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Confetti is quickly spread by a gentle breeze over the graduates during the 51st annual graduation commencement May 28 at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. Seventy-seven graduates received their diplomas. **SEE STORY, PAGE 2-3**

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WBHS's 51st graduating class ready for new lives



Angelina Sanchez-Deborah receives her diploma from members of the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board on May 28 during the 51st annual commencement ceremony at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School.

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Students remember the good times amidst COVID-19 pandemic, loss of classmate

By **LEE PULASKI**

City Editor

Confetti flew and grins were big as 77 graduates accepted their diplomas May 28 during Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's 51st graduation commencement.

With COVID-19 still a concern, the ceremony was held at the high school stadium, with graduates standing on the track and eagerly waiting to take their spot in the stands to collect their diplomas and move into the next stages of their lives.

Emma Herb, class president, took

note of the fact that many of her cousins attend schools with larger student populations, but she was grateful to be able to attend a smaller school like WBHS. She noted that she has friends in every class, as it helped to have other people to talk to at times.

Herb called the Class of 2021 "well-rounded" and consisting of athletes, musicians, shop enthusiasts, theater performers, nerds and "all-around friendly people."

"Although I'll still be playing basketball next year at St. Norbert (College), it won't be the same," she said. "It is sad to think about missing my

high school teammates, who I will not be suiting up with next year, after putting so much hard work in together."

Herb took a moment to note the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on her graduating class and others around the world.

"I didn't realize how much I enjoyed going to school to learn until I couldn't," Herb said. "I think I can speak for most of us when I say we were happy when we could return to school in person."

The graduates also took a moment to remember a classmate who didn't reach the podium. Two graduates held

CORRECTIONS

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up the football jerseys of Samuel Egg-ing, who died almost two years earlier when a vehicle hit him in the Town of Birnamwood.

"Sam is missed greatly every day since he was one of the most caring, comical and nicest people to have come to this school," Herb said.

District Superintendent Garrett Rogowski acknowledged the "mile-stone" in the graduates' lives and noted it was a big day for the parents, too.

"When I think about this class, many examples of hard work, persis-tence, the ability to rise above hard-ships that they have faced and the determination to do good for others all comes to mind," Rogowski said. "All of which will provide a great foundation for whatever they do next."

Jason Resch, a 1991 WBHS grad, was selected as the commencement speaker, and he acknowledged that the last 30 years had passed quicker than he would have liked.

"Life is beautiful, and it's impossibly short," Resch said. "The next 30 years of your life are going to be over in a flash, and I can only talk to you about your next 30 years, but I've been told by my friends who are in their 70s that my next 30 years will go even quicker."

He noted that the Class of 2021's first year in school was the first year that he and his wife owned and oper-ated Resch Lanes in Wittenberg. He acknowledged that his days operating the bowling alley were wonderful but told the grads that not every day is go-ing to be "flowers and butterflies."

"Even the guys who get to taste-test Oreos or design new Lego sets have things about their jobs that they don't like," Resch said. "Imagine that, the guy who gets to eat Oreos for a living is complaining about his job because he's got to go in at 5:30 in the morning and turn on the ovens."

The members of the Class of 2021 will be remembered for their "alluring personalities," according to valedictorian McKenna Foster.

"Some of the friends I had in sec-ond or third grade are some of my best friendships to this day," Foster said. "I'm sure a lot of my classmates can say the same thing."

Graduate Brian Nelson, a self-professed nerd, took note of the highs and lows of the last four years, saying they were memories that would never be forgotten. He said it felt odd to be standing before parents and other community members with a lecture



Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School graduates talk and hang out prior to the commencement ceremony on May 28 at the high school track.

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about the next stage of life.

and achieving more," Nelson said.

"The greater danger for us is not by setting our aim too high and falling short, but in setting our aim too low

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SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

May 31

Deputies responded to 36 calls, including a disturbance on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; a threat on Maple Street in Birnamwood; reckless driving on Primrose Lane in Tigerton; property theft on Main Street in Birnamwood; a domestic disturbance on Swanke Street in Tigerton; a fight in progress on County Road A in the Town of Richmond; three crashes, one involving deer.

May 30

Deputies responded to 50 calls, including a disturbance on Swanke Street in Tigerton; an adult controlled substance problem on Loon Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a domestic disturbance on South Jefferson Street in Bonduel; criminal damage on Poplar Road in the Town of Richmond; a weapons offense on Deer Lane in the Town of Waukechon; a disturbance on South First Street in Bonduel; a disturbance on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; seven crashes, two involving deer.

May 29

Deputies responded to 52 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; trespassing on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on River Bend Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on Spruce Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; suicide on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street and Woodlawn Drive in Shawano; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; a threat on Lake Drive in the Town of Almon; an

automobile theft on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; operating while intoxicated on South Washington Street in Shawano; a disturbance on Knollwood Court in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; a disorderly conduct on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; three crashes, one involving deer.

May 28

Deputies responded to 34 calls, including harassment on West Sandy Drive in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; a juvenile alcohol offense on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on West Lake Drive in Cecil; a threat on South First Street in Bonduel; four crashes.

May 27

Deputies responded to 37 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; bail jumping on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; four crashes, two involving deer.

May 26

Deputies responded to 41 calls, including a burglary on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; a domestic disturbance on Maple Road in the Town of Aniwa; a threat on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; criminal damage on Swan Acre Drive in the Town of Washington; trespassing on Second Street in the Town of Waukechon; harassment on Main Street in Birnamwood; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; a juvenile problem on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; one crash.

May 25

Deputies responded to 48 calls, including a fleeing/pursuit on East Wood Avenue in Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; reckless driving on state Highway 153 in the Town of Wittenberg; disorderly conduct on County Road B in the Town of Waukechon; two crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 31

Officers responded to 18 calls, including a domestic disturbance on South Franklin Street; a disturbance on Aspen Court; bail jumping on East Center Street; a disturbance on East Division and South Hamlin streets; a disturbance on South Hamlin Street; a domestic disturbance on South Hamlin Street.

May 30

Officers responded to 17 calls, including a disorderly conduct on South Franklin Street; car property damage on North Main Street; criminal damage on West Eagle Street; a disturbance on East Richmond Street; disorderly conduct on South Franklin Street; reckless driving on Franklin Street.

May 29

Officers responded to 33 calls, including multiple disturbances at Four Seasons Resort, 201 N. Airport Drive; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; car property damage at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; reckless driving on County Road MMM; operating while intoxicated on South Washington Street; car property damage on East Green Bay Street; trespassing on Northridge Drive; a hit-and-run at Luigi's Pizza, 607 S. Main St.; reckless driving on state Highway 22 and Hillcrest Drive.

May 28

Officers responded to 32 calls, including a tobacco problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; trespassing on East Lieg Avenue; harassment on East Green Bay Street; reckless driving on East Division and South Sawyer streets; an adult drug offense at Hardees, 1120 E. Green Bay St.

May 27

Officers responded to 26 calls, including criminal damage on South Sawyer Street; car property damage at Subway, 1230 E. Green Bay St.; property damage on Kadletz Street; a threat on North Airport Road; criminal damage on East Elizabeth Street; property theft on South River Street; disorderly conduct on East Richmond Street; reckless driving at Brothers Pub, N5867 Lake Drive.

May 26

Officers responded to 27 calls, including multiple property damage incidents on South Prospect Street; trespassing on South Bartlett Street; harassment on Acorn Street; criminal damage on South Evergreen Street; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 and Curt Black Road; an assault at Smalley Park, 211 N. Riverside Drive; a disturbance on South Washington Street; a juvenile problem at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.

May 25

Officers responded to 32 calls, including disorderly conduct at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Road; property theft on East Center Street; automobile theft on West Green Bay Street; trespassing on South Main Street; property damage on South Washington Street; harassment on South Main Street; a juvenile problem on Mountain Bay Trail Drive; a fleeing/pursuit on East Richmond and South Lincoln streets.

COURT NEWS

• Foster D. Raddant, 21, Shawano, was charged May 24 with four counts of bail jumping. Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for June 7.

• Miguel K. Rosas, 25, Milwaukee, was charged May 24 with one count of strangulation and suffocation, three counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of battery, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$3,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 2.

• Dianna L. Chevalier, 37, Shawano, was charged May 24 with one count of possession of methamphetamine and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500. This case will resume at a later date.

• Mark A. Kaufert, 37, Milwaukee, was charged May 24 with one count of possession with intent to deliver cocaine greater than 5-15 grams and one count of possession of cocaine (second or

subsequent offense). Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 3.

• Julie A. Matsche, 28, Weston, was charged May 24 with one count of possession of methamphetamine. Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,500. This case will resume at a later date.

• Reanna L. Sackcheck, 35, Clintonville, was charged May 24 with one count of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense, with a passenger less than 16 years old), one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked and one misdemeanor count of ignition interlock tampering/failure to install/violate court order. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 3.

• Jeffery W. Van Dyn Hoven, 65, Keshena, was charged May 24 with 19 counts of possession of child pornography. Sloma set a cash bond of \$40,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 3.

