



TIGERTON THEDACARE CLINIC BUILDING NEARS RESTORATION COMPLETION

Aaron Damrau, who heads up the restoration efforts at the Swanke mansion in Tigerton, points out some of the original pantry cabinets and the plans for their use as the mansion undergoes a major restoration. What started as an electrical upgrade has become an overall face-lift — including restoring tile floors, refinishing the original woodwork and rehangng original electrical fixtures to respect the historical integrity of the building while providing ThedaCare a functioning, commercial building so its clinic can reopen. See Page X for more photos and details.

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Sidewalk again on village radar

A sidewalk from East Grand Avenue along Genesee Street to near the U.S. Highway 45 interchange will be the subject of a Feb. 2 public hearing in the village of Wittenberg.

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Sidewalks topic of Feb. 2 hearing

Sidewalks on the east side of North Genesee Street will be the subject of a Feb. 2 public in the village of Wittenberg.

The village board agreed to the public hearing at its regular meeting Tuesday. The hearing will be held at 6 p.m. before the scheduled village board meeting, Traci Matsche, village clerk, said.

There are currently sidewalks on the west side of the street but the addition of businesses and the Northcentral Technical College office has greatly increased pedestrian traffic.

"But it's really (U.S. Highway) 45. It's become one of the busiest intersections in Wittenberg," said Bill Switalla, village board president, had said after the board discussed the project on Dec. 15.

He emphasized the safety factor for pedestrians, especially children



The Wittenberg village board recently discussed putting in a sidewalk on the east side of North Genesee Street.

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and students, in adding the sidewalks.

Switalla noted there are three residences on the street that would be affected, and he sympathized that homeowners are concerned about the upkeep and clearing snow.

In a streets and sidewalks issue, the Shawano County Highway

Department invited the village's participation in 2022 in a repaving project on East Grand Avenue from South Mission Street to North Genesee Street and the section of North Genesee Street up to the intersection with U.S. Highway 45. The village's share was estimated at \$93,000.

Personal tragedies soak British mystery

This week's book was a hard read — "Fragile Cord" by Emma Salisbury. This one features British Detective Sergeant Kevin Coupland and his young partner, Detective Constable Alex Moreton.

Coupland and his wife, Lynn, have a teenage daughter, Amy. Not long ago, Coupland let a boozy stop after work go a bit too far. Now his wife isn't speaking to him. The thought of losing his family has him shaken and distracted.

Alex and her husband, Carl, have a young son, Ben. She is eager to advance her career and has just taken the sergeant's exam. Carl is self-employed and works from home. The promotion would add stability to her family's income.

Carl wants them to have another child, but Alex is conflicted. It's the prologue that grabs your attention. A very pregnant Tracey Kavanaugh takes one look at her young son's drawing and is certain that she must kill the child. The action then moves to DS Coupland. Ricky Wilson and his family planned to make a quick stop at the pub then head home, but when his wife's purse was stolen, Ricky made a fuss and was asked to leave.

Minutes later, two men appeared, stabbed Ricky and ran off. Coupland knows the group of unsavory girls who hang out at the pub, stealing purses and splitting the contents with the equally sleazy young men who work there. Coupland is sure that they are



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the culprits, but "no one saw a thing."

As he's thinking about the Wilson case, he gets a call that makes his heart sink. Angus Kavanaugh came home and found his little boys drowned in the bathtub and

his wife dead by hanging. There is no note, and all insist that Tracey hadn't been depressed or disturbed. As a mother herself, Alex can't help feeling deep anger at Tracey. She wonders if she's fit to bring another life into the world.

Along the way, we meet Coupland's friend, Joe. Long ago, his wife and child died while he was deployed in Afghanistan. Joe never recovered from the loss. He's now a homeless drunk. Knowing them makes Coupland count his blessings.

When Ricky Wilson dies, the case become a murder investigation. Coupland puts his energies into the Wilson case, digging into witness and family statements. After doggedly questioning suspects, he gets the break he needs. But his pleasure is tempered by the news that his beloved Lynn has been diagnosed with breast cancer. True to his nature, Coupland fears the worst.

At the same time, Alex concentrates on the Kavanaugh case. The informa-

AT A GLANCE

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tion they need is buried deep and for good reason.

Harold and Margaret Sweetman offered rooms to those down on their luck, but the boarders soon disappeared. Investigators found several bodies in the Sweetman's backyard. They also learned that the victims had suffered sexual abuse. Worst yet, the couple's son and daughter had been sexually abused as well. The girl was taken away, renamed Tracey and hidden from the press. She grew up, went to college and met Angus Kavanaugh. When he learned she was pregnant, they got married and began what appeared to be a very happy life.

The downfall came with Kyle's emerging art talent and a fluke putting Tracey's picture in the paper. It was obvious that Kyle had inherited his father's amazing talent for art, and only Tracey knew that Kyle's father was her own brother.

Ultimately, she couldn't live with the world knowing her deepest, pain-filled secrets. The sad fact remains that even after the cases are solved, everyone involved is left with lasting wounds.

Alliant can help pay energy bills

Customers can help neighbors with Hometown Care Energy Fund

Alliant Energy can help eligible customers in its western Shawano County service area pay their energy bills under its Hometown Care Energy Fund.

The fund is separate from state or federal assistance. In addition to energy assistance, Alliant Energy has several options to help customers manage their bills. The company's My Account site allows customers to set up a flexible payment plan based on their ability to pay, track their energy usage and make fee-free credit card payments. Customers may also request a payment extension or set up a recurring payment for a fixed amount to be automatically withdrawn each week or month.

"If you need assistance, you are not alone. We encourage customers who are struggling to take advantage of available resources to stay on track," said Linda Mattes, vice president of Customer and IT Operations at Alliant Energy. "We are being flexible and are here to help customers during this difficult time."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, one in three households has struggled to pay regular expenses, including utility bills, since the start of the pandemic and about one in six U.S. workers has filed for unemployment.

Customers needing assistance can call 211 or visit alliantenergy.com.

alliantenergy.com/energyassistance for details about available options.

They can review Hometown Care Energy Fund income eligibility requirements and apply for funding at Energy Services, Inc.

Alliant Energy share owners, as well as voluntary contributions from employees, retirees and customers, support The Hometown Care Energy Fund. In April, Alliant Energy announced a \$2 million donation to the fund. The contributions by share owners are not included in the rates charged to customers.

"We invite customers to join us in supporting the Hometown Care Energy Fund to help neighbors in need," said Mattes.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is a federally funded financial assistance program to help pay for energy costs. To check income eligibility and learn how to apply, go to homeenergyp-lus.wi.gov.

If customers would like to donate to help Shawano County residents by giving to the Hometown Care Energy Fund, call 1-800-ALLIANT to add an amount their monthly bill. Customers can also mail a check to Hometown Care Energy Fund, Alliant Energy, P.O. Box 3003, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-3003.

alliantenergy.com/energyassistance

Deer hunters invited to share views

Wisconsin deer hunters in Shawano, Oconto and Marathon Counties have until Jan. 13 to weigh in on the future of deer hunting will look like in their county.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and County Deer Advisory Councils (CDACs) conduct a survey on proposed herd size objectives every three years.

