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Two cross-country runners for the boys team finish in top 10 at the Rosholt invitational Oct. 1.

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KEEPING SCHOOL NORMAL

Eleven students participated in the annual Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's Drive Your Tractor to School Day. Efforts are being made to keep activities as normal as possible through the pandemic. Saul Hanke, Wittenberg, drove his tractor to school and participated in the roadside clean-up crew after school Sept. 30.

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Board approves four-step plan for virtual switch

Lack of substitute teachers main concern for school district

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

In preparing for the event that the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District might not have enough substitute teachers and would need to go to virtual learning, Superintendent Garrett Rogowski proposed a four-step plan at the Sept. 28 school board meeting.

Step one would be to utilize people who are not classroom teachers, such as other staff and board members in the district. They would work with a teacher who might be quarantined but still able to communicate lesson plans.

Step two would allow canceling just a classroom for a period of time. Ideally, the rest of the school would want to still operate and take more precautions for social distancing, but this would allow the option of not closing the entire school.

Step three would be to close a building, but not the whole district. WBSD has three separate buildings, so if there was a need to close the high school, for example, the two elementary/middle schools could remain open.

Step four would be to make the districtwide decision to close in-school instruction and go totally to virtual learning.

FYI

People wanting to be considered for a substitute teaching position should fill out an online application on the district website at www.wittbirn.k12.wi.us or contact district secretary Joy Hartleben at 715-253-2213.

The schools have the ability to make minor changes without going to the board for approval, but this four-step plan would define the course of action needed, should the pandemic cause a major disruption for students and teachers.

"We are starting to see more substituting needed in the elementary and middle school level," said Rogowski.

Vicki Haas and Randy Berndt, principals at the Wittenberg and Birnamwood elementary and middle schools, respectively, have been already filling in as needed, sometimes for longer than a couple of periods, said Rogowski.

"Sometimes we fill in for several days for teachers when we have no substitutes available," said Haas.

According to district secretary Joy Hartleben, an associate's degree and a substitute permit from the state Department of Public Instruction is needed to become a substitute teacher. Of the 34 substitutes able to work for WBSD, only 20 are active.

Hartleben noted that most who are currently unavailable are providing daycare for family or friends to help out during the pandemic.

Rogowski noted that WBSD operates five days a week, while many other districts are open fewer days.

Feedback from the staff is to allow for extra time to prepare for the virtual component for teaching, according to Rogowski. Schools are able to get this time with a waiver from DPI.

Rogowski asked the board to approve using the Friday dates of Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 as non-student contact days. Teachers will be able to come to school and prepare virtual learning lesson plans with all the resources available for them. Rogowski noted that teachers are currently staying after school or working at home to prepare virtual lessons.

"The biggest frustration the teaching staff has is the challenge of writing lesson plans for both face-to-face and virtual instruction," said Rogowski. "Even the most tech-savvy teachers are finding it challenging to devote the time needed to prepare for the virtual classes."

The board approved the four step plan.

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Technical college offers late start option

Northcentral Technical College is offering late start courses and programs that students can begin now through November.

Students who are looking to take their first or next step in higher education still have the opportunity to get started this semester.

"We recognize that this year is unusual as prospective students may have delayed beginning their education or may be considering a gap year due to COVID," said Dr.

Darren Ackley, vice president of learning at NTC. "With our late start courses, students can begin their education at a time that's convenient for them while ensuring they stay on track with their educational goals."

Late start courses are offered online, giving students flexibility in scheduling, or in a more structured hybrid format through Zoom. Both options help students get a head start on their education. Late start

programs — offered through NTC's flexible, self-paced virtual college or through an open lab format — give students the opportunity to begin late while staying on track to graduate on time. The college's late start programs also offer transferability for anyone who wants to continue their education.

For information on available courses and programs, visit www.ntc.edu/latestart or call 715-803-1645.

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NTC receives nearly \$2.2M to help students reach goals

Northcentral Technical College is the recipient of a nearly \$2.2 million U.S. Department of Education Strengthening Institutions grant.

The "RAISE: 'EM+UP," Risk Alert Interventions to Support Education: Early Measures + Ultra Predictives, grant will expand initiatives to support enrollment, retention and graduation of all NTC low-income students through predictive analytics, advising and career services over the next five years.

"We are so honored to be awarded these funds, which will allow NTC to help students stay on track and reach their goals of a brighter future," said Dr. Vicki Jeppesen, vice president of college

advancement. "NTC is one of few higher education institutions to receive this grant nationwide, so we are committed to using the funds to have a strong, positive impact on our learners."

As 63% of NTC's full-time program students are eligible for financial aid, the initiatives will allow for enhanced intervention processes, professional development for faculty and staff, implementation of career pathway software, first- and second-year career services, online career and program resources and career investigation courses.

In addition, funds will be used to strengthen the NTC Foundation's endowment to provide scholarship support to learners.