• Louis A. Tucker, 19, Keshena, was charged May 24 with one count of

possession of methamphetamine and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for June 29.

• Tara D. Mahkimetas, 29, Green Bay, pleaded no contest May 25 to one count of operating while intoxicated (third offense, with passenger less than 16 years old) and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. One count of operating with prohibited alcohol concentration with a passenger less than 16 years old (third offense) was dismissed on the prosecutor's motion. Sloma sentenced Mahkimetas to 150 days in jail, revoked her license for 52 months and called for an ignition interlock for 52 months.

• Debra L. Leroy, 47, Neopit, pleaded no contest May 25 to one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a fine of \$250.

• Anne M. Whitman, 30, Clintonville, was charged May 26 with one count of possession of methamphetamine and

one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a signature bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 14.

• Tommy A. Dey, 38, Clintonville, was charged May 26 with one count of possession of methamphetamine and one count of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 14.

• Charges against Mara L. Richter, 33, Shawano, were dismissed on a prosecutor's motion. She had been charged with possession of narcotic drugs and a misdemeanor count of possessing/illegally obtaining a prescription.

• Miguel K. Rosas, 25, Shawano, was charged May 27 with one count of strangulation and suffocation, one count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of battery, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 2.

OBITUARIES

Rachel Lynn Wussow went to be with Jesus on May 27, 2021, surrounded by family and friends. She spent over half her life fighting the effects of cancer. Rachel Lynn was born on Oct. 17, 1979, in Shawano to Dale and Linda (Brodhagen) Wussow. She was raised on the Wussow family sesquicentennial farm. Rachel was a lifetime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. She was confirmed in her faith and graduated from St. Paul Lutheran School in 1994 and from Bonduel High School in 1998.

Rachel earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2002 and Master of Higher Education from Texas Tech University in 2004, all while working with university students as a resident advisor and hall director. She continued onto University of Wisconsin-Platteville



and Michigan Tech University where she was an instructor of student success and served as interim director of student activities. Rachel belonged to professional organizations including the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities Inc. where she traveled the U.S. presenting at conferences. She was midwest region coordinator, organizing conferences and receiving recognition, along with her students, for the programs they created.

She took a position at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay to be closer to her family and took early retirement due to her declining

health. She developed close friendships with co-workers and students at these universities.

Rachel loved visiting upper Michigan, northern Wisconsin, and spending time at the cabin with her cherished family.

Rachel is survived by her mother, Linda Wussow, of Bonduel; sister, Sarah (Michael) Dalton, of Florida; brother, Daniel (Teri) Wussow, and dearly loved and supported nephews, Brody, Ryley, and Cory Wussow, of Bonduel. She is also survived by uncles and aunts, Bruce (Lynn) Brodhagen, James (Kelly) Brodhagen, Ruth Wussow, Robert (Sharon) Wussow and numerous cousins. Rachel was godmother to Stephanie Wussow, Colin Wussow, Brody Wussow and Braxen Brodhagen. She is further survived by her godparents, Christine Bahr, Lynn Brodhagen, and James Brodhagen.

Preceding Rachel in death were her beloved father, Dale Wussow; maternal grandparents, Raymond and MaryLou Brodhagen; paternal grandparents, Herbert and Laura Wussow; aunt, Elaine (Roger) Bergsbaken; uncle, Leroy (Fern) Wussow; and dearly missed cousin, Ryan Brodhagen.

A funeral service for Rachel was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 31, 2021, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel. Burial is in Zion United Methodist Cemetery in Bonduel. Visitation was held Monday at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of services. Memorials may be given to a university or church of your choice.

The family would like to thank Rachel's sister Sarah Dalton and other family members for their help and support, and Unity Hospice for their wonderful care.

Charles R. Gunderson

Charles R. Gunderson, 95, of Ironwood, Michigan, passed away on Sunday morning, May 23, 2021, at his home with his family members at his side.

Charles was born the son of Charles O. and Martha (Hanson) Gunderson on Jan. 3, 1926 in Wittenberg.

Charles proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy in Guam and Sipan during World War II. He studied at the Naval Newberry College in South Carolina as a radio technician. He met his one and only Anneta J. Lipe at Southern Illinois University while going for his bachelor's in electrical engineering. Charles and Anneta fell in love and married on April 4, 1947. Four years later, daughter Candace was born.



Moving around the country for Charles' work in the telephone industry, Charles played an instrumental role in the creation of caller ID and traveling phones.

After living 30 years in Naperville, Illinois, retirement brought them to Ironwood in 1994. Charles and Anneta loved to travel, snowmobiled all over upper Wisconsin, the U.P., and even out west in the Yellowstone area. They did this for many years until the bumps on the trails got too big. After Anneta's death, he enjoyed traveling to Florida with his family.

Charles had a love for cars, his favorite car being a 1952 Kaiser Manhattan Flathead. Charles loved to work with his hands on many things, building their first home all by himself, and could build or fix anything. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ironwood and active in his faith and churches all through his life.

Charles is survived by his daughter, Candace (Paul) Forslund, of Ironwood; brother-in-law, Byron Lipe, of Cortez, Colorado; grandchildren, Alison (Stu) Walker and Greg (Anne Marie) Snyder; step-grandchildren, Britt (Spencer) Slade and Gus Forslund; great-grandchild, Abby Dovin, step-great-grandchildren, Keaton Walker, Eli Slade and Elsa Slade;

other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Anneta, in 2016; son-in-law; Ron Snyder; and his brother; Vernon.

A graveside service will take place on Saturday, May 29 at 11 a.m. with military honors conducted by the Bessemer VFW at Hillcrest Cemetery in Bessemer.

Memorial contributions may be made to HOPE Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 662, Ironwood, MI 49938 or the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate.

The family has chosen McKeivitt-Patrick Funeral Home to honor Charles' legacy of life. You can leave a condolence or a tribute at mckeivittpatrickfuneralhome.com.

Herbert F. Fischer

Herbert F. Fischer graduated to Heaven's glory by faith alone in Christ alone on May 19, 2021. He was born April 8, 1940, to Charlie and Frieda (Krause) Fischer.

Herb graduated from Gillett High School with the Class of 1958. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in September 1958 and served as a field medic until his honorable discharge in July 1961. The first Saturday of October 1961, Herb met the love of his life, Jenny Zahn, at the Gillett Sportsman Club annual dance, held at the old park pavilion. The Dick



Rodgers Orchestra provided the music. Herb and Jenny married Nov. 10, 1962. They had two sons, Scott and Mitchell. Together they purchased a farm in the Township of Angelica in 1965 and have been there ever since.

Herb is survived by his loving wife, Jenny, Angelica; son, Scott (Carol) Fischer, Iowa, and their

children, David, Sarah, Benjamin and Samuel; and son, Mitchell Fischer, Angelica.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two brothers, Arnold and Edmund; and a sister, Caroline.

Per Herb's wishes there will be no visitation or funeral services. The family will celebrate his life quietly together.

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 Fischer family.

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Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.marnochafuneralhome.com

The reality of life is physical death, but spiritual Life, is in Jesus Christ. Romans 10:9-10

Herb's motto in life: "Study God's word, be quiet, work with your hands and mind your own business."

Owen R. Nielson

Owen R. Nielson, 95, of Clintonville, passed away Thursday, May 27, 2021, at Aster Assisted Living in Clintonville.

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



A flag draped casket is carried on a horse-drawn wagon with the words "Some gave all," providing a powerful symbol of the true cost for American freedom.

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Fallen heroes get their due in Shawano

More than 1,000 flags decorate the graves of fallen veterans as living residents pay tribute

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The men and women who fought and died for this country's freedom were honored in song and story by community leaders in Woodlawn Cemetery on Memorial Day.

Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney Greg Parker, who served in the U.S. Army and was part of the military police, was the main speaker for the event and recounted how many people in the Armed Forces in Wisconsin had lost their lives fighting in the United States' various wars.

"Memorial Day is a day of utmost importance in our history," Parker said. "Memorial Day, once called Decoration Day, originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the war. Since the Civil

War, Memorial Day has become a day that our United States of America sets aside each year to remember and honor the men and women who have died in service of their country."

Wisconsin has seen many sacrifices in the wars that America has fought, Parker said. The Civil War took the lives of over 12,000 from Wisconsin. Another 134 Wisconsin residents died in the Spanish-American War.

World War I, which Parker said had been recorded as one of the deadliest wars in history, saw almost 4,000 Wisconsinites die. In World War II, Wisconsin lost over 8,000, and another 13,000 were wounded. The Korean War saw more than 700 Wisconsin deaths, and another 1,200 died in the Vietnam War.

"It is because of their personal courage, their sense of duty and their honor and integrity that we can all

have freedom to live in this great country," Parker said.

Parker grimly noted that this year the country will observe the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which saw over 3,000 Americans killed in just one day.

"Therefore, it is important to remember the reason that we all stand here today," Parker said.

Parker recalled that his grandfather fought in World War I and was injured by mustard gas, which left him disabled. His grandfather had four sons who fought for the United States in World War II. Parker's father fought in the Korean War, and his brother served in Vietnam.

