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Wittenberg Community Days to make anticipated return



Boy Scout Troop 445 marches down Webb Street with the American flag and its own flag during the 2018 Wittenberg Community Days parade. After a break for the pandemic, the weekend full of activities is back this year.

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Inflatables, live music, fireworks and parade planned for this year

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

One local community is bringing back a staple block party in 2021.

Wittenberg Community Days will take place in the village of Wittenberg on June 12-13. Wittenberg Community Days will encompass numerous events including, fireworks on Saturday night, live music from Green Bay cover band Johnny Wad, vendors, crafts, business booths, a strawberry festival, a parade and children's games among other events.

"This is an event for the community to get people together," said Wittenberg Chamber of Commerce president Sally Jo Stephens.

The activities are hosted by the chamber, the Lions Club, the American Legion, Walls of Wittenberg and Homme Home for the Aging. The majority of events will take place at Washington Park, with the parade

winding on Sunday through South Webb Street and the WOWSPACE giving tours of the murals throughout the village. WOWSPACE will also host an Emerging Talents Art Show, which will feature art from Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District students.

Community Days was not held last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wittenberg Community Days is a major event that brings many visitors together every year, and although people are receiving vaccinations and the pandemic has slowed down, Stephens admits she is not certain about this year's turnout.

"Honestly, I am unsure of what the attendance will be this year," said Stephens. "It is a big expense, so I do hope that people show up."

The events kick off at noon Saturday with concessions being provided the American Legion and cheese curds provided by the Lions Club. Tours of murals around Wittenberg begin at 2

p.m. with family-friendly activities and bouncy houses available. Live music is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. with The After Dark Experience. Johnny Wad will then play at 7 p.m. Finally, a fireworks show is set to take place at dusk.

Sunday will feature the Community Days parade at noon. After the parade, concessions and activities will remain similar to Saturday, with The Night-crawlers performing live music from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Stephens said that a villagewide event like this is beneficial to the community and its members.

"This is a great way for businesses to support the community," said Stephens. "With the polka music and the family-friendly activities, this is an event for all ages."

Stephens said that COVID-19 protocols will not be enforced, but visitors have the option to wear a mask and socially distance as they see appropriate.

CORRECTIONS

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Wittenberg accepts bid for street repairs

Bid from American Asphalt comes in at \$77,815

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The village of Wittenberg has accepted a bid to repair roads in the community.

Work needs to be done to repave and update three roads — Cherry Street, Vinal Street and College Avenue. Bids were discussed from three companies, with American Asphalt being awarded the bid.

The bid came in at \$16,521 for College Avenue, \$50,660.40 for Cherry Street and \$15,233.80 for Vinal Street.

A representative from American Asphalt, who was in attendance at the meeting, explained that he added a

deduction to Vinal Street and College Avenue if all of the projects were awarded to them.

"If everyone goes to them, that one (Vinal Street) has a deduct of \$2,800," said Wittenberg Village Board President Bill Switalla. "College has a deduct of \$1,800."

In total, the combined deductions equal \$4,600, and the overall price of the bid comes to \$77,815.20.

One bid from RC Pavers came in at a grand total of \$48,610, while another bid from Northeast Asphalt came in at \$103,110.

After a brief discussion, the board decided to eliminate Northeast Asphalt's bid from deliberation. A question then arose from board trustee Paul Yaeger on why RC Pavers' bid was far cheaper than American Asphalt's bid.

"There is a \$30,000 difference," added board trustee Marlene Wepner.

"I don't see why we wouldn't do the one that is \$30,000 cheaper," said

Yaeger.

After getting information that American Asphalt was planning on using an asphalt thickness of 3 inches for the road repairs, members of the board noticed that RC Pavers had 2 inches in their bid.

Wittenberg Village Clerk Traci Matsche said the difference was due to a clerical mistake when seeking bids.

"In the paper, we advertised 2 inches by mistake," said Matsche.

At the time of the printing, the village called American Asphalt to amend the mistake and tell them the desired thickness of the asphalt would be 3 inches. They did not call RC Pavers though, due to the belief that the company was not going to bid on these projects.

"That's the reason it is cheaper," said Yaeger.

The board then discussed how they should proceed with the next step.

"I don't know if you can redo it and wait a longer amount of time when

you have bids and set a deadline," said Yaeger. "That, I think, you would have a bigger problem with."

Yaeger added that the board should go with American Asphalt because they bid for what the board was asking for.

The tentative date to finish road repairs would be late summer, roughly the end of August.

Board trustees Theresa Gatz and Barb Buchholz said that they would rather see it done by the end of August to coincide with summer break.

"That would be nice to have it done before school," said Gatz.

"I would like to have it done by the end of August, because once you have school, you will have school buses driving on those roads," added Buchholz.

With board trustees Renee Switalla and David Timm absent, the proposal was approved unanimously.

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SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

June 7

Deputies responded to 45 calls, including a disturbance on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; property theft on Cedar Street in Tigerton; harassment on Leopolis Road in the Town of Herman; an overdose on Church Street in Tigerton; criminal damage on Schabow Street in Gresham; a threat on Postl Court in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; one crash.

June 6

Deputies responded to 44 calls, including disorderly conduct on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; a domestic disturbance on North Church Street in Bonduel; a disturbance on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on County Road A in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Shawano; trespassing on Leopolis Road in the Town of Herman; a fight in progress on Waukechon Street in Shawano; four crashes.

June 5

Deputies responded to 64 calls, including reckless driving on Birch Lane in the Town of Richmond; bail jumping on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; an adult drug problem on Fourth Street in Mattoon; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; a disturbance on County Road G in the Town of Herman; property damage on River Drive in the Town of Wescott; property theft on East Grand Avenue in Wittenberg; a sexual

offense on Lulu Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a weapons offense on North Cecil Street in Bonduel; a disturbance on Holy Hill Road in the Town of Green Valley; reckless driving on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Green Valley Road in the Town of Green Valley; seven crashes, one involving fatalities.

June 4

Deputies responded to 45 calls, including property theft on Spruce Road in the Town of Wittenberg; criminal damage on County Road N in the Town of Almon; reckless driving on East State Street in Bonduel; harassment on Edgewood Road in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 117 in Cecil; a domestic disturbance on Clark Road in the Town of Morris; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Fairbanks; bail jumping on Richmond Court in Shawano; disorderly conduct on State Street in the Town of Herman; an ATV problem on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; operating while intoxicated on County Road A in the Town of Red Springs; harassment on East Chic-A-Watha Circle in the Town of Wescott; four crashes, three involving deer.

June 3

Deputies responded to 42 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; an ATV problem on West State Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 117 in Cecil; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; reckless driving

on state Highway 117 and in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland; harassment on South Cecil Street in Bonduel; disorderly conduct on County Road U in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a domestic disturbance on Main Street in Gresham; an assault on South Lincoln Street in Shawano; an automobile theft on Primrose Lane in Tigerton; a weapons offense on Main Street in Gresham; a disturbance on Edgewood Road in the Town of Wescott; two crashes.

June 2

Deputies responded to 40 calls, including a burglary on County Road D in the Town of Almon; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; a threat on West Express Way in Bonduel; a disturbance on Freeborn Road in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on Pine Mead Avenue and Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; trespassing on Spruce Road in the Town of Angelica; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Town of Maple Grove; a fleeing/pursuit on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; one crash involving deer.

June 1

Deputies responded to 45 calls, including disorderly conduct on South Lafayette Street in Shawano; a threat on Edgewood Road in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state

Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; harassment on Edgewood Road in the Town of Wescott; disorderly conduct on East Front Street in Wittenberg; a domestic disturbance on South High Line Road in the Town of Hartland; two crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 7

Officers responded to 27 calls, including disorderly conduct on South Franklin Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; reckless driving on East Lieg Avenue; a domestic disturbance on North Airport Drive; a disturbance at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; a disturbance on East Center Street; harassment on Waukechon Street; a disturbance on East Stevens Avenue; a threat on Waukechon Road.

June 6

Officers responded to 24 calls, including a disturbance on East Fifth Street; a hit-and-run on West Lieg Avenue; an assault on South Sawyer Street; a hit-and-run with injuries on West Fifth Street; criminal damage on South Franklin Street; a fight in progress on Waukechon Street.

June 5

Officers responded to 42 calls, including reckless driving on North Airport Drive; a fight in progress at Brickstone Inn, 622 E. Green Bay St.; car property damage at Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; reckless driving on South River Street and West Lieg Avenue.

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▪ Amanda R. Sanapaw, 33, Bowler, was charged June 1 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, nine counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and four misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$3,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for June 2.

▪ Lacey R. Simon, 24, Black Creek, was charged June 1 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of possession of cocaine and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a signature bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for July 20.

▪ Robby J. Lewis, 27, Black Creek, was charged June 1 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of possession of cocaine and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 3.

▪ Colton R. Sucharda, 25, Shawano,

was charged June 1 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of possess/illegally obtaining a prescription and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 16.

▪ Mashaquit Waupekenay, 31, Neopit, was charged June 1 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, six counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of operating without valid license and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 11.

▪ Hobil R. Bravoperez, 21, Birnamwood, pleaded no contest June 1 to one count of first degree child sex assault-sexual contact with person under the age of 13, one count of second degree sexual assault of child. One count of repeated sexual assault of same child, one count of trafficking a child, one count of child enticement-sexual contact and one count of child enticement-prostitution were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Bravoperez to 12 years in state prison and 10 years of

extended supervision.

▪ Brandon J. Neumann, 28, Gillett, was charged June 2 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one misdemeanor count of operating with restricted controlled substance (second), one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked, and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for June 9.

▪ Aaron J. Kaquatosh, 36, Bowler, was charged June 3 with one count of possession of methamphetamine and two counts of possession of narcotic drugs. Sloma set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 8.

▪ Richard A. Tourtillott, 49, Neopit, was charged June 3 with one count of fleeing/eluding an officer causing bodily harm or property damage, one count of fleeing/eluding an officer causing great harm, one count of knowingly operating while suspended, one count of first degree reckless injury, one count of second degree recklessly endangering safety, one count of

hit and run involving great bodily harm, one count of hit and run involving injury and two misdemeanor counts of duty to aid/report crime. Sloma set a cash bond of \$100,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 9.

▪ Alyssa R. Spaulding, 33, Pound, pleaded no contest to one count of misappropriating identification information. One misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer was dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Spaulding to 30 days in local jail.

▪ Robert J. Brewer, 38, Keshena, was charged June 4 with one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a status conference for June 24.

▪ Taylor M. Goodeve, 29, Green Bay, pleaded no contest to one count of possession of a controlled substance. Sloma fined Goodeve \$300 for the charge.

▪ Ivan Mora Casillas, 29, Green Bay, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of methamphetamine. Sloma sentenced Mora Casillas to 90 days in jail, which was deemed as served.

Higher lake levels could be approved this month

SAWM annual meeting attendees get review of recent agreement

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

The ongoing discussion over water levels on Shawano Lake could be resolved within the month, members of Shawano Area Waterways Management learned June 5 during the nonprofit's annual meeting at Smalley Park.

Eagle Creek Renewable Energy (ECRE) has submitted a request for a two-year amendment to its current permit that would bring water levels in Shawano Lake, the channel and the Wolf River pool above the dam to its historical level of 802.9 feet above mean sea level (msl) year-round. The level was drawn down to 802.5 above msl in 2015, starting a lengthy controversy.

The Federal Energy Resources Commission plans to expedite the ECRE request, which has the support of SAWM, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and a number of local fishing groups.

SAWM board member Jeff Puissant walked the group through the details of the recent agreement, saying the ultimate goal is a permanent agreement to keep the waterways at their historic level.

"The DNR is supportive from a biological standpoint — that's a very, very key word. They do continue to express concerns about what that level will do to FEMA flood-plain mapping," Puissant said. "If we were required to do full updating of the mapping, that would cost us about a quarter of a million dollars, which obviously as a small association is way beyond what we could manage."

A meeting is being organized later this month with city, county, village and town officials to explain the agreement to them, he said.

The current flood plain as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is 804 feet above msl, just over an inch higher. But Puissant said since the dam was automated about six years ago, it's proved very reliable at maintaining water levels.

"Their concern is if we're starting 4-5 inches higher, do they need to adjust the mapping?" he said. "Our belief is now that the dam has proved that



Tim Day explains the Shawano Area Waterways Management comprehensive plan to attendees at the SAWM annual meeting June 5.

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it's automated, that they can manage the water level extremely well, and so I think it's a non-event. But I'm not a scientist or a dam operator by any means; we're just using human logic."

If the federal commission approves the higher level, the river will rise in a matter of hours, although the lake will take weeks, or longer if it's hot and dry, Puissant said.

DNR Conservation Warden Clark Delzer said it's been a long, involved process.

"I do want to thank you guys for the time and effort, the many meetings that a lot of you have attended to get that amendment. I know that's not easy sometimes, working with those large agencies," Delzer said. "I'm on the lake all the time and I know how shallow it can get, so I definitely understand the concerns."

The warden spoke at the annual meeting to review DNR regulations that boaters need to follow, including requirements for 100 feet between personal watercraft, the fact that the legal limit for blood alcohol content is the same on the water as on the road

(0.08%), and the threshold for what makes a boating accident reportable — \$2,000 in damage and/or injury.

He applauded the 150 or so SAWM members for their active involvement in the issues.

"I've spent a lot of time at different lake association meetings, and it's always really refreshing to come to one where there's a lot of people," Delzer said. "The fact that I had to park two blocks away is a good thing. That really shows that you guys care about our waterways and, you know, put in the time and commitment to make these waterways the best that they can be."

Tim Day reported on the recently completed draft of SAWM's strategic management plan for the next 10 years, saying that it will be a valuable document to guide the group's activities.

"We can focus our efforts better when we have a road map on things like the native invasive plants, water quality and clarity — and that includes things like the water level issue — recreation navigation, the

fishery, shoreline development and education."