The link is https://www.research.net/r/FALL_CDAC_2020.

The fall of 2020 marked the end of

the last three-year cycle and meetings are being held this winter to determine the herd size objectives for 2021-2023.

The DNR staff will also discuss a review of deer management unit and zone boundaries as part of this process.

The DNR will review final herd objectives following the January meetings and provide recommendations to the Natural Resources Board for approval in February.



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Tigerton mansion gets facelift

Masterpiece will continue to host ThedaCare clinic

By DAVID WILHELMS
Reporter

Herman Swanke certainly would recognize his study in the Tigerton home he built on Cedar Street in 1920.

However, the German immigrant would only be able to see his Tigerton Lumber Company and none of the other businesses he founded, including the bank. That's because some of the original windows in the study were blocked off as the home was renovated over the years. A recent restoration project, headed by the Tigerton Area Historical Society, has reopened those windows, revealed original flooring and more.

The restoration began several months ago as an electrical upgrade, spearheaded by Aaron Damrau, clinic manager and a director for Tigerton Clinic, Inc., owner of the clinic.

The building has seen many uses over the years. It went from being a home to a bar (including a rumored house of ill repute) to a hospital to its current use as the ThedaCare Physicians-Tigerton clinic.

Swanke would also likely appreciate that the quarter-sawn oak woodwork and paneling had largely survived the multiple tenants and uses.

The original cork flooring Swanke used in the study and much the rest of the first floor still remains. Intricate tiling in what started out as a sun porch and become a dentist's office in later years as well as other spaces in the mansion have also emerged from years covered in carpet.

Swanke would also notice the leaded window panes of the doors leading into the main part of the first floor are no longer painted over, thanks to Damrau and the restoration project.

Damrau has something of a family connection with the Swankes. He said his family emigrated from Germany on a relative's recommendation to work for the lumber company in running some of the Swanke logging camps.

He also has a connection to the 1950-1978 hospital era, as his parents were born there during that time. Damrau himself was delivered by Dr. Beth Gillis, who practiced in Tigerton for many years.

The electrical system had long been



Aaron Damrau checks out the new wheelchair access, one of the additions to the Swanke mansion as part of the ongoing restoration project. It represents the ongoing balancing act of meeting the 21st century needs of a functioning, commercial building against respecting the historical integrity of what Damrau called a masterpiece. The Swanke building is home to the ThedaCare clinic in Tigerton and its reopening is planned for January.

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neglected, Damrau added, and upgrading was a long process of uncovering potentially dangerous situations. One example was finding that the wires that powered the X-ray machine from the hospital days had only been cut off and taped but were still charged. Another discovery was that all of the outlets on the first floor, which houses the clinic, were wired incorrectly,

Damrau added.

They're close to cleaning up the electrical nightmare on the first floor, which is good as the multi-month project has now been condensed into weeks as ThedaCare wants to reopen the clinic Jan. 18, Damrau said.

"That is the goal and I think we are on track for it to happen," Damrau said.

Damrau noted the clinic's closure during the COVID-19 pandemic and restoration is the longest the area has been without a health care facility since the hospital closed. Employees and the community are anxious to see the facility open again, Damrau said.

"It's so critical to have a clinic in a small town," Damrau said. He said the elderly and poor in the area often

don't have transportation even for the relatively short drive to a Clintonville clinic. That has resulted in putting off needed tests and other care, Damrau added.

Damrau has easily transferred the skills he acquired growing up on a Tigerton area dairy farm to the restoration. He combines those skills with a passion for history.

Prior to taking on the Tigerton project, he was on the county historical society board, serving as secretary for five years.

Damrau said the work of many volunteers, including ThedaCare clinic employees, was awesome. There has also been a steady stream of donations from the historical society Facebook page, including a recent one from a Swanke descendant.

Dr. Jasmine Wiley, one of the ThedaCare physicians at the clinic, has been one of those dedicated volunteers, Damrau said.

She is currently working to find replacements for the extensive tile flooring in the mansion, he said, as well as matching the original paint colors — including a particular glazing.

Another one of Wiley's tasks has been to locate sinks of the proper vintage and functionality because of the overriding goal of respecting the historical aspects of the building, Damrau said.

As they've found molding, flooring and electrical fixtures — as well as medical equipment and furniture — stored in varying conditions in the basement, attic and other unexpected locations, they re-purpose the materials as they daily balance the needs of a functioning commercial building for ThedaCare with respecting the historical integrity of what Damrau called an architectural masterpiece.

"We're always asking, 'What do we restore? Where do we compromise?'" he said.

Sometimes replacing materials can be daunting, as in the case of needing birch flooring that was 1½ inches wide. They found it's no longer made and is very rare, even from vintage materials dealers.

One example of the compromises made is the new wheelchair access ramp that met the needs of 21st century building regulations while matching the heights and widths of an early 20th century building.

The society hopes to one day list the building on the state and federal historical registries but will wait until the current restoration with its necessary accommodations for the ThedaCare clinic are completed.



There's no doubt of the origin of this piece of molding currently looking for a new location as part of the restoration project at the Swanke mansion in Tigerton. Aaron Damrau, who heads up the project, said it's an ongoing challenge to find materials that fit and are appropriate to the age and style of the 1920 home of the Tigerton Lumber Company's founder.

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This historic display of medical items chronicles the 70 years in which the Swanke mansion in Tigerton was used as a hospital and, more recently, as the ThedaCare Clinic. The black doctor's bag belongs to Dr. Beth Gillis, who practiced at the clinic for many years and helped to deliver Aaron Damrau, who is heading up the restoration of the building.

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Aaron Damrau pauses in his restoration work at the Swanke mansion in Tigerton. He's standing near some of the oak woodwork in the entryway that's being refinished. Herman Swanke used generously the wood and millwork produced in his Tigerton Lumber Company in building the home in 1920.

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One example of the electrical nightmare addressed in the recent upgrade was the discovery of live wires that once powered the X-ray machinery of the now-defunct hospital. The electrical upgrade led to a much bigger restoration of the building that now hosts the ThedaCare clinic in Tigerton.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph 'Joe' Reinke

Joseph "Joe" Reinke, 39, of Mountain, and his wife, Becca, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020. Joe was born in Shawano on Feb. 20, 1981, to the joy of his parents, Rodney and Kathryn (Steenbock) Reinke. The oldest of three children, he was a great older brother and took his younger brother under his wing and allowed his little sister to tag along, as well. They shared a very special sibling bond and true friendship.

He attended St. James Lutheran School, where he was also baptized and confirmed his faith in the Lord. He was a 1999 graduate of Shawano Community High School where he especially enjoyed playing baseball and basketball. Joe went on to receive his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh School of Business. Joe worked at U.S. Bank for many years as a loyal employee.

In 2008, he met his future wife, Becca, and their personalities complimented each other's perfectly.



