



RAISING THE BIG TOP

A worker with the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus picks up some material Aug. 20 as the big top rises up behind him at Washington Park in Wittenberg prior to two circus performances for the community. The big top requires about 117 stakes to be in place to keep it up, with four hours needed to raise it and another two hours to dismantle it. Following the Wittenberg shows, the circus performed in Pulaski and Oconto.

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Fatal crash on Highway 29

One person was killed and three injured in a crash apparently caused by a tire blowout in westbound traffic near U.S. 45..

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Masking will be optional, testing available at Wittenberg-Birnamwood schools this year.

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County Fair back at full strength

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New fire tender generates village board debate

Fire department asks for \$50K over next two years

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

Discussions arose surrounding the topic of purchasing a new water tender for the Wittenberg Fire Department.

Representatives from the fire department and ambulance office were in person at the Aug. 17 Wittenberg Village Board meeting.

“Our water tender number two, being the newest one that we have, is officially out of service and being sold,” said Mark Karp, a representative from the Wittenberg Fire Department. “We have well over \$35,000 worth of repairs just to make it safe to drive down the road now.”

Karp said that after doing research, the cost to build a new tender would be \$250,000 from Stainless and Repair from Marshfield.

He asked the village board if they were willing to pay the same amount as the Town of Wittenberg.

“The town has given us \$25,000 to date,” said Karp. “They have pledged at least the same amount for the 2022 budget. We are asking if the village would be kind enough to do the same thing.”

He said that if the village and the town can contribute that \$50,000 over the next two years, then the fire board would contribute the same. Karp said that he and other representatives would go out and find other contributors for the remaining

\$100,000.

Board trustee Paul Yaeger said that the board was aware that the fire department needed a new tender. He suggested they buy one and split the cost between the town and the village.

“It should be sent 50% to them and let them figure out how to finance it, and it should be sent 50% to us and let us figure out how to finance it,” said Yaeger.

Karp said that they would not be able to receive the materials immediately to build the truck. Though this is the case, he said that the fire department would only need to put down \$12,000 to secure building materials.

“This is not one of those situations where, ‘I have money; why don’t I buy a truck?’” said Karp. “This is going to be a lengthy process.”

He said he keeps running into the same problem — everyone he talks to agrees there is a need for the water tender, but no one is giving the fire department the green light to actually purchase it.

Brian Hamm, a member of the ambulance office, suggested that the village, town and fire boards sit down to discuss what the next few steps would be.

Yaeger also said they should buy a new truck rather than one that has been previously used.

“If someone is selling it, there is a reason they are selling it,” said

Yaeger.

Board trustee David Timm countered that if the board cannot get the other entities to pitch in, then they will have to use their tax money.

“I don’t see why this village should have to pay all that money for that truck,” said Timm.

He also suggested that the fire department should look into applying for grants to help with the costs.

Yaeger said that the board should budget for half of the total cost of the truck in case something falls through.

“We better budget the half,” Yaeger said, “because once it’s ordered and once it’s coming and there is no donations and nothing else, we can pay the half.”

Board trustee Barb Buchholz said that she doesn’t want to be put into a situation where the village agrees to pay half, but the town ends up backing out.

Board president Bill Switalla responded by saying that the town won’t have a choice.

Members of the village board agreed to attend the Aug. 30 fire and ambulance board meeting to get more information and give their thoughts. The board also voted to grant Karp’s request of \$50,000 for the water tender to come in 2022. With board trustee Renee Switalla absent, the board voted 5-1 on granting Karp’s request, with Timm voting no.

1 dead, 3 injured in crash on Highway 29

A tire blowout is responsible for an accident that killed one person and injured three others on Aug. 20.

The vehicle was traveling westbound on State Highway 29 approaching the U.S. Highway 45 exit to Clintonville in the Town of Wittenberg. The vehicle was pulling a travel trailer camper and witnesses on scene reported observing a tire blowout on the camper, according to a press release from the Shawano County Sheriff’s Department. The driver of the vehicle lost control of both the vehicle and travel trailer camper, which led to a rollover. Both

units then caught on fire, according to the release.

Several people stopped and assisted three occupants out of the burning vehicle. The driver, a 56-year-old man from the Greenville area, was killed.

A 57-year-old woman from the Greenville area, and two children from the Clintonville area sustained injuries and burns. The degrees of injuries at this time for all three victims is unknown. Victims were airlifted to area medical facilities for treatment.

Also helping at the scene were the

Tigerton Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, sheriff’s departments from Langlade and Marathon counties, fire departments from Wittenberg, Birnamwood and Antigo, ambulance services from Wittenberg and Clintonville, ThedaStar Air Medical, Eagle III Air Medical and Life Link Air Medical.

The cause of the crash is believed to be related to the tire blowout on the travel trailer camper. Alcohol and speed do not appear to be factors in the incident, according to the press release, but the vehicle crash remains under investigation.

Witt-Birn approves COVID-19 guidelines

Masking, social distancing optional, testing will be provided at schools

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board voted to fully open the school district for the 2021-2022 school year, similar to what the school district did last year.

"We felt that what we did last year was necessary," said Wittenberg-Birnamwood superintendent Garrett Rogowski.

He said that normal illness practices will be in place in the school district.

"Parents and guardians should monitor symptoms of their child and keep them home if they are sick," said Rogowski. "The staff will also monitor symptoms and stay home if they are sick."

Rogowski also said that hand washing and disinfection will be highly promoted throughout the schools, focusing on areas of high traffic throughout the school district. Officials in the school will also adhere to school vaccination requirements and encourage recommended vaccinations.

The school will also follow exclusion criteria per Wisconsin Communicable Diseases requirements.

"For example, if a student has strep throat, they are on anti-biotics for 24 hours before they return to school," said Wittenberg-Birnamwood nurse Becky Wendel. "We are going to continue to do the things that we were doing before COVID."

In terms of COVID-19 reduction practices, Rogowski outlined a plan for trying to reduce the amount of cases in the schools.

"Students or staff with COVID like symptoms should stay home, notify their healthcare provider and test for COVID if indicated," said Rogowski. "If someone is not tested for COVID-19 then they will isolate for ten days from the date of system onset unless another medical diagnosis is made."

According to Rogowski, if stu-

dents do have COVID-like symptoms at school, that student will be sent home with instructions for parents to consult with their healthcare provider.

Rogowski emphasized that household contacts of COVID positive individuals are quarantined from school per the department of health services guidelines.

"If my son gets COVID, my daughters that also attend school here would have to quarantine," said Rogowski. "We cannot make an exception for a household contact."

If the household contacts are vaccinated and are asymptomatic the exception would become valid.

If a student is sent home with COVID, Rogowski said that teachers are expected to keep that student up to date with the lesson plans. He said that this can be achieved through the student's Chromebook and through Google Classroom.

Masking and social distancing will be optional in the school district.

"That is a parent's and student's choice," said Rogowski. "If they choose to wear a mask that is perfectly acceptable, but we are not mandating that they have to wear it."

Rogowski added that there are no schools in Shawano County that are requiring students to wear masks.

Administration at the school district will determine who needs to be sent home through contact tracing.

The school district will also provide testing services from Accelerated Clinical Laboratories. Students, staff and families will have the opportunity to be tested here.

"We haven't worked out all of the details yet," said Wendel. "What we discussed is that we will offer both antigen and PCR testing. So, if you want to test because you are a close contact without symptoms antigen is typically regarded as the acceptable test."

Wittenberg resident Shannon Seegmiller, who has three children in the school district, said that she is

unsure of having a third party testing the students.

"The whole concept of having a third party to come into the schools to test for COVID seems a little creepy to me," said Seegmiller. "I having a hard time grasping it. There is testing anywhere and everywhere through your medical provider. I am a little struck as to why the school would be in a position to offer that."

Wendel responded to this concern by explaining that all of the testing will be outside of the school and nobody will be coming in.

Seegmiller also asked why there is not rapid testing for other diseases, like strep throat or pink eye.

"It just seems like we are getting into a position of health care that I don't really think that our district needs to be in," said Seegmiller.

Wendel commented saying that strep testing has been talked about in the past.

After a question arose about what

the school will be doing with the COVID testing results, Wendel said that she preferred that the school would not be involved in immediately receiving results of the testing.

The testing sites will be state funded.

School board member Dan Stewart clarified that students, staff and families don't have to get tested at the schools, if they would rather get tested at another place.

Board president Chuck Wendler asked what the protocols would be for transportation on buses.

"There is a federal order for masking on all public transportation," said Wendel.

Rogowski added that most school districts will not enforce that.

"Our recommendation is that we do not enforce that too," said Rogowski.

The board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation that Rogowski had laid out.

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SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Aug. 23

Officers responded to 29 calls, including disorderly conduct on East Division Street; reckless driving on South Main Street; property theft at People's Express, 1281 E. Green Bay St.; property theft on South Lafayette Street; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; disorderly conduct at Shawano Public Library, 128 S. Sawyer St.; car property damage at Aldi, 1253 E. Green Bay St.

Aug. 22

Officers responded to 18 calls, including disorderly conduct on South Lafayette Street; property theft at Anello's Torch Light, 1276 E. Green Bay St.; property theft on East Division Street.

Aug. 21

Officers responded to 19 calls, including a disturbance on East Richmond Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; a domestic disturbance on East Richmond Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street.

Aug. 20

Officers responded to 28 calls, including a controlled substance problem on South Andrews Street; a car personal injury on South Main Street; disorderly conduct at Culver's, 1220 E. Green Bay St.; a disturbance on South Andrews Street.

Aug. 19

Officers responded to 23 calls, including car property damage at Hardee's, 1120 E.

Green Bay St.; a domestic disturbance on Prairie Street; disorderly conduct on East Richmond Street.

Aug. 18

Officers responded to 25 calls, including a hit-and-run on West Second Street; property theft on North Lafayette Street.

Aug. 17

Officers responded to 29 calls, including trespassing on Prairie Street; harassment on South Main Street; criminal damage on South Main Street; a fight-in-progress at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; property theft at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; reckless driving on state Highway 29; disorderly conduct on North Main Street; property theft on East Richmond Street; a restraining order violation at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Aug. 23

Deputies responded to 36 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; an automobile theft on Fourth Street in Mattoon; shoplifting on Main Street in Gresham; an overdose on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Primrose Lane in Tigerton; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland; four crashes, one involving deer.

Aug. 22

Deputies responded to 35 calls, including a domestic disturbance on County Road M in the Town of Belle Plaine;

reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; trespassing on Frailing Road in the Town of Wescott; a burglary on Big Lake Road in the Town of Red Springs; a disturbance on Maple Road in the Town of Almon; a disturbance on East Main Street in Bowler; three crashes, two involving deer.

Aug. 21

Deputies responded to 49 calls, including a threat on Resort Road in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Grant; a disturbance on Elm Grove Road in the Town of Pella; a domestic disturbance on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; three crashes, one involving deer.

Aug. 20

Deputies responded to 51 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; reckless driving on Konheiser Court in Tigerton; criminal damage on Quad Park Lane in Tigerton; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Wittenberg; property damage on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving on South Cecil Street in Bonduel; a burglary on Hummingbird Road in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving on North Lake Drive in Cecil; three crashes, one involving deer.

Aug. 19

Deputies responded to 31 calls, including a drug problem on South Sawyer Street in Shawano; trespassing on Butternut Road in the Town of Richmond; harassment

on North Washington Street in Bonduel; a disturbance on Waukechon Street in Shawano; three crashes, all involving deer.

Aug. 18

Deputies responded to 44 calls, including operating while intoxicated on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; a threat on Oriole Road in the Town of Birnamwood; property theft on Frontage Road in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 52 in the Town of Aniwa; a fight in progress on North Main Street in Shawano; disorderly conduct on North Avenue in Mattoon; reckless driving on County Road BE in the Town of Waukechon; trespassing on Butternut Road in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; a weapons offense on Town Hall Drive in the Town of Angelica; property theft on East Front Street in Wittenberg; disorderly conduct on Mulberry Lane in the Town of Richmond; a weapons offense on North Smalley Street in the Town of Wescott; one crash.