Having a comprehensive plan also makes SAWM eligible for a variety of DNR grants, Day said. The plan is expected to go before the group's board for approval later this month, after which it will be distributed to stakeholders and posted on SAWM's website.

The key takeaway from the plan, Day said, is that Shawano Lake contains excellent water quality, especially compared to other shallow, low-land drainage lakes in the state.

Gary DeFere, the group's president, said the turnout at Smalley Park was about average for an annual meeting, in part because of the outdoor setting without the food spread that has been traditional when the group holds its annual meeting indoors. The warm sunny weather was ideal, he said.

"We thought we'd try it outside because of all the crud going on," DeFere said. "We couldn't ask for a better setting."

OBITUARIES

Wilbert J. Knope Jr.

Wilbert J. Knope Jr. (J.R. to those who knew him) passed away due to COVID-19 and other health issues on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, at Theda-Care Medical Center-Shawano.

He was born March 23, 1938, in Shawano, a son of the late Wilbert and Lillian (Grosskopf) Knope. J.R. attended St. James Lutheran School and graduated from Shawano High School with the Class of 1956. He then attended Badger Business School in Green Bay. On Feb. 25, 1961, J.R. was united in marriage to the former Elaine Buettner at St. James Lutheran Church where he was a lifelong member. J.R. worked



for NEW Office Supply in Green Bay where he was a salesman and, later, a purchasing agent.

J.R. played basketball, golf, bowling and softball. He was

a fan of the Milwaukee Brewers, the Green Bay Packers and the Milwaukee Bucks. He enjoyed playing cards, especially Smear, sheephead and cribbage. In his later years, J.R. enjoyed cutting wood.

Survivors include his loving

wife of almost 60 years, Elaine; his daughters, Kelly (Rick) Karcz and Lori (Rik) Acken; his granddaughters, Chelsey Lundquist and Andria Karcz; his step-grandchildren, Kendrick (Abby) Acken, Katie (Josh) Plyter and Keenan Acken; two step-great-grandchildren, Kinley Plyter and Noble Acken; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his infant sister, Patricia; parents-in-law, Delmar and Erna Buettner; and his sister-in-law, Carol Rowan.

A memorial service for Wilbert J. Knope Jr. will be held Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. at Mick-

elson Funeral Service in Shawano. Pastor Mark Drengler will officiate. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until the time of service. Private burial will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery at a later date.

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



Michael T. Kreevich

Michael T. Kreevich, 81, of Cecil, passed away on Monday, May 31, 2021. Mike was born on Oct. 16, 1939 to the late Michael A. Kreevich and Ann (Gulick) Tally in Pana, Illinois. He started his working life by setting pins in a bowling factory and went on to work the rest of his life as a CNC machinist.

Mike's greatest passion was fishing. Throughout his life, Mike owned many fishing boats, the last being "Blue Saber." This went on to become his handle. He was also an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed gardening, flowers, mushroom hunting, bird hunting, and trapping. Mike enjoyed being a stock car driver in his younger years.

Mike is survived by his three



daughters, Mary Lepscier, Maria Kreevich (Nancy Coffman) and Lorri (Tom) Rosenfeldt Lawton; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Kreevich; grandchildren, Mike

Kreevich (AnnMarie Shaffer), Kelly (Jessie) Sell, Kate (Lee) Mickle, Kolia Hirschke (Lee Zhuckkahosee), Kyla (Corey) Jones and Clint Hirschke; great-grandchildren, Madysen Mickle, Maizy Mickle, Jase Sell, Remy Sell and Greyson Jones. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other

relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Pat Kreevich; brother, Kenneth Kreevich; sister, Barbara Ann Sarver; great-granddaughter, Rosy Sell; son, Mark Kreevich.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Hickory Cemetery at 10 a.m.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank Bonduel and Shawano Emergency Services and the staff and doctors of Shawano and Appleton ThedaCare for the care

and compassion offered to Mike and his family during their time of need.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made in Mike's memory for trout stocking to Oconto River Trout Unlimited, PO Box 252, Gillett, WI 54124.



Wayne Heimke

Wayne "Weiner" Heimke, 82, passed away after complications of a stroke that he had on May 13. Wayne was born to the late Norbert and Lois (Broker) Heimke. He married Karen Gunderson on Aug. 1, 1964. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church of Abrams. Wayne served his country in the Army National Guard, 32nd Division. He gave Jackie Foster Inc. over 50 years of dedicated service. Weiner loved to operate heavy equipment, but he had a special passion for operating bulldozers. He could spend all day on it, and it never felt



like work to him. Many people requested him to do their excavation work, as he had an eye for precision on the jobs he did and made every pass of bulldozing

count. His Komatsu bulldozer was his life! Wayne helped break ground for the Dirt City Off Road race track, Lena. He was a quiet man who had pride in the work he did. He was still working up to the day before his stroke.

Wayne is survived by his wife,

Karen Heimke; children and their children, Korey (Vicky) Heimke (Mason, Shawna and Marcel), Kerry (Charles) Imig, (Khloe and Keegan), Kasey (Sarah) Heimke (Luke (Taylor) Kranz, Kiara (Nate) Phalen (Ashlynn), Franklin and Parker Heimke), Jennifer (Alex) Neta; siblings, Doris (Jerry) Hanson, Darrell (Judy) Heimke, Willard Heimke, Doreen (Robert) Krause, and Donna (Alvin) Cudnohosky; sister-in-law, Patricia Lade; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia (Robert) Lefevre; brothers, Harlan Heimke, William Heimke, sister-in-law, Charlene Heimke; and in-laws, Wilbur and

Geneva Falk, and Burl Gunderson.

The family will receive relatives and friends at Calvary Lutheran Church, Abrams, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 12, 2021. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Matt Stuebs officiating. Burial will be at Brookside Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.gallagherfuneralhome.net.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given.

A special thank you to everyone who helped and cared for the Heimke family during this journey, especially the staff of Heartland Hospice.

James F. Olson

James F. Olson, 73, of Shawano, passed away on Saturday, May 29, 2021, in the Town of Belle Plaine.

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

Elaine Doris Smith

On May 29, 2021, Elaine Doris Smith, 90, answered the Lord with arms outstretched as He called her name and said, "Come home." Elaine had been suffering with dementia for many years.

Elaine was born March 9, 1931, to Louis and Evelyn (Raasch) Bartz in the township of Belle Plaine. Elaine loved music. Her instrument of choice was the lap steel guitar. Elaine, her sister, Bernice, and a few friends formed a band and entertained at many events.

On a sunny Nov. 14, 1954, Elaine married Harvey Smith. She continued her life on the family farm



in Bonduel. She milked cows and fed calves until her body could no longer accept the challenge.

Elaine found time to continue her love of music, joining Cliff Elertson and becoming part of The Country Partners for over 50 years. Elaine's life went full circle at St. John's Lutheran Church of Belle Plaine — baptism, confirmation, wedding and funeral. She was a faithful servant and though the ill-

ness took her memory away, she had no difficulty in praying The Lord's Prayer.

Elaine is survived by her daughter, Debbie (Mark) Boerst; son, Ron (friend, Lori) Smith; grandsons, Shawn (Amanda) Boerst and Jarod Boerst; granddaughter, Madeline Smith; great-grandchildren, Evan, Nadia and Lara Boerst. She is also survived by her sister, Bernice Drews; nephews, Jeff (Stacy) Drews and Tom (Amy) Drews and their daughter, Caitlin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey; her parents, Louis and Evelyn; her in-laws, Louis and

Ella; brothers-in-law, Ray Drews and Marvin Smith; and a sister and twin brothers in infancy.

Funeral services were held for Elaine on Friday, June 4, 2021, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine with the Rev. Todd Jerabek officiating. Interment was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

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With heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the wonderful and caring staff at Paiser's Oakhaven, where Elaine had resided for many years. Also, grateful to ThedaCare Hospice during her last months.

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Harland W. Zehren

Harland William Zehren, 86, of Bonduel, passed away on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, in Bonduel. Harland was born in New London on Oct. 27, 1934, son of the late William and Irene (Holtz) Zehren. He grew up in Clintonville and graduated from Clintonville High School. He was drafted into the United States Army, serving his country until his honorable discharge. On May 8, 1955, Harland was united in marriage to Lorraine Lohrengel at St. James Lutheran



Church in Shawano.

Harland worked at Badger Breeders and Midwest Breeders for many years. With over 100,000 first breedings, he

was one of the top technicians in the country. In retirement, he loved driving truck and spent time driving gas truck, milk truck, shuttling Peterbilt trucks and delivering parts for his

grandson's business, JR Machine.

In his free time, he enjoyed cutting wood, woodworking, snowmobiling, riding his motorcycle and traveling. Harland loved life, loved people and was the life of the party. He cherished spending time with his beloved family. A wonderful husband, father and grandfather, he will be deeply missed.

Harland is survived by his wife of 66 years, Lorraine; twin daughters, Joy Tumanic, of Rhinelander, and Jane (fiancé Tony Rider) Winter, of Hebron, Kentucky; grandson, Parker (Stephanie) Tumanic; and two great-

granddaughters, Ivanna and Vivian.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lanora Hartfiel.

A funeral service for Harland was held Monday, June 7, 2021, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel with the Rev. Mark Palmer officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with military honors conducted by the Bonduel American Legion.

Harland's family would like to extend special thanks to the staff at Birch Hill as well as ThedaCare at Home Hospice for their wonderful care.

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High-speed chases on rise in county

Bieber wants more deputies so they can focus on traffic patrols, ticketing offenders

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department is seeing an increase in high-speed chases, and it is asking for more punitive consequences in the hopes of getting people to slow down on the county's roads.

"This is something that the district attorney is going to work on with higher punishment rates for folks that take off on law enforcement," Sheriff Adam Bieber said June 2, at the county's public safety committee meeting.

Bieber recounted one instance where a deputy was responding to a call for a domestic disturbance on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott when the driver of the vehicle in front of him suddenly took off at high speed. That vehicle eventually crashed, he said.

"Our guy wasn't chasing him; he just took off," Bieber said. "We've had other high-speed chases, and it's very concerning."

There was another high-speed chase recently that came from Oconto County, the sheriff noted. The case was a peeping tom incident in Gillett and one where folks were concerned about a possible kidnapping, he said.

"That was a very long chase that ended over on (state Highway) 47, when we were able to spike his vehicle," Bieber said.

Shawano County is seeing this problem because other counties have adopted a no-chase policy for its law enforcement, according to Bieber. Many times when someone drastically increases speed, other law enforcement agents will let the vehicle go.

"We're seeing the problem here," Bieber said. "Imagine the Gillett case. You had a guy who was possibly trying to kidnap kids. If you don't stop that guy at that time, you could lose him, and he could have someone kidnapped or locked in the trunk area. You can lose valuable evidence if you just let someone go like that."

The county does not always give chase, Bieber noted, with action determined on a case-by-case basis. Determining factors include the amount of traffic on the road and whether the incident is taking place at a school before or after it's in session.

"We can call off a chase if we think it is too dangerous for the public," Bieber said.

The sheriff's department recently changed its policy about car vs. deer crashes, with deputies only responding if someone is injured or if the road is blocked. Bieber said that should help to free up deputies for other things like traffic patrols.

Reckless driving is the No. 2 complaint that deputies are called to, according to Bieber, with most of them speeding. The No. 1 call is crashes, he added.

"I get about a dozen calls for speeding and extra patrols," he said. "In my opinion, that's the No. 1 concern of our public is traffic safety."

Bieber told the committee that he could hire three extra deputies, solely tasked with traffic control, and the tickets they'd write up could easily make up the salaries and benefits the county would have to provide. He said he could put them on U.S. Highway 45 and state highways 47 and 29, where the speeding incidents are the most frequent and egregious.

"This county definitely needs it," Bieber said. "We have eight to nine state roads that run through Shawano County, and we're unique because no other county has that many. We have a lot of traffic that criss-crosses through our county, and it's a concern. It's on county roads, as well."

The sheriff said he'd be willing to work with the Shawano County Board of Supervisors on a proposal to get more deputies and have them focus on speeding and other traffic violations.

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Sheriff's department needs to replace body cams

Company that furnished current cameras defunct; ARA funding eyed to pay for project

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department has received preliminary approval to replace cameras for deputies, squad vehicles and the sheriff's office itself to the tune of over \$460,000.

The county's public safety committee gave its blessing June 2 after learning that the existing cameras were provided by a company that no longer exists. As such, the department can no longer get replacements when current cameras are damaged.

Chief Deputy George Lenzner told the committee that the replacement project would not be able to wait indefinitely.

"This is a project that, next year, we're going to have to do," Lenzner said. "The body cams that we have, the company is defunct. We're having a hard time getting replacements."

The body cams are utilized as digital evidence with the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's office, according to Lenzner. So having functional cameras are

essential to making cases.

The current body cams desired by the sheriff's department are already being utilized by Shawano Police Department and Bonduel Police Department, and the purchase would be extended to the Stockbridge-Munsee Police Department, Lenzner said.

"It's something that, in this day and age, I can't imagine us going without body cams," Lenzner said. "We can't get this from our own budget."

Lenzner said he was hopeful that some of the \$4 million the county has received from the American Rescue Act could go toward the large expense. He said the replacement would include deputy body cams, cameras in squad vehicles and even the cameras in the interrogation room.

"If that, for some reason, doesn't meet the definition of what we can get with this money, we could go on the capital improvement plan, just to be safe," Lenzner said, noting that the committee's approval was for the capital improvement funds as a safeguard.

The \$460,000 would cover the cameras for a five-year period, accord-

ing to Lenzner. He noted that it could be done in one lump sum if the ARA mandates it, as the five-year period includes an annual subscription fee.

Supervisor Tom Kautza suggested that, if the ARA funding guidelines would not allow the body cams to be purchased, the county might consider getting a grant through the state. He noted that the grants have preliminary approval from the Wisconsin Assembly Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, as of May 27.