Lakewood, Joe built on his love for woodworking and started his own business as a general contractor, Reinke Painting and Home Improvement.

Joe loved being outdoors and enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing with his dad, brother, cousins and in-laws with whom countless memories were made in the Nicolet National Forest, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Canada. He enjoyed remodeling his home, watching sports, boating, ice fishing, snowmobiling, playing in volleyball, horseshoe and pool leagues with Becca, and time spent with family, friends and their beloved

black lab, Toby.

His childlike love for life and sense of humor served him well as a proud uncle to many nieces and nephews. If you got to know Joe, you were the lucky one. He was quiet, humble and gentle on the outside. Joe's wit, wisdom, kindness, loyalty, selfless giving, level-headed and compassionate insight are what made having a connection with him so special. He had a genuine smile, a contagious laugh and was focused on helping others, always seeing the good in them.

Joe and Becca lived a full life in a short time. Their life was full of happiness and enough memories to last a lifetime for the beloved family and friends that they leave behind.

Joe is survived by his parents, Rodney and Kathryn Reinke, of Shawano; brother, Mark (Brittany) Reinke, of Shawano; sister, Amy (Andrew) Hartman, of Cross Plains; nephew, Hudson Reinke; niece, Emery Reinke; niece and goddaughter,

Charlie Mae Hartman; aunt, Sherry Frost, of Clintonville; uncles, Steve (Holly) Reinke, of Clintonville, Doug Steenbock, of Green Bay, and Dan (Carrie) Steenbock, of Appleton; mother-in-law, Karen (Dave) Kerber, of Shawano; and father-in-law, Tony (Ginger) Powers, of Mountain.

He is further survived by several close brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; nieces and nephews, including goddaughter, Dani and godson, Jameson; cousins; and friends.

He was joined in death by his wife, Becca, and their dog, Toby. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Edwin and Joan Reinke and Henry and Doris Steenbock; numerous great-aunts and great-uncles.

A memorial service was held for Joe and Becca at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano with the Rev. Steve Schauder officiating.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is being established.

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Rebecca 'Becca' Reinke

Rebecca "Becca" Reinke, 34, of Mountain, and her husband, Joe, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020. Becca was born March 31, 1986, to Tony and Karen (Dunks) Powers in Green Bay. She graduated from Shawano Community High School in 2004. Becca went on to receive her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

In 2008, she met her "Joey," and their personalities complimented each other's perfectly. On May 16, 2015, Becca was united in marriage to Joseph "Joe" Reinke at St. Mary's of the Lakes Catholic Church in Lakewood. Becca worked as a purchasing agent for Nicolet Plastics; you could also find her bartending, beer carting or "hustling" at Shawano Lake Golf Course, McCauslin Brook Golf Course or Old Town Hall.

Becca enjoyed sporting flip flops



year-round regardless of the weather and didn't possess what you would call an "inside voice." She enjoyed playing in volleyball, horseshoe and pool leagues with Joe, being outdoors, golfing, ice fishing, snowmobiling and snowboarding.

Becca loved people in general and was very outgoing, often the life of the party. Her smile could light up the room, and she made an impression on everyone she met. Her family was a huge part of her life, especially her many nieces and nephews. She was a wonderful aunt and loved them all dearly. Becca and Joe lived a full life in a short time. Their life was full of

happiness and enough memories to last a lifetime for the beloved family and friends that they leave behind.

Becca is survived by her parents, Tony (Ginger) Powers, of Townsend, and Karen (Dave) Kerber of Shawano; siblings, Tony (Deyani) Powers, of Shawano, Jeremiah (Dana) Powers, of Arizona, Jennifer Powers, of Shawano, Kristin (Tony) Werdick, of Minnesota, Travis (Melissa) Kerber, of Indiana, Michelle Powers, of Shawano, Ryan (Janesca) Gust, of Green Bay, Cody (Jade) Gust, of Appleton, Jordan (Aiden) Gust, of Waupaca, and Hailee Powers, of Shawano; nieces and nephews, Teagan, Mikelah, Taylor, Madilyn, Mya, Amelia, Morgan, Dani, Jameson, Lucy, Clare, Madison, Grayson, Levi, Hudson, Emery and Charlie; grandmas, Dot Greasby, Bev Powers and Marilyn Kerber; grandpa, Bill Berken; mother- and father-in-law,

Kathy and Rod Reinke; sister-in-law, Amy (Andrew) Hartman; brother-in-law, Mark (Brittany) Reinke; as well as extra special close friend, Jarrod Rankin, of Shawano.

She is further survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was joined in death by her husband, Joe, and their beloved black lab, Toby. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Earl Dunks, William Greasby, Kenneth Kerber and Thomas Powers; and two nephews, Thomas and William Johnson.

A memorial service was held for Becca and Joe at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano with the Rev. Steve Schauder officiating.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is being established.

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Dawn A.C. Welch

Dawn A.C. Welch, 85, of Bowler, passed away on Dec. 27, 2020. Dawn was born July 1, 1935, to the late Otto G. and Roberta (Lamb) Hass in Shawano. In 1953, she began employment with Northwestern Life Insurance Company in Milwaukee. On Feb. 6, 1954, she was united in marriage to Ralph Welch at Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Church. In 1985, they moved from Milwaukee to Bowler. Dawn enjoyed quilting and sewing,



traveling with family and camping. She loved her family dearly and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Dawn is survived by her husband of 66 years, Ralph; children, Kathleen Marie (Angel) Fuentes, of Milwaukee,

David Allan Welch, of Minnesota, Gregory Scott Welch, of Milwaukee, Peggy Jean (Jeff) Lemke, of Bowler, and Bobbie Jo Welch, of Wittenberg; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a sister, Beverly Oleson, of Wausau. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dawn was preceded in death by two daughters, Lisa Faye Welch and Linda Mae Kohler; her parents, Otto

and Roberta Hass; two brothers, Arthur Hass and Corlis Hass; and a sister, Lucy Bowerstock.

A memorial service for Dawn will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021, at the Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Church. Inurnment will be in the Old Stockbridge Presbyterian Cemetery in the spring. Visitation will be held at the church from noon until the time of service.

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Charles 'Chuck' Adams

Charles "Chuck" Adams, 66, Marion, passed away on Dec. 26, 2020, at his home, surrounded by family.

Charles Albert Adams was born Jan. 4, 1954, at Clintonville Hospital to Eugene and Doris (May) Adams. He grew up in Marion and graduated from Marion High School in 1972. Chuck was united in marriage on Nov. 4, 1978, to Joni K. Wendler at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wittenberg. He was employed at Marion Plywood two different times over a 23-year period. Chuck served as the plant manager at Besse Forest Products in Mattoon for 24 years. Then he worked for several months at Clayhill Custom Cabinets and Millwork in Marion, before retiring in January 2020.

Chuck was a longtime member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Big Falls, where he was active on the church council. He was a proud member of the Marion Rotary Club for many years, earning the Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Chuck also served on the



Marion School Board for 10 years.

