



MAKING A DIFFERENCE AS A CNA

Demonstrating a sit-to-stand lift, Bri Kleikamp, left, is supported by Sue Seefeldt, center, and Elizabeth Ziegelbauer. The three are Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) at Homme Home for the aging in Wittenberg. The lift reduces the chance for injury to a home resident as well as employees, Justin Cieslewicz, home director, stressed. It's one of the ways that the physical stress of being a CNA is lowered. Cieslewicz outlined the consequences of the CNA shortage and the need for additional funding through the upcoming state budget. **SEE THE FULL STORY ON PAGE 2.**

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State funding sought to ease CNA shortage throughout state, locally

Staff shortage forces distant nursing home placements

By **DAVID M. WILHELMS**
Reporter

The last thing the staff at Wittenberg's Homme Home for the Aging wants to tell an elderly person is: "We can't bring you in because we don't have the staff," said Justin Cieslewicz, Homme Home director.

The next-to-last thing the Homme Home staff wants is to see large numbers of people driving longer distances to see loved ones in facilities that have room, said Tara Hoppe-Schmidt, the home's Community-Based Residential Facilities (CBRF) administrator, wound care.

But that's the reality of running a rural faith-based long-term care facility with large numbers of area people qualifying for public assistance, Cieslewicz said. One of the biggest reasons for turning down a new resident is a shortage of Certified Nursing Assistants, or CNAs, he said.

"We didn't want to endanger anyone. We had to curtail numbers," Cieslewicz said.

"What kind of people would we be if we didn't take these people?" Hoppe-Schmidt asked in expressing the hope that additional staffing would allow more residents.

The director said Homme had to change some of its operations and currently only has 50 residents, 31 below its authorized capacity. A rehabilitation unit is also closed due to a staff shortage.

The COVID-19 pandemic sharpened the CNA shortage as Homme Home's hospital partners "did not have a place to discharge their patients to," Cieslewicz said.

Housing has surfaced as an issue for the Wittenberg village board, Shawano County Economic Progress Inc. (SCEPI) and the Wittenberg economic development group this year, but Cieslewicz didn't see that as a barrier to finding and keeping CNAs.



Justin Cieslewicz, director of Wittenberg's Homme Home for the aging, is planning on personal advocacy and working through Leading Age Wisconsin to secure greater state funding for facilities like his. Cieslewicz makes the case that more state support is necessary to ease a current shortage of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs)

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Not helping the situation is the location of the home in a rural area according to federal definitions, Cieslewicz said. That puts Homme Home in a lower category for reimbursement under Medicaid and similar government programs.

If the home were even 3 miles closer to Wausau, reimbursements would be \$80,000 higher per year and could be put into higher wages, Cieslewicz said.

On the other hand, Homme

Home has to pay the same wages as paid in Wausau to be competitive, Cieslewicz said. That has contributed to a 15% rise in wages at Homme, he added, that he called a strong investment in its workforce.

Working against the hard requirement of competitive wages, Cieslewicz said there is an advantage in working locally instead of having to drive into Wausau. He also touted his facility, with 139 years of continuous service, as

“more of a home. It’s different than a for-profit place.”

Hoppe-Schmidt added that the Christian foundation of the facility is an attraction for residents and employees.

CNA recruiting remains a priority, Cieslewicz stressed, to meet the shortage and to keep current employees from being overworked.

The facility is working with a recruiter on a strategy that targets not just younger people but those up to their 50s by positioning ads on preferred websites as well as sent directly to phones. Homme Home also uses its website, Facebook presence and print advertising to attract new employees.

Cieslewicz said he draws the line at “poaching,” or trying to entice employees away from other long-term care facilities.

The home has also partnered with Northcentral Technical College for on-site training and experience. Homme Home has dedicated space for a classroom and a patient room simulation complete with mannequin, Cieslewicz. Currently, however, there is no training for future CNAs at the facility, partly due to the pandemic, Cieslewicz said.

Homme Home also partners with Wittenberg-Birnhamwood High School staff to encourage students to become CNAs, the director added.

Gov. Tony Evers’ biennial budget proposal includes \$240 million to nursing homes over the two years. Of that amount, \$77 million would be aimed at raising wages, according to a press release explaining the governor’s budget priorities, and \$77 million will go to additional financial support of direct care workers.

What appears to address Cieslewicz’s concerns on reimbursement disparities is a directive in the budget to “develop a statewide minimum band that establishes equitable and sustainable rates for home and community-based long-term care supports.”

Cieslewicz urged area residents to contact Sen. Rob Cowles, R-



Sue Seefeldt puts a sheet on a bed as one of her tasks as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at Homme Home for the aging. She told Justin Cieslewicz, the facility’s aging unit director, she became a CNA because her grandmother was also a CNA who worked at the Wittenberg facility. Seefeldt remembered her grandmother telling her she is such a caring and “people person” that she would do well as a CNA. Seefeldt gave it a try and enjoyed the job so much that she knew this was the right job for her. Sue received her CNA diploma in 1985 and has been at Homme for those 35 years caring for our residents, Cieslewicz said. Seefeldt keeps coming back to work every shift because it’s rewarding to her to care for her residents, Cieslewicz said, adding she loves seeing the smiles on the faces of the residents, and knowing that she makes the lives of our residents enjoyable.

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Green Bay, and Rep. Gary Tauchen, R-Bonduel, to support this part of the budget. He said he will be personally advocating for the additional funds as well as working with Leading Age Wisconsin, a coalition of nursing home, assisted living and disabled services businesses.

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What is a ‘capitation rate’ and how does it affect my grandmother’s care?

Capitation is a fixed amount of money per patient per unit of time paid in advance to the physician for the delivery of health care services, according to the American College of Physicians. The actual amount is determined by the ranges of services, the number of patients involved, and

the period of time for the services to be provided. Capitation rates are developed using local costs and average utilization of services and therefore can vary from one region of the country to another. When capitation rates reflect local costs, they can influence wages paid.

Technical diploma needed to be CNA

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) projects earnings of \$20,592–\$41,756 per year for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) in the area.

The Wisconsin average salary is \$29,029, slightly under the national average of \$29,221, according to a survey found on the ziprecruiter.com web site.

Earning those wages requires a technical diploma.

At NTC, that’s a one-course semester with a projected cost of \$532. Tara Hoppe-Schmidt, Homme Home Community-Based Residential Facilities (CBRF) administrator, wound care, likened the CNA role to the ones featured on “Dirty Jobs,” a show that features hard occupations, loved by the ones who do them, in a humorous setting on the Discovery Channel.

“It can be tough on them. They see the ones they have cared for, that they love, pass away. It can be emotionally tough but also physically tough,” she said.

NTC, a partner with Homme Home on training new CNAs, says of the career choice, “The focus of the program is on providing personal care to residents/patients of nursing

homes, hospitals and other health agencies. Student nursing assistants learn basic nursing and personal care.

Employees in this field are required to do lifting and moving of residents/patients in bed and to and from chairs.

The job also requires considerable walking and standing.

Potential occupations include: Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide.

After successful completion of the Nursing Assistant course, students will be able to take the State of Wisconsin Nurse Aide Certification Exam. Certification is required for employment at any federally funded healthcare agency.

The Nursing Assistant course is required for admission to the NTC Nursing Associate Degree program and certification is needed if you desire to seek employment as a Medication Assistant or Student Nurse Intern while completing the Nursing Associate Degree program.”