"Like my family members, I felt compelled to serve my country in the United States Army," Parker said. "I served as an MP and a working dog handler. Though I did not experience

the full fury of battle, I never regretted the decision to serve because I believe that my time in the military was one of the most defining experiences of my life, and I would venture to say that many of the veterans here today will tell you the same thing."

Parker noted that the Thursday before Memorial Day is when flags are set at the graves of veterans. He acknowledged the work done locally as he pointed out how the U.S. Army places flags at the graves of more than 200,000 veterans buried at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia.

"Folks, look around you," Parker said. "As you enter the cemetery today, you saw numerous flags at each veteran's gravesite. Veterans Service Officer Nick Benzinger estimates there are 1,000 flags placed within this cemetery. What better way to show our community and our fallen men and women

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GREG PARKER, U.S. Army veteran and Shawano-Menominee County district attorney

country that we care — and we will never forget.”

Shawano County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said that he was glad to see that there were a lot more people in the cemetery this year honoring fallen veterans. He noted that the coronavirus pandemic kept many at home last Memorial Day but felt it was important to come out and honor those who have died.

“I feel a little out of place here because I was never in the service,” Kautza said. “I can never fully understand the bond and the camaraderie that they have, but I do know that I hear a lot at the county board and other places about our rights — or my rights.”

Kautza said that it was important for everyone to get along, even when there’s a discussion about rights and liberties, because of the men and women who fought for that freedom and don’t get to enjoy it today.

“Look at what people pay for us to have our rights,” Kautza said. “Think about it, there are young men and women not much older than what you see over there in the (high school) band that never came back home. They never had a family. They never got to be a father, a mother, a grandfather — none of that. They gave that up for us, for our rights. Not my rights, all our rights.”

Shawano Mayor Bruce Milavitz told the crowd of more than 200 that this holiday was not just a “four-day weekend” but a time when citizens



Members of the Shawano Community High School marching band are in lockstep as they enter Woodlawn Cemetery on Memorial Day. The band also played a number of patriotic songs during the ceremony.

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need to remember those who have fought and died in war.

“We are here to remember the many who served, the great men and women who never had the opportunity to take their uniform off,” Milavitz said. “They’re still wearing

it today.”

Even though Memorial Day is to remember the heroes who have died, Milavitz expressed his appreciation for the men and women who have fought for freedom and were present for the ceremony.

“Let’s keep all of the families and these great men and women in our hearts and never forget the freedoms we have today because of them,” Milavitz said.

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Shawano County Board Chairman Tom Kautza gestures to the Shawano Community High School students behind him near the chapel at Woodlawn Cemetery on May 31 during the Memorial Day ceremony, noting that some of the men and women who have died in combat are not much older than the students.

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Rebecca Van Buren gestures for everyone to join her in a rendition of “God Bless America” to wrap up the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 31 at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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ECWRPC undergoing some restructuring

Shawano County Board approves resolution of support for changes

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is undergoing some restructuring, but for it to proceed, it needs the blessing of its participants.

The Shawano County Board of Supervisors did its part May 25 by approving a resolution that will continue to have three representatives on the planning commission but takes out some red tape on how one of those members is appointed.

Currently, each county in the ECWRPC has one member that must be appointed by the governor. According to Melissa Kraemer-Badtke, the commission's executive director, it can be very difficult to get the governor's office to move quickly on appointments, leaving some counties without adequate representation.

Under the proposal, the county board chairman and two other supervisors would sit on the commission for Shawano County. Eight counties are represented in the ECWRPC, and the commission currently has 36 members, according to Kraemer-Badtke, with larger counties getting more seats, but the commission will be reducing the total number of members.

"Board composition cannot be modified without resolutions from a majority of the local units of government in the region with a majority of the population," Kraemer-Badtke said.

Shawano County Board Chairman Tom Kautza sponsored the resolution, explaining that time was a factor, and putting the process through a committee would have slowed things down.

"That's the way the other

counties are doing it in the state," Kautza said.

Kautza agreed that taking the state government out of the equation was the way to go.

"We thought, what's the use to keep struggling to find people to fill that and run that process through to Madison," Kautza said. "We don't lose a member. Our membership will remain the same."

Currently, Kautza and Shawano County Supervisor Steve Gueths sit on the commission, along with Chuck Dallas, the gubernatorial appointee. Kautza noted that Dallas' term is coming to an end, and he declined to offer any recommendations to the governor's office, knowing that the restructuring was in progress.

"It's definitely a good thing to do," Kautza said.

Supervisor Jerry Erdmann, the

former county board chairman, agreed with Kautza's view.

"They go above and beyond and help the counties out," Erdmann said. "What we pay is minimal for the services they provide. This plan, the way it is now, in my mind, is the best one I've seen so far. With downsizing but Shawano County staying the same, how can we lose?"

However, counties giving their approval are only the first step. Municipal governments will also be asked to give their approval, so the Shawano Common Council and town and village boards in the county will be asked to offer their own resolutions.

Besides the reorganization of the commission structure, ECWRPC also wants to shift its focus to look closer at some key issues, including transportation, economic development and water quality management.

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County opposes legislature's wildlife damage plan

Pair of bills would grant authority to DNR instead of county land conservation program

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution May 25 opposing the state of Wisconsin's efforts to diminish its land conservation authority.

The Wisconsin Legislature is proposing changes to the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program, a voluntary program through the Department of Natural Resources that helps farmers and other agricultural producers with losses caused by

deer, bears, geese, cougars and other animals. The county has been part of the program for over 25 years, and the resolution notes that county land conservation departments are the local mechanism for many resource management programs.

Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49 seek to strip the county of administering the programs and have the DNR manage it instead. Besides the authority issue, the county would also lose \$7,000 that it receives annually for staffing and mileage reimbursement.

Supervisor Arlyn Tober, who sits on the county's land conservation committee, said the committee received the resolution from a neighboring county and asked for Shawano County's support.

"There are still 17 counties in Wisconsin that are enforcing the program, and the rest of them already changed over to the DNR," Tober said. "I don't know why, because the conservation committees in these other counties is running it pretty good, and we're running it very well."

By giving the authority to the

DNR, anyone seeking to appeal a decision would have to go down to Madison for a public hearing, whereas the current setup would keep farmers closer to home.

"That's really going to put them out," Tober said. "Why fix something when there isn't any problem?"

The bill passed by a 24-2 vote. Supervisors Gene Hoppe and Dennis Knaak cast the opposing votes but did not specify why they were against it.

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Farmers market opens June 19 for summer 2021 season

The FRESH Project-Shawano Farmers Market will open for the summer 2021 season on June 19.

The open-air market, in its 14th year, will be open Saturdays 8 a.m. until noon, through Oct. 2 in Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St., Shawano.

"We are so excited to have a full

market this season!" said Barb Mendoza, The FRESH Project executive director. "Shoppers will enjoy the products provided by our farmers, food vendors, and crafters. In addition to music in the park, we will have yoga on the grandstand."

Products sold include fruits, vegetables, flowers, landscaping plants,

maple syrup, bread, cheese, fish, meats, and select, high-quality crafts.

Any vendors who would like to join in on the fun can go to <http://www.thefreshproject.org/forms>.

In addition to a full market, The FRESH Project will host a 5K fun run/walk on July 10 in conjunction with Shawano Fest. You can sign

up at www.thefreshproject.org. The market will also offer extended hours until 1 p.m. that day.

Kids Day will be held on Aug. 21, where kids will enjoy a variety of games and fun activities.

For more information, contact Mendoza at barbara@thefreshproject.org or call 715-526-5206.



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Craft Fair - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Kidz Zone - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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Jehovah's Witnesses to keep mandates in place

Videoconferencing, written letters will be used for communication

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The COVID-19 pandemic caused a lot of people to adjust their work life, social life and religious life, including Jehovah's Witness members.

2020 and 2021 saw a major change in how Jehovah's Witnesses conduct their public ministries and congregation meetings.

Jehovah's Witness members adjusted their ministry to videoconferencing rather than the well known door-to-door meetings. In 2021, Jehovah's Witness members will continue the theme of contacting people remotely to avoid sickness and putting others in danger.

"Our door-to-door visitation was suspended due to the pandemic, so we switched to video conferencing and sending letters," said Tommy Allen, public communication representative of Jehovah's Witnesses. "We have a concern with the safety of communities — we have a high value on life."

Allen said that members are able to get in contact with other communities members by using public directories, as well as using contacts from personal connections.

According to Allen, the decision to adjust their practice came from the world headquarters, located in New York. He added that there are branches located all over the world who oversee their district. Representatives of those districts are able to then communicate with the world headquarters to help aid in decision making.

He said that the Jehovah's Witnesses have received positive feedback regarding the change in meetings.

"We have had a lot of people who are now visiting our website, jw.org," said Allen.

With the pandemic and the inability to meet members face-to-face, Allen said that not only is the



Beth Asplund joins in on a virtual meeting to continuing study and learning about the religion.

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website seeing more traffic, but people are asking and researching more questions as well.

"The website has received many more hits," said Allen. "People are researching more questions and people are asking us more questions."