"Currently, the use of body cameras is not mandated in Wisconsin," Kautza said. "However, if an agency does utilize this technology, the state does mandate the agency to have written policy regarding use and storage of cameras, limitations on officers that wear the cameras and record retention."

Lenzner said it was unlikely the state would assist, noting the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department is funding its camera replacement on its own, and the Brown County Sheriff's Department is getting some assistance through the Green Bay Packers.

"We don't have the spare body

cams anymore," Lenzner said. "When one's down, we have the problem of officers going out there without body cams now. With all the lawsuits going on in the state, I don't think it's something we want to get into."

Administrative Coordinator James Davel pointed out that while depending on money from the federal government carries its share of risk, he believes the ARA funds would be the best option to get the sheriff's department the cameras it needs. Even if the project gets approval from the capital improvement projects committee, that doesn't then prohibit the county using ARA money instead.

"It's a big bill, but it's something we really need," Davel said. "As we get into this, the amount of video that's asked for in the short time I've been coordinator, it's amazing how many times video has come up, and attorneys are asking for the video. In the age of the lawsuit, and specifically what law enforcement goes through, I think it's a very beneficial thing to our team here."

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GEORGE LENZNER, Shawano County chief deputy

Jail staff getting thin, sheriff's department warns

Higher pay in private sector, issues with inmates among reasons officers leaving

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano County Jail is losing staff at a concerning pace for the sheriff's department, and a number of factors are at work.

Four corrections officers have resigned recently, including two in the last week, Chief Deputy George Lenzner told the county's public safety committee on June 2. He noted there were five new applications for the positions, so he's hoping to fill some of the slots.

"We're going to get some interviews set up very, very quickly,"

Lenzner said.

Also vacant is a mental health coordinator position, which Lenzner reported had no applicants as of the meeting.

The jail administrator, Greg Nelson, is retiring on July 1, and there is currently one applicant to replace him, according to Sheriff Adam Bieber.

One of the resignations came due to getting a better paying job and better benefits at Walmart, according to Lenzner and Administrative Coordinator James Davel.

Supervisor Theresa Serrano, who has been a fierce advocate for the county's law enforcement, was appalled at the news.

"You make more at McDonald's than you can as a county employee," Serrano said.

Davel noted that the resignations include day shift jail workers, which

he noted was unusual, as it's the night shift that is typically more stressful on staff.

Bieber noted that it wasn't just the pay that was causing jail employees to flee. He cited two or three inmates and their demeanor were a factor.

"Their frustrations are with some of the inmates that have been locked up for quite a while," Bieber said. "There's nothing we can do about that."

Lenzner noted that the problem inmates are locals waiting to go off to prison, but with the pandemic forcing the courts to hold off on trials for a year, jail prisoners have been inside longer than normal. Some have been in jail for more than 18 months.

Bieber said he has met with the jail staff to brainstorm solutions, but there are some issues that are difficult to resolve.

"Right now, we're at a critical spot,"

Bieber said. "There's low morale, so we're hoping we can find good leadership with this new jail administrator position that will bring in a new perspective, hopefully."

Bieber also urged the committee to look at a way around the county's current hiring policy, which requires interviews to happen on a set day rather than trying to accommodate applicants' schedules.

"If we set a date, some of these people have already gone and taken jobs somewhere else," Bieber said. "If the date doesn't work for a person, we need to be flexible enough to invite them in for a one-on-one interview. That doesn't necessarily go with our ordinance. We don't have people knocking down the door to get in here. They have other options."

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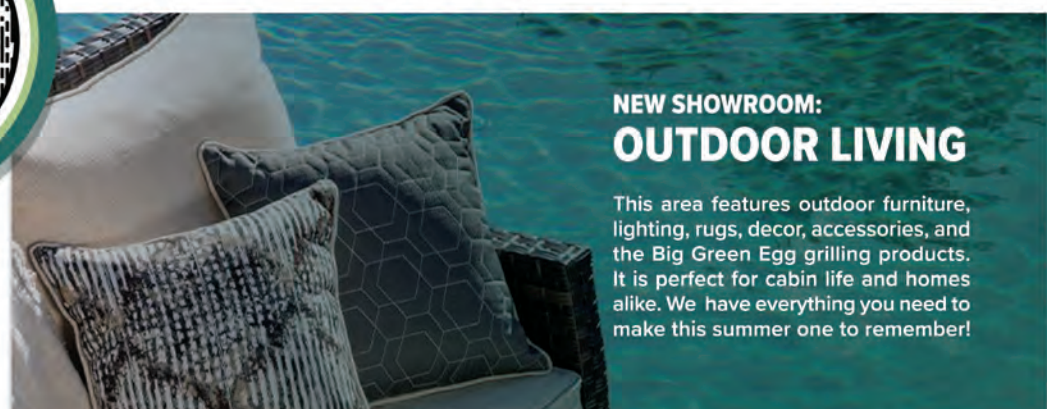
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Field day looks at protecting water quality

On June 24, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., a field day will showcase how the practices utilized by local farmers are protecting local water quality and how others can help at home.

Speakers will provide more details about the types of farming practices, their importance to soil health, and how homeowners can improve the soil health and decrease the run-off at their homes.

The field day will start at Tauchen Harmony Valley, W2648 River Road, Bonduel. The Tauchens are using no-till, interseeding, and grazing to increase their soil health, increase infiltration, and decrease large run-off events.

The second location, starting at 6:30, is the Muellers Farm, W5497 County Road BE, Shawano. The Muellers are using grazing techniques to ensure their dairy cows are happy and healthy. Grazing also adds the benefit of continual ground cover to help slow down and stop any large run-off events.

Water quality has been a growing concern for watershed residents and farmers. In 2019, the Upper Fox and Wolf River Watershed Demonstration Farms Network was established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) and Waupaca County Land

and Water Conservation Department, in partnership with Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Portage, Shawano, and Winnebago counties and the Green Lake Association.

The mission of the network is to demonstrate to farmers and general public that the right combination of traditional conservation practices and other innovative technologies functioning on the landscape can produce viable and sustainable economic and environmental benefit. There are 10 demo farms located within the watershed. Here in Shawano County, Tauchen Harmony Valley is a participating farm.

Register by June 17 at <https://fwwa.org/ShawanoCoFieldDay2021> or by calling 920-851-6472.

This event is being put on with support from Natural Resources Conservation Service, Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farm Network, Waupaca County Land Conservation Department, Shawano County Land Conservation Department, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties, Tilth Agronomy and Connecting Our Waterways.

Treats on the final day



Sacred Heart Catholic School principal Gary Cumberland, center, hands a Dairy Queen Dilly Bar to student Bryce Jessup as teacher Lori Mathwich, in the background, grabs additional Dilly Bars for other students such as Isabelle Bobick, left, and Meah Bruncker, during the school's last day on June 3. Students and staff attended a special prayer service followed by shaving cream wiffle ball, mat ball and playground games. They also enjoyed a cookout picnic and an all-school water balloon fight.

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Gone, but not forgotten



Eighth-grade graduates at Sacred Heart Catholic School, from left, Quinn Olson, Alyn Fowler-Doxator, Hannah Yeager and Jack Dietz left their mark in the parish center youth room on their final day at Sacred Heart.

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FRESH Project mobile market opens later this month

The FRESH Project's mobile market will again deliver fresh local produce throughout the area at a bargain price to the customer providing affordable, accessible, and healthy food to all.

The mobile market is in its third year, operating from June 28 through Sept. 30. The market has added the Menominee Farmers Market where we will participate as a vendor

providing locally grown produce and meats from our rural farmers.

"The FRESH Project is a great addition to our efforts to reestablish fresh, wholesome foods in our community," said Gary Besaw, director for the Menominee Tribal Department of Agriculture and Food Systems. "I thank the FRESH Project for the various access points they provide our communities. It may

seem small to some, but it is a treasure to us."

"Our goal is to make food more accessible in underserved communities where people with limited financial resources may not be able to access food through traditional grocery stores," said Barb Mendoza, FRESH Project executive director. "The mobile market will also help us bridge food resources to secure local needs

within our food deserts through partnerships with our rural farmers."

The mobile market will travel to communities in Shawano and Menominee counties. For the full mobile market schedule, go to <http://www.thefreshproject.org/mobile-market>.

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

Sun Drop Dayz returns after absence

Visitors brave the heat to enjoy a weekend of fun

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

One Shawano community event made its much anticipated return on June 4-5.

Sun Drop Dayz was once again back in order to help Shawano County residents kick off the summer season.

Like usual, the events were held the first weekend in June on Elizabeth Street and at Memorial Park. Sun Drop Dayz activities ranged from listening to live music to enjoying a bite to eat at various food trucks to playing bean bags and other games. These events and activities attracted hundreds of visitors from Shawano County and beyond, young and old alike.

The flea market and the lumberjack competition were major draws for visitors.

“With the lumberjack competition, those competitors come from all over the states,” said Rochelle Jahnke, Sun Drop Dayz board president. “For them traveling from outside of the state, that brings a crowd.”

With temperatures above 90 degrees both Friday and Saturday, many people made their way through the crowds to help themselves to a cold beer inside the beer tent. Others were able to beat the heat by standing inside one of the cooling tents, which contained hoses that misted cool water on people who walked inside.

The live music stage was another popular place to be as visitors found a spot where they could listen to Green Bay cover band Johnny Wad’s rendition of “Ballroom Blitz.” Other performances came from Beer Goggles, TravAce and The Generators, Chad Przybylski and His Polka Rhythms and Grand Union.

New to Sun Drop Dayz this year were members of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin performing a song and dance for those in attendance to see.

On the other side of Elizabeth Street, at Memorial Park, families had the opportunity to play games that were set up. These games included giant Jenga and bean bag toss. Inflatables were also available for



Green Bay cover band Johnny Wad provides music to wrap up the Sun Drop Dayz celebration June 5.

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Jeff Kaster, left, and Tim Konitzer compete in a game of bean bag toss at Shawano Sun Drop Dayz on June 5.

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young children to play on.

Volunteers from the Sun Drop Dayz board gave up a majority of their weekend to make sure everything ran smoothly and that guests felt welcomed.

Jahnke pointed out that the free event, which was established in 2016,

plays a big role in the Shawano area community.

“We hold this event as a community fundraiser,” said Jahnke. “All of the proceeds that we raise are put back into the organizations that help us.”

For the 2021 event, the organizations that helped with the event were

Backpack Blessings of Bonduel, Leadership Shawano County, Toys for Tots — Shawano, Divine Savior Lutheran Food Pantry and The FRESH Project.

As the event was canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Jahnke mentioned that it was a good to have an event that allowed for organizations to hold their fundraisers.

“Especially, snapping back from COVID, a lot of the organizations were not able to hold their fundraisers to keep their programming on their feet,” said Jahnke. “I think that this is just an extra boost to pull back from that.”

Even though Sun Drop Dayz was back after missing last year, Jahnke noticed that there weren’t as many visitors as in previous years.

“We have seen less people this year,” said Jahnke. “I think the weather plays a factor into that with the extreme heat.”

Despite the decrease in attendance, Jahnke added that there were actually more attendees than she’d predicted.

As vaccinations are becoming more readily available and more residents are feeling comfortable enough to gather again, Jahnke said that she had primarily noticed positive feedback from those in attendance.

“From the things that I can see, people are happy to get back to a somewhat normal event,” said Jahnke. “People are happy to get outside with their friends and family. They are happy to gather and socialize and just enjoy the weather.”

Gresham grads look forward to next adventure

14 honored and awarded diplomas at weekend commencement

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Red caps were tossed in the air June 5 as Gresham seniors took their next step in life.

Gresham Community School held its 2021 graduation in their gym with the graduates walking up on stage to receive their diplomas, with family members and community members sitting in chairs on the basketball court. Each graduate was given a set number of ticket to hand out to guests. The guests then sat in the graduate's section to stay socially distant from other families. Masks were also required to be worn in the school's gymnasium.

Fourteen seniors were honored with diplomas, and their next steps in life range from college to joining the workforce to joining the military.

Class president Eben Schmidt opened up the graduation by welcoming the audience to the school, as well as thanking community members and the school's staff for their support.

"I would like to thank the parents and teachers for being there through the hard times in high school," Schmidt said.

Schmidt added that although the class of 2021 had to deal with the pandemic, they were ready for their next step.

"These last couple of years have been a hard time due to COVID-19," said Schmidt. "But, we made it. We are moving on to bright and better things."

After Schmidt's speech, he honored the Gresham graduating class of 1971 on its 50-year anniversary of graduating high school. A moment of silence was taken for those graduates of the 1971 class who have passed away.

Equipped with flowers, graduates were then given the opportunity to walk out into the audience to give those flowers to their loved ones.

School Board President Alpha Creapeau congratulated the 2021 graduating class.

"When you look back, reflect on your accomplishments, not your failures," Creapeau said. "We all fail at something; the difference is that successful people keep trying. Never think that if you failed at one thing that you can't keep trying."



Graduating seniors, from left, Eben Schmidt, Destiny Reindl and Jonah Surprise celebrate with community members and parents as they walk out of the gym at Gresham Community School on June 5.

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Gresham salutatorian Fiona Hoffman spoke about the bonds that the 14 seniors have created over the last 13 years, as well as the many memories that they share.

"Due to having such few members, we were able to get to know each other very well," Hoffman said. "All of our memories have helped us gain skills to use as an advantage to succeed at our different college and career choices."

She went on to say how many different personalities are together in the small graduating class.

"For such a small class size, we are very different," said Hoffman. "We have different passions, career paths, college choices, skills, interests, fami-

lies and friends, but we all came from the same place. We grew up together, and I am honored that we all get to graduate together."

Scholarship awards were also handed out to qualifying recipients. This was highlighted by 13 of the graduating seniors, who were entering some form of education, receiving a scholarship from the Gresham scholarship fund.