Homme Home also looks for CNAs to be activity aides in helping residents travel or do other activities.



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Officials' behavior is reckless and illegal

To keep each other safe, we've been asked to add barriers — distance and masks — to our face-to-face interaction. We also have videoconferencing to help overcome those barriers.

Yet to this day, Republican leaders in the state Assembly are holding meetings without requiring attendees to wear masks or offering a video option for those who don't feel safe attending.

The Assembly Committee on Sporting Heritage is an example. At a joint committee meeting on Jan. 13, chair Rep. Treig Pronschinske, R-Mondovi, didn't allow members to attend by videoconference or phone and didn't require that attendees wear masks. The Senate committee members were allowed to attend remotely.

One of the Democratic Assembly committee members, Rep. Dianne Hesselbein, D-Middleton, objected.

"This is completely unacceptable," she said. "We are in the



LARRY GALLUP

middle of a pandemic. Many workplaces and businesses have gone to great lengths to comply with CDC guidelines for their employees and customers. That fact that Republican representatives think health guidelines don't apply to them is dangerous."

Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, has mandated in-person attendance for all Assembly sessions — no remote option is allowed — and has not required masks. (Other states, in contrast, have instituted measures to make legislative sessions safer.)

Freshman Rep. Lee Snodgrass, D-Appleton, was moved to tweet: "The WI State Assembly is a hostile (and now dangerous) work environment. Legislators are having to choose

between their health, health of their staff, families and communities or being in person for floor session."

It is also a violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the state's Open Meetings Law.

Under Section 19.89, "No duly elected or appointed member of a governmental body may be excluded from any meeting of such body. Unless the rules of a governmental body provide to the contrary, no member of the body may be excluded from any meeting of a subunit of that governmental body."

Members are excluded when attending means potential exposure to a deadly virus.

Some local public bodies are also effectively breaking the Open Meetings Law by their reckless conduct.

Last summer, the Menasha Common Council denied an alderman's request to attend a meeting virtually due to age and health concerns. After an outcry, it changed course, requiring masks at its meetings and

allowing people to attend virtually.

Last fall, Wisconsin State Journal reporter Chris Rickert reported on three village boards in western and southwestern Wisconsin that weren't requiring masks at meetings and didn't stream their meetings to allow for remote attendance.

That's not just wrong, it's illegal. Section 19.81 of the Open Meetings Law says "all meetings of all state and local governmental bodies shall be publicly held in places reasonably accessible to members of the public ..."

Making members of the public endanger their health to attend a governmental meeting is not "reasonably accessible."

No one in Wisconsin should have to put their lives at risk to attend a public meeting.

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Larry Gallup is a council member and the digital news director for USA Today Network-Wisconsin.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senate bill would rob your right to know

To the editor:

The Wisconsin legislature is currently considering a bill that would give local governments the option to stop publishing a summary of their actions in your newspaper. Senate Bill 55 would allow local municipalities to post meeting minutes on their websites instead.

This is bad public policy under the guise of cost savings that would create considerable disruption for government transparency. Supporters of Senate Bill 55 suggest local government websites are sufficient to notify the public of their actions, and that publishing meeting minutes in the newspaper limits access only to newspaper subscribers.

The fact is, however, that all legal notices published in the state of Wisconsin are available and acces-

sible for free to the public through WisconsinPublicNotices.org. This comprehensive, searchable website hosted by the Wisconsin newspaper industry brings together ink-on-paper notices into one online location. This service is provided at no cost to local municipalities.

The goal of WisconsinPublicNotices.org is to enhance government distribution of public information and assist citizens who want to know more about the actions of their local, county and state representatives. This permanent, third-party documentation — unalterable and independent of government — ensures the protection of "your right to know" for every citizen.

The relationship between newspapers, state and local municipalities and WisconsinPublicNotices.org has successfully provided easy access to government information for all citizens, whether they seek it in print or online. Removing

existing publication requirements would create holes in this invaluable statewide database while also neglecting the needs of those who lack adequate computer and internet access.

Please tell your legislators to oppose this unnecessary barrier to government transparency.

Beth Bennett, Wisconsin Newspaper Association executive director, Madison

Miller and Bieber both need to grow up

To the editor:

Gentlemen, to your corners. In child-rearing terminology, I used to refer to this as a necessary "time out."

Joe Miller's query about whether Sheriff Adam Bieber was in attendance at the Jan. 6 insurrection was needless energy spent. How about devoting your time on the Shawano

County Board to critical issues, such as improving resources for our health department and perhaps about establishing a site for large-scale vaccination?

With regard to Sheriff Bieber's meme activity on Facebook — shame be upon him. I don't know where his sympathies lie with regard to this attack on democracy, so I won't cast unwarranted aspersions. However, his prior commentary on matters such as enforcing shutdown orders or masking initiatives provides some hints. Furthermore, to treat the tragedy of Jan. 6 with any degree of levity is highly disturbing. This is not a matter of politics but rather of a moral foundation.

With regard to county governance and law enforcement, it is time for adults to enter the space and conduct activities in an objective and serious manner.

Ken Kroenke, Shawano

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CDC: Strong evidence schools can re-open safely

Aspirus doctor helms study supporting re-opening

By **DAVID M. WILHELMS**
Reporter

A study under the guidance of Dr. Amy Falk, a pediatrician with Aspirus in Wisconsin Rapids, contributed to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declaring Feb. 12 there is strong evidence now that schools can reopen, especially at lower grade levels.

Falk told the Leader on Feb. 8 that her study, published by the CDC Jan. 26, showed “Students, even those in their teens, are not driving outbreaks.”

An Associated Press story said the CDC cannot force schools to reopen, and agency officials were careful to say they are not calling for a mandate that all U.S. schools be reopened.

Seven students and zero staff were known to get COVID-19 at school during the study’s look at 13 weeks of in-person learning, involving 4,876 students and 654 staff, according to Falk’s study. The Wisconsin Rapids doctor’s study covered September to November 2020 when schools implemented measures to limit the spread, including wearing masks, establishing groups of 11-20 students, quarantining after exposures and staff maintaining six feet of distance, if possible.

Investigators found that teachers reported more than 92% of students used masks, according to an Aspirus press release.

“This data indicates that with important safety measures like universal masking, transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in schools appears very low,” said Falk in an Aspirus press release.

She noted, even with high community levels of infection (7-40% positive tests) that she called, “absolute hotspots,” in-school spread can be limited.

“Allowing for in-person education is so important to our youth, especially during these difficult times,” she added in the release.

Falk said that other studies have confirmed students are, on average, six to eight months behind in learning. “It will take America months to catch up.”



Dr. Amy Falk sees a young patient at her Wisconsin Rapids clinic. The Aspirus doctor headed a study on the requirements for safely re-opening schools that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published Jan. 26.

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published this graphic summarizing a study done by Dr. Amy Falk, an Aspirus pediatrician in Wisconsin Rapids.

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Falk added in the Feb. 8 interview she initiated the study out of her own curiosity and a belief that re-opening schools is important but so is mask wearing and other precautions. She and her fellow physicians and researchers found “as the numbers piled up, we had some data that was special.”

Her study is continuing in 17 K-12 schools in South Wood County, Falk said.

Implementation and enforcement of any mitigation measure has, to this point, been largely up to local agencies as there have been no uniform measures or information shared across the state, Falk said.

She said local school boards had been very interested in her study and following the recommendations. There’s wide agreement that learning in the classroom is more effective and that students can face isolation and

learning setbacks at home.