BIRTHS

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Tigerton village and school district receive USDA grants

Grants to help with buildings, equipment, education

U.S. Department of Agriculture Wisconsin Rural Development State Director Frank Frassetto announced Monday that the USDA is investing \$2.1 million to improve public safety equipment, community buildings and education.

"These investments will allow these rural communities provide safe, modern equipment and supplies to service and meet the needs in their residents," Frassetto said. "Through our Community Facilities programs, USDA Rural Development partners with communities to maximize the affordability of their infrastructure needs."

Tigerton School District received a \$72,000 grant to upgrade and enhance the technical educational department. The technical education department has been growing, along with class sizes and has been an educational foundation for the students. This project will include the purchase of a plasma cutter and router table, computers, three-dimensional resin printer and vinyl printer/cutter.

The village of Tigerton received a \$168,000 grant to construct a building to house public works equipment. The existing facility contains the Village Hall, police department, fire department and public works garage. It is too small

to house the existing equipment and provide space for additional equipment needed.

The city of Clintonville received a \$100,000 grant to purchase a jetter truck for the wastewater utility department.

The city of Marion received a \$1,050,000 loan and a \$250,000 grant to construct a municipal garage. The public works building, built in the 1950s, lacks the needed space and has safety concerns. The new facility will be built to the current energy code.

More than 100 types of projects are eligible for Community Facilities funding. Eligible applicants include municipalities, public bodies, non-profit organizations and federally recognized Native American tribes. Projects must be in eligible rural areas with a population of 20,000 or less. Grant applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted.

Funding is also coming from the Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program and the \$150 million in grants included in the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act that President Donald Trump signed into law on June 6, 2019.

For information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/wi, call 715-345-7600 or email wi-rd-stateoffice@usda.gov.

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The Village of Wittenberg will be accepting sealed bids for the plowing and removal of snow for the Village of Wittenberg Streets. Bid must include responsibility for fixing divots, and any other damage, caused by plowing, in the right-of-way. Any other specifications can be obtained by contacting the Village Clerk at 253-6063 or writing to the Village of Wittenberg, P.O. Box 331, Wittenberg, WI 54499. These bids are to be received at the Clerk's Office before 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2020. The Village Board of Wittenberg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Parker, Damrau square off at DA forum

Candidates differ on approach to prosecuting criminals

By **TIM RYAN**
Reporter

Greg Parker, Republican incumbent running for reelection to the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's Office, faced off against challenger Aaron Damrau, running as an independent, in a forum held Tuesday.

The forum featured questions submitted by sponsors NEW Media Inc. and Results Broadcasting and the community.

The forum did not have a live audience but was broadcast on WTCH and live-streamed on the radio station's Facebook page.

Parker, who has been district attorney since 2007, emphasized in his opening statement his experience of 20 years practicing law and defended his office's reputation.

"I always have been law and order and believe criminals should be held responsible when they commit crimes," he said. "I believe holding criminals accountable is in the best interests of our community."

Parker said his philosophy has been to administer justice fairly and impartially.

"My office has a reputation for being tough on crime," he said. "I've kept my promise as your district attorney to pursue sex offenders, sex predators, repeat felony drunk drivers and drug offenders."

Damrau, who lives on a family farm outside Tigerton, said he is running because those in government need to be held accountable.

"We need to do better, and our justice system is not achieving results like it should," he said.

Damrau, who was elected to the Shawano County Board last spring, graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2015 and has worked as a public defender in Wausau.

"I'm running because our DA's office is not doing its job," he said. "Unless you're in the system, you don't know how bad it is."

Damrau said victims and defendants are being denied justice, and taxpayers are getting hurt.

"We had eight felony cases dismissed because our DA's office didn't file paperwork in time," he said. "As DA, I want to make sure we have a fair, efficient and effective system."

The candidates were asked about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the court system.

Parker said there are 209 jury trials that have been adjourned and probably won't move forward until after the first of the year.

Damrau said he couldn't speak to how COVID-19 was being addressed, but said the court system already had a backlog of jury cases before the pandemic.

"Our DA's office right now uses juries as a leveraging tool," he said. "They won't look at a case until the week of the jury trial. They won't negotiate until a jury trial is set."

The format of the forum did not allow for rebuttals from the candidates.

On a related coronavirus question, both candidates agreed social distancing mandates, such as masks, are not enforceable by local law enforcement and would put a burden on the courts.

Parker addressed a difference of opinion he has had with the Human Services Department over which defendants should be admitted into drug court.

"The largest group we see are medium to moderate type of people," he said. "The treatment people have singled out only the high risk, high need."

The reality is there are more people in Shawano County that need help."

Parker also said it was Judge William Kussel Jr. who ordered that the number of drug court participants be kept down to 12.

Damrau said more defendants should be admitted into the program.

"The drug problem is the greatest challenge facing our community right now," he said. "We can fit 20 people in drug court."

Damrau also criticized the fact that more than two-thirds of defendants in the Shawano County judicial system are Native American.

"It's an issue we need to be addressing and it's important for the DA to be exploring how to address that issue," he said.

Parker defended his office as unbiased.