Aug. 17

Deputies responded to 30 calls, including fleeing/pursuit on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; property damage on West Mill Street in Bonduel; one crash.

COURT NEWS

• Joseph S. Doxtator, 52, Bowler, was charged Aug. 16 with two counts of bail jumping. Judge Katherine Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 29.

• Mekele D. LaBelle, 25, Shawano, was charged Aug. 16 with one count of strangulation and suffocation, one misdemeanor count of battery and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a signature bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Sep. 28.

• Jaime C. Kakkak, 46, Cameron, was charged Aug. 16 with one count of operating while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), one count of driving or operating a vehicle without consent (second or subsequent offense), three counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$7,500 and set a preliminary hearing for Aug. 25.

• Jolea R. Jones, 38, Wittenberg, pleaded no contest Aug. 16 to three counts of battery or threat to judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer. Three counts of bail jumping were dismissed on prosecutor's motion. In another case, Jones pleaded no contest to two counts of battery or

threat to judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer and one count of possession of methamphetamine. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed but read into the record. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced Jones to 12 months in state prison and one year of extended supervision.

• Sarah E. Summ, 53, Green Bay, was charged Aug. 18 with one count of attempting first-degree intentional homicide, one count of false imprisonment, two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, one count of possessing a firearm after being convicted of a felony and one misdemeanor count of battery. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 26.

• Terrill J. Henning, 32, Shawano, pleaded no contest Aug. 18 to one count of misappropriating identification information. In another case, Henning pleaded no contest to two counts of intimidating a victim/using or attempting force. One misdemeanor count of battery and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Henning to six months in jail and two years of probation.

• Charges against Harry A. Hylock, 89, Pulaski, were dismissed Aug. 18 on pros-

ecutor's motion. Those charges included one count of substantial battery, intending bodily harm, one misdemeanor count of negligent operation of motor vehicle and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

• Jesse A. Steinke, 37, Shawano, was charged Aug. 19 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, three counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and a \$1,000 signature bond. Sloma also set a preliminary hearing for Oct. 5.

• John P. Micik, 46, Shawano, pleaded no contest Aug. 19 to one count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked and one misdemeanor count of possession of THC. Sloma sentenced Micik to 25 days in jail.

• Marcus D. Watson, 24, Clintonville, pleaded no contest Aug. 19 to one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked, one misdemeanor count of carrying a concealed weapon. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Watson to 90 days in jail and two years of probation.

• Timothy H. Pehlke, 39, Wittenberg,

pleaded no contest Aug. 20 to one count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. In another case, Pehlke pleaded no contest to one count of possession of methamphetamine and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Pehlke to nine months in jail.

• Charges against Aaron J. Pingel, 30, Wausau, were dismissed Aug. 20 on prosecutor's motion. Those charges included one count of failure to comply with an officer to bring a person to custody, one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of carrying a concealed weapon, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and four misdemeanor counts of bail jumping.

COLLEGE NOTES

UW-Eau Claire

Alexis Balliett, Hatley, earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in May.

UW-La Crosse

Three area students completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May.

Madeline McKay, Wittenberg, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish.

Keegan Miller, Hatley, earned a Bachelor of Science in geography with a concentration on environmental science.

Joseph Zatloukal, Aniwa, earned a Bachelor of Science in general studies.

UW-Stevens Point

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point conferred degrees on more than 1,250 graduates for the spring and summer sessions of 2021.

Preston Bagley, Eland, earned a Bachelor of Science in marketing.

Brenna Behreandt, Birnamwood, earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education, graduating magna cum laude.

Blade Cameron, Birnamwood, earned a Master of Science in athletic training.

Chase Crowell, Wittenberg, earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting.

Gavin Czerwonka, Wittenberg, earned a Bachelor of Science in ac-

counting, finance and marketing.

Hannah Flak, Wittenberg, earned a Bachelor of Science in biology.

Laura Isham, Hatley, earned a Master of Science in education.

Samantha Kasprak, Hatley, earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration and biology, graduating cum laude.

Corrissa Konkol, Eland, earned a Bachelor of Science in political science, graduating summa cum laude.

Erin Seidler, Birnamwood, earned a Master of Science in communication sciences and disorders.

Nicole Steigerwald, Wittenberg, earned a Master of Science in education.

Kaila Trzebiatowski, Hatley,

earned an Associate of Arts and Science in leadership project management, graduating cum laude.

Zachary Urquhart, Hatley, earned a Bachelor of Science in paper science and engineering, graduating cum laude.

Logan Wehmeyer, Hatley, earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

UW-Superior

The University of Wisconsin-Superior has named Amy Laatsch of Tigerton to the dean's list for academic achievement during the summer 2021 semester.

OBITUARIES

Betty M. Hance

Betty Marlene Hance, 89, of Buffalo, Minnesota, formerly of Wittenberg, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021, at Park View Care Center.

Betty was born April 9, 1932, in Villa Grove, Illinois, the daughter of the late Arthur and Lena (Allen) Fleener. She married Thomas B. Hance on July 25, 1948, in Tuscola, Illinois. He preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 1979.

Betty and Tom began their life together on a small farm in Galton, Illinois. Linda, Rick and Tom Jr. were born during these early years. The family of five later migrated northward, starting in Tiffany, where they built a house together with their own hands and lived for several full and memorable years. The next move was to Rosendale to be closer to Tom's work building natural gas pipelines.

Continuing north their next stop was rural Bowler, where they owned and operated ShadyView Ballroom — which was a popular local gathering place featuring wedding receptions, family reunions, outdoor



movies, softball and baseball and even indoor roller skating.

David and Mary were born during the ShadyView Ballroom years and completed the family.

ShadyView Ballroom was destroyed by fire on New Year's Day 1969. Betty and her family moved on to a small farm in rural Birnamwood and then to a larger property nearby which they resurrected into a working dairy farm. Not finished yet, they went on to live in Leopolis and then rural Wittenberg, pursuing evolving career interests.

After Tom died unexpectedly at the age of 49, Betty went on to own and operate the Wittenberg Hotel, and in 1995, she moved to Minnesota to be near Mary's growing family. She was a hands-on, fun-filled, loving and caring grandma.

Through her lifetime, Betty filled many roles — including mom, farm

wife, homemaker, Cub Scout den mother, waitress, bartender, school bus driver, business woman, store clerk and special education teacher's aide. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandma and most of all a caring and cherished friend. She always stood up for and came to the rescue of the "underdog." She will be fondly remembered by all who had the great privilege of sharing in her life.

Betty is survived by her children: Rick (Diane) Hance, of Maple Park, Illinois; David (Renee Holley) Hance, of Birnamwood; and Mary (Bob) Sansevere, of Buffalo, Minnesota; son-in-law, Dawayne Barke, of Birnamwood; daughter-in-law, Donna Hance, of Wittenberg; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and multitude of friends.

In addition to her husband, Betty was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Barke; her son, Tom Hance Jr.; her parents; an infant brother, Arthur Fleener Jr.; her brother, Bradley; and her sisters Janet, Ruth, Virginia

and Ann.

Betty was cremated. A graveside gathering will be held at Forest Cemetery in Birnamwood at a later date. Her ashes will rest next to her beloved husband, Tom.

The family would like to thank the staff of Park View Care Center and Guardian Angels Elim Hospice Care and Hospice for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made to the Enchanted Hollow Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded by her daughter Mary, that specializes in the rescue, rehab and therapy of horses. The foundation also offers scholarships to children whose families cannot afford horse-related activities, as well as providing scholarships for children and adults with special needs. For more information, visit <http://enchantedhollow.org/foundation>.

Serving the family is The Peterson Chapel, Buffalo, Minnesota 55313.

Thomas J. Kopacz



Thomas Joseph Kopacz, 76, passed away in Appleton on Aug. 11, 2021. He was born on June 5, 1945, to Evelyn (Bernitt) and Casmir Kopacz.

Tom was an entertainer. He loved talking to people and was quick to strike up conversation. He was known as "the agitator," which was a nickname he wore proudly. He enjoyed boating, riding his motorcycle, fishing, hunting, golfing and most of all he loved creating music. Music

was a special passion for Tom.

He is survived by his children, Edward Kopacz, Anne Kopacz and Jessica Wurzbach; grandson, Bryson; sister, Mary Ann (Donald) Spranger; brother, James (Dominic Lewis) Kopacz; and many other family and friends.

Preceding him in death are his parents and brother, Michael Kopacz.

A celebration of life will be held at Kwiatkowski Funeral Home, 425 Jefferson Ave., Omro, on Friday, Aug. 27, with visitation being held from 4 p.m. until the time of service at 6 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Doris E. Aderman, 98, of Embarrass, formerly of Marion, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at the Pines in Embarrass.

Doris Elaine Marth was born May 30, 1923, in Plymouth as the daughter of the late Edward and Margaret (Arnold) Marth. She graduated from Plymouth High School and was united in marriage to Robert H. Aderman in 1947. The couple resided in Plymouth where Doris worked at Kraft Foods. Robert's job brought them to the Marion area in 1960. The couple became members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Marion and have been ever since.

Doris was definitely a homebody, but she was a wonderful cook who was always a hard worker through-



out her life. She loved tending to her many gardens and in late summer was very busy canning the fruits of her labors. Her pickles were the best. Doris also enjoyed nature and taking walks in the woods. She was dedicated to her family her entire life and will certainly be missed.

Survivors include her daughters, Judy (Ronald) Grunewald and Ann (James) Mattes; her son, Robert D. "Clyde" (Nancy Hart-Aderman) Aderman; her grandchildren, Brady (Kim) Aderman, Heather (Dean) Schro-

eder, Laurel (Kevin) Grunewald, Ben (Chris) Aderman, Gina (Ted) Jobe, Jamie (Ron) Cannon, Greg Grunewald, Dan Mattes, Michael (Mary) Mattes, Eric (Samantha) Mattes, Todd (Lori) Mattes and Brian Mattes; her great-grandchildren, Maggie and Nathan Aderman, Leah, Allen and Bethany Jobe, Marlee, Zhenya, River, Reed and Ruby Mattes, Rayne Cannon, Zoey, Noah, McKenzie, Aaron, Logan, and Caden Grunewald, and Hunter Aderman; her sister, Mildred Forstner; and a sister-in-law: Jean Harder.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert, in 2012; a son, James "Fred" Aderman; brothers, Robert and Ralph Marth; and brothers-in-law, Sylvester Forstner and Kenneth Harder.

Doris' funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, at the St. John's Lutheran Church, Marion with the Rev. Sara Gorman officiating. If attending the service, please be advised that the church does require masks be worn. Interment will take place at the Roseland Cemetery, Township of Dupont, Waupaca County. Friends may call at the church on Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of the service.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Marion, is assisting her family with the arrangements. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Doris' family would like to thank the staff of The Pines and also The-daCare at Home Hospice for all their care and support during Doris' stay.

Roger E. Piehl

Roger Piehl, 83, of Shawano, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021. Roger was born March 19, 1938, to the late Henry and Viola (Kriewaldt) Piehl in Shawano. In 1956, Roger graduated from Shawano High School. He went on to attend UW-River Falls, where he played football and earned his bachelor's degree in teaching.

On July 9, 1960, Roger was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Sally Moede, in Shawano. Sally and Roger recently celebrated 61 years of marriage. Roger started his teaching career at Seneca High School in southwestern Wisconsin, then Howard where he worked for WPS for a short time and eventually Bay Port High



finished his teaching career at NWTC where he looked forward to the farm calls with his students.

Roger was an avid walleye fisherman and loved being outdoors. He also enjoyed hunting, camping and listening to and dancing to polka music. He was an excellent handyman and could build or fix just about anything.

School. While teaching agriculture at Bay Port High School, he coached various sports and officiated for high school and college football and basketball games. He

He enjoyed sports and followed the Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee Bucks and the Green Bay Packers. He was an extremely proud grandfather and loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events, concerts and shows.

