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# Aspirus CEO outlines system status, response

## 'It's going to pop', Matt Heywood warns community

By **DAVID WILHELMS**  
Correspondent

The leader of the Aspirus hospital and clinic system had an unusually blunt assessment of the COVID-19 pandemic's status in its service area Nov. 18 when the health system presented a status report.

"It's going to pop again" and the state can't take another pop, Matt Heywood, system corporate executive officer (CEO) and president, said of COVID-19's rate of infections, hospitalizations and deaths.

COVID-19's impact is felt across Aspirus' service area with 600,000 people in 17 Wisconsin counties, including clinics in Birnamwood and Wittenberg and the Upper Peninsula, Heywood explained.

He agreed with Dr. Ryan Westergard, chief medical officer in charge of the state's response, that the tipping point on hospital capacity for Aspirus and the state is close or has been reached, "and eventually you won't be able to transfer (patients) as readily amongst each other."

However, in the presentation streamed from Wausau, Heywood also expressed concern for Aspirus staff and its ability to continue to deliver patient services.

"This is taxing. This is tough, day after day, month after month. Then you've got me telling (staff) it's going to be another three or four months," he said.

"It's been more mentally taxing than anything. You have to be 'on' and aware and alert in a way you haven't been before," said Jason Carew, a lab technician who works in Antigo and Birnamwood. He added that healthcare workers have to treat everyone as if they had COVID-19.

While he does his best to accommodate patients and their needs, he also protects himself like insisting on mask wearing. He said it continues to feel weird in donning all of the protective gear especially when he



**Matt Heywood, Aspirus president and chief executive officer, said his health system is responding to the pandemic in a variety of ways "so we can keep our beds available for the sickest of the sick." That includes the usual levels of accidents, heart attacks and strokes.** CONTRIBUTED

goes into the COVID-19 unit at the hospital. "It's surreal," he said.

Heidi Zalewski, a fellow Birnamwood Clinic employee, agreed that she never thought she'd live through anything like this. "This is getting to be the 'new normal,'" she said.

"It's been challenging on some days," Michelle Rickert, another clinic employee, said, I just take it one day at a time."

Rickert and Zalewski are taking Aspirus' advice to do the things they love as a way to unwind after work. Zalewski chooses photography while Rickert walks and is looking forward to snowshoeing this winter.

Ashley Bohman, regional communication and engagement lead for the Medford and Antigo hospitals said the system offers remote yoga classes and self-help instruction to employees. Aspirus also encourages its leaders to bring treats and otherwise show appreciation.

"I just keep waiting for the movie to end," Zalewski said.

"And we hope it's a happy ending," she, Rickert and Bohman chimed in.

Regardless of the number of employees added to meet the rising demand, "Our staff lives in the community they serve," the CEO said. That means staff go home to Wausau and the surrounding area that are among



**Jason Carew said it's been surreal in performing his tasks in the laboratories of the Aspirus Antigo hospital and Birnamwood clinic during the COVID-19 pandemic. "It's been more mentally taxing than anything. You have to be 'on' and aware and alert in a way you haven't been before," he added.** DAVID WILHELMS

the top eight areas in the country for COVID-19 cases per 100,000.

Heywood said about 300 of Aspirus' 9,000 employees had been involved in the system's program of detection, testing and quarantining.

Heywood said Aspirus is also responding to the anticipated surge through greater use of technology and alternative interventions and treatments.

Staff are also being asked to take on new roles, Heywood said, such as home health services. Aspirus may also call on family and friends to provide care "so we can keep our beds available for the sickest of the sick." That includes the usual level of accidents, heart attacks and strokes.

Aspirus averaged 30 COVID-19 patients during the summer and now averages 130 patients, occupying

about 25% of its 500 beds, Heywood said.

He said Aspirus may experience a doubling of COVID-19 cases to about 250 patients per day in the Aspirus system alone and said similar caseloads will be seen throughout the state and throughout the country. Before the pandemic, the census for the entire system was 300 to 350 occupied beds, Heywood said. The system added staff and other prepa-

ration to get to the current 500-bed capacity.

Aspirus admits and discharges 50-80 people per day including non-COVID-19 cases, Heywood said but the system fills right back up.

The spike in cases will mean additional burdens on staff and resources because those patients will all have the same needs, Heywood added.

COVID-19 patients also require a higher level of care and attention

and a potential rise of 250 patients is not easily added, Heywood said.

This coming winter will also be different than the summer when spikes confined to Texas or California allowed for other states and systems to provide personnel and resources, Heywood continued, "So this will be a broader challenge that our country experiences."

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## Aspirus head optimistic on COVID-19 vaccine, cautious on availability

Matt Heywood, Aspirus system corporate executive officer (CEO) and president, issued a strong caution as he celebrated the prospect of effective vaccines becoming available in the near future.

"So it's not going to get us through the holidays. It's not going to be here in a mass quantity until probably later spring and summer. When hopefully, we're going to get somewhat back to normal," he said.

"There is a lot of logistics from a study that says we have a 95% effec-

tive vaccine or two maybe, to actually distributing it to 300-something million people who are going to need two doses and some of the drugs and vaccines need to be kept at a certain temperature and are not easily distributed," he added.

In anticipating the pressure for family gatherings during the upcoming holidays, "If we don't all work together to manage how we behave, it could continue to get worse," Heywood said.

This growing pressure can be

met with wearing masks, limiting or skipping trips to public spaces and maintaining social distancing, Heywood said.