"I have never nor has anybody in my office picked out a person because of race, creed, color or sexual orientation," he said. "There is no room for



Kayla Williams serves as timekeeper for a forum between district attorney candidates Greg Parker, left, and Aaron Damrau, at a Results Broadcasting studio in Shawano on Tuesday.

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unconscious bias in the prosecutor's position. It's ridiculous for this man to stand here and accuse my office of some type of racism. It's outrageous and it's an absolute lie."

Damrau later said he was not accusing the DA's office of racism.

The candidates were also asked about the Black Lives Matter movement.

"We've been watching what's going on on TV with some of these organizations Black Lives Matter, Antifa and some of these White supremacy organizations," Parker said. "Overall, I don't think any one of them are necessarily entities that are concerned about law and order. There are opportunists who go out and loot and destroy property in the same of some type of organization. Their conduct is they are violating the law and they should be prosecuted."

Damrau also condemned the rioting and looting.

"People need to be prosecuted when you break the law," he said.

Both candidates were also opposed to any efforts being pushed in some political circles to de-fund the police.

Addressing what he said was a lack of efficiency in the DA's office, Damrau noted that misdemeanor cases were taking too long to file, with 52 cases filed last year that were more than a year old.

"We're not doing the work that we need to do," he said.

Parker said the backlog in the district attorney's office has been a

challenge for more than 30 years. He also said Damrau was ignoring the high number of felony cases that have been filed.

"Felony cases are our highest priority, along with domestic violence-type misdemeanor cases," he said. "This year, we're up to almost 470 felony cases."

Parker also said state funding for a third assistant prosecutor last year has allowed the office to get a handle on the backlog.

"We've been doing that fairly well," he said.

In his closing statement, Parker reiterated the need for integrity and experience in the district attorney's office. He again cited his 20 years as an attorney and extensive experience in jury trials.

"Mr. Damrau's been practicing law for 4½ years or thereabouts," Parker said. "My opponent has had no felony jury trial experience."

Parker said he has administered the district attorney's office for nearly 14 years with a dedicated staff committed to serving the public.

"I will stand on the fact that I am a law and order district attorney and I hold people responsible for the crimes they commit," he said.

In his closing statement, Damrau maintained Constitutional rights are being ignored in Shawano County.

"Our DA's office is ignoring the rights of people," he said. "Our DA's office does not have integrity."

Rose completes exit planning program

Thrivent agent can now provide specialized strategies

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
News Editor

Travis Rose, co-owner of the Thrivent Financial-Pinnacle Team in Antigo, recently earned the certified exit planning adviser designation from the Exit Planning Institute in Cleveland.

The CEPA program was specifically designed for business advisers who work closely with owners of privately held companies. The organizing principle of the program is the alignment of business, personal and financial goals. Formed in 2005, the Exit Planning Institute serves the educational and resource needs of wealth managers, financial planners, accountants, management consultants, attorneys, commercial lenders

and other business advisers.

"I'm one of two Thrivent agents nationwide with this certification," said Rose.

The online course was a huge time commitment for one week. Rose attended online Zoom sessions Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with a three-hour final exam Saturday. The upside of all that hard work is having the tools necessary to help people bring value to their businesses so that when they are ready to sell, they get top dollar.

Rose noted that there are business brokers who will sell a business for a 6-10% commission, but they tend to only work in the large cities and only for large companies. Most companies in this area tend to be smaller, and the sale of the company is what the own-

ers depend on for their retirement.

Single owners, partnerships and even farms are all businesses that can benefit from this kind of service, according to Rose. He partners with companies to make plans to add value to the businesses and then figures out the best ways to retain the most money once it's sold so the owners don't pay too much in taxes.

For his services, Rose charges a flat fee that is agreed upon in advance and is dependant on the scope of the business.

With this certification, Rose is able to partner with other advisers across Wisconsin serving as an adviser to the other advisers. Rose noted that they don't have to change investment brokers and they don't need to have any Thrivent products.

AT A GLANCE

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"Our focus at Thrivent is holistic rather than product specific," said Rose.

The Thrivent offices in Hatley and in Pulaski will be utilizing these services as well.

Rose lives in Wittenberg with his wife and four daughters. He serves as a board member of the Wittenberg Area Chamber of Commerce and the Wittenberg Development Corporation. Both organizations seek to find and bring businesses to the area.

"Finding the right business, I can make a compelling case for them to move here," said Rose.

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Falling behind in the spring cleaning department

I made some pretty bold declarations when the pandemic first closed everything down. Fortunately, they were only in my head, so I'm guessing I can't really be faulted for my lack of follow-through.

There were people who announced through social media that they had just completed cleaning out their millionth closet, organized piles of trash and donations and were going on to do even greater things before the lockdown was lifted. I was not one of those people.

I'm not even sure if I could qualify those people as being close friends. Nice to know them, but if they were really close friends, they would have taken the risk and ventured over to my house to work their magic on my closets.

It's not that I wasn't happy for them



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and rejoiced in their sense of accomplishment; it's just that I wasn't going to compare their home improvement projects to mine.