Roger was an active member of St. Jakobi Lutheran Church and had a strong faith and a deep love for his family. He was a kind and outgoing man, always smiling, helpful and friendly, and he made friends wherever he went. Roger was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend and will be deeply missed.

Roger is survived by his wife, Sally; two daughters, Ann (Myron) Geiser, of Kaukauna, and Susan (Robert) Woelfel, of Hilbert; four grandchildren,

Zachary (Samantha) Woelfel, McKayla (Brady Roovers) Geiser, Alec Woelfel and Erin (Isaac Hoffman) Geiser; and one great-granddaughter, Gracie Lyn. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two grandchildren, Bradley Geiser and Logan Woelfel; and one brother, Arthur "Art" Piehl.

A funeral service for Roger was held on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2021, at 11 a.m. at St. Jakobi Lutheran Church with Rev. Travis Kleinschmidt officiating. Inurnment will be in Lake Drive Cemetery in the Town of Wescott.

Swedberg Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Florence Schmidt

Florence Mae (Phalen) Schmidt, 94, of Shawano, met her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, after a life full of love and family. She was born in Shawano on May 27, 1927, to the late John and Dagmar (Sorensen) Phalen. She attended Shawano High School and worked for years at Spurgeon's creating the merchandise displays in the front window facing Main Street.

Florence was united in marriage to Norman A. Schmidt on July 23, 1949, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano. The couple was married for over 45 years before Norman's passing. Together they created many happy memories for their children and grandchildren from Friday night pizzas to



celebrated the annual Schmidt Cookie Bake with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren each December, where hundreds of cookies would be made, and dozens of rounds of sheephead would be played. She loved when her Rockstead nieces would visit, especially when Pam would make the entire room laugh.

playing records on the stereo to keep their grandchildren dancing in the living room.

Florence volunteered her time at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish and always

Florence is survived by her son, Michael (Linda) Schmidt; her daughters, Sue (Tom) Porath and Linda (Michael) Griesbach; grandchildren, Tracy Porath, Jason (Courtney) Schmidt, Michael (Jennifer) Griesbach Jr., Tiffany (Nicholas Olson) Porath, Brian (Melanie Carrigan) Schmidt, Jennifer Griesbach and Tomissa (David) Freisleben; great-grandchildren, Ashley Griesbach, Aubriella Schmidt, Brayden Schmidt, Nicole Griesbach and Henry Freisleben; and step-grandchildren, David (Micki), Greg (Cheryl) and Tom Sylvester.

She is further survived by many nieces and nephews, as well as their families.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, Norman A. Schmidt; parents, John and Dagmar Phalen; and her siblings, George, Mary Ann, and John Jr.

A funeral Mass will be held for Florence at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Scott Valentyn officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

The family of Florence would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Paisers Oak Haven for the care and love shown to her in her final years. Also, to Heartland Hospice, especially Tina, for their care and compassion these final months.

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Russell F. Adams

Russell F. Adams, 96, of Clintonville, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

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

Sharon A. Briske

Sharon A. Briske, 85, of Pella, passed away Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Clintonville.

Accidental author coming to Shawano

New York Times bestseller Michael Perry to present humor, rural life at library event

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Michael Perry considers himself to be an accidental author, not even thinking about writing as a profession until after he was out of college.

Perry had planned to become a nurse originally, but his detour into writing has definitely reduced the chances he could be splattered with bodily fluids. Perry has been on the New York Times bestseller list, toured many different places to tell his tales of Midwest life and even had one of his memoirs turned into a stage play. He has produced some humorous albums, raised a couple of children and some chickens and still finds time every once in a while to put out fires in his community of New Auburn.

Now, Perry will be visiting Shawano in September to share stories from his various books with titles like “Population: 485,” “The Jesus Cow,” “Truck: A Love Story” and “Off Main Street.” With life being as serious as it is today, Perry believes folks can use a little humor now more than ever.

“Some of the ways that we’re mean to each other in this world are also the things that make us ridiculous and goofy,” Perry said. “That just leads to humor. I grew up in a place where pain was a reality, whether it was just hitting your thumb with a hammer or your best milk cow dying or just growing up poor, and one thing that roughnecks turned to all the time was humor. Sometimes there’s nothing to do but laugh at the ridiculousness of your fate.”

Perry’s presentation is expected to please locals when he talks about rural living at 6 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Shawano Public Library, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano. With Shawano



MICHAEL PERRY

was raised by farmers, loggers and truckers.

“I definitely try to tailor a little of what I do with wherever I’m going. But the thing that I always stress with my library and book events especially is that, if people are going to take time to come to an event like that, they ought to get a little bit of entertainment,” Perry said. “We always have a lot of fun. I always focus on the humorous aspect of how I write just because that works best in the live situation.”

Perry started off his writing career as a freelancer for various magazines, “back when magazines still existed,” he said. Back then, he considered book authors to be people living on either coast of the United States, not in the heart of farming country.

“I feel like I walked into it backwards, but once I got there, I just feel really fortunate,” Perry said. “Every morning when I get up, all I want to do is write.”

Perry self-published his first four books at a time before the era of print-on-demand through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other online companies. He

recalled having to find a local printer, print a pre-arranged number of books and then try to sell them one at a time. He remembered trying to get the names and contact information of each person who bought a book so he could notify them when his next book published.

What got the attention of publishing companies was when Perry wrote a story about volunteer firefighting for Esquire and another story about being an emergency medical technician for Salon. An agent from New York saw those articles and asked Perry if he could write a book based on those items. He was able to show the four books he’d published himself, and that’s when he signed with Harper Collins to get “Population: 485” published.

“That’s one of those books that, even today, continues to sell under the radar,” Perry said.

“Population: 485” was adapted for the stage when Perry was talking with a musician friend — who was a neighbor — and that friend suggested turning the book into a musical. Perry thought that meant a collaboration, but he soon realized the friend meant he needed to do it on his own. So he researched play scripts and holed himself up in a chicken coop once owned by renowned author Norbert Blei but now in possession of Write On, Door County to turn it into a script.

“I wasn’t allowed to come out,” Perry said. “I

took a Thermos of coffee and two granola bars, and I wasn’t allowed

to come out until I made a certain word count. Three days of doing that, I finished the draft.”

For a time, Perry took the script on the road and hired actors to make “Population: 485” come alive. The play has also been performed by a number of community theater groups, as

well. There have been a couple of times when the book was optioned by Hollywood for a movie, but nothing has come of it, he said.

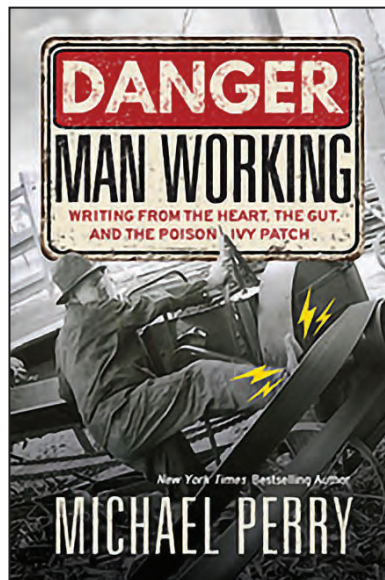
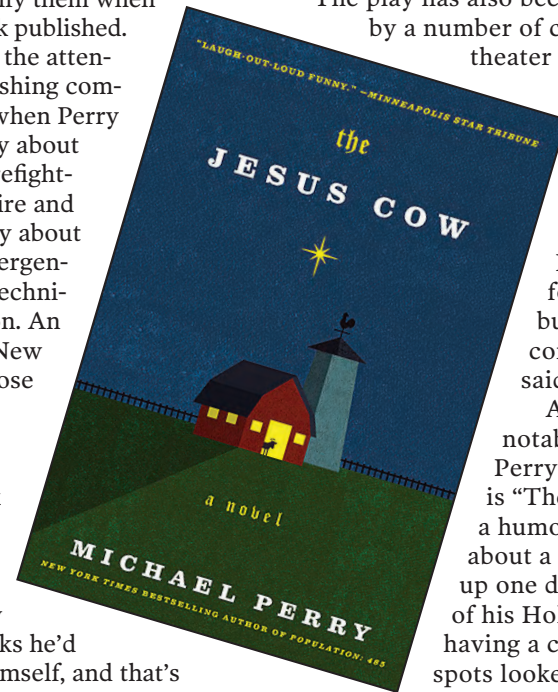
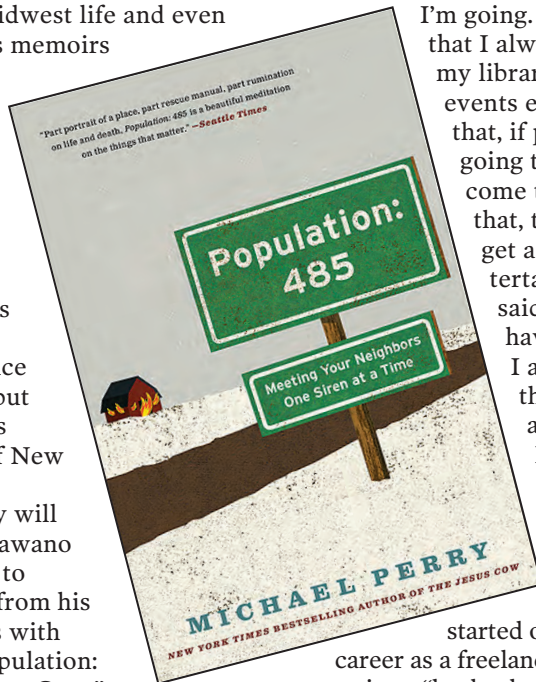
Another notable title in Perry’s collection is “The Jesus Cow,” a humorous novel about a farmer waking up one day to one of his Holstein cows having a calf whose spots looked like they formed an image of Jesus.

He said it was fun because most of his books are non-fiction, but it was fun to create characters and a whole new world without real-world repercussions.

“Like any piece of fiction, it draws on real life,” Perry said. “There was a coffee house in Nashville, and they had this cinnamon bun that everyone said looked like the head of Mother Teresa, and it was called the nun bun. It just planted a seed in me about seeing a stain on a table or a wet spot on a concrete wall, and some people believe they’re seeing the image of Christ or the image of the Virgin Mary.”

Even though it’s a profession where he gets to sneak a little “art and heart” into his work, Perry said he approaches writing as a job that has to get done, no matter what.

“I write a weekly newspaper column, and I do it on Wednesdays,” he said. “It doesn’t matter if I ran out of my special candles or if I didn’t feel inspired. There’s a job to do, and you turn it in, and you go on to the next thing.”





Work has begun on a new wedding venue, The Barn at Sunset Acres, which will be located in Pulaski and can accommodate weddings with up to 375 people, providing a rustic look intermingled with state-of-the-art accommodations.

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Barn at Sunset Acres breaks ground

Wedding venue expected to bring couples and guests to Pulaski area

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Remnants of corn stalks lay near where an interesting new wedding venue broke ground Aug. 23 in the village of Pulaski.

The Barn at Sunset Acres is being touted as a state-of-the-art facility that will combine the rustic feel of a barn wedding with modern equipment that will make a couple's special day seem like the best of their lives. Completion is expected in summer 2022.

The facility will use reclaimed barn wood on the exterior, while the interior will include a bridal suite, groom's pad, a private family room and a banquet hall for up to 375 people, complete with catering kitchen. There will also be cottages available for wedding parties to stay at, providing convenience for when the big day arrives, according to partner Lauren Cusack. The 12-acre property at 451 N. St. Augustine St. will have a pond, gardens and other green space



The official groundbreaking for the Barn at Sunset Acres on the north side of Pulaski took place Aug. 23, but in the background, heavy equipment is already flattening the area so building can begin and hopefully be complete by summer 2022.

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for photo opportunities.

