



CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

Sally Jo Stevens, co-owner of the new 505 Creative Living on Webb Street in Wittenberg, helps a customer get the correct size for a bracelet that uses essential oils. The store had a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 25 and features crafts by local artists and an opportunity to learn how to create something new. See more details on Page 3.

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Young adult spins tale of power, resolve and hope

A dire but ultimately hopeful saga for young adult readers is the perfect escape between batches of holiday baking.

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Esker eyes last WBHS season

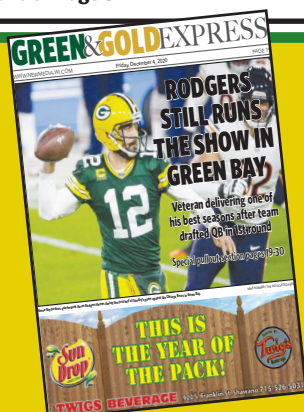
Wyatt Esker looks forward to “all the memories I will make this year” with the Chargers wrestling team.

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Safe Haven domestic violence support sought

Shelter asks for paper goods, coffee, disinfectant spray and other donations.

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In Rodgers' hands
Aaron Rodgers talks about
the offensive line and
coaching, but the fate of
the Packers rests in his
(capable) hands.

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Young adult novel spins fanciful tale of powers, growth

With lots of baking to do, I turned to a selection from the Young Adult section. "World Whisperer" by Rachel Devenish Ford was both dire and hopeful.

A beautiful black woman named Amani and her children



JAN JONES

Isika, Benya-meen and Aria have walked for months in search of Amani's people. She is exhausted and heavily pregnant and decides to take her chances in a worker village where the citizens are the

palest white she's ever seen. She knows she won't be welcome but has little choice with her baby Ibba due any day.

The worker village is a strange place. It is ruled by four cruel goddesses. Homes are separated by high walls, people eat one meager meal a day, and may not touch or look each other in the eye. The harsh life is made worse by 'sending forth' small children as sacrifices. The little ones are drugged and placed in a small boat and set adrift on the sea.

Isika hates the village and all the horrible rules. Ben hates it too. All his life, he's been plagued by 'strange music' within his body. When he sees something that is 'wrong', he hears drums and feels discord and he is surrounded by what is wrong.

When a drought hits, the priest decrees that little Aria will be sacrificed. Amani, who is pregnant again, is devastated and gives birth to baby Kital weeks early. When Amani dies, Isika takes care of the

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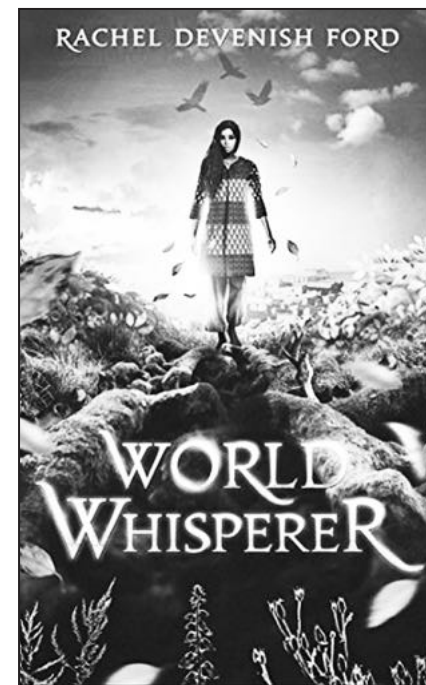
baby. She loves Kital fiercely and does all she can to raise him well. Isika often clashes with her stepfather. She knows that the old priest is dying and is furious when he offers Kital to be 'sent out' to appease the goddesses and heal him.

With the help of the priest's new wife, Jerutha, Isika and Ben make a bold plan to take Ibba and rescue Kital by using a hidden boat. Before they leave Isika promises to return whenever Jerutha needs her. They paddle hard and as they draw near, another boat arrives, takes Kital then rows away.

As they try to regroup on the beach, three huge birds approach them. Instead of fear, they feel peace and Ben's inner music has become sweet and joyful. The birds speak to them, saying that all those sent from the Village have been saved and are in their capital city, even Aria.

Amani's children explain about Kital, so the birds summon Jabari and Gabi, two teenaged boys who will guide them to Kital. During the long walk, Isika experiences a connection with all living things. Some soothe her, some give her strength and others offer her insight. She will also learn that she must hold her temper, listen more and trust others. Ben will learn that the 'drums' are a warning and even little Ibba has latent talents for making people feel better.

Once in the city, they learn that the worker village has been 'poisoned' by an evil demon who



destroys joy and love while it sews distrust, anger, and cruelty. The people are helpless to fight it.

But to her amazement, Isika discovers that she has the power to defeat the demon and heal those who have been poisoned. She faces down the demon, rescues Kital and finally convinces Jabari that her magic isn't evil.

Now that the siblings are together again, they must deal with the fact that they are the grandchildren of the lost queen. It appears that each one has inherited some of the queen's special powers. Since this is the first book in a series, I'm sure that the young characters will strive to understand their heritage and their relationships with their new families. They will need to hone their skills and work together because they are destined for future confrontations with the demon, the sea people and more.

COVID-19 drives live Christmas tree interest

Christmas tree lots report that business is already brisk in Wisconsin this holiday season and owners attribute that in part to the coronavirus pandemic, according to the Associated Press.

Cut-your-own tree businesses will

be open this weekend, including Valley Christmas Tree Farm on Robin Road east of Wittenberg and Spring Brook Tree Farm in the Tigerton area.