In his early days, Chuck sang for lots of weddings around the area. He appreciated music and especially liked the Marion Lions

Club performances. He was handy with woodworking projects around the house. He enjoyed baking breads, cookies and candies for friends and family. He also liked collecting wildlife prints and winning on the slot machines at the casino. Chuck frequently helped other relatives with whatever they needed. He often took his mother-in-law to appointments and helped her with lots of other tasks. Chuck always had a heart of gold and an excellent sense of humor. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Joni; and three children, Aman-

da Adams, Winona, Minnesota, Jason Adams, Fond du Lac, and Rebecca (Steve) Niesen, Winneconne. There are eight grandchildren, Serenity (Antwon), Zane, Bubba, Carlos, Gracie, Alexander, Channing and Jasmine; and one great-granddaughter, Gianna.

There are eight siblings, Margaret Zwirschitz, Clintonville; Jeannie Morrison, Appleton; Georgia (Bob) Wagner, New Holstein; Betty Rhode, Oshkosh; Billy (Patty) Adams, Marion; Bonnie Pfeiler-Adams, Annandale, Minnesota; Connie (Jeff) Barthels, Van Dyne, and Terry (Lisa) Adams, Appleton.

He is further survived by his mother-in-law, Pat Wendler, Wittenberg; two sisters-in-law, Brenda Wendler, Clintonville, and Theresa (Mike) Stai, Watertown; two brothers-in-law, Charlie (Shirley) Wendler, Wittenberg, and Willy (Laura) Wendler, Chippewa Falls; his dog Patches; a granddog, Scooby; and numerous nieces, nephews, other

relatives and friends.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Doris; his father-in-law, Clarence Wendler; a niece, Amy Oviedo; three nephews, Ryan Wendler, Clayton Pfeiler and Jeff Tarlton; two brothers-in-law Bill Zwirschitz and Jim Morrison; and his dog Tanya.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 31, at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Big Falls. The Rev. Janice Kuder officiated, and inurnment will be at a later date at Roseland Cemetery, Town of Dupont.

Memorials are preferred to The-daCare at Home Hospice, St. Peter's Lutheran Church or to your local humane society. Please go to www.beil-didier.com to sign the online guestbook or to send a card to the family.

We wish to extend a huge thank you to all the doctors, nurses and staff who provided such compassionate care to Chuck.

Charles (Chuck) Matyska 1942-2021

Born and educated in Chicago, Chuck's passion was the outdoors. He married Marti in 1969. They bought 40 acres in Underhill township, enjoying the rural life at their hobby farm for over 50 years. Chuck and Marti had two children, Kate and Mary.

Chuck was mechanical, building and maintaining industrial plants. Chuck was artistic, owning a taxidermy business for years. Chuck was an ardent hunter, locally and in the Western states. He yearly went bowhunting for elk with his brothers, and he was a Pope and Young record holder.

A longtime outdoorsman, he not only hunted but also fished and developed habitat for birds, butterflies



and animals. He helped legislate laws dealing with endangered species. He loved his garden and chickens.

Chuck, a strong conservationist, was honored by Sen. Herb Kohl for his work. As a longtime member of the Wisconsin Wildlife Foundation, he served on the board as an officer and president. He also worked as a board member of the Traditional Archers and was vice president/treasurer of the Wisconsin Bowhunting Heritage Foundation Museum.

Passing on traditions was im-

portant to Chuck. With others, he founded a bowhunting museum, and he taught young people how to make long bows. He was a certified archery instructor and, earlier in his life, a Boy Scout leader.

Locally, Chuck participated on the Underhill township Land Use Committee, worked on the Underhill Park Committee and helped establish the Frank Settlement School and Artesian Well.

Loving father of Mary (Jim) Wood and the late Kate (Lee) Page. Grandfather to Ethan and Scott (Helen) Wood and great-grandfather to Luke Wood. Fond brother of Dick (Margaret) Matyska and Don (Kris) Matyska. Brother-in-law to Carl (Vivian) Homolka and Jean (Jim Munger) Hill.

Cousin to Barb (Sil) Sucich. Uncle to many nieces and nephews; he especially enjoyed baby-sitting his grandnephew, Maddux.

Chuck died on Jan. 1, 2021, after suffering a stroke at Silver Cross Hospital in Illinois, and the family would like to thank Dr. Reynolds and the staff for their care. A private service with family members is planned for the late spring.

As his brother says, "He lived life as we all should, in honesty and humbleness."

Memorials can be made to the Wisconsin Wildlife Foundation, <https://wiwf.org>; or the Wisconsin Bowhunting Heritage Foundation, Inc., <https://www.wisconsinbowhunters.org/museum>.

Donna Jean Hawkinson

Donna Jean Hawkinson, 91, of Shawano, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020. Donna was born Dec. 24, 1929, to the late Henry and Clara (Larson) Holtan in Stoughton. Donna was a graduate of Stoughton High School. On Nov. 28, 1952, she was united in marriage to Donald Hawkinson in Stoughton. Donald preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 1990.

Don and Donna owned and operated Hawkeye Appliance, and Donna also worked at the Skelgas Store. She was a volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Florida and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 40 years. Donna and



ily.

Donna was a member of St. James Lutheran Church and then St. Jakobi Lutheran Church. She was an avid Wisconsin Badgers and Green Bay Packers fan. Donna enjoyed playing cards in her weekly bridge and other card clubs and loved teaching her

Donald lived on the Wolf River for many years, and they enjoyed boat rides, fishing and traveling. Their home was always open and welcoming to friends and family.

grandchildren many games. Donna loved her family dearly and enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Donna is survived by her sons, Dean (Jean) Hawkinson, Dan (Judy) Hawkinson, Dave (Sue) Hawkinson and Dale (Lisa Lange) Hawkinson; her grandchildren, Eric (Abby) Hawkinson, Chad Hawkinson, Troy (Samantha) Hawkinson, Stacy (Kevin) Behrns, Angela (Josh) Perzee, Hunter Hawkinson and Hailey Hawkinson; 11 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Gordon May; and two sisters-in-law; Patricia Hawkinson and Carol Hawkinson, both of

Stoughton. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; an infant son; a granddaughter, Heidi; her parents, Henry and Clara Holtan; and three sisters, Rosie Lund, Fay Erickson and Betty May.

Private family services will be held and a public celebration of life is being planned for a later date. Inurnment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Donna's family would like to extend a sincere thank you to Donna's nurses from ThedaCare at Home Hospice for the wonderful care.

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OBITUARIES

Merilla Konitzer

Merilla (Mert) Konitzer, 84, passed away peacefully Jan. 1, 2021. She was born on Oct. 5, 1936, to Ralph and Marge (VerBoncouer) Belanger Sr. Mert attended East High School where she met Ken Konitzer, whom she later married on Jan. 3, 1956. Ken was in the Army, so they were stationed in many areas before he retired and then settled in Abrams with their three sons.

Mert and Ken were co-founders in the scouting program in Abrams, where she received several awards, with the highest being the Silver Beaver Award.



