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COLORFUL COMMUNITY PARADE

Even though the Strawberry Festival did not take place in conjunction with Wittenberg Community Days, Homme Home kept the strawberry theme for its parade float. Wittenberg Community Days returned June 12-13 after being canceled in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Besides the parade, there were bands, children's activities, fireworks and more over the two-day period. **FOR MORE PHOTOS, SEE PAGES 16-17.**

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Local beekeeping business is buzzing



A big cartoon bear, wearing a yellow and black shirt, acts like the mascot of the company as it stands outside of the Lowdown Bee Supply store, 602 E. Grand Ave. in Wittenberg.

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Lowdown Bee Supply LLC now selling equipment and honey

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

Lowdown Bee Supply has become the beekeeping hub in central Wisconsin.

Lance and Katrina Low, who have been beekeeping for around seven years, have expanded their business to include a store where visitors can buy equipment and honey. The store is located at 602 E. Grand Ave. in Wittenberg.

Katrina Low said the store opened up in January as an expansion of the Lows' beekeeping business in Tigerton. The Lows had been selling bee-

keeping equipment out of their garage and decided to put a store to it.

Lowdown Bee Supply will be used as a "one-stop shop," according to Katrina Low. They will provide interested parties any equipment that they need, including the bees.

"We have access to anything," said Katrina Low. "We sell nucs (starter packages of bees) — we have access to large equipment, we can get anything."

According to Lance Low, another reason why the store was opened was a lack of beekeeping supply outlets for residents of central Wisconsin.

"There is nothing around here," said Lance Low. "Everyone in the

central Wisconsin area had to either travel far out or go online to get supplies."

Katrina Low added that the closest sources for people to go for beekeeping equipment are in Rhinelander and Eau Claire.

The store has seen a lot of traffic.

"It is doing very well," said Katrina Low. "We have seen a lot of local people that we did not know were interested in bees and did not have access to equipment. I have been pleasantly surprised."

The family said that people have even been inquiring about bees from all over the country, and they have

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even sent honey to places like Colorado and New Mexico.

Lance Low said that due to the way the bees produce honey, busy times for the store will be in spring and fall.

"It kind of goes with the seasons," said Lance Low. "We are busy in springtime when everybody gets their bees, and then it kind of tapers off, and then when honey starts up in fall, people will come in for bottling honey."

"I am hoping that we will get an influx of business when bees produce

the honey," added Katrina Low. "If people are looking into shipping their bees, we have access to that as a possibility."

The Lows believe that having a store like this is important because bees play such a big role in every community.

"A third of everything that you eat, a bee has touched and pollinated," said Lance Low. "If we don't have bees, you are not eating."

"No bees, no people," added Katrina Low. "People don't realize the

importance of saving the bees."

As the business continues to grow, the Lows are looking for more avenues of continuing to expand their business in the future.

"I already started talking to people to start having classes here," said Lance Low. "It will be for first-timers, people who are just learning. We want to teach them how to raise queens and how to make your own queens."

"We know a lot of information, we know a lot of people, and we have a lot of different outlooks that we would be

able to bring to people," said Katrina Low.

Lance Low said that he is talking to schools in the area about bringing information about bees into the school system. This would involve fitting students with equipment and having them learn about bees with hands-on experience.

Lowdown Bee Supply currently manages around 400 hives with millions of bees.

"We are just doing our part to help what we can do," said Katrina Low.

Farm seeking expansion in Green Valley

Wagner Farms is looking to increase to hold 1,802 animal units

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Shawano County residents were in attendance at a public informational meeting on June 9 in the Green Valley Community Center regarding a license request with a proposal of an expansion of Wagner Farms, N6928 County Road BB, between Green Valley and Oconto Falls.

The Wagner family appeared at the meeting to walk through the proposal of the expansion with Shawano County conversationist Scott Frank. The proposal of the expansion of the farm centered on increasing their animal units to 1,802. An animal unit is a measurement of how an animal influences a farm through food and waste. A larger animal, like a fully grown cow, usually has an animal unit larger than one.