Wisconsin Christmas Tree Producers Association spokesman Greg Hann says many families want a fresh tree

because they won't be traveling this year and will be home to care for it.

"I have had people come up to me and say 'we haven't had a real tree in 20 years, we just need that fragrance, we need that good feeling of a live tree,'" Hann said.

New store offers art for buying, making

505 Creative Living features local artists in the store and online

By **CAROL RYCZEK**
Editor-in-chief

A store for two kinds of craft enthusiasts — those who make crafts and those who appreciate the crafts that others make — is now open in Wittenberg.

505 Creative Living is the new store. Sally Jo Stevens, who owns the store with her husband, Dennis, said that both craft sales and an opportunity to learn them are important features of the store.

The new venture, which has been open for about three weeks, celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Nov. 25.

505 Creative Living takes up two large storefronts on South Webb Street. Its business model is a blend of sales by individual artists and an opportunity to become one. It boasts over 20 crafters and over 50 kinds of craft products, Sally Jo Stevens said.

Shelves display quilt purses, Christmas decorations, maple syrup and Stevens' own creations using essential oils.

Stevens said she has made an effort to limit the work to one artist per medium.

"We have one painter, one quilter, one photographer," she said. "They're vendors, but I call them our artisans."

Some rent space in the shop, and others have Stevens manage their sales. She is also developing an online sales system and curbside pickup, she said. The online feature "gives crafters an avenue to sell elsewhere, too, not just in Wittenberg," she said.

Unlike some of the larger art sales websites, her site will stick with Wittenberg area artists and come with more flexibility and lower price tags, she said.

Stevens said she also makes their work visible on Facebook, which helps promote both the shop and the artists.

The name "Creative Living," captures another facet of the shop, which is a way for someone interested in a craft to learn how to do it.

"We have a DIY (do-it-yourself) room," she said, where she plans to have classes in scrapbooking and other crafts.

"We are going to be carrying



The ribbon flies after being cut as 505 Creative Living officially opens Nov. 25. Participating, from left, are Stacey Cicero, representing the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce; Sally Jo Stevens, co-owner; Tammy Bushmann, a Wittenberg artist; Jena Jo Birtzer; and Travis Rose, property owner.

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As she prepares to wrap a newly purchased snowman, Sally Jo Stevens looks for a creative way to use the red ribbon cut in a ceremony launching 505 Creative Living on Nov. 25.

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organic teas, and we will be able to have tea parties — princess parties, where girls can have a birthday party and learn a craft to take home, or bachelorette parties," she said.

Stevens had been managing the Wittenberg Best Western Hotel for eight years when she was abruptly notified that she was being replaced, she said. She didn't feel like she was ready to retire and wanted to do something to support the active arts community in the Wittenberg area.

As president of the Wittenberg Area Chamber of Commerce, she saw how hard it was for artists and crafters to sell their items. Craft shows and events through the Walls of Wittenberg organization were canceled all year due to COVID-19 concerns, she said.

She hopes the new store and website will help artists regain some footing after a long year dealing with the pandemic, isolation and lost sales. She added that she is

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: 505 Creative Living

WHERE: 505 S. Webb St., Wittenberg

HOURS: Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FYI: 715-579-1024 or www.505creativeliving.com



Christmas decorations, paintings and knitted items are on display on the front of the store at 505 Creative Living in Wittenberg.

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donating the sales space for WOW-SPACE merchandise (promotional items for the Walls of Wittenberg art organization) as a community service.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 30

Deputies responded to 38 calls, including property theft on Old Lake Lane in the Town of Wescott; an animal bite complaint on Phoebe Lane in the Town of Aniwa; an assault with a firearm on County Road G in the Town of Red Springs; a scam complaint on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; bail jumping on Park Avenue in Mattoon; an identity theft complaint on Sugar Bush Road in the Town of Aniwa; an assault at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; a drug complaint at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; five accidents, three involving deer.

Nov. 29

Deputies responded to 29 calls, including arresting a 49-year-old woman for fourth-offense OWI on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a threatening complaint on County Road BB in the Town of Green Valley; a lost property report on County Road M in the Town of Grant; reckless driving complaints on County Road V in the Town of Washington, state Highway 117 in Cecil, state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman, North Lake Drive in Cecil and state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; four accidents, three involving deer.

Nov. 28

Deputies responded to 41 calls, including reckless driving complaints on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove and at John's One Stop, N5847 State Highway 47-55, Town of Wescott; an OWI complaint on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; an adult drug complaint at Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a death investigation on West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; found property at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; six accidents, three involving deer.

Nov. 27

Deputies responded to 30 calls, including a shoplifting complaint at Kwik Trip, 102 W. Express Way, Bonduel; a gas drive-off at Kwik Trip, 102 W. Express Way, Bonduel; a

reckless driving complaint on State Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a drug complaint on Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a noise complaint on County Road Q in the Town of Wittenberg; three accidents, two involving deer.

Nov. 26

Deputies responded to 24 calls, including reckless driving complaints on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa and state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; bail jumping on Elm Grove Road in the Town of Pella; found property on East Vinal Street in Wittenberg; property theft on Phoebe Road in the Town of Birnamwood; an adult drug complaint at Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; two accidents.

Nov. 25

Deputies responded to 33 calls, including a death investigation on Hickory Drive in the Town of Angelica; a fraud complaint on Hidden Pines Lane in the Town of Washington; found property on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a reckless driving complaint on County Road M in the Town of Herman; eight accidents, five involving deer.

