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Community gets update on sports complex drive

About \$142,000 in donations has been received to date, Aanonsen says.

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Back 40 Acres farm in the Town of Angelica hosts the Brunch on the Farm on Sunday.

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Track and field competitors ready for state

Three from Wittenberg-Birnamwood, one from Bowler, are in La Crosse this week.

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WAITING FOR THE FIREWORKS

Clouds overlook a massive crowd of Shawano County residents as they watch contestants compete in the tractor pull competition on June 19 at Fireworks Country LLC, part of the business' fireworks extravaganza. The event attracted a near-record crowd after missing 2020 because of pandemic concerns. **SEE STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGES 24-25.**

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Timm provides updates on SCEPI survey

Bids were given for housing survey

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Wittenberg Area Development Committee met June 17 to discuss the state of housing and economic development in Wittenberg.

The meeting was held at Rachel's Roadside and was attended by Wittenberg Village Board Member David Timm, Cirrinity CEO Scott Nyman, former Witt-Birn High School Dean of Students Jerry Aanonsen and Wittenberg resident Dick Beversdorf.

A point of discussion at the meeting was an update on the Shawano County Economic Progress Inc. housing survey. SCEPI is conducting a survey to understand where everyone is living within all of the villages in Shawano County and to understand what the housing needs are in those villages.

Timm, who attended a SCEPI housing study meeting, gave an update on bids that were submitted for a housing survey.

He said that four bids were submitted. The bids that were submitted came from UW-Oshkosh for \$25,000, Redevelopment from Madison for \$99,000, MSA Professional Ser-

vices for \$42,100 and Vierbicher for \$48,000.

"It did not seem like we would get very much from UW-Oshkosh," said Timm. "I thought the proposal from Redevelopment was really good, but it was \$99,000. We said that we should throw out the high bid and the low bid."

Timm noted that MSA was the company that the SCEPI board was going to work with. He added that the budget that they were working with was \$75,000.

He said that he will update the committee on further developments after the next SCEPI meeting, which is scheduled for July 22.

Aanonsen provides updates on sports complex

\$142,200 has been raised in pledges

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A former coach, teacher, athletic director and dean of students at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School held a public informational meeting June 21 at the school to provide updates on a proposed sports complex in Wittenberg.

Jerry Aanonsen, who is leading the fundraising efforts, said that he is making a small step toward the overall goal of raising \$3 million by August to break ground on the building.

"We currently have \$142,200 in pledges," said Aanonsen. "We also have approximately \$150,000 in in-kind donations."

According to Aanonsen, the donations would go toward help with constructing the building — things like tiling the floors.

With almost \$150,000 in pledges, Aanonsen said that he is looking for one major donor to really get the ball rolling on the building of the complex.

"Without this, we can't move forward," said Aanonsen.

He noted that he has moved outside of the Wittenberg area to search for help in finding money and donations for the project. He got into contact with Carolyn Wetuski, an area director for rural development in Wisconsin. He said that she is aiding in the search for possibilities for the construction of the sports complex.

"I talked to her about using the facility for a rehab center, a fallout shelter or any other programs that could benefit from the facility," said

Aanonsen.

Aanonsen also is attempting to get into contact with officials from the "Learn and Play" project. This program helps organizations who are looking at refurbishing or building athletic complexes and has ties with the Milwaukee Bucks.

He said that if necessary, he would be willing to push the deadline to raise the money to the end of the year.

Pam Smith, who has family in Wittenberg, said because of the amount of money that is needed, organizers should look to the federal government for grants.

"You need more than \$2 million," said Smith. "It seems to me like you would have to get the money from the government."

Aanonsen said they will not break ground on the building until they get close to the amount of money needed for the project.

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CORRECTIONS

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New deacon, future priest



Steven Weller, left, was ordained a transitional deacon May 1 by Bishop William Callahan in the St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral of La Crosse. Weller is the son of Paul and Eileen Weller, Wittenberg, and a member of St. Florian Parish in Hatley. He graduated in 2013 from Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School and in 2017, he graduated from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, with degrees in philosophy and classical languages. Currently, he is in his last year of studies, pursuing a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Systematic Theology at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. Weller is expected to be ordained a Catholic priest in June 2022.

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2-vehicle crash on Highway 29 causes minor injuries

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Minor injuries were reported following a two-vehicle accident on state Highway 29 near Banner Road in the Town of Morris.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department was notified of the accident at 6:08 p.m. on June 15.

The crash involved an automobile, driven by a 71-year old Wausau woman, and a semitruck, driven by a 39-year-old Minnesota man, according to Lt. Jon Blaskowski.

Blaskowski said the accident occurred after the woman failed to signal correctly after attempting to turn into a driveway. The semi driver then hit the back of the automobile.

The woman was taken out of the car in a brace but has reported minor injuries, police said.



A flipped car lies on the side of the state Highway just east of Wittenberg, in the Town of Morris on June 15.

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Highway 29 and County Road U project starts June 28

Gov. Tony Evers recently signed a \$3,074,933 contract to improve the intersection of state Highway 29 and County Road U in the town of Herman.

Work is scheduled to begin June 28. Relyco, Inc. is the prime contractor for the project. The Highway 29 west-

bound lanes to the east of the intersection will be reconstructed to improve site distance. The County Road U intersection will be reconstructed into a J-Turn to improve safety.

During construction, Highway 29 will be reduced to a single lane in each direction with a reduced speed limit

of 55 mph. Median crossovers will be utilized, and traffic will run counter directional during the reconstruction of the Highway 29 westbound lanes. An alternate route will be posted for oversize vehicles via Interstate 41, state Highway 441, U.S. Highway 10, and U.S. Highway 45. County Road U

will be closed in stages.

Construction is scheduled for completion by November. The schedule is dependent on favorable weather conditions and construction progress.

For information, a project website is available at projects.511wi.gov/wis-29countyu.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 21

Officers responded to 21 calls, including a theft attempt on South Park Street; trespassing on Lange Court; reckless driving on East Richmond and South Hamlin streets; a car personal injury on South Cleveland and East Maurer streets; disorderly conduct on South Franklin Street; property theft on South Lafayette and West Division streets; reckless driving on Fairview Way and East Fifth Street.

June 20

Officers responded to 17 calls, including reckless driving on North Airport Drive and East Green Bay Street; a disturbance on South Lutz Street; trespassing on East Green Bay Street; disorderly conduct on West Richmond Street.

June 19

Officers responded to 17 calls, including car property damage on West Third and North Franklin streets; car property damage on Prairie Street; a disturbance on South Washington Street.

June 18

A report was not given by press time.

June 17

Officers responded to 29 calls, including a disturbance on East Richmond Street; shoplifting at Qualheims True Value, 1345 E. Green Bay St.; a disturbance at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; reckless driving

on state Highway 29 and County Road T; property damage on South Washington Street.

June 16

Officers responded to 32 calls, including a disturbance at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; criminal damage on South River Street; car property damage on North Main and East Fifth streets; trespassing on South River Street; a hit-and-run on South Bartlett Street; a hit-and-run at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; disorderly conduct at Smalley Park, 211 N. Riverside Drive; property theft on South Andrews Street; a hit-and-run at American Legion, 850 S. Lincoln St.; a disturbance at Smalley Park, 211 N. Riverside Drive; property theft on West Pine Street.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

June 21

Deputies responded to 38 calls, including vehicle theft on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a disturbance on Herman Street in the Town of Herman; a disturbance on Pine Ridge Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; a disturbance on East Front Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; property theft on South Line Road in the Town of Wescott; an overdose on Derby Lane in the Town of Washington; two crashes.

June 20

Deputies responded to 50 calls,

including reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; a disturbance on Engel Drive in Shawano; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; a disturbance on Edgewood Road in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Main Street in Gresham; reckless driving on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; two crashes, one involving deer.

June 19

Deputies responded to 63 calls, including a disturbance on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; intoxication on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a disturbance on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; three crashes.

June 18

Deputies responded to 63 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; criminal damage on Alft Lane in the Town of Fairbanks; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; a controlled substance problem on Crescent Drive in the Town of Aniwa; a controlled substance problem on Linke Road in the Town of Fairbanks; a controlled substance problem on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Fairbanks; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa: three crashes, one involving deer.

June 17

Deputies responded to 51 calls, including disorderly conduct on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on River Road in the Town of Hartland; a controlled substance problem on Sandy Drive in the Town of Washington; property theft on Big Lake Road in the Town of Red Springs; property theft on Huntington Road in the Town of Red Springs; trespassing on Butternut Road in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; a threat on Salzman Lane in the Town of Fairbanks; a burglary on West Town Hall Road in the Town of Red Springs; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; two crashes.

June 16

Deputies responded to 40 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a burglary attempt on Cardinal Lane in the Town of Wittenberg; a fleeing/pursuit on state Highway 32 in the Town of Green Valley; a burglary on Rustic Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; a weapons offense on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; property theft on Marble Avenue in Mattoon; harassment on County Road GG in Gresham; one crash involving deer.

COURT NEWS

• Matthew R. Firestorm, 49, Appleton, was charged June 14 with one count of possession of amphetamine greater than or equal to three grams with intent and one misdemeanor count of carrying a concealed weapon. Judge William F. Kussel Jr. set a cash bond of \$500, a signature bond of \$2,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 25.

• Robert Oshkenaniew, 23, Oconto, was charged June 14 with one count of misappropriating identification information, three counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 21.

• Joshua J. Bessert, 46, Eland, was charged June 14 with two counts of bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of bail jumping and

one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 22.

• Nicholas M. Johnson, 40, Pulaski, pleaded guilty June 14 to one count of operating while intoxicated (fourth offense). One count of operating with prohibited alcohol concentration was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced Johnson to 160 days in jail and revoked his license for 24 months.

• Maurice A. Olson, 30, Suring, pleaded no contest June 15 to one misdemeanor count of resisting/failing to stop and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. One misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Sloma sentenced Olson to 252 days in jail, which was deemed as served and suspended his

license for 60 days.

• Lori Jo Lozoya, 64, Westfield, pleaded no contest June 17 to one misdemeanor count of operating a vehicle without consent-passenger, one misdemeanor count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. One misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Lozoya to 90 days in jail and two years of probation.

• Bryan M. Wendler, 39, Bowler, pleaded guilty June 17 to three counts of bail jumping. One misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and three counts of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Wendler to 145 days in jail.

• Thomas C. Maltby, 50, Shawano, pleaded no contest June 18 to one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct

and one misdemeanor count of battery.

One count of aggravated battery was dismissed, but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Maltby to 90 days in jail and two years' probation.

• Diane M. Mason, 54, Nichols, pleaded no contest June 18 to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma sentenced Mason to 60 days in jail and suspended her license for 90 days. Mason also pleaded no contest June 18 to one misdemeanor count of possession of THC and two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a fine for Mason of \$250.

• Felicia R. Schmit, 34, Antigo, pleaded guilty June 18 to one count of possession of narcotic drugs and one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property greater than or equal to \$2,500. Sloma sentenced Schmit to two years of probation.

Shawano Farmers Market kicks off season

Food, crafts on sale for area visitors

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A popular Shawano County event returned for residents over the weekend.

The 2021 Shawano Farmers Market kicked off its season with many visitors coming out to Franklin Park on June 19 to load up on food and crafts.

Hosted by the FRESH Project, produce and meat vendors, yoga, music and crafters were all available for visitors to experience when they got to the park.

The FRESH Project's executive director, Barbara Mendoza, said that this farmers market brought more people out compared to the markets the project held last year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This one is more lively than last year," said Mendoza. "We have music and were able to do the yoga and have the crafters. People were also able to do tastings."

Mendoza also said she saw more people congregate and stay and talk, rather than just buying what they needed and leaving. In total, she estimated around 750 people had attended on this opening weekend.

Due to the amount of people and the time of the year, Mendoza noted that many of the produce vendors were sold out very quickly in the morning.

Even though Mendoza was excited about the turnout, she expects that number to continue to increase as the summer progresses.

"I think that people will continue coming out," said Mendoza. "They are excited about it. We will have more food and produce vendors next week. As the produce continues to grow and be harvested, more people we will get here."

