and described as the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 except West 500 feet, Section 31, T27N R18E. Tax parcel #020-31140-0000. Town of Green Valley. Property address: WZ108 Busch Road.

Z-8-21 & CU-30-21: Daniel N and Betty J Boimrager request zone change from FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District to A-R, Agricultural Residential Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Table X.2.01 (1) to X.3.01 (2) to allow for a single family dwelling and a major home occupation. Also a conditional use permit for establishment of a Major Home Occupation (land use) associated with a woodworking shop to build or shape cabinets and/or moldings done by custom ordering for retail or custom installation pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Table X.3.02 & Section X.9.03(147). Property is located and described as part of the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 & part of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 24, T26N R13E now known as Lot 1 Volume 23 Certified Survey Map Page 196 Map #4356 except the 100.27' of the North 445.18'. Tax parcel #018-24310-0010. Town of Grant. Property address: W12355 County Road M

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Night out with the police

ABOVE: Officer Jody Johnson with the Shawano Police Department watches as her shot goes through the air toward a basket during the National Night Out on Aug. 5 on Elizabeth Street in Shawano. Local officers played with children at the basket and through other means as a way to present a friendly face from law enforcement.

LEFT: Officer Tyler Thornborrow with the Shawano Police Department gives Derek Fischer, 3, of Shawano, a sticker Aug. 5 during the community's National Night Out. Other law enforcement agencies at the event included the sheriff's departments for Shawano and Menominee counties, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Menominee Tribal Police and Bonduel Police Department. Non-law enforcement representation came from the Shawano Area Fire Department, Safe Haven and other agencies.

BELOW: Warden Mark Schraufnagel with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources prepares to place the tail back on a stuffed turkey Aug. 5 during Shawano's National Night Out.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Key dairy issues await Congress after break

It's that time of year for members of Congress to head home to their districts, take tours and talk to constituents. It gives lawmakers a chance to take the pulse of what is happening back home after being in the D.C. bubble nearly every week since January.

While lawmakers will be busy crisscrossing their districts this month — including visits to farms, hopefully — a number of dairy-related items will be waiting for their return to Washington.

First and foremost, Congress must pass an appropriations bill by Sept. 30 to fund the government for the 2022 fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1. This is always a contentious battle over the price tag and what “policy riders,” or unrelated provisions that change policy, should be included. These funding bills are generally split into 12 smaller subcommittee bills and eventually



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packaged together when they go to a full House vote. While the Senate has just begun considering funding bills, the House has finished a package of seven subcommittee bills and passed two others separately, completing the majority of the appropriations bills.

The “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies” funding bill was part of the package that passed the House. The bill would boost the funding for USDA, FDA and related agencies by around 10 percent from fiscal year 2021.

Also included in the bill report is language directing FDA “to provide clarity around the labeling of plant-

based foods that use traditional meat, dairy, and egg terminology.” Edge supports this language and hopes to see the Biden administration address the issue of rampant mislabeling of dairy imitation products that would never be tolerated in other food sectors.

With workforce top of mind for most of our members, Edge was happy to see a provision included in another House appropriations bill that would allow year-round employees to access H-2A visas. It was included in the bill that funds the Department of Homeland Security. The provision was added as an amendment in committee and was included in the final House version.

Many members of Congress oppose making any changes to the H-2A program without also addressing employment conditions for visa holders. Regardless, it is positive to see movement on the H-2A issue

while the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, a bill Edge strongly supports, is halted for further discussions in the Senate.

To end with some even better news, a recently implemented FDA rule would amend yogurt's standard of identity — something the yogurt industry has been seeking for more than two decades. The new legal definition states that cream, milk, partially skimmed milk, skim milk and the reconstituted versions of these ingredients may be used alone or in combination as the basic dairy ingredients in yogurt.

It goes on to specify which other additives and levels of cultures are acceptable. Edge applauds this move and looks forward to FDA continuing the process of updating the standards of identity of other dairy products.