Nov. 24

Deputies responded to 48 calls, including recovered property on West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a death investigation on Sunrise Road in the Town of Almon; a fraud complaint on Cedar Street in Tigerton; a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; 17 accidents with none involving deer, including a hit-and-run.

Nov. 23

Deputies responded to 45 calls, including a report of an open door/window at the Leaky Roof Tavern, 1276 Main St., Gresham; an auto theft on Leopold Road in the Town of Herman, a drug complaint at McDonald's, 413 Genesee St., Wittenberg; a juvenile runaway complaint on Herman Street in the Town of Herman; a sex offense on Ho-Chunk Road in the Town of Wittenberg; property theft at Lakeside Inn, 400 N. Lake Drive, Cecil; seven accidents, six involving deer.

Nov. 22

Deputies responded to 44 calls,

including a property theft complaint on Valley Road in the Town of Washington; a reckless driving complaint on South Mission Street in Wittenberg; an assault at Homme Home, W18105 Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; a criminal damage complaint on Range Line Road in the Town of Herman; a restraining order violation on County Road C in the Town of Green Valley; 12 accidents, eight involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 30

Officers responded to 21 calls, including a shoplifting complaint at Charlie's County Market, 521 N. Main St.; drug offense in the 800 block of East Green Bay Street; an assault with a firearm on County Road G in the Town of Red Springs; a vandalism complaint at LCFS Thrift Store, 2324 Richmond St.; a scam complaint in the 300 block of South Washington Street; a stolen wallet at Charlie's County Market, 521 N. Main St.; a stolen purse at Dollar Tree, 172 Woodlawn Drive; an animal bite complaint at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, 100 County Road B; a controlled substance problem at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, 100 County Road B.

Nov. 29

Officers responded to 22 calls, including a reckless driving complaint in the 900 block of South Maiden Lane; noise complaints on Humphrey Circle and in the 600 block of South Lincoln Street; trespassing in the 1100 block of South Main Street; a controlled substance problem on Humphrey Circle.

Nov. 28

Officers responded to 32 calls, including theft of prescription drugs in the 700 block of South Main Street; a hit-and-run at the Four Seasons Resort, 201 N. Airport Drive; an accident involving a deer on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; an assault in the 200 block of South Sawyer Street; a purse recovered at Hensel's Shawano Inn, 134 S. Washington St.; a vandalism complaint at an undisclosed address; a boat problem at Sturgeon Park, 907 S. Water St.; a noise complaint in the 200

block of West Lieg Street.

Nov. 27

Officers responded to 19 calls, including arresting a 22-year-old man at Probation and Parole, 1340 E. Green Bay St.; a hit-and-run in the 100 block of South Main Street.

Nov. 26

Officers responded to 13 calls, including found property turned in at Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; an overdose at an undisclosed location.

Nov. 25

Officers responded to 23 calls, including theft of license plates in the 500 block of East Green Bay Street and the 100 block of South Lafayette Street; a reckless driving complaint on East Green Bay Street; a truck in a ditch at East Richmond Street and Industrial Drive; property theft complaints on Aspen Court and in the 300 block of South Main Street.

Nov. 24

Officers responded to 20 calls, including a reckless driving complaint at McDonald's, 1202 E. Green Bay St.; an accident at Washington and Third streets; a bail jumping complaint in the 1500 block of Estates Lane; a vandalism complaint in the 900 block of South Bartlett Street; a sex offense at an undisclosed location; a wallet found at Shawano Cinema, 1494 E. Green Bay St.

Nov. 23

Officers responded to 17 calls, including a report of found property at Kuckuk Park, 500 Oak Drive; a stolen vehicle recovered at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; a vehicle property damage complaint on the 100 block of North Main Street; a fraud complaint in the 400 block of South Hamlin Street; a domestic disturbance complaint in the 600 block of East Randall Street.

Nov. 22

Officers responded to 11 calls, including a child abuse complaint at state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a threatening complaint in the 1300 block of South Union Street; an auto theft complaint on East Richmond Street.

COLLEGE NOTES

UW-Whitewater

Samantha Huggins, of Clintonville, who is studying journalism and English at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, was recognized at the 2020 Best of the Midwest Media Fest.

The event, held virtually Oct. 8, honors broadcasting and video production excellence from Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota and North Dakota. UW-Whitewater students have participated in this conference for the past five years and have won many awards. This year, the group received five first-place awards, two second-place awards and for the fifth consecutive year, a best in show honor.

Huggins won first place for "Warhawk Men's Basketball vs. Viterbo."

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Ripon College

Caitlin Carpenter, of Clintonville, graduated from Ripon College during the 2019-2020 academic year and majored in business management and exercise science-sports management.

Her parents are Steve and Connie Carpenter, of Clintonville. Carpenter graduated in the class of

2020 from Ripon College.

Upper Iowa University

Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce its August 2020 graduates. The honored students included Dawn Chuilli, of Wittenberg, Bachelor of Science in public administration; and Veronica Liriano, of Pulaski, Bachelor of Science in psychology.

County libraries continue to offer services

The Shawano County Library and its branches continue to serve patrons through curbside services as well as through computer use appointments inside the libraries.

Computers can be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis for up to one hour per patron per day. Those

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Tuesday, April 6, 2021

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Gary Wyman

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 January 2, 2021, in the office of the village clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: WYATT ESKER

Witt-Birn senior wrestler has eyes on state again

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School wrestling team seems to churn out state qualifiers on a yearly basis. Last year, Wyatt Esker was one of two Chargers to make it to state, and the senior is hoping to make it back again this season.