Other than just providing food for people, Mendoza believes holding an event like the farmers market gives the residents in the community an opportunity to learn more about where their food comes from.

"This event gives people in the community an opportunity to come out and talk with the farmers to find out information about their food," said Mendoza. "It is all local, so they know exactly what they are going to get, they know how its grown and they know that it is good for them."



Cactus, succulents and other plants were available on June 19 for Shawano visitors to purchase at the Shawano Farmers Market. LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA



Terri Dallas of Five Star Lamb displays various cuts of lamb for visitors to see at the Shawano Farmers Market in Franklin Park on June 19.

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Mendoza believes that health is a major reason behind Shawano County residents attending the market.

"People want to eat healthy," she

said. "They want something that is locally grown and know where their food comes from — I think that is very important for them."

She also said that, with more people getting vaccinated and the threat of COVID-19 being reduced, more people will come out as well.

"Its just that they can come out and not be afraid of getting sick," said Mendoza. "I think they are able to come out and just have the opportunity visit with other people — we didn't have that last year."

Mendoza summed up her experience as the first farmers market of 2021 came to a close.

"I am just very excited that we are able to do it this year," said Mendoza. "The community has been very wonderful and as the farmers start harvesting we will get more produce, so visitors should not be discouraged to come."

According to Mendoza, the goal of the FRESH Project is to get healthy food to everyone. It is a nonprofit organization, founded in June 2017.

"We educate people on how to eat healthy," said Mendoza. "We teach at the senior centers and go to schools to teach them about gardening."

The FRESH Project is plans to host the Shawano Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays until Oct. 2.

DNR seeks comments on Gresham water project

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has announced the village of Gresham is an applicant for funding through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) to address deficiencies in its public drinking water system.

The project includes the replacement of watermain on County Road A and Fischer Street near and in Gresham.

Activities related to this project are minor actions under Chapter NR 150, Wisconsin Administrative Code, for which no environmental analysis is required. However, following the SDWLP federal requirement 40 C.F.R. §35.3580, an environmental review must be conducted before funding this project.

The SDWLP has determined that the project will not result in significant

adverse environmental effects, and no further environmental review or analysis is needed before proceeding with funding the project.

The public is encouraged to submit comments regarding this decision and the potential environmental impacts of this project. Submit comments by July 2 by mail to: Department of Natural Resources, c/o Kevin Olson, Community Financial Assistance, 101 S. Web-

ster St., P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Comments can also be accepted by phone at 608-234-2238 or by email at Kevin.Olson@wisconsin.gov

Based on the comments received, the SDWLP may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the funding process. The analysis would summarize the DNR's consideration of the project's impacts and reasonable alternatives.

OBITUARIES

Glen Willis Greve, 96, passed away Sunday, May 2, 2021, at the home of his son Jonathan Greve in Summerville, South Carolina. He was born on June 11, 1924, in Aurora, South Dakota, the fifth child of Paul and Hannah (Strubbe) Greve. He was baptized on June 29, 1924, and confirmed in 1937 in the First English Lutheran Church in Aurora.

He graduated from the H.S. Dept. of Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, in 1941. In 1951, he graduated from the University of South Dakota Engineering School.

He married Janice Mason in Beloit on Dec. 27, 1953.

They lived in Milwaukee and Detroit, where he worked for Allis-



Chalmers and the Chrysler Corporation in Engineering Research.

In 1959, they moved to Oconto Falls, where he owned and operated the Culligan Water Condition-

ing business for many years. They lived in the country where they raised their family and where Glen was able to be a hobby farmer.

Over the years, he was active in each church where they were members, serving in a variety of offices, singing in the choirs and teaching

Glen W. Greve

Sunday School for 26 years.

In 1994, they moved to Florida, where they have been members at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Glen was also active in the Spruce Creek community, singing with the Melody Men Barber-shop group. His horseshoe pitching league provided him with many fun times. He also served as a volunteer, delivering Meals on Wheels for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Janice; their children, Jonathan (Daphne) Greve, of Summerville, South Carolina, Ellen (Ervin) Wellnitz, of Green Bay, Philip (Linda) Greve, of New Franken, and Thomas (Meg) Greve of Chicago, Illinois; seven grandchildren,

Sabrina, Heather, Jessica, Janna, Travis, Madison and William; and eight great-grandchildren, Savannah, Alana, Emma, Trevor, Caitlyn, Aubrey, Bentley and Logan. Also surviving him are his brother, Robert (LaVerta) Greve, of Topeka, Kansas, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Erven, Marvin, Arnold, Vernon and Edgar; and sister, Lola Bode.

There will be a small, short and informal graveside service at Woodlawn Cemetery in Oconto Falls to inter Dad's ashes Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021, at 2 p.m. This will be held if Dad's ashes are sent and received by Aug. 11.

Dale L. Konkel, 77, of the Town of Belle Plaine, passed away unexpectedly on Friday morning, June 18, 2021, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Appleton.

Dale was born Sept. 26, 1943, in Shawano, a son of the late Lesley L. and Beulah Mae (Empereur) Konkel. He attended grade school in Tilleda and graduated from Bowler High School. Following high school, Dale attended Badger Business College in Green Bay. While there, he met his wife of 56 years, Louise DeDecker. The couple was married on Aug. 15, 1964, at St. John Lutheran Church in Marion.

Dale was employed in every department at Eagle Knitting Mills in Shawano, where he worked for 36 years.



When Eagle Knitting Mills closed, Dale went to work at Walmart in Shawano, where he worked in the sporting goods department until retiring in 2010.

Dale has been a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano since 1972. He was an avid gardener and landscaper. He was a weather bug and loved keeping track of and recording weather conditions year after year. In his younger years, Dale enjoyed deer hunting with his brothers. He liked keeping busy and putzing with everything.

Dale L. Konkel

Survivors include his wife, Louise, of the Town of Belle Plaine; his children, Christine Engelhardt, of DePere, and Adam Konkel, of the Town of Belle Plaine; his grandchildren, Jonathan and Spencer Engelhardt, of the Town of Pella; his brothers, Steven (Linda) Konkel, of Wausau, Russell (Barbara) Konkel, of Shawano, twins Wayne (Jackie) Konkel, of Weston, and Dean (Cheryl) Konkel, of Tilleda; his brother-in-law, Robert DeDecker of Vulcan, Michigan; three nieces and five nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Dale will be held on Friday, June 25, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano.

Pastor Scott Ludford will officiate. Interment will take place in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in the Town of Pella. Visitation will begin at the church at 9:30 a.m. and continue until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers and plants, the family prefers memorials to Zion Lutheran Church in Dale's name.

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



Clyde Richard Weis, 72, of Gillett, passed away Friday evening, June 18, 2021, at St. Clare Hospital in Oconto Falls after a brief battle with cancer.

He is survived by his daughters, Monica Scheidecker (husband, Bryan Scheidecker), and Carolyn Weis (fiancé, Nick Smyth); grandson, Brandon Smyth; mother Dorothy Weis. He is preceded in death by his father, Clifford Weis, and brother, Kenneth (Gail) Weis. Clyde was married to Colleen



Weis for 39 years when she passed away July 10, 2020.

His daughters would like to say a special thank you to the Sleeter family. Clyde grew up with Rod and Al Sleeter in South-

ern California where the friendship quickly became family. Clyde leaves

behind nieces and nephews that he loved as his own as well as his brothers, sister, mother- and father-in-law, and friends.

Clyde brought a smile to the faces of those who met him and brought love and laughter to all who knew him.

A private memorial service will be held for Clyde. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

[gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com](http://www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com).



Gladys Paiser

Gladys Adeline Pevonka Paiser, 88, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, formerly of Leopolis, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on June 13, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Paiser; her beloved sisters Joyce Burr, Myrtle Worm, Elizabeth Bartz; and brother, Ernest Pevonka.

She is survived by her children, Debra Brigman, Cheryl Gilliam (Keith), Susan Hartell (Robert), Patrick Paiser (Deborah), Michael Paiser (Susie) and Cathryn Judy (Michael); grandchildren, Shaun Craft, Jennifer Dunn, Philip Foster, Robert Paiser, Jonathan Paiser, Nicholas Vincett, Matthew Vincett, Christoph Thompson, Marcus Daw, Shirley, Katie and Michael Judy; several great-



grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Gladys attended both Shawano and Gresham high schools and then went on to graduate from St. Mary's School of Nursing in Wisconsin in 1954. She was a dedicated and devoted nurse and began her career as a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital. While stationed in Bamburg, Germany, with her husband, she spent her time as a school nurse. After several duty assignments, which included two tours in Germany, her husband was sent to Fort Bragg.

Gladys began working at Wom-

ack Army Hospital and treasured her career as an ICU nurse on Ward 7A for over 35 years. While there, she cared for many members of their military family and also worked part-time at High-Smith Rainy Hospital.

Gladys loved to play card games, especially with her grandchildren, and was a regular Scrabble player on Tuesday mornings at Barnes and Noble for many years. She was a lifelong Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves baseball fan and loved to pick fresh English peas and strawberries.

Gladys was an adventurer, always ready for a road trip, near or far, and completed her first tandem sky dive with her son Michael at 63 years young. Gladys was a devoted church member and faithfully attended Catholic Mass and Holy Days of Obligation

at Main Post Chapel and JFK Chapels at Fort Bragg for over 56 years. Above everything, Gladys was a wonderful, loving and generous mother and great provider for her family.

Funeral services honoring the life of Gladys were held Monday, June 21, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Adcock Funeral Home, Spring Lake, North Carolina, with interment immediately following at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery, Fort Bragg.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at www.alzfdn.org.

Services entrusted to Adcock Funeral Home and Crematory, Spring Lake. Online condolences may be made at www.adcockfuneralandcrematory.com.

Kathryn J. Folkman

Kathryn J. Folkman, 67, of Hobart, was called home to eternal rest on June 17, 2021, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born Sept. 10, 1953, to Melvin and Gloria (Erdman) Hovie, Kathy graduated from Bonduel High School in 1970. Following graduation, she worked at Aid Association for Lutherans in Appleton, until she married the love of her life, James Folkman, on Nov. 8, 1975. Together they farmed in the Town of Angelica, where they raised their family. Later, Kathy would work at American Medical Security in Green Bay.

While Kathy found satisfaction in the awards she and Jim won for farming and took pleasure in the lifelong friend-



ships she formed in her office jobs, the true pride and joy of her life was her family. Kathy was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother, always putting the needs of her

family first. Some of the happiest family memories include camping trips all across the country, and Kathy graciously hosting many, many gatherings throughout the seasons.

When not busy working or taking care of her family, Kathy enjoyed feeding a variety of birds, tending to her

flower gardens and crafting numerous quilts and blankets that will provide her family warmth and comfort for years to come.

Kathy will be deeply missed by her husband, James; children, Matt (Jenny) Folkman, Oakes, North Dakota, Tarra (Mike) Gallagher, Green Bay, Eric (Joanna) Folkman, Sheboygan, and Ryan (Jennifer) Folkman, Pulaski; grandchildren, Abby, Emily, Kaitlyn, Benjamin, Nathan, Jacob, Grace, Mark, Zachary, Delaney, Cassidy, Asher, Joshua, Logan and Brielle; father, Melvin Hovie, Pulaski; sisters, Debbie (Joe Oskey) Mueller, Pulaski, and Pam (Cliff) Landwerlen, Jamestown, Indiana; brother-in-law, Bill (Florence) Folkman, Krakow; many

cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends; and her beloved dog, Pete.

She was preceded in death by mother, Gloria Hovie; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Elma and Elmer Folkman; sisters-in-law, Elaine Bucholz, Arly Buntrock and Bev Anderson; and brother-in-law, Dewey Folkman.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, June 23 at the church with Pastor Stuart Dornfeld officiating. Burial will take place at 2 p.m., Friday, June 25 at Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery, Les-sor.

To leave a condolence for the Folkman family, please visit www.marno-chafuneralhome.com.