Frank said that the meeting was held in order to receive information from the Wagner family on the proposed expansion as well as hear input from the public on their thoughts regarding the expansion. Frank added that the community could submit questions and concerns to the county land conservation office up to June 21. He also said that the land conservation department can take up to 90 days to review the application, where they can grant or deny it. That runs through Aug. 23.

"At this point we do not anticipate a lengthy time period to grant or deny the application," said Frank.

Shawn Wagner, co-owner of Wagner Farms, said that the most important part of the project was the proposed expansion of the heifer barn.

"Our heifers are currently being raised out of state in Oshkosh, Nebraska," said Wagner. "At this point,

we have chosen to have these animals come home for health reasons."

He added that Wagner farms has had trouble with health conditions regarding their animals after sending them out of state.

"Over the years, we have seen these animals leave with our expectations of their health," said Wagner. "They end up coming back in not such good condition — not meeting our expectations."

All of the heifers will be housed in the barn that is proposed to be built. Along with the barn, Wagner said that a feed storage bunker will be next to the proposed barn.

Due to Wagner Farms updating to new codes and standards, water running off of the feed pad has to be collected, rather than before, where it was rerouted. A new leachate collection area will be added for that water runoff.

"We have to have a certain amount of days of storage per animal unit on the farm," said Wagner. "So that will also help with this project."

After a question from Wagner's neighbor, Mike Streug, regarding increasing the number of cows milked, Wagner said that the milking number will not increase.

"At this point right now, it is just heifers. There are no milking cows being added," said Wagner.

An eight-foot manhole will be next to the collection tank in order to regulate the collection. Two automatic pumps are also proposed to be added to handle the runoff collection.

In an event of a power outage on the farm, Wagner said that there is a generator that will automatically kick on and provide power to everywhere on farm.

"It is good to know that you

have backup power for pretty much anything if it does go out, to keep it functioning like it is supposed to," said Frank.

Frank said that there was an environmental incident response in place, as well as a list of people to contact if such an incident were to occur.

"It is not if it happens, its when," said Frank. "We have been witness to enough of them over the years that

things are beyond our control at times and you have to have a good way to address them."

After June 21, when all public comments are taken into consideration, the land conservation department will go through the process of making the decision to approve or deny the application. Wagner hopes that if everything moves forward with the proposal, an expansion will be finished by the start of fall.

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

June 14

Deputies responded to 41 calls, including an assault on Main Street in Birnamwood; harassment on East Wall Street in Bowler; property damage on Mutzy Lane in Bonduel; a disturbance on Pine Street in Tigerton; reckless driving on County Road M in the Gresham; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 and Witt-Birn Townline Road in the Town of Birnamwood; a fight in progress on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a controlled substance problem on South Washington Street in Shawano; an adult controlled substance problem on State Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; two crashes, one involving deer.

June 13

Deputies responded to 37 calls, including reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; a burglary on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; an automobile theft on Pine Ridge Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; a domestic disturbance on North First Street in Bonduel; harassment on County Road M in the Town of Fairbanks; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton; harassment on South Park Street in Bowler; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; an assault on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; a disturbance on County Road B in Shawano; two crashes.

June 12

Deputies responded to 42 calls, including reckless driving on Laney Road in the Town of Maple Grove; a controlled substance problem on State Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on County Road V in the Town of Washington; property theft on State Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on State Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; one crash.

June 11

Deputies responded to 47 calls, including property damage on on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in Bonduel; an adult controlled substance problem on State Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; a fleeing/pursuit on U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood; property theft on Olson Road in the Town of Green Valley; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in Bonduel; reckless driving on State Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland; trespassing on County Road J in the Town of Morris; harassment on Edgewood Road in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on County Road D in the Town of Seneca; a threat on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; operating while intoxicated on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; one crash involving deer.

June 10

Deputies responded to 38 calls, including property theft on Banner Road in the Town of Morris; property theft on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on State Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; reckless driving on Camp One Road in the Town of Red Springs; a disturbance on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; six crashes, four involving deer.