Before qualifying for state last season, Esker won the 145-pound weight class at the Central Wisconsin Conference Tournament. He then took first in the weight class at the Waupaca Regional before claiming second at the Oconto Falls Sectional.

Esker ended up placing sixth at state after compiling a 2-3 record, capping a 43-8 season on the mat.

Q: When did your interest in wrestling begin?

A: Third grade, I joined my school club. My dad (Jody) wrestled, so he is the reason I got into the sport.

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

A: My favorite part of the season is the state tournament — working hard all year to compete with the best in the state.

Q: What has wrestling taught you over the years?

A: It taught me hard work and determination, made me a better person and also taught me how to be a good teammate.

Q: Talk a bit about how you prepare for the wrestling season.

A: I start off going to preseason practices wherever I can find places to wrestle. Try to get in a few national tournaments before the season so I am prepared for the season.

Q: As a senior, what are you most looking forward to this winter?

A: One last ride with the team, and all the memories I will make this year.

Q: Do you have any rituals you go through to get ready for a match?



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Wyatt Esker, top, wrestles during the Division 2 Oconto Falls Sectional on Feb 22.

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A: I always listen to music while warming up and pray before my matches.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Witt-Birn wrestling team?

A: Going to state last year with Chad Moegenburg. It was a fun weekend and we both ended up placing.

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

A: All the people I have met through the sport and the memories I have made.

ONLINE

This week's high school highlights and recreation scoreboard can be found online at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Ozark." Movie — "Christine." Musical artist — Juice Wrlld/Lil Uzi Vert.

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

A: I have a St. Bernard named Rosco.

Q: What's the greatest piece of

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Wyatt Esker

SPORT: Wrestling

WEIGHT CLASSES: 145, 152

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

YEAR: Senior

advice you have ever been told?

A: Make the most out of the opportunities you have.

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

A: Graduate college, have a family of my own.

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OBITUARIES

Karen K. Wurth

Karen K. Wurth, 70, of Gresham, passed away Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

The former Karen Kay Erickson was born April 21, 1950, in Tigerton to Carl and Dorothy (Denny) Erickson. She grew up on the family farm in the Bowler area. Karen graduated from Bowler High School in 1969 and went on to study at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay. For a short time, she did the billing at a radiologist's office in Green Bay.

Karen was united in marriage on April 7, 1973, to Donald L. Wurth at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Town of Morris. She stayed home for some years and enjoyed raising their two sons. Karen also transported a few kids with disabilities to school in Green Bay. Then she was employed for over 15 years with the Oneida



Tribal Land Management Office. While working at Oneida, she was able to complete her bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix.

Karen was a former member of Zion Lutheran Church in Gresham, where she was active on the altar guild and served as treasurer. Currently, she is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church-Stony Hill. Karen was a life member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Gresham, serving as secretary and treasurer. She liked playing cards and going deer hunting.

Karen and Donald enjoyed several trips out west and down south. The couple also made maple syrup together for many years. She was the

official "supervisor" and often helped with the sap collection and jarring of the syrup. Karen loved spending time with the grandchildren and will be remembered most as a devoted wife, a loving mother and a proud grandmother.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Don; and two sons, Ron (Jenny) Wurth, of Appleton, and Rob (Kristen) Wurth, of Rothschild. There are three grandchildren, Jackson, Kaylee and Kara Wurth. There are four siblings, Reuben Erickson, of Bowler, Charles Erickson, of Milwaukee, Diane (friend John) Cerveney, of Gresham, and Ralph (friend Cindy) Erickson, of Bowler.

There are four sisters-in-law, Barbara Erickson, of Shawano, Pam Erickson, of Shawano, Grace Erickson, of Kenosha, and Melody Wurth, of Shawano. She is further survived by two brothers-in-law, William

(Debbie) Wurth, of Clintonville, and George Asenbrenner of Pella; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, an infant, Helen Erickson, and Jean Behnke; four brothers, Herbert, Gary, Andy and Roger Erickson; and a sister-in-law, Minnie Asenbrenner.

Private family service will be held Friday, Dec. 4, at Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Clintonville. Pastor John Hielsberg will officiate and inurnment will be at a later date at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in the Town of Morris.

Please go to www.beil-didier.com to sign the online guestbook or to leave a condolence to the family.

We wish to thank all the doctors and nurses at ThedaCare Medical Center for the compassionate care given to Mom.

Peter Thix

Peter "Bear" Thix, 69, of Wittenberg, passed away on Wednesday morning, Nov. 25, 2020, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital with the love of his life by his side as God called him home.

Peter was born Jan. 28, 1951, in Wausau, the son of Arnie and Wanda (Pollock) Thix.

Peter graduated from Bowler High School in 1969. On May 1, 1976, Peter was united in marriage to Susan Onesti at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Tigerton. They lived and built a family in the Town of Almon, where they also farmed for 11 years.

Over the years, Peter worked at Four Wheel Drive, FS Bowler Feed Mill, the Town of Almon and North Star Casino. He loved the outdoors



and was the happiest with a fishing pole or gun in his hand. The night before deer hunting, you could find him pacing the house just waiting to get to the deer

stand to shoot a big buck.

Peter was truly an amazing and wonderful guy. He loved his wife, kids and grandkids. He had unique nicknames for all the grandkids and loved to sing them silly, made-up tunes. He wasn't a professional baseball player, but he loved the game and was a legendary player to his family and friends. He worked

hard all his life; he was strong, soft-hearted, a little stubborn, but a great husband, dad, grandpa, brother (in-law), uncle and a caring friend.