Paula J. Reed

Paula Jean Reed, 54, died peacefully, after courageously battling cancer for over two years, on June 16, 2021, at her home in Lakewood. She was surrounded by her husband, Rich, her children, Emily, Rachel and Hunter, her grandson, Joey, and her sister, Margaret. Paula was born in Kenosha to Rovella Mary Cosentino. Paula grew up in Mountain and graduated from Suring High School in 1985.

She married the love of her life, Rich Reed, on May 26, 1989. Together, they had three beautiful children, who were raised in Oconto Falls. During these years, she provided daycare for many children who became her extended family. Those who knew Paula know that she devoted her life



to her family. A kind spirit, she touched those around her with love and compassion. As a mother, she devoted every ounce of her being to her children. As a wife, she loved unconditionally and fully.

In every facet of her life — daughter, sister, aunt, godmother, daycare provider, neighbor and friend — she loved deeply. True to her selflessness and empathy, during her last few years of life, she insisted that those close to her live their fullest lives in her absence. Paula always did and will

continue to uplift those around her.

Paula was preceded in death by her father, Ray Anderson; her brother, Charlie Anderson; and her father-in-law, Joseph Reed.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Reed; her three children, Emily, Rachel (Yusef), and Hunter Reed; one grandson, Josef Gray; her mother, Rovella Anderson; her sisters, Robin Duffek (Steve), Tina Klein (Karthik), Maggie Pichotta (Brian); her brother, Roger (Debbie); her mother-in-law, Janet Reed; her loving nieces and nephews, and many wonderful friends.

Paula's family would like to extend gratitude to Aurora Baycare and the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic doctors and staff, as well as the LeRoy Hospital

team of nurses for their endless commitment to provide the best care and comfort, from the initial diagnosis to her last moments.

Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 26, 2021, at the First Presbyterian Church in Lakewood with Pastor Joshua McKenna officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to time of service at church.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Consider supporting the family's GoFundMe page (www.gofundme.com/f/paulalove) to relieve financial and emotional hardship during this time.

Jeffrey L. Allen

Jeffrey L. Allen, 56, of Shawano, passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021, in Shawano. He was born Dec. 1, 1964, in Barron, a son of the late Russell and Donna (Anderson) Allen.

Survivors include his son, Eric;

daughter, Tracy LaRoche; son-in-law, Chris LaRoche; granddaughters, Kaylee and Rozalia LaRoche; brother, Charles; former wife, Patty; and many other family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at a

later date for family and friends.

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



Security cameras going up at city parks

Incidents at Memorial, Kuckuk, Smalley of concern to police, park and rec departments

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Most people use city of Shawano parks for recreation and relaxation, but some are using them for mischief.

To that end, the city will be installing security cameras at three heavily-used parks — Memorial, Kuckuk and Smalley — to help gather evidence against anyone utilizing the parks for criminal acts.

“Our parks are probably seeing the most use since I’ve been here,” said Matt Hendricks, parks and recreation director. “The vast majority of use is absolutely positive, from the Ski Sharks shows to the farmers market going again, but unfortunately, not everybody is using our parks in a positive manner.”

Capt. Shane Stange of the Shawano Police Department told the Shawano Parks and Recreation Commission on June 16 that, while people might expect some semblance of privacy in the parks and might be opposed to

cameras, he pointed out that the parks are public.

Stange said that the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney’s office “is very much into video. When we go to prosecute a case or something like that, they want body cam video, they want squad cam video and they want security footage. Juries now want to see it on video. They don’t have a tendency not to believe people, but if you see it on video, it makes that prosecution a lot easier.”

Hendricks noted there have been some incidents of vandalism and teens using vulgar language at the park that have made some adult patrons uncomfortable, especially those with children, and he said he preferred not to wait until more serious incidents took place to install the cameras.

“We’re just trying to find ways to be proactive,” Hendricks said, praising the police department for working with his department to resolve issues.

“We want to make sure they have the tools they need.”

Commission member Seth Mailahn said he was initially against the idea when it was presented to the commission two years ago, but he has changed his mind on the issue. He recalled an incident at Memorial Park where an intoxicated person was trying to start a fight with him and chasing after children.

“I’m a believer in them and they work,” Mailahn said. “I have them up on my house now. I still don’t like them at businesses, but I totally understand why we do it.”

City Alderman Kevin Barkow dismissed the idea that privacy should be expected in a public park.

“You come into a city public park, and you give up that privacy,” Barkow said.

Stange added that the city is not the only municipality dealing with malcontents trashing public parks, pointing out its western neighbor, the Town of Richmond, recently had to

close The Rock because of issues with people mistreating the facility.

Hendricks said the cameras are not in the current department budget, but he estimated it should only cost about \$1,000 to install cameras at the three parks. He noted that most of the city’s parks already have Wi-Fi, so the fiber infrastructure is already there for camera live feeds.

The commission tossed around the possibility of putting fake cameras in some of the other parks, but some members expressed concern about the liability if a serious crime took place, and the expectation that there would be footage of it was false.

Stange noted that the cameras need to be high quality so that officers who examine the footage can identify the people and not a “blob on the street.”

“I’m not saying it’s going to get to that level, but the parks are our crown jewel, and we should maintain them,” Stange said.

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Gresham school cuts ribbon on expansion

New segment two years in the making creates state-of-the-art facility for older students

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Gresham Community School held a slightly different ribbon cutting on June 16 as officials eagerly showed off the expansion that a \$6.5 million referendum paid for.

Instead of a fabric ribbon to be cut with a pair of oversized scissors, a steel ribbon was made by students in the school's new fabrication lab, and a student sliced it with a plasma cutter to officially welcome the community into a new segment of the school two years in the making. Besides the ribbon cutting, the school served up burgers and hot dogs to folks, and staff members took those in attendance on tours of the new facilities.

"Our school district's mission is to inspire learners, build community and invest in our future," said Newell Haffner, Gresham School District superintendent. "That's exactly what we're doing here today."

Haffner said the school will be inspiring its learners with the latest up-to-date technology that there is. Students will be able to learn about plasma cutting, laser engraving, welding and three-dimensional printing, he said.

As far as building community, Haffner said the new facilities will allow the school to partner with parents and businesses in the Gresham area to find projects where students can lend a helping hand.

"We'll be using our resources to help the community, whether that is designing things in our fab lab or by growing things in our greenhouse," he said.

When it comes to investing in the future, Haffner told the crowd that the equipment in the new and renovated classrooms is expected to benefit students for many years to come. He noted that could not have happened without the faith of the community.

"It is an amazing commitment that this small, rural school has made to the students," Haffner said. "A couple of years ago, the community chose to spend \$6.5 million in an investment in our kids. We passed a referendum when some people said we couldn't. We knocked down our 1935 portion of the building and built a new, state-of-the-art building. The Gresham community has shown its commitment to us and the students."



Parents and community members eagerly scoop up hamburgers and hot dogs during an open house June 16 at Gresham Community School. The food was served up in the school's new cafeteria, allowing the old facility to be used as an expanded gym space.

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Chris Caldwell, College of Menominee Nation president, looks over the new equipment for the life skills classroom at Gresham Community School during a tour of the school held June 16.

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Haffner noted his junior high and high school teachers will be very pleased that the addition has modern air conditioning, recalling that before, there were some classrooms that were

frigid much of the time, while others were broiling hot.

"We will have air conditioning in two-thirds of the school, so they're thrilled about that," Haffner said.

In November 2018, voters approved the referendum that demolished the original portion of the school that had operated for more than 80 years and built new facilities, including a new kitchen and a new fabrication lab, the latter getting a helping hand from \$100,000 donated to the school by the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and a grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

New junior high and high school classrooms were built, and some existing classrooms in the southeast segment of the school were renovated, including turning the school's shop into an art classroom and a core subject classroom into a life skills facility complete with new stoves, cabinets and other equipment.

Kraus Anderson was the company hired to build the expansion, and representatives of the company were on hand to cook food for visitors on June 16.

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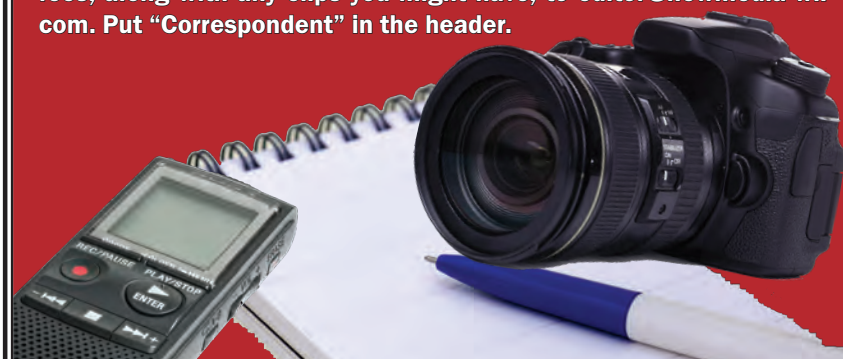
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Reichwalds have been stalwarts in Gillett for a lifetime

Parade marshals remain active in retirement

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

Melvin and Lois Reichwald retired from farming nearly 20 years ago, but they have not retired from Gillett.

Still living on the Quarterline Road property they purchased from Mel's oldest sister in 1972, the Reichwalds have remained active in the community and their church, and those efforts led the Gillett Civic Club to name them grand marshals of the annual Fourth of July parade.

"Mel and Lois have been stalwarts in the City of Gillett for years, and in the Gillett Civic Club," said Noel Nienstedt of the parade committee. The couple was actually nominated as grand marshals of the 2020 parade, an honor that was held over after pandemic concerns led the club to step back for a year.

The Reichwalds will board the traditional horse-drawn carriage near the head of the parade, which winds through downtown Gillett starting at 2 p.m. July 4.

Mel Reichwald was the youngest of eight children of Gust and Pauline Reichwald (two died in infancy) and has lived his entire life in Gillett. He and Lois Ammerman, of Suring, one of Roland and Arlyne Ammerman's four children, were married Sept. 19, 1964.

At first they worked on the dairy farm Melvin had purchased from his parents, about four miles south of Gillett off County Road BB. Eight years later, they purchased their present property from his sister, Martha, and her husband, keeping as many as 50 dairy cows until they retired in 2001.

The farm kept them in Gillett, where they raised two children — Kerri and special friend Scott, and Kraig and his wife Sarra, who have two children of their own, Emma and Nancy.

"I have no regrets," Mel Reichwald said about spending his life farming in a small town. "I do have a



Lois and Mel Reichwald stand outside the house they built in 1987 on the property they had purchased from his sister and brother-in-law in 1972. The Reichwalds are being honored as grand marshals of this year's Gillett Independence Day Parade.

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back that regrets a little."

Lois Reichwald said the farm taught them a work ethic that they passed to their children.

"The farm meant we were together as a family three times a day," Mel added.

Lois also worked at several area restaurants and was active in women's groups at St. John's Lutheran Church (the "Clock Church"), taking their children to scouts and 4-H.

The couple has been active at the church in many ways through the years. He was council president in the 1970s and again in 2000.

They served as co-chairs of the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm for two years, and Mel also was president of the committee. He served on the boards of directors at Farmers

Elevator Cooperative and Bay Lakes in Oconto Falls.

He was the first president of the Gillett FFA Alumni and has served on the auction committee for 35 years.

"That's grown a lot; we had more than 500 bidding numbers this year," he said.

While they continue to volunteer in retirement, they now have time for more relaxing activities, including lawn and garden, playing cards and, in Mel's case, playing golf.

"Too much golf," Lois added with a laugh.

They also keep up with how dairy farming has changed in the last 20 years. They went to the April 24 open house at Horsens Homestead Farms in Cecil, where 720 cows are milked using a robotic system.

"I looked around and thought, 'I don't know anything,'" Mel said.

The Gillett Fourth of July parade is part of a two-day celebration centered at Zippel Park in downtown Gillett. The Civic Club food and beer stands will be open 4 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 3, and 9 a.m. to midnight Sunday, July 4. Live music is planned Saturday night and Sunday afternoon and evening.