The CEO echoed state and federal agencies' emphasis on Thanksgiving and Christmas as a time for restricting gatherings to immediate family, or people now living in the same house.

Those considering getting together with extended family need to quarantine for 14 days to limit person-to-person spread in public, Heywood said.



Garbed in the appropriate personal protective equipment, Michelle Rickert prepares an examination room in the Aspirus Birnamwood clinic for its next patient. She calls working during the pandemic a challenge and tries to take it one day at a time.

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# Aspirus doctor offers insights into COVID-19 patients and staff that treats them

## Asks community to be 'front line workers'

By **DAVID WILHELMS**  
Correspondent

"We may all want to get together at Thanksgiving and see our loved ones," Dr. Stephen Phillipson said, expressing the desire of many people.

The Aspirus Wausau Hospital Director of Medicine then posed the question, "But how are you going to feel if you were the asymptomatic person who gave it to grandma and grandma is dead or she's in an ICU or she's sick for weeks and weeks and weeks on a ventilator? And that's the reality of this illness."

Phillipson oversees the hospital's COVID-19 patient treatment. He provided some insights on what's like for COVID-19 patients and the experience and toll on staff at a status report from the Aspirus hospital and clinic system on Nov. 18.

When asked what he would say to prevent people from going to bars or other social gatherings, Phillipson warned, "They may end up killing someone that they love or injuring them not knowing they have COVID."

"One of the difficult things about COVID-19 is that so many people show no symptoms and that's why it's so easy to spread," he said. "That's why we need to get back to being cautious when you're out."

He turned to a frequently-used label for healthcare providers.

"I've heard of us being talked

about as the front line workers but right now, the people in our community, they need to be the front line workers" by following CDC guidelines, he said. "Right now, we're your last line of defense and you do not want to end up on my service right now with COVID," he said.

"There's a myth that really just only infirm and elderly people end up in our hospital. That's not true. We see people who are in their 40s and 50s (and are) extremely ill. We've had people in their 20s die. We've had people who were in their mid 30s go from talking to us to passing away within 24-36 hours. This is a serious illness and it affects a broad swath of people," the doctor said.

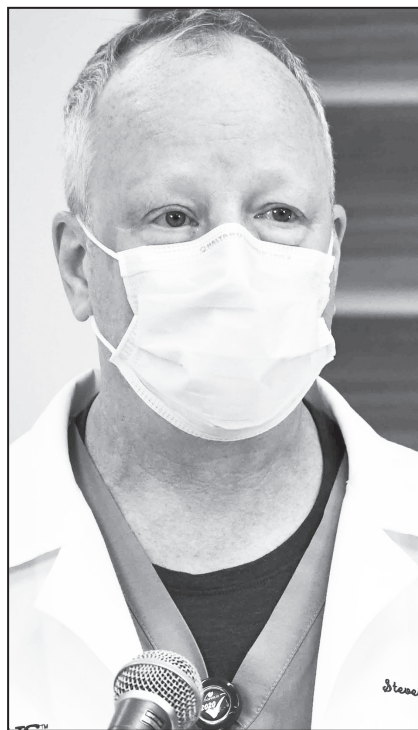
Phillipson conceded people most likely to contract the virus are older and have other health issues but there's also the falsehood that these people would have died anyway.

"We're seeing many people who should have had many more years of life with their families to spend but who will not because of the COVID pandemic," he said.

From a patient perspective, Phillipson noted many people can go home in a few days if hospitalized for other illnesses, "but COVID, not so much."

"If you're sick enough to be in the hospital, you'll be very isolated. You may be here for weeks and weeks and weeks," the doctor said. You have maybe one out of three chances of surviving to going home if you end up on a ventilator, Phillipson warned.

There are also the challenges of reaching difficult decisions, espe-



**Dr. Stephen Phillipson, who oversees COVID-19 patient treatment at Aspirus' Wausau hospital, offered insights on the diseases for patients and spoke of the toll on staff at a status report given by the hospital and clinic system. Nov. 18.**

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cially for patients near death, that don't always go well via phone and that's hard on staff as well as families, Phillipson said.

Phillipson's team has grown substantially because in addition to COVID-19 patients, "We're also taking care of the same number of people we had to take care of before with just the normal illnesses that affect our community, he said.

His staff are scheduled for 12-hour shifts. The number of additional patients has been manageable

so far and they have plans in place for even higher numbers, he said. "So we have ways that I think we'll be able to keep people safe in terms of what we're able to do extending ourselves creatively," the doctor added.

Phillipson said his team has had great leadership support, has a well thought-out plan "and we'll get through this."

"My team is seeing volumes of people dying that they've never had to deal with before. And that's been emotionally draining on them, it's emotionally draining on the nursing staff and the front line caregivers. And they work hard. They have to wear all this protective equipment. It makes for a long and draining day when you're working in a COVID unit," he said.

Phillipson included a more positive note even as he recalled he started his career with dealing with the HIV-AIDS virus "and all my patients died." This has provided him with some perspective in dealing with this pandemic.

He tells his younger physicians, nurses and staff, "This may be one of the defining moments of their careers and how they hold up through this is something they're going to think about and recall for a long time."

"It's very hard for my young physicians to lose five or six patients in 24 or 36 hours. They're not used to that," he said. "So basically it's talking it through and then getting up and doing it again the next day. We have a lot of people who do well and go home. You have to focus on that aspect," Phillipson said.

## WBHS gets financial education award

Next Gen Personal Finance, a non-profit provider of financial education curriculum and teacher professional development, has recognized Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School (WBHS) as a Gold Standard School for requiring all students to take at least one semes-

ter of personal finance.