Apparently mine need a lot of mindful planning and contemplation

before executing. What can I say? I'm a thinker, not a doer. Some might qualify that trait as being a procrastinator, and that's OK with me.

Just think of how disappointed I would be right now if I had power washed the outside of my house early this spring while trying to wait out the pandemic. All summer long, the road in front of my house was being demol-

ished and rebuilt and no doubt would have made a fine mess of my newly cleaned house.

Since I resisted the temptation to do it before the end of the lockdown, I now refuse to start the project because winter is coming. Granted, we still have a lot of good weather days left this fall, but I'm back in thinking mode, and we all know that process can't be rushed in me.

Some people take great pride in being able to accomplish things like checking off items on a to-do list. I prefer to make my to-do list, give it some time thinking about it and then conveniently lose it when my head starts to hurt. I know it's not very productive but with the time and effort invested into it, I feel like I've done a lot of work and I try to take pride in that.

I'm sure next spring will have to

be the year to update my landscaping and finally power wash the house. I suppose the deck should be stained, and the garage needs some cleaning. Honestly, I haven't even started thinking about these projects and my head hurts.

What I really need to do is spend more time cultivating the friendships of the clean freaks who got so much done this past spring that they will have nothing to accomplish next spring.

I get giddy just imagining the sense of pride I can instill in them by letting them take over my projects. I'd better start thinking about that now so that I'm ready when next spring finally arrives.

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Nominate teachers and principals for Herb Kohl Foundation awards

Nominations of Wisconsin teachers and principals can be submitted for the 2021 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation teacher Fellowship and principal Leadership awards. The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. Oct. 13. Awards are \$6,000, with an additional \$6,000 grant going to the school of

each selected teacher and principal. Established in 1990, the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation awards 100 Fellowships and 16 Leadership awards annually from among all applicants throughout the state.

For teachers or principals to be eligible, they must be nominated by a parent, student, other teacher,

community member or school administrator. Wisconsin teachers and principals in grades pre-K through 12 who plan to continue in their current capacity for at least one year are eligible. Online nominations must be submitted at www.kohleducation.org.

The Herb Kohl Educational

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OBITUARIES

Karen M. Esch

Karen M. Esch, 85, of the Town of Waukechon, passed away peacefully at her home early Friday morning, Oct. 2, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.

Karen was born May 10, 1935, in Marinette, a daughter of the late Louis and Bernadette (Maudrie) Christopherson. She attended the Marinette Public Schools, graduating from Marinette High School in 1953. Following high school, she attended beauty school in Green Bay, and she returned to Marinette when her schooling was complete.

On Aug. 3, 1957, Karen was united in marriage to James F. Esch at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Marinette. Following their marriage, the couple moved to Shawano, where Karen raised her family. While her children were in school, she volunteered extensively in all of their extracurricular activities.

Karen was a good and faithful member of Sacred Heart Catho-



lic Church in Shawano, where she served with the Council of Catholic Women for many years. Karen had a very strong faith which was reflected in her children. She was rather artistic and enjoyed painting, sewing and crafting.

When her children were grown, Karen worked at Masons Flowers and J.C. Penney. She was a devoted sports fan, especially when it involved the Green Bay Packers or the Marinette-Menominee high school football rivalry. Karen will always be remembered for her affection and treating everyone as if they were one of her own. Her hugs will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Blessed by her legacy are her three daughters, Michele (Greg) Klusendorf, of Dodgeville, Wis-

consin, and their children, Anna (Sam Shilts), of Onalaska, and Matthew (Kenzie) Klusendorf of Menasha; Kathy (Greg) Blonde, of Waupaca, and their daughter, Katherine Blonde, of Madison; and Patti (Tom) Barry, of DePere, and their children Maxwell (Jordan Armstrong) Barry of Cudahy and Brigitte Barry, a student at UW-La Crosse; her son, Steve (Wendy) Esch, of the Town of Waukechon, and their children, Sara (fiancé Jared Beyer) Esch, of Shawano, Emma (Ben Brown) Esch, of Shawano, Elizabeth Esch, a student at UW-La Crosse, and Clayton James Esch, of Shawano; and one great-grandson, Kolby James Klusendorf.

Karen is further survived by her brothers, Paul (Bev) Christopherson, of Mukwonago, and Ralph (Annette) Christopherson, of DePere; her sisters-in-law, Jean Esch-Theobald, of Madison, and Rita Esch, of Dodgeville; brothers-in-law, Joe Esch and Pat Esch, both

of Dodgeville; her lifelong friend, Katie Bult, of Clintonville; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James, on Oct. 26, 2010; her brother, Louis Christopherson; brother-in-law, Tom Esch; and sisters-in-law, Mary Reese, Mary Esch and Margaret Esch.

A funeral Mass for Karen was celebrated Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano. The Rev. Charles Hoffman was the celebrant. Interment took place in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Shawano.