Falk did take issue with schools re-starting sports, calling it a “particularly difficult topic” and added, “You can’t think about football without thinking about math class. I couldn’t figure out how schools were not holding classes but allowing football teams to travel.”

County, state and federal agencies “have been less than helpful,” she said in the Leader interview. She said her appearance at a recent Wood County board of supervisors on a mask mandate “was not a useful endeavor.”

Although the guidance says vaccinating teachers should not be seen as a condition to reopen, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the CDC’s director, said it can provide “an additional layer of protection.”

Teacher unions in some areas have said schools have failed to make buildings safe enough to return.

FYI

Gwiddt Pharmacy in Wittenberg has been vaccinating people for roughly five weeks, well ahead of a federal program recently announced to target areas that have been slow to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines.

It’s been a slow process, Shane Resch, pharmacist and owner of Gwiddt’s, said Feb. 15 but he anticipates 400 people in the area will have received their first shot by week’s end.

Until about a week ago, Resch said his pharmacy was the only site in the county administering the vaccine. He added an Antigo pharmacy is also providing the shots.

The pharmacy makes a weekly request for 100 doses from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Resch explained. The pharmacy receives the Pfizer version of the vaccine, requiring extreme cold and extremely careful handling, Resch added.

The vaccine comes from Pfizer’s Green Bay facility where it has the freezing capability to safely store the vaccine.

The pharmacy typically gets about half that amount, usually on Mondays. Although that is officially 50 doses, in practice, there is an additional dose in each vial to make 60 doses available to the 700 - 800 people on the pharmacy’s waiting list, Resch said.

Due to the vaccine’s fragile nature, Gwiddt’s Pharmacy has about 120 hours to get the doses into arms from the time it arrives. From the time a vial reaches room temperature, there is two hours to get it ready and six hours to use it, Resch explained.

“So far, we haven’t wasted a dose,” Resch said.

“We know that most clusters in the school setting have occurred when there are breaches in mask wearing,” Walensky said in a call with reporters.

The new CDC guidance provides more detailed suggestions about what type of schooling should be offered given different levels of virus transmission, with differing advice for elementary, middle and high schools, according to the AP.

Recommended measures include hand washing, disinfection of school facilities, diagnostic testing and contact tracing to find new infections and separate infected people from others in a school.

The CDC also stressed that the safest way to open schools is by making sure there is as little disease in a community as possible.

The agency urged local officials to assess whether a bad outbreak is occurring in a community when making decisions about sending adults and children in to schools.

The document suggests that when things get risky, elementary schools can go hybrid, providing in-person instruction at least on some days, but that middle and high schools might go virtual.

Choices made at quilt show

Excellence, Peoples' Choice winners named

Four awards were presented at the "Art of the Quilter VII: Sew On and Sew Forth" quilt show at the Walls of Wittenberg WOWSPACE, which concluded Feb. 7, according to event coordinator Mary Beth Koepel.

Fifty quilts were displayed at the show, which ran for three weekends. The show included the quilted creations of 34 quilters from 16 cities, as well as an antique wool quilt made in the Manx block technique originating on the Isle of Man off the coast of Ireland.

Dar Ryba Borchardt, of Wittenberg, received the Award of Excellence for her quilt titled "Splash Points." Borchardt's quilt used a paper piecing technique in a bold contrast of teal, black and white. This award recognizes the high level of technical skill and difficulty employed by the quilter.

Three Peoples' Choice awards were presented based on votes cast

by visitors to the show, who were asked to vote for the quilt or quilts which appealed to them the most.

Rachele Wamboldt, Eland, won first place for "Classic Mario." This quilt was made from an overwhelming number of 1-inch squares, which gave it the pixelated appearance of this classic video game offering a real twist on the traditional "postage stamp" quilt.

Second place was awarded to Kathleen Vuchetich, of Minocqua, for "Red and White." This striking quilt paired a simple flying geese pattern in reds, pinks and white with an extremely complex quilting design.

Third place was awarded to Margie Mech, Wausau, for "Dogwood Blossoms." This "rescue" quilt was sold as a kit in the 1930s or '40s by Herrschners, Inc., a craft store in Stevens Point. It combines appliqué, embroidery, hand quilting and a scalloped border. It was lovingly finished to its period beauty.



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OBITUARIES

Grace Vissers peacefully entered eternal life on Jan. 23, 2021, surrounded by family. Grace was born on Jan. 19, 1932, the daughter of Eugene and Minnie Tellock (Schenk). Grace met her beloved husband, Bob, in high school. They were happily married for 66 years and together raised their four children, Valerie Scarpace (Salvatore), Steven (Renata), Susan Holiday (Bob) and Dawn Marietti (Ron).

Grace was a fabulous homemaker who also held a variety of positions in the private sector. Grace and Bob raised their children in New Berlin,



Grace was an extrovert who loved spending time with her family, hosting many holiday celebrations, and informal gatherings. Their home was often filled with

later retiring to Wittenberg. They subsequently moved to Dublin, Ohio, to be closer to their daughter, Dawn, and her family. Grace and Bob shared many wonderful life adventures together.

Grace Vissers

laughter — especially at Christmas, with the “decking of the halls,” the making of egg nog and sharing of gifts.

Grace is survived by her four children and grandchildren, Angi (Matt) Mulcahy, Melonie Marietti, Jason (Janel) Vissers, Michelle (Joe) Hoell, Jon (fiancee Jenna) Vissers, Matt Vissers, Whitney Marietti, and Robbie Marietti. Additionally, Grace leaves behind great-grandchildren Logan, Dominic, Marisa, J.T., Landon, Ella, Jocelyn, Vance, Veronica, Gabrielle, Noah and Jenni; sisters-in-law Verna Tellock (Edward) and

MaryAnn Vissers (Donald); and many nieces and nephews.

Grace was preceded in death by her loving husband Bob; her parents; grandchildren Becky and Timmy Heaton; brothers and sisters.

The family wishes to thank The Sanctuary staff members in Dublin, Ohio, for their care and support.

A celebration of life service for immediate family will be held at a future date.

Schoedinger Dublin, 5980 Perimeter Drive, Dublin, Ohio, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Roger C. Mathison, 78, of Shawano, died on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, at his home.

Roger was born Nov. 3, 1942, in Wittenberg, the son of Carl and Dorothy (Hanke) Mathison. He was a United States Air Force veteran and was a member of the Bloecher Johnson American Legion Post 502.

On May 17, 1975, Roger was united in marriage to Marlis Kersten at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wittenberg.

Roger was a former zoning administrator for Shawano County. He



enjoyed bowling for many years and loved all Wisconsin sports (Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers and Wisconsin Badgers). Roger was

loved to golf and was an original member of Maple Hills Golf Course in Wittenberg. Roger was a dedicated member of the Wittenberg Baseball Team; second base was his spot. He

a lover of animals and cherished the animal life in his backyard. He also enjoyed vacations to Florida and playing sheephead.

Roger is survived by his wife, Marlis Mathison, of Shawano; brother, Bill Mathison; brother-in-law, Mike Kersten; nephews, Wael (Teri Rashidi) Mathison, Allen (Tiffany) Kersten and Andrew (Lesley) Kersten; nieces, Mary (Keith) Broda, Beth (Quentin) Krepline and Deena (Joe) Larson; four special great-nieces and great-nephews and many cousins (Schoepkes and Hanks); and his fur baby, Bubba.