June 9

Deputies responded to 42 calls, including reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; multiple trespassing calls on Zirbel Court in the Town of Wescott; reckless

driving on County Road D in the Town of Seneca; disorderly conduct on North Warrington Avenue in Cecil; property theft on North First Street in Bonduel; property theft on South Mission Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in Bonduel; an adult controlled substance problem on West Express Way in Bonduel; a disturbance on Salzman Lane in the Town of Fairbanks; reckless driving on State Highway 55 in the Town of Maple Grove; four crashes, one involving deer.

June 8

Deputies responded to 51 calls, including a disorderly conduct on Edgewood Road in the Town of Wescott; a disorderly conduct on County Road B in Shawano; a domestic disturbance on County Road HH in the Town of Wescott; bail jumping on Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on County Road B in the Town of Waukechon; a threat on Rustic Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on Main Street in Gresham; reckless driving on State Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; two crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 14

Officers responded to 26 calls, including property theft on East Green Bay Street; a hit-and-run at Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.; shoplifting at Goodwill Industries, 300 Lakeland Road; reckless driving on South Union Street and East Ridlington Avenue.

June 13

Officers responded to 29 calls, including bail jumping on South Hamlin Street; bail jumping on South Cleveland Street; car property damage on South Andrews Street; child abuse/neglect on Presbyterian Street; a domestic disturbance on Mountain Bay Trail Drive.

June 12

Officers responded to 19 calls, including a domestic disturbance at Aarrowcast Inc., 2900 E. Richmond St.; a disturbance on West Picnic Street; an adult drug offense on State Highway 29.

June 11

Officers responded to 22 calls, including a domestic disturbance on East Maurer Street; a burglary on South Park Street; a hit-and-run at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; trespassing on South Hamlin Street; a disturbance on South Hamlin Street.

June 10

Officers responded to 28 calls, including disorderly conduct on South Franklin Street; a disturbance on South Andrews Street; car property damage at Goodwill Industries, 300 Lakeland Road; car property damage on East Lieg Avenue; a domestic disturbance on West Picnic Street.

June 9

Officers responded to 30 calls, including criminal damage on South Lafayette Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; a domestic disturbance on East Richmond Street; bailjumping on East Division Street; harassment on South Franklin Street; reckless driving on South Lincoln and East Maurer streets.

June 8

Officers responded to 30 calls, including bail jumping on South Hamlin Street; a hit-and-run on North Smalley Street; disorderly conduct on Edgewood Road; car property damage on East Richmond Street and South Main Street; a disturbance at Shawano County Sheriff's Department, 405 N. Main St.; a domestic disturbance on South Sawyer Street; property theft at CoVantage Credit Union, 604 S. Main St.; a disturbance at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; trespassing on South Hamlin Street.

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• Alan D. Waukau, 34, Shawano, was charged June 8 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge William F. Kussel Jr. set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for July 12.

• Drew J. Madosh, 30, Keshena, was charged June 8 with one count of escaping criminal arrest, one misdemeanor count of battery, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and four misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$3,500. This case will resume at a later date.

• Ralph J. Boivin, 51, Suring, was charged June 8 with one count of failure to report to jail. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,000. This case will resume at a later date.

• Jordell T. Justice, 18, Madison, pleaded no contest June 8 to one count of taking and driving a vehicle without consent (second or subsequent offense). One misdemeanor count of theft of movable property, greater than or equal to \$2,500 was dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Justice to 24 months in state prison and 30 months of extended supervision.

• Kamie M. Rein, 30, Shawano, was charged June 8 with one count of driving or operating a vehicle without consent, one count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500. This case will resume at a later date.

• Isaac W. Boldt, 19, Hobart, pleaded no contest June 8 to one count of stalking and one misdemeanor count of fourth degree sexual assault. Judge Suzanne C. O'Neill sentenced Boldt to two years of probation and 100 hours of community service.

• Devin L. Tomow, 27, Keshena, was charged June 9 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia, one misdemeanor count and two misdemeanor counts of possessing/illegally obtaining a prescription. Kussel set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 7.

• Jeremy L. Jackson, 37, Shawano, was charged June 9 with one count of battery or threat to judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 11.

• James N. Johnson-Long, 34, Suring, pleaded no contest June 10 to one count of failure to report to jail. Kussel sentenced him to 60 days in jail, which was deemed as served, and set a \$150 fine.