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

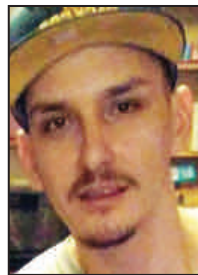


Deric A. Olson

Deric A. "Josh" Olson, 36, of Shawano, formerly of Middle Village, began his journey to the spirit world on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, in Shawano.

Josh was born Oct. 24, 1983, in Madison, a son of Lia (Tucker) Olson and the late Christopher Wischmann. He attended tribal school and later Menominee Indian High School. Following high school, Josh enrolled at the College of Menominee Nation, where he studied computers and business. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Josh was helping his family. He had worked in construction most of his life.

Josh was a loving and caring man



whose family meant everything to him. He took an active role in his children's education and upbringing. Josh enjoyed fishing, working out and reading, and he was a creative artist. He loved learning something new every day.

Survivors include his children, Layla Lyons, Joshua "Baby Josh" Lyons, Tristan "Eagle Boy" Lyons, and Elila "Jo" Lyons, all of Shawano; his mother, Lia Olson; his adopting

grandparents, David and Charlie Wischmann; and his soulmate of 18 years, Tamara "Babatha" Lyons, of Shawano.

He is further survived by his siblings, Alan Fish, of Keshena, Mylia Olson, of Shawano, Deija Rae Wilson, of Keshena, and Kevin Lyons, of Keshena; his special aunt, Colleen "Boodie" (Allen) Waubanscum; his "mother-in-law," Deb Pocan; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert Tucker and Agnes Long.

Traditional Native American services for Josh were held Tues-

day, Oct. 6, 2020, at 11 a.m. at the Deb Pocan residence, N2028 Norway Pine Road, Middle Village. Samantha Grignon officiated.

In lieu of flowers and plants, the family prefers memorials be designated for his children's education fund.

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



Herman D. Peters

Herman Daniel "Flea" Peters, 57, of Shawano, passed away Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020. Herman was born Feb. 28, 1963, in Oconto Falls, to the late Orvis and Patricia Anne (Shivener) Peters. On Oct. 8, 1988, Herman was united in marriage to Carmella Waupoose at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Neopit. He was the director of building and grounds for the Shawano and Menominee school districts.

Herman was an avid sportsman who loved the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers and Wiscon-



sin Badgers. He enjoyed spending time in the woods hunting, fishing and cutting wood. Herman was a very friendly and outgoing person who had many friends. He especially enjoyed spending time with his children and grandson.

Herman is survived by Carmella Waupoose; his children, Carissa Peters and Kenzie Peters; grandson,

Mikesch; siblings, Richard (Katie) Peters, Janice Peters, Lynn (Don) Collins, Jody Peters, Doreen (Ken) Ebben, Karen Peters, George Peters, Joe Peters, John Peters and Patricia Peters; his dog, Nick; brother-in-law and close friend, Kenny Johnson; and brothers- and sisters-in-law, Lisa Peters, Robert Johnson, Mary Beth Pecore, Ruth Waupoose, David (Jill) Waupoose Sr., Marlin (Jeryllyn) Waupoose Sr. and Annmarie (Kenneth) Johnson. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Mike Peters; one sister in infancy, Alice; sister, Noreen Johnson; father- and mother-in-law, Gordon and Constance Waupoose; brothers-in-law, Wayne Pecore Jr. and Gordon "Sonny" Waupoose Jr.; and nephew, Talon Peters.

The family of Herman would like to extend a special thank you to the Menominee Tribal Clinic, Fox Valley Cancer Center and ThedaCare at Home Hospice.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: DAVID REID

Wittenberg-Birnamwood senior honoring friend with play on football field

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School football team entered the fall season in the same Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division, but with a few new conference foes after the statewide football conference realignment. Charger senior David Reid is hoping to honor a friend who passed away and also help the team find success on the field this season.

Reid got his year off to a strong start, finishing with two sacks during a loss to state power Stratford on Sept. 25 in Wittenberg.

"He is intuitive player and has a knack for getting pressure on the QB and tackling opponents in the backfield," said Witt-Birn football coach Bernard Holsey, of Reid.

Witt-Birn bounced back in week two with a 14-6 road win over Shioc-ton.

Q: When did your interest in football begin?

A: It started about in fifth grade when I joined.

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

A: My favorite part about this football season is that I can play to make my friend (Sam Egging) who has passed proud.

Q: How special was it for you to record a pair of sacks on the night where your team honored Sam against Stratford?

A: It was very special to me because I want to make him as proud as I can, and getting two sacks against Stratford would make him proud.

Q: What has the game of football taught you over the years?

A: It has taught me to be a leader and to never give up.

Q: As a senior, how do you help

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: David Reid

SPORT: Football

POSITIONS: Defensive end, punter, tight end

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

YEAR: Senior

lead the rest of the team, yet still enjoy your last season?

A: I try to teach them everything that I have learned over the years, and I still have fun.

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

A: The first thing I do is thank God for giving me another opportunity to play the sport I love.