Former Gresham teacher Michael Phillips was the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony, and instead of giving a traditional speech, Phillips created a slideshow with each graduate's face photoshopped on a Marvel superhero. Phillips talked about the resilience that the graduating class went through in a pandemic.

"You sometimes may have wanted to escape into an alternate reality," said Phillips. "You always remembered that with great power, comes great responsibility. And in the end, we can't wait to see all of the marvelous things you'll do in this universe."

Gresham Superintendent Newell Haffner fought back tears as he gave a speech about what the 2021 graduating class meant to him, as well as shared a memory of each of the 14 graduates.

"You guys are awesome," said Haffner. "It was an honor to teach you, to be a principal to you, to be a superintendent to you. Just remember that you are also awesome, every single one of you."

Valedictorian Addison Boucher gave a speech wishing her fellow graduates "good luck" on their first few steps into the real world.

"Seniors, we are going to face new challenges, try new things and make new friends," said Boucher. "What we need to remember is that we can do this. There is so much to see out there, and graduating high school is just the beginning of our journey. I think we are all going to love what the future holds."

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Museum tells story of Menominee clans

Exhibit in Oshkosh opens to acclaim, powwow as it features James Frechette's carvings

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

It's rare for a museum to open a new exhibit with a powwow.

In this case, though, Oshkosh Public Museum wouldn't have opened up its exhibit on the Menominee Clans Story any other way.

The new exhibit, featuring over 30 wood carvings created by the late Menominee artist James Frechette that symbolized the various clans and the story itself told in audio in both the English and Menominee languages, opened June 5 with a powwow taking place outside on the grass. Vendors sold Native jewelry, clothing and other attire, and a frybread stand greeted visitors when they crossed the street from the parking lot.

Of all of the exhibits that the museum has opened, this one was the most important to get right, according to director Brad Larson. Oshkosh, like most northeast Wisconsin communities, sits on Menominee ancestral land, and even though it's no longer land specifically for the tribe, Larson felt it was important to honor the people who walked the land centuries earlier.

"We could have had a smaller exhibit opening, but we didn't want to. We wanted to do it right," Larson said. "We really wanted to honor the clans and the Menominee, and we knew the way to do that is through this powwow. Anything else would be second rate, and we just didn't want to do second rate."

The museum has enjoyed a lengthy relationship with the Menominee tribe, dating back to almost when the facility opened in 1924, according to Larson. Oshkosh has a number of collections that are deeply intertwined with the Menominee culture, he said, with some of it available for people to see in the People of the Waters exhibit one floor down from the clans exhibit.

Richard Frechette, James' son, noted his father started learning about the clans and art when he was very young. He said that James would visit tribal elders and listen to them tell stories in the 1930s and 1940s. The son then learned of the stories from his father.

"He didn't know he was going to do a project like this," Frechette said. "When he went to start carving, he didn't carve. He started painting. Then he decided to carve, and it wasn't just carving. He did in-depth research on every figure. He drew numerous



Many of the bird clans are featured in one area of the Menominee Clans Story Exhibit at Oshkosh Public Museum. Artist James Frechette was meticulous in his depictions of the various clans, basing them from the stories he heard from tribal elders in his youth.

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Josh Zunker, a Ho-Chunk tribal member from Weston, reaches for the sky as other dancers move around the arena June 5 outside the Oshkosh Public Museum.

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drawings — very detailed drawings — of how each figure is and what that carving represented in the clans. Then it went off from there."

Frechette sees his father's work as a way to keep the Menominee culture alive. He said that his father left nothing to chance and would not stop until the figures were perfect.

"Everything he did was very de-

tailed," Frechette said. "He did everything very meticulously."

James Frechette has had a powerful influence on his son, even after passing in 2006.

"I have a picture of him and Mom," Richard Frechette said. "Every morning, I turn to the right, and I see them."

Karen Hoffman, who claims she's just nosy but is also part of the

Frechette family through marriage, said that the exhibit seemed destined to be, although it baffled her how it all came together.

"It was a really organic development of disparate pieces that seemed to come together," Hoffman said. "It was not random and not really happenstance, but not really planned, either."

Hoffman said that James Frechette's work is "huge" to breaking down stereotypes about the Menominee and Native Americans in general.

"Too many people don't realize that Native people still exist, and when they think of us, they think that we're either in the past or locked away on some prison camp reserve," Hoffman said. "They don't realize we work at Toyota. We work at Phillip Morris. We're out and about. We're artists."

Richard Frechette and Hoffman both felt palpable emotion at the powwow during the family dance. Hoffman recalled flippantly saying beforehand that James would be dancing with them that day, but it turned out to be true for them.

"It brought a tear to my eye, I can tell you that," Frechette said. "It was hard to fight it back."

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Textbook initiative saves NTC students \$1M

Northcentral Technical College announced recently that students saved over \$1 million through a new affordable textbook initiative during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Students were given day one access to digital educational resources rather than being required to purchase standard textbooks for their classes. These online resources were provided through a partnership between NTC and Cengage, a global education technology company and the largest U.S.-based college course materials provider.

"NTC's unique partnership with Cengage gets our students access to academically rigorous resources, which could typically cost up to several hundred dollars a piece, at a fraction of the cost," said Dr. Emily Stuckenbruck, NTC executive dean of academic excellence at NTC. "It ensures we are providing the high quality, cost-effective, accessible education we are so well known for."

Students were given access to Cengage Unlimited, a subscription-based service with unlimited access to more than 22,000 digital course materials including e-books, online homework, study guides and more at a flat cost. With the program, students can know exactly how much they will spend on their education. NTC is one of more than 150 institutions who partner with Cengage to deliver affordable access to learning materials at scale.

"The cost of course materials is a barrier for many students and our partnership with NTC is designed to address affordability issues while providing access to quality learning," said Fernando Bleichmar, general manager for U.S. higher education at Cengage, "and it's exciting to see NTC's proactive approach to lower costs with Cengage Unlimited is having a clear impact on savings, value and learning benefit for students."

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Tigerton hosts Food Truck Rally



Tigerton residents visited Zion Road to get food at the various food trucks on June 5.

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Residents chose from numerous food trucks for a community lunch

By LUKE REIMER
Reporter

Tigerton residents were provided with a mid-afternoon treat on June 5.

Community members fought the 90-degree weather to partake in a block party, as Tigerton Main Street brought together five food trucks to provide for lunch and dinner.

The food truck rally originally started last year as a response to the financial struggles suffered after community events were forced to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Officials organized the event once again this year, after seeing last year's success. Five trucks lined up along Zion Road next to Zion Lutheran Church. The options were The Dough Shoppe, Rolleaz, Smokehouse BBQ, Grilligans and Hillbilly Bob's Bar BQ. The BBQ trucks were among the most popular, but with nontraditional options like The Dough Shoppe, which specializes in cookie dough, visitors were treated with a variety.

Former resident Jason Breaker brought his daughter Hazel to experience the food truck rally. Breaker

bought a BBQ pork sandwich from Hillbilly Bob's Bar BQ to share with his daughter.

"We are in town visiting my parents," said Breaker. "We wanted to stop on down and support this community event and get some lunch."

Breaker added that having a community event like the food truck rally allows community members to get outside and visit with each other, as well as provide variety in people's weeks.

"The event maybe brings some new people in," said Breaker. "It also brings in some new ideas, and it is a

change of pace for dinner and lunch options for a weekend."

Along with food trucks, Tigerton Main Street offered visitors a rock wall, a bouncy house, a beer tent and an area to play games like beanbags.

Tigerton Main Street Treasurer Trisha Hoffman said the rally was held in order to get community members to enjoy a hot Saturday.

"We held this event today to give Tigerton residents an opportunity for something to do today," said Hoffman.

Tigerton Main Street Director Andrea Graham added that it was an



Jason and Hazel Breaker took a break from visiting family in Tigerton to get some lunch at the Tigerton Food Truck Rally on Zion Road on June 5.

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opportunity to bring people into the community from out of town.

The event was held on Labor Day weekend in 2020, and with this year's event occurring in early June, Graham is hopeful for what this event can become in the future.

"We want to hold this event twice a year," said Graham. "We would like to do it now in June and then one time in fall."

Similar to Breaker, Graham and Hoffman said that holding a food truck rally serves as an opportunity to bring people together, especially after some people have been isolated from one another during the pandemic. Hoffman also said that events like the food truck rally are used to help raise money for the community.

"Tigerton Main Street focuses on giving all of our money back to the community," she said. "Anything that we raise stays in Tigerton, helps our businesses, helps fund fireworks and helps fund other events that we have around town."

According to Graham, the mission of Tigerton Main Street is to revitalize downtown Tigerton, and hosting a food truck rally is one of the events that can contribute to that revitalization.

"Right now we are doing a painting project downtown and we do signage for businesses, so we try to keep that money for downtown projects," Graham said.

Graham and Hoffman said that they have only heard positive reactions from those attending the food truck rally.

"I have not heard anything nega-



Chey Donner receives her food from Grilligans Food Truck at the Tigerton Food Truck Rally on Zion Road on June 5.

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Hillbilly Bob's Bar BQ often had a long line of Tigerton residents as the Pork Sundae, a dish containing, pork, baked beans and mashed potatoes was a huge hit on June 5 at the Tigerton Food Truck Rally.

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tive," said Graham.

"I think a lot of people are still learning what a food truck rally is," added Hoffman. "It is definitely something new and out-of-the-box in

our area, so visitors seem to be liking it."

They added that more people were in attendance at last year's food truck rally, probably in part because

of the sweltering weather as well as other events going on around Shawano County in early June.

"Considering the heat, today has been good," said Graham.

BOOKS AND STUFF

Ruby Steele debut is a fun, quick mystery

I knew I'd have very little quiet time this week, so I selected "On the Rocks" by Mia Gold. It was both short and intense.

Ruby Wayne was a very successful MMA fighter until a blow to her head ended her career. Another could end her life. Ruby then became a bodyguard to Senator Wishbourne.



JAN JONES

Ruby became fairly close to the senator and soon noted troubling behaviors. She began gathering information that would prove that Senator Wishbourne was accepting bribes and worse. But before she can report what she knows, she and the senator are attacked. As Wishbourne dies, she puts something into Ruby's pocket and tells her to run. It is some sort of key card.

Realizing she would be the prime suspect, Ruby runs. A little over a year has passed. Now living as Ruby Steele, she is working in one of Nassau's many dive bars. She gets paid in cash, lives in a dump little house and has nothing in her name. All she wants to do is stay slightly drunk and remain hidden.

Ruby stays in shape and often

needs her old skills to deal with rowdy customers. She has come to think of the bar's regular patrons as family, though each one has issues. Her little cocoon of safety ruptures when Ruby discovers a body in the dumpster.

Afraid of the consequences of involving the police, Ruby leaves the body as she found it. By the next night her conscience forces her to act like she'd just found the body. She tells Detective Anderson that she saw a man lurking near the dumpster just before she found the body.

Something about her story alerts Anderson, and now Ruby is his prime suspect. Telling him the truth would bring in the FBI and certain conviction of a crime she didn't commit. Lying could get her convicted of murder.

The dead man is Richard Wainright. He and his wife were on their honeymoon and staying at one of the high-end resorts. To her great surprise, the dead man's widow wants to hire Ruby to investigate and find the real killer. Ruby has little choice if she wants to clear her name.

It doesn't take her long to learn that Richard was sneaking out nearly every night to drink, gamble and visit prostitutes. The night of his death, Richard had been in the Maze, the most dangerous place on

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "On the Rocks" (Book one of the Ruby Steele Cozy Mystery Series)

AUTHOR: Mia Gold

PUBLISHER: Independently published

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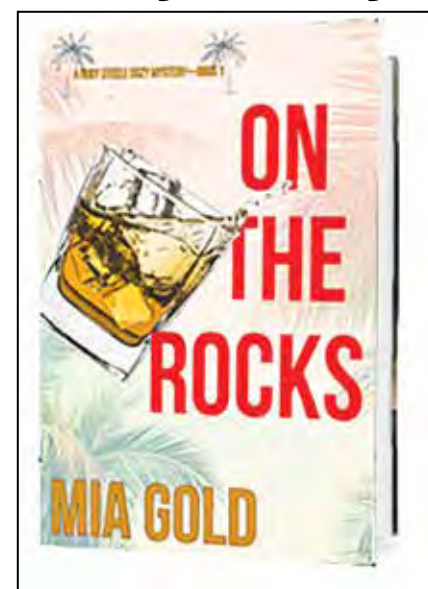
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the island, where illegal fighting, child prostitution and murders are common.

Ruby knows that the only way to get answers is to venture into the Maze. With more grit than common sense, Ruby walks into a neighborhood filled with hunger, fear, hopelessness and desperation.

As she approaches a huge warehouse, she is confronted by three thugs. Within minutes she has dispatched all three and uses one of them as her guide to the bare-knuckles fights run by "The King." She makes a deal to exchange a fight for information. But that deal comes with unwelcome strings, such as future fights, that Ruby can't chance.

The following morning, she is stunned when a former bodyguard/friend approaches her. Tim Connors says he knows that she didn't kill the senator and confirms that Wishbourne was dirty, and that the FBI believes Ruby was working with her. He says he wants to help clear her name and is willing to help with her current situation as



well. But Ruby turns him down.

The next day, Ruby is attacked by the same man she'd seen in the shadows by the dumpster. The police charge him with murder, and Ruby heads to report the arrest to her client. That's when the final twist leads to the real killer.

This mess is cleared up, but Ruby knows she has a bigger problem to deal with. It's the first in a series that is now at three books and counting.

Books like this remind us that even a paradise has a dark side. If you like digging into the dark side, your public library can supply the books. Just go in and check it out.

Kennel Club organizing Fast CAT

AKC-sanctioned event a timed 100-yard dash chasing a lure

The Paper Cities Kennel Club is planning its first American Kennel Club (AKC) Fast CAT tests June 19-20, at Elderon Park South, 184490 Wyman Way, Elderon. The tests are scheduled to start at 9 a.m. each day, with two tests being held per day, and approximately 120 entries per test.