Other highlights include a truck pull at 7 p.m. Saturday, antique and classic car and truck show starting at 9 a.m. Sunday, a horse pull at 10 a.m. Sunday, and antique tractor pull at 5 p.m. Sunday. The celebration concludes with a fireworks show at dusk Sunday.

Seniors can protect themselves from online misinfo

By **AMY YEE**

Wisconsin Public Radio

Online misinformation is a serious threat, from fake cures for COVID-19 to false information on voting eligibility.

Seniors are especially at risk. People over 65 were more likely to share false or misleading content on Facebook during the 2016 presidential campaign, according to one study from researchers at Princeton and New York University. Older adults were also exposed to more misinformation on Twitter during that election.

Seniors should learn about avoiding misinformation — to protect themselves, and because they are civically active. Over half of poll workers were ages 61 and older in the 2018 U.S. general election, according to Pew Research Center. Older voters in the U.S. are also consistently more likely to vote than younger groups.

A scientific study published in the journal *Nature* in March 2021 found that many people shared misinformation on social media because they did not pay close attention to

the content. They were less likely to share misinformation after being asked to assess the accuracy of news headlines. Simply taking more time to evaluate sources can go a long way.

Are websites reliable or trusted sources? That's a key message during live online classes with Senior Planet, part of Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) from AARP.

"Misinformation can come from multiple places — it's not enough to avoid where you think it will be. It's best to have a filter that all information passes through," said Breana Clark, associate director of program operations at OATS.

Check website suffixes, for example, to see whether they end with .gov or .edu and are thus official government websites or educational institutions, respectively. Senior Planet also emphasizes understanding context, such as recognizing satire. It's easy to mistake a funny image or a joke article as real.

Look for disjointed angles and/or odd lighting to detect if images have been doctored. Again, note the source and context.

In an online class hosted through

Senior Planet, John Silva, an education director at the nonprofit News Literacy Project, discussed a photo of a snake with a rifle-shaped bulge in its body. When he asked participants for their thoughts on the image, one participant asked why a snake would want to eat a gun.

Turns out, the fake snake was a work of art, but taken out of context, someone might think it had swallowed a gun.

Understand the distinction between opinion and facts, especially because anyone can post content online.

Lateral reading — or checking other reliable sources to verify information as you read — is a term first used by the Stanford History Education Group. Key questions to ask yourself as you do so: "Who is behind the information? What is the evidence? What do other sources say?" News Literacy Project also recommends fact-checking websites such as Snopes.com, Factcheck.org and Politifact.com.

Nicole Cooke, professor at the University of South Carolina School of Information Science, says libraries can also provide helpful resources.

Cooke helped to develop a series of online videos on media literacy for the American Library Association.

Libraries might offer events to learn about media literacy — and librarians are trained to "parse out information and all the noise every day," said Cooke.

"Pause, consider, and have more click restraint," said Jean Setzfand, senior vice president of AARP Programs.

Getting someone to engage more with click-bait content through likes or comments may be a way for websites to generate revenue, Setzfand said.

If friends or family share misinformation online, offer fact-checking resources.

Bots are fake automated accounts. Identify them by spotting new accounts with few followers, no photo, odd usernames with lots of numbers, and non-sensical or inflammatory comments. Bots and trolls are often online troublemakers.

Whether bots or not, think twice about engaging online with someone you don't know. Is it necessary or constructive to do so?

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Sportsmen's club welcomes eastern bluebirds

It's a chilly day as a crew of dedicated people removed the eastern bluebird nest boxes from the old Oconto Golf Course. The nest boxes dotted the fairways, many of them homes to bluebirds over the last several years.

Because the golf course has been sold and potential future construction activities could negatively impact nesting birds, it was considered prudent to move the boxes. Fortunately, a new home for the nest boxes was not far away. The Oconto Sportsmen's Club graciously offered to take the boxes and plans to monitor them.



CATHY CARNES

The move to the Sportsmen's Club was facilitated by a fortuitous conversation between Al Powers, the monitor of the bluebird trail at the golf course, and Cody Bresina of the club, who met while fishing. Cody thought the club would be a good place for a bluebird trail. Extending from the end of Fifth Street in Oconto to the bay of Green Bay, the property provides many good sites for nest boxes. Soon plans were underway to move the boxes.

Fourteen nest boxes were moved to the Sportsmen's Club property on May 7. Gene Birr, the Oconto County coordinator of the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin (BRAW), selected the nest box locations. Helping Gene put up the boxes were Al Powers, Cordula Van Den Heuval (coordinator of Oconto Bird City), three Sportsmen's Club members, Cody Bresina, Byron Dugre, and Gil Exferd, and two Oconto Bird City volunteers, James and Cathy Carnes.

The bluebird trail at the Sportsmen's Club is the ninth such trail in Oconto. In addition to the trails, five landowners in Oconto host two to four bluebird boxes on their property.

The bluebird trails provide important nesting habitat for the species. According to BRAW, the eastern bluebird population declined significantly in the past due to several threats including agricultural practices, competition from the house (English) sparrow and European starling, severe weather, and loss of nesting sites including



Helping to install bluebird nest boxes at the Oconto Sportsmen's Club are, from left, Gil Exferd, Cordula Van Den Heuval, Cody Bresina, Gene Birr and Al Powers. CATHY CARNES

tree cavities and hollow wooden fence posts. In addition to bluebirds, house wrens, tree swallows, and chickadees use the boxes; thus these trails contribute to the conservation of all these species.

People interested in helping to monitor the bluebird boxes can let Gene Birr know at the meeting or by contacting him at 920-826-7552 or gbbird22@gmail.com, or Tom Wittkopf of the Sportsmen's Club at 920-373-3657. The information collected on birds using the nest boxes is part of a larger bluebird restoration program in Wisconsin, coordinated by Oconto Bird City and BRAW. This is a great program that accomplishes much to conserve birds.

For more information on bluebirds, go to www.braw.org. Keep an eye out for nesting songbirds especially bluebirds and tree swallows at the Sportsmen's Club. Hopefully, those flitting blue forms will enliven its skies soon.

Cathy Carnes of Oconto is a retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist who volunteers with Bird City Oconto.



Gene Birr, right, Oconto coordinator of the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin, gives Gil Exferd, left, of the Oconto Sportsmen's Club and Al Powers, a bluebird trail monitor, advice on proper installation of a bluebird box. CATHY CARNES

Rhubarb Fest welcomed back to Shawano in 2021

Visitors experience history while enjoying rhubarb

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

History came alive in Shawano on June 19 as hundreds of visitors packed Heritage Park in Shawano to take part in Rhubarb Fest.

The 13th annual event sponsored by the Shawano County Historical Society allowed visitors to partake in various activities ranging from live music, to a pie making contest, to exploring the preserved buildings to basket raffles. Visitors were also able to witness Civil War demonstrations and learn about life in the 1800s at a fur trading post.

A highlight of Rhubarb Fest was rhubarb, which was included in different pastries and deserts like pies and muffins, as well as in drinks like lemonade, sangria and even beer.

According to Lana Buelow, the treasurer of the board of directors of the Historical Society, as well as the chairman of Rhubarb Fest, the event is held to raise money for operations of the historical society.

"Rhubarb is an old-fashioned type of desert," said Buelow. "It is a good spring thing and this was just started as a small way to raise some money as a bake sale."

Rhubarb Fest was canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so this year, Buelow said that she was more than excited to host the event this year.

"It is wonderful to have this going again," said Buelow. "The turnout is wonderful, we have had more deserts than we have ever had in the past."

Buelow said Rhubarb Fest gives families the opportunity to come and witness the vast history of Shawano.

"This is a family-friendly event," said Buelow. "The museum buildings are all open. People can go through and see the collections."

One family, who traveled from the Milwaukee area, said that they appreciated the work that went into preserving the history of Shawano.

"We have enjoyed our experience," said Alan Groth. "This event shows the value of history. It is just a beautiful slice of small-town America that we need to keep preserved."

She added that she believes it is important for people in the community to know about the history of the city.

"The history is important, because it tells us where we came from," said



The Kast House is fully intact at Heritage Park on June 19 with a display of what the kitchen looked like in the late 1800s. The Kast House was one of the most popular areas for visitors to tour as it was celebrating its 150th year.

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Jeni Hanson, along with her children, Molly and Cole, learn some history from a Civil War demonstration actor at Heritage Park on June 19.

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Buelow. "Things have changed so much from 150 years ago when people moved in. People did important things that contributed to the growth of not

just Shawano, but Shawano County, and that is what we want to portray."

The pie contest has become a major part of Rhubarb Fest and that

became exceptionally true this year, as Buelow noted that 17 different pies were entered, double the highest amount that had been entered in the past.

One of the most prominent attractions at Rhubarb Fest was the Civil War re-enactors. Their demonstrations taught visitors about the different weapons that were used in the Civil War, including muskets with attached bayonets. They performed demonstrations of the use of bayonets on a test dummy.

With the Civil War demonstrators, a fur trading post was set up that allowed visitors to learn about life in the 1800s. The post included a tent, different furs and a campfire, simulating what it would look like in the 19th century.

While an attendance count was not readily available, Buelow said that this year she had noticed more people in attendance.

"We used to use the estimate of 500 people," said Buelow. "I think that we have gone way over 500 today."

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BOOKS AND STUFF

Former FBI profiler uncovers trail of a serial killer in Willow Rose thriller

I didn't know what I was in for when I selected "Let Me Go" by Willow Rose. It was book five in her Eva Rae Thomas series, and it had enough twists and turns to keep me on my toes.

For those who aren't familiar with Eva Rae Thomas, I'll try to supply a



JAN JONES

thumbnail sketch of her backstory. Eva Rae was a highly respected FBI profiler. She left the agency to concentrate on writing books to assist in catching serial killers. She's still smarting from the death of her

ex-husband, Chad. He took the bullet meant for his police partner and Eva's new love, Matt. Eva is a single mom but gets help from her live-in mom.

As this book opens, Matt and his 9-year-old son, Elijah, have just moved in with Eva and her children — Christine, Olivia and Alex. He made the move expecting to spend more time with Eva, but she is hip deep in an investigation of serial "swatting." Swatting is the term used when someone on the internet pulls a prank or causes disruption for another internet user.

Most swatting cases are upsetting, not lethal, but Eva has detected a

sinister pattern. Someone is engaging with internet gamers then sending fake 911 calls stating that the gamer has or will do something terrible. In most cases a SWAT team is sent, and the situation ends in bloodshed with innocent victims wounded or dead.

Eva is determined to find a way to track the killer and end this reign of terror. Sadly, she is so focused that she often neglects the needs of those she loves the most.

In a sudden breakthrough, Eva realizes that the next victim could be the teenaged son of a famously nasty chef, Liam Berkley. Forgetting that Matt and Elijah would moving in that week, Eva flies off to warn Berkley. He refuses to believe a word and within days his home is stormed, and his son is dead.

Next, Eva hears that a famous Pakistani blogger/gamer has been swatted and nearly killed. The woman is convinced that she was targeted by the SWAT team because of her skin color and is urging supporters to attend a rally against police brutality. Eva agrees that the police can be heavy-handed but believes that her gaming fame put her in danger.

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "Let Me Go" (Book five of the Eva Rae Thoma Mystery Series)

AUTHOR: Willow Rose

PUBLISHER: Independently published

PUBLISHED: 2019

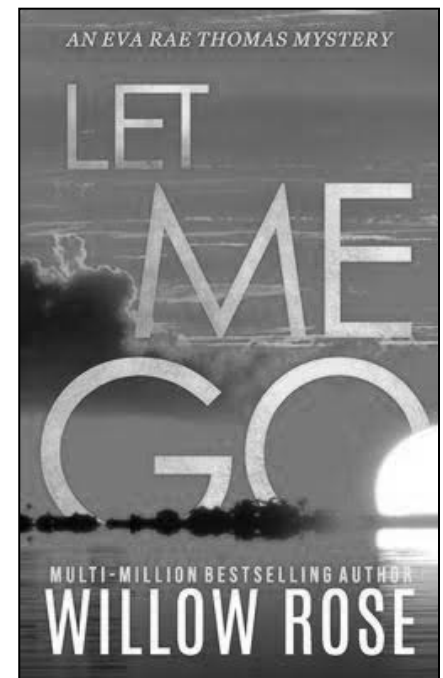
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As Eva spends more time ferreting out the killer, Matt and her own children warn her that she's becoming too involved and it is affecting their relationships. But Eva can't let up, and Matt and Elijah move out.