Roger C. Mathison

Norman James Saffran passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 8, 2021, at the age of 92. Norman was born on June 27, 1928, in Mountain. He was the son of the late Herman and Margaret Saffran. He served in the Army during the Korean War. On March 31, 1951, he married Betty Jane Strehlow.

He is survived by four children, Kenneth, Dawn (Richard) Zur, Terry (Tom Barham), and Sandra Hansen. He loved his grandchildren, Angela (Joey) Keeran, Richard (Amanda) Zur, Kenneth Hansen, Aaron Hansen,

Kristie Hansen, and Sara (Steve) Shearier; and three great-grandsons, Richard (Zac) Zur, Mason Zur, and Isaak Hansen.

He is further survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Richard and JoAnn Saffran; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Fern Cramer, Pete Strehlow, Audrey Strehlow, Doris Saffran, and Fay and Tom Stache. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brothers, Robert and Lloyd; and son-in-law Bruce Hansen.

Norman J. Saffran

Norman worked at Trent Tube for 44 years, retiring in 1991. He was a long-time member of St. James United Methodist Church. Norman loved hunting, fishing, traveling, and spending time at his place up north with his wife, children, grandchildren, and extended family and friends.

The family would like to express its deepest gratitude to Terry, who was Dad's constant care giver and companion for many years — especially after Mom passed away, and to Ken Hansen who was always there

to help him and spend time with him. The family would like to thank Dr. Gary Shepherdson and Lonnie for the wonderful care and comfort shown to Norman for many years, and to Grace Hospice, especially Jamie. Her care and compassion for Dad and the family were like an angel leading us through a difficult time.

Due to COVID-19, private services are planned. Thank you to Legacy Funeral Home in East Troy.

Legacy Funeral Services, 262-642-5057. 2974 Main St., East Troy, WI 53120

Bruce G. Radeske, 74, of Shawano, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 7.

Bruce was born on Aug. 13, 1946, to the late Frank and Delores Radeske.

On Sept. 18, 1971, he married JoAnn Peters at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour. They were blessed with two daughters, sons-in-law, and four precious grandchildren.

As a licensed cheesemaker, Bruce's career included working at cheese plants and factories, as well



the home he and JoAnn had built. Bruce is survived by his wife, JoAnn, two daughters, Robyn

as the United States Department of Agriculture inspecting cheese and dairy. He spent many years at Shawano Lake first at the cottage and then by moving there 20 years ago in

the home he and JoAnn had built.

Bruce is survived by his wife, JoAnn, two daughters, Robyn (John) Hoewisch, Weyauwega, and Rochelle (Neal) Westemeier, Marion; four grandchildren, Olivia and Brooke Westemeier, and Isaac and Hannah Hoewisch; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Karen and Dan Bergsbaken, Rhinelander.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Delores Radeske; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Arvin and Lucille Peters; and an infant sister-in-law, Donna Peters.

Private family services will be

held through Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, with Pastor Ty Stoneburner officiating.

Memorials may be directed to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 349 N. Main St., Seymour, WI 54165, and designated to Stewardship for All Seasons.

Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be expressed to Bruce's family at www.muehlboettcher.com

Bruce G. Radeske

OBITUARIES

Ruth C. Kopitzke, 82, of the Town of Grant, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Monday afternoon, Feb. 8, 2021, at her home.

Ruth Carol Linke was born on July 29, 1938, in the Town of Fairbanks, Shawano County, as the daughter of the late Reinhold and Wilma (Thies) Linke. After high school, Ruth earned her nursing degree from Mercy School of Nursing in Oshkosh, graduating on Aug. 16, 1959.

A week later, she married her sweetheart, Gordon Kopitzke at Peace Lutheran Church in Split Rock on Aug. 23, 1959. The couple were wed by the Rev. Dumke and began helping Ruth's parents on the Linke family farm. They became members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Marion and are current members at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the Town of Dupont.

Ruth began her nursing career at the Shawano Hospital. She continued her nursing career as a supervisor at the Clintonville Clinic, as well as a



nurse in the Emergency Room of the Clintonville Hospital, the Homme Home in Wittenberg, in hospice and home care for Shawano County, and finished her nursing career with ThedaCare as

a home care and hospice nurse, retiring in 1998.

Ruth loved spending time with family and especially looked forward to the family fishing trips in Canada each year. She loved to knit and work on embroidery in her spare time and rarely missed any of her grandchildren's events. Ruth enjoyed playing bridge with her friends in the Get Set Bridge Club and Women's Club Bridge Marathon. In her spare time, she liked tending to her flowers and was always moving her plants.

Ruth and Gordon loved watching sports of all kinds and were big fans

of the Milwaukee Brewers and Bucks. Most importantly, she knew her Lord and Savior and her family will look forward to the reunion with her in her new Heavenly Home.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Gordon Kopitzke; children, John (Rita) Kopitzke and Karen (John) Riemer; grandchildren, Christopher Kopitzke, Hunter (Betsy) Kopitzke, Gunner (Jessalyn) Kopitzke, Summer Kopitzke, Nikole Pooock, Cody (Calissa) Riemer and Chelsea Riemer; great-grandchildren, Aspyn, Kinsley and Bryce Kopitzke, Johnathan "J.J." Pooock, Camryn Riemer and Mayliana Dixon; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dale and Sandy Kopitzke; and nieces, Gayle Kopitzke and Sally (Chris) Kosciusko.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Reinhold and Wilma Linke; maternal grandparents, Albert and

Emma Thies; and sisters-in-law, Jean and Joyce Kopitzke.

Ruth's memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the Town of Dupont, and her daughter, Pastor Karen Riemer, officiated. Inurnment will take place at the Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Split Rock later in spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church would be appreciated by her family.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory of Marion is assisting her family. www.eberhardt-stevenson.com

The Kopitzke family would like to thank the staff at ThedaCare at Home Hospice, Dr. Yao and the cancer team at ThedaCare, and also her good friend, Char, for taking such good care of her during her illness.

Ruth C. Kopitzke

Olive Hoffmann

Olive "Ollie" Hoffmann, 99, of the Town of Grant, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021, at The Cottages on Golden Pond Memory Care

in Shawano.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Tigerton is serving the family.

Erma A. Mauritz

Erma A. Mauritz, 95, of Milwaukee, formerly of Tigerton, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, in

Milwaukee.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Tigerton is serving the family.

PLAN COMMISSION RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # 3-09-21

Town of Elderon, Marathon County, Wisconsin

The Plan Commission of the Town of Elderon, Marathon County, Wisconsin, by this resolution, adopted on proper notice with a quorum and by a roll call vote of a majority of the town plan commission present and voting resolves and recommends to the town board of the Town of Elderon as follows:

Adoption of the Town Comprehensive Plan.

The Town of Elderon Plan Commission, by this resolution, further resolves and orders as follows:

All maps and other materials noted and attached as exhibits to the Town of Elderon Comprehensive Plan are incorporated into and made a part of the Town of Elderon Comprehensive Plan.

The vote of the town plan commission in regard to this resolution shall be recorded by the clerk of the town plan commission in the official minutes of the Town of Elderon Plan Commission.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required under s. 60.80, Wis. stats.

Adopted this 25th day of January, 2021.