Mykel Wedig is the associate director of government affairs for the Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dems push for change despite GOP obstacles

To the editor:

We are fortunate in the United States of America to have free elections. This means that everyone should have an opportunity to vote for anyone they want. It is up to the voters to determine who is the best candidate for the job.

So, what if one political party is trying to prevent the other party from looking like they have accomplished anything? The Democrats have been making strides in meeting the needs of citizens, and they should be given credit for their accomplishments.

President Joe Biden signed the massive COVID-19 stimulus bill putting money into the pockets of millions of Americans. It not only gave direct cash payments of \$1,400 to individuals making under \$75,000 but those out of work \$300 a week federal bonus unemployment benefits through Sept. 6.

The bill also boosts the child tax credit, giving direct monthly payments to parents who have children.

The \$250-\$300 payments began on July 15 and will continue for one year. A Columbia University study estimated child poverty could be cut in half with this regular income stream.

Many other expenses related to the pandemic are a major part of the bill. There is free testing for COVID-19, and no one has to pay for a vaccination. Health insurance subsidies, state and local aid and money for schools, restaurants and renters are some of those programs affected by this bill, which was passed with only Democratic votes.

Gov. Tony Evers is having a more difficult time promoting his agenda. The Republican-controlled legislature has squashed most of his initiatives to improve the lives of Wisconsinites. He has said: “In many ways, this budget presents a false choice between the priorities the people of this state care about and deserve.” He has, however, acknowledged some successes.

One of Evers' promises when he ran for governor was to cut taxes for middle class families by 10%. He kept his word by providing more than \$2 billion in individual tax relief.

Evers also was able to fund more

than \$465 million in new funding for roads and acquire more funding for health care programs. He also was successful in combating water pollution.

Many times people vote based on what they are hearing again and again, even though the messages may be false. Voters have a responsibility to examine both sides of an argument before they decide to give their support to a candidate.

Mary Arnold, Shawano

Redistricting is a nonpartisan issue

To the editor:

In the July 23 edition of the Shawano Leader, there was an article entitled, “Democrats march, rally for fair maps.” Most of the information about the need for nonpartisan redistricting was correct, but some of it was not. For one thing, the event was not initiated by the Democratic Party. A nonpartisan group called the Shawano Fairness Coalition planned and executed the march and rally from Franklin Park to the Shawano County Courthouse. This group believes there should be fairness in

government. They have collected names on petitions calling for fair wages for workers and fair voting maps.

The movement to get the Wisconsin Legislature to pass nonpartisan redistricting legislation has been a nonpartisan issue which is gaining support across the state. Polling that has been done on the topic showed that 83% of Democrats, 63% of Republicans and 76% of Independent voters favored the end to gerrymandering. Shawano County is included in the 76% of Wisconsin counties which have passed resolutions or referendums. In 2019, Shawano County passed its resolution asking for the state to create a fair, nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

Senate Bill 389 and Assembly Bill 395 have been introduced in the legislature. They recommend that a nonpartisan commission be set up to draw the voting districts in the future so there is no advantage to the party in power. You are urged to contact your representatives and tell them to support these bills.

Jan Koch, Shawano



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A lady, a cat and a string of murders

We had a very nice week in a cabin at Cry of the Loon on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage. The chilly mornings were perfect for kicking back and reading. This week I selected something lighter in "Bodies, Baddies and

a Crabby Cat" by Sherri Bryan.

Megan Fallon left the village of Bliss Bay as soon as she was aware of her husband's affairs. She took her baby daughter and made a new life in London.

The good life

Megan has built crumbled when the company she worked for as an event organizer went overseas and her fiancé walked out.

In 20 years, Megan had avoided contact with her ex-husband and his snarky wife, Kelly. Now she reluctantly accepts her parents' request to return to Bliss Bay to help them plan their vow renewal party. Her sister Lizzie goes along for a quick visit.

Stopping at a rural diner, they notice an older man in a convertible. He appears to be napping, but before they get inside, the owner comes out and realizes the man is dead.