"We're really creating a venue experience and destination versus just a wedding day," Cusack said. "After your wedding or your event, you're able to rent them out. There's going to be six initially, but they'll be for family, friends, guests, etc."

The venue will be able to host indoor and outdoor ceremonies, according to Cusack.

"There's a lot of space to work with that makes it unique, as well," she said.

Steve Fischer, one of the partners

for Sunset Acres, noted that Pulaski is an ideal location for a wedding venue, and the village hasn't had one in the vicinity for about 20 years.

"Pulaski just needed it and has needed it for a long time," Fischer said. "I think it's a great, small community and is welcoming. It's a growing community."

Sunset Acres will provide a country backdrop but still allow for weddings to have all the traditions and trimming, according to Fischer. He noted wedding parties will have the run of the 12

acres for the full day, not just a couple of hours for the wedding ceremony.

"It's going to create the country wedding, but it's going to bring in an elegant feel to it, as well," Fischer said. "It's going to be a state-of-the-art venue to compete with anything in the state."

Fischer said he understands the interest in old barns as a site and symbol for matrimony, but he believes couples shouldn't have to decide between the past and the future when figuring out their special day, which is why the facility is being built from scratch.

"In the old barns, I don't know that you can give the elegant feel out of the barn like you can if you build it," Fischer said. "We really want that. It's going to be a barn, but it's going to be an over-the-top barn with modern amenities that we couldn't get with a traditional barn. It's a lot of work to renovate those old barns."

Even though ground has just broke, the Barn at Sunset Acres is already accepting reservations for summer 2022 and beyond into 2023. Details about the facility can be found at www.barnatsunsetacres.com.

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Help available for postpartum depression, baby blues

Postpartum depression and the baby blues are two common experiences that mothers may have during their pregnancy and postpartum.

A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study found that one out of 10 women in the United States reported symptoms of major depression in the last year. That study estimates that the number of women affected by postpartum depression differ by age, race and ethnicity. In addition, postpartum depression estimates vary by state, and can be as high as one in five women.

"There are several ways to know if you or a loved one is experiencing postpartum blues (baby blues) or is developing postpartum depression," said Dr. Karen Hulbert, a family medicine physician with ThedaCare Physicians-Markesan. "Baby blues are milder, peak in a couple days and are typically resolved by two weeks. The symptoms of postpartum depression last longer and interfere with daily life. A typical symptom of major depression is that it causes significant distress or prevents you from functioning how you want to with your baby, your partner or maybe even your family."

Symptoms of postpartum depression can include fatigue, feeling sad or hopeless, feeling withdrawn or disconnected, feelings of guilt or anger, worrying and anxiety about the health of the baby, concern about one's ability to care for their baby, or a lack of response to support and

FYI

Here are some recommendations on dealing with baby blues and postpartum depression:

- Sleep as much as you can, and rest when your baby is napping.
- Eat foods that are good for you.
- Go for a walk. Exercise, fresh air, and sunshine can do wonders.
- Accept help when people offer it.
- Relax. Don't worry about chores. Just focus on you and your baby.

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With baby blues, symptoms include insomnia, fatigue, decrease in concentration, loss of appetite and sadness.

Hulbert said that when women begin to have these feelings or experiences, or if they're questioning themselves, then it's time to seek help. She added that women with baby blues can have up to 11 times a higher risk of developing postpartum depression.

"It can be difficult to identify it when you're in the middle of it," said Hulbert. "Big changes are taking place — hormone levels vary, there is additional stress, lack of sleep and learning how to be a parent — it's

a lot. We want women, and their partners, to feel empowered to seek help. It takes strength to recognize there could be an issue and ask for guidance."

Postpartum depression is also different because it can start during pregnancy, and it can also occur anytime during the first year of the baby's life.

"I continue screening people for depression through the whole first year of the baby's life because I know it can sneak up on people sometimes," she said. "Our care teams can work through this with families, provide an action plan, and begin the healing process."

If a mother is experiencing symptoms of the postpartum depression or baby blues, Hulbert encouraged communicating how they're feeling with their doctor so they can properly monitor their symptoms. There are several treatment options and care plans.

"Some mothers respond really well to therapy or counseling," she said. "Others need medication, and that is okay. Whether you're breastfeeding or not breastfeeding, there

are treatment options."

Hulbert said she likes to focus on having a relationship with her new parent patients because that trusting connection can be the open door for these difficult and sensitive conversations.

Another CDC study found that about 4% of fathers experience depression in the first year after their child's birth.

"I screen dads and partners, too," she said. "I like to make sure that during an appointment both parents are aware of symptoms to watch for because they may not recognize the signs in themselves or their partner. It's when they go home and see these things happening in everyday life that might spark a conversation."

Hulbert wants families to know while these conversations may be difficult, it best to be open and honest to get help.

"I want all parents to remember, give yourself some grace," said Hulbert. "There's no such thing as a perfect parent — or a perfect baby. Just do the best you can, and remember to take care of yourself so you can be the best parent to your little one."

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How to handle your Medicare coverage if you move

By JIM MILLER

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Dear Savvy Senior,

My husband and I are moving to a different area of the country to be near our daughter. Will this affect our Medicare benefits? Will we need to adjust our coverage or re-enroll in a new plan?

Moving Away

Dear Moving,

Moving can indeed affect your Medicare benefits depending on the type of coverage you have and where you move to.

If you and your husband are enrolled in "original Medicare" Part A and Part B, you'll be happy to know that you won't need to change your plans when you move because they're the same throughout the U.S. You will, however, need to notify the Social Security Administration of your change of address, which you can do at [SSA.gov/myaccount/change-of-address.html](https://ssa.gov/myaccount/change-of-address.html) or by calling 800-772-1213.

If you're enrolled in a Medicare

(Part D) prescription drug plan, or a Medicare (Part C) Advantage plan and you move out of your plan's service area, you'll need to choose a new plan that serves your new area. Here's a breakdown of what you'll need to do depending on the type of coverage you have.

If you have a Part D plan: If you're enrolled in original Medicare and have a stand-alone Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, you'll need to contact your Part D plan to find out if it will work in the area you're moving to. If it doesn't, you'll need to enroll in a new plan that provides coverage in your new location.

You can make this switch the month before you move and up to two months after the move.

Otherwise, you'll need to wait until the next open enrollment (in the fall) and could be penalized for having no acceptable prescription drug coverage.

If you have a Medicare Advantage plan: If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, again, contact your plan to find out if it will serve your new area. If it doesn't, you'll need

to enroll in a new plan that does. To shop for new Advantage and/or Part D prescription drug plans in your new location, see [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.Medicare.gov/plan-compare).

You can switch Advantage plans the month before you move and up to two months after you move.

Be aware that, if you relocate out of your Medicare Advantage plan's service area and fail to enroll in a new plan in your new area, you'll automatically be switched to original Medicare. This will happen when your old Medicare Advantage plan is forced to disenroll you because you don't live within its service area anymore.

If you have a Medigap policy: If you're enrolled in original Medicare and have a supplemental Medigap policy, you'll need to notify your provider that you're moving, but you should not need to change insurance companies or plans. (Note: there also are Medicare Select plans, which are Medigap plans that are network-based and are available in a few states. These plans may require you to change.)

Medigap plans are standardized

across the country; for example, Medigap Plan F offers the same coverage in one state as it does in another state (Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin have waivers from the federal government allowing them to standardize Medigap plans differently, so plan designs are different in those three states).

Be aware that Medigap costs vary by location, so your monthly Medigap policy premium may be higher or lower depending on the cost of medical care in your new area.

Call your provider and tell them the new ZIP code, and they'll let you know the cost. Sometimes you'll be pleasantly surprised that it's lower.

If it's not, you could look for a cheaper policy. However, you may have to undergo medical underwriting. Medigap policies come with their own rules for enrolling, and some states have different enrollment standards than others.

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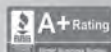
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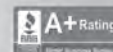
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BOOKS AND STUFF

Small town turns out to be full of 'Chaos'

"Chaos In Little Leaf Creek" by Cindy Bell was a nice break from the gritty mystery I had just finished. It was listed as the first in Bell's Little Leaf Creek cozy mysteries. I would have liked to have a little more character background, but I guess it might be in the second book.

The story opens with Cassie Alberta entering the small town of Little Leaf Creek. We don't have much information about Cassie other than she is widowed and ready to leave city life behind. She has longed for one of those small towns where people are warm, open and welcoming. Cassie's Realtor has assured her that Little Leaf Creek is exactly what she dreamed of.

Since the moving truck won't arrive until the next day, Cassie unloads her the things she's packed into her car. Suddenly the dog that barked from behind the neighbor's fence is at her side. When she tries to let him in the gate, two goats escape.

As Cassie chases the animals, she



JAN JONES

meets their owner, Tessa Watters. Tessa is gruff, but kind and Cassie likes her immediately.

When Cassie discovers she has no water, she heads into town. There she meets Sebastian Vail. He is a local farmer and jack of all

trades, and he quickly agrees to help her.

Before heading home, she walks down the street and sees a young man creating a metal sculpture. The artist is Trevor Danel, and he agrees to sell her the sculpture and to deliver it that afternoon but warns her that the local historical group would have to approve where it would be placed.

Minutes later she meets Rose and Charlie, Miles, Karen and Avery. All

are members of the historical society. Miles tells Cassie he will drop by that evening and check the sculpture placement. Cassie is a bit uncomfortable knowing that the entire town has known about her home purchase and arrival, yet they reveal very little about the town or themselves.

She discovers Sebastian waiting on her porch. To her chagrin, the water was only shut off. Trevor arrives with the sculpture as soon as Sebastian leaves. Once again, he warns her about the historical society, explaining that the whole town hates him and always has.

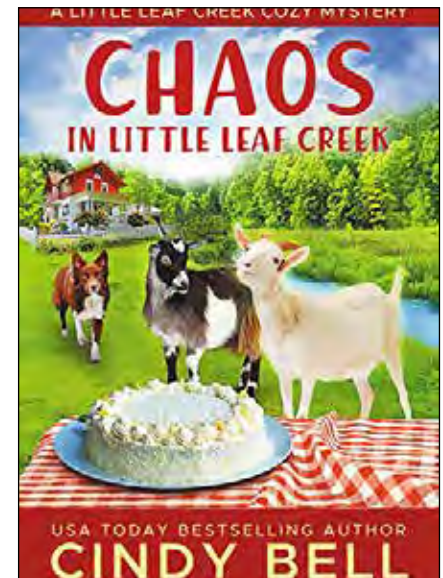
Planning to relax with a cup of tea, Cassie turns off the shrieking kettle and hears a shrill scream. She runs outside to find Miles dead body beside her sculpture.

Within minutes half the town is there to watch as Detective Oliver Graham grills her on how Miles died. Cassie is shocked that he is treating her like a suspect. Suddenly Tessa is there chiding the detective to leave the young woman alone.

In an instant, his suspicions fall on Trevor. It appears that Graham isn't willing to look beyond Trevor or Cassie as suspects, and she's sure Trevor is innocent.

As the investigation continues Cassie feels that Tessa is her only real friend. Though they spend time together and Tessa offers tidbits of advice, she refuses to share anything about her past or her relationship with Oliver Graham.

Cassie has always been careful about locking her doors but comes home to find the door unlocked.



Puzzlement turns into fear when someone in a blue pickup truck runs her off the road. Sebastian has a blue truck.

When she returns to her house, the door is unlocked again and a note warning her to leave is on her counter. As Cassie focuses on finding the killer, she stumbles into a trap the killers have set just for her.

Between intuition, the gossip mills and some luck, Cassie is found safe, and the killers arrested. That sets things up for book number two, where I hope to learn the histories of all the characters.

No one has to tell us that the places we dream of seldom turn out to be as perfect as we hope. At least we can count on your public library to fulfill our reading dreams. This would be a good week to go in and check it out.

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5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 54166.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood 2021-22 budget approved

Mill rate expected to decrease slightly from last year

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Wittenberg-Birnamwood Superintendent Garrett Rogowski updated the school board and residents about the 2021-22 school year budget at the district's Aug. 23 annual meeting.