The only person urging her forward is Liam Berkley. Time and again she tries to warn the police or potential victims only to be rebuffed or too late. Eva is sure that the killer is aware that she is tracking his moves, and soon she and Liam are involved in an attack that leave four police officers dead. Only the aid of her former boss at the FBI gets Eva out of jail.

Once again, she throws herself into tracking and stopping the maniac behind at least 12 deaths. As often happens, it is an odd comment that alerts Eva to the killer's ID. Feeling confident and in control, she confronts the man. But instead of crumbling, he viciously attacks Eva and tries to shoot her.

While she is trying to evade his attack he tells Eva why he set up the swatting episodes, how he chose his targets and his ultimate goals. She can't help feeling mortified that this



man was willing sacrifice his son in order to make his complaints known. Eva is sure that she's about to die and passes out, only to wake up in a hospital with Matt and the kids at her side.

They decide to take things slow and give their love another try, and the kids all agree to that plan.

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Glass, littering leads to closure of Town of Richmond park

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

One popular tourist attraction in Shawano County will be closed during the coming summer weeks.

The Town of Richmond board has decided to close Rock Park Swimming Area for the foreseeable future, due to the amount of litter that has been left there by visitors.

"There have been a growing amount of problems there," said Steve Gueths, town chairman.

He noted that the board knew there had been a problem with litter and trash being left at the park. But the issue came to a head, he said, after a lengthy cleanup on June 14.

"We knew this was a problem, but when the guys took 3½ hours each to clean up, that was the straw that broke the camel's back," said Gueths. "They were able to fill their whole truck bed



Rock Park Swimming Area has barriers up on June 21, preventing visitors from driving down to the park to use the facilities.

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with trash."

He said that the park has been seeing a problem with visitors leaving litter for 10-15 years.

According to Gueths, the board hopes to revisit opening the park during a meeting in August. This rules out the opportunity for residents and guests to use the park during July, however — a popular time for summer recreation.

"This is a popular park," said Gueths. "We have people who come

from outside of the area to use this facility."

Even though the swimming area is closed, Gueths said he doesn't think area tourism will decrease when the summer ramps up.

"There are a lot of other areas that are available to guests," said Gueths.

Another worry for Gueths and the board was not only the amount of trash that was being left behind, but where it was being left.

"We have even seen trash on the

other side of the river, in people's yards," said Gueths. "I don't know if that is from the rafters who go by or how it gets there."

The major worry of the board was the broken glass that was being left at the park. The park features a sign indicating that glass bottles are not allowed, but according to Gueths, people are still getting cut and hurt by them.

Gueths mentioned that he and the board hope that shutting down the park will help to curb the trash problem when they reopen. He said that he has also heard disappointment from those who want to use the park's facilities.

"I have heard on social media that a lot of people are getting mad that the park is closed," said Gueths. "Some people are ruining it for everyone."

Gueths hopes that the park can be open by fall, because it has become a spot for hunters.

According to Gueths, the park will be monitored by the Shawano County Sheriff's Department, and those who are caught using the facility will be arrested and charged with trespassing.

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Get some brunch on the Back 40 (Acres)

Shawano County's farm education event back and better than ever in 2021

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Farm living is back on public display as the Shawano County Farm Bureau will have its Brunch on the Farm on June 27 at the Back 40 Acres in the Town of Angelica.

Being able to give people a glimpse into how their food is produced has been a tradition for decades, but like many summer activities, the brunch was canceled in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Christa Hoffman, who directs the event for the farm bureau, is glad that the event is returning, even as the bureau expects more people to come out this year.

"Having the event canceled last year meant we really lost the connection with the community," Hoffman said. "This is one of the most important things that we do, Brunch on the Farm, because it allows people to see a working and modern dairy farm. We want

people to understand where their milk is coming from and see how farmers take care of their animals and their land."

Visitors to the farm this weekend will get to see the robot milkers used to extract the milk from the cows. Back 40 Acres is fully automated, according to Kayla Coehoorn, who manages the farm with her family, with milking taking place 24-7. It takes about seven minutes per cow for the milking to take place, she said.

"We milk 120 cows through the robot, and we have about 280 total animals on the farm," Coehoorn said. "It makes our life a lot more flexible. We still have our morning and afternoon chores, but if we want to get done early or start late, it's really not a big deal."

Most of the milk produced goes to Agripure in Weyauwega, Coehoorn said. The farm produces about 88 pounds of milk, the equivalent of 10 gallons per day. A

lot of the milk is made into cheese, especially mozzarella to go on the Lotzza Motzza pizzas, she said.

"Last year, with COVID and everything, they noticed that the frozen pizza area grew a lot, and people bought up more frozen pizzas," Coehoorn said. "Agripure was able to shift a lot of its focus to mozzarella cheese."

Besides the dairy operation, the farm also does cash cropping — growing corn, alfalfa, soybeans, rye, wheat and oats. Though the name is Back 40 Acres, the farm actually occupies about 800 acres in Shawano County, according to Coehoorn.

Although Back 40 Acres was established as a limited liability corporation in 2017, the farm had been in operation for more than 50 years before that. Coehoorn said her grandparents, John and Dixie Nischke, purchased 40 acres in 1965 and placed 100 cows on the farm, and then her parents, Wayne and Connie Nischke purchased the farm in 1991.

Coehoorn and her father are the only full-time employees on the farm. She noted that her mother does the bookwork and helps out with the farm when time allows on mornings and weekends. Her husband, David, helps with chores when needed, as he has a full-time job elsewhere. Coehoorn's sister and brother-in-law, Ashley and Ricky Mickle, also help when they can.

"We also have a high school employee who helps out with afternoon chores," Coehoorn said.

Coehoorn noted the downside of being the full-time caretaker of the farm is that she's usually called upon if the robot milker stops working, and that tends to happen more in the middle of the night than during the day. Still, she wouldn't have her life any other way.

"I knew all throughout high school that I wanted to farm," Coehoorn said. "I went to Fox Valley Tech and got a business degree, just in case farming did not work out. When I went to tech school, we toured robot farms, and I thought they were pretty cool, but I never thought that would be us."

Coehoorn is glad that the brunch can be held as usual, as the begin-

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Shawano County Brunch on the Farm

WHEN: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 27

WHERE: N3220 Cedar Road, Pulaski

ADMISSION: \$8, \$5 ages 4-11, free ages 3 and under

MENU: Eggs with ham and cheese, sausage, hash browns, cheese curds, cinnamon bread with butter, ice cream sundaes, milk and juice

FYI: More information about Brunch on the Farm can be found at www.shawanofarmbureau.com/brunch-on-the-farm.

ning of 2021 saw many pandemic restrictions in place.

"It feels good to be back to normal," Coehoorn said. "We had talked about doing a drive-thru (brunch) back in January, but as the months went on and we've been getting vaccinated, people were starting to feel safe and get back to normal."

She added that she heard of a nearby county doing a drive-thru brunch with grilled cheese sandwiches, but she feared the liability of having thousands of vehicles driving through the farm would have produced its own headaches.

"People just want to get out and do something," Coehoorn said.

The farm bureau is anticipating at least 4,500 people in attendance this year, according to Hoffman. There could be more, as Outagamie County canceled its brunch for this year, and Back 40 Acres is in close proximity to Seymour and Black Creek.

"We're really looking forward to getting back to normal this year and having everybody out," Hoffman said. "We usually plan for about 4,000, so we are planning for a few more than normal. We pull in from Pulaski and the Green Bay area, as well."

Wagon rides and farm tours will once again be included with breakfast, and there will be some children's activities. There will be two polka bands performing, according to Hoffman, and a dance floor will be set up for those who want to do more than sit and enjoy the music.

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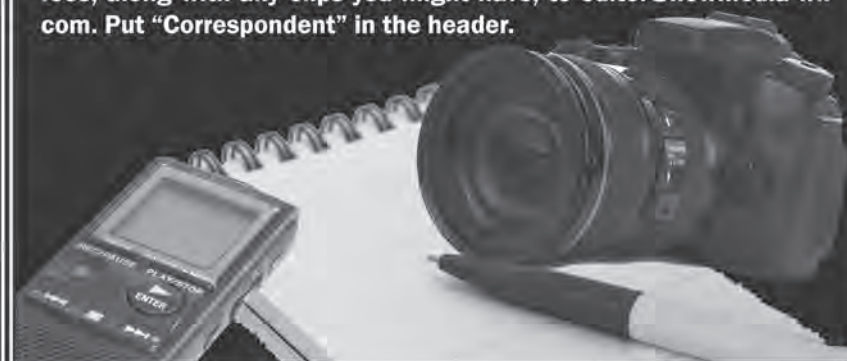


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The night ended with a fireworks show, including many different colors on June 19 at Fireworks Country.

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13,000 people visited Fireworks Country to witness tractor pulls and fireworks

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A popular Father's Day weekend event has returned to the Wittenberg community.

Fireworks Country held its annual fireworks extravaganza show for Shawano County residents to visit on June 19 right outside of Wittenberg. The show was one of the many Shawano County events that were canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event consisted of mini rod/mini truck pulls, a classic car show, a cornhole tournament, a kiddie tractor pull, music by Rebel Grace, and an end of the night fireworks show.

"We like to hold this event every year around Father's Day," said General Manager Tony Bamke. "We like to demo our products, and this way people will be able to see what they are going to buy. We try to make it a fun family event."

They hold this event around Father's Day weekend is because through his experience, he has seen that fathers enjoy watching fireworks, Bamke said.

He estimated that approximately



Jonathon Juedes, a Shawano County resident, throws his beanbag in pursuit of winning the corn hole tournament at Fireworks Country LLC on June 19.

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13,000 people showed up to Fireworks Country to take part in the festivities.

"I would say that it is darn near a record crowd," Bamke said. "From what I am seeing, people are tired of being cooped up. With the pandemic ending, we found that it brought a lot of people out."

With the fireworks extravaganza being the only event that Fireworks Country hosts during the year, Bamke heard very positive public

reaction from the event this year.

"People have told me that this show was amazing," said Bamke. "When people were leaving, some came up to me and asked what I had planned for next year."

One family who experienced the event for the first time mentioned that it was a wonderful experience.

"Our experience has been good," said Chris Kolodziej, who grew up in Wittenberg. "It has been loud, adrenaline pumping and just a great

time for my family and I."

The show was ended with what Bamke described as a spectacle. He said that the finale of fireworks is always a draw but with the new fireballs that were shot this year, it left the audience in awe.

According to Bamke, the team is always looking at different events that they can include in their fireworks extravaganza show. Events in the past have even included hot-air balloon rides.

All together, Bamke said holding this event not only brings him and the team at Fireworks Country closer together, but it also brings them closer with the community.

"It means a lot because we like the community support," said Bamke. "We want to give back to the community. That's why we get the fire department out here to let the kids see the equipment. We get the VFW to do security. We get the Holy Family Community Church to help out by serving food. We are pretty community oriented."

Without the support of the community, it would be hard for Fireworks Country to survive as a business, he said.



Dust and dirt is flying as contestants try to win the tractor pull competition at Fireworks Country LLC on June 19.

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The American flag is seen prominently through a cloud of dust in the tractor pulls on June 19 at Fireworks Country LLC.

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Tractors are lined up at Fireworks Country on June 19 for the tractor pull competition.

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ThedaCare doctor says surgery safe during pandemic

A recent survey by Wakefield Research reported 48% of joint replacement patients are currently delaying surgery because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Hip and knee replacements represent some of the best surgical procedures health care has ever developed to improve quality of life," said Dr. David Liebelt, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in hip and knee reconstruction with ThedaCare Orthopedic Care. "People might think that hip or knee replacement is something they can put off during the pandemic, but data suggests that putting it off may be worse for their health than seeking treatment."