She went back to school and received her GED and associate degrees in marketing communication and police science from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. Mert loved dogs and was the animal control person for Abrams and the surrounding areas for 36 years, and was also the fire warden for 22 years.

Survivors include her three sons,

Roger (Lisa), Randy "Fred" (Rosiland) and Scott "Bugsy" (Debbie); six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Dean Belanger; sisters, Cynthia Fuller and Joanne Peterson; sister-in-law, Sandy (Bob) McGlothlen; brother-in-law, Maynard (Donna) Konitzer; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken Konitzer; her parents; brother Ralph Jr.; in-laws Martin and Edna Konitzer, Jim and Loretta Konitzer, Clyde Petersen, Elaine Belanger and Dick Fuller; and great-granddaughter Peyton Konitzer.

A memorial gathering will be held at the Pfothenhauer Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Howard-Suamico location, 1145 Cardinal Lane, on Friday, Jan. 8 from 4-6 p.m. Memorial service at 6 p.m. Masks will be required and social distancing will be observed. Online condolences welcome at www.pfothenhauerfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, we are donating to the Oconto and Brown county humane societies in Mert's memory.

A special thank you to Allouez Parkside Village and Heartland Hospice.

Jon C. Topping



Jon C. Topping, 45, Oconto Falls, died suddenly Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, 2020, in ICU at a Green Bay hospital following complications from COVID. The oldest of three children was born July 9, 1975, in Oconto Falls to Kenneth and Judith (Wise) Topping. Jon grew up in Lena and attended public schools.

On July 21, 2017, he married Jennifer Thorp in Oconto Falls. Jon was employed as an aide

for 24 years in the local nursing home and was looking forward to returning to work. He will be lovingly remembered as a kind and gentle person who liked taking care of his residents. Jon enjoyed watching old TV shows and being outdoors with his two dogs, Gabby and Suzie.

Survivors are his wife, Jennie Topping, and his mother, Judy Topping, both of Oconto

Falls; one sister, Jill (Jeremiah Taylor) Topping, Hatley; one brother, Phillip, Green Bay; his mother-in-law and brother-in-law, Cathy Theisen and Benjamin (Katie) Jones, all of Wausau.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ken, on Oct. 1, 2020.

Due to the pandemic, no services will be held at this time.

Harold Johnson

Harold Johnson, 90, formerly of Suring, passed away Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 at Aurora Hospital. Harold was born Aug. 17, 1930, to Walter and Amelia "Asplund" Johnson.

He graduated from Suring High School in 1949 and went on to college in Marinette, where he received a degree in teaching. Later on, he moved to Milwaukee to do receptionist work at a hotel.

Harold is survived by a brother, Leonard, and two sisters, Joyce Bruni and Ruby Buchholz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister-in-law, Janice Johnson; brothers-in-law, Emil Gardebrecht, Marvin Bruni and Ernest Buchholz; and a niece, Cindy Buchholz.

A graveside memorial will be held at a later date.

Donald A. Yankee

Donald "Don" A. Yankee, 95, of Clintonville passed away Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, at Aster Assisted Living in Clintonville.

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

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Witt-Birn's Herb tops 1,000 career points in win over Marathon

Rogowski also has big game for Chargers

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's Emma Herb reached 1,000 points for her career during the team's 47-33 nonconference win over Marathon on Dec. 29 in Wittenberg.

Herb accomplished the feat on a free throw with less than a minute remaining in the contest. She finished the game with 19 points and also had seven rebounds and three steals.

"It feels pretty good that all my hard work has finally paid off," said Herb of the milestone. "To have a distinct label that I've had a certain achievement is really cool."

"She's just that athlete that you want to build around," said Witt-Birn coach Nick Mechelke of Herb. "You look at professional teams and you look at people to build a program around and a role model who the youth can look up to, she's the one. She doesn't take a break, works her butt off."

It was a tough start to the contest for Witt-Birn, which was playing its first game since Dec. 15. The Chargers went scoreless over the first five minutes, but stayed in the game by only allowing Marathon to make one 3-pointer.

Herb scored eight points during a 12-0 Charger run to give the hosts a 14-5 advantage.

"For me it wasn't about the points, I was just happy because our last couple games got canceled," said Herb. "It felt so awesome to be back on the court playing."

Reese Rogowski then carried Witt-Birn to a 22-14 halftime lead, scoring the team's final eight points of the half.

Herb hit a free throw for the

first points of the second half, but Marathon went on an 5-0 run to trim Witt-Birn's lead to just four, 23-19.

Herb helped the Chargers regain control, hitting a bucket before converting a three-point play. The senior was injured on a shot attempt soon after and then picked up her fourth foul, which limited her time on the floor in the final 10 minutes of the game and with her just a point away from 1,000.

While Witt-Birn's offense struggled to add to its lead, its defense delivered again, holding Marathon scoreless for several minutes.

Rogowski came up with a key steal and fastbreak layup before knocking down a triple to make it a 14-point lead. Jadalynn Davids scored after grabbing an offensive rebound to push the lead back to 14.

Herb was then fouled with 43.4 seconds left and knocked down the first free throw to reach 1,000 for her career. She also made the second free throw and then came up with a steal and basket to seal up the Chargers' win.

Rogowski ended up hitting four 3-pointers in the game and tallied 16 points. She also had five rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Davids grabbed nine rebounds for the Chargers, while Amara Schoepke had seven boards and three steals. Kaylee Schram grabbed five rebounds.

"One of the main things we were focused on this game was defense," said Rogowski. "I thought we played well there, crashing the boards. And that helped us take the lead. Then we played smart on offense, looked for it inside and took some good shots."

Marathon 14 19 — 33

Witt-Birn 22 25 — 47

Witt-Birn (47): Kiara Deruchowski 1-2 3, Reese Rogowski 0-1 16, Jadalynn Davids 0-2 4, Amara Schoepke 3-5 3, Kaylee Schram 0-0 2, Emma Herb 7-13 19.

Marathon (33): Jada Prihoda 0-0 2, Anna Clevon 3-6 7, Ashley Phakitthong 0-3 6, Hope Krautkramer 0-1 3, Allison Wokatsh 4-6 13, Laci Hoeksema 0-0 2.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Emma Herb prepares to shoot a free throw during a nonconference game against Marathon on Dec. 29 in Wittenberg. Herb hit the free throw for her 1,000th career point.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood fans celebrate after Emma Herb scores her 1,000th point on Dec. 29 in Wittenberg.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: TYNEA JOHNSON

Bowler senior serving as leader on court

The Bowler High School girls basketball team has a limited number of players on a young roster. Senior Tynea Johnson is embracing the challenge of leading the team and still enjoying every second of the season.

Johnson is the only senior on the team.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: Having three older brothers (Rainer Shooter, Walker Miller, Thomas Kazik) that played ball and were more than six years older than me, I would say my interest in basketball started when I was 5 or 6. I was the little sister that always wanted to do what my brothers did. So naturally, I wanted to play basketball just like all of them. Unfortunately, being taught by your older brother makes you very aggressive, so when I started playing ball I was a little too aggressive for girls basketball. Let's just say there was a learning curve for me.