Fast CAT stands for Fast Coursing Ability Test (FCAT); it is a relatively new sport by the AKC. Dogs run one at a time, over a timed 100-yard dash chasing a lure, either a white plastic bag or squawker, attached to a pulley/drag line sys-

tem, and get AKC titles based upon points earned.

Points are earned based upon a combination of miles per hour and handicap. Handicap is based upon the height of the dog. AKC maintains a national ranking of the fastest 20 dogs by breed.

The popularity of FCAT is growing in leaps and bounds. The club sees this event as an opportunity to introduce new participants to the world of AKC sports, as it's one of the few events where all that is needed to compete is a dog's natural instincts. The course is enclosed

with snow fencing for the safety of the dogs.

An entry form must be filled out, which can be found in the Premium located on the kennel club's website at <http://www.papercitieskc.org>. Entry fees are \$25 per test per dog.

Walk-ins will be accepted if tests are not already full. The tests are open to dogs at least one year of age and registered with AKC; also, All American dogs (mixed breed) listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program.

Fun runs are being offered 3:30-6:30 p.m. June 18, weather permit-

ting, for local dog enthusiasts to try this with their own pets. The cost is \$5 per run.

To participate, dogs should be at least six months old and appropriately vaccinated; no AKC registration is required for the fun runs. However, if the dog owner decides to enter the tests on Saturday and/or Sunday, an AKC registration number is required; an AKC Canine Partners Program registration can be issued on-site, if the dog does not have a registration number.

Spectators can come and watch throughout the tests.

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Witt-Birn claims share of CWC-East title

Chargers edge Bonduel

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School softball team earned at least a share of the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division crown with a 3-2 victory over Bonduel on June 4 in Bonduel.

The win pushed the Chargers to 10-1 in conference play, with Amherst in second with a 9-2 mark. Witt-Birn could claim the conference title outright with a win over Iola-Scandinavia on June 9 or with an Amherst loss to Bonduel on June 7.

It was the senior class that powered Witt-Birn to victory, both at the plate and in the circle.

Tied 2-2 in the top of the seventh, senior Emma Herb reached on an infield single with two outs. Senior Abi Fraaza then ripped a line drive down the left-field line to score Herb and give the visitors a one-run advantage.

"Honestly, the other parts of the lineup had been coming up big for us and my other two hits were like pop-ups," said Abi Fraaza when asked of her clutch at-bat in the seventh.

"I just remember my mom (coach Charity Fraaza) saying, 'Get your hands through the zone.' So I was like, 'Alright, I need to get a hit because I do not want to lose conference.' There were two outs and I was just ready to win and willing to do anything to win."

Senior Jasmin Duranceau then capped another strong start in the circle by stranding the tying run at second in the bottom of the frame.

A bloop hit landed in between a couple Witt-Birn defenders to open the bottom of the seventh before a sacrifice bunt moved the runner up to second with only one out. Duranceau induced a popup for the second out before a groundball to third sealed up the victory.

"That's amazing," said Duranceau of what at least a share of the conference title means to her as a senior. "It's been a long time since our team has done that and to be a part of this feels amazing."



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Amara Schoepke follows through after hitting the ball during a June 4 CWC-East contest against Bonduel in Bonduel.

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Witt-Birn scored the first runs of the conference battle in the second frame.

Kaylee Schram opened the inning with an infield single before moving to third on a single from Amara Schoepke. The next Chargers' batter struck out, but Schram was able to scamper home as Bonduel threw to first base to secure the strikeout.

After a groundball moved Schoepke to third, she scored on a ball put in play by McKenna Foster, who reached first on an error.

Bonduel got a run back in the third and then tied it in the fourth. The hosts had a chance to take the lead for the first time in the fourth, but Witt-Birn threw out a potential run at home plate and also got the trail runner caught in a rundown before tagging her out for a much-needed double play to end the threat.

Witt-Birn's offense stranded a runner at third in the sixth, but delivered when was needed in the seventh.

Across Duranceau's seven innings in the circle, she worked 1-2-3 innings

FYI

The win moved Witt-Birn to 10-1 in conference play, with Amherst in second with a 9-2 mark as of June 4. Witt-Birn could have claimed the conference title outright with a win over Iola-Scandinavia on June 9 or with an Amherst loss to Bonduel on June 7. Visit www.newmedia-wi.com for results.

on three occasions. She only struck out two batters, instead relying on her defense to make plays, and in most cases, they backed her up.

Wisconsin promotes Chris McIntosh to replace Alvarez as athletic director

McIntosh has worked in Badgers' athletic department since 2014

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
The Associated Press

Chris McIntosh played for Barry Alvarez on two of Wisconsin's Rose Bowl championship teams and spent the last few years working as his right-hand man.

Now he is about to succeed his former coach and boss as the Badgers' athletic director.

Chancellor Rebecca Blank announced June 2 that McIntosh will take over when Alvarez finalizes his retirement. The 74-year-old Alvarez announced April 6 that he was stepping down, and his retirement is expected to take effect at the beginning of July.

"This opportunity for me feels much like the opportunity I was given when I was offered a scholarship here in 1994," the former All-America offensive tackle said at his introductory news conference. "It was surreal. It's significant. It's going to come with an incredible amount of work. There will be challenging days ahead, but man, oh man, can it be rewarding and can it be impactful."

McIntosh will make \$940,000 annually, with \$500,000 coming from university funds. The remaining portion will come from private gift funds designated for athletics.

McIntosh, a native of Pewaukee, has worked in the Badgers' athletic department since 2014 and became deputy athletic director in 2017. His roles included day-to-day operations, student-athlete recruitment, business development, human resources and strategic planning.

"Mac has been an essential part of my staff for several years," Alvarez said in a statement. "In particular, his leadership and intelligence were critical in helping our department navigate the various challenges of the past 15 months. Those same qualities will serve him well on into the future."

McIntosh, 44, was a team captain when the Badgers won consecutive Rose Bowls in the 1998 and 1999 seasons. He was an Outland Trophy finalist in 1999 before the Seattle



Chris McIntosh, the University of Wisconsin's new athletic director, answers questions during a news conference June 2 in Madison.

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Seahawks selected him with the 22nd overall pick of the 2000 NFL draft.

A neck injury limited his NFL career to 24 games. He transitioned into the business world before returning to his alma mater as an administrator.

McIntosh said he learned plenty during his years working for Alvarez, most notably the importance of prioritizing the needs of student-athletes in all decisions. But he also pointed out differences in their approaches.

"Barry has his own unique style," McIntosh said. "It's been well documented. Swagger is a term that he has trademarked. I have my own style, and I am comfortable with who I am. Certainly it's different from Barry's."

Blank said it was important to find someone ready to step right

into this job, which made McIntosh's experience at Wisconsin an asset. She noted how McIntosh helped Wisconsin deal with the COVID-19 crisis.

"Over the past year, he steered the program through the pandemic, minimizing the financial impact and making sure our student-athletes had access to the services they needed," Blank said.

Wisconsin isn't accustomed to having much turnover at this position.

Alvarez arrived at Wisconsin in 1990 as football coach and became athletic director in 2004. He briefly served in a dual role before stepping down as football coach after the 2005 season.

The athletic director before Alvarez was Pat Richter, who had taken over the role in 1989.

"Barry and Pat caused our pro-

gram to be risen out of the ashes," McIntosh said. "The challenges are different today. The context is different today. It will require a different style of leadership, a different approach. I'm confident that the approach we take will position us well in the future."

McIntosh thanked his former coach during his news conference and mentioned a time that Alvarez brought Lou Holtz in for a motivational speech.

Holtz was head coach and Alvarez defensive coordinator of Notre Dame's 1988 national championship team.

"I'll never forget what Lou Holtz said — you are either growing or dying," McIntosh said.

"We will grow. We will not be complacent. You will be proud of this program as we build into the future."

ATHLETE PROFILE: GUADALUPE CORN

Menominee Indian senior excelling in throwing events

Menominee Indian High School senior Guadalupe Corn is enjoying a strong season as a thrower on the track and field team, with plenty of strong finishes already on her side as the postseason nears.

Corn has especially excelled in the shot put, with four first-place finishes to her name.

She opened the season with a throw of 37 feet to take first at the Eagle Invite in Keshena on April 29. She followed that up with a throw of 37-3½ to place first at the Ryan Jozwiak Memorial Track Invitational on May 11 in Shawano.

She also took first at the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division Pre-Conference Meet on May 14 in Rosholt with a top throw of 36-5¼ and at the Marion Mustang Invite on May 24 with a personal best throw of 38-10¾. She finished second at a meet in Wild Rose on May 25 with a mark of 36-3.

In discus, Corn has turned in four top-five finishes this season.

Her best finish came at the meet in Wild Rose with a throw of 84-1, which earned her second place. She took third at the Eagle Invite with a throw of 70-5.

Corn placed fourth with a throw of 88-3 at the Ryan Jozwiak Memorial Track Invitational and also was fourth with a personal best toss of 93-8 at the CWC-Large Meet on June 5 in Rosholt.

Q: When did your interest in track and field begin?

A: I decided to try track and field in seventh grade because I tried softball the previous year and didn't like it.

Q: What is your favorite part about the track and field season?

A: My favorite part about the track and field season is improving in my events and meeting new people.

Q: What is your favorite event to compete in, and why?



Menominee Indian's Guadalupe Corn competes in the shot put during the May 11 Ryan Jozwiak Memorial Track Invitational in Shawano.

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AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Guadalupe Corn

SPORT: Track and field

EVENTS: Discus, shot put

SCHOOL: Menominee Indian High School

YEAR: Senior

A: My favorite event to compete in is shot put because it's the first event I ever tried and it's the event that made me fall in love with the sport.

Q: In order to end the season strong and then advance in the postseason, what do you need to do personally?

A: I need to keep practicing and trying to perfect my technique as much as I can before the postseason begins.

Q: As a thrower on the team, how did you prepare for the season?

A: In preparation for the season

I worked out during the summer along with playing volleyball to keep myself in shape.

Q: With it being your senior season and the season lasting longer than usual, how do you plan to stay engaged and focused as the regular season winds down and the postseason nears?

A: I plan to stay engaged by continuing to attend practice and just giving it everything I have until my senior season comes to an end.

Q: Before a meet begins, do you have any rituals you go through?

A: I don't really have any rituals before a meet, but before I throw I have to tap each heel on the toe board twice.

Q: What is your favorite memory of competing on the Menominee Indian track and field team?

A: My favorite memory is probably when we would stop to eat after long meets and just have fun as a team.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Criminal Minds." Movie — "The Sandlot." Musical artist — I listen to a variety of music so I don't really have a favorite.

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

A: I am actually a very shy person when it comes to meeting new people. Track has helped me branch out a lot since my freshman year.

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

A: Always compete against yourself. As long as you're improving, that's all that matters.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish in the coming years?

A: Some things I hope to accomplish in the next few years are to continue my education and hopefully compete in track and field at the collegiate level.

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Aaron Jones, A.J. Dillon believe they can give Packers a potent RB tandem

Each back offers unique style

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
The Associated Press

Green Bay's Aaron Jones has a new running mate in the backfield now that Jamaal Williams has left for the Detroit Lions.

A.J. Dillon, the team's 2020 second-round pick from Boston College, believes the Packers won't miss a beat.

"I think we can be the best running back tandem in the NFL," Dillon said.

As the Packers conducted voluntary organized team activities without disgruntled MVP quarterback Aaron Rodgers and most of his top receivers, Jones and Dillon are both working out and preparing to lead Green Bay's rushing attack.

Both have plenty of motivation.

Jones wants to honor his father, Alvin Jones Sr., who died April 6 at the age of 57. Jones lost his father less than a month after signing a four-year, \$48 million contract to remain with the Packers.

"Definitely, the rest of my career will be dedicated to my father," Jones said. "He's the reason I started playing football. He's what kept me going so many times. As a kid when you want to give up, he kept me going."

Jones credits his father for helping the 2017 fifth-round pick from UTEP develop into a Pro Bowler. Jones and Jim Brown are the only NFL players to rush for at least 3,000 yards and 35 touchdowns while averaging at least 5 yards per carry over their first four seasons.

"I know something that he would want me to continue to do is push forward, work hard and continue to reach the goals that we set and continue to work toward that," Jones said. "I'm going to continue to do that. I'm going to continue to honor him and wear our last name on the back of our jersey as big and as proud as I can."

Dillon is seeking to make the



At left, Green Bay Packers' A.J. Dillon runs for a touchdown during the second half of a game against the Tennessee Titans on Dec. 27 in Green Bay. At right, Packers running back Aaron Jones runs during a game against the Carolina Panthers on Dec. 19 in Green Bay. Dillon and Jones hope to form a strong duo out of the backfield for the green and gold.

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most of his expanded role after a difficult rookie season in which he missed five games due to COVID-19 and spent the entire year behind Jones and Williams on the depth chart. It was a learning experience for a guy who averaged 24.1 carries per game during his college career.

He did manage to rush for 124 yards in a late-season victory over the Tennessee Titans when Williams was out with a quadriceps injury.

"I definitely know what I can contribute," Dillon said. "So (I'm) just looking to contribute and build on top of that and have more games like that Tennessee game."

Dillon showed enough potential that the Packers felt comfortable allowing Williams to leave via free agency. The 2017 fourth-round pick from BYU had 1,985 yards rushing

and 961 yards receiving over the last four seasons.

Although he had just 46 carries in his rookie season, Dillon already has earned plenty of attention on social media, thanks largely to his enormous quadriceps muscles.

Dillon spoke to the media via Zoom on June 2 while wearing a sweatshirt that said, "The Quadfather." Two weeks ago, he posted on TikTok a video that showed him crushing a watermelon with his quads.