Michael Reynolds
Mike Reynolds - Commission Member
Dan Mc Cullum
Dan Mc Cullum - Commission Member
Lawrence Day
Lawrence Day - Commission Member
Don Aaronsen
Don Aaronsen - Commission Member

WNAXLP

Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting Tuesday, January 19, 2021

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

Beversdorf/Buchholz m/s/c to approve the January 5, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Timm/Beversdorf to approve Resolution 2021-01 for the Spring Primary to be conducted by only 3 election inspectors. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Buchholz/Yaeger to approve the audited bills for \$174,560.40 and interim bills for \$35,371.05. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Timm/Wepner m/s/c to adjourn at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Matsche
Village of Wittenberg Clerk/Treasurer

WNAXLP

Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting Tuesday, January 5, 2021

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

Beversdorf/Buchholz m/s/c to approve the December 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

R.Switalla/Buchholz to approve the audited bills for \$19,920.60 and interim bills for \$25,132.67. Roll call vote – all ayes.

R.Switalla/Wepner to accept a bid from Jerome Filbrandt Plumbing & Heating, for \$37,050, to complete a bathroom renovation in the Community Center. Roll call vote – 5 ayes with Timm voting no.

R.Switalla/Wepner m/s/c to adjourn at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Matsche
Village of Wittenberg Clerk/Treasurer

WNAXLP

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's David Gauderman, right, wrestles Mineral Point's Daniel Nordstrom in a 220-pound weight class quarterfinal match at the Division 3 WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 13 at Wausau East High School. Gauderman went on to place fourth.

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Witt-Birn's Gauderman places 4th at state

Sophomore goes 2-2 in tournament

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School sophomore David Gauderman posted a 2-2 record to place fourth in the 220-pound weight class at the Division 3 WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 13 at Wausau East High School.

"I expected to place this year, it didn't surprise me that I did," said Gauderman. "Obviously, it's not where I wanted to finish this year, but it's still quite an accomplishment."

The sophomore's first state appearance started with an 8-3 decision win in the quarterfinals.

Gauderman got the first takedown

in the match and was able to maintain the top position for the rest of the period. Gauderman chose the bottom position in the second period and pulled off a reversal to go up 4-0.

After his opponent escaped, Gauderman got another takedown. His opponent escaped again to make it 6-2 heading to the final period.

Starting in the neutral position, Gauderman earned another takedown to up his lead. His opponent eventually escaped again, but soon time ran out.

In his semifinal match, Gauderman was pinned late in the second period.

Gauderman fell behind in the first period before tying it with a reversal. His opponent escaped to make it 3-2 entering the second period.

His opponent chose the bottom position and escaped after about 20 seconds. He later took down Gauderman before getting the pin at the 3 minute, 42 second mark of the match.

Gauderman bounced back with a 9-5 decision win in the consolation semifinals.

The Witt-Birn wrestler earned the only points in the first period with a takedown. Gauderman escaped from the bottom position early in the second period, but was then taken down, trimming his lead to 3-2.

Gauderman earned two more points in the period, one on a penalty and another on an escape.

In the final period, Gauderman earned four points on two takedowns to hold on for the win.

In the third-place match, Gauderman lost by pin in the third period.

The Witt-Birn sophomore was taken down first in the opening period, but escaped to make it 2-1. His opponent escaped for the lone point in the second period.

In the final period, Gauderman escaped to trim his deficit to one, but

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For full state results, visit www.trackwrestling.com.

was then taken down and eventually pinned.

"In the matches I lost I just made a few too many mistakes," said Gauderman. "And in the matches I won, I didn't make any."

Gauderman's 2-2 record at state pushed the wrestler's season record to 18-3.

He's hoping his state experience this year will help him as he prepares for the final two years of his high school career.

"It teaches me that there will always be someone better than you out there, and that you just have to outwork them if you want to beat them when it counts," said Gauderman.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Witt-Birn girls come up short in regional title

Tigerton also earned playoff win

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls basketball team advanced to a Division 3 regional title game, but came up short against Amherst.

Witt-Birn, the No. 2 seed in its regional pod, dropped a 62-52 contest to top-seeded Amherst on Feb. 13.

Emma Herb led the Chargers with 17 points and seven rebounds, while Abi Fraaza posted 13 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

Amara Schoepke contributed 10 points and seven rebounds for Witt-Birn. Reese Rogowski finished with eight points and four assists.

The Chargers made just 10 of their 23 free-throw attempts on the night.

A day earlier, the duo of Rogowski and Fraaza carried the team to a 59-33 victory over Clintonville in a regional semifinal clash in Wittenberg.

Rogowski and Fraaza combined to score 38 points, converting 14 of the team's 21 field goals and six of the team's eight 3-pointers.

Rogowski, the team's primary point guard, was aggressive all night, driving to the rim whenever she could before utilizing a stepback to get several open 3-point looks later in the contest. She finished with 21 points and four triples.

"We looked for our shots really well. We played together as a team to come out stronger," said Rogowski.

Fraaza did a little bit of everything for the Chargers, hitting a pair of 3s and several other shots around the basket. The senior finished with 17 points, six rebounds, two assists, two steals and a block.

The hosts worked for a number of shots near the rim at the start of the game, but they were having trouble putting the ball in the basket.

The Chargers were still able to score the game's first 10 points as their defense was terrific from the start, causing a number of Clintonville turnovers and contesting every shot.

Witt-Birn held Clintonville to nine first-half points. The visitors only hit three field goals in the opening 18 minutes.

"We moved our feet really well, and we talked on the court so that we could work together and stop them from scoring," said Rogowski.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Amara Schoepke, right, drives toward the rim while being defended by Clintonville's Selina Torrez during a Division 3 regional semifinal playoff game Feb. 12 in Wittenberg.

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After scoring just five points in the opening five minutes, two straight and-one opportunities from Rogowski and Fraaza got the host's offense going. In the final 13 minutes of the half, the duo combined to score 20 of the team's 26 points.

Allison Linke and Kiara Deruchowski each hit 3-pointers in the final three minutes of the half for the team's other six points. Deruchowski hit a triple at the buzzer to give the hosts a 31-9 advantage.

"Kiara's 3-pointer at the end of the first half, that's a dagger," said Witt-Birn coach Nick Mechelke. "Those hurt when you can get that last-second shot. That's a huge play from a young kid to step up."

Clintonville was able to find its footing a bit in the second half, but Rogowski and Fraaza carried Witt-Birn to a comfortable win.

Rogowski hit three of her triples in the second half. Fraaza scored all seven of her points in the half in a five-minute span.

Herb contributed seven points, six rebounds and two steals for the Chargers in the contest. Jadalynn Davids grabbed seven rebounds, while Schoepke had six.

"I love playing here, and I love the



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Emma Herb puts up a shot during a Division 3 regional semifinal playoff game against Clintonville on Feb. 12 in Wittenberg.

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intensity of the crowd, even though it's limited fans," said Fraaza on getting a playoff win in the senior's final home game. "I was really relieved that you could come and have parents and grandparents and everyone here. It's just a great environment. And I wish we could have more games here, but the crowd really put it together and pushed us to be our best."

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For the full game story on Wittenberg-Birnamwood's regional semifinal win over Clintonville, visit www.newmedia-wi.com.

Division 5

Tigerton and Bowler both competed in the same Division 5 regional pod and started the postseason on Feb. 9 in regional quarterfinal games.

Fifth-seeded Bowler dropped a 50-43 contest to fourth-seeded White Lake. Third-seeded Tigerton eased past sixth-seeded Marion in a 50-13 final.