Peter is survived by his wife, Susan; five children, Jonathon Thix, of Wittenberg, Crystal (Jerry) Thix, of Tigerton, Amanda (Greg) Thix, of Wittenberg, Peggy (Bob) Kaquatosh, of Gresham and Melissia (Ryan) Mortensen, of Marion; 17 grandchildren, Taylor, Trinity, Trenton, Logan, Wesley, Damion, Robert, Autum, Jylian, Marshall, Hailey, Liam, Waddell, Brian, Hayden, Austin and Harley; four brothers, Joel (Pam) Thix, of Wittenberg, Billy Thix, of Rothschild, Bruce (Janette) Thix, of Hopehull, Alabama, and Mark Thix, of

Antigo; in-laws, Alan (Lisa) Onesti, Karen (Bruce) Tomlinson, Teresa (Jacob) Daruthayan, Daniel (Denise) Onesti, Patricia (Philip) Kowalski, Sarah (Paul) Kickhaver, Brenda (Michael) Rondeau, Holly (Tony) Wudstrack; and many nieces and nephews.

Peter was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law, Frank and Beverly Onesti; one sister-in-law, Margaret Thix; and best friend, Ken Matz.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, at Schmidt Schulta Funeral Home in Birnamwood. The Rev. Clifford Kessen officiated.

Memories and condolences may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

Patsy A. Piotraschke

Patsy "Pat" A. Piotraschke, 79, of the Town of Larrabee, was welcomed home by her heavenly father on Friday, Nov. 27, 2020, at her residence.

Pat was born Feb. 12, 1941, in Shawano, daughter to the late Clifton W. and Laura (Braun) Anker. She graduated from Shawano High School in 1959 and worked for a time at the Shawano County Courthouse in the district attorney's office. Pat was united in marriage to Arnold O. Piotraschke on Aug. 6, 1961, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Hermansfort, and later became a long-time member of St. Martin Lutheran Church, Clintonville. She helped her husband on the family farm and also was involved

with helping build their home.

Pat loved to travel, getting to visit most of the United States in an RV with her husband and family and flying to Germany on four occasions to visit shirt-tail relation and see the sights. She was such a hard worker and had a servant's heart when it came to helping others. Pat will be remembered for her wisdom. If anyone in the family needed advice, they would ask Pat. She also was a strong prayer warrior, keeping others in her prayers every day. Her greatest love was the time she got to spend with her family.

Pat is survived by her husband, Arnold O. Piotraschke; children, Jamie (Matt) Hanson, Jodie (Peter)

Tuddenham, Rod Piotraschke, Roy (Amy) Piotraschke and Julie Piotraschke; grandchildren, Jessica Hanson, Adam Hanson, Jacob Hanson, Chad Klug, Preston Klug, Charleston Klug, Beau Tuddenham, Shea Tuddenham, Hannah (Piotraschke) Armour, Brianna Piotraschke, Joshua Piotraschke, Clayton Piotraschke, Gavin Piotraschke, Tirzah Piotraschke, Sarah Piotraschke, Naomi Piotraschke, Zelia Piotraschke and Evelyn Piotraschke; great-grandchildren, Ariel Hoffman, Jase Hanson and Irinaiah Armour; and sisters, Barbara Schoneck and Nancy Bennett.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Rose Mary Anker

and Betty Huebner; brother, Andrew Anker; and a great-granddaughter, Vaia Armour.

Private funeral services will be held at St. Martin Lutheran Church in Clintonville with the Rev. Christian Burg officiating. Interment will take place following the service at St. Martin Lutheran Cemetery in Town of Larrabee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Pat's name are preferred to be directed to St. Martin Lutheran Church.

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

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Gerald R. Cibulka Sr.

Gerald R. "Jerry" Cibulka Sr., 81, of Shawano, passed away early Wednesday morning, Nov. 18, 2020, at The Pines Nursing Home in Embarras.

Gerald was born Nov. 7, 1939, in Milwaukee, the son of the late Frank and Vivian Cibulka. He attended Milwaukee public schools and graduated from West Division High School in 1957. After high school, Jerry went on to work as a machine operator at Inland Container Company in Milwaukee. On March 15, 1958, Jerry was united in marriage to the former Lonnie Heidrich. The couple made their home on the north side of Milwaukee, where they raised their family. In 2001, Jerry retired from the Mead Paper Company, and he and Lonnie relocated to Shawano.

Jerry is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Shawano. He is a former member of the Eagles Club in Milwaukee where he spent many Saturday mornings playing handball and developing numerous lifelong friends. He was also a member of Ducks Unlimited of Wisconsin. Jerry was a lifelong softball player. He played for many years in and around Milwaukee and was a member of the 1970 United States Softball Association World Championship softball team that he was very proud of. After retiring, he continued playing on the over 65 league in Shawano.

Jerry was an avid outdoorsman. During his retirement years, he shot his biggest deer and caught his largest muskie. He also spent time on the golf course and enjoyed handcrafting his favorite fishing lure. Jerry treasured hunting with his children and grand-



children. He was an avid sheepshead player and loved his Tuesday afternoon get-togethers. Recently he was able to check off a bucket list item by attending

a taping of his favorite game show, "The Price is Right."

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Lonnie Cibulka, of Shawano; his sons, Timothy Cibulka, of Shawano, Danny (LouAnn) Cibulka, of Gillett, Jerry Cibulka (special friend Lara Lopez), of Pewaukee, and Donald (Sandy) Cibulka, of West Bend; his grandchildren, Brianna (John) Verhagen, Bryce Cibulka, Jeremy Cibulka, MaKayla Cibulka and Trenton Cibulka; his sister-in-law, Judy Cibulka, of Rhinelander; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Tom Cibulka.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, a private family funeral service for Jerry will be held. Interment will be in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Milwaukee. Memorials are preferred to the Parkinson's Society or the Alzheimer's Foundation in Jerry's name.