"Our business education teacher, Cheryl Muscha, has been instrumental in developing and providing a very relevant and high quality personal financial literacy curriculum to every student that attends and graduates from WBHS," said

Garrett Rogowski, district superintendent.

"The importance of receiving quality personal finance instruction cannot be understated. We place a high priority on developing this skill set with every student," Rogowski said.

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collection of essays by  
community leaders on  
Northeast Wisconsin

**Editor's note:** For several years, NEW Media has asked community leaders to write a short essay on "Why I Give Thanks." These essays can be about the Thanksgiving holiday, or what the writer is grateful for, or just the concept of gratitude.

These are personal reflections, but they also speak to issues and beliefs that many of us share. They are as interesting for how they are the same as for how they are different. Some of the authors find them easy to write, others struggle with the pressure of a blank screen, a blank piece of paper, and a looming deadline.

Knowing this, it is especially important for the editorial and advertising team at NEW Media to say "Thank you" to these writers. Thank you for sharing what is important to you. Thank you for being willing to make your feelings public. Thank you for making time to have a portrait taken. Thank you for facing that blank screen or blank piece of paper and writing the first word.

Thank you for showing us, again, how gratitude connects us all.

By STARLYN TOURTILLOTT MILLER

I am a Little Shell Chippewa tribal member and a direct descendant of Menominee and Stock-bridge-Munsee Mohican nations. My children and husband are all enrolled Mohican tribal members. Thanksgiving for us is complex. Do we "celebrate Thanksgiving"? I don't exactly think so.

Sure, we prepare all the traditional fixings that everyone else probably does on that day. We eat copious amounts of turkey, cranberry relish, stuffing, green bean casserole, acorn squash with homemade maple syrup, mashed potatoes and wild rice. We watch football at some point during that day. Mostly, what sets Thanksgiving apart from the everyday is the amount of family we interact with on that day.

The term "family" is in and of itself complex for us. When we say family, it doesn't usually mean just our household. Instead, family includes our mothers and fathers, natural born siblings, natural born uncles and aunts, aunts, uncles, brothers, and sisters (which are actually cousins to varying degrees), community members who are regarded as family, friends, and any visitors who happen to need a dinner and a family.

The point is, dinners can get big and or numerous. It is not uncommon for our family gathering to have multiple turkeys or multiple dinners. In sum, we are gathering in very large family groups and we are eating well on Thanksgiving.

Yet, one thing I have never experienced at any of these large gatherings is a moment to reflect on Thanksgiving as a celebration between pilgrims and Indians at Plymouth Rock. I am not sure if other families sit down and actually reflect on pilgrims and Indians or not. I would guess not. (I encourage



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readers to check out The Invention of Thanksgiving video and article at <https://insider.si.edu/2018/01/the-invention-of-thanksgiving/> for another perspective of Thanksgiving.)

While a feast may have occurred between pilgrims and Indians in 1621, I urge you to consider what happened after the feast. In fact, after the feast our shared American history chronicles broken treaties, extermination, removal, assimilation, and termination. These are heady realities, in the face of which, I am thankful I am here to write this article.

I don't just mention these federal policies as relics of my ancestral past; they are real events that have indelibly affected my family and me. You see, after the feast,

my many times great-grandfather Menominee Chief Iometah survived all of the broken treaties he signed. After the feast, my many times great-grandfather Mohican Chief Konkapot survived upwards of nine removals of his people after serving for the United States in the Revolutionary War.

After the feast, my great-great-grandmother Mohican tribal member Lida May Konkapot Gardner survived assimilation assaults as an 11-year-old child attending the Carlisle Boarding School. After the feast, my Menominee relatives survived Termination of their tribe. After the feast, the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe survived hundreds of years of denial of their existence until recently.

No, it is not right to celebrate the feast without considering what occurred after the feast. To do so would perpetuate a false reality and deny the needed healing and growth that our collective community so desperately needs.

The legacy from my family is one of resiliency. I give thanks that I am here because of the sacrifices, strength, and determination of my ancestors. This year, the best way to honor them is to be mindful of how my actions affect my family and community. Do I wear a mask so I don't spread or get the COVID-19 virus? Can I forgo this year's large holiday gatherings so I don't spread or get the COVID-19 virus? Yes and yes.

This year will be the rare occasion where we will gather with just our household, eat the traditional fixings, and forgo our usual large family gatherings so that we can enjoy many, many more gatherings for years to come. I hope someday to see you at the table.

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# Connections tie work, family and freedom

Grateful for a team that serves a community that cares

By PAT TRINKO

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For God, family and friends. These are the foundation of a healthy lifestyle. In spite of all the struggles we endure in our daily routines, we are always able to turn to our most inner circle for support, guidance, and a release from our regular grind. These are individuals who can provide us with a fresh perspective or just lend an ear when we need it most. Whatever your definition of success is, it is most likely more attainable with a supportive network close by.

To be blessed with a great “work family” where we promote simple core values, positivity, and the “let’s get it done” attitude.

For the fortitude of my fellow emergency medical team members putting themselves out on the front lines over the last year — enduring many unknowns, constantly changing directives and preventative measures, additional requirements, and increased workloads. I am grateful for the strength and resilience being displayed as we continue going forward knowing things will be more difficult than usual for the foreseeable future.