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

A: My favorite part of basketball season is working with my teammates that I do not get to see in the other three sports that I play. There is a small group of girls that play all sports during the year, but it is always nice to see and work with the girls that only play basketball. The running and workouts during basketball season keeps me in shape and prepares me for my spring sports, softball and track and field.

Q: As a senior, how do you help lead your team?

A: As the only returning starter this season and the only senior, I do my best to help encourage my teammates and help them find their confidence. Some of the teams we have played or will play can be very intimidating to girls that do not have very much varsity experience. So it is really important to me, to really congratulate them on a nice block, steal or shot. And even



Bowler's Tynea Johnson prepares to take a shot during a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division game against Gresham last season.

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if they miss the shot, they need to hear it is OK to shoot when you have an open shot.

Q: What has basketball taught you over the years?

A: Basketball has taught me over the years how to really be a team player, and having low numbers the last few years has really taught me to recognize when and where I need to step up to help the team as a whole. Sometimes we want to do what we are used to doing, like being a ball handler, but when you are working together as a team, you realize where your team needs you and you adapt and fill that role.

Q: What's the biggest key to success for your team the rest of the season?

A: The key to a successful rest of the season for my team will be to learn from our mistakes and always give 110%. As a team with only seven players, we all have to fine tune our skills and learn to work together. By learning to build on each other's skills and understanding everybody's weaknesses, we should be able to really play like a cohesive team. We may not win many games, but if we can get a little better each game, that is all we can really hope for.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to achieve or team goals you want to help obtain by the end of this season?

A: My individual goal for this season is to encourage and get other young ladies interested in basketball. Our program will need to build its numbers to be competitive in the future, so interacting with our middle-school aged girls and high school girls that are interested is critical to the future of our program.

A team goal that I would like to help obtain by the end of the season is to aid my teammates in understanding how important working together as a team is, and how sometimes it is more important to be the player with the assist than the one scoring the points.

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

A: I do not have any rituals I go through before a game, other than rushing home to grab a bite to eat and during this crazy pandemic, making sure my No. 1 fan gets a few passes to watch a little basketball. Thank you Ivan (Wadzinski) for watching me grow and always making time to catch as many games as you can each year; it is greatly appreciated.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Bowler girls basketball team?

A: My favorite memory or memories were making the varsity team as a freshman, watching one of my best friends (Reanne Kietlinski) make her 2,000th point, and ending my freshman season making school history as conference champions. It was a great feeling having our gym full of fans the night we clinched the conference, and being in front of what seemed like the whole town when we each cut the net down for the first time in 44 years.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "The Good Doctor." Movie — "Love & Basketball." Musical

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Tynea Johnson

SPORT: Girls basketball

POSITIONS: Point guard, guard, center, forward

SCHOOL: Bowler High School

YEAR: Senior

artist — Carrie Underwood.

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

A: One thing about myself that not many people know is that I am a special needs student. I was diagnosed with a seizure disorder when I was 5 years old. I have to work harder than most students to get average grades. My love of sports is what has helped me keep my grades up, and I use my success in all sports to show other students that you can do anything you put your mind to, even when people tell you, you can't.

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

A: The greatest piece of advice that I have ever been told came from my middle school basketball coach (Ray Murphy), who always had inspirational words of wisdom, but most of all, always reminded me that I could do anything I put my mind to. He admired my heart for the game, the work I put in and my drive. He always told me, "If the other girls had half the heart you do, we would never lose a game." I hold these words close to my heart, and he is the reason I always give 110% in all that I do.

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

A: I am currently undecided about what I would like to accomplish after graduating high school. The possibility of enlisting in the service strikes an interest with me, but I am also looking into attempting a college course or two to see if I can handle a full college schedule.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Stratford 48

Witt-Birn 44

Wittenberg-Birnamwood fell

short in a tournament clash against Stratford on Dec. 30 in Stratford.

Jack Fraaza scored 15 points to pace Witt-Birn. Ben Wesolowski and Simon Schairer each added 10 points.

Wesolowski also had five assists,

while Fraaza tallied nine rebounds. Schairer posted nine boards and three steals. Ben Flak grabbed seven rebounds.

Witt-Birn 51

Bangor 48

Witt-Birn earned a tournament

win over Bangor on Dec. 29 in Stratford.

Simon Schairer paced Witt-Birn with 22 points, converting 10 field goals and a pair of free throws.

Ben Wesolowski added 14 points, while Jack Fraaza had seven.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Resch Lanes — Monday Ladies Handicap

Team	W	L
Gulliver's Landing	27 1/2	20 1/2
Resch Lanes	26 1/2	20 1/2
Lisa's Lakeside	26	22
Tavern Front	25	23
Strike-a-pose	16	32
Kropf's Meats	14	34

High team handicap games (top 3): Resch Lanes 893, Lisa's Lakeside 885, Strike-a-pose 824.

High individual handicap games (top 7):

Jennifer Resch 279, Brenda Rondeau 255, Cheryl Zeinert 252, Heather Giddings 244, Sue Zeinert 234, Heather Schultz 232, Jean Kriehn 230.

High team handicap series (top 3): Resch Lanes 2,520, Lisa's Lakeside 2,508, Kropf's Meats 2,373.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Jennifer Resch 737, Heather Giddings 659, Brenda Rondeau 642, Heather Schultz 641, Cherie Zeinert 633,

Marlene Wepner 629, Cheryl Zeinert 628.

Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap

Team	W	L
Liberty Potatoes	64	55
Slammers	61	58
Resch Lanes (2)	55 1/2	63 1/2
Tavern Front	55	64
Mama's Place	52	67
Resch Lanes (1)	47 1/2	71 1/2
Hanke's Sentry Foods	46	73
Kemmer Electronics	39	80

High team handicap games (top 3): Mama's Place 1,247, Resch Lanes (1) 1,235, Tavern Front 1,230.

High individual handicap games (top 7):

Bill Timm 321, Joe Bushman 303, Jason Resch 299, Danny Schrank 299, Derrick Jehn 291, Todd Vanderkoy 273, Paul Bahr 272.

High team handicap series (top 3): Hanke's Sentry Foods 3,600, Resch Lanes (1) 3,550, Mama's Place 3,517.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Bill Timm 832, Jeff Arndt 770, Jim Borchardt 764, Joe

Bushman 763, Randall Skaggs 752, Tom Berg 752, Paul Bahr 749.



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Hatley library offers 2 January children's events

The Marathon County Public Library and its Hatley branch, 435 Curtis Ave., Hatley, have two events planned for January 2021 to entice readers during school break and cold weather.

They will host its first-ever virtual reading challenge from Jan. 1-31,

The Winter Reading Challenge asks children and teens to read for 10 hours during the month. To partici-

pate, download the free Beanstack app from Google Play or the Apple App Store, register and choose Marathon County Public Library as your home library, or go to <https://slp.beanstack.com/reader365>.