Savannah Swartz tallied 11 points, seven rebounds and five steals to guide Tigerton to victory. Ladia Block added 11 points and five rebounds, while Adrienne Brady had 10 steals and nine points.

In a regional semifinal matchup against second-seeded Northland Lutheran on Feb. 12 in Kronenwetter, Tigerton lost by a score of 63-53.

Swartz posted 28 points, 13 rebounds, six steals and three blocks for Tigerton in the loss. Block added 10 points, while Brady had nine assists and five steals.

ATHLETE PROFILE: ISAAC SCHOEN

Senior a 3-point threat on court for Tigerton

Tigerton High School's senior Isaac Schoen recalls being utilized for his 3-point shooting in his freshman season of basketball. Three years later, 3-point shooting is still a strength for Schoen.

The Tigerton senior had several game of multiple triples hit this season.

He hit four 3s during a 12-point performance and win over Tri-County on Dec. 14. Schoen connected on three 3-pointers against Port Edwards on Dec. 19 and White Lake on Feb. 1, with the team defeating White Lake.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: I started taking interest in basketball when I was in elementary school from coming to watch the high schoolers play. Just seeing them trying their hardest to be at the top of the conference leaderboard was awesome.

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

A: My favorite part about the basketball season is getting into the game and playing well with my teammates. Like my coach (Kent Wheelles) always says, "Practice is where we earn the trophy, and the game is where you go to pick it up." That saying has stuck in my head, and I think about it through each season.

Q: What has basketball taught you over the years?

A: Basketball has taught me how to not only become good at the game, but to work well with my teammates to have good communication to score each time down the court or defend the hoop every time on defense.

Q: What are you going to remember the most about playing basketball this year?

A: I will remember the great games that we had where everyone was play-



Tigerton's Isaac Schoen takes a shot during a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division matchup against Gresham on Dec. 18 in Gresham.

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ing their best and we all knew what we were going to do next to set up the perfect play.

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

A: I try to get in "the zone" by listening to some music that pumps me up and gets me ready for the challenge ahead.

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

A: My favorite memory would have to be when we played Wisconsin Valley Lutheran my freshman year and we were down my six, and coach put me in just to shoot 3s and I got two.

But then they got one, and we lost by three. But just being a freshman and having your coach put you in because he knew that I could shoot 3s was pretty cool.

Q: What's your favorite off the court memory during the basketball season?

A: My favorite off the court memory is when a couple of the guys from the team went on a McDonald's run just for fun, and we went through the drive-through twice and changed drivers so they wouldn't notice.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Letterkenny."

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Isaac Schoen

SPORT: Boys basketball

POSITION: Guard

SCHOOL: Tigerton High School

YEAR: Senior

Movie — "Remember the Titans."

Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

Q: What athlete(s) do you look up to, and why?

A: I look up to Jonathan Taylor (former Wisconsin Badgers running back) because he is so good at the sport he plays and he drove himself so hard that he earned a starting spot on the NFL Colts team, which makes me believe that I can achieve anything I want.

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

A: One thing that not very many people know about me at all is that I like to just sit outside in the woods to just have some peace, and relax and just think. It just makes me feel nice knowing that I don't have to worry about anything in that moment.

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

A: One of the best pieces of advice that I have been told is that if you can dream it, you can achieve it. So make your dreams come true even if nobody agrees with you or says that it won't happen. Prove them wrong.

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

A: I hope to be able to get a job and eventually start racing dirt bikes, which has been a dream of mine since I was 4 years old, but my family didn't have the money to be able to afford the expensive equipment for the sport. But I'm going to make my dream come true because I love it.



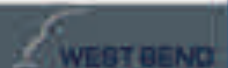
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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

UW-Stevens Point

Hannah Flak, a Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School graduate and current swimmer for the UW-Stevens Point women's team took part in three events during a dual against UW-Whitewater on Feb. 13.

No team scores were kept.

Flak placed second in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:06.18. She placed eighth in the 50 freestyle (27.83).

Flak was also on the fourth-place finishing 200 medley relay team that posted a time of 2:00.93.

Oakland City

Bowler graduate Reanne Kietlin-ski played in a pair of games for the Oakland City University (Indiana) women's basketball team over the past week.

In the team's 78-70 win over Brescia University (Kentucky) on Feb. 9, Kietlinski played 10 min-

utes. She grabbed three defensive rebounds during her time on the floor.

In a 100-91 overtime loss to Asbury University (Kentucky) on Feb. 13, Kietlinski played 11 minutes. The Bowler grad tallied four points, two steals, two assists and two rebounds.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BOYS BASKETBALL

Witt-Birn 72

Amherst 56

Wittenberg-Birnamwood earned a Central Wisconsin Conference-

East Division victory over Amherst on Feb. 11 in Amherst.

It was Witt-Birn's final regular season contest.

Witt-Birn outscored Amherst 45-32 in the second half to pull away.

Ben Wesolowski scored 28 points to power Witt-Birn. Ben Flak

and Simon Schairer each tallied 12 points, while Jack Fraaza had 11.

Witt-Birn 55

Shawano 45

Wittenberg-Birnamwood picked up a nonconference win over Shawano on Feb. 9 in Shawano.

Jack Fraaza and Simon Schairer led the way for Witt-Birn, scoring 20 and 16 points, respectively. Ben Wesolowski added 11 points.

Witt-Birn got to the free-throw line 29 times but only made 15. Shawano attempted only 15 free throws, making eight.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap

Team	W	L
Liberty Potatoes	91	70
Mama's Place	81	80
Resch Lanes (1)	76 1/2	84 1/2
Tavern Front	73	88
Resch Lanes (2)	71 1/2	89 1/2
Hanke's Sentry Foods	70	91
Slammers	69	92
Kemmer Electronics	56	105

High team handicap games (top 3): Liberty Potatoes 1,264, Mama's Place 1,251, Slammers 1,191.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Danny Schrank 322, Brian Mattmiller 300, Mark Giddings 281, Jeff Low 274, Paul Bahr 274, Dick Potrykus

273, Steve Burkhart 272.

High team handicap series (top 3): Mama's Place 3,432, Hanke's Sentry Foods 3,400, Liberty Potatoes 3,380.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Danny Schrank 797, Mark Giddings 756, Jenny Schrank 741, Jason Resch 729, Dick Potrykus 727, Jordan Wanta 721, Paul Bahr 712.

Resch Lanes — Monday Ladies Handicap

Team	W	L
Resch Lanes	37 1/2	28 1/2
Gulliver's Landing	36 1/2	29 1/2
Tavern Front	34	32
Lisa's Lakeside	34	32
Strike-a-pose	26	40
Kropf's Meats	21	45

High team handicap games (top 3): Resch Lanes

898, Gulliver's Landing 897, Tavern Front 896.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Mary Krause 259, Jennifer Resch 259, Elly Arndt 246, Lynn Brown 244, Sue Zeinert 244, Jenny Schrank 241, Jordyn Krueger 240.

High team handicap series (top 3): Gulliver's Landing 2,598, Resch Lanes 2,546, Tavern Front 2,487.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Mary Krause 703, Elly Arndt 695, Jordyn Krueger 675, Sue Zeinert 666, Lynn Brown 648, Jennifer Resch 644, Sue Hughes 634.