With the extended time that members have between seeing each other, Allen said that Jehovah Witness members have more time to dig into the Bible and learn more about the religion.

Allen thinks that relaying the information on the changes within the Jehovah's Witnesses is important for the public to be made aware of.

"We will continue to be cautious and care about people's lives," said Allen. "We want to continue to

share the message of hope."

According to a press release sent out, around 51,000 people in the United States alone had requested for members of the Jehovah's Witnesses to reach to them to continue with their practice.

The press release also stated that members of the Jehovah's Witnesses sent out links and passages from the Bible to distant family members and others detailing how to cope with things like anxiety, loneliness and depression.

Details regarding when the Jehovah's Witnesses will be able to return to in person meetings are unknown, but they will continue to monitor COVID-19 cases and relief efforts to make a verdict.

Community members to offer windsurfing lessons

Lessons will take part in two sections, youth and community sessions

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Water sports are picking up for the upcoming summer months in Shawano.

One sport in particular is looking to grow on its success from last year, as community members come together to provide residents with an opportunity to learn how to windsurf. Ben Schlais, who taught windsurfing

in Madison, will be a part of the team.

Two four-day youth windsurfing camps are scheduled, June 14-17 and June 21-24, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, for students 12 to 18 years old. Young people 12 and older can also take part in community "try-it" sessions set for 6-8 p.m. on the same dates.

Windsurfing equipment will be provided at Shawano Lake County Park. The only things that participants need to bring are swimsuits, towels and a change of clothes.

According to windsurfer and Shawano community member Brian Grieves, windsurfing took off at Shawano Lake during the pandemic in the summer of 2020. He added

that sailing has become popular in Oshkosh with the International Youth Sailing of Oshkosh program, and with windsurfing's similarity, it eventually migrated up to Shawano.

"Windsurfing is a great activity that involves social distancing," said Grieves. "That worked for us during the pandemic."

Grieves hopes the group can expand on the success that they had last year. He mentioned that there has been a positive public reaction to news of the upcoming lessons.

"I think that we expect a good portion of people that we introduced the idea to, to participate in the windsurfing this year," he said.

Grieves believes that having these

lessons in place is a good opportunity for community members to get outside.

"This is a good opportunity for people to get out and experience the beauty of Shawano, build a new skill and get away from their screens," said Grieves.

He said the Shawano Community Fund gave a \$1,500 grant and the Optimist Club gave \$250 for the lessons. The Shawano Parks and Recreation Department bought two boards to be used for lessons, he added.

For more information, visit www.cityofshawano.com or call Grieves at 715-851-1722.

Themed herbal gardens can be family fun

It's the perfect time to start planning an edible and useful herb garden at home. With a huge collection of tasty and aromatic herbs to choose from, starting your own herb garden right at home has never been easier.

Growing herbs is easy, and many of the best herbs for cooking and



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using in other methods are very versatile, requiring only bright light and relatively dry conditions to thrive. You can grow herbs right in the garden, as well as in containers on

the porch, patio or throughout the landscape.

Many herbs can also be grown right indoors under grow lights or in sunrooms or bright sunny windows.

An herb garden is also a great way to introduce children or grandchildren to the hobby of gardening. Herbs can be grown in theme gardens that are fun and delicious. Create a pizza-themed garden using oregano, onions, chives and other tasty herbs. You can also create a salsa garden. Mint gardens are fun and creative, and mints can be used in so many fun ways. An herbal alphabet garden can also be a fun project for the whole family.

Herb starters can be picked up at most garden centers, and many herbs grow well from seed even in their first year.

Dill, as well as its cousin, fennel, are not only delicious and tasty herbs to grow in the garden, but they also provide a great deal of beauty in the herb garden. Their textures and colors mix well with other herbs and annual flowers to create a stunning herbal tapestry.

With so many varieties of delicious and flavorful mints to choose from, creating a mint garden is a fun and tasty exploration. There are chocolate mints, orange mints, apple mints, grapefruit mints, spearmint, peppermint, Mojito mint and so many more to choose from. Mints are fun to grow and very useful in dishes, as garnishes, as well as tasty additions to create tasty and refreshing smoothies, teas, coolers and flavored waters.

Chives are a staple of every herb garden and there are so many uses for these wonderful and delicious perennial herbs. Dried or fresh,



There are many varieties of flavorful oregano for the summer herb garden.

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chives make a great addition to many recipes, as well as offering protection as a repellent against small animal pests and some insect pests. The flowers also attract pollinators to your garden, beneficial in pollinating garden vegetable crops.

A herb garden isn't complete without fragrant, tasty oregano. There are many varieties of oregano to choose from, all of which make wonderful additions to the herb garden. When selecting oregano, be aware that some varieties are annual, while others are perennial here in our area.

Another herb garden staple, basil comes in a wide variety of beautiful foliage types, colors and fragrances. There are the deep purple and red ruffled basil, the large-leaf classic basil, cinnamon basil, lemon basil and so many more. Basil is also a wonderful companion plant for tomatoes in the garden.

A wonderful and nonstop perennial herb, garlic has unlimited use in recipes, as well as in canning and cooking and so much more. Garlic is also easy to grow once it is estab-

lished in the garden and provides a wealth of benefits.

Beautiful and tasty sorrel adds color and texture to the herb garden, as well as a tasty addition to soups, salads and other dishes. Several striking varieties are available.

There are multiple uses of this wonderful, lemony-scented grass, both culinary and practical. Lemongrass is one of the plants known to repel mosquitoes from the yard and garden, and many gardeners grow pots of lemongrass to move around the garden to keep mosquitoes away. Like many of these herbs, lemongrass can be cut back and brought indoors for the winter season and grown all winter long.

An unusual and fun herb to grow, horseradish features the classical spicy flavored root that can be harvested each year and used in a variety of ways.

An increasing number of gardeners in our area are growing hops used in creating home brews, as well as other uses, both culinary and practical. Hops are a perennial vine and require quite a bit of space to

sprawl and climb.

Beautiful and useful in the garden, the rich blue flowers of borage last all summer long and are wonderful for attracting pollinators to the garden as well as enriching the soil and providing a number of other benefits.

A herb garden would not be complete without berries such as blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, currants and more. Be sure to include a few perennial berry shrubs and plants in your garden to provide a feast throughout the growing season.

Classic lavender has many wonderful uses and is a great herb to grow in our area. There are both annual varieties of lavender and perennial varieties, so be sure to pick the one you are most interested in.

Lavender is an excellent culinary herb and has many great uses in baking, cooking and creating wonderful hot and cold drinks. Lavender is also wonderful for repelling insect and mammal pests from the garden.

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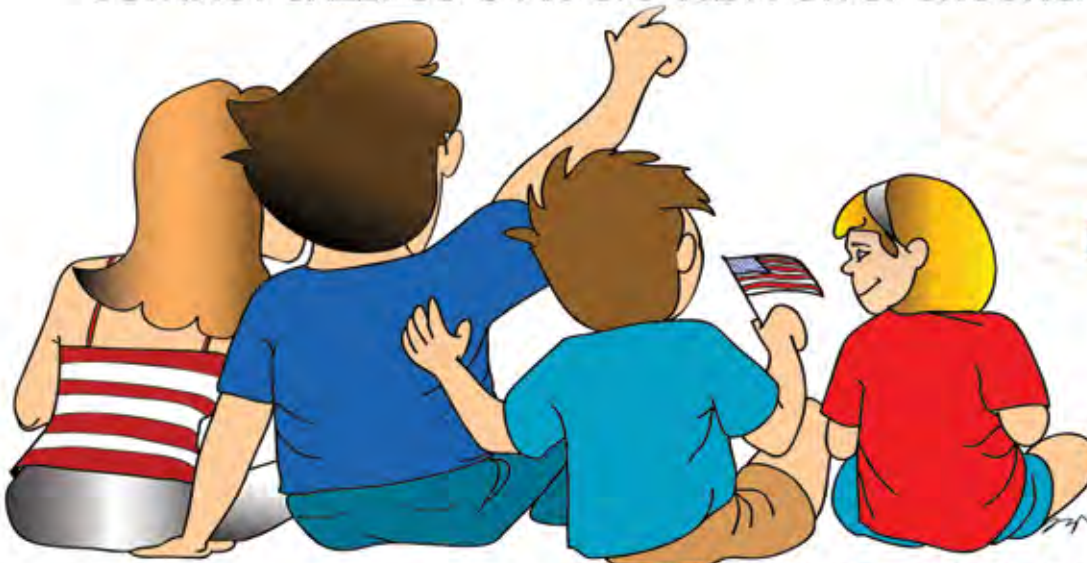
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Old schoolhouse transformed into gift shop

Nueske's offering variety of Wisconsin products, showcasing local history

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The old schoolhouse sitting next to Nueske's once again buzzed with activity as the Memorial Day weekend kicked off May 28.

After sitting silent for more than a year following a stint as an antique shop next to the main Nueske's sales facility on Grand Avenue, the school bell rang to usher in a new chapter for the classic building — as a gift shop showcasing the best Wisconsin has to offer.