For the good health of all of the aforementioned. It is easy to overlook our own health and that of those around us until something unfortunate occurs. When you value your health, you take steps to protect it and provide an environment for those around you to do the same. When a serious health issue affects someone, it is difficult to succeed in the other aspects of



For Pat Trinko, gratitude is interwoven into the community.

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life and enjoy all the great things we can and should be experiencing.

For this great country where we have the freedom to worship as we wish and exercise all the freedoms that few other countries enjoy, with abundant natural resources and enough people maintaining a strong work ethic to sustain it for generations to come.

For the men and women who have served our nation to make sure we can sleep in peace at night.

For a place where every individual has the ability to pursue education, strive for their own success, and the ability to change that

path if they find more opportunity for advancement or satisfaction in a different vocation.

For a community that still cares. Shawano is large enough to provide many of the things we all need, yet small enough that we are not an anonymous herd absent of a sense of responsibility to each other.

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An interesting point about the things I am thankful for is that they

all are interrelated in some way or another. It would be hard to say what I am most thankful for, as it seems things would not be the same for one characteristic without the other characteristics all being there for me as well. When you’re having a rough day and it seems like you don’t have a lot to be thankful for at the moment, take a look around — it’s generally not too tough to find someone who’s having a little rougher time than you are — and be thankful.

Pat Trinko is director of operations for Shawano Ambulance.

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# Looking forward to the next 100 years

Company milestone will be another reason to look forward to 2021

By SCOTT NYMAN

What am I thankful for? Well, the year 2020 has put that all back into perspective and has ensured that I do not take for granted some of the little things that may have been overlooked in the past.

I certainly am always thankful for my family and how they have always been there for me and allowed me to follow my sometimes-crazy dreams. It can't be said enough how I am thankful for my wife, Kirsten, who is the rock in our household to make sure we all stay the course. She is always the level head when the tough days are there for me or our two daughters, and we are lucky to have her.

Finally, I have been fortunate that I have this opportunity to be the general manager/chief executive officer of Wittenberg Telephone and lead the amazing group of employees through the constant changing landscape that is the world of Telecommunications. I am thankful and filled with gratitude that the board of directors have put their faith in me to continue to make Wittenberg Telephone Company/Cirrinity



Scott Nyman sees telecommunications as an important part of bringing people together.

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successful and a leader in telcom throughout our area.

The pandemic of COVID-19 has shown the important role that our services will hold not only today but into the future as we transition to more work from home, virtual learning, and teledoc services. Wittenberg Telephone Company/Cirrinity is going to be celebrating 100

years of serving our area in 2021, and we are filled with gratitude, as a company like ours does not get to such a milestone without the support and constant assistance from all community members and businesses.

I am looking forward to celebrating 100 years with everyone in 2021 and share our continued plans for

growth and expansion with you all. The foundations that have been built in our communities today are going to be the pillars for continued support and success into the next 100 years, and we are appreciative of that.

Scott Nyman is general manager and chief executive officer for Wittenberg Telephone Company/Cirrinity.

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# Working for community brings gratitude, satisfaction

## Helping someone in need is great feeling

By JOE MILLER

When I was called and asked if I would consider scribing an essay as to what I am thankful for, I was humbled.

Where do I begin?

Let me start with my community. I have been blessed over the years with the confidence shown by my community to represent it for 20-plus years on our Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, the Bowler School District Board and the Shawano County Board.

Next year, I will attain 40 years employment with the Stockbridge-Munsee community; I guess my health has been good enough for me to continue working in and for my community, for this I am thankful. If all continues, my goal is to reach 50 years.

Representing my community as an elected official, especially in a nonpartisan office, is a great honor. It is never to be taken for granted. As elected officials, first and foremost, we must be honest and be able to disagree respectfully. All the folks we represent deserve that and, for this, I am truly thankful.

I am thankful for all the experiences I have had over the years, the many relationships and acquaintances I have gained and maintained. You never know when you might need to call



Joe Miller tells a story at his home in the Stockbridge-Munsee community near Bowler.

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on someone or have someone call on you. The feeling of helping someone in need is a great feeling. In today's world, we need more of this.

Finally, I am most thankful to and for my family, especially for my wife, Jackie, putting up with me for the past 30-plus years, our two sons



Joe Miller was photographed speaking at a Veterans Day event in Harshaw, Wisconsin.

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and daughter-in-law, and our two granddaughters. Getting together in these times of separation is trying but absence truly makes the heart grow fonder.

My sisters and brothers and their families, too many to count, and all my relatives across the country, especially the family reunions, are all reasons to be thankful. Life is short. In the blink of an eye, family and friends can be gone but never forgotten.

In the Mohican tongue, I say An-nii-shik, "Thank you and may God bless."

Joe Miller is a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, the Bowler School Board and the Shawano County Board.



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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Bowler boys expecting more competitive season

## Panthers return experienced core

By **MORGAN RODE**  
Sports Editor

Coming off a down 2019-20 season, the Bowler High School boys basketball team is expecting a better season this winter behind an experienced core of returning players.

The Panthers finished 4-19 last season, going 2-10 in Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division play. Coach Ted Kietlinski will have to replace the lone all-conference player from that team, but returns several other experienced players and anticipates a more competitive team as a result.

Seniors Lane Schultz, Logan Thieux and Adin Brei and junior Wylee Dodge are all back and have started in the past.

Schultz and Thieux each averaged about 10 points per game last



Bowler's Lane Schultz passes the ball during a nonconference game against Suring on Jan. 24 in Bowler.

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year, while Dodge (6.1 points per game) and Brei (4.4 ppg) combined

to average another 10. The quartet also averaged about 18 rebounds per

contest combined.