Resch Lanes — Thursday Men's League

Team	W	L
Resch Lanes	83	43
Melody Mill	69	57
Legacy Seed Pro	69	57

Gullivers	66	60
Gutt'er Done	65	61
Cherek Transport	63	63
RJ Auto Repair	60	66
Legacy Seed	29	97

High team scratch games (top 3): Resch Lanes 1,015, Legacy Seed Pro 1,006, Melody Mill 1,005.

High individual scratch games (top 7): Jason Resch 286, Pat Provoast 265, Dallas Ingersoll 258, Doug Koeller 256, Gavin Czerwonka 245, Zach Bembenek 244, Tim Lemke 235.

High team scratch series (top 3): Resch Lanes 3,015, Melody Mill 2,879, Legacy Seed Pro 2,769.

High individual scratch series (top 7): Jason Resch 779, Pat Provoast 729, Doug Koeller 644, Caleb Zblewski 631, Greg Rosenow 623, Tim Lemke 613, Austin Wolff 590.

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Religious intolerance motivates murder

"Truth Kills" by Nanci Rathbun is an Angie Bonaparte mystery. Angelina Bonaparte (pronounced "Bonapartay") is a product of a close-knit, very Catholic, Sicilian/American family in Milwaukee.

The Bonaparte name has long been linked with the Mafia, but no one in the family mentions it. After

graduating from college, Angie married the man she now refers to as "Bozo," had a son and daughter and kept a good home, but it wasn't enough for Bozo and they divorced. Taking her settlement money, 50-something Angie bought a lake-side condo and a Miata convertible. She got her private investigator's

license and opened her own agency. Angie stays busy doing background checks, insurance claims, missing persons and similar work. Angie has just confirmed that Gracie Belloni's husband, Tony, is having an affair with Elisa Moreno.

Very pregnant with their fifth child, Gracie confronts Tony. He promises to end the affair and tries to call Elisa. She doesn't answer so he drives around, berating his foolishness. The next morning, Elisa is found dead, and Tony is the prime suspect. Angie is roused from sleep when Tony's lawyer, Bart Matthews, calls to say that Gracie wants her to investigate on Tony's behalf.

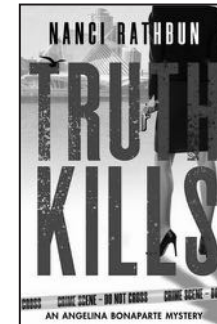
At the same time, Detectives Joe "Iggy" Ignowski and Ted Wukowski are pounding on her door. They know she worked for Gracie and hope to get something to help convict Tony. She's known Iggy for ages, but the tall, handsome Wukowski is hostile toward her.

Angie knows that Tony might be a cheater, but he's not a killer. All she has to do is supply Bart with information that proves someone other than Tony may have killed Elisa. As Angie interviews those who knew Elisa, it is obvious that girl used her beauty and charm strictly for her own benefit.

She was estranged from her mother, humiliated her former roommate and had no friends. Elisa had worked at John and Jane Dunwoodie's insurance firm until Jane fired her for loose morals. Angie has only suspicions, so she convinces Iggy and Wukowski to work with her. They agree because she has skills and contacts they lack. Angie is supremely aware of her "needs" and her attraction to Wukowski, but he keeps her at arms-length. Iggy finally explains that Wukowski's last partner was



JAN JONES



a woman who died after being tortured. At this point, he still blames himself. Through tact and patience, they become comfortable together. And she'll need him on her side.

Her gut says that the Dunwoodies are part of the case, but they were at meetings at La Scala the night Elisa died. Angie's big break comes when she connects with their new receptionist, Bobbie. He is

smart, handsome, well-dressed and gay. Jane Dunwoodie's rigid Catholic sensibilities would never allow her to hire a gay man so before she can fire him, Bobbie secured a different job. With a little information supplied by a La Scala waiter, they break Jane's alibi. Now they need to confirm what they know.

They sneak into the Dunwoodie Agency and get what they need, but are confronted by Jane in a murderous mood. Just as Jane is about to shoot, Angie manages to throw an open bottle of toner at her.

The next thing Angie knows, she's in the hospital with a gunshot wound in her side, a concussion and lots of bruises. Lucky for her, Bobbie had managed to dialed 911 in his pocket, and Wukowski arrived just after the gun went off. Tony is free, the new baby is born and Wukowski and Angie have the time to explore their potential relationship.

Nothing is ever exactly what it appears to be. Good authors know how to craft multi-layered stories to educate and entertain us. Your public library has all kinds so you can check them out.

TOWN OF ELDERON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN "DRIVEWAYS"

The Town Board of Elderon, Marathon County, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:
Ordinance 2020 - 1 "Driveways"

- 1) **Permit Required.** Any person installing or replacing a driveway to access any parcel of land adjoining a town road shall obtain an installation permit from the Town Road Supervisor. A permit will be issued only upon the condition that the minimum specifications set forth herein for the installation of a driveway will be complied with and grades will be acceptable for satisfactory drainage and proper safety conditions. There will not be a permit fee for the application.
- 2) **Application.** Application for a permit to construct or replace a driveway shall be made in writing to the Road Supervisor and shall describe the property and the road or street where said driveway will be replaced or constructed.
- 3) **Minimum Driveway Specifications.** The following minimum specifications shall apply to all driveways to be constructed or driveway renovations or reconstruction following the effective date of this ordinance:
 - (a) The diameter of culverts shall be as prescribed by the Road Supervisor.
 - (b) No driveway entrance leading from a town road onto private property shall be located within 0 feet of an street or road intersection, measured from the outer edge of town right-of-way. In addition, all driveway entrances onto town roads must be spaced so as to be no closer than 150 feet from any other such driveways entrance and 25 feet from any lot line.
 - (c) The owner/application shall be responsible for all costs of installation and material, together with maintenance and up keep of the culvert so as to provide and maintain satisfactory drainage.
 - (d) Safety will be taken into consideration when issuing a driveway permit.
- 4) **Culvert Repairs and Replacement Requirements.** Any driveway culvert located in the Town of Elderon which in the opinion of the Town Road Supervisor, does not function in a proper manner requiring maintenance or replacement, must be repaired or replaced at the landowner's expense within 60 days following written notification to the landowner by the Town Road Supervisor, upon receipt of such notification, the property owner must comply with written specifications to be contained on repair permit and in the event the permit is for culvert replacement, the landowner must comply with the provisions of subsections (3)(b) of this ordinance.
- 5) **Penalties.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be given a written notice of such violation(s) by the Town Road Supervisor. In the event of said violation(s) is not cured in 60 days, the property owner shall be subject to the following penalties:
 - a) Following said 60 days notice, the Town will perform or contract with others to perform the work and provide the materials necessary to bring the driveway into compliance with the requirements of this ordinance. The owner of the property shall be responsible for the payment of all costs and expenses associated within. Said owner shall be billed by the Town for all of said costs and expenses and if not paid within 30 days from the date of such billings, interest will be charged. The Town of Elderon reserves the right to place any charges not paid onto the real estate tax roll for the parcel being served by the driveway and collected as a special charge pursuant to sec. 66.60(16) WI Statutes.
- 6) All ordinances and parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
- 7) The ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Town Board, Town of Elderon

ATTEST:

By: *Don Aamonen*

Mary Ostrowski

Don Aamonen, Chairman

Mary Ostrowski, Clerk

Craig Ostrowski

Craig Ostrowski, Supervisor

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Public Hearing Notice Town of Elderon

A Public Hearing for public review and comment on the Town of Elderon's updated comprehensive plan will be held on Tuesday March 23, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Town of Elderon Community Center.