The app allows tracking of all books as well as the time spent reading. As part of the nationwide challenge, sponsored by publisher Simon

and Schuster, communities with the most books read will receive a Zoom call with a children's author.

This event is free and open to all children.

Younger children can get a symmetrical snowflake craft kit from the Hatley branch from Jan. 4-29. Each kit contains cotton swabs, blue circles and instructions for making this

artistic, seasonal craft. Call the Hatley branch to schedule a time to pick up a kit.

The Hatley branch is open by appointment and for curbside pickup, Monday through Friday. For information, call 715-446-3537 or visit <https://www.mcpl.us/events/10319>.

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Shawano library gets \$985 to expand East Asian materials, programming

The University of Wisconsin-Madison's Center for East Asian Studies has awarded \$985 to Shawano County and its branches in Wittenberg and Birnamwood as part of the new East Asia in Wisconsin Library Program.

CEAS, a federally funded National Resource Center for the study of East Asia, created the program to encourage Wisconsin libraries to augment their collections with East Asian-related materials, and to design new book clubs and other programming with an East Asian theme. One of the UW-

Madison's eight federally funded area studies National Resource Centers, CEAS is dedicated to all aspects of research, education and outreach related to China, Japan and Korea.

This program is part of the center's focus on promoting understanding of East Asian histories and cultures, and also aligns with the Wisconsin Idea mission of service to Wisconsin citizens beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

CEAS partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the Wisconsin Library

Association and the Cooperative Children's Book Center to plan and promote the new program, which was launched in August.

Shawano County Library's grant was one of 38 awarded to libraries across Wisconsin, totaling \$32,765 in awards. The grants will be used to purchase books and films about China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong, and also to host book clubs, speakers and other related library programs.

A second round of funding for the East Asia in Wisconsin Library Program is planned to release in

the fall of 2021.

The CEAS is the focal point connecting East Asia to the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Shawano County Library strives to provide an environment where everyone is safe, welcomed and respected. Shawano County Library consists of the main library in Shawano, branches in Birnamwood, Bonduel, Mattoon, Tigerton and Wittenberg as well as a county-wide delivery service. For information, contact the library at sha@shawanolib.org or 715-526-3829.

TOWN NEWS DIGEST

Editor's note: This section is dedicated to town notices, operations and meetings.

Town of Almon

Town board meets the second Monday at 7 p.m. at the town hall, N8096 Regina Road, Bowler.

Town of Aniwa

Town board meets the second Monday May through September at 8 p.m., October to March at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall, W17712 County Road Z, Birnamwood.

Town of Bartelme

Town board meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. at the town hall, N7685 Elm Road, Bowler.

Town of Birnamwood

Town board meets the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the town hall, N9291 Riverview Road, Birnamwood. Exceptions may occur March through May. Check with Dennis Knack, 715-449-3212.

Town of Fairbanks

Town board meets the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall, N3272 County Road SS, Tigerton.

Town of Germania

Town board meets monthly at 7:30 p.m. See posted notices for dates at the town hall, W18101 County Road M, Tigerton.

Town of Grant

Town board meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at the town hall, W12610 County Road M, Caroline.

Town of Hutchins

Town board meets the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the town hall, W15698 Red River Road, Birnamwood.

Town of Morris

Town board meets the second

Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the town hall, W15320 Berg Road, Tigerton.

Town of Seneca

Town board meets the second Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the town hall, W13104 County Road D, Tilleda.

Town of Wittenberg

Town board meets the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall, W17395 County Road Q, Wittenberg.

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2020 Readers Poll

Deadline: January 31, 2021

BALLOT #1

Best Goods:

- ☐ Flower Shop _____
- ☐ Grocery Store _____
- ☐ Hardware Store _____
- ☐ Tile/Flooring _____

Best Services:

- ☐ A/C & Heating _____
- ☐ Bank _____
- ☐ Child Care _____
- ☐ Chiropractor _____
- ☐ Credit Union _____
- ☐ Dentist _____
- ☐ Insurance Agency _____
- ☐ Optometrist _____
- ☐ Pharmacy _____
- ☐ Real Estate _____
- ☐ Tax Service _____
- ☐ Veterinarian _____

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2020 Readers Poll

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BALLOT #2

Best Thing To Do:

- ☐ Bowling Alley _____
- ☐ Casino _____
- ☐ Happy Hour _____
- ☐ Live Music _____
- ☐ Meat Market _____
- ☐ Night Spot _____

Best Outdoor Activities:

- ☐ Bait/Tackle Shop _____
- ☐ Golf Course _____
- ☐ Lawn/Garden _____

Best Vehicle Services:

- ☐ Auto Body Repair _____
- ☐ Auto Parts Supply Store _____
- ☐ Car Dealer _____
- ☐ Vehicle Service Center _____
- ☐ Tire Store _____

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One dead, one injured in Bonduel crash

Lee Inman was killed in the one-vehicle rollover on Valley Road in the Town of Hartland on Jan. 1, according to the Shawano County Sheriff's Department on Monday.

The 56-year-old Bonduel man, pronounced dead at the scene, was a passenger in a vehicle driven by

Spencer Q. Inman, 19, listed at the same address in Bonduel. The younger Inman was cited for failure to keep a vehicle under control Jan. 4, according to the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access web site.

An earlier department press release stated, "Preliminary investigation

indicates the vehicle was southbound on Valley Road when it lost control and entered the ditch, overturned and came to rest on its roof. Passersby came across the crash and called 911."

The driver was partially ejected and trapped in the vehicle, according to the sheriff's department. He was transport-

ed to a medical facility for his injuries. His condition is currently unknown.

Deputies were assisted by the Bonduel Fire Department, Bonduel EMS, Shawano Ambulance Service and the Wisconsin State Patrol. The release added alcohol is believed to be a factor in this crash.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 4

Deputies responded to 41 calls, including an alcohol offense at Big Time Sports Bar and Grill, W6014 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license calls on U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood and state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; reckless driving complaints on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg and state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; four accidents, two involving deer.

Jan. 3

Deputies responded to 22 calls, including a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; seven criminal damage complaints on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; a restraining order violation on Oak Street on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation; a harassment complaint on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; four accidents, two involving deer.

Jan. 2

Deputies responded to 44 calls, including reckless driving complaints on state Highway 29 in Bonduel and state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a weapon offense on Cedar Street in Eland; nine accidents, six involving deer.

Jan. 1

Deputies responded to 31 calls, including a harassment complaint on Warrington Avenue in Cecil, an intoxication complaint on County Road A in the Town of Richmond; six accidents, three involving deer.

Dec. 31

Deputies responded to 44 calls, including assisting with fires on Lake Drive in the Town of Hutchins and County Road D in the Town of Almon; a property damage complaint on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; a reckless driving complaint on County Road K in the Town of Waukechon; a fireworks complaint on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; 10

accidents, five involving deer.

Dec. 30

Deputies responded to 41 calls, including property theft at United Co-Op, 200 Main St. in Gresham; a reckless driving complaint on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; a drug complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; 14 accidents, four involving deer.