"This is a gift shop with stuff from Wisconsin-based businesses," said Marie Williams, who will manage the new Nueske's School Market. "We're trying to keep it local."

The items in the new store from more than 40 different businesses in all — including signature sodas from Twig's in Shawano — are things that Nueske's wanted to sell but couldn't because of the space in the main facility, which sells a variety of meats and cheeses. Among the items are Poppin' Z's popcorn, Seaquist Cherries from Door County, coffee from Sheboygan, and of course, a variety of maple syrups, including some from Hanke's Sentry Foods just down the street.

"Most of these are brand new items that have never been featured in the store," Williams said.

However, folks will also likely come for the history as well as the goodies, according to Tanya Nueske, chief executive officer for Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats. In between the time that the building was a schoolhouse in 1882 and a gift shop today, it also served as the community jail and the village hall.

"It's still in there," Nueske said of the jail, although the bars are covered with items for sale now, and store employees are unlikely to lock up customers and throw away the key.

Williams noted that customers will be able to create their own gift baskets with the local products for that special someone.

"If you're short on time, we have some already pre-made," she said.

The building had been sitting empty for more than a year due to the coronavirus pandemic, which gave officials at Nueske's the opportunity to turn the schoolhouse into a big attraction for when tourists



Visitors to the new Nueske's School Market, housed inside an old schoolhouse in Wittenberg, will get to choose from more than 40 different specialty items created by Wisconsin businesses.

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Nueske's employees gathered outside the old schoolhouse to cut the ribbon May 28 and usher in the building's new chapter as Nueske's School Market.

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came to town.

"We had opened it 20 years ago as an antique store, but this (current facility) is very inviting," Nueske said. "Pretty much anyone could come in here and find something that would interest them. If you

look, you'll find something you like."

"We'll help you find something you like, too," Williams added.

One feature that's already a smash hit is the pie day on Fridays, where Nueske's will offer fresh baked pies in the schoolhouse. How-

ever, folks will want to get there early or pre-order ahead of time, as the 18 pies for the first week sold out almost as soon the doors opened at 10 a.m.

"They were freshly made this morning," Williams said.

Nueske said that she loves the pies, too, even though she's not typically a fan of apple pies. Nueske's plans to sell cherry pies and other flavored pies.

"I ate two pieces. It was that good," Nueske said.

Nueske is thrilled with offering another place next to its meat shop where visitors can learn about the community and about other places through the food and gift items offered.

"This is a dream come true to get more people to experience another piece of history and to be excited to come and see what else Wittenberg has to offer and Wisconsin has to offer, really," Nueske said.

Nueske's School Market will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

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Fallen veterans honored in Tigerton

American Legion Post 239 hosts Memorial Day ceremony

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Dozens of Tigerton residents joined members of American Legion Post 239 on Memorial Day to honor those veterans whose lives were lost.

The ceremony, which usually features speeches and live music, was without those features this year due to ongoing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic. The post's rifle squad fired a volley and a moment of silence was held to remember fallen veterans.

Legionnaires walked from the Legion Hall along Pine Street towards Tiger Creek to pay homage.

"We hold this celebration to honor those who have fought for our country at one time or another and to those that are still with us," Post Commander Doug Clark said. "We are also paying respect to those that are no longer with us that served heroically, protecting our nation."

Post 239 has held a memorial ceremony service every Memorial Day for decades, Clark said.

"We started holding these ceremonies sometime after World War



The rifle squad of American Legion Post 239 fire over Tiger Creek in memory of veterans who have fallen during the May 31 Memorial Day ceremony in Tigerton.

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II," he said. "I hope that an event like this can help to bring the community together ... Our nation today is divided, but veterans fought about preserving the nation even if it meant the end of their life."

A number of people with ties with Tigerton and surrounding areas served in the U.S. military, Clark said.

"In our generation of Vietnam, I would probably say a ballpark guess of maybe 30 people served from Tigerton and surrounding areas," said Clark.

Clark said he sees people within the community expressing more appreciation to those who have served.

"I think that the community

does take an appreciation," he said. "They come out to the cemeteries when we honor those who have fallen there — they do participate in events."

Clark said he believes the community supports the military because people recognize the important role that they play in the nation.

"I think possibly that they realize what the men and women who have served in the past and those who currently serve have sacrificed," he said. "They are putting the value of their country and the love of their country over that of life itself."

The gathering culminated with Legion members and the community congregating in the American Legion Hall to enjoy a lunch of brats, burgers, hot dogs, potato chips and soda.

American Legion Post 239 also participates in other events, including a Fourth of July celebration and Lumberjack Days. Both events honor military members who are active and who have fallen in the line of duty.

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Veterans memorialized in Birnamwood



Crosses memorializing fallen veterans are on display across from the American Legion Post 341 building in Birnamwood. The crosses were constructed by students in technology education at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School.

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SPORTS

Tigerton softball takes down Marion

Tigers' baseball team loses on walk-off hit

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Tigerton High School softball and baseball teams hosted Marion in Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division matchups on May 28 in Tigerton, with the softball team earning a win and the baseball team suffering a loss.

The Tigerton softball team used a late surge to pick up an 11-7 victory, while the baseball team lost 6-5 on a walk-off hit. Tigerton served as the road team for both contests.

Softball

The Tigers' softball team built a 6-2 advantage, but Marion scored five times in the fourth inning to take the lead.

Tigerton answered right back with two runs in the top of the fifth and then added three insurance runs in the sixth.

Starting pitcher Skyler Hauser handled things from there, shutting out Marion over the final three frames to seal up the victory.

"I actually did have a moment during our game here where I did look up at the scoreboard and I didn't realize we were losing," said Hauser. "I noticed that and honestly I didn't even sweat it at all actually. I knew my girls on our team here would bring us right back. I didn't even worry one bit."

Over Hauser's seven innings in the circle, she finished with two strikeouts, instead relying on her defense to work her way through the lineup.

She also set the tone for the team from the leadoff spot in the Tigerton batting order. Hauser reached base five times in her six plate appearances, singling three times and walking twice. She also stole two bases, drove in a run and scored three runs.

Abby Swartz and Savannah Swartz, Tigerton's No. 2 and 3 hitters, respectively, combined to get



Tigerton's Savannah Swartz throws to first base after fielding a groundball during the team's CWC-North win over Marion on May 28 in Tigerton.

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on base six times and score four runs.

Abby Swartz stole three bases, while Savannah Swartz had two runs batted in.

McKenzie Hoffman also drove in a pair of runs for the Tigers,

while Leandra Kalwitz walked three times.

"I think sometimes when we do get down, we let our heads hang, and I think this time we did a better job at keeping our heads up and staying positive and cheering each

other on to go forward," said Abby Swartz on the team's comeback win.

Baseball

The baseball matchup between Tigerton and Marion also was a back-and-forth battle.

Marion grabbed the lead with a run in the bottom of the third, but Tigerton answered with a run in the fourth to tie it and then scored again in the fifth to grab the lead. Marion then tallied four runs in the fifth to seize control, only to have Tigerton score three times in the sixth to tie it.

Marion led off the bottom of the seventh with a double and then singled to plate the winning run.

"I think we're a solid team as well. It was a fair fight until the end," said Tigerton's Isaac Schoen on the loss. He started the game on the mound. "We both had errors, we both had good pitching too. Nothing you can do about that."

Marion's four-run fifth was jumpstarted by several Tigerton errors.

"It was pretty close until the fifth inning, but errors are what kick us in the butt every game," said Tigerton's Mitch Zimdars, who was dealt the loss after pitching in relief. "For the past three games, we've had errors late in the game and (allow opponents to) score runs that are unearned."

The Tigers were proud of the fact they were able to bounce back right away in the sixth.

Asher Michaelis had the big hit in the inning, driving in a pair on a double.

"It's the way it goes," said Kaeden Miller on Tigerton's comeback effort. "We can't really hit too well at the start (of games), but then as soon as we need hits, it'll go with two outs. Then we get the sticks going and we get close."

Tigerton had a chance to take the lead in its half of the seventh inning, but stranded the bases loaded.

Miller led the Tigers with three hits, while Schoen and Michaelis had two each. Schoen, Zimdars and Justin Knaup had the team's other RBIs.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

SOFTBALL

Witt-Birn 4

Amherst 2

Wittenberg-Birnamwood doubled up Amherst in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division battle May 25 in Wittenberg.

Jasmin Duranceau earned the win in the circle after working around 10 hits and a pair of walks. Only one of the runs she allowed was earned.

McKenna Metropulos had two hits and a RBI to lead the Chargers at the plate. Emma Herb, McKenna Foster, Abi Fraaza and Emily Niles scored the team's runs. Fraaza, Foster and Herb all stole a base.

BASEBALL

Gresham 6

Bowler 5

Bowler lost to Gresham on a walk-off hit during a May 25 CWC-North clash in Gresham.

Logan Thiex took the loss for Bowler after working six-plus innings, striking out eight along the way.

Thiex and Lane Schultz each scored two runs, while Schultz had two hits to lead the team.

Amherst 2

Witt-Birn 0

Witt-Birn was limited to one hit in a CWC-East setback to Amherst on May 25 in Wittenberg.