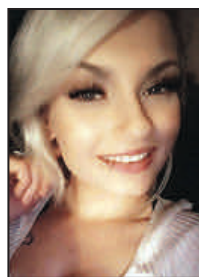
Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com.



Alyssa A. Chapek

Alyssa A. Chapek, 24, passed away in the early morning hours of Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident with her boyfriend, David Lewis. Alyssa was born May 16, 1996, to Anne (Hoffmann) Abbott and David Simmons in Milwaukee. She was raised in Racine for most of her adolescent years. Alyssa's family relocated to the Shawano area in late 2008. She made a lot of friends and lived her life to the fullest. Alyssa was blessed with the joy of raising her two sons, whom she loved with her whole heart.

Alyssa will be dearly missed by her sons, Carson and Kaden Hanley; mother, Anne Abbott; father, David Simmons; sisters, Stacy Smith, Stacey Simmons and Samantha Simmons; brothers, David and Mitch Simmons; brothers-in-law, Randy Smith III and Jonathan Ingle; nephews, Kaysin



Ingle, Skyler Ingle, Dexter Smith and Jaxon Ingle; aunt, Cyndie; and uncle, Ted. She is further survived by other family members and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Theodore Hoffmann, Barbara Brown and James and Jean Simmons; cousins, Chris and Jeannie, and a nephew, Randy Smith IV.

A memorial service for Alyssa will be held at noon on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano. Visitation will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home and again Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020, from 10 a.m. until the time of services.

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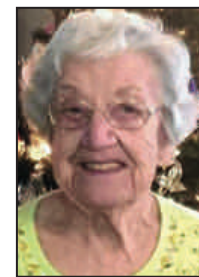
Lillian W. Heller

Lillian W. Heller, 94, of the Town of Washington, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020. Lillian was born Aug. 17, 1926, to the late Paul and Helene (Schmidt) Polzin, in the Town of Washington. Lillian graduated from Bonduel High School in 1945 and later worked in food services at Concordia College in Milwaukee. On July 15, 1950, Lillian was wedded to the late Paul Heller. The couple resided for the next seven years in Plainsboro, New Jersey, before returning to Wisconsin.

Lillian was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church-White Clay Lake, where she regularly attended Bible study and served as an officer of the Ladies Aid. She was a longtime leader of the A-Z 4-H club and later worked for the Shawano County University of Wisconsin-Extension Office before retiring.

Lillian was an avid gardener who will be remembered for the many varieties of flowers found in her flowerbeds throughout the seasons. She also spent countless hours quilting and sewing. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. Her faith was a witness to all.

Lillian is survived by her children, Caroline (Dan) Marks, of Seymour, Kathy Stoltenow, of Shawano, Keith



(Susan) Heller, of Appleton, and Laurel (Thomas) Krause, of Gillett; grandchildren, Paul (Connie) Marks, Kevin (Katie) Marks, Scott (Angie) Marks, Adam Stol-

tenow, Timothy Stoltenow, Andrew (Kristin) Heller, Amber (Mark) Ortell, Allen Heller, Dustin (Megan Kleiber) Krause, Nicholas (Megan) Krause and Logan Krause; 13 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Evelyn Homan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, in 1976; her mother and father, Helene and Robert Polzin; great-grandson, Konor Marks; sister, Viola Muck; son-in-law, James Stoltenow; father- and mother-in-law, August and Caroline Heller and brothers-in-law, Bruce Homan, Bernard Muck, Kenneth (Marcella) Heller and August (Dorothy) Heller.

Due to COVID-19, private family services were held.

The family of Lillian would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Kindred Hearts, Heartland Hospice and the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church-White Clay Lake.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Gertrude A. Matzke

Gertrude "Gertie" A. Matzke, 99, formerly of Birnamwood, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2020, at the Homme Home of Wittenberg.

Gertie was born Feb. 14, 1921, in Birnamwood, the daughter of Charles and Minnie (Bauch) Matzke and never married.

Gertie worked for many years at Marathon Electric, retiring in 1986. She enjoyed watching and attending Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers games. Gertie also enjoyed knitting, crocheting, doing puzzles, shopping and going out to eat.

Survivors include a nephew, John (Phyllis) Carlson, of Birnamwood; great-nephews, Jeremy (Kristine) Carlson, Jason (Heather) Carlson and Jordan Carlson, all of Birnamwood; and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews, Cordell, Austin, Jaxson, Carissa, Aidan, Katelyn and Ryker.

Gertie was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Mabel Carlson; brothers, Alvin, Hilbert and Norman



"Doc" Matzke; sisters-in-law, Mary and Emogene; nephew, Alfred and great-nephew, John Phillip Carlson.

A private celebration of life and burial will be

held for the immediate family.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Birnamwood is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com

The family wishes to thank the Homme Home for the wonderful care given to Gertie the past two years. A special thanks also to Karen and Barney Flees for all the trips to the doctor, shopping, etc., you did for her. Also, special thanks to Art and Cathy Bostwick for the many times they took Gertie out for breakfast, etc.

Gertie will be missed by her family and friends.

Dennis R. Bessette

Dennis R. Bessette, 85, of Clintonville, passed away Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020, at Aster Assisted Living in Clintonville.