Rogowski introduced an estimated budget of \$14,556,368 that was approved during the meeting.

"It will be officially set during our October meeting," Rogowski said. "There are unknown changes that go into the budget shifting."

Rogowski said adjustments are to be expected.

The school population is estimated to be at 1,073 for the 2021-22 school year, down from last year's count of 1,087. Although he does not know what open enrollment will be for the school year, he did estimate it to be 130-140 students.

At the meeting, the board also discussed and approved the tax levy for the district. With the operations fund at \$3,594,194, the debt services fund at \$971,031 and the community services fund at \$225,000, the school board and district residents approved a total of \$4,790,225 for the tax levy.

The estimated mill rate for the school district is \$8.32 per \$1,000,

down slightly from the mill rate of \$8.34 per \$1,000 during the 2020-21 school year. This means that someone who owns a home valued at \$100,000 would pay \$832 per year in school taxes.

"The number this year represents a small decrease from last year," said Rogowski. "This is promising to taxpayers. It is below what was indicated in the referendum."

He added this is a conservative estimate for district property value.

According to Rogowski, the Wisconsin state average for mill rates in 2020-2021 was \$9.22. He also said the current mill rate ranked Wittenberg-Birnamwood in the bottom 35% in 2020-21.

When discussing the rate per student, Rogowski said that he was unsure, due to that not having been audited.

"That information will come out in the winter," said Rogowski.

In the 2019-2020 school year, the total education cost per student in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood school district was \$11,476 — which was more than \$2,000 lower than the state average of \$13,619. Wittenberg-Birnamwood was ranked 407 out of 421 school districts in Wisconsin for the 2019-2020 school year for the total education cost per student.



NEW STAFF AT BOWLER SCHOOL

New staff at Bowler School District for the 2021-22 school year are, from left, Amber Krause-Johnston, fourth-grade teacher; April Fandrey, paraprofessional; Terry Reedy, paraprofessional; Becky Knighton, second-grade teacher; Glenda Butterfield-Boldig, district administrator; Sheri Beilke, paraprofessional; and Gary Kuchenbecker, MS/HS science teacher.

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The Tentative Plan Options will be available as part of the County Board packet that can be found at the following link beginning on Friday, September 10, 2021: <https://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Home/Calendar/tabid/65/ModuleID/437/ItemID/4629/mct/EventDetails/Default.aspx>

Following the Public Hearing, the County Board may discuss and adopt a Tentative Plan at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. On approval, the adopted tentative plan will be submitted to each municipality within Marathon County.

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2021

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Homme Home to unveil new unit

Analysis saw a need in the community for more assisted living

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Homme Home in Wittenberg is preparing to open its new unit.

"You have to periodically do a needs analysis," said Tara Hoppe-Schmidt, the facility's assisted living administrator. "And our need was for more assisted living."

The new, 21-section unit for assisted living will be located on the top floor of the Homme Home building and is styled like an apartment building. There is not an exact date for when residents will be able to move into the rooms, but Hoppe-Schmidt anticipates that it will be in September.

"Up here, it used to be a nursing home/dementia unit," said Hoppe-Schmidt. "That had to be shut down due to staffing levels. With assisted living, those people have a little less restrictions. What we can do is use people who aren't certified nursing assistants to help out."

She said that there is a need for assisted housing living in the area right now.

"It is actually kind of hard to find assisted living," said Hoppe-Schmidt. "We just help out here as best as we can."

According to Hoppe-Schmidt, the decision to live in the new upstairs unit is made jointly among those who will live there, their families and their health care providers.

"Everybody wants to stay home for as long as they can," Hoppe-Schmidt said. "If they are to a point where they can no longer take care of themselves safely, then usually their doctor will tell them to look at different options."

Hoppe-Schmidt said when people do come to the Homme Home, she wants to keep that "at-home" feeling for the residents.

"We go by these rules called HCBS, which is home community based services," said Hoppe-Schmidt. "What we do is prove to the state that we are home-like rather than institutional."

According to Hoppe-Schmidt,



The new assisted living unit at Homme Home is designed to look and feel like a home, says Tara Hoppe-Schmidt, the facility's assisted living administrator. Open areas are located upstairs where residents can mingle and spend time together when the new unit opens in September. LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA

they abide by these rules by only using one bed in a room, not having privacy curtains, and making sure all of the activities are related to current events.

"We bring out up-to-date newspapers. We make sure that they can go to church, and sometimes we even bring their pastors to them here," said Hoppe-Schmidt. "We try to keep the community a part of it."

She said the Homme Home serves a significant role in both Wittenberg and the state of Wisconsin.

"In Wisconsin, since 2018, about 49 nursing homes have shut down," said Hoppe-Schmidt. "Homme Home, which has been operating for 132 years, started as a boys' home and orphanage. We are the largest assisted-living facility in Shawano

County."

Hoppe-Schmidt said that the Homme Home serves everybody.

"If you do not have any money, we are faith-based and are owned by congregations. So that is not a limitation here," said Hoppe-Schmidt. "We want to make sure that everyone is treated the same. If you are on Medicaid, you are still welcome."

She also said that she has seen the community support the Homme Home as well.

"I think the community is getting sick and tired of me asking for donations," said Hoppe-Schmidt. "We are local, so I think that a lot of people know me and other employees. We try to keep it as community-based as possible."

She said that officials from the

Homme Home try to give back locally by serving food or helping out at various community events.

Hoppe-Schmidt is excited to see residents start to fill up the new rooms in the coming months.

"I like it a ton," said Hoppe-Schmidt. "It is all brand new. They have their own bathrooms; they can bring in anything they want. They can use their own beds, but what I like the most, is that it is like Homme trying to keep up with the times, which is not easy to do."

She said having these assisted living spaces will benefit the community.

"It is kind of nice to see that we are still here and we are still open with other nursing homes having to shut down," said Hoppe-Schmidt.

"Everybody wants to stay home for as long as they can."

TARA HOPPE-SCHMIDT, Homme Home assisted living coordinator



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Visitors welcomed to airport rededication

Events include car show,
airplane and helicopter rides

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Shawano Municipal Airport held a rededication on Aug. 22.

Shawano city and airport officials hosted the event to invite visitors to the airport to partake in a car show, ride on airplanes and helicopters and to just learn a little more about aviation.

“We invited Shawano residents out to the airport to rededicate the runway,” said former Airport Commission Chairman Larry Sperberg. “The runway was recently resurfaced.”

More than just a rededication, Shawano Mayor Bruce Milavitz said that he wanted to expose Shawano residents to what the airport is.

“Events like this help people to understand what the airport is,” said Milavitz. “People see an entire fence around the airport and think that you have to be a pilot to be here. This is extremely important to the community. Businesses and people fly in and out of here, and we have a seaplane base. If you think about it, people can fly here from wherever and just hang out here for the weekend.”

Milavitz elaborated on this idea, saying that visitors can rent a boat, stay in the hotels or just get something to eat after landing at the airport.

Sperberg believes that the airport plays a vital role within the Shawano community.

“The airport has been here since right after World War II,” said Sperberg. “It has helped to bring business to the community. This is also a great place to fly to for recreational purposes. The airport plays a part in that economy.”

A car show was held in the yard next to the runway for community members to show off their antique cars. The cars included 1960s Cadillacs and even a replica DeLorean.

Next to the car show on the runway was the Experimental Aircraft Association’s Young Eagles program. After signing a parental waiver form, children between the ages of 8 and 17 were given the opportunity to take a ride in an airplane or helicopter with an experienced pilot.

“Introducing kids to aviation is a good thing,” said Sperberg. “Aviation



Shawano resident Brian Wetherall sits in the front of a helicopter to learn the controls and act like he is flying at the Shawano Municipal Airport on Aug. 22.
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is still a very important part of our economy. Letting kids get in the air may lead to an aviation career.”

Milavitz said that children having the opportunity to get up in the air on a vehicle has been positive.

“The Young Eagles event for these kids is just phenomenal,” said Milavitz. “They are just having a blast.”

He believes that giving the children an opportunity to get on a plane or helicopter will help to promote aviation in the community.

“The best way to promote aviation is when you are a youth,” said Milavitz. “Pilots need to continue to grow. They could get a good career or just be able to fly for fun.”

Police Officer Tyler Thornborrow said almost all of the children have had a positive reaction to the rides.

“I think that when these kids get on these planes, they are a little nervous,” said Thornborrow. “Every last one of them that I saw come off had a smile on their face. This is really providing something that they will never forget.”

Shawano resident Angie Bahr was one of the many parents who saw her children take a ride in one of the vehicles.

“When they heard that they were going up in a helicopter, their faces lit up in excitement,” said Bahr.

Bahr said that this could be the start to an aviation career for her son.

“This could possibly be a start,” said Bahr. “Maybe after this my son will be into it.”

One child who was visiting with his family from Gresham was given the opportunity to fly in a helicopter. He described his experience as amazing.

“When I was up there, I was just thinking what an amazing experience this is,” said Wyatt Bratz. “I am glad that I was able to do this. This is definitely something that I would do again.”

As more people continue to get vaccinated and attend public events, many crowd members and officials said that they were happy to be able

to see community members getting back together.

“I think that this is fantastic that we can all get together,” said Milavitz.

“I think it is so neat to have the world open up and get back to some degree of normalcy,” added Sperberg.

Shawano resident Jim Stock spoke on his experience at the event.

“It’s nice for all of the young ones here,” said Stock. “It’s a beautiful car show. You get hot dogs and Sun Drop — it’s all just beautiful.”

Milavitz added that he hoped this event would help to continue exposing Shawano’s best attributes to people who live out of town.

“I have met a lot of people outside of Shawano County today,” said Milavitz. “We want to show Shawano to a different community, because we are looking for people to move here. We are looking for businesses to move here.”

SPORTS

AUTO RACING

Anvelink cruises to 9th win at speedway

Waldvogel, Yarie, Nolan, Westphal earn other feature wins

By **SCOTT OWEN**
Special to NEW Media

Nick Anvelink was once again dominant as the second-generation racer won his ninth feature of the year in Late Model action at Shawano Speedway on Aug. 21.

Marcus Yarie won his fifth IMCA Modified feature. Trent Nolan rolled to his second IMCA Stock Car feature. Dylan Waldvogel got win one in the IMCA Northern Sport Modified feature, while Tanner Westphal picked up Mighty 4 win four. Jasper Drengrer and Paul Elertson got wins in Spectator Eliminator action.

The IMCA Stock Car feature was the first to hit track. Pole-sitter Asa Doxtator grabbed the lead at the start of the race. Soon Dylan Stedjee, Kyle Frederick and Nolan began marching forward.

Stedjee took the lead on lap three. That would only last for one lap however, as Frederick took over on lap four. Nolan moved underneath Frederick on lap seven to snag the lead and began to pull away from the field.

As Nolan led, Travis Van Straten worked his way through the field from his 17th-place starting position. Van Straten moved to second on lap 15 when the caution flag waved.

With five laps left, Nolan led the field back to green. Van Straten applied constant pressure over the closing laps, but Nolan would not be denied. Nolan scored his second win



Tanner Westphal picked up the win in the Mighty 4 class Aug. 21 at Shawano Speedway.

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of the year followed by Van Straten, Frederick, Stedjee and Dan Michonski.

The IMCA Sport Mod feature proved to be the Waldvogel show. The young Antigo racer won his heat race earlier in the night and followed that up by leading every lap of the feature for his first win of the year.

Waldvogel was followed to the checkers by fellow Antigo resident Zackery Raab, Tyler Sobiesczyk, point-leader Jayden Schmidt and Teagan Wudstrack.

The Mighty 4 class got the call to run third this week along with having on-track driver introductions. Jody Cornelius grabbed the early lead as Westphal and Carl King gave chase.

A bobble by Cornelius on lap three allowed Westphal to get to the inside and take the lead. King followed Westphal to second. Lucas Hacker soon joined the battle at the front of

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the field.