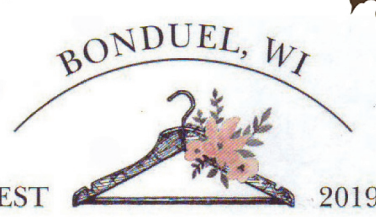
While Schultz, Brei and Dodge played in nearly every game, Thieux missed a big chunk of last season with an injury.

"Even though we lost our leading scorer to graduation last year, we still have three returning seniors coming up to lead the team and I still have high goals and expectations for our team," said Thieux. "We have a good coaching staff, but we, as a team, need to execute plays and tidy up on the little things."

Also back for the Panthers with significant varsity experience are junior Bryce Teuchert (center) and sophomores Ashwut Mohawk (guard), Emmitt Kietlinski (forward) and Beau Brunner (forward). Mohawk was the team's top scorer off the bench, averaging just under seven points a game.

Helping fill out the team's rotation will be sophomore forwards Tristan Thieux and Brady Strassburg.

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## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

## Witt-Birn seeks to repeat in CWC under new coach

Chargers return several wrestlers that placed well in conference

By **MORGAN RODE**  
Sports Editor

Despite losing some key wrestlers, the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School wrestling team believes it can win another Central Wisconsin Conference this winter.

The Chargers won the regular season and conference tournament titles under CWC Coach of the Year Troy Ostrowski last year. This year, Duane Potrykus will serve as the team's head coach and will have to replace several wrestlers from last year's team in order to repeat.

Even after graduation, a transfer and an injury took wrestlers away, Potrykus still has a stable of experienced wrestlers back, led by state qualifier Wyatt Esker.

Esker, a senior, won a CWC title at 145 pounds before placing sixth at the state tournament last winter.

"To win conference as a team, we will need to stay focused all year long at the goal of winning another conference title," said Esker, who hopes to win another individual conference title and place near the top of the state podium at the end of the year if there's a state tournament. "We need to have that thought in the back of our mind every practice and work harder than the rest of the teams in the conference."



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Wyatt Esker, top, wrestles during the WIAA Individual Wrestling Championship Tournament on Feb. 29 at the Kohl Center in Madison. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Seniors Austin Worzalla (132), Dakota Olson (138) and Bryce Zorowski (145) juniors Pierson Potrykus (126), Max Kersten (152) and Kyle Linke (182) and sophomores Chase Kitsemble (160) and David Gauderman (220) all return with valuable experience on their side for Witt-Birn.

Potrykus was second at the CWC Tournament at 113 pounds, while

Gauderman placed third at 182 pounds last year.

"(Winning conference again) will take a lot more hard work," said Gauderman, who hopes to make state for the first time and place. "We are missing a few weights so we really need to get those extra points when we can."

Coach Potrykus said the team should have a solid freshmen class.

Andres Sanchez (113/120) is one freshman that will help fill out the lineup.

Senior Larken Betry is the wrestler who will miss the season. Betry, who came in third at 160 pounds at the 2019 CWC Tournament, suffered a knee injury during the fall football season.

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## HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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## FOOTBALL

## Shawano 46

## Seymour 14

Shawano dominated Seymour in a Division 2 playoff game Thursday in Shawano.

Elliott Lowney, Gage Timm and Kaleb Lowney accounted for all six Shawano touchdowns on the night. Elliott Lowney caught two touchdown passes from Timm, who also rushed for a touchdown.

Elliott Lowney returned an interception for another score. Kaleb Lowney finished with a pair of

rushing touchdowns.

The Hawks end their season with a 6-3 record.

## Bonduel 36

## Manawa 26

Bonduel rallied to a Division 5 playoff win over Manawa on Thursday in Bonduel.

The Bears faced a 12-point deficit on two occasions, including trailing 20-8 at halftime. Bonduel rallied to tie the game at 20 before Manawa returned a kickoff for a score to grab the lead again.

Bonduel surged back ahead with a touchdown about halfway through the fourth quarter and then tacked

on another score with less than two minutes to play to seal the win.

Bonduel won its eighth game in a row and finishes the year 8-1 overall.

## Stratford 28

## Witt-Birn 27

Wittenberg-Birnamwood came up just short of upsetting ranked Stratford in a Division 4 playoff game on Thursday in Stratford. The Chargers finish the year with a 2-4 record, which includes a forfeit playoff win.

Ben Wesolowski connected with Kaden Schmidt for a 58-yard touchdown pass to get Witt-Birn

on the scoreboard and tie the game at seven in the second quarter. The Chargers added another touchdown with less than a minute to play in the half and led 13-7 at halftime.

After Stratford scored the next two touchdowns to go up eight, Wesolowski scored a 9-yard rushing touchdown before completing a two-point conversion pass to David Gauderman to tie the game at 21.

Witt-Birn surged ahead with a touchdown with just over four minutes to play in the game, but Stratford responded with a touchdown of its own and converted the extra point to go ahead and eventually come away with the win.