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

OBITUARIES

Ernst A. Volkmann Jr.

Ernst A. "Ernie" Volkmann Jr., 75, Green Bay, passed away Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020. He was born Dec. 30, 1944, in Norfolk, Virginia, to Ernst and Frieda (Voight) Volkmann. Ernie was raised on the family farm in Birnamwood. He worked on Volkmann Family Farms until 1987. During this time, he enjoyed raising and showing horses with his sister, Frieda. He was a member and president of the Triple R Riding Club.

On July 18, 1999, Ernie married the former Louise McAllister in Pentwater, Michigan. Ernie learned how to operate a crane at a young age. He built nine ponds on the family farm. This knowledge led him to work as a crane operator with K&D Construc-



tion and Antigo Construction. His last job was with Luedtke Engineering, where he operated heavy equipment while dredging the Great Lakes, retiring as a No. 16 crane operator.

Ernie loved the water. He was a certified PADI diving instructor and dove many times in the spring caves of Florida. He earned the status of master diver. Ernie always had to have his hands busy, which led him to many hobbies. He enjoyed collecting and building model trains, reloading

shells and could be seen driving his Model T and Model A's throughout the streets of Green Bay. He restored a sawmill that his family ran for many years. In the spring, he enjoyed tapping trees and making syrup. Ernie loved Christmas time and spending time up north by his land and cabin.

He is survived by his wife, Louise; son, Andrew (Amy) Volkmann; daughter, Ernestine Volkmann; stepchildren, Ed (Jen) Zentmeyer, Jennifer Zentmeyer, Chuck Zentmeyer and Rick Zentmeyer; two grandchildren, Harper and Ethan Volkmann; step-grandchildren, Megan, Lea, Abby and Sophie Zentmeyer, Austin Depner; his best buddy and grandson, Noah DeGrand; sisters, Frieda (Keith) Maertz

and Linda Fleischman; a brother-in-law, Dave (Diane) McAllister; two nephews Darrin (Tristin) Fleischman and their children, Kayleigh and Konnor; Mike Norquist; special goddaughter, Joan Spencer (Steckbauer).

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Conrad Fleischman.

A private family service will be held. A public memorial service will be planned for spring in Birnamwood.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.blaneyfuneralhome.com, or cards may be sent to Blaney Funeral Home, 1521 Shawano Ave., Green Bay, WI 54303 to the attention of Ernie Volkmann's family, and they will be forwarded on.

Harold F. Nauta

Harold F. Nauta passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020. Harold was the son of Henry and Ruth Nauta and was born in rural Marathon County on April 8, 1930. He graduated from Antigo High School in 1948 and lived in Birnamwood for over 65 years, where he enjoyed the company of his many friends and relatives.

He is survived by his sons, William, Washington Island, and Robert, Oregon; his brother, Dale, Grafton; granddaughter, Sarah Nauta-Meakin,



Glen Burnie, Maryland; and two great-grandsons.

Harold was married to Patricia Damp from 1950 until 1963, and he married Mavis Humblet

on Dec. 19, 1964. They were married until Mavis' death in 2007.

Harold served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and he was

a lifelong member of the Darling Gunderson American Legion Post 341 in Birnamwood. Harold had a long career as a truck driver, starting by transporting German prisoners of war during World War II, followed by many years hauling cattle, grain, fuel and tires.

His family would like to thank his close friends for their friendship and support, particularly Mavis' nieces and nephews, who provided such great support for him over the years.

The immediate family will have

a private burial and hope to have a celebration of Harold's life with his family and friends in the spring, in anticipation of safer conditions for a public gathering. In lieu of cards and flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Darling Gunderson American Legion Post 341.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Birnamwood is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

Gerald E. Schultz

Gerald E. Schultz, 73, Little Suamico, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020, following a short illness. The son of the late Elmer A. and Rose (Kozlowski) Schultz was born May 5, 1947, in Green Bay and grew up in Abrams. Jerry was a 1965 graduate of Oconto Falls High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1966-1968 in Korea. Jerry met the love of his life, Sharon (Matuszewski) Revolinski, at the local gas station in 1978. The couple dated for many years and finally tied the knot on May 1, 2010.

Schultz was a dump truck driver for Peters Concrete for 43 years



and retired in November 2013. Jerry liked taking care of his yard, feeding the birds and going on long rides in his pickup truck. He enjoyed going to car shows with

his 1982 red Buick Riviera and drinking an occasional brown shorty with his friends. Jerry especially enjoyed going out to dinner at supper clubs up north and knew where to find the best dinners.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon; his step-daughter, Tamra Lea

Revolinski, Williamstown, Kentucky; his step-grandchildren: Donald John Revolinski III and Marie Rose Revolinski; two brothers: Larry (Betty) Schultz, Little Suamico, and David (Betsy) Schultz, Sobieski; one sister, Darlene (Dan) Busch, Suamico; his mother-in-law, Arlene Matuszewski; Sharon's siblings: Buster (Berta) Matuszewski, Sobieski, Pat Bastian, Brookside, Terri (Mike) VanDomelen, Sherwood; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother, Roger Schultz; father-in-law, Leo Matuszewski; stepson, Donald (Chief) Revolinski II; brother-in-law, Howard

Bastian; and best friend, Ed Borzych.

Private family services were held at Marnocha Funeral Home. A public Celebration of Life will be held in 2021.

Since it was not possible to be with the family in person, you are welcome to send any cards of condolence to the funeral home (make sure you put the family's name on the outside envelope and your return address) and we will forward your cards and messages to the Schultz family.