Q: A couple games into the season now, what are some things the team need to keep doing well?

A: We need to keep driving on offense and keep making the other team tired.

Q: What are some things the team needs to improve upon?

A: Our team needs to improve on our mental game and stay strong and calm.

Q: With how much uncertainty that's surrounded the fall sports season, how special is it to be able to play during the normal fall season, especially as a senior?

A: It's very special to be playing because some schools can't play this season.

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

A: My favorite memory is making it to the playoffs (in the 2019 season).

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

A: All the good times.



David Reid opened his senior season by recording two sacks in a conference game against Stratford.

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VOLLEYBALL

Witt-Birn goes 2-1 at quad

Wittenberg-Birnamwood swept Rosholt (25-20, 27-25) and Bonduel (25-16, 25-22) but lost to Pacelli (25-20, 25-17) during a quadrangular Saturday in Rosholt.

Emma Herb led Witt-Birn with seven attack kills against Rosholt, while Reese Rogowski and London Metropulos had six each. Amara

Schoepke added 10 digs and two aces; Lilly Betry and Payton Foster had six assists each, and McKenna Foster finished with 10 digs.

Rogowski led the Chargers with eight attack kills against Bonduel, while Metropulos added two block kills. McKenna Foster tallied 26 digs and three aces, and Payton Foster recorded nine assists.

Herb posted six attack kills in the loss to Pacelli. McKenna Foster was credited with 11 digs, and Betry had eight assists.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Witt-Birn boys 2nd, girls 3rd at invite

The Witt-Birn boys posted a score of 57 to place second at the Rosholt Invite on Oct. 1 in Rosholt. The Witt-Birn girls came in third with a score of 92.

Tommy Bruski completed the course in 17 minutes, 35.1 seconds to take fifth as an individual and lead

the Witt-Birn boys. Wyatt Dickman (18:03.55) placed seventh. Simon Schairer (18:13.78), Craig Wendel (18:23.86) and Ian Salvesson (18:59.56) rounded out the boys' team score, taking 12th, 14th and 19th, respectively.

Ruby Nowinsky was the girls' top finisher, coming in 15th with a time of 23:09.7. Annika Resch (24:45.06) took 22nd, while Lauren Dombeck (26:35.21) was 28th. Ava Wepner (28:40.56) and Amelia Besert (29:15.86) were the team's other two runners, claiming 34th and 37th,



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Emma Herb hits the ball during a match against Pacelli on Sept. 28 in Wittenberg.

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The Aces	14	14
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Good Times	13	15
Hilly's Helpers	13	15
SSI's	11	17

High individual game (women): Patricia Nathan 188,

Patricia Nathan 180, Ronda Nolan 173, Patricia Nathan 170.

High individual game (men): John Campbell 210.

High individual series (women): Patricia Nathan 538.

Tuesday Afternoon Ladies

Team	W	L
Lisa's Floral	15	9
Tim's Harvest Queens	13	11
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Mike's Girls	11	13
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High individual series: Connie Babino 571, Terri Robley 523, Connie Rusch 491.

Resch Lanes Monday Ladies Handicap

Team	W	L
Gullivers Landing	6	3
Lisa's Lakeside	6	3
Tavern Front	6	3
Resch Lanes	4	5
Strike-a-pose	3	6

Kropf's Meats 2 7

High team handicap games (top 3): Tavern Front 843, Lisa's Lakeside 838, Kropf's Meats 801.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Heather Giddings 258, Lynn Brown 242, Kelly Rosenow 237, Sue Thiex 234, Jenny Schrank 233, Shirley Petersen 230, Kristine Beran 225.

High team handicap series (top 3): Tavern Front 2,457, Lisa's Lakeside 2,443, Kropf's Meats 2,297.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Kristine Beran 655, Heather Giddings 654, Sue Thiex 653, Kelly Rosenow 641, Shirley Petersen 633, Lynn Brown 630, Jenny Schrank 605.



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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Postal service doing disservice to newspapers

It's no secret that newspapers have been attacked on all sides. The tech giants (Facebook, Google) co-opted our local news content and related audiences, redistributing our content without reimbursing us for it. Amazon and other web-based firms usurped large retail store channels and devastated their revenues. The pandemic has temporarily or permanently closed many small- and medium-sized businesses that relied heavily on newspapers to bring customers into their stores.

This retail smack-down has forced newspapers to adapt or die. Our adaptation effort at Multi Media Channels has included asking key suppliers for a temporary rate cut to help us survive the pandemic. All of our suppliers have partnered with us in this effort, understanding that by helping us to survive, they insured their own future financial health.

Did I say all? No, it is all but one — the U.S. Postal Service did not give us a discount. A letter was sent to USPS Chairman Robert Duncan,



PATRICK WOOD

the aforementioned, and follow up phone calls were made, eliciting one email response stating, "No doubt you will receive a formal response soon," government-speak for "Don't hold your breath."