Chronic joint pain caused by arthritis affects one in four adults in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports, with 15 million people experiencing severe pain — level 7 on a scale of 0-10. Additionally, nearly half of all adults suffering from arthritis report persistent pain.

Liebelt noted that pain is one of the top reasons people make an appointment to see their doctor.

"Pain leads to diagnosing the cause and then solving the problem," he said. "Severe hip and knee pain caused by degenerative changes from arthritis can cause severe morbidity in a person's life. Their activities of daily living become compromised. They can't do the things that make them happy, and they can't do the things they need to do to stay healthy in other parts of their life, both physically and mentally."

He wants people to know there is help.

"Hip and knee replacement surgery offers an opportunity to solve those problems and get people back to living their best life," he said. "However, during the pandemic, fear of leaving the house, of being around other people or entering a health care facility has caused many people to delay that care."

Liebelt noted some people have the

misconception that, if they're going to get a complete knee or hip replacement, it doesn't matter if they delay the procedure and keep damaging their joint because the surgeon is going to replace it anyway.

"I can replace their joint, that is true," he said. "They're not just damaging their joint. As they become less active, their muscles are weakening and becoming less flexible. As they become less active, patients are deconditioning themselves. When I perform the sur-

gery, it can potentially take more time for them to get back to feeling their best because they might have impacted their overall health."

It's that notion of overall health that Liebelt wants patients to keep in mind.

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Sunscreen helps to prevent skin cancer

Before folks leave for the lake, they should grab the sunscreen.

The Skin Cancer Foundation notes that one in five U.S. adults will develop skin cancer by age 70. Using sunscreen and other sun protection from an early age is the best way to prevent skin cancer later in life.

"Wearing sunscreen consistently is important because it can protect both adults and children against dangerous UV light," said Dr. Felix Jolly Odathil, family medicine physician at ThedaCare Physicians-New London. "Protection from the sun is important because burns early in life increase the risk of skin cancer later."

According to Odathil, people should use at minimum a sunscreen with an SPF 15 (sun protection factor) for normal daily use.

"SPF 30 is recommended for anyone who plans to be outside for more than one hour," he said. "The sunscreen should be broad-spectrum, meaning it blocks both UVA and UVB rays."

The SPF number refers to the time it would take UV rays to turn your skin red, as opposed to not using sunscreen. So, SPF 15 sunscreen helps prevent a person from burning about 15 times longer than if they wore no sunscreen at all. While people might logically believe that sunscreen with SPF 50 or SPF 100 would be even better, anything stronger than SPF 30 "only increases protection by marginal percentages," Odathil said.

People who are enjoying water sports or plan to swim should choose a sunscreen that is water resistant.

"Regardless of which sunscreen

you use, it should be reapplied every one or two hours, depending on how much water exposure there is," Odathil said.

Adults with a family history of skin cancer should be extra cautious and apply sunscreen even when spending a short time outside. For everyone, wearing wide-brim hats and protective clothing or swim shirts that are designed to block UV-rays can offer additional safety. People should be mindful of skin that's still exposed, like the face and hands.

Kids especially can benefit from protective clothing as they tend to spend more time in the sun than adults. Parents should apply sunscreen on their kids about 30 minutes before they plan to go outside, and they should remember to reapply even when kids aren't swimming because sunscreen can come off with sweat.

"When children are having fun at the pool or on the boat, it is easy to forget to reapply the sunscreen," he said. "One recommendation — parents can set a reminder on their phone to help them remember to reapply sunscreen for the entire family."

Parents should also consider using sunscreens that are made specifically for children. Some children's sunscreens contain minerals like zinc oxide, which essentially creates a physical barrier between your child's skin and harmful UV rays. Sunscreens containing oxybenzone can also cause skin allergies to flare up and may have hormonal impacts.



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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

3 from Witt-Birn, 1 Gresham/Bowler athlete ready to compete at state meets

Witt-Birn's Rogowski will take part in 4 events

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Gresham/Bowler high school track and field teams will each send athletes to Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse this week to compete in the WIAA 2021 State Track & Field Championships.

Witt-Birn's Reese Rogowski, Jalynn Horacek and Simon Schairer will compete in the Division 2 meet on June 25, while Gresham/Bowler's Emmitt Kietlinski takes part in the Division 3 meet June 24.

Witt-Birn

Rogowski will cap her impressive first year of high school track competing in four individual events at state. The sophomore qualified in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes along with the long jump.

"To qualify for state in four events means that my hard work during the season has paid off," said Rogowski.

Rogowski placed second in the long jump, 200 and 400 meters at sectionals and took third in the 100. She won regional titles in the 100 and 400 while placing second in the 200 and long jump.

The sophomore is seeded second in the 200 (25.68 seconds) and 400 (57.24), sixth in the 100 (12.61) and seventh in the long jump (17 feet, 4 inches) heading into the state meet.

"Some goals that I have heading into state are to compete to the best of my abilities with some of the best girls in the state and to try for a PR (personal record) in my events," said Rogowski.

Schairer and Horacek, both juniors, will each compete in the triple jump competitions.

Schairer finished second at sec-



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski nears the finish line during the May 20 Bonduel Invitational in Bonduel. Rogowski will compete in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes along with the long jump at the WIAA state track meet this week.

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tionals to qualify for state. He won a regional title in the event, jumping more than 6 inches further than any other competitor.

Schairer heads into state seeded

11th with a mark of 42-2¼.

"Qualifying for state means that my work in practice has paid off," said Schairer, who added he'll be relying on coach Mike Balliett's

ONLINE

Full stories from track regionals and sectionals and stories from the state meet can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

advice heading into the state meet.

"My goal in state is to finish well and get a PR."

Horacek earned her spot at state with a fourth-place finish at sectionals. She placed second in the event at regionals. The junior is seeded 16th with a mark of 33-10¼.

"Qualifying for state shows just how much work I have put into this sport and how I have improved as an athlete," said Horacek, who also will look to coaches for guidance.

"Heading into state, my goals are basically to perform well. I want to jump a 34-foot jump there and hopefully get a personal record."

Gresham/Bowler

Kietlinski, of Bowler, will represent the Gresham/Bowler co-op at state, competing in the triple jump and high jump competitions.

Kietlinski, also in his first season of high school track, won sectional and regional titles in the high jump. The sophomore earned a spot at state in the triple jump with a fourth-place sectional finish after claiming second in the event at regionals.

He's ranked ninth in the triple jump (42-1) and 13th in the high jump (5-11).

"My main goal is to validate who I am as an athlete by performing my best and hopefully making it to the awards podium," said Kietlinski.

"My coaches have helped me all season, so I will continue to listen to their advice."

Tigerton

Tigerton had two athletes compete at sectionals in three total events but did not have any athletes qualify for state.

The Tigers also competed in Division 3.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Witt-Birn claims Division 3 regional title

Chargers earn pair of 1-run wins

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School softball team earned its first regional title since 2007 with a pair of one-run playoff wins in Wittenberg.

The top-seeded Chargers earned a walk-off 5-4 win over ninth-seeded Nekoosa in a Division 3 regional semifinal on June 14 before hanging on late for a 6-5 regional title victory over fifth-seeded Westfield on June 16.

“Everything. We’ve worked so hard all season for this,” said Witt-Birn’s Amara Schoepke on what a regional title meant to the team. “We have a lot of trust in (pitcher Jasmin Duranceau), we know that she’ll do her job and she knows we’ll do our job out in the field.

“Regional champs is really nice, it’s a good feeling. Haven’t had that in awhile.”

Regional title

The regional title game included shaky defense from both Witt-Birn and Westfield throughout.

Witt-Birn scored the game’s first run when Duranceau grounded a ball to short with two outs in the first inning. Duranceau reached on a fielding error, with McKenna Foster scoring on the play.

Westfield responded with two runs in the second after a Witt-Birn error before the Chargers pulled ahead with two runs in the bottom of the third.

After Duranceau and Kaylee Schram walked, Schoepke hit a popup on the right side of the infield. Schoepke was called out on an infield fly, but the ball wasn’t caught, which allowed courtesy runner Emily Niles to score from second and Schram to move to third on the play. Kiara Deruchowski then plated Schram on a line drive hit to left field.

A misjudged liner on a Westfield hit in the fourth allowed the visitors to score and tie the contest at three.

Witt-Birn pulled ahead for good in the bottom of the frame. Abi Fraaza grounded out to third for the second out, and on the throw to first, Foster sprinted home for the go-ahead run.

The Chargers added two crucial insurance runs in the sixth to take a three-run lead into the final inning.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s Abi Fraaza swings at a pitch during the team’s Division 3 regional title win over Westfield on June 16 in Wittenberg.

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Fraaza singled with two outs before scoring on a McKenna Metropulos triple to right field. Metropulos then scored on a passed ball.

A fourth Witt-Birn error in the seventh led to a two-run double from Westfield to make it a one-run game again. But as Duranceau did so many times for the team this season, the pitcher remained confident and got the next batter to line out to end the contest.

“After every (play) — maybe you can’t hear, I know some people say you can’t hear — but I’m always trying to lift (Jasmin) up if there’s ever a good hit or if there’s ever a bad play,” said Witt-Birn catcher Metropulos on how she helped Duranceau work around some of the miscues.

“I’m always trying to be like, ‘OK Jas, like right now, you’re hitting the spots, you’re there.’ Sometimes they’re not calling what they need but I’m always trying to reassure Jasmin and reassure the team that we’re OK, we need to just take a breath.”

Both teams ended the game with eight hits while committing four er-

rors. The difference in the end was that Duranceau didn’t walk a batter and had a lot less traffic to deal with on the bases.

Witt-Birn drew seven walks in the contest and never was retired in order over its six innings at the plate. Duranceau worked 1-2-3 innings in the first, fifth and sixth.

Regional semifinal

Witt-Birn rallied two different times before securing its 5-4 walk-off win over Nekoosa in the regional semifinal clash.

After Nekoosa scored the game’s first run in the second, Witt-Birn used a three-run third to take the lead. An error on a ball put in play by Fraaza allowed both Paige Kurth and Foster to score runs. Another error on a liner from Duranceau allowed Fraaza to score.

Nekoosa scored twice in the fourth to tie it up and then once in the fifth to take a one-run lead again. The Chargers tied it right back up in the bottom of the fifth.

Fraaza opened the inning with a

ONLINE

Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s softball team earned a 3-2 win over Amherst in a sectional semifinal clash on June 21. A story on that game and the team’s sectional final game can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com and will appear in next week’s paper.

single before moving to second on a sacrifice bunt from Duranceau. With two outs, Fraaza moved to third on a passed ball before scoring on another passed ball.

Tied entering the bottom of the seventh, Foster led off with a walk before Metropulos reached on an error that moved Foster up to second. Fraaza then lifted a deep flyout to right — missing a home run by about five or so feet. The deep fly allowed Foster to use her speed and score from second on the play to give the Chargers a thrilling win.

Duranceau surrendered 10 hits in the contest, but again didn’t walk a batter while striking out four to avoid any big innings. Only one of the four runs she allowed was earned.

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YOUTH SWIM

WASP fares well at Badger State Games

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wittenberg Area Swim Program sent 13 girls to the Badger State Games from June 11-13 at Aspirus YMCA in Weston, with several swimmers turning in strong finishes.

Reese Dickman and Kaydence Crick each earned first-place finishes to lead WASP.

8-and-under

Kaydence Crick: first, 25-yard backstroke (23.05 seconds); second, 50 backstroke (51.81); third, 50 freestyle (50.94) and 25 breaststroke (36.1); fourth, 25 freestyle (22.85).

Peyton Crick: second, 25 freestyle (19.78), 50 freestyle (46.27) and 25 breaststroke (29.34); third, 25 backstroke (24.86) and 50 breaststroke (1:05.35); fourth, 50 backstroke (53.53).

Halley Innes: second, 50 breaststroke (1:04.82); fourth, 25 backstroke (29.13).