"Somebody said if you get to 200,000 followers, you've got to break a watermelon," Dillon said. "I'm a man of my word, so I had to do it, give the people what they wanted. It's a lot harder than it looks."

Green Bay's rushing attack should benefit from the contrasting

styles of its two top rushers, with Jones showcasing breakaway ability and Dillon having the strength to punish potential tacklers while picking up first downs.

"They're a little bit different, I should say a lot different, in their styles," running backs coach Ben Sirmans said. "But at the end of the day, you look at what they can bring to the table, both of those guys are going to be able to produce."

Dillon is quick to point out both he and Jones are complete backs, even if they have different strengths.

"You look at us and you see thunder and lightning, which absolutely we are," Dillon said. "But, you know, the lightning guy, Aaron, he can also grind out some yards. And the thunder guy, myself, I'd like to say I can still beat some guys running away from them."

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Shawano places 3rd at Bay Tournament

Several Hawks claim 2nd

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Community High School boys tennis team placed third at the Bay Conference Tournament on June 4 in De Pere.

The Hawks accumulated 29 points on the day, finishing behind Xavier (41) and West De Pere (31).

Shawano also placed third in the season standings with 87 points, again behind Xavier (119) and West De Pere (99).

Joe Mente (No. 3) and Carson Cummings (No. 4) placed second in singles action for Shawano. The duos of Rory Johnson and Nolan Buck (No. 1), Josh Bergmann and Tristan Szucs (No. 2) and Caden Tetting and Will Myers (No. 3) all placed second in doubles play.

Back in singles play, Leo Liu (No. 2) placed fourth, while Camden Kroll

(No. 1) finished in sixth place.

Kroll and Liu each finished 1-2 at the tournament. Mente and Cummings went 1-1 in their matches. All three doubles duos also went 1-1.

Singles: No. 1: Luke Johnson MENASHA def. Camden Kroll SHAWANO, 6-3, 6-4; Kroll def. Skyler Krouth GREEN BAY WEST, 6-3, 6-0; Eli Stern, FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN def. Kroll 6-0, 3-6, 10-3; **No. 2:** Leo Liu SHAWANO def. Levi Wolfgramm FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN, 6-0, 6-0; Joshua Horak XAVIER def. Liu, 6-1, 6-2; Nate Johnson MENASHA def. Liu, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Joe Mente SHAWANO def. Zeb Zifferblatt, WEST DE PERE, 4-6, 6-2, 10-1; Nana Kofi

Norman XAVIER def. Mente, 7-6 (2), 6-1; **No. 4:** Carson Cummings SHAWANO def. Hanno Gaworek GREEN BAY EAST, 6-0, 6-0; Nate Hall XAVIER def. Cummings, 6-0, 6-3. **Doubles: No. 1:** Rory Johnson-Nolan Buck SHAWANO def. Jeremy Weller-Abram McGrath WEST DE PERE, 6-4, 6-3; Marc Utrie-Ethan Pfaff XAVIER def. Johnson-Buck, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 2:** Josh Bergmann-Tristan Szucs SHAWANO def. Jonah Uhlenbrauk-Owen Oleson FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN, 6-0, 6-4; Patrick Smith-Noah Lombardi XAVIER def. Bergmann-Szucs, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 3:** Caden Tetting-William Myers SHAWANO def. Taisir Khan-Tomas Vasquez WEST DE PERE, 6-0, 6-4; Sean Utrie-Mark Steinlage XAVIER def. Tetting-Myers, 6-0, 6-2.

AUTO RACING

Yarie, Schmidt, Christians cruise to feature wins

Anvelink, Hacker also take 1st

By DAVE BUSS

Special to NEW Media

While last week was the unofficial start to summer, the weather took a week to catch up. Nick Anvelink, Jeremy Christians, Jayden Schmidt, Marcus Yarie and Lucas Hacker all beat the heat and their respective fields to find victory lane at Shawano Speedway on June 5.

In the Late Model division, Troy Springborn looked to get his season on track as he jumped to a large lead in the opening laps of the feature event. Meanwhile, Joel Bennett and Chris Engels were giving chase.

Mechanical issues cut Engel's night short as Bennett quickly found Anvelink hounding him for

second. Anvelink got by Bennett and began to eat into the nearly two-second advantage Springborn had built.

On lap 10, Anvelink made a great run to grab the lead, however, caution reset the field to the previous lap.

Springborn looked like he would be able use his second chance and began to distance himself from Anvelink.

Anvelink's car again came to life a couple laps later and he went to the outside to take the lead. Anvelink cruised to another feature win with Springborn settling for second and Bennett third.

The IMCA Stock Cars were due for a race filled with a little less action up front and Christians decided he would be the one to steal the spotlight. Christians powered to the front early and never looked

back as he picked up another win.

Travis Van Straten was able to wrestle to a runner-up spot after getting by Chucky Forstner and Kyle Frederick. Forstner took the third spot with Frederick fourth. Dan Michonski overcame mechanical issues in his heat race to take fifth.

The IMCA Modifieds saw Yarie power past Marcus Hoeppner and Kevin Feck in the early laps to grab the top spot.

Behind Yarie, Wyatt Block was trying to get into the battle for his second straight feature win as he got by Feck for the runner-up spot as Hoeppner slipped to fourth. Jordan Bartz charged to the fifth spot but would run out of laps in her quest for more.

The IMCA Sport Mods saw Teagan Wudstrack jump out early as Jeffery Teske and Matthew Radtke

tried to best each other for second.

As Teske and Radtke were trying to settle things, Schmidt joined the battle and grabbed the second spot from the two. Schmidt then began to track the leader.

A few laps later, Schmidt pounced and took the lead from Wudstrack. Schmidt wouldn't relinquish the lead, picking up another win. Teske grabbed second and Tyler Sobiesczyk cut through the field to third with Radtke fourth. Wudstrack settled for fifth.

The Mighty 4's closed the night with Hacker leading green to checkers to pick up the win.

Brad Wedde, who always seems to find the front, finished third with Tanner Westphal taking the runner-up spot from him late in the race. Kyle Walters finished fourth with a pack of four cars within a half second of him at the line.



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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Oconto Falls, Witt-Birn qualify for sectionals

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls and Wittenberg-Birnamwood boys golf teams each qualified for sectionals after competing at the Clintonville Regional on June 1 at Riverside Golf Course in Clintonville.

The top four teams all qualified for sectionals. Oconto Falls came in third with a score of 345, while Witt-Birn was fourth with a mark of 348.

Menominee Indian/Gresham placed 10th with a score of 471. The co-op didn't have any golfers place among the top four individual golfers not on a sectional-qualifying team, which would have qualified an individual for sectionals.

Evan Jaeger fired an 18-hole round of 83 to lead Oconto Falls on the course. He tied for 10th as an individual.

Rease Hodkiewicz (85) and Trevor Metzler (86) weren't far behind Jaeger, tying for 15th and 17th as individuals. Caden Leonhardt (91) and Thomas Carmondy (96) rounded out a strong

day for the Panthers.

"The whole team had a good round," said Hodkiewicz. "We all had some blow up holes but we followed up with good holes."

"It's a cool feeling to go to sectionals as a team. Evan is the only returning golfer on our team this year, so the rest of us are new to competitive golf, so it took a little bit to get comfortable playing. We knew we were capable of qualifying but we all had to come out and play well and we did."

Witt-Birn's Ian Resch was the other golfer that posted a round of 83, which was the best mark for a Charger golfer. Calvin Scheurer finished with a round of 85 to tie for 15th.

Maverick Beran (89), Brian Nelson (91) and Nolan Fraaza (93) rounded out the Witt-Birn team.

"I think playing a practice round (May 31) really helped us play the course smart and really played a part in our advancing to sectionals," said Resch.

Saswaen Shawanokasic tallied the top score for the Menominee Indian/

Gresham co-op, carding a 106. Anna Petri (120), Bryson Nelson (122), Corbin Welch (123) and Will Jensen (125) all finished within five shots of each other.

Shawano's Marcell, te Plate advance to sectionals

Shawano's Kaden Marcell and Lucas te Plate each qualified for sectionals after the Division 1 Ashwaubenon Regional on June 1 at Brown County Golf Course in Oneida. Shawano came in sixth as a team.

"It means a lot qualifying as an individual and also since it is my first (time) qualifying it will be a good experience to have," said te Plate.

Marcell will be making his second sectional appearance, after doing so two years ago as a freshman.

Marcell shot an 18-hole round of 81, tied for the fourth-best individual score on the day among all golfers.

"What went well for me out on the course was avoiding making mistakes," said Marcell. "I had a solid round with little to no big mistakes which is what saved me."

Te Plate posted a round of 86 to earn his sectional spot.

Owen Moesch finished third for Shawano with a round of 88. Andrew Puissant fired a 95, while Gage Gorman tallied a 102.

Bonduel, Lena teams, Marion's Gueths also advance

The Bonduel and Lena boys golf teams each qualified for sectionals after putting together strong days at the Bonduel Regional on June 1 at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil.

Bonduel and Oconto tied for the best team score with marks of 361, but Oconto won a tiebreaker to claim the

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top spot at the regional. Lena and St. Thomas Aquinas Academy tied for third place with marks of 412.

Marion placed fifth as a team with a score of 432, but had Isaiah Gueths advance to sectionals as an individual.

Bonduel's Cooper Uelmen tied for the top individual round of the day after carding a 79. Reed Luepke (91), Mason Moore (95), Jake Dreyer (96) and Sam Wolf (117) were Bonduel's other four golfers.

"It means a lot to make sectionals this year because we are all young, and being that none of us are seniors and three of us are freshman, we gained a lot of experience this year that will help us going forward," said Luepke.

Braden McVane and Mason Simonson led Lena with rounds of 96 and 98, respectively.

Evan VanderZanden fired a 107 and K.C. Miller a 111 to cap the Lena team score.

"I think the reason that our team did well today is because we all had faith in each other, we all knew that our teammates would be there for us however we played," said McVane.

Gueths fired a round of 102 to earn his sectional spot as an individual.

"I felt like I was playing good golf on the front nine but coasted to do just well enough on the back nine," said Gueths.

Marion's Ellen Radies (106) and Sam Gueths (108) just missed out on qualifying for sectionals. Kasey Roethle (116) and Quinn Tolan (117) filled out the five-golfer team.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Witt-Birn girls win CWC-Large title behind Rogowski's big day

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls track and field team earned six first-place finishes during the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division Meet on June 5 to take first as a team. The team had 135 points.

The Bonduel girls tied for fourth with 88 points, while Menominee Indian was ninth with 22 points. On the boys side, Bonduel came in sixth with 58.5 points. Witt-Birn (50) claimed ninth and Menominee Indian (2) was 10th.

Reese Rogowski had a huge day to lead the Witt-Birn girls, placing first in four events. She turned in the best leap in the long jump (17 feet) and had the top time in the 100-meter dash (12.55 seconds). She also claimed first in the 200 (26.08) and 400 (1:02.92).

Emma Herb placed first in the discus (106-9), while Jalynn Horacek took first in the triple jump (32-10.75) for the team's other top finishes. Simon Schairer had the Witt-Birn boys only top finish, claiming the 400 in 54.10.

Bonduel's 4x800 relay of Kendra Troxel, Breanna Schnell, Ashlyn Kurey and Kara Troxel took first in 10:39.09 for the girls team's only top finish. Bonduel's Gavin Vance won the boys 200 (23.24). Kaden Bergsbaken, Ayden Dunst, Jack Johnson and Karter Schroeder teamed up for first in the 4x400 relay (3:57.08).

Emma Komanekin placed second in the 1,600 (5:51.78) for the Menominee Indian girls team's best finish. Asenex Turney was eighth in the shot put (38-10.25) and discus (100-2) for the top finishes on the boys team.

Lena/STAA boys, Suring girls girls win M&O team titles

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas

Academy boys and Suring girls each placed first at the Marinette & Oconto Conference Meet on June 4 in Oconto Falls.

The Lena/STAA boys accumulated 166.5 points, comfortably ahead of Gillett (125). The Suring boys scored 102 points to place fourth. The Suring girls racked up 165 points, ahead of Gillett (156). The Lena/STAA girls tallied 80 points for a fourth-place finish.

The Lena/STAA boys 4x100 relay team placed first in 49.42. The co-op's 4x800 team was also first in 10:19.49. Frank DesJarlais and Sidney Sylvester claimed individual top finishes for the Lena/STAA boys. DesJarlais won the discus (109-5), while Sylvester took first in the triple jump (37-10.5).

Christine Sleeter won the triple jump (30-2) to lead the Suring girls. The team's 4x200 relay team placed first in 1:59.83.

The Gillett girls claimed seven top finishes.

Karissa Schaal won the shot put (37-3) and discus (121-5) competitions, while Sylvia Hansen claimed the top times in the 800 (2:36.25), 1,600 (5:45.45) and 3,200 (13:30.89). Aubrey DeBauch was first in the 300 hurdles (49.65), while the 4x800 relay team had the top time of 12:17.96.

Derek Hanson posted first-place finishes in the 1,600 (5:31.43) and 800 (2:19.95) to lead the Gillett boys. Connor Hanson was first in the 400 (54.77), while Alex Peterson took first in the 3,200 (12:03.34).

The Lena/STAA girls were led by Kennedy Marquardt's top finish in the 400 (1:06.3). The girls 4x400 relay team was also first in 4:49.43.

Suring's Leo Taylor was the top finisher in the boys shot put (40-6), while teammate Jeremy Hensel claimed the top mark in the pole vault (11-6). The

Suring boys 4x400 relay team also placed first in 3:56.78.

Gresham/Bowler teams 4th at CWC-Small Meet

The Gresham/Bowler teams earned a first-place finish on the boys and girls side during the CWC-Small Division Meet on June 4 in Plainfield.

Gresham/Bowler's Emmitt Kietlinski won the boys high jump after clearing 6-2. The girls 4x200 relay team of Hannah Cerveney, Isabella Stevens, Valarie Cerveney and Ireland Jensen claimed first with a time of 2:01.89.