The USPS is essential to millions of Americans, delivering medicines and other necessities. Since Jan. 1, MMC has diverted a quarter-million community publications each week to the USPS. Our switch to the mail has resulted in many small-town post offices gaining an extra 10% of revenues. It's an enormous expenditure for this small, family-owned company.

Three issues are relevant to the symbiotic relationship between the U.S. Postal Service and newspapers: access, affordability and quality of service.

- Access. Many communities, especially the smaller, more rural ones with little access to digital marketing channels, rely heavily on the local paper to maintain awareness of their business. The USPS is crucial to maintaining that access.

- Affordability. Some large mailers may be able to afford to pay more to keep the post office channel of distribution open and healthy; newspaper companies cannot. At the end of the day, it is the federal government's responsibility to keep the mail moving. We believe the USPS should reduce periodical rates by 20% to 50% for newspapers for the next 12 weeks to help them manage through these most difficult of times. Without this temporary help, newspapers will be forced to cut delivery to some areas, cut the frequency of issues to be published

or close down for good.

- Quality of service. Most Americans believe it reasonable to expect the mail — including their local newspapers — to arrive when it is supposed to arrive. In the absence of accountability, the post office is free to manage the flow of mail however it wishes. A mechanism or regulatory body to monitor quality of service should be put in place to ensure reliability and timeliness of the mail.

On the above basis, we are asking for your help. Please contact your U.S. senators and congressional representatives echoing these concerns. Use this column or parts of this column, asking them to move these issues higher on their list of priorities since we depend heavily on the post office to deliver not only our local newspapers, but also our medicines and other crucial supplies during the pandemic.

Patrick J. Wood is the publisher and chief executive officer for Multi Media Channels.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Damrau will give 100% as district attorney

To the editor:

I am writing in support of Aaron Damrau, independent candidate for the office of Shawano-Menominee County district attorney. I met Aaron approximately five years ago when he walked into the Shawano County Historical Society, where I was then serving as an archive director. Aaron asked what he could do to help; he had some free time while waiting for his bar exam results.

That began several years of his involvement with the historical society, using his experience and skills to sort and organize the overwhelming amount of archives the society had collected, and then to enter voluminous amounts of data into the online catalog of artifacts and archives we used. As a side note, he needed little instruction to understand and use the museum software in place.

Aaron soon became a board member of the society and volunteered in several capacities. He was always willing and able to jump in and help the organization fulfill its goals for the community.

I know Aaron will give 100% to the job of DA for our county, listening to all sides and keeping the goals of the position in mind, putting the larger good above his own goals and opinions. After working closely with Aaron, I can vouch for his exemplary ethics and character.

Jeanette Griep Berkovitz, Shawano



Reluctant investigator encounters radical group

This week I chose "Such a Deal: Three Nice Jewish Detectives (and a Bonus.)" Because it is a four-book set, I selected "Samson's Deal" by Shelley Singer.

In his former life, Jake Samson was a New York City cop. But it soon became apparent that he simply did not fit that role. Moving to California, Jake tried real estate. He did well enough financially but didn't like that career, either. Eventually, using his savings and a small inheritance, he was able to quit work entirely.

He now lives near Berkeley in a small house with two cats. The property also has a tiny cottage, which he rents to a carpenter friend named Rosie. Jake isn't rich, but he is free to choose where, when and if he works.

One morning he receives a call from Professor John Harley, asking to see him immediately. Jake agrees to meet him only because Harley said Jake's friend Rebecca Lilly suggested it.

Once on the Berkeley Campus, Jake finds a dozen or so protesters milling around. Some carry signs accusing Professor Harley of spreading liberal propaganda in his teaching.

Jake isn't impressed by Harley's attitude as he explains that he had found his wife, Margaret Brusky Harley, dead the day before. It appeared that she had fallen off their deck into a deep ravine, but the police have ruled it a homicide. Harley offers Jake \$2,000 to find the killer before the police learn about his affair with Rebecca and make him a suspect.

Jake is not an investigator, but he has nothing better to do and agrees. To create a cover, Jake asks a friend to "hire" him as a freelance writer working on a story about the once-famous Margaret Brusky. He begins by learning everything he can about the dead woman. His ruse opens a few doors but gleans little information.

Margaret Brusky had once been a successful painter on a lucrative career path, but she painted less and

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "Samson's Deal"
AUTHOR: Shelley Singer
PUBLISHER: booksBnible
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PAGES: 184

less after marrying John Harley and moving to California. Before her death, Margaret was a homemaker with few activities outside the house. Other than being a regular at a meditation group and being involved in group therapy, few people know her.

Strangely, some found her cold and unfriendly while others felt she was very nice but troubled. There seems to be a strange connection between the mediation and therapy groups and the radical right wing group named CORPS picketing her husband's office. As Jake learns more about CORPS, he uncovers Margaret's relationship with Ted Cutter, one of their more radical members.

Using more guts than sense, Jake breaks into Cutter's apartment and finds Margaret's missing sketch pads as well as an encrypted notebook. Knowing some of the principal characters, he breaks the code. But before he can do much with it, Cutter and another man beat him up, demand the drawings and warn him to drop his story. He's already been told to stay away by the police, as well as someone in CORPS named Jared.