Girls 9-10

Kiona Kahaleuatke: fourth, 100 backstroke (2:06.59); sixth, 50 breaststroke (55.49); eighth, 100 freestyle (1:36.52).

Girls 11-12

Brooklynn Beran, Rylee Crick, Reese Dickman, Priya



Representing WASP at the Badger State Games was, from left, front row, Kaydence Crick, Halley Innes, Peyton Crick; second row, Ella Budleski, Megan Gilmeister, Reese Dickman; last row, Cenia Stefonek, Kalee Gilmeister, Rylee Crick, Laura Gilmeister, Brooklynn Beran, Priya Stefonek. Kiona Kahaleuatke is not pictured.

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Stefonek: third, 200 medley relay (2:24.81). Brooklynn Beran, Rylee Crick, Reese Dickman, Priya Stefonek: fourth, 400 freestyle relay (5:07.4). Brooklynn Beran: fifth, 100 breaststroke (1:33.55); sixth, 200 IM (3:06.42); eighth, 50 freestyle (31.68) and 50 backstroke (37.1); 11th, 50 breaststroke (43.53); 12th,

50 freestyle (41.88), 100 backstroke (1:27.59) and 100 freestyle (1:12.76).

Rylee Crick: third, 100 breaststroke (1:31.49); sixth, 100 IM (1:18.8); seventh, 50 freestyle (31.13); eighth, 50 breaststroke (40.59); ninth, 50 backstroke (37.92); 10th, 100 backstroke (1:20.49); 13th, 100 freestyle (1:13.65).

Reese Dickman: first, 50 breaststroke (34.84) and 100 breaststroke (1:18.53); fourth, 100 IM (1:12.86), 200 IM (2:45.59) and 50 freestyle (29.53); seventh, 50 backstroke (36.02); eighth, 100 backstroke (1:18.03); ninth, 100 freestyle (1:06.47).

Priya Stefonek: 14th, 100 backstroke (1:53.61) and 50 breaststroke (45.71); 19th, 100 freestyle (1:39).

Girls 13-and-over

Ella Budleski, Kalee Gilmeister, Laura Gilmeister, Megan Gilmeister: third, 200 medley relay (2:15.99).

Kalee Gilmeister, Laura Gilmeister, Megan Gilmeister, Cenia Stefonek: fourth, 400 freestyle relay (4:28.75).

Ella Budleski: 12th, 100 butterfly (1:28.52); 14th, 200 IM (3:06.77); 15th, 100 breaststroke (1:36); 18, 100 freestyle (1:11.27).

Kalee Gilmeister: fourth, 100 butterfly (1:14.56) and 200 IM (2:43.52); seventh, 100 freestyle (1:05.36); 11th, 100 breaststroke (1:31.36).

Laura Gilmeister: seventh, 200 IM (2:48.87); eighth, 100 butterfly (1:20.59) and 100 freestyle (1:05.37); 12th, 100 breaststroke (1:33.71).

Megan Gilmeister: 13th, 100 butterfly (1:29.13); 15th 200 IM (3:08.02); 17th 100 breaststroke (1:43.1); 21st, 100 freestyle (1:14.76).

Cenia Stefonek: 11th, 100 butterfly (1:23.2); 12th, 100 breaststroke (1:30.84); 13th, 200 IM (2:59.54); 17th, 100 freestyle (1:09.79).

Bowler baseball team eliminated in D4 regional title

The Bowler High School baseball team advanced to a Division 4 regional title game before being eliminated from the postseason last week.

Second-seeded Bowler lost 3-1 to top-seeded Three Lakes/Phelps in the regional final on June 16 in Three Lakes.

Bowler's run came in the seventh when Ashwuut Mohawk singled in Logan Thiex.

Brock Strassburg led the Panthers with two hits. All seven of the team's hits were singles.

Beau Brunner, Sterling Schreiber III and Thiex all reached base twice, with a single and a walk each.

Thiex suffered the loss on the mound after pitching all six innings.

He struck out nine batters while allowing eight hits and two walks.

Bowler topped third-seeded Tigerton 5-2 in a regional semifinal clash on June 15 in Bowler. The Panthers scored two runs in the fifth and sixth innings to rally to the victory.

Thiex and Adin Brei drove in two runs each for Bowler, while Lane Schultz scored two runs. Schultz also stole three bases.

Schultz picked up the win on the mound after pitching all seven innings. He struck out four batters while surrendering four hits and a walk.

Mitch Zimdars took the loss for Tigerton but struck out nine batters across 5 2/3 innings. Asher Michaelis drove in both of Tigerton's runs, plat-

ing Isaac Schoen and Zimdars.

In Division 3, Wittenberg-Birnawood was eliminated in a regional semifinal clash. The fourth-seeded Chargers lost 6-0 to top-seeded Amherst on June 15 in Amherst.

Amherst scored once in the second inning before tallying its final five runs in the third.

Ian Salvesen and Mason Meverden each tallied two hits for Witt-Birn, while Max Fraaza had a hit and drew two walks. All of the team's hits were singles.

Austin Worzalla was dealt the loss after pitching the first two innings. Austin Rekow pitched the final four innings, not allowing a run and striking out two batters along the way.

Softball

The Tigerton and Bowler softball teams were each eliminated from the Division 4 postseason bracket after regional semifinal losses on June 14.

Sixth-seeded Tigerton lost 15-0 to third-seeded Almond-Bancroft in four innings.

Tigerton tied the contest at four after a four-run third inning. Almond-Bancroft responded with a four-run third of its own before a seven-run fourth ended the contest.

Adrienne Brady took the loss in the circle for Tigerton.

Seventh-seeded Bowler was also defeated 15-0 in its contest against second-seeded Florence. The game lasted three innings.



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AUTO RACING

Shawano Speedway Hall of Fame welcomes in Giesen, Betram

Bodendorfer, Schmidt, Swedberg, Nolan, Hacker earn feature wins

By DAVE BUSS

Special to NEW Media

Last week it was the future in the spotlight at Shawano Speedway. This week it was the past as two new members were inducted into the speedway's Hall of Fame.

George Giesen and Ed Bertram were honored for their past accomplishments at the speedway and in racing. With friends and family along with numerous current and former drivers who have benefited from the new hall of famers contributions to the racing world in attendance, the two were honored in a ceremony at intermission.

The IMCA Modifieds hit the track with numerous drivers who got their start in go karts at the GSR Raceway run by Bertram.

It didn't take long until the yellow flag slowed the action with Jeff Bodendorfer leading the way. When green flew again it was Bodendorfer building a lead as Lance Arneson ran second and Konnor Wilinski third. Bodendorfer built a lead of nearly one second.

Arneson began to make his way forward and grabbed the top spot for lap 17, but Bodendorfer fought right back the next lap. As the white flag flew, Arneson made one more charge to no avail. Bodendorfer grabbed the win with Arneson second, Wilinski third and Jason Czarapata fourth.

The IMCA Stock Cars rolled track-side with a pair of veteran drivers on the front row with Hot Rod Snellen-



Jayden Schmidt earned a feature win in the IMCA Sport Mod class on June 19 at Shawano Speedway.

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berger and Darren Otto leading the way.

Snellenberger showed he still knows his way around the half-mile as he began to get away. Trent Nolan had other plans and began to track down the Snellenberger car. Nolan got to the outside of the Snellenberger car, but he wasn't able to make the pass.

At the halfway point, Nolan led Snellenberger, with Brandon Czarapata in the second row and last week's feature winner Dylan Stedjee in fourth. Nolan fired to a nice lead on the restart with Czarapata moving to second.

Travis Van Straten moved to third with Snellenberger falling back to fourth. Debris caused the yellow to fly with six laps to go. Nolan maintained

his advantage with five laps to go.

Czarapata moved to the high side looking for a way around Nolan but wouldn't find the traction needed to complete the pass. As Czarapata focused on the leader, Van Straten began to work on Czarapata.

Nolan hung on for the win with Van Straten grabbing second and Czarapata third.

The Late Model division took their turn trying to tame the half-mile next and it was Rocket Ron Berna grabbing the advantage in the early going. Berna looked like he'd make it a boring race but Brett Swedberg was cutting into the advantage.

Swedberg, carrying the famous Blatz side panel in honor of Bertram,

caught Berna in corners one and two and powered to the outside of Berna for the lead. A late caution gave the field one more shot at Swedberg but he powered to the win joining the likes of Schoenicke, Theilke, Peterson and Blashe with the Blatz car in victory lane.

Troy Springborn got past Berna for second with Joe Reuter fourth.

Jake Carpenter grabbed the lead from the drop of the green flag in the IMCA Sport Mod feature event and built a large advantage. Jayden Schmidt worked forward with Tyler Sobiesczyk and Matthew Radtke.

While the perennial front-runners were battling, it was Carpenter who continued to hold the top spot. Schmidt set his sights on Carpenter as he moved to second.

Caution eliminated the hard work of Carpenter and moved the field to his rear bumper. Carpenter looked like he would survive the restart, but Schmidt kept him close.

With laps winding down, Schmidt made his move and grabbed another win. Carpenter settled in second, with Sobiesczyk third and Radtke fourth.

Lucas Hacker led the Mighty 4s green to checkered to pick up another feature win.

While Hacker led every lap, Jason Stueck and Brad Wedde kept him on his toes. Stueck and Wedde pressured Hacker lap after lap but with no success. Stueck grabbed second with Wedde third.

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Packers converting to mobile tickets only starting this upcoming season

Starting this season, the Green Bay Packers will accept only mobile tickets for entry to Lambeau Field during Packers home games and will not accept paper tickets as a method of entry.

Printed game tickets will no longer be sent to season ticket holders, club seat holders or suite holders prior to the season, and all guests who attend a game at Lambeau Field will need to enter with mobile tickets, whether they have season tickets or purchased the tickets on the secondary market.

Following the success of accepting mobile-only tickets during the playoffs this past season, this transition will help ensure safe, secure ticketing at Lambeau Field and help prevent the use of counterfeit tickets.

Mobile ticketing, which has been adopted in a variety of industries such as entertainment and travel, protects the integrity of tickets, improving protection against fraud, while also allowing ticket holders to access their tickets from their smartphones.

The mobile ticket's barcode is scanned at the gate for entry, allowing phones to serve as a replace-

ment for paper tickets.

Mobile tickets also offer a safe, convenient and flexible way for fans to sell, send and manage their tickets, and they allow for the Packers to communicate directly and instantaneously with fans who are coming to each game so attendees can know what to expect before coming to Lambeau Field.

"This is part of the continued evolution of coming to a Packers game, attending events and traveling," said Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy.

"We are looking forward to this transition helping cut down on fraud and ensure safe, secure ticketing at Lambeau Field. We understand this will be a change for some of our fans, but we are ready to assist in the coming months as we all adjust to using only mobile tickets."

The conversion to mobile ticketing has taken place league-wide in recent years, with the NFL conducting a fully mobile Super Bowl LV this past February and the Packers now joining nearly every other NFL team, as well as other Wisconsin teams the Milwaukee Bucks and Milwaukee Brewers, in making the

move to mobile-only tickets.

This transition complements other enhancements to the Lambeau Field game day experience in recent years, such as walk-through metal detectors, grab-and-go concessions and cashless points of sale, all of which make it easier and more efficient to attend a game at Lambeau Field.

In addition to the successful implementation of mobile tickets during this past year's playoff games at Lambeau Field, the organization has also experienced success in the use of mobile tickets in recent years, with Brown County tickets recently becoming available only as mobile tickets.

Non-game day events such as Packers Family Night and the Paul McCartney concert in 2019 also have demonstrated that many fans have been successfully utilizing mobile tickets.

Ticket holders will manage their tickets through their online account and can access their accounts through packers.com or the Packers mobile app.

Within their online accounts, season ticket holders can use the tickets themselves, transfer the

tickets to another fan, donate tickets or post tickets for resale.

Instructions for how to use mobile tickets will be provided to season ticket holders and are published at packers.com/tickets/mobile-ticketing.

Ahead of the Packers season, the organization will host training opportunities and will publish video tutorials on packers.com to help guide fans who may not be familiar with mobile tickets.