The caution-plagued race was cut short with Westphal taking the win followed by King, Hacker, Alexis Michonski and Cornelius.

Gunner Frank shot to the lead at the start of the Late Model feature; Anvelink, though, quickly motored toward the front.

Anvelink powered past Frank with an outside pass on lap four and decisively checked out from the rest of the field en route to victory.

Chris Engels finished second; a late race pass saw Ron Berna take third. Frank finished fourth, and Luke Postl grabbed fifth.

The IMCA Modified feature hit the track fifth. Veteran Eddie Muenster,

back behind the wheel after a number of weeks out of action, took the lead on lap one. Hunter Parsons and Marcus Hoepfner battled for second as Muenster led.

As laps ticked away, Yarie went to work steadily advancing from his ninth-place starting position. On lap eight, Yarie passed Parsons to move to second. Yarie then went to work to erase the lead that Muenster had built up.

On lap 13, Yarie caught Muenster and the two former track champions began a high-speed chess match for the lead. The pair caught the tail of the field on lap 16 as Muenster still led.

Muenster fought off constant challenges from Yarie until lap 18 when Yarie finally got past Muenster for the lead. In the end, it was Yarie followed by Muenster, Konnor Wilinski, Parsons and Andy Karl.

PRO FOOTBALL

Packers trade CB Josh Jackson for Giants CB Isaac Yiadom

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Green Bay Packers swapped cornerbacks with the New York Giants in a Aug. 17 trade.

The Packers sent away Josh Jackson for New York's Isaac Yiadom.

Green Bay drafted Jackson with the 45th overall pick of the 2018

NFL Draft. According to www.pro-football-reference.com Jackson played in 16 games and accumulated 49 combined tackles and 10 passes defended in his rookie season.

Jackson played in 14 games in 2019, only tallying 11 combined tackles. Jackson had 26 total tackles

and two passes defended in 12 games a season ago.

Yiadom was the 99th overall pick in the 2018 NFL Draft. He was selected by the Denver Broncos.

In his rookie season, Yiadom had 20 combined tackles, three passes defended and an interception. In his final season with Denver, Yiadom

recorded 43 combined tackles and four passes defended.

Before the 2020 season began, Yiadom was traded to the Giants in exchange for a seventh-round pick in the 2021 draft.

Yiadom tallied 46 combined tackles and five passes defended in his lone season with the Giants.

Oconto Falls' Tucker Bouche lands \$2,500 scholarship

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Oconto Falls Legion baseball player Tucker Bouche was recently named to the All-Academic Team by The American Legion and the recipient of a pair of scholarships.

Bouche was named the Wisconsin state winner of a \$500 scholarship. He then had his application reviewed by the World Series Scholarship

Committee and was named the Central Plains winner, giving Bouche another \$2,500 scholarship.

He was one of eight players in the country to receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

"I learned about receiving the \$2,500 national academic scholarship from my parents, who were contacted by Jim Davis," said Bouche. "Initially I was stunned, because receiving the state award was unbelievable, but

then to be one of eight people in the nation to receive this generous award left me beyond thankful! It's so cool to be given this award after spending so much time in Legion baseball and building so many great friendships.

"Lastly, I would like to thank Terry Umentum with American Legion Post 302, Jen Swanson with the Wisconsin American Legion and Jim Davis, the VP Chairman of the American Legion Committee on

Youth Education."

The All-Academic Team was announced during the American Legion World Series on Aug. 13.

To be eligible for the scholarships, Bouche was nominated by his post-affiliated team manager or head coach.

For information, visit <https://www.legion.org/baseball/253436/2021-american-legion-baseball-awards-announced>.

BABA PLAYOFF HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

East Division

Gresham 19

Clintonville 7

Gresham rolled to a victory over Clintonville in the East Division final Aug. 22 in Clintonville.

Anthony Leaman doubled three times and posted four hits to lead Gresham at the plate. Cody Reimer homered among his three hits, while Nate Ejnik chipped in two hits.

Lukas Pecore pitched seven innings to earn the win, striking out six batters along the way. Brock Smejkal took the loss.

Smejkal homered and led Clintonville with three hits. Hunter Vollmer and Jordan Koeppen added two hits each.

West Division

Little Falls 8

Caroline 4

Little Falls doubled up Caroline in the West Division final on Aug. 22 in Little Falls.

Chris Dunn struck out 14 batters over nine innings to earn the win for Little Falls.

Kasey Morgan, Cam Gruenwald and Chris Dunn all had two hits for Little Falls, with Gruenwald also driving in a pair. Drew Radies hom-

ered and drove in two.

Justin Reminger drove in two runs for Caroline, while Austin Hoffman finished with two hits. Reminger was the losing pitcher.

South Central Division

Scandinavia 2

Plover 0

Scandinavia blanked Plover in the South Central Division final on Aug. 22 in Scandinavia.

Joe Strigel had two hits to lead Scandinavia at the plate, while Logan Moe drove in a run. Jeremy Dunihoop picked up the win on the mound.

Joey Bartolone had two hits for

Plover. Zack Hintz suffered the loss.

Northern Division

Eland 2

Antigo/Polar 1

Eland defended its home turf and edged Antigo/Polar in the Northern Division final on Aug. 22 in Eland.

No other details from the game were available at press time.

Semifinal games

The BABA season continues Aug. 29 with semifinal playoff games.

Gresham will host Scandinavia and Little Falls will host Eland. Both games are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m.

DAIRYLAND LEAGUE PLAYOFF HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Waupaca 1

Bonduel 0

Waupaca knocked off Bonduel on Aug. 22 in Waupaca in a Dairyland League semifinal playoff contest.

Cam Seidl pitched all nine innings for Waupaca, striking out 15 batters and surrendering just five hits and a walk.

Jason Ellie doubled in Jake Pankratz in the fourth inning for the game's lone run. Pankratz had three hits and a stolen base.

Chase Reinke was dealt the loss, striking out seven batters over eight innings. Eric Gruenwald tallied two of Bonduel's hits.

Hofa Park 9

Hortonville 5

Hofa Park upset Hortonville in

the league's other semifinal matchup on Aug. 22 in Hortonville.

James Borick drove in three runs on two hits and scored twice for Hofa Park.

Robert Schuettepelz drove in two runs, while Brinton Anderson and Marcus Hornacek scored two runs each.

Gavin Rusch pitched the first six innings to earn the win, allowing two unearned runs. Eli Frank

pitched two innings before Mike Delgado got the final three outs.

Colan Treml was dealt the loss for Hortonville. Dan Wunderlich and Brett Kramer had two hits each for Hortonville.

Grand Championship

Waupaca will host Hofa Park in the Dairyland League Grand Championship on Aug. 29 in Waupaca.

The game is set for 1:30 p.m.



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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Shawano goes undefeated at home quad

Pulaski posts 1-2 mark

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Community High School girls tennis team finished 3-0 at a home quad on Aug. 19 in Shawano.

Shawano topped Pulaski 6-1, Manitowoc Lincoln 4-3 and Oshkosh North 5-2.

Jenna Ainsworth finished 3-0 on the day, with two of her wins coming in singles action.

Adison Moesch earned two

singles wins, while Nicole Piantek had a singles win and helped in a doubles win.

Pulaski split its other two matches, topping Oshkosh North 6-1 and losing 4-3 to Manitowoc Lincoln.

The duo of Lucy Piczkowski and Kylie Coel won a pair of doubles matches to lead Pulaski.

Rylee Miller had a pair of singles wins.

Shawano 6**Pulaski 1**

Singles: No. 1: Rylie Anderson S def. Kelsey Waggoner, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Jenna Ainsworth S def. Olivia Shelly, 7-5, 6-2; **No. 3:** Adison Moesch S

def. Mikalah Due, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Elise Pyatskowitz S def. Isabella Skalecki, 6-0, 6-0. **Doubles: No.**

1: Kate Williams-Nicole Piantek S def. Paige Vanderveren-Madeline Diefenthaler, 6-2, 6-2; **No.**

2: Lucy Piczkowski-Kylie Coel P def. Anna Etten-Ava Huntington, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 3:** Kylie Teetzen-Brianna Goetsch S def. Cianna Czarnecki-Carlee Elliott, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5), 10-5.

Shawano 4**Manitowoc Lincoln 3**

Singles: No. 1: Olivia Minikel ML def. Anderson, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Mckenna Pleus ML def. Williams, 6-4, 6-7 (8), 11-9; **No. 3:** Sophia Wergin ML def. Pyatskowitz, 6-0, 4-6, 10-7; **No. 4:** Sarah Carroll S def. Allison Gates, 4-6, 6-2, 10-2. **Doubles: No. 1:** Arianna Albert-Etten S def. Maddi Blaaser-Zylia Kleinfeldt, 6-4, 2-6, 10-6; **No. 2:** Kloie Boyles-Jordan Thompson S by forfeit, 2-0, 2-0; **No. 3:** Ainsworth-Adayla Sheldon S by forfeit, 2-0, 2-0.

Shawano 5**Oshkosh North 2**

Singles: No. 1: Ainsworth S def. Julia Bock, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Moesch S def. Madeline Drews, 7-5, retired; **No. 3:** Piantek S def. Sophie Mikle, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 4:** Sheldon S def. Hailey Fox, 6-1, 6-0. **Doubles: No. 1:** Mia Salbego-Avery Doemel ON def. Boyles-Thompson, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Madelyn Dutscheck-Chloe Rockteschel ON def. Ava

ONLINE

More girls tennis results from last week can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Huntington-Brieanna Luebeck, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 3:** Rylee Trochil-Natalee Jung S def. Alli Venne-Hailee Valdez, 6-3, 6-2.

Pulaski 6**Oshkosh North 1**

Singles: No. 1: Waggoner P def. Julia Bock, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Shelly P def. Madeline Drews, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Due P def. Sophie Mikle, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 4:** Rylee Miller P def. Hailey Fox, 6-2, 6-0. **Doubles: No. 1:** Mia Salbego-Avery Doemel ON def. Vanderveren-Diefenthaler, 5-4, retired; **No. 2:** Piczkowski-Coel P def. Madelyn Dutscheck-Chloe Rockteschel, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Czarnecki-Elliott P def. Hailee Valdez-Alli Venne, 6-1, 6-0.

Manitowoc Lincoln 4**Pulaski 3**

Singles: No. 1: Olivia Minikel ML def. Waggoner, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Sophia Wergin ML def. Coel, 6-2, 5-7, 10-6; **No. 3:** Zylia Kleinfeldt ML def. Elliott, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Miller P def. Allison Gates, 6-2, 7-5 (5). **Doubles: No. 1:** Maddi Blaaser-Mckenna Pleus ML def. Diefenthaler-Piczkowski, 6-3, 5-7, 11-9; **No. 2:** Shelly-Due P by forfeit, 2-0, 2-0; **No. 3:** Czarnecki-Treva Robaidek P by forfeit, 2-0, 2-0.



Shawano's Jenna Ainsworth competes during the team's home quad on Aug. 19 in Shawano. Ainsworth went 3-0 on the day.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

GIRLS SWIM

Stark leads Witt-Birn at pentathlon

Several Wittenberg-Birnamwood swimmers turned in strong finishes during the Marinette Pentathlon on Aug. 21 in Marinette. Swimmers competed against other athletes in their grades.

Senior Olyvia Stark placed third in the senior class with a total time of 3 minutes, 28.69 seconds. Isabella Hegewald came in fourth (3:32.69). Stark won the 50-yard backstroke, while Hegewald was second in the 50 breaststroke.

In the sophomore class, Witt-Birn's Olivia Besette came in fifth (3:36.68), while Ava Hegewald was eighth (3:43.18).

Annika Resch took sixth in the junior class with a total time of 3:27.05. Jessica Storlie was 10th in 3:45.13.

FOOTBALL

Pulaski 38

Green Bay Notre Dame 14

Pulaski pulled away in the fourth quarter to top Green Bay Notre Dame in a Fox River Classic Conference crossover matchup Aug. 20 in Green Bay.