Marnocha Funeral Home, P.O. Box 356, Pulaski, WI 54162

Online condolences may be expressed at www.marnochafuneralhome.com.

Carolyn M. Baerenwald

Carolyn M. Baerenwald, 79, of Sun Prairie, formerly of the Clintonville area, passed away early Friday morning, Nov. 20, 2020, at the Watertown Health Care Center.

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

Bernice D. Olk

Bernice D. Olk, 92, of Clintonville, passed away Monday evening, Nov. 23, 2020, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton of a COVID-19 related illness.

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

Yvonne M. Schoen

Yvonne M. Schoen, 75, of Caroline, passed away surrounded by her family on Friday, Nov. 27, 2020, at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center, Appleton.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville and Marion is assisting the Schoen family.

Safe Haven copes with uptick in domestic violence

Shelter numbers down as incidents increase

By **CAROL RYCZEK**
Editor-in-chief

For many families, the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that members are spending more time together.

Unfortunately, for some families this enforced togetherness has meant a greater likelihood of domestic violence, reports Stacey Cicero, director of Safe Haven, the Shawano-based shelter for domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

"In 2017, we started tracking the domestic violence calls that law enforcement goes out on," Cicero said. "It's called that 'lethality assessment program.' When officers go on a call, they speak to the victim and do an 11-question assessment of the situation. The science behind the assessment is to assess the dangerousness of the situation."

In 2017, she said, law enforcement was averaging 12-13 calls a month.

"That was pretty consistent all the way up until May of 2020. This May, I don't know what happened, but May through October, domestic violence/domestic partner calls have doubled. We are averaging about 24 calls per month, and August had 27," she said.

Nationally, only half of domestic violence incidents are reported, so Cicero said it is reasonable to double the number of calls to understand the actual scope of the problem locally.

"When I saw 27 in August, I thought, 'That is just crazy.'" Cicero said.

"We know that our crisis lines are busy and our outreach participants numbers are high, so people are seeking services, but not in exactly the same way as before COVID," she said.

Cicero said the pandemic — and, along with it, the need to avoid large gatherings — has had an impact.

"People are cooped up in their houses together. Kids aren't going to school. We've got everybody underfoot all the time. There's no relief. There's no going to work, to Grandma's house. You can't go to a movie. Your friends might not want to come over, so you don't have any of those natural releases," she said.

One option for families is for the victim or victims to leave the home, including a stay at Safe Haven. The shelter shut down from March 20 to June 1, but it's now open and currently



Sue Dionne, shelter supervisor, cleans the kitchen area at Safe Haven, a temporary home for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Dionne explained that during the COVID-19 pandemic, individual families use the kitchen space, and it is cleaned before the next family uses it.

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: 24/7 help for domestic violence and sexual assault victims

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hosting two families.

Even during the shutdown, Cicero said, the shelter provided outreach services and support groups. Those groups are now held remotely, she said. The impact of COVID-19 can be seen throughout the shelter and its programs.

"We have what we call our COVID policy," she said. "There is one family per room, so there is no sharing rooms, and if we go over capacity, we have been using hotel vouchers. Families have assigned kitchen times; they have to wear masks when they are anywhere but their bedrooms."

Common areas are cleaned after use, and the lobby and community areas sanitized on a schedule. Staff wear masks, and visitors have their temperatures taken before entering the building. A Plexiglas barrier helps protect the staff and victims from the virus, but it also has an impact on the work itself.

It is a very hands-off approach in a situation where personal interaction is often an important part of the transition process, Cicero said. Both clients and staff struggle to make it work.

"They miss the interaction, and our staff misses the interaction. It's really hard to do crisis work and not hug somebody. It's tough. It's been tough. It's been a tough way to go. Sometimes when you do crisis work, you touch an arm or you give them a hug," Cicero said. "You need to get close to them, and you can't do any of that right now."

Cicero said they won't know the impact of the changes for a while. Families are spending less time in the shelter, which also matches a statewide trend, she said. The average stay at the shelter is now 14 days and is normally closer to 30.

"That equates to people being fearful of leaving their home and coming into a residential environmental, where they are not sure who they will be living with and what that all entails," she said. "That makes me really nervous for our victims out there, because we know domestic violence is increasing."

One elderly woman who uses Safe Haven services now comes to the shelter but sits in her car in the parking lot.

"She wants to have some close proximity. That's really sad, but people are doing what they can to make it work," Cicero said.

In addition to shelter services, Safe Haven works with families to alleviate some of the financial and interpersonal stresses that can lead to violence, Cicero said.

"We have delivered a ton of food

boxes, hygiene bags and diapers, gas cards, and family fun bags — family activities that they can do, with crafts or games or art projects. We are continuing our support groups so we have three support groups a week that people can Zoom into and have those connections," she said.

Economics can be a big driver in violence, she said, which is why there is often an uptick in violence around the holidays. People are stressed about buying gifts or attending family gatherings.

Financial stress is also a concern of the shelter itself, Cicero said.

"Between canceled fundraisers in 2020 and the ones we are looking at canceling in 2021, we're looking at \$50,000 deficit," she said, adding quickly that the shelter is not in danger of closing.

Obviously fundraisers are a very important part of their budget, "not only financially but for community awareness that we are open and the services we offer," she said.

Cicero is asking the community to support the shelter with donations of paper towels, toilet paper, coffee, disinfectant sprays, \$10 gas cards and grocery store cards.

She also said that this year, Safe Haven will be the recipient of donations from CoVantage Cares, a seasonal fundraiser which matches donations made at Shawano CoVantage location.



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