Dec. 29

Deputies responded to 29 calls, including scam complaints on Loon Lake Circle in the Town of Wescott and Zachow Road in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving complaints at state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg and State Highway 117 in Bonduel; operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; six accidents, three involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 4

Officers responded to 16 calls, including a juvenile alcohol complaint at Airport Drive and Gumaer Road, missing person reports in the 1200 block of East Green Bay Street and at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; a reckless driving complaint at South Main Street and East Lieg Avenue; a hit-and-run accident at Cricket Wireless, 506 E. Green Bay St.; property theft complaints at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St., and at Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E. Green Bay St.

Jan. 3

Officers responded to 17 calls, including a restraining order violation on Robin Lane; an accident at Goodwill Industries, 300 Lakeland Road; a harassment complaint in the 300 block of Picnic Street; a fraud complaint in the 200 block of East Center Street; an accident with injuries at Airport and Engel drives; removing a wheelchair as a traffic hazard at Lincoln and Richmond streets.

Jan. 2

Officers responded to 17 calls, including a car accident with a deer in the 1300 block of East Green

Bay Street; a gas theft complaint at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; a controlled substance problem at an undisclosed location; a death investigation at an undisclosed location; a shoplifting complaint at Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E. Green Bay St.; an intoxicated person complaint forwarded by the Menominee County Sheriff's Office; finding three liquid-filled syringes in the 900 block of East Maurer Street; a reckless driving complaint in the 200 block of South Main Street.

Jan. 1

Officers responded to 13 calls, including an assault in the 900 block of East Elizabeth Street; an intoxicated person at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; a hit-and-run accident at the Super 8 Motel, 211 Waukechon St.; a noise complaint in the 600 block of South Lincoln Street.

Dec. 31

Officers responded to 21 calls, including a car accident with a deer outside the city at County Road G; a hit-and-run accident at the Shawano Leader, 1464 E. Green Bay St.; a harassment complaint in the 1100 block of South Bartlett Street; a two-vehicle accident at Lincoln and Division streets; a reckless driving complaint at Main and Mills streets; a controlled substance problem at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; a noise complaint involving snowmobiles in the 500 block of South Hamlin Street.

Dec. 30

Officers responded to 17 calls, including assisting with a fire in the 1200 block of East Ridlington Avenue; a property theft complaint at J&R Machine, 1355 Beauprey Road; an automobile theft in the 1100 block of Engel Drive; a burglary in the 1000 block of Engel Drive; an accident at an undisclosed location; a phone found in the 100 block of South Main Street; a restraining order violation at the Four Seasons, 201 N. Airport Drive.

reckless driving complain at Main and Mills streets; a harassment complaint in the 900 block of Olson Street.

Construction site fire

Workers look through the rubble of a fire that destroyed a structure under construction on Dec. 30 at 1238 E. Ridlington Ave., Shawano. The fire was reported at 1:51 a.m. Firefighters arrived early in the morning to extinguish the fire.

GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA



Editor/Feature Writer

NEW Media, Inc is seeking an editor and feature writer who understands and appreciates small town life and the value that a weekly newspaper brings to the community.

New Media Inc., publishes the Wittenberg Enterprise & Birnamwood News, Shawano Leader, and Oconto County Times Herald in northeast Wisconsin. We are looking for an editor who can cover village and school boards in the Wittenberg, Wisconsin area; write feature stories and edit copy to fill zoned pages of a weekly newspaper; take and edit news and feature photographs.

Duties will also include posting news on social and electronic media and establishing a social media presence.

In addition, the individual in this position will produce editorial copy for a four-page community-focused wrap for a free-distribution shopper that covers the Wittenberg and Shawano markets.

This is a part-time position at 30 hours/week.

We are looking for someone with a demonstrated proficiency in reporting, writing and editing; photography; page layout; social media; community awareness. Experience in covering high school sports is a plus.

The successful candidate will join a news team with a strong commitment to community journalism and ongoing effort to improve and expand our print and web products.

NEW Media Inc. is based in Shawano, Wisconsin, a tourist destination for outdoor recreation. The area boasts good schools and affordable housing. We cover a robust arts community and a diverse population. A four-year college is located within our service area. Wittenberg is located between Green Bay and Wausau.

We offer a flexible work schedule, including the option to work from home. NEW Media Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

To apply, send your resume, cover letter and at least three samples of writing and photography to cryczek@newmedia-wi.com.



Reporter/Photographer

NEW Media, Inc is seeking a full time reporter/photographer for the Shawano Leader, our award-winning, weekly community newspaper.

New Media Inc. publishes the Shawano Leader, Oconto County Times Herald and Wittenberg Enterprise & Birnamwood News in northeast Wisconsin. We are based in Shawano, Wisconsin, a tourist destination for outdoor recreation. We are within an hour's drive of Green Bay and Appleton, and boast good schools and affordable housing. We cover a robust arts community and a diverse population. A four-year college is located within our service area.

We are looking for a reporter/photographer who would like to develop management skills while digging into local politics, news, features and photography. The successful candidate will join a news team with a strong commitment to community journalism and ongoing effort to improve and expand our print and web products.

Duties include:

- Covering city and county boards, courts, law enforcement, community events and other news of interest in our service area through reporting and photography.
- Working with a page designer to lay out news and feature pages weekly.
- Creating news and feature content for special sections.
- Posting news on social and electronic media; establishing a presence on social media.

The successful candidate will have at least two years of experience, a degree in journalism or a related field, or a combination of experience and education.

We offer paid time off and sick leave, short-term disability, and a flexible work schedule, including the option to work from home. NEW Media Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

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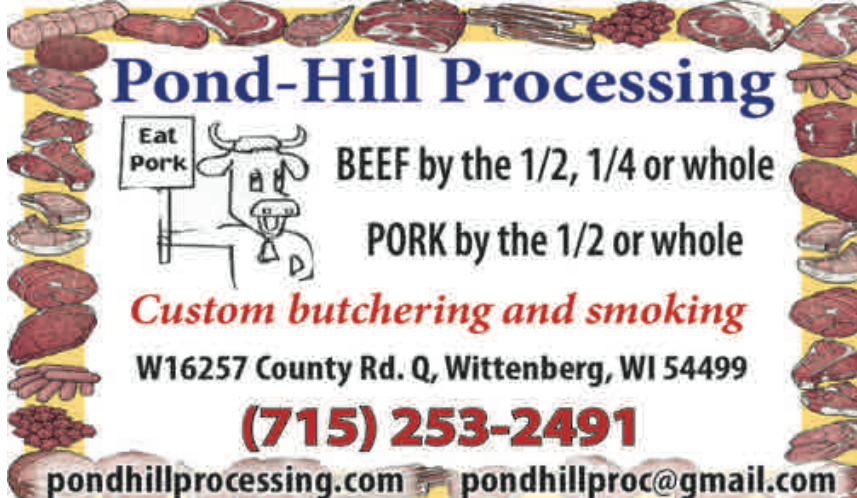
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