Pulaski led 14-0 in the first quarter before taking a 21-14 lead into halftime. The Red Raiders led by the same score after three quarters before a strong final quarter helped the team seal the victory.

Aaron Maroszek rushed for 169 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries, while Maverick Cole had 109 rushing yards on 17 attempts. Brock Steinbrecher also rushed for a score and 97 yards, while Aidan McDougal had the team's fourth score on the ground.

Derek Block passed for 42 yards and a touchdown to Maroszek.



Menominee Indian's Allen Smith, left, looks for a lane to run through as teammate Wendell Waukau Jr. provides blocking during the team's nonconference game against Auburndale on Aug. 19 in Keshena. The Eagles' offense struggled to move the ball in a 48-0 season-opening loss.

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Jake Adams led the defense with 10 total tackles, while Max Burdette had nine total tackles and a forced fumble. Trevan Fatla posted five tackles and a sack.

Denmark 38

Shawano 27

Shawano fell short in a nonconference clash against Denmark on Aug. 20 in Denmark.

Shawano scored first but trailed 18-13 at halftime. Denmark scored again in the third quarter to extend its lead before both teams scored 14 points in the final quarter.

Shawano's Carson Popp passed for 222 yards and three touchdowns. Elliott Lowney had 110 receiving yards and a touchdown on two catches, while Ashton Henning had two catches for 62 yards and a score. Jacob Landon had four receptions for 38 yards and the other score.

Andrew Popp rushed for 74 yards

and a touchdown on eight attempts.

Witt-Birn 53

Northland Pines 0

Wittenberg-Birnamwood routed Northland Pines in a nonconference matchup Aug. 20 in Eagle River.

Witt-Birn jumped out to a 12-0 lead after one quarter and never looked back in the lopsided win.

Shiocton 20

Bonduel 6

Bonduel was unable to hold on to a halftime lead in a nonconference setback to Shiocton on Aug. 20 in Shiocton.

The Bears led 6-0 at the break before Shiocton scored 20 unanswered points in the final half.

Auburndale 48

Menominee Indian 0

Menominee Indian hung with Auburndale in the first half, but ran out

of gas in the second half of a nonconference matchup Aug. 19 in Keshena.

Menominee Indian trailed 13-0 at halftime. The Eagles' defense made a goal line stand, had Tate Zhuckakahosee recover a fumble in the end zone and had Andre Corn intercept a pass in the first half.

The hosts struggled to get their offense going, only picking up four first downs in the contest. The Eagles allowed five sacks.

Along with his interception, Corn was credited with 14 total tackles and a forced fumble on defense, and he had all four of the team's receptions for 26 yards. Allen Smith was the team's leading rusher, tallying nine attempts for 31 yards.

GIRLS GOLF

Panthers 2nd at NEC meet

Oconto Falls posted a team score of 215 to claim second at a North Eastern Conference match on Aug. 19 at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls.

All five Panthers' varsity golfers finished within five shots of each other. Kenadee Seidl led the way with a nine-hole round of 52.

Kloeigh Seidl and Danielle Darby each carded 54s, with Kate Pytleski at a 55 and Amber Krause a 57.

Oconto Falls takes 2nd in 3-team conference meet

Oconto Falls posted a team score of 214 to place second at a North Eastern Conference match Aug. 17 at Hilly Haven Golf Course in De Pere. Wrightstown (193) took first, while Denmark (234) was third.

Kenadee Seidl was Oconto Falls' top golfer on the day, posting a nine-hole round of 48. Kate Pytleski (51) took second on the team.

Kloeigh Seidl (55), Danielle Darby (60) and Gina Sconzert (62) rounded out the Panthers' five-golfer lineup.



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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Tate McMillan named Pulaski coach

Pulaski High School teacher Tate McMillan is the school's new varsity baseball head coach.

He replaces Dennis Bogacz, who resigned following the season.

McMillan, a special education teacher, has been with the Pulaski Community School District since the 2019-20 school year. Prior to that, he taught at Lombardi Middle School in Green Bay from 2017-19. He served as head baseball coach at Green Bay Southwest at that time.

He also taught at Savannah Christian Preparatory School (Georgia) from 2012-15, where he was an assistant baseball coach. He also served as pitching coach at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee, from 2010-12.

He earned a bachelor's of science from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee, in 2010. He also earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from

Lincoln Memorial University in 2012.

McMillan said he'd been looking for a larger school district with a small-town feel, and he found it in Pulaski.

PHS athletic director Janel Batten is excited with the hire.

"Tate has extensive knowledge of the game of baseball and has had many successful experiences playing the game (high school and college) and coaching," said Batten. "Tate's portfolio of coaching experience includes both head high school coaching as well as at the collegiate level. As an educator, Mr. McMillan relates well with young adults and has experience teaching fundamentals. We are fortunate to have coach McMillan lead our Red Raider baseball program into the future."

McMillan is excited to take over the program. He said his team will play fast, with a lot of energy and will attack every day.



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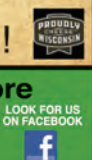
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Lasry stumps in Shawano County for senate

Democrat says Johnson not fighting for Wisconsin's interests in Washington

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Alex Lasry, one of a number of Democrats running for the Senate seat occupied by Ron Johnson, visited the Shawano County Democrats on Aug. 19 and vowed to give Wisconsin's other senator, Tammy Baldwin, a true partner in Washington.

The senior vice president for the Milwaukee Bucks franchise told about 40 people at Kuckuk Park that he feels a change is needed in the federal Capitol, pointing the finger at Johnson as a symptom of the rot that exists in the government.

"Whether it's been his constant conspiracy theorizing, his loyalty to Donald Trump or just a general indifference to the job, Ron Johnson has shown us time and time again that he is not up to the task of being our U.S. senator," Lasry said. "That's been a really big problem for us, because that means for the last 10 years we've only had one senator fighting on our behalf."

Claiming not to be a politician, Lasry said he's worked at the highest level of politics, serving in Barack Obama's White House and leading the bid to have the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Wisconsin.

"I know how politics work, but I've also got a record of accomplishment on a lot of the big issues we're talking about," Lasry said. "When it comes to a \$15 minimum wage, we already pay that (in the Bucks organization). When it



Alex Lasry speaks before a crowd of 40 during a Shawano County Democrats event Aug. 19 at Kuckuk Park, campaigning for the U.S. Senate seat held by Ron Johnson.

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comes to creating jobs, we already do that."

Lasry said he plans to run on progressive values, noting that they're good for the economy and good for the country. He told the story of his father and grandparents immigrating to the United States from Morocco, and how his father received an excellent education, worked his way through college and landed a union job.

"I want to make sure that, no matter your ZIP code, you can get a good school education," Lasry said. "I want to make sure you can go to college or community college or trade school without a crushing amount of debt, and finally that you can find that good union job — one that pays you a living wage so you

don't have to worry about a second or a third job just to support your family."

Lasry touted that his campaign is the only one, he believes, to have a unionized campaign staff. He said that shows his campaign is doing things differently than other politicians.

"If you want to see where someone's values are, see how they run their organization," Lasry said. "That's how you know what we're going to do in Washington."

Lasry said that he plans to follow the practice of Baldwin and Gov. Tony Evers where they visit places that are not dominated by Democrats and that Republicans have taken for granted.

"We're not just going to a representative for the 50-some-odd percent who vote for us, but 100% of the state," Lasry said.

He noted that Democrats needed to battle on two fronts. Besides unseating Johnson, Lasry wants to make sure Evers is elected to a second term.

"That veto pen is very, very

important for ensuring we keep our voting rights and that we make sure that this state continues to move forward," he said.

Lasry said the state needs to make itself attractive for people to move here for work, as well as make sure those who are already here aren't convinced to leave.

"Right now, Wisconsin's greatest export is its people," Lasry said. "We are educating people, we're training them and then they're going to Chicago, Minneapolis, Columbus, etc."

The filibuster is not something that Lasry wants to see remain in the U.S. Senate, saying it keeps work from being done.

"The filibuster, in my opinion, allows politicians to get away with what they want to get away with, which is not actually having to take a vote," he said. "They can run campaigns and say, 'I would do this, but I can't because of the filibuster.' A lot of voters don't care. What they do care about is that nothing's getting done."

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Lawmakers seek to keep misconduct secret

Even Staush Gruszynski didn't want this to happen.

The former state Assembly representative from Green Bay is the subject of an ongoing legal battle over records regarding his sexual harassment of a female staffer. A judge ruled in late June that the Legislature violated the state's open records law in denying media requesters access to these records; that decision is now being appealed, at taxpayer expense.

Gruszynski, who was defeated last year in a Democratic primary election after the allegations against him became known, says that, if it were up to him, the records the Assembly is still seeking to withhold would have been released long ago.

"We were trying to do that, but the Assembly rules wouldn't allow us," Gruszynski told me by phone recently. In fact, he got his own first look at the records when they were released to the media in August 2020, eight months after they were requested and one day after the election in which



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he was soundly defeated.

The records detailed the Legislature's investigation of a legislative aide's complaint that Gruszynski had drunkenly propositioned her in a bar, conduct

to which he admitted. Redacted from the documents were some names and a portion of Gruszynski's statement to investigators related to his health — presumably, his alcoholism.

Media including the Wisconsin State Journal, Capital Times, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and Associated Press sued over the delay and redactions, which Dane County Judge Juan Colas agreed were improper. He ordered the Assembly to provide unredacted versions and pay the media requesters' legal costs. The appeal puts this on hold, and will drive those costs upward.

Gruszynski — who apologized for his behavior, stopped drinking and attended anti-harassment training — says he would have liked for the records to have been released earlier.

"Without having the documents, we had nothing to contradict the claims that were being made," Gruszynski said. "Personally and as a campaign, we would rather have had more information out."

So now the Legislature is spending the public's money to keep the public from seeing these records, contrary to the wishes of the main person they concern.

Colas issued his decision on June 30, the same day that the state Senate followed the state Assembly in unanimously voting to create a new Legislative Human Resources Office with built-in secrecy provisions for lawmakers and their staffs.

The bill as approved would have required this office's records be treated as "confidential," giving the Legislature new ways to avoid complying with the

law it just got caught breaking.

The Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council sounded an alarm, and Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers responded by vetoing the bill.

"The people of Wisconsin have a right to know about misconduct by public officials and employees, including those in the Legislature," Evers wrote in his veto message. "I cannot support a bill that would be used to hide official misconduct from public scrutiny."

It's unclear whether the Legislature will attempt a veto override. Let's hope not. How awful it would be if this were the rare issue that unites Democrats and Republicans — making it easier for them to cover up their own misconduct.

The people of Wisconsin should not let that happen.

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Bill Lueders is the group's president.

GUEST COLUMN

State budget's final chapter yet to be written

With so much work left undone in the 2021 state budget as passed by the legislature, the final chapter of the story of the biennial budget fight has yet to be written. The question is: Will it be a saga of missed opportunities or a tale of the triumph of the will of the people?

When Gov. Tony Evers introduced his budget proposal in February, he called on us, the people of Wisconsin, to believe that we could bounce back from the COVID global health pandemic and the hardship it caused to our families, communities and economy. He told us, don't let anyone tell you we can't afford to invest in our priorities, from health care to public education to clean water to roads and broadband.

His plan lived up to those words, with bold investments and proposals for our state government to do what it's supposed to — help all our communities. It included measures with broad public and bipartisan support, like expanding BadgerCare and bringing



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back billions in federal funding to our communities instead of sending it to other states; making sure we had clean drinking water whether we lived on a city block or a family farm; reforming

marijuana policy; making historic investments in public schools, and more.

When the Legislative Fiscal Bureau revised its revenue estimates, the faster-than-expected economic rebound from COVID meant the state had an additional \$1 billion in revenue, thanks to Evers' wise fiscal management and work with the Biden administration to get shots in arms and relief to families. It gave us the chance to make needed investments to continue the growth and ensure that all of our citizens benefit from it.