None of their threats stop him, and soon Rosie decides to go undercover at CORPS. That brings on another attack. Bruised and angry, Jake doubles down on digging into everyone in CORPS, the members of meditation group, her therapy group, John Harley and Rebecca Lilly.

Now Jake is in a difficult position. He needs to share his information with the police, but he can't do it without incriminating himself and involving Rosie. After mulling over all the facts and using more than a little intuition, Jake decides to confront the person the others least suspect. To his great surprise, he gets a complete confession and reveals inside information that all but destroys the terrorist plans of CORPS.

One book down, three and a bonus to go. Reading is great whether you choose stand-alone or sets.



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Health care organizations set new COVID-19 rules

Aspirus, ThedaCare outline guidelines for visitors

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On Oct. 2 Aspirus announced it was re-instating tighter visitor restrictions at its locations across Wisconsin and Upper Michigan to minimize the spread of respiratory infections like COVID-19, influenza and RSV. Aspirus' temporary visitor restrictions were fully implemented before the weekend, and applied to both inpatient and outpatient settings.

Patients are encouraged to call before going to Aspirus clinics, hospitals and nursing facilities to get the latest updates on restrictions.

Aspirus has 10 hospitals and 50 clinics.

Area clinics include Aspirus Birnamwood Clinic at 375 Main St. Birnamwood, 715-449-2539 and Aspirus Wittenberg Clinic at 1660 Sue Alan Drive, Wittenberg, 715-253-2110.

Aspirus President and Chief Executive Officer Matt Heywood addressed the current COVID-19 situation throughout the Aspirus system via an online press conference on Oct. 5.

Heywood talked about the challenges facing the health care system by listing three areas of concern. According to Heywood the 10 hospitals that are a part of the Aspirus system currently have enough beds to handle COVID-19 patients, but they are close to reaching the maximum level.

Staffing is a more challenging issue as the possibility for contracting the disease is greater in the hospitals putting staff and also their families at home at risk. Heywood noted that Aspirus has been actively stocking personal protective equipment since the beginning of the pandemic and that they have a good supply on hand.

Heywood also talked about what the community can do to help slow the spread of the virus. He recom-



ThedaCare has implemented heightened visitor restrictions at its medical center in Shawano and other facilities in Wisconsin. Advanced screenings and mask mandates are part of the restrictions.

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mended wearing face masks and social distancing by refraining from gathering in large groups. He encouraged people to stay home when they are ill and to frequently wash their hands. Heywood said following these simple safety precautions could potentially lighten the load on area health care facilities.

ThedaCare

Beginning immediately and continuing until further notice, ThedaCare is implementing heightened visitor restrictions. Updated restrictions include:

- No visitors for COVID positive and non-COVID patients except limited, approved, pre-arranged visitation for end of life. Those situations will pre-arranged through care teams.
- No visitors allowed for any

other patients. For Family Birth Care, visitors will be strictly limited to one essential person throughout the entire stay. No children are allowed.

- One parent/guardian is allowed to accompany a minor or a patient with a medical need (intellectual and/or developmental disability or cognitive impairment).

- Patients presenting for outpatient care in a hospital or clinic setting are allowed to enter with their minor children, if no alternative. Children must be masked at all times.

- In emergency rooms, only one parent/guardian allowed to accompany minor or patient with medical need (intellectual and/or developmental disability or cognitive impairment). Visitors should speak with the patient's clinical team if the patient requires additional assistance.

All ThedaCare locations will be screening and requiring masks for approved visitors, contractors, and vendors at our entrances. Masks must be worn throughout the entire visit at ThedaCare.

Other restrictions are specific to a specific location or service.

Exceptions may need to be made on a case-by-case basis. Family members are encouraged to use other ways to connect with their loved ones through phone or video calls.

Visit thedacarecovid19.org for the latest information related to COVID-19, including symptoms, preventative actions and more.

ThedaCare has seven hospitals in northeast Wisconsin, including a hospital and clinic at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, 100 County Road B, Shawano, 715-526-2111.

Prevea Health plans two presentations regarding healthy eating

Prevea Health is offering two free virtual sessions in October that will offer guidance and tips on healthy eating as part of its Prevea Health Matters series.

Stress eating COVID-19 style will be presented Oct. 15 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and will be led by Deb Guent-

erberg, a Prevea registered dietitian nutritionist. Guentenberg will address the difficulties of maintaining a healthy diet during a challenging time such as the pandemic and provide guidance and tips on how to eat healthfully.

Eating the mindful way will be

presented by Guentenberg on Oct. 22 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. She will explain the concept of mindful eating; participants will learn to eat with intention, understand their triggers and reduce guilt, which all lead to making healthy food decisions.

Both events are free and virtual, allowing anyone from any region to participate. Pre-registration is required by visiting www.prevea.com/events. The presentations will be featured via Zoom, and event sign-on information will be emailed to participants upon registration.

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