DI Sam Cambridge and PC Denby notice that the man, Victor Canning, has yellow powder on his cheek. Six months ago, a comedy club owner in Bliss Bay was stabbed in the chest with a wooden stake, and he had the same yellow substance on his face. This couldn't be a coincidence.

Unaware of the previous crime, Megan and Lizzie travel on to their parents' home. Megan immediately makes the rounds of the village getting reacquainted with friends she hasn't seen in 20 years. They also rekindled the warm relationship with their Aunt Sylvia and Uncle Des. Now sober and a talented baker, Des is a joy to be around.

Few in Bliss Bay knew Victor Canning, but Megan and Des want the murder solved and do their best to dig out clues. Megan soon renews friendships with the neighbors and learns that Oliver Cooper had a breakdown when his investment company backed a company that went bust. Many local people lost life savings in the debacle. She also meets Natalie and Adrien

Castle. He is a famous footballer recovering from a serious injury, and she's his trophy wife. The neighborhood is up in arms because the Castles' house guest, DJ Tony Weller, often plays loud rock music until the wee hours. Musicians Timothy and Diana Starr live next door but haven't confronted the Castles yet. They'll leave that to Eleanor Cooper as loud noises upset Oliver.

The village has another issue to deal with as some corporation wants to buy the old school house and replace it with a mega-store. Most of the village shops would lose if that happened.

It doesn't take Megan long to fall back in love with the village and the stray cat that has taken up residence at her parents' home. A few incidents convince her that he's a very good judge of character.

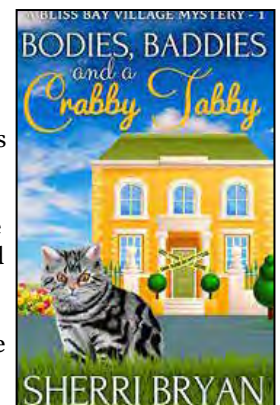
The vow renewal party is a huge success. But Tony Weller is found dead in the Castles' garden. A third death is too much. Lizzie must return to her home and their parents are leaving on a cruise, so they insist that Megan have an alarm system installed if she's going to stay at their house.

Before she learns how to turn it on, Cat chases off an intruder. Upon seeing the cat, DI Cambridge is sure that it is Tobastian, a cat that was stolen years ago from a wealthy woman. The kitten was wearing a jewel collar worth thousands of pounds. How did it get to Bliss Bay?

With some dumb luck and intuition, Megan and Des are able to find the evidence needed to solve both the string of murders and the mystery of Tobastian's arrival.

After all the fuss is over, Megan's friend Jack buys the school and saves it. And Megan realizes that Bliss Bay is where she wants to start over.

Every morning we have the opportunity to start over. Materials at your public library can help. Drop in soon and check it out.



JAN JONES

**WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET PUBLICATION, 2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY
ANNUAL MEETING - August 23, 2021 @ 5:30 pm (HS Auditorium)**