Despite ample revenue and a plan to invest it wisely, "no" was the answer

from the Republicans who hold a majority in the state legislature. They chose to strip out hundreds of provisions that would have improved the lives of their constituents — us.

When debating the budget bill on the floor of the legislature, Democrats offered amendments to restore many of the investments in us and our communities proposed by Evers. Again, "no" was the answer from the Republican legislative majority.

Now the story turns to us, the people of Wisconsin, and this is where we can help to influence how it ends.

It's not too late for the will of the people to overcome adversity and for us to look forward to a future where, no matter our race or zip code, our government makes investments that allow us to have autonomy over our lives and prosper.

Some politicians have decided to offer false choices and dogwhistles designed to pit communities against each other, while refusing to ask corporations and wealthiest among us to pay

their fair share. We can make a different choice, and say no to that agenda.

The good news is that, thanks to Evers' vetoes, significant state budget funds remain unspent, giving legislators a third chance to make the right decision for our families and communities.

We still can put a priority on clean water and while we increase funding for public education. We can expand affordable health care, while bringing federal funds back to our communities, and lower prescription drug prices. We can do more.

When we unite across our differences, we can write our own ending to the budget story, and demand that our leaders act in a way that benefits us all and make wise investments in our future. If our legislators still don't listen, we can leave our reviews of the story of the 2021 budget in the ballot box.

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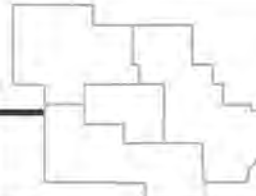
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Members of the Shawano Ski Sharks line up during the club's final performance of the season on Aug. 16, as the crowd watches from shore. The group performs Wednesday nights throughout the summer at Smalley Park in Shawano and this year hosted the Division 2 Show Ski National Championships, placing second overall.

"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 after that event in early August, adding that requests have been made already for Shawano to host the championships again.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 27

TIGERTON: Lumberjack Days, Community Park, 236 Pine St. Beanbag tournament 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 28

BOWLER: "Stars, Cars and Handlebars," 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Car and motorcycle show, food trucks, DJ.

TIGERTON: Lumberjack Days, Community Park, 236 Pine St. Beanbag tournament 10 a.m., kids activities and bike giveaways, strongman/woman contest 2 p.m., free corn roast 4:30 p.m., live music with Starfire 2 p.m. and Bad News 7 p.m., crowning of Lumberjack Princess between bands around 6:30 p.m.

SHAWANO: Vignettes and Music, 1-3 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Beloved classics and new works.

SUNDAY, AUG. 29

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

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

TIGERTON: Lumberjack Days, Community Park, 236 Pine St. Parade 1 p.m., kids activities with face painting and balloon artist 1:30-4:30 p.m., lumberjack competition 2 p.m., live music with The Drovers 2-6 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 31

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1

SHAWANO: County Fair, 990 E. Green Bay St. Tractor and truck pull 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

SURING: Friends of Suring Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Village Municipal Building, 604 Main St.

SHAWANO: County Fair, 990 E. Green Bay St. Music by Rocker 7 p.m., fireworks.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

SURING: Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 206 Burk St.

SURING: Friends of Suring Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Village

Municipal Building, 604 Main St. Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 229 N. Mill St.

SHAWANO: County Fair, 990 E. Green Bay St. Music by 308s, 8 p.m.

SURING: Labor Day Weekend Celebration, Veterans Park. Truck pull 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

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SURING: Labor Day Weekend Celebration, Veterans Park. Tractor pull 10 a.m., chili cook-off 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Farm and NEW Hot Tractor Pull 7 p.m.

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RIVERVIEW: Fire Department Corn Roast, 11 a.m. to close, fire station, 15471 State Highway 32. Brats, burgers, meat and 50/50 raffles, kids play area.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5

SHAWANO: County Fair, 990 E. Green Bay St. Trailer races 1 p.m., music by Star Six Nine 8 p.m.

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

SURING: Labor Day Weekend Celebration, Veterans Park. Demolition derby noon, Suring All School Reunion Dinner at American Legion Hall 4-6:30 p.m., fireworks 9 p.m.

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Fair back at full strength this year



A pair of pigs take an early afternoon snooze in 2020 in the pig barn at the Shawano County Fairgrounds. There should be a lot more farm animal exhibits at the fair this year with the exhibit limitations lifted.

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Shawano County staple brings back Bingo, old-fashioned, but still no cream puffs

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano County Fair was one of the few events in 2020 that did not cancel because of the pandemic, but for safety purposes, many events were cut back and exhibits were scaled down.

Not this year, though. The fair will be back at full strength, with cancelled events being uncanceled and exhibitors free to enter as much stuff as they wish.

The fair's website is even encouraging exhibitors to take their time spent at home in the past year and turn it into something to be proud of, reading: "We are aware that the extra time spent at home with family resulted in picking up hobbies, such as woodworking, painting, photography and even planting a garden. You

pickled and preserved your items from the garden, and worked hours upon hours on other projects. With a shortage in yeast, families did baking projects as well. Why not enter them in the 2021 Shawano County Fair, and show off your talents and the fruits of your labor."

The optimism is not just coming from the website, though, as officials are excited about the return of the fair, even though it technically never left.

"It's important for our community," said Brad Luepke, the fairgrounds' promotional manager. "The fair is a big deal for the Shawano community — for the kids that show animals who worked all year. Last year, we knew we had to put it down, but we also knew we had to put limitations. This year, we decided we were going to go full-bore forward

and have a fair, and a lot of it was because it was important to have that in the community."

That includes full participation from Shawano County's 4-H organizations, which had to put the brakes on activities in 2020 when the coronavirus pandemic hit hard in March and stayed put. Luepke said the 4-H is back and encouraging the youth to enter their animals, art projects, cakes and more.

The livestock auction will return to a live format in the coliseum after COVID-19 restrictions required the fair to hold a virtual event in the Crawford Center. Other live events like the cake auction will also be returning to normal, according to Luepke.

One fledgling event, the old-fashioned making contest, debuted in 2019 to tremendous acclaim but

had to be canceled last year because of the crowd it could have generated. The event returns this year and will take place at noon Sept. 5 at the midway stage.

"People loved that the first year, and we took it away last year," Luepke said.

Entries were restricted last year as exhibitors could only enter up to 25 items. The restriction has been lifted, Luepke said, and folks can enter as much as they wish.

"You'll see way more entries this year than you did last year," he said. "You'll see a full carnival, too. Last year, we were down some rides, but there'll be a full carnival. A lot of the 'new' things are what a lot of the old things were."

Entertainment is still a key factor at the fair, and there will even be a band playing Thursday night,

“The fair is a way to bring a sense of normalcy in a time when we really need it the most. It’s a big family reunion in the county. We’re seeing each other, and sometimes it’s the only time we get to see certain people.”

BRAD LUEPKE, Shawano County Fair promotional manager

something the fair hadn’t done previously as most of the performers on the main stage played on the weekend. Rocker will be entertaining the crowd beginning at 7 p.m., likely performing even as the fireworks are launched around 8:30 p.m. from the grandstand.

There will also be bands performing on the midway stage among all the food vendors and carnival attractions. The President’s Park stage will continue to vibrate with the sound of polka bands throughout the day and into the night, along with a polka Mass held at 11 a.m. on the day before Labor Day.

For those who hear the echoing voices of “I-25” and “O-62”, Bingo returns to the fairgrounds this year after being one of the crowd draws that officials feared could spread the coronavirus, with sessions going on every day except opening day.

“We’re ready to roll,” Luepke said. “I’m excited for this year. I’m excited that we’re able to bring this to the community at a time we really need it. I feel it really brings hope for normalcy.”

Also back are some of the contests that the fair had done through social media, seeking out certain items at the fair and entering for prizes.

“We like to use the (Facebook) Live feature quite a bit and often,” Luepke said. “You’ll see a lot of fun out of our Facebook during the fair. If you don’t ‘Like’ it, you probably should, because you might be able to win some pretty cool stuff.”

Even though events are coming back to the fair, officials are still taking precautions to keep people healthy, realizing the coronavirus pandemic is not over.

“You’ll see a little bit of what was left last year, like the sanitizing stations and such,” Luepke said. “You’ll see a little of what last year was, but for the most part, you’ll see a normal fair.”

Prepping for the fair has been a little grueling with temperatures in the 80s and most of the barns not having air conditioning, but Luepke is hoping for better weather once the fair opens its gates on Sept. 1.

“It’s a lot of work to put it on, but the best reaction I get is when you walk around the midway and see everybody laughing and smiling and having a good time,” Luepke said. “That means all the time you put in



Ted Petrie judges one bottle of wine in the commercial building at the Shawano County Fair in 2020 as Linda Olson reaches for another bottle to examine.

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Sarah Liebergen washes up Land-Ho Licorcie Kylla outside the east cattle barn at the Shawano County Fairgrounds in 2020.

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was worthwhile, just seeing that. A lot of the reaction we get is positive. They like to see the direction we’re going — we seem to be growing and trying new things. Shawano County

is the best fair in the state, and that’s what we strive for.”

There is going to be one casualty of the fair this year. The cream puffs, which are usually furnished by Wolf

River Harmony, will not be available this year. Luepke said he was informed the group could not find enough volunteers to run a booth and prepare the sweet things for fair patrons.

“Unfortunately, they called us (earlier in the month) and said they just couldn’t find enough help. I was kind of floored,” Luepke said. “However, we’ve got a lot of other good food that will be available, a lot of good vendors on the grounds.”

Besides being a source of pride and entertainment for the whole county, the Shawano County Fair provides a beacon of hope, in Luepke’s view, in a time when the pandemic has lowered that quotient for most people.

“We need a lot of positivity,” Luepke said. “There’s a lot of negativity everywhere you turn. That’s all we see now. The fair is a way to bring a sense of normalcy in a time when we really need it the most. It’s a big family reunion in the county. We’re seeing each other, and sometimes it’s the only time we get to see certain people.”

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Kayla Naparalla safely makes it out of her compact truck during the Shawano County Fair demolition derby in 2020. The grandstand event is always one of the final events at the fair each year.

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A pair of mini-pumpkins sit on a plate in the farmers exhibition building at the Shawano County Fair in 2020.

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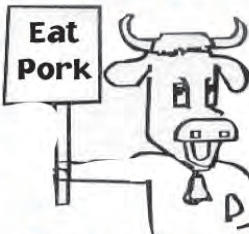
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Shawano Hockey League ♦ Shawano Lake Lions
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Shawano Wrestling Club ♦ VFW Post 2723
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Wednesday, September 1, 2021 thru Monday, September 6, 2021

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Wed., Sept. 1 at 6:30pm

Truck & Farm Tractor Pull

Thur., Sept. 2, at 6:00pm

Fireworks over the Fair at Dusk

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Sat., Sept 4 at 6:00pm

Stock Car Races Championship Night

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Sun., Sept. 5 at 1:00pm

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Mon., Sept. 6 at 1:00pm

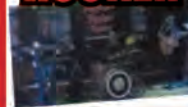
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MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY - 7:00PM

ROCKER



FRIDAY - 8:00PM

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SATURDAY - 8:30PM

THE REJECTS



SUNDAY - 8:00PM

STAR SIX/NINE



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SATURDAY SEPT. 4 - 2:00PM
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FRIDAY SEPT. 3 - 5:00PM
NICKI SIMS TRIO

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Mon., Sept 6: from Noon-5pm

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Thurs., Sept. 2 at 6pm

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& Sausage Judging

Fri., Sept. 3 at 6:30pm

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Sat., Sept. 4 at 12 pm

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Fri., Sept. 3 from 7-11 pm

Chad Przybylski

Sat., Sept. 4 from 1-4pm

Neal Zunker

Sat., Sept. 4 at 8:30pm

New Generation

Sun., Sept. 5 at 11am Polka Mass

Jerry Voelker Orchestra from 1-5pm

Sun., Sept. 5 from 7-10pm

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