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## BOWLING

### Lakeshore Lanes — Lakeshore Masters

| Team                | W       | L       |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Golfside            | 130 1/2 | 45 1/2  |
| Farmall Fanatics    | 114     | 62      |
| Launching Pad       | 110 1/2 | 65 1/2  |
| Brother's           | 110     | 66      |
| Meyer Insurance     | 103 1/2 | 72 1/2  |
| Dearco Distributors | 83      | 93      |
| Torborg             | 76      | 100     |
| Lakeshore Lanes     | 74      | 102     |
| Full Service Tents  | 69      | 107     |
| Pin Pricks          | 67 1/2  | 108 1/2 |
| Curb Impressions    | 60      | 116     |
| Shawano Auto Sales  | 58      | 118     |

**High team scratch games (top 3):** Full Service Tents 738, Launching Pad 729, Meyer Insurance 719.

**High individual scratch games (top 7):** Bill Meyer 279, Mark Schachtschneide 278, Carl Malueg 278, Dave Druckrey 268, Bill Grosskreutz 267, Kyle Vanderlinden 258, Brian Schultz 256.

**High team scratch series (top 3):** Meyer Insurance 2,054, Launching Pad 1,987, Dearco Distributors 1,880.

**High individual scratch series (top 7):** Bill Meyer 740, Carl Malueg 722, Don Pedersen 708, Bill Grosskreutz 682, Steve Marotz 670, David Hicks 656, Jeff Arndt 649.

### Resch Lanes — Monday Ladies Handicap

| Team               | W      | L      |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Gulliver's Landing | 17 1/2 | 12 1/2 |
| Resch Lanes        | 15     | 15     |
| Lisa's Lakeside    | 15     | 15     |
| Tavern Front       | 15     | 15     |

|               |       |        |
|---------------|-------|--------|
| Strike-a-pose | 10    | 20     |
| Kropf's Meats | 8 1/2 | 21 1/2 |

**High team handicap games (top 3):** Strike-a-pose 878, Gulliver's Landing 828, Resch Lanes 826.

**High individual handicap games (top 7):** Heather Schultz 255, Cassie Wierzbza 254, Cassandra Eckes 251, Kelly Rosenow 242, Cherie Zeinert 241, Mary Krause 234, Sue Hughes 222.

**High team handicap series (top 3):** Gulliver's Landing 2,438, Strike-a-pose 2,400, Resch Lanes 2,395.

**High individual handicap series (top 7):** Cassandra Eckes 667, Heather Schultz 658, Mary Krause 648, Cassie Wierzbza 638, Cherie Zeinert 630, Jennifer Resch 625, Kelly Rosenow 623.

### Lakeshore Lanes — Tuesday Afternoon Ladies

| Team                  | W      | L      |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| Lisa's Floral         | 35 1/2 | 16 1/2 |
| Lake Drive Solutions  | 29     | 23     |
| Mike's Plumbing       | 27     | 25     |
| Lakeshore Lanes       | 25     | 27     |
| Tim's Harvest Queens  | 25     | 27     |
| Mike's Girls          | 24     | 28     |
| Spinning Wheel        | 24     | 28     |
| Boettcher Tax Service | 18 1/2 | 33 1/2 |

**High individual games:** Shirley Rank 182, Connie Babino 181, Connie Rusch 179.

**High individual series:** Connie Babino 504, Connie Rusch 491, Helen Heimerl 477.

### Lakeshore Lanes — Guys and Dolls

| Team            | W  | L  |
|-----------------|----|----|
| Happy Old Farts | 56 | 21 |

|                  |        |        |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| 9 Pin Tappers    | 55     | 22     |
| A Team           | 43     | 34     |
| Good Times       | 42     | 35     |
| Slingers         | 40 1/2 | 36 1/2 |
| 4 Masked Bowlers | 37 1/2 | 39 1/2 |
| SSI's            | 37     | 40     |
| The Aces         | 36     | 41     |
| Hilly's Helpers  | 28     | 49     |

**High individual game (women):** Patricia Nathan 193, Tammy Morotz 190.

**High individual game (men):** Dave Thibodeau 255, Terry Tonn 243, Tim DeCoster 235, Chuck Robley 226, Clark Radatz 206, Dave Thibodeau 205, Jim Schwaller 202, Tim DeCoster 201, Clark Radatz 201.

**High individual series (women):** Patricia Nathan 513.

**High individual series (men):** Tim DeCoster 629.

### Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap

| Team                 | W  | L  |
|----------------------|----|----|
| Slammers             | 38 | 39 |
| Resch Lanes (1)      | 35 | 42 |
| Liberty Potatoes     | 33 | 44 |
| Hanke's Sentry Foods | 32 | 45 |
| Tavern Front         | 32 | 45 |
| Resch Lanes (2)      | 32 | 45 |
| Mama's Place         | 26 | 51 |
| Kemmer Electronics   | 24 | 53 |

**High team handicap games (top 3):** Liberty Potatoes 1,234, Resch Lanes (1) 1,212, Hanke's Sentry Foods 1,183.

**High individual handicap games (top 7):** Steve Burkhart 304, Brian Mattmiller 300, Dave Falstad

291, Jason Hanson 283, Jason Resch 279, Derrick Jehn 275, Ervin Resch 273.

**High team handicap series (top 3):** Liberty Potatoes 3,567, Resch Lanes (1) 3,541, Slammers 3,401.

**High individual handicap series (top 7):** Brian Mattmiller 777, Steve Burkhart 769, Dave Falstad 761, Jordan Wanta 755, Jason Resch 749, Jason Hanson 745, Mike Fandrey 740.