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	3,782,610.64	3,867,700.19	4,110,135.08
Ending Fund Balance	3,867,700.19	4,110,135.08	4,110,135.08
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	4,313,163.18	3,879,434.52	3,656,194.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	1,132,745.00	1,325,772.00	1,411,538.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	20,251.98	19,586.28	11,507.00
State Sources (Source 600)	8,018,650.64	8,561,256.63	8,779,260.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	357,913.64	610,806.63	672,869.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	92,686.40	107,463.65	25,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	13,935,410.84	14,504,319.71	14,556,368.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	5,858,780.65	6,060,762.56	6,281,490.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	4,465,169.10	4,573,656.94	4,932,953.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	3,526,371.54	3,627,465.32	3,341,925.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	13,850,321.29	14,261,884.82	14,556,368.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	223,578.73	197,943.10	271,385.01
Ending Fund Balance	197,943.10	271,385.01	255,605.01
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	2,314,069.43	2,350,195.12	2,415,128.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	2,339,705.06	2,276,753.21	2,430,908.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	137,128.48	240,715.66	235,616.40
Ending Fund Balance	240,715.66	235,616.40	225,416.40
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	535,538.00	731,332.00	971,032.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	431,950.82	736,431.26	981,232.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	15,001,520.49	8,580,699.67	5,170,388.54
Ending Fund Balance	8,580,699.67	5,170,388.54	3,452,960.54
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,119,254.72	1,052,144.71	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	7,540,075.54	4,462,455.84	1,717,428.00
FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	15,001,520.49	141,442.45	191,230.66
Ending Fund Balance	8,580,699.67	191,230.66	191,230.66
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,119,254.72	560,990.41	520,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	7,540,075.54	511,202.20	520,000.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	982,726.88	960,694.04	821,247.02
Ending Fund Balance	960,694.04	821,247.02	821,247.02
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	448,228.94	556,924.24	324,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	470,261.78	696,371.26	324,000.00
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
ALL FUNDS	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	25,165,934.62	22,945,098.59	20,529,936.00
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	2,271,498.92	2,325,274.43	2,140,062.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	137,128.48	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	22,757,307.22	20,619,824.16	18,389,874.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR	46.7%	-9.39%	-10.81%
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY			
FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
General Fund	4,213,044.00	3,796,704.00	3,594,194.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	535,538.00	731,332.00	971,031.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	225,000.00	225,000.00	225,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	4,973,582.00	4,753,036.00	4,790,225.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR	17.9%	-4.43%	0.78%

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Parade brings out Bowler folks



ABOVE: A young boy leads a pack of tractors in the Bowler Bash parade as his father walks alongside him Aug. 7.
LEFT: The Bowler High School panther mascot reaches into a bucket of candy, ready to distribute it to the crowd Aug. 7 during the Bowler Bash parade.
BELOW: Bonnie Brunner, of Bowler, waves to the crowd as a light rain falls Aug. 7 during the Bowler Bash parade. Brunner and her late husband, John, were designated the parade marshals.





Fire trucks honk their horns and flash their lights during the Bowler Bash parade Aug. 7 in downtown Bowler.



A pair of girls peak out the window of a school bus traveling along downtown Bowler on Aug. 7 for the Bowler Bash parade.



A boy tosses out candy while some of his colleagues restock during the Bowler Bash parade on Aug. 7 in downtown Bowler.

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12:30	Runway Re-dedication Ceremony



A TASTE OF AMERICANA IN SHAWANO



Coming to Franklin Park for the 43rd Shawano Folk Music Festival scheduled for Aug. 14 are, clockwise from top left, Mike Watroba, Tom Pease and Stuart Stotts, The Sapsuckers, and the Georgia Rae Family Band. SEE STORY ON PAGE 2.

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Shawano Folk Music Festival aims to come back singing in 2021

Five hours of music planned Saturday at Franklin Park

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

After four decades of growth, the Shawano Folk Music Festival was handed a setback in 2020, like everyone else, in the form of a pandemic that put almost everyone's plans on hold.

With COVID-19 and its variants still on people's minds this year, the venerable festival is coming back with the same level of enthusiasm in a smaller package.

The 2021 festival will be one day only, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 14, and moving from Mielke County Park to Franklin Park in downtown Shawano, and all outdoors — no indoor evening concerts.

The lineup of performers for the five hours of continuous music includes:

- Matt Watroba, who describes himself as a community singer, song leader and educator. Producer and host of the Folks Like Us program, as well as the nationally syndicated Sing Out Radio Magazine and the streaming service Folk Alley, Watroba has come in contact with many aspects of folk music and culture. In 2019 he was inducted into the Folk DJ Hall of Fame at the Folk Alliance International conference in Montreal. For information, visit www.mattwatroba.net.

- In Tom Pease and Stuart Stotts,



The crowd takes in a performance at the Mielke Arts Center during a past Shawano Folk Music Festival. The event was canceled during the 2020 pandemic and plans a comeback at Franklin Park on Saturday.