Details on the training opportunities will be announced at a later date.

Season ticket holders who do not have a smartphone or an email address can call or visit the Packers ticket office for assistance.

At the conclusion of the season, Packers season ticket holders will be sent commemorative souvenir tickets in the mail.

The tickets are available now for season ticket holders on their Packers accounts and will be available each year as soon as the schedule is released.

Visit packers.com/tickets/mobile-ticketing for information about mobile tickets and for answers to common questions.

Shawano softball team taken down in regional title

Other baseball and softball teams eliminated in regional semifinal matchups

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Community High School softball team pulled off an upset playoff win before having its season ended after a loss in a Division 2 regional title game last week.

Sixth-seeded Shawano upset third-seeded New London 3-1 in a regional semifinal game on June 14 in New London.

Naomi Wynos led off the game with a single before Isabel Daniel walked. Elizabeth Kary then delivered a two-RBI single to put Shawano ahead for good.

Taylor Johnson earned the win

in the circle, only surrendering five hits in a complete game effort. The run she allowed was unearned.

The Hawks lost 8-0 to second-seeded Luxemburg-Casco on June 16 in the regional title game in Luxemburg.

Shawano, which finished the year with a 12-8 record, managed just four hits in the contest.

The Bonduel and Marion softball teams each were eliminated after regional semifinal losses.

Seventh-seeded Bonduel lost 7-1 to second-seeded Peshtigo in Division 3 action on June 14 in Peshtigo, while eighth-seeded Marion was

defeated 17-1 in four innings against top-seeded Pacelli in Division 5 play on June 14 in Stevens Point.

Baseball

The Bonduel, Marion and Gresham baseball teams all had their seasons come to an end in regional semifinal games.

Third-seeded Bonduel lost 4-3 to second-seeded St. Mary Catholic in Division 3 action June 15 in Neenah.

Bonduel scored twice in the first inning and then a run in the fourth to go ahead 3-0. SMC scored two runs in the fifth and sixth innings to surge ahead. The Bears stranded 11

runners on base in the contest.

Brett Margelofsky led Bonduel with three hits, one of which was a triple. Jack Johnson and Carson Robaidek each doubled among their two hits.

Johnson took the loss after pitching the final 1 2/3 innings. Mason Bohm started and worked the first 5 1/3 innings.

In Division 4, third-seeded Marion was doubled up 4-2 by second-seeded Reedsville on June 15 in Reedsville. Fourth-seeded Gresham lost 14-1 to top-seeded Three Lakes/Phelps in five innings on June 15 in Three Lakes.

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Bonduel 9

Shawano 7

Bonduel hung on late for a win over Shawano on June 20 in Bonduel.

The hosts scored five runs in the third inning, three in the fifth and one in the sixth. Shawano scored once in the first before three-run fifth and ninth innings.

Barrett Bohm homered, drove in three runs and scored twice for Bonduel, while Matt Scheelk homered, drove in two runs and scored twice.

Wyatt Reinke earned the win after pitching three scoreless innings. Chase Reinke and Jack Reinke also pitched for the Broncos.

Hunter Hoffman drove in a pair of runs for Shawano. Hoffman and Ashton Henning had three hits each, while Bryce Szymanski homered.

Hoffman took the loss on the mound, while Brad Bartz and Cole Nelson also pitched.

Hortonville 13

Hofa Park 5

Hortonville tallied 20 hits in a lopsided win over Hofa Park on June 19 in Hofa Park.

Conner Roesler and Dan Wunderlich each posted four hits and

two RBIs for Hortonville, while Kole Ellenbecker drove in a pair on two hits, and Brett Kramer had two RBIs on two hits. Logan Grossman and Mike Bunkleman tallied three hits each.

Mason Thiel earned the win after striking out six batters over five innings. Reliever Connor Medvecz allowed two runs but struck out six batters over four innings.

Rob Schuettpelz suffered the loss for Hofa Park after pitching 4 2/3 innings. Mike Delgado and Marcus Hornacek also pitched.

Waupaca 10

Nichols 0 (8 inn.)

Waupaca eased to a win over Nichols on June 20 in Waupaca.

Jim Nighbor picked up the win after allowing just one hit over six innings. Adam Kennedy didn't allow a hit in two relief innings.

Luke Behm homered among his two hits and drove in three runs for Waupaca.

Davis Levine drove in two runs on two hits, while Walker Smith also had two hits.

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Learning during the summer



Colter Sapp and Katie Shilts work to build their Lego Robotics project during the summer school program at Bondel Elementary School. The students build them one day, and then the next day the projects are hooked up to the computer and coded to move.

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Selenium is a trace mineral that is essential to good health but necessary only in small amounts. Before it was found to be an essential nutrient, selenium was considered remarkably toxic to humans. Early research was optimistic that selenium supplementation might help prevent cancer and certain cardiovascular problems.

A breakthrough occurred in 1973, when a research team observed that selenium protected against oxidative damage in selenium-deficient rats. Recent research has found that selenium supplementation might be more harmful than beneficial to humans.

An international medical research team reported in *Annals of Internal Medicine* that selenium supplements are likely to increase the risk for diabetes. In this study, 1,202 participants were given either oral selenium or



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placebo. During a follow-up of over seven years, type 2 diabetes occurred in 58 of the selenium recipients, but in only 39 of the placebo recipients.

Another study examined the relationship between

the use of multivitamins containing selenium and the risk of prostate cancer. The study investigated 295,344 men with a mean age of 62 years who were cancer free at enrollment. The researchers discovered that persons taking high levels of multivitamins containing selenium had increased risks of advanced and fatal prostate cancers.

Yet another study investigated selenium for the prevention of cardiovascular disease. In this trial, over 1,000 subjects were given either oral selenium or placebo. These researchers found no overall effect of selenium on cardiovascular disease.

An international research team conducted a systematic review to investigate the effects of selenium for primary prevention of cardiovascular disease and the potential adverse effect on type 2 diabetes. Over 19,000 participants were involved in the studies reviewed. Selenium supplementation did not reduce all cause mortality, cardiovascular disease mortality, or non-fatal cardiovascular disease events. It did increase the risk of type 2 diabetes.

Selenium supplementation might be beneficial in certain populations,

such as those with HIV or those with severe gastrointestinal problems, such as Crohn's disease. It may also be beneficial in regions where diets are low in selenium, such as China, but there is no selenium deficiency in the United States. So selenium supplementation is a real public health concern. More than 1% of Americans take selenium supplements, and more than 35% take multivitamin/mineral supplements that often contain selenium.

In light of information that selenium may be associated with increased health risks, caution is recommended. Selenium supplementation in America should be avoided.

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OPINION

Those who cannot remember the past

Red and I are big fans of “Jeopardy!” and set aside part of almost every evening to watch the day’s three contestants maneuver through the answers to questions both trivial and profound.

Every so often I get a reminder that I’m getting old, like the time all three missed “What was Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band?”

Recently I was caught off-guard when all three contestants missed a couple of basic U.S. history questions.

One day the clue was “Government of the people, by the people, for the people” is from the end of this brief but powerful speech.”

One contestant guessed incorrectly that the phrase is in the Constitution,



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Civil War.

A week or so later, the Final Jeopardy! answer was “2-word term for the statement saying U.S. policy is ‘to leave the parties to themselves, in the hope ... other powers will (do) the same.’”

I had to think a moment but did

and the other two stood blankly, not recognizing a key portion of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, the short speech that helped consecrate the graveyard at the most significant battle of the U.S.

recognize the Monroe Doctrine, our fifth president’s declaration of American neutrality. The three bright people who had earned a space at the podium did not.

George Santayana is credited with a thought that Winston Churchill altered somewhat when he said, “We have to understand our history in order to not repeat the mistakes of the past.”

If we do not understand a conflict in which thousands of people died to preserve the republic, we might very well find ourselves careening toward another great mistake.

If we don’t study the reasons why an American president would argue — successfully for decades — that the U.S. should not join other nations’ bat-

tlés, we might find ourselves serving as the world’s policeman and waging wars that serve our national interests only tangentially.

My first impulse was to wonder whether we are emphasizing history enough in our educational system when a half-dozen of our best and brightest lack awareness of two of our most essential documents, but I’m not here to batter teachers who are no doubt as shocked as I am.

I just want to recall with Santayana, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it,” and suggest that we’d best start working on improving our collective memory.

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GUEST COLUMN

Golf course threatens pristine Wisconsin land

Martin Pattison and John Michael Kohler were two extraordinary men who sought to preserve Wisconsin’s natural resources.

Both developed lucrative companies at the turn of the century. Both married extraordinary women and founded families. The homes they built are now historic landmarks. And land they owned was donated for use as state parks.

The gifts that one of them gave faces an uncertain future.

In the late 19th century, Pattison, an iron mining tycoon, built the 42-room Pattison House in Superior. In 1917, when he learned of plans to build a “power dam” on the Black River that would have destroyed his beloved Big Manitou Falls, he secretly bought up 660 acres from landowners along the river to stop the project, donating the land for a state park.

Improvements were made in 1935, and the park and waterfalls are still an attraction today. Pattison’s former home in Superior is currently the Fairlawn Mansion and Museum, an affordable county museum that highlights its architecture and design.

Compare that to the legacy of John Michael Kohler. A former mayor of Sheboygan, he turned his father-in-law’s ironworks into what later became Kohler Company, primarily known for its plumbing products.



CYNTHIA DENNEY

In 1966, Kohler donated 280 acres on Lake Michigan to the state Department of Natural Resources. This was merged with Terry Andrae State Park to the south to create Kohler-Andrae State Park.

Since then, Wisconsin has invested in the park’s campgrounds, picnic areas, trails and roads. Improving the park’s facilities and programs is an ongoing effort. Yet, the master plan that was developed to “assure that future property management and development plans would be consistent with the needs of park visitors while protecting the park’s natural resources” has never been completed.

Now the Kohler Co. has proposed building a golf course on 247 acres adjacent to the park that include rare dunes and the last remaining stand of old-growth forest on the Lake Michigan shore. It wants to use five acres of park land in the southern portion of the park for a maintenance storage facility, for which it traded nine acres to

the DNR. In 2018, the DNR approved the swap.

Mary Faydash, a spokesperson for Friends of Black River Forest, has said that the land “is so ecologically significant and it was left in its natural state for the public to enjoy, for recreation, study and viewing wildlife in their natural habitat.” She and others say that this rare piece of coastal landscape is the wrong place for a golf course.

In late May, a Sheboygan County judge denied Kohler Co. a wetland permit for the project, which Friends of Black River Forest have opposed.

The project also needs a master plan amendment from the DNR to proceed. It should not be granted. Opponents are calling for a complete review of the project and its potential impacts.

The descendants of John Michael Kohler should rise to the great spirit of philanthropy found in Terry Andrae and Martin Pattison, and not stubbornly persist in a plan that can only harm their family’s legacy.

Cynthia A. Denney is a member of the Sierra Club-Wisconsin Chapter Lands Team and has served on the executive boards for Sierra Club-California and the Cal-Nevada Regional Conservation Committee.





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5:40 P.M. - Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

AGENDA

- I Meeting called to order, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).
- II Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance
- III Motion to Approve the Minutes of May 24, 2021, Regular Meeting as circulated.
- IV. Communications and Delegations
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Board Concerns or Reports
- VII Student Representative
- VIII Financial Report
- IX Approve the Agenda
 - I. The Board may adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1) for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matters and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.
 - II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.
- .XI Administrative Reports
- .XII Old Business
- XIII New Business
 - A. Approve Teacher Hires
 - B. Approve Teacher Transfer
 - C. Approve Teacher Resignations
 - D. Approve Teacher Aide Hire
 - E. Approve Food Service Hires
 - F. Approve Coach Hires
 - G. Approve Fund 46 Transfer
 - H. Approve 2020-2021 Budget Revisions
 - I. Approve Sealcoat Bid
 - J. Approve Aquatic Center Pay Scale
 - K. Discuss Buildings and Grounds Walk Through Date
 - L. Set Date for Annual Meeting
 - M. Approve Endowment Transfer
- IX .Adjournment

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