Dated this 12th day of February 2021.

Mary Ostrowski, Clerk

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Feb. 15

Deputies responded to 20 calls, including a fraud complaint on Mission Street in Wittenberg; a property theft complaint on Oriole Road in the Town of Birnamwood; a drug complaint at North Star Casino, W12180 County Road A in the Town of Bartelme; four crashes, one involving a snowmobile.

Feb. 14

Deputies responded to 48 calls, including an assault on County Road D in the Town of Seneca; a property theft complaint on Cecil Street in Birnamwood; an overdose on Koo Yi Kun Lane in the Town of Bartelme; an intoxication complaint on Debbie Court in the Town of Wescott; a drug complaint at the Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; six crashes, one involving deer.

Feb. 13

Deputies responded to 33 calls, including a snowmobile problem on County Road M in the Town of Pella; 10 crashes.

Feb. 12

Deputies responded to 40 calls, including a counterfeit complaint at Arby's, N4543 State Highway 22 in the

Town of Belle Plaine; a bail jumping call on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton; an operating without a license call at Wagner's Shell, 504 E. Grand Ave. in Wittenberg; recovering a stolen vehicle on Golfview Road in Cecil; reckless driving complaints on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor and U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; 13 crashes.

Feb. 11

Deputies responded to 43 calls, including operating without a license calls on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington and on Fifth Street in Shawano; a harassment complaint on Vinal Street in Wittenberg; a scam complaint on Marsh Lane in the Town of Waukechon; a fraud complain on Larson Lane in Eland; an automobile theft on Hofa Park Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; reckless driving complaints on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine, state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove, and U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; drug complaint on Third Street in Shawano; a fight in progress on Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott; six crashes, one involving deer.

Feb. 10

Deputies responded to 33 calls, including bail jumping complaints on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton and Cedar Street in Tigerton; reckless driv-

ing complaints at Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg, state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine, and County Road A in the Town of Wescott; an operating without a license call on Summer Street in Aniwa; repossession on Hickory Street in the Town of Red Spring; a drug complaint at Texas Jay's, N11004 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; an operating while intoxicated call on County Road D in the Town of Almon; five crashes, one involving deer, one involving a snowmobile.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Feb. 15

Officers responded to 24 calls, including identity theft complaints in the 300 block of River Pine Drive and the 1700 block of Estates Lane; a non-injury crash at Evergreen and Elizabeth streets.

Feb. 14

Officers responded to 27 calls, including a non-injury crash at Pine Mead and Homewood avenues; assisting with a fire in the 500 block of South Bartlett Street.

Feb. 13

Officers responded to 10 calls, including gas drive-offs at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St., and at

The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.; a fraud complaint in the 1000 block of South Evergreen Street; a harassment complaint that came into the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; a hit-and-run at McDonald's, 1202 E. Green Bay St.; property damage to a vehicle in the 200 block of South Main Street.

Feb. 12

Officers responded to 19 calls, including property damage to vehicles at Olga Brenner Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St., and at Lincoln and Green Bay streets; adult drug offense at Richmond and Olson streets; an operating without a license complaint at Green Bay Street and Fairview Road; drug paraphernalia found in the liquor department at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.

Feb. 11

Officers responded to 14 calls, including found property at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; a hit-and-run at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a reckless driving complaint on Circle Drive; a controlled substance problem at an undisclosed location.

Feb. 10

Officers responded to 19 calls, including a juvenile problem at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; death investigation at an undisclosed location.

COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County District Court include:

- Austin M. Hartmann, 26, no address listed, was charged Feb. 10 with resisting/obstructing an officer and two counts of felony bail jumping. Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$500, and Judge William F. Kussel Jr., will preside over a resumed initial appearance Feb. 23.

- Tyler M. Koepke, 26, Tigerton, was charged Feb. 10 with child abuse, recklessly causing great harm with a repeater modifier. Sloma set a \$5,000 cash bond plus a signature bond of \$20,000, and she will preside over a resumed initial appearance March 2.

- Shawn L. Matson, 45, Wittenberg, was charged Feb. 11 with possession of methamphetamine and five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500, and she will preside over a resumed initial appearance April 7.

- Lilawna M. Figueroa, 23, Bowler, was charged Feb. 12 with possession of THC, second offense or more, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500, and Kussel will preside over a resumed initial appearance March 16.

- John C. Micik, 45, Shawano, was charged Feb. 12 with operating while

revoked, possession of THC and two counts of felony bail jumping. Micik posted \$500 bond set by Sloma, and she will preside over a resumed initial appearance March 1.

- Britney M. Gavitt, 29, Wittenberg, was charged Feb. 12 with operating without a valid license, second within three years, possession of methamphetamine with a repeater modifier; possession of THC, second offense or more with a repeater modifier; possession of drug paraphernalia with a repeater modifier and four counts of felony bail jumping, all with repeater modifiers. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,500, and she will preside over a preliminary hearing Feb. 19.

- Kyle A. Wilber, 20, Fish Creek, was found guilty by Kussel on Feb. 5 of resisting/obstructing an officer with a repeater modifier. Wilber will spend 90 days in jail with Huber Law privileges. For a guilty verdict on possession of methamphetamine with a repeater modifier, Wilber will spend four months in jail with credit for 115 days and Huber law privileges concurrent with other jail time. A concurrent jail term of 60 days was imposed for a conviction on misdemeanor bail jumping with a repeater modifier. A second count of misdemeanor bail jumping was dismissed

but read into the record. Wilber was also ordered to pay \$1,312.50 in fines and assessments. Charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor bail jumping were dismissed on the prosecutor's motion.

- William M. Stimac, 54, Antigo, was found guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia Feb. 12 by Kussel. A count of possession of narcotic drugs was dismissed on the prosecutor's motion. Stimac paid \$705 in fines and assessments.

- Lana M. Fox, 48, Keshena, was found guilty Feb. 12 by Sloma of operating while revoked, was ordered to pay forfeitures and fines and her license was suspended for 45 days. Fox was also found guilty of felony bail jumping and will spend two years on probation. Jail time of 60 days was deemed served, according to the court record. On a count of possession of THC, second offense and more, Fox was found guilty and will spend two years on probation. Charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and felony bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. She was ordered to pay \$1,783.50 in fines and assessments.

Sloma also found Fox guilty on Feb. 12 of a separate charge of operating while revoked. Jail time of 30 days was deemed

served, and her license was suspended for an additional 90 days. Fox was ordered to pay \$1,149 in fines and assessments.

- Bonifacio Dominguez Valdivia, 59, with no address listed, was found guilty Feb. 12 by Kussel on a count of intimidate/threaten force against a victim with a domestic abuse modifier. Valdivia had a three-year prison term imposed and stayed with five years of extended supervision imposed. Two years of probation were also imposed. Jail time of six months was deemed served with additional jail term credited to another conviction. Charges of using a computer to send a message to threaten injury or harm and contact after a domestic abuse arrest with a domestic abuse modifier were dismissed but read into the record. Valdivia was ordered to pay \$540.60 in fines and assessments.

Also Feb. 12, Kussel found Valdivia guilty of substantial battery with intent to do bodily harm. Kussel imposed and stayed an 18-month prison sentence, imposed and stayed 18 months of extended supervision, imposed and stayed alcohol assessment and imposed two years of probation. Counseling and follow-through were ordered. Jail time was deemed served concurrent with other charges.



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