Kietlinski's top finish helped the boys team take fourth place. The boys team scored 48 points, behind Wild Rose (216), Pittsville (79) and Tri-County (67).

The girls co-op also placed fourth, scoring 84 points. Pittsville (123), Wild Rose (118) and Tri-County (115) finished ahead of Gresham/Bowler. The Tigerton girls scored 25 points to place ninth, while Marion tallied five points and placed 10th.

Tigerton's top finish came from

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Mary Kreklow in the 1,600. She placed third in 7:13.64. Claire Dow was Marion's only competitor. Her top finish was sixth in the 200 (32.79).

Oconto Falls girls 6th at NEC Meet

The Oconto Falls girls scored 40.5 points to place sixth at the North Eastern Conference Championship on June 4 in Appleton. The Oconto Falls boys team tallied 29 points take place 10th.

Hannah Ludemann placed second in the 3,200 with a time of 13:28.44 for the top finish for the Oconto Falls girls. Brailyn St. Louis finished fourth in the high jump (4-8).

The boys best individual finishes came from Josh Saari, who took fourth in the 300 hurdles (44.29) and 110 hurdles (17.05). The 4x100 relay team of Nicholas Allen, Charlie Schuster, Devon Dorn and Owen Huber placed fourth in 47.63.



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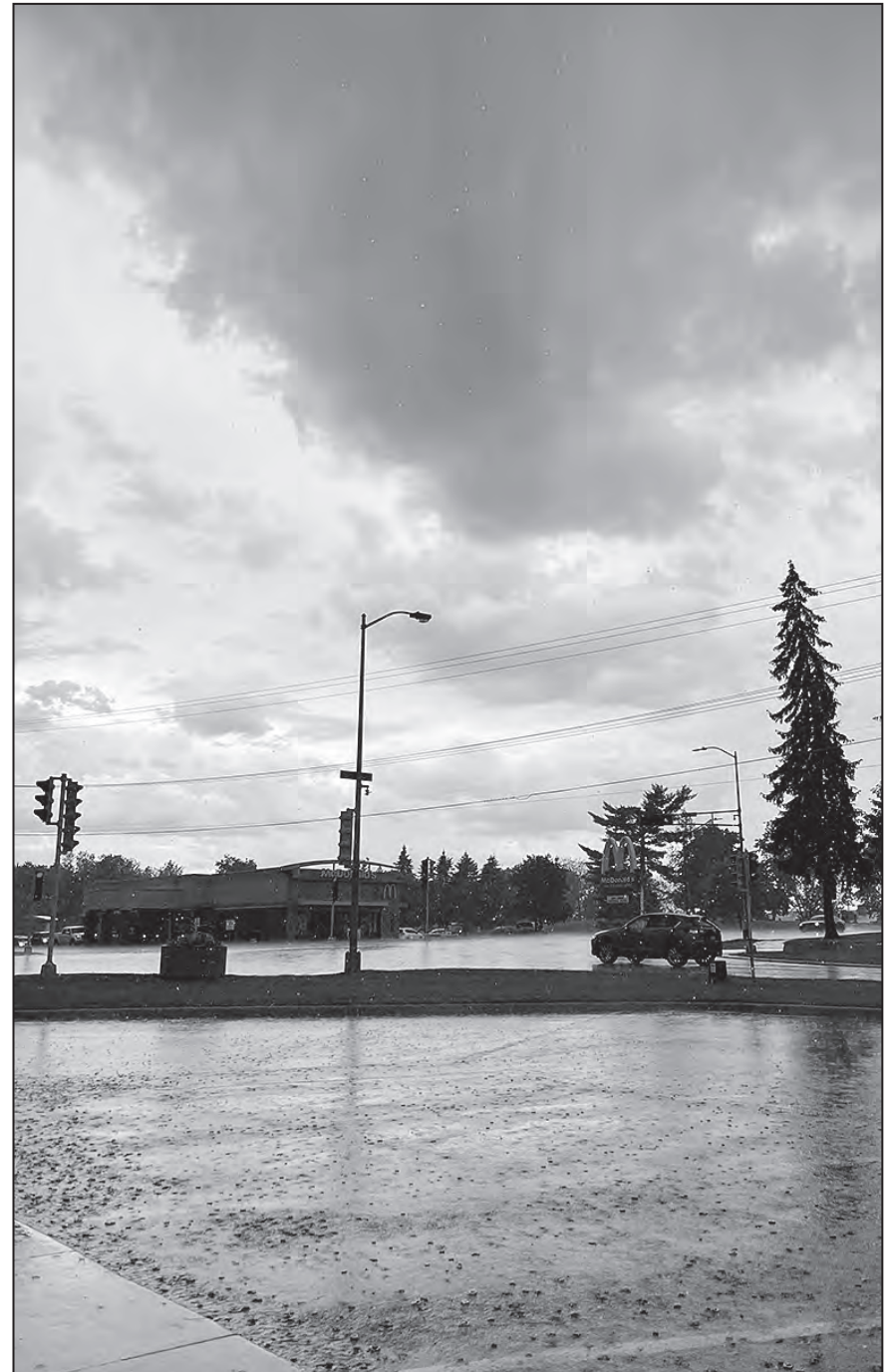


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Rain pelts Green Bay Street in Shawano during a quick downpour on June 3. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

3 Menominee tribal officials suspended by legislature

Tribal Administrator Jonathan Wilber, Human Resources Director Tasha Caldwell and an administrative planner with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin have all been suspended with pay, according to a press release from the tribe.

The release, posted on the tribe's Facebook page, claims that the suspensions are based on a series of facts revealed recently but does not give

specific details about those facts or allegations. The Menominee Tribal Legislature has ordered internal investigations, according to the release, and it will consider further action once the investigations are complete.

The tribe has made interim appointments to keep the government running, according to the release, but it does not specify who is taking charge.

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Educating culturally responsive teachers

Dr. Lauren “Candy” Waukau-Villagomez is a “change agent” for Native American education. In the administrative world, that moniker refers to someone who is hired from outside an organization to be a catalyst for reinvention. For the College of Menominee Nation professor known endearingly as “Dr. Candy,” it means transforming the Western model of education into one that produces culturally responsive teachers.

Serving for the past decade on CMN’s teacher education faculty, Waukau-Villagomez’s commitment to empower future educators has not gone unnoticed in our community. Yet, this year was one in which she was justly lauded.

In April, Waukau-Villagomez was recognized as the 2021 Wisconsin Indian Education Association’s Indian Elder of the Year Award winner, and this past May, she was presented with CMN’s Faculty of the Year Award. While Waukau-Villagomez appreciates the awards, the praise for her efforts is not what motivates her.

“I love teaching,” she said. “I come from a family of educators, and we each try to empower our young people



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fessional calling.

“My mother ran the Head Start Program on the reservation as a part of The War on Poverty. She served as the director for at least 25 years,” she said. “My stepfather didn’t graduate from school, but he was a traditional teacher who’d joke he earned a degree from the school of hard knocks.

“My mother and stepfather had a strong belief in the necessity of educating young people and helping all Menominee people to aspire to something beyond what they were doing. My sisters, Lynn Skenadore, Lisa Waukau, Leslie Teller and I all became teachers. My daughter, Samantha Villagomez, is a special education teacher at the Menominee Tribal School.”

Waukau-Villagomez explained that

to be excellent teachers and leaders in their schools and in the community.”

Waukau-Villagomez credits her mother and stepfather, Delores and Mani Boyd, for her pro-



Lauren “Candy” Waukau-Villagomez, a professor for the College of Menominee Nation, was recognized as the 2021 Wisconsin Indian Education Association’s Indian Elder of the Year Award winner. This past May, she was presented with CMN’s Faculty of the Year Award. She is seen by her peers as a “change agent” for Native American education.

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the trauma of previous generations’ Western education resonates with their descendants.

“Education is still difficult for Natives because of the Boarding Schools whose goal was to change Native children into the white man’s image,” she said. “It didn’t work for many because Natives were too resistant. Native people want an education, but not accultural assimilation.”

Waukau-Villagomez received a bachelor’s degree in child development and preschool from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a master’s degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, a master’s degree in special education from D’Youville College in Buffalo, New York, and her doctorate in educational administration from Penn State.

Waukau-Villagomez conveyed that, while her educational journey wasn’t always easy, it was necessary for her to become the educator she wanted to.

“When things were difficult, I would tell myself that if Grandfather Keshena could make it through Carlisle Indian School, I could make it through Penn State,” she said.

Waukau-Villagomez’s first post-doctorate employer was the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, which was followed with a stint serving the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation in northern Wisconsin. Next, Waukau-Villagomez joined the faculty of her alma mater, D’Youville College, which included teaching future Canadian educators who came to the United States to earn their teaching licenses. In those positions,

Waukau-Villagomez honed her skills for changing a process to reflect the value a strong education brings to a community.

While reflecting on teaching with her sister, Lisa Waukau, the two siblings recognized the necessity of using the regional language known as Menominee Indian English versus teaching solely within the American Standard English vernacular.

“We found that Menominee students learn best from hearing stories read aloud — which is, of course, reflective of the oral tradition,” Waukau-Villagomez said. “They can then discuss concepts using the Menominee Indian English they grew up with. For formal presentations, we expect American Standard English. My daughter, Samantha, recognized this process as the ‘code switching’ required in academia.”

Waukau-Villagomez is happy to be sharing her knowledge as a member of the CMN faculty.

“I love what I do, and I know that my mother and stepfather would be proud that I am helping to train pre-service teachers in the Menominee community,” she said. “I am happy to teach non-Natives too. All teachers need an education that values and responds to cultural differences.”

Waukau-Villagomez’s stepfather gave her the name, Keskesakaeh, which means “the time just before dawn.” The name is prescient, as it evokes the image of a change agent for Native American education that Waukau-Villagomez embodies.

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BUSINESS

Oh My Peonies prepares for busy summer

Marion flower farm contains 2,000 plants with 150 types of flowers

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A local flower farm is looking forward to a busy summer.

Oh My Peonies, located just outside of Marion, is operated by siblings Lee Mielke and Sue Anderson who grew up in the farm house on the property.

In 2000, Mielke started to plant peonies to brighten up the community. He planted peonies while working a job as a farmer. In 2014, he retired from his job and ultimately decided to focus on the peonies. Mielke had originally planted irises, but after troubles with those, he switched to peonies.

“Irises take too much work and too long to bloom,” said Mielke. “With peonies, you do not have to tear them out of the ground every year.”

Anderson mentioned that Mielke constantly planted more peonies every year. The farm currently houses 2,000 plants with 150 varieties of flowers.

Oh My Peonies is run as a business, where customers are able to order flowers, cut their own or just come to see all of the various peonies in bloom.

The cut-their-own flower option started in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that began in March 2020.

“A lot of people were itching to just get out and be out in the open,” said Anderson. “This was a wonderful place for them to come and tour and see the beauty of nature.”

Due to the success of the cut-their-own flower events, Mielke and Anderson decided to run that again in 2021.

Anderson said that flowers are often cut for special events, like weddings and other ceremonies. She added that customers are welcome to come to the farm, where they can pick out flowers to take or to visit their website, <https://www.ohmypeonies.com>, where the flowers can be ordered and shipped.

Mielke mentioned that the flowers normally bloom in early to mid-June. With this timeline, Anderson anticipates that June weekends will be very busy.

“People really want to be able



A bee pollinates the faithful dream flower as it continues to bloom June 2 at the Oh My Peonies flower farm.

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Oh My Peonies

WHERE: W12925 Mielke Road, Marion

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday

FYI: The farm houses 2,000 plants with 150 variations of peonies. Siblings Lee Mielke and Sue Anderson established the business in 2014.

WEBSITE: ohmypeonies.com

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to come and view the garden,” said Anderson. “It is a great time for them to walk around and view the gardens with the different varieties of flowers.”

According to Anderson, Oh My Peonies has turned into a destination for people outside of Shawano County to visit.

“I was just talking to a girl who is coming from Upper Michigan,” said Anderson. “We have people coming from upper Illinois and the La Crosse area; we have had people travel from four hours away to come here for the day.”

Anderson said that she constantly updates the website, as well as their

Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=oh%20my%20peonies>, in order to keep people outside of Shawano County informed about the farm.

With word spreading around and the positive experiences that customers have had at Oh My Peonies, Anderson said that they are receiving order requests from Jan. 1 all the way until the end of the year.

Anderson mentioned that people within the community love seeing the bright colors of the flowers as well as enjoying the aroma.

“People love being able to see Mother Nature at her best,” said Anderson. “There are different things that people like about the peonies, like the scent and the peonies’ calming presence.”

She added that some visitors were able to bring family members and friends out of nursing homes during the pandemic to have a calming experience.

During the pandemic, Oh My Peonies ran in conjunction with Wiscon-

sin’s mandates regarding when public places could reopen. They were able to reopen in June 2020. Anderson said that staff and customers felt safe enough during the pandemic due to everyone being outside and socially distant.

With more people getting vaccinated and more people wanting to get outside, Mielke and Anderson expect to see a very busy summer.

According to Anderson, peonies thrive in Wisconsin due to our state’s specific growing conditions.

“Wisconsin has just the right weather, in terms of a dormant season,” said Anderson. “We do have freezing during the fall and winter months — the roots actually have their best growth period during the fall months.”

She added that all of the feedback from customers has been positive.

“We have customers who come back year after year,” said Anderson. “The people traveling from La Crosse often say it was worth the road trip.”

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4 charged in concealing drug overdose death

Shawano woman among those suspected of covering up reservation woman's death

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Correspondent

Four people were charged last week in federal court in connection with a burned-out vehicle found on the Menominee Reservation that is suspected of concealing the drug overdose death of a woman.