Mason Meverden had the team's hit. Austin Worzalla and Austin Rekow each reached base after walking.

Worzalla was dealt the loss after pitching all seven innings. He struck out one batter while surrendering one walk and seven hits.

Witt-Birn 9

Bonduel 4

Wittenberg-Birnamwood used a six-run fourth inning to take down Bonduel in a CWC-East clash May 24 in Bonduel. Witt-Birn was hit by two pitches, had three hits and drew four walks in the big inning.

Austin Worzalla drove in three



Bowler's Brock Strassburg looks on after hitting the ball during a May 25 CWC-North loss to Gresham in Gresham.

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runs for Witt-Birn, while Austin Rekow added two hits and two RBIs. Bryce Zoromski had three hits and scored three runs.

Rekow pitched three innings and allowed two runs to earn the win. Quinn Schultz worked the other four innings.

Bowler 13

Gresham 1 (5 inn.)

Bowler cruised to a CWC-North victory over Gresham on May 24 in Bowler. The hosts scored 12 runs in

the bottom of the first inning.

Brock Strassburg scored two runs and posted three hits and three RBIs to lead Bowler at the plate.

Adin Brei scored twice while driving in three runs on two hits, while Lane Schultz had two hits and two runs scored. Tully Kroening and Logan Thiex each scored twice.

Lane Schultz worked the first 4 2/3 innings to earn the win on the mound, striking out eight batters along the way. Thiex got the final out of the contest.

TRACK AND FIELD

The Gresham/Bowler girls co-op placed third at the May 24 Marion

Mustang Invite in Marion.

The Gresham/Bowler 4x200-meter relay team of Kalayla Tucker, Isabella Stevens, Valarie Cerveney and Ireland Jensen placed first in 2 minutes, 4.9 seconds. The 4x800 team of Abby Page, Hazel Tepiew, Josie Cerveney and Tynea Johnson took first in 13:17.37.

Emmitt Kietlinski won the high jump after clearing 6 feet to lead the Gresham/Bowler boys team. Zach Ziemer took first in discus with a top throw of 113-2.

Full results from the invite can be found at <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/435290/> results.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Winona State

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School graduate Maddy Pietz was

on the 10th-place finishing 4x100 women's relay team for Winona State University (Minnesota) at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships, which were conduct-

ed May 27-29 in Allendale, Michigan.

The relay team's time of 46.94 seconds just missed out on qualifying the team for the finals. The ninth-place relay had a time of 46.66, while

the first-place relay had a mark of 45.51 in the preliminary race.

Grand Valley State, who hosted the championships, ended up taking first in the finals with a time of 44.86.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Witt-Birn boys claim first CWC title

Chargers' Resch earns CWC Player of Year honor

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School boys golf team made history on May 25, winning their first Central Wisconsin Conference championship after placing first at the final CWC meet at Foxfire Golf Club in Waupaca.

"I am very proud of this team," said Witt-Birn coach Chris Bartletti. "They set this as a goal and have worked hard, not only this season, but throughout their entire high school career."

Witt-Birn's Ian Resch posted an 18-hole round of 77 to lead all individual golfers on the day and



The Wittenberg-Birnamwood boys golf team won its first CWC championship on May 25. Pictured are, from left, coach Chris Bartletti, Pierson Potrykus, Maverick Beran, Ian Resch, Brian Nelson, Calvin Scheurer and Nolan Fraaza.

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earn himself the CWC Player of the Year honor.

Calvin Scheurer fired a round of

81 to place third as an individual at the meet and take third for the full season. He also made the first team

all-conference.

Maverick Beran shot an 82, while Brian Nelson carded an 85. Both golfers made the CWC second team.

Nolan Fraaza posted a round of 88 to cap a strong team effort for the Chargers.

The team score of 325 was Witt-Birn's lowest mark of the season so far.

Manawa posted a team score of 364 to place third on the day, but claimed second in the final conference standings. Wisconsin Valley Lutheran (347) took second on the day and third for the season.

Final conference standings: 1. Wittenberg-Birnamwood; 2. Manawa; 3. Wisconsin Valley Lutheran; 4. Bonduel; 5. Pacelli; 6. Amherst; 7. Iola-Scandinavia; 8. Marion; 9. Port Edwards; 10. Menominee Indian/Gresham; 11. Weyauwega-Fremont; 12. Shiocton.

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BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

East-West Division

Gresham 13

Tigerton 11

Gresham toppled Tigerton in a high-scoring battle on May 28 in Tigerton.

Brent Berkholtz and Nate Ejnik each tallied three hits for Gresham, with one of Berkholtz's hits being a home run. Cody Riemer added two hits.

Brett Nelson picked up the win for Gresham, while Paul Sellner took the loss for Tigerton.

Austin Hoffman, Brandon Sivertson and Conner Harris each had two hits for Tigerton.

Marion 17

Leopolis 1 (7 inn.)

Marion routed Leopolis on May 30 in Leopolis.

Joe Weyenberg picked up the win after striking out five batters across six innings.

Weyenberg, Mitch Elandt and Ryan Mortenson recorded three hits each for Marion. Nate Reynolds, Jake Westphal and Alex Elandt added two hits each.

Kyler Deruchowski suffered the

loss for Leopolis. Collin Akstulewicz had two hits to lead the team at the plate.

Little Falls 7

Clintonville 1

Little Falls cruised to a win over Clintonville on May 30 in Little Falls.

Chris Dunn picked up the win on the mound after striking out 11 batters over seven innings.

Kasey Morgan led the team at the plate with three hits, while Dunn and Hunter Gruenwald had two hits each.

Hunter Vollmer suffered the loss after pitching six innings. He had two of the team's five hits.

Caroline 11

Tilleda 2

Caroline earned a road win over Tilleda on May 30.

Eric Kroening and Austin Hoffman posted four hits each to lead Caroline at the plate. Justin Reminger and Tyler Marquardt each chipped in two hits.

Bryson Bernarde earned the win after striking out four batters across five innings. Zach Fehrman was dealt the loss after pitching six innings, also striking out four bat-

ters along the way.

Teagen Lehman and Adin Brei each doubled for Tilleda.

Neopit 17

Shawano 3

Neopit picked up a lopsided win over Shawano on May 30 in Shawano.

Walker Miller and B.J. Peters each had a pair of hits for Neopit. Mequan Corn was the winning pitcher.

Jacob Springborn led Shawano with two hits, but also was dealt the loss on the mound.

Northern Division

Eland 6

Birnamwood 5

Eland edged Birnamwood in a May 28 matchup in Birnamwood.

Hunter Garski had two of Eland's six hits in the contest, while Ryan Richter doubled. Jared Richter picked up the win after pitching an inning.

Erik Steigerwald and Zach Bembenek had two hits each for Birnamwood.

Steigerwald reached base six times, also walking four times. Steigerwald was also dealt the loss after working 1 1/3 innings.

Elderon 6

Aniwa 5

Elderon picked up a tight win over Aniwa on May 30 in Aniwa.

Marv Meronk and Austin Worzalla each posted three hits for Elderon the win win.

Casey Kerstner picked up the win on the hill.

Kody Szews was dealt the loss. Ryan Govek had a pair of hits for Aniwa.

Hatley 21

Wittenberg 4

Hatley rolled to a win over Wittenberg on May 28 in Wittenberg.

John Breske pitched six innings and allowed just two hits to pick up the win.

Tanner Kocher and Kodie Kocher had three hits each for Hatley, which had 15 hits as a team. Jeremy Schmidt and Dan Schubring added two hits each.

Brad Knoblock suffered the loss on the mound. Knoblock had two hits for Wittenberg, while James Thompson doubled.

More stats and game details from the South Central Division can be found at <https://www.bababaseball.com/index.html>.

ATHLETE PROFILE: AUSTIN REKOW

Witt-Birn senior delivering at plate, on mound

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School baseball team came into the season needing its upperclassmen to step up in order for the team to have chances to win games. Austin Rekow has delivered at the plate and on the mound for the Chargers in his senior season, helping the team to several wins along the way.

Rekow helped the Chargers to a 9-4 win over Bonduel on May 24. At the plate, he drove in two runs on two hits. He also pitched three innings, allowing just two runs.

Rekow reached base three times and had two RBIs in a loss to Bonduel on May 18. Despite an 8-7 setback to Wausau East on May 11, Rekow had two hits, two walks, a RBI and two runs scored at the plate.

The senior pitched a gem in Witt-Birn's 7-1 win over Amherst on May 17. He struck out six batters while allowing just five hits and a run across seven innings. He helped himself out at the plate, delivering three hits and driving in a run.

Rekow had a monster game in the team's 13-0 win over Menominee Indian on May 10. At the plate, the senior had three hits and four RBIs, while also scoring two runs. He also earned the win on the mound, striking out nine batters while allowing just one hit over five scoreless inning.

The Witt-Birn senior had a similar output in a 12-1 win over Iola-Scandinavia on May 6. He drove in three runs on four hits and scored one run. He picked up the win, pitching all five innings and striking out five batters.