### Resch Lanes — Thursday Men's League

| Team             | W  | L  |
|------------------|----|----|
| Gutt'er Done     | 39 | 24 |
| Cherek Transport | 38 | 25 |
| Resch Lanes      | 37 | 26 |
| Melody Mill      | 34 | 29 |
| Legacy Seed Pro  | 33 | 30 |
| Gullivers        | 27 | 36 |
| RJ Auto Repair   | 26 | 37 |
| Legacy Seed      | 18 | 45 |

**High team scratch games (top 3):** Resch Lanes 1,088, Melody Mill 1,017, Cherek Transport 1,010.

**High individual scratch games (top 7):** Randall Skaggs 279, Jason Resch 267, Greg Wolff 256, Jeremy Schultz 242, Tom Berg 236, Bill Hahn 235, Doug Kunst 235.

**High team scratch series (top 3):** Resch Lanes 3,017, Cherek Transport 2,923, Legacy Seed Pro 2,800.

**High individual scratch series (top 7):** Jason Resch 736, Greg Wolff 709, Randall Skaggs 703, Doug Kunst 684, Jeremy Schultz 654, Tim Lemke 653, Mark Cherek 595.



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## Robin Road bridge replacement work started

The Town of Wittenberg is waiting on soil testing results that is part of the preliminary work to replace the Robin Road bridge east of Wittenberg, said Dick Beversdorf, town chair. The testing helps to inform the engineering specifications in preparation a bid. Beversdorf said a construction date was uncertain with the winter of 2022 the earliest possibility.

DAVID WILHELMS



## Opposites come together for right reasons in steamy legal thriller



JAN JONES

When “Solomon vs. Lord” by Paul Levine kept popping up on my Kindle library page, I knew I had to read it.

Steve Solomon is the odd combination of a lawyer and an idealist. His pro

bono work makes him popular with

the down and out but it does nothing for his bank balance.

While he loves the spirit of the law, he easily cuts corners concerning the rule of law. Steve is well-known for defending his clients using courtroom antics. Steve is defending a man who smuggles exotic birds. As he revs up his odd defense, he is distracted by the DA’s new assistant Victoria Lord. He quickly sees that she has the makings of a top-notch lawyer but needs to learn how to read a jury and play to the judge.

Naturally, the two get into an argument and end up in adjourning cells sitting out a contempt order. It is clear that opposites attract but what can come of it? Victoria dresses like she has money but she’s just getting by working to pay off student loans.

She’s also engaged to big time avocado grower, Bruce Bigby.

Steve’s carefree appearance hides a deep worry. Several months ago, his drug-addicted sister has taken his eleven-year-old nephew Bobby into a commune. Steve loves Bobby deeply. When he sees that the child is being held in a cage in an unheated shed Steve decides to take him, but must fight his way out.

Bobby has some developmental issues including autism. Yet he is able to solve complicated word puzzles and read at a genius level. Even though he has made great progress with Steve, the State of Florida is trying to put him in a state hospital for ‘treatment’ and ‘therapy’.

Steve will do anything to keep Bobby and that might be his downfall. When the case is thrown out, Victoria is fired. Steve wants her to work with him and Bruce wants her to work for him.

When Charlie Barksdale’s wife is suspected of killing him during kinky sex with Steve and Victoria, both offer to represent the woman.

With his usual underhanded charm, Steve gets Katrina Barksdale or Kat to hire them as a team. Against her better judgment, Victoria agrees to use the idea that Kat would never hurt Charlie because they were very much in love.

The DA plans to get a conviction using pictures and video of Kat being unfaithful. Steve believes in following his gut, so he just knows that Kat

### AT A GLANCE

**BOOK:** “Solomon and Lord”

**AUTHOR:** Paul Levine

**PUBLISHER:** Bantam

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didn’t do it, but there is something more to this death. As he and Victoria work the murder case, they can’t ignore the attraction.

Sadly, she wants to deny it and goes through with plans to marry Bruce. As the custody case nears, Steve asks her to represent him. She agrees as long as he goes by the book. That’s not his style. As the day nears, Bobby’s mother shows up offering to testify for him if he pays her \$100,000.

Desperate, he agrees. Now he and Victoria must work on Kat’s trial during the day and Bobby’s at night court. Digging into Charlie’s life, reveals that the man had terminal cancer. With Bobby’s help, they decipher Charlie’s last notes and learn that he planned to commit suicide but make it look like Kat had murdered him. They also learn that the DA had kept the cancer diagnosis quiet in order to convict Kat.

They get the charges dropped but the DA manages to spin the case to make Solomon and Lord look incompetent. With no time to lose, they rush to Bobby’s hearing where two bombs are dropped. First, the doctor wanting Bobby committed plans to use illegal drugs to study him. Then Steve’s estranged father shows up to support his case. Steve is thrilled to win custody though he knows he has lost Victoria. Or so he thinks.

The final paragraphs reveal what can happen when opposites come together for the right reasons.

### Notice of State Superintendent of Public Instruction & Judicial Election, April 6, 2021

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election to be held in the several towns, villages, and cities of Marathon County, on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, the following officers, are to be elected:

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Carolyn Stanford Taylor

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ONE COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, for the term of six years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on July 31, 2021:  
District III Mark Seidl

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Suzanne O’Neil

Marathon County Circuit Court Judge Branch 6

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2020, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Court of Appeals Judge and Circuit Court Judge file with the Wisconsin Elections Commission. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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Official Minutes of the Board of Education**

October 26, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Chuck Wendler, Pursuant to WI.STATS.1984 (1). Superintendent Rogowski verified that this meeting was posted and published as required by law.