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organizers pledge “a double dose of laughter, movement, stories, music and fun” for families. Pease is well-known in Wisconsin for his energetic and somewhat wacky performances for children and families. Stotts is an author, storyteller, educator and songwriter who's sung with kids and families in schools, libraries and community settings around the world since 1984. More about Pease at tompease.com; more about Stotts at stuartstotts.com.

- The Georgia Rae Family Band is fronted by two sisters from Richmond, Illinois, near the Wisconsin border: Georgia Rae is a seven-time

state fiddle champion, and Kelly Jo is lead singer/ukelele player. They're joined by their “punk rockin’ momma” on guitar, Joe Burie on bass and Mykaal Baas on mandolin. Georgia and Kelly have grown into quite a songwriting team since they began playing together at ages 12 and 15. For information, visit georgiaraefamilyband.com.

- The Sapsuckers perform original country/Americana ranging from hillbilly roots to Nashville pop. Nikki Grossman (guitar, fiddle, lead vocals) and Joe Hart (guitar, mandolin, vocals) got their start together as an old-time fiddle band, performing for

square and contra dances. In 2018, they were nominated for Best Country Band in Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Area Music Industry Assn. This is their first visit to Shawano. For information, visit www.sapsuckersmusic.com.

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A ballet line performs during the Shawano Ski Sharks' team performance during the Division 2 Show Ski National Championships on Aug. 7 in Shawano.

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The Shawano Ski Sharks took second out of nine teams during the Division 2 Show Ski National Championships that Shawano hosted. The Sharks had several individuals shine as well.



The Shawano Ski Sharks put on a strong performance during the second day of the Division 2 Show Ski National Championships on Aug. 7 in Shawano.

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Fans look on as the Shawano Ski Sharks perform as a team during the Division 2 Show Ski National Championships on Aug. 7 in Shawano.

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Shawano Ski Sharks' Brad Keuschel, bottom, holds up Kylie Wallace during the strap doubles open competition on Aug. 6 in Shawano. Individual competition kicked off the Division 2 Show Ski National Championships.

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SHAWANO: Bluegrass Bash in the Woods, 8:30 p.m., Classic's Restaurant and Lounge, W6026 Lake Drive. Music by Liver Killers. Grill'n meats provided by Smoke'n Joe and proceeds to benefit Safe Haven. \$5 cover.

SATURDAY, AUG. 14

GILLET: Oconto County Youth Fair Horse Show, 9:30 a.m., Zippel Park.

SHAWANO: Annual Folk Music Festival, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Free, bring lawn chair or blanket, live music, quilt raffle.

BREED: Music by The Rejects, 3-7 p.m., Arrowhead Saloon, 13486 County Road AA.

SUNDAY, AUG. 15

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions flea market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St.

GILLET: Oconto County Youth Fair domestic animal shows, 8 a.m. to noon, Zippel Park. Caged bird and small pets 8:30 a.m., junior cat show followed by open class 9:30 a.m., dog show 11:30 a.m.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto Falls Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Memorial Field.

SHAWANO: Music in the Park featuring Blue Notes, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Memorial Park, 909 S. Lincoln St. Bring a

lawn chair.

TUESDAY, AUG. 17

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Highland Plaza, 323 E. Highland Drive.

WITTENBERG: Walls of Wittenberg Second Tuesday Concert Series, 6-8 p.m., WOWSpace, 114 Vinal St. Music by The Drovers. Free admission and ice cream, bring lawn chairs, in case of bad weather, concerts held in WOWSpace, donations welcome.

SHAWANO: Interactive Outdoor Movie, 8:30-10 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. "Welcome to the Jungle." Bring your own chairs and snacks.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18

SHAWANO: Shawano Ski Sharks season finale, 6 p.m., Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Drive. Pre-show 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 19

GILLET: Oconto County Youth Fair, Zippel Park. Exhibition area open 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Opening ceremony 6 p.m. Ag Olympics 7 p.m. Music by Positive Energy/Karaoke Contest 7-11 p.m.

SHAWANO: Thursdays at Franklin featuring Conscious Pilot, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Food and beverage vendors.

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