Rekow also earned the win against Weyauwega-Fremont in a 9-5 final on April 30. He struck out eight batters in 4 1/3 innings. He also drove in a run on two hits at the plate.

Q: When did your interest in baseball begin?

A: I would have to say in fourth



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Austin Rekow crosses home plate during a May 18 CWC-East contest against Bonduel.

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AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Austin Rekow

SPORT: Baseball

POSITION: Pitcher, outfield

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

YEAR: Senior

grade when I joined little league.

Q: What is your favorite part

about the baseball season?

A: I would have to say playing against conference teams because we as a team get super hyped.

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

A: When I got my first varsity win as a pitcher (as a sophomore against Lakeland Union).

Q: Is there anything you hope to still personally accomplish before the end of the spring season?

A: I'm hoping to get at least seven wins as a pitcher.

Q: What are the keys to the team ending the regular season strong and then going on a playoff run?

A: Having no errors on the field and getting ahead and staying ahead in the game.

Q: You've had a strong season at the plate and on the mound. What would you attribute that success to?

A: Making contact at the plate and putting the ball in play and on the mound I would stay calm whether I'm ahead or behind in the count and hitting my spots as a pitcher.

Q: Being a senior, and with this season going later into summer than usual, how do you plan to stay engaged and focused as the season winds down and post season nears?

A: Keeping my head in the game, not thinking about what's gonna happen later on.

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

A: Listening to music.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV Show - "Ridiculousness." Movie - "Major League." Musical artist - Luke Combs.

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

A: I fish in bass tournaments.

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

A: A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success.

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

A: Getting a house.

AUTO RACING

Block, Van Straten capture first feature wins of season



Travis Van Straten, right, battles for position with Harley Simon during an IMCA Stock Car heat race on May 29 at Shawano Speedway.

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Anvelink, Sobiesczyk and Stueck also take 1st

By **DAVE BUSS**

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Memorial Day weekend brought cool temps and hot action to Shawano Speedway for the unofficial start of summer.

Wyatt Block, Travis Van Straten, Nick Anvelink, Tyler Sobiesczyk and Jason Stueck got their summer's off to the best start of everyone with feature wins.

Early action saw Jerry Wilinski jump to the early lead in the IMCA Modifieds feature and begin to build a big lead. Caution flew on lap four, bringing the field to his bumper. On the restart, Wilinski again scooted away, only to have a debris bring out another caution.

Block and Andy Karl filled the sec-

ond row on a lap six restart. Wilinski again extended his lead, with Karl and Block fighting it out for the runner-up spot. Block took the second spot and began to reel in the Wilinski machine at the halfway point.

On lap 15, Block moved past Wilinski and took the lead. Block cruised to victory, with Wilinski second. Jordan Bartz charged to third, with Karl fourth.

Josh Mroczkowski powered to the early lead in the IMCA Stock Car feature event. Tom Riehl moved to the runner-up spot, with Dan Michonski and Kyle Frederick completing the top four.

Trent Nolan came from the 11th starting spot to try and grab a top-five spot as lap six hit the board. Mroczkowski held that top spot as action was fast and furious behind him.

Nolan eventually grabbed the lead but that was short lived as Van Straten snuck into the picture late and stole the lead with two laps remaining. A caution as the leaders took the white flag ended the event under yellow.

Nolan was second and Mroczkowski

was third.

Brett Swedberg jumped to the lead on lap one of the Late Model feature and began to extend his lead while Luke Postl and Kyle Raddant gave chase.

Swedberg saw Anvelink move to second on lap 12 and start to carve into the lead. Swedberg hit lap traffic on lap 15 and that was his ultimate demise as contact with a lap car caused the Swedberg machine to spin moving him to the back.

Anvelink was the benefactor of that action as he assumed the lead. Anvelink wouldn't look back as he led the final laps for the win. Postl grabbed second with Raddant third and Ron Berna fourth.

The IMCA Sport Mods took the track with Ryan Besaw grabbing the lead from Jason Jach. Jach began to feel pressure from Jayden Schmidt as they neared the halfway point.

Jach maintained the runner-up spot as caution hit the speedway. Besaw brought the field back to the green on lap six. Sobiesczyk made his way to seventh from 17th by lap seven.

Jach continued to fend off Schmidt, but it was Jeffery Teske he should have been watching as the Teske machine was powering forward. Schmidt hit pit lane on a lap nine caution, sending him to the back of the pack.

Teske brought out caution a few laps later, taking two contenders out in just a couple laps. Sobiesczyk grabbed the lead on lap 13 and led the rest of the way for the win. Zackery Raab grabbed second from Besaw by an inch or two. Jach finished fourth.

William Hoefs took the lead from his front row starting spot in the Mighty 4 feature. Stueck kept the pressure on for the lead as Hoefs did his best to hold him off.

Clint Malueg moved to third and tried to use the battle for the lead to his advantage. Stueck grabbed the lead on lap six. Stueck saw his lead disappear as caution hit the track.

The restart saw Brad Wedde power to second and begin his chase of the leader. That chase came to an end as caution again flew. Stueck got the win with Wedde second and T.J. Everard third.



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Sacred Heart organizes track meet for area schools

Sacred Heart Catholic School united with other rural Catholic schools for its annual Cardinal Invitational on May 21 at the Shawano Community Middle School track.

Over 100 students and 20 volunteers participated in this all-day track and field event from three schools. Besides Sacred Heart, All Saints Catholic School from Antigo and St. Rose St. Mary's School in Clintonville participated. The event was organized by Sacred Heart's middle school teacher and athletics director, Scott Marohl. His goal in organizing this event each year is to give all rural Catholic middle school students within the Diocese of Green Bay an opportunity to unite, be more active and promote fellowship among each other.

"When you look back at 2020-2021, students missed a lot of opportunities," Marohl said. "Concerts were canceled. Full sport seasons were canceled, among other things. When the new year came, we had full intentions of participating in the St. Paul Track and Field Day. When the plug was pulled on that event, we had to make something happen."

Students had the opportunity to participate in various track and field activities such as the 50- and 75-yard dashes, 200-yard shuttle, 400-yard run, 100-meter relay race, rope skipping, standing and running long jump, shot put, softball throw and a girls and boys kickball tournament.

Full event details and additional photos are available on the school's Facebook page.



Sacred Heart Catholic School seventh grade student Maverick Emani, left, and sixth grader Daryl Fowler-Doxator run the 75-yard dash May 21 at the Cardinal Invitational, held at the Shawano Community Middle School track. CONTRIBUTED

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The Shawano Woman's Club (SWC) is having a scholarship fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 5 at Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E. Green Bay St., Shawano.

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Due to COVID-19, the club was unable to host its annual fashion show in May to raise funds for local scholarships. Every year, the SWC provides a \$1,000 scholarship to a Shawano

Community High School student and to a Northeast Wisconsin Technical College student. The SWC is looking forward to conducting the fashion show again in May 2022.

The SWC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

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LDS church plans to reopen its family history center next week

The Shawano Family History Center is reopening its doors to the public June 7.

The center is located at the Church

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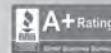
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Helping the cow with her spots



Shawano Community High School sophomores Brianna Luebeck, left, and Riley Dreier do some touch-up work May 28 in the high school's greenhouse on one of the cows used to advertise June Dairy Month. The Shawano FFA was asked to repaint the cows, which are on display every year at Brunch on the Farm in late June.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Church dedicates prayer garden



Church members gather around the new rosary prayer garden on May 30 at Holy Family-St. William Catholic Church in Wittenberg just before the dedication ceremony. According to Jeanette Wolff, one of the main forces behind developing the garden, it had been in the works for several years, with construction beginning in 2020. The church plans to develop a Stations of the Cross behind the church next to the garden, with groundbreaking expected this fall.

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How to find purpose in the hand you're dealt

Everyone has their own cross to bear, and their own tears and sorrow. I was born without any fingers and, for a time, that cross seemed unbearable.

The physical hardships of my condition — being very different — came with great emotional pain. My condition made me question the purpose of my own life. It also led to questions like, “Why can’t I simply be like everyone else?” Surely, there had to be a reason why I was put at a disadvantage. I eventually stopped calling my condition a disadvantage, but more about that later.

You can never let your circumstances define you. It is not about the hand you are dealt, but what you make of that hand. Perseverance allowed me to face the many challenges that came with my condition. Acquiring perseverance was not easy. It was a muscle I had to develop and nurture. It is through perseverance that I would no longer care about the labels given to me by others. No longer does it matter to me what others think I can accomplish or not. Scott Hamilton, a great Olympic skater and gold medalist, famously said, “The only disability in life is bad attitude.” I couldn’t agree more.

Do not enable self-pity for one single second. My parents played an important role in helping me in regard to this. Whatever I wanted



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to accomplish, they told me to pursue, and never did I hear from them that something was not a possibility because I had no fingers. Their contribution to how I built my moral character, strength and resolve, was invaluable. They taught me that living life isn’t about trying to be like everyone else. It’s about learning what your purpose is and then using it to serve others.