**Roll Call of the Board:** Seven Board Members present. Pestka and Meredith are absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approve the Minutes:** (Olson - Magee) moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2020 regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

**Delegations & Communications:** In attendance along with Board members were; Garrett Rogowski, Joy Hartleben, Bill Haas, Randy Berndt, Megan Marcks, John Rudeen, Paul Yaeger, Becky Wendel. Visitors included: Miriam Nelson, Shannon Seegmiller, Tyler Tautges and Matt McGregor. The Board received three thank yous for memorial gifts.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Student Representative:** Tyler stated that the homecoming went very well. They had a good turn out for the parade downtown. The Senate is starting to talk about upcoming events and how to proceed with the safety protocols.

**Board Concerns or Reports:** Pietz stated he heard comments that the homecoming was run very well. Question on the parking lot lights - they do stay on all night.

**Financial Report:** (Magee - Olson) Motion to pay the following as of October 26, 2020: Budgetary checks numbering 102816 in the amount of \$635,421.75, payroll checks numbering 141970-141995 in the amount of \$195,687.10, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$421,424.04, ACH payments in the amount of \$261,583.45 and credit card payments in the amount of \$33,142.13. I make a motion to approve all journal entries made for the month of September. Roll call vote: 7 yes 2 absent Motion carried. Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of September 30, 2020 of \$3,713,491.05 and LGIP Account balance as of September 30, 2020 of \$1032.06

**Approve the Agenda:** (Magee - Schmidt) moved to approve the agenda with two closed session items to discuss support staff compensation and referendum. Motion carried.

**Administrative Reports:**

- Bill Haas, High School Principal, stated that Homecoming week went very well along with the "Prom" Having some normalcy for students has been good. Started playing music in the halls during the three minutes between classes, which the students seem to enjoy. Mr. Haas wants to thank all the staff and the subs for all their time in covering classes.
- Randy Berndt, Biramwood Elem/MS Principal, stated that he wanted to commend the staff when subs and coverage were needed. They came through without complaint - a true team effort. Had the first night of Parent-Teacher conferences with a decrease in attendance from past years. 4K-5 students will participate in a virtual NED
- John Rudeen - Aquatic Center Director, stated that a few covid procedures have been modified. WASP competitive swimmers have started practice this week. Fitness rooms open with limited use from the public but not unusual for this time of year. High School swimmers continue to practice and compete weekly. Some leaking in the roof which is getting looked into by the roofing company.
- Vicky Haas, Wittenberg Elem/MS Principal, was not in attendance but gave the Board a report that the fall academic assessment is almost complete. First night of conferences using a hybrid model of in-person conferences, phone conferences, and google meets. Seems to be working well. She also shared some important upcoming dates.
- Megan Marcks, Pupil Services Director, stated that staff have been doing a tremendous job at communicating and supporting each other. Outside educational locations are still being used. We will be having our second "Virtual Learning Day" this Friday. 30 Spec ed students district wide come in from 8:00-11:00. One of our staff is pursuing a Master's Degree in Autism and will be putting on quarterly training offered to all WB Staff.
- Garrett Rogowski, Superintendent stated that it is National Principals Month and would like to take this time to thank them for their hard work keeping as much normalcy going for staff and students and for helping out with coverage when needed. Would also like to recognize all the staff helping out with coverage during this time. This is why we can still remain open and it is much appreciated. Garrett wanted to recognize Laura Magee, Board member who received a Level 1 status from WASB - Congratulations!

**New Business A:** Paul Yaeger gave his annual transportation report. Garrett and Paul presented the Board with an updated Transportation Policy that will be brought before the Board in November for approval.

**New Business B:** (Stewart-Schmidt) moved to approve the 2020-2021 School Budget at presented. Roll call, 7-yes, 2-absent, motion carried. (Schmidt-Olson) moved to approve the Tax Levy with a mill rate of \$8.34 as presented. Roll call, 7-yes, 2-absent, motion carried.

**New Business C:** Open Enrollment numbers were shared with the Board.

**New Business D:** (Schmidt - Magee) moved to approve the retirement of Marie Freitag, bus driver. Marie has been with the District for 44 years. The Board would like to thank her for her many years of service.

**New Business E:** (Schmidt - Olson) moved to approve the early graduates that have met all the requirements needed to graduate early. Motion carried.

**New Business F:** (Olson - Stewart) moved to approve the Youth Options application. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** (Stewart-Olson) moved to adjourn 7:11 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy A Hartleben

School Board Secretary

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# Farmer food assistance deadline nears

Farmers have until Dec. 11 to apply for the Farm Service Agency's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture program provides direct relief to producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19.

All eligible commodities, payment rates and calculations can be found on farmers.gov/cfap.

Producers must complete a new application to be eligible for payment for this food assistance program.

Producers can apply with the online portal at farmers.gov/cfap. This allows producers with secure USDA login credentials, known as eAuthentication, to certify eligible commodities online, digitally sign applications and submit directly to the local USDA Service Center.

They can also complete the application with the CFAP 2 Application Generator and Payment Calculator found at farmers.gov/cfap.

The Excel workbook allows customers to input information specific to

their operations to determine estimated payments and populate the application form, which can be printed, then signed and submitted to their local USDA Service Center.

Producers can download the AD-3117 application form from farmers.gov/cfap and manually completing the form to submit to the local USDA Service Center by mail, electronically or by hand delivery to an office drop box. In some cases, the office may be open for in-person business by appointment.

USDA Service Centers can also work with producers to complete and transmit digitally-signed applications through Box and OneSpan.

Producers can learn more about these solutions at farmers.gov/mydocs.

Producers with payments based on acreage will use acreage and yield information provided by FSA through the annual acreage reporting process.

All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap/apply.



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