Timothy M. Snider Jr., of Green Bay, was charged with distribution of a controlled substance, use of a communication facility in the furtherance of a narcotics offense and conspiracy to obstruct justice. Emerson K. Reed, and Keith D. Wilber Jr. were both charged with misprision of a felony and arson, while Kayla M. Childs, of Shawano, was charged with misprision of a felony.

Misprision of a felony is charged when an individual knows about a felony, aided in concealing it and failed to notify authorities. Conviction carries a maximum punishment of three years in prison.

An affidavit filed in federal court in support of a criminal complaint alleged that Snider gave heroin to Stephanie Greenspon, who fatally overdosed on Aug. 3. Messages on Greenspon's Facebook account indicated she had contacted Snider

about obtaining a 0.1 of gram of "down" or heroin. Snider indicated he had some and it was good.

At the time, Snider was wearing a GPS bracelet as a condition of his release on pending drug and bail jumping charges in Brown County. GPS and cell tower data put Greenspon at Snider's residence on the afternoon of Aug. 2.

Witnesses later said that Snider had told them that he had given Greenspon heroin and she had died on the evening of Aug. 2.

Reed said Snider asked him to help dispose of Greenspon's body, according to the criminal complaint, and Reed called in a favor Wilber owed him by also asking to help with Greenspon's remains.

On Aug. 19, a logger checking on a tract of land on S.E. Bass Lake Road, in Keshena, found a burned-out vehicle. Tribal police responded, and human bone fragments, two shell casings and a license plate were recovered.

The vehicle's owner was Greenspon's boyfriend, according to the complaint, and the man said that Greenspon had been driving his Hyundai Tiburon in early August while he was in jail.

The former boyfriend gave

authorities a name of an individual he believed Greenspon had visited on Aug. 3. That person implicated Snider, who told authorities someone else must have given Greenspon heroin because he saw her in the Tiburon outside his residence on Aug. 3 acting "out of it."

Snider's GPS data revealed that he traveled from Brown County to the reservation on Aug. 4, according to the complaint. Times recorded on camera footage along the same route showed the Tiburon and a Jeep Cherokee and matched the time from Snider's GPS data.

Cellphone data showed that Reed and Wilber had spoken to each other during the trip to the reservation, and Wilber, according to the complaint, later told investigators that Reed had asked him for help with a "cold one," presumably an overdose victim, Greenspon.

Wilber told authorities that he told Reed and Snider to take Greenspon's remains to a remote area on the reservation. Greenspon's body was transported in the front seat of the Tiburon, according to Reed.

Wilber and Childs met Reed at the location where the vehicle was discovered, according to the complaint. Reed allegedly said that

Snider wanted Greenspon's body cut up and buried so it wouldn't be found.

Wilber told authorities that the purpose of transporting the car and Greenspon to the reservation was to conceal the death that resulted from the heroin sale.

Reed knew that Snider was on GPS monitoring so he took him from the reservation to a restaurant in Shawano, where Snider's girlfriend picked him up and returned to the Green Bay area. Snider's GPS data corroborate these movements.

After Snider returned to Green Bay, Reed, Wilber and Childs returned to the Tiburon where Greenspon's body remained inside. They moved the vehicle to another location on the reservation, where Wilber and Reed doused it with a fluid and set it on fire.

Childs and Wilber left in Wilber's truck, according to the complaint. Reed allegedly said he later obtained cash and heroin from Snider.

The four defendants are in custody and made their initial court appearance last week. Preliminary examinations are set for June 15-16.

The defendants, except for Childs, are in custody.

COLLEGE NOTES

St. Norbert College

Students named to the dean's list at St. Norbert College in De Pere for the spring semester included Leah Jobe and Bethany Kreklow, both of Tigerton, and Simon Stewart, of Hatley.

UW-Madison

Alex Nelson, of Eland, is one of 112 University of Wisconsin-Madison students who have been awarded Hilldale Undergraduate/Faculty Research Fellowships. Grants from the Hilldale Foundation and the Wisconsin State Legislature provide for awards of \$3,000 each to under-

graduate students and \$1,000 to their faculty/staff advisers to work in collaboration on research projects.

UW-River Falls

Students named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls include Bridget Bazille, Tigerton; Noah Bestul, Tilleda; Kirsten Clark, Birnamwood; and Tayvia Klingler, Hatley.

UW-Milwaukee

Two Wittenberg-Birnamwood area students have earned master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Abigail Littlejohn, of Birnamwood, and Shannon Seegmiller, of Wittenberg, each received a Master of Science from UWM's School of Education during virtual commencement exercises held May 16.

UW-Stout

Marilla Von Haden, of Wittenberg, was named to the dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-Stout for the spring semester. Von Haden is a junior majoring in apparel design and development.

UW-Superior

Students named to the dean's

list for the spring semester at the University of Wisconsin-Superior include Colette Fritz, of Hatley, and Amy Laatsch, of Tigerton.

UW-Madison

Students named to the spring semester dean's list at UW-Madison include Logan Balliett, Hatley; Aleksandra Grulkowski, Eland; Nathan Jacobson, Hatley; Chloe King, Hatley; Garret Kersten, Birnamwood; Alex Nelson, Eland; Michael Nelson, Eland; Stetson Potrykus, Eland; Cole Schairer, Birnamwood; Mitchell Schroepfer, Birnamwood; and Tyler Schroepfer, Birnamwood.

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Counselor advises caution returning to workplace

After working remotely, some adjustments to dealing with people may be necessary

May is nationally recognized as Mental Health Month. The goal is provide outreach, education, resources and help communities engage in conversations about mental health.

May is also a time to raise awareness of those living with mental or behavioral health issues and to help reduce the stigma so many experience. Throughout the month, ThedaCare will be featuring a series of articles related to mental health topics. This article will focus on returning to the workplace for community members who might be worried about working onsite.

"It is completely natural that many people will have some apprehension about returning to their workplaces," said Tina Griffith, licensed professional counselor at ThedaCare Behavioral Health-Oshkosh. "I expect there will be some challenges for those transitioning back into the office or other work environments."

Griffith said she is hearing the concerns from patients.

"People are telling me they are nervous about many things," she said. "For example, some people who live alone have adjusted to the quiet

of their home and now worry about distractions and being around co-workers once again. It's going to be very important that employees support one another and be understanding of the needs of others."

Just as it is good to set healthy boundaries with family and friends about the activities we are comfortable with regarding COVID-19 concerns, Griffith said it's important to convey those boundaries to our co-workers politely, too.

"After a year away, some people may want to hug others when they finally see them again, and some may not be comfortable being hugged, even if everyone is vaccinated," she said, "and it is okay to say, 'I'm not ready for that yet.'"

Griffith offered more anxiety-relieving advice.

"Expose yourself to the workplace experience slowly," she said. "Maybe stop in for a visit before you are officially required to return. If you haven't driven to work in a year, drive your usual route to see if there are changes in traffic patterns and your commute time. Look around your workspace; are there changes you'd like to make? This year away

may have inspired you to become more organized, or to have more decorations and color."

She also noted that communication is key.

"Communicate with your supervisor about what you need to make the transition easier while still recognizing the company needs to be profitable," she said. "Perhaps you want to go back a few days a week at first until you adjust. We've all been through a collective trauma, we've all been affected; even those who aren't voicing any issues. That's why it's important we listen and communicate our needs to one another."

For those who have been working from home and haven't needed to wear a mask while working, adjusting to wearing a mask full time may be challenging. She recommended speaking with management to understand if there is an area in the workplace you can go for a break to remove your mask.

Knowing who is vaccinated and who is not may be another concern for many, Griffith noted.

"People do not have to reveal their vaccination status; that would violate HIPAA regulations (the

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996)," she said. "Unless a company mandates that people be vaccinated, co-workers may keep that information private."

Staying mentally balanced will be important.

"This is another time when practicing mindfulness and gratitude will help our mental health," she said. "Even just one to two minutes a day of focusing on observing an object or your breath can be beneficial. Try this before or after your workday or before going into a meeting. Practice keeping your mind in the present moment."

Griffith suggested for people to be patient with others.

"Practicing good self-care, setting healthy boundaries, communicating them politely to co-workers and keeping our minds balanced will be key to having a smoother transition back to the workplace," she said. "It is normal for us to be concerned or slightly uncomfortable in new situations. Remember it is important to focus on what we can control. It will take some work and patience individually and collectively to promote a healthy return for all."

MARRIAGES

Drew James Amdall and Olivia Marie Hoffmann, both of Gresham, May 22, 2021.

Alqoyawayma Baddmoccasin Barnes and Amanda Erin Kazik, both of Wittenberg, June 5, 2021.

Kyle Jay Baranczyk and Kristin Ann Allen, both of the Town of Green Valley, June 5, 2021.

Nathaniel Francis Basina and Dionne Rae Madosh, both of Shawano, May 21, 2021.

Eric Joseph Brandt and Melinda Rachel Debroux, both of the Town of Wescott, May 1, 2021.

Joseph Allen Brenneman and Amanda Ann Labrosse, both of Bowler, May 28, 2021.

Jonathan Mark Reyes Calvo, of Pulaski, and Margarette Mary Joseph Ullmer, of Maple Grove, June 11, 2021.

Jordan Richard Chambers and Brittney Elizabeth Kazik, both of the Town of Washington, May 1, 2021.

Shawn Michael Fredenberg and Nicole Ann Dorn, both of the Town of Richmond, June 13, 2021.

Jacob Michael Al Gill, of the Town of

Dale and Meredith Rose Marie Carlson, of the Town of Belle Plaine, May 15, 2021.

Adam Jon Hoffman and Tabatha Annette Hadley, both of the Town of Herman, May 29, 2021.

David Derrick Hohn and Jennifer Karen Woods, both of the Town of Herman, April 11, 2021.

Ben George Holzem and Brianna Elizabeth Borchardt, both of Aniwa, June 12, 2021.

Brad Joseph Hylok and Laci Jo Kropp, both of the Town of Maple Grove, May 8, 2021.

Paul Frederick Kersten, of Clintonville, and Tracy Ann Nelson, of Shawano, May 6, 2021.

Michael Robert Kholmman and Amanda Elizabeth Lamere, both of Shawano, April 17, 2021.

Robert William Miller, of the Town of Hartland, and Taylor Jean Diemel, of the Town of Lessor, June 4, 2021.

Michael John Vincent Murphy, of Shawano, and Mary Elina Dillenburg, of the Town of Washington, May 14, 2021.

Brett Robert Pukall and Kayla Ann Rayburn, both of the Town of Almon, May

29, 2021.

Matthew Edward Schieber and Maria Del Rosario Baeurle, both of the Town of Hutchins, May 10, 2021.

Jacob Andrew Straus and Crystal June Sligting, both of Lakemoor, May 15, 2021.

Benjamin Joseph Thomas, of the Town of Wescott, and Jennifer Lynn Suprise, of Shawano, May 14, 2021.

Jordan Travis Thorson and Felicia Marie Burdey, both of Tigerton, May 21, 2021.

Riley Thomas Tuma and Raven Rochelle Wagner, both of Shawano, May 18, 2021.

Timothy Lawrence Vanden Langenberg and Lauren Nicole Kostello, both of the Town of Lessor, May 7, 2021.

James Edward Vomastic and Lee Anna Schreiber, both of the Town of Waukechon, June 4, 2021.

David Mackenzie Walli and Molly Marie Craig, both of Shawano, May 1, 2021.

Dylan Ray Wieland and Dennee Julia Reimer, both of Wittenberg, May 22, 2021.

NTC plans College Exploration Days

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) has announced plans to host College Exploration Days at all NTC campuses on June 22 and 24.

Pre-registration is required for this event, which will be held in-person with an online option for those who want to customize a virtual experience through Zoom.

High school students and their parents, as well as returning adults, are invited to tour any NTC campus, including Wittenberg, or NTC's Agriculture Center of Excellence in the Village of Maine during this two-day event.

Attendees are invited on campus to tour classroom and lab spaces, connect with faculty from the program area of interest, meet with a career coach, speak with a financial aid specialist, apply for free (savings of \$30), and enter for a chance to win Apple AirPods.

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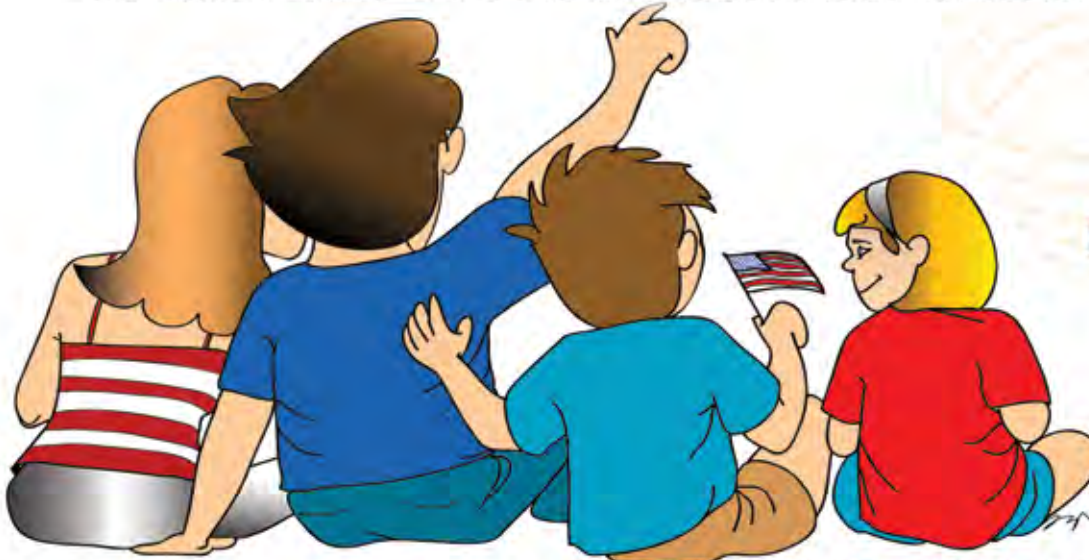
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