Living life through faith and perseverance makes it possible to be optimistic and to see opportunities when others only see obstacles. I’ve learned not to dwell on perceived disadvantages. Instead, my focus is on daily movement toward advantage. I tend to say nowadays I do not have to live my life without fingers but get to live my life without them.

For example, COVID-19 created massive problems for many people, and it was easy for everyone to focus on the things that went awry in the past year. However, you must be adamant about seeing opportunities in obstacles, aim to help your colleagues and realize that the glass is usually half as full as it is empty.

Eventually my purpose evolved

— in order to help myself and to support others in finding their own purpose — and I became dedicated to inspiring others to live through faith and perseverance. Sometimes people ask me whether my sense of purpose is something I developed or something I simply found. It was a bit of both. In my experience, purpose will reveal itself to you if you look for it, but it takes time to develop a perceptive eye.

The mission statement you develop for yourself does not need to be a complicated thing, and anyone can easily get to work on his or her own mission statement. If we apply the principle of Occam’s Razor, we will not make complicated things that can be simple. This applies to many other aspects of life, as well.

At National Land Realty, the company for which I am proud to be president, our mission is to make things grow. In an earlier iteration of that mission statement, we made things way too complicated, and we could not even recite it back to people. The mission of National Land Realty is underpinned by our core values which are to find opportunity in every obstacle, treat people right, be coachable, love what we do and strive to get better every day.

Eventually you will feel very good about your values, and hopefully to such a degree that you let them lead

your everyday personal and professional life.

Society now tells us that to live right we should seek the life of comfort. It seems that this has become the status quo. Instead, view challenges as opportunities that inevitably lead to durability. This durability is what allows us to be content in all circumstances. This level of contentment leads to a joyful life, not one of fleeting happiness which is the result of seeking comfort. It’s a level of mental preparedness that can only be accomplished by pushing yourself beyond limits.

Getting to that level of knowing what is important from what is less important does not come easy for anyone. It takes training and as you develop your moral character, your values. You become lucid about your own purpose; you get to a place where the filter through which you see life enables you to make the important calls easily.

My vision provides me with clarity for what my purpose is. My mission is the course of action taken to achieve my articulated purpose. I view my core values as guardrails which serve to protect me as I accelerate toward accomplishing my mission. Through all of this, I get to truly live life.

Jason Burbage is president of National Land Realty, based in Columbia, South Carolina.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New bench replaces one that was stolen

To the editor:

A few weeks ago I wrote about the bench at our Little Free Library on Loon Lake Drive. The bright red bench had disappeared last September, and we had waited through the winter, hoping that it would be returned. I was going to build a replacement but had not done so yet because I have had a garden to get in and other projects that required my attention.

Sunday, May 30, we were heading to town to a dinner party and there was a beautiful, brand new bench sitting beside our library. The builder had used a router to add beautiful lettering that proclaims, “Little Free Library!” I do not know who made the bench, nor do I know what it cost, but it looks perfect sitting there.

On behalf of myself, my wife, and all the residents of Loon Lake Drive, as well as all the passers-by who use the bench, I would like to say thank you. Gifts such as this prove that the world is still a good place, filled with good people.

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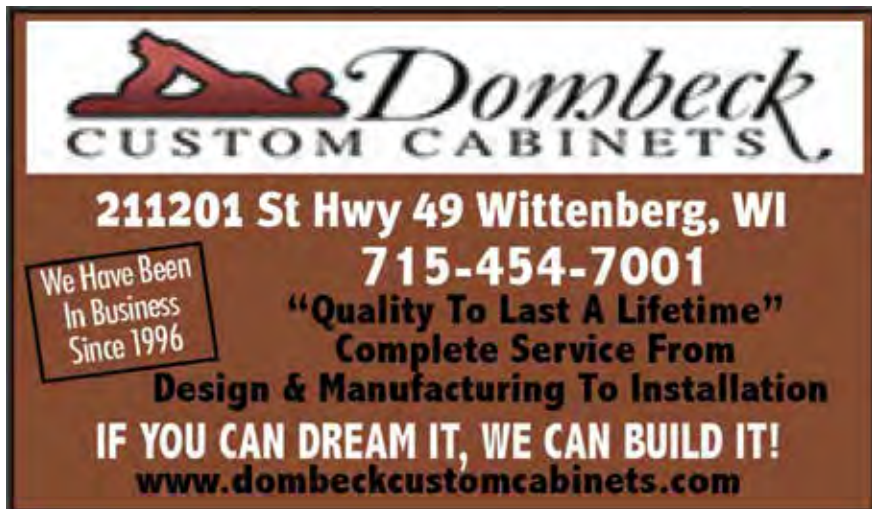
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"Beachfront Bakery" by Fiona Grace fit my needs. "A Killer Cupcake" is book one of her series.

Ali earned her doctorate in pastry science, then studied under one of the best pastry

chefs in the world. Finally she lands a job at L.A.'s exclusive French restaurant Eclairs, but instead of making delicate pastries, Ali only creates batch after batch of crème brulee.

Summoned to appease a diner because the sprig of spearmint on his crème brulee has only three leaves, Ali snatches a four-leaf sprig from another diner and smashes it onto the complainer's dessert, causing the sauce to splatter everywhere. She storms out the door, and Ali heads for home feeling happy and free.

Her joy doesn't last long. Her live-in boyfriend/aspiring actor

Otis explains that he is moving to New York with his boyfriend. Ali gets drunk, calls her actor brother Teddy and pours her heart out. He convinces her to join him for a food fair in nearby Willow Bay.

Once there, Ali is captivated. The boardwalk is alive with carnival games and vendors of all sorts. Ali suddenly remembers being there with her father long ago. He disappeared from her life over 10 years ago, but she hopes to find him again.

An unexpected encounter with a "psychic" tells her that her problems stem from always following the same recipe. To succeed, she'll have to alter her recipe.

When she and Teddy peek into an empty storefront, Ali just knows that this is where she belongs. In only hours she has rented the building plus a small apartment and is making plans to open a bakery offering fancy French pastries.

Ali has them all on display when Seaside Sweets opens, but oddly, not one customer comes in to buy. The next day a strange little man bustles in. He loudly proclaims that the building was promised to him and that she stole it. Confused, she

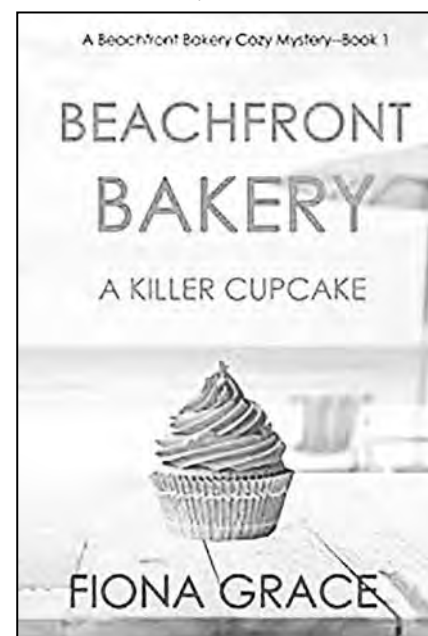
tries to explain, but he storms into the street shouting that he will ruin her business.

The next morning the man is found dead on the beach, and Ali becomes the prime suspect. With everything pointing at her, Ali decides she'll have to find the real killer before she ends up in jail.

With a little digging she learns the man was a bit odd and had wanted to open a balloon store in Willow Bay, but no one would rent to him. She also learns that her shop used to house Pete's Pitas. Sick customers and claims of tainted meat forced Pete to shut down, and he's still angry about the sabotage. Was Pete angry enough to kill the balloon man?

To calm her nerves, Ali whips up a batch of her father's favorite lemon coconut cupcakes. The aroma brings a man into her shop. He doesn't want her fancy pastries. He wants the cupcakes and goes away fairly swooning over the flavor. She decides to pay a visit to Pete and ask.

By the time they are finished, she is convinced that Pete is innocent, but the police arrest him anyway. Now Ali is thrust into a whole different world where Fat Tony and the mob make the rules. Her gutsy approach impresses Fat Tony, and they soon know who the real killer is. Ali wants the man arrested, but Tony wants him "gone." With some persuasion Tony agrees to a deal, and they do it Ali's way.



To her shock, Ali learns that the cupcake lover is a radio personality and he's singing her praises on his program. Forewarned, Ali and all her new friends work through the night making cupcakes. When the doors open Ali understands the psychic's words. All she had to do to be happy is make a few changes.

Naturally, that opens the door to several more books featuring Ali, Teddy and her extended family.

We can do a lot to create our own happiness. Get some inspiration at your public library. This would be the perfect time to go in and check it out.

Green Bay man dies in Wittenberg crash

A 50-year-old Green Bay man died after a one-vehicle rollover on May 28.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department was notified of the crash on state Highway 29 and Meadow Lark Road in the Town of Wittenberg. According to Lt. Jonathan Blaskowski, the vehicle had been traveling westbound on Highway 29, entered the median, rolled over and came to rest on its roof.

Passers-by were able to pull the driver out of the vehicle and CPR was started, according to Blaskowski. The driver was pronounced deceased on scene.

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