• Payton M. Pagel, 20, Shawano, was charged June 10 with one count of misappropriating identification information and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a signature bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 25.

• Anthony A. Moses, 23, Shawano, was charged June 10 with one count of second degree sexual assault of child, one count of use of a computer to facilitate a child sex crime, one count of exposing a child to harmful material and one count of child enticement — sexual contact. Kussel set a cash bond of \$30,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 18.

• Tyrane J. Tomow, 55, Shawano was charged June 11 with one count of second degree recklessly endangering safety. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and a signature bond of \$2,000. Kussel also set a preliminary hearing for June 29.

• Charges against Scott J. Mielke, 50, Lake Tomahawk, were dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Those charges included, possession of amphetamine less than 10-50 grams with intent, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC, one misdemeanor count of carrying a concealed weapon, one misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance and five misdemeanor counts of bail jumping.

Off-road vehicles bane for Shawano resident

She urges council to reconsider allowing ATVs and UTVs on city streets

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The addition of all-terrain vehicles and utility-terrain vehicles on Shawano streets has thrilled city residents who own one of those vehicles and gets to use it more, but one local resident isn't happy with the Shawano Common Council's decision.

In May, the council signed off on a resolution that allows ATVs and UTVs on certain streets in the city with a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour, unless posted signs have a lower speed limit. The decision followed on the heels of towns and Shawano County expanding where the off-road vehicles can go.

As far as Shirley Hinze is concerned, those vehicles should not be used in an urban setting.

"I would like to know why this decision was made without adding this as a referendum to the spring ballot, so that the city residents had an opportunity to make a decision on it," Hinze said. "As a city taxpayer, I am not living rurally. These vehicles are designed specifically to be on trails outside of the community."

Hinze noted that current road construction is making some residents park elsewhere, and many of them, especially older residents, cannot always see off-road vehicles coming.

"They do not have to have directional signals on them (under the ordinance), and so I feel that with the volume of traffic and what we would consider a city as an urban setting, this is not a good setting for them," Hinze said.

Hinze claimed she has followed some of the vehicles and had photos on her phone showing them being used as an alternative to standard motor vehicles. She claimed some of the photos show off-road vehicles at Shawano Community High School,



Members of the Western Shawano County ATV-UTV Riders Club drive their vehicles down Webb Street in Wittenberg for the Wittenberg Community Days parade held June 13. Although off-road vehicles like these are being welcomed in most communities in Shawano County, Shawano resident Shirley Hinze has a problem with them going on streets in the city, saying they're more appropriate for rural settings.

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while others show parents picking up children at Hillcrest Primary School. She said the photos include an older couple traveling from a restaurant to their home and younger people passing by her home on Bartlett Street.

"We're suffering quite a few of these," Hinze said.

She also found fault with the city not requiring some form of collision insurance, the same as standard vehicles. This puts all city residents at risk, including those in the standard vehicles.

"I take issue with a 13-year-old who has just gotten a permit to drive one of these vehicles, and a lot of them are poor people," Hinze said. "They will not be able to manage this vehicle in an urban setting and higher volume of traffic if they had to take an evasive measure."

Hinze claimed she has walked around her neighborhood for several blocks and found other people who are not happy with off-road vehicles traveling Shawano's streets. She noted that several of them have made complaints to the police and that she has made two complaints herself, including one where a juvenile driver was "popping wheelies."

"This is what we're encountering in all areas across the city where these ORV (off-road vehicle) routes are designated," Hinze said. "It does not do the city any good because they're also not going to local businesses."

The police department should not be put into the position of handling out-of-control ATV drivers, in Hinze's view, and she thinks it's a burden that officers don't need.

She asked the council to reconsider

the ordinance, saying that accidents involving off-road vehicles are on the rise, although she did not furnish any statistics to the council to back up her statement.

"You're dealing with a higher volume of traffic, higher volume of tourism," Hinze said. "You have city streets that are now in disrepair, vehicles not parking in their own homes. I have older neighbors on my street that I'm concerned that they are not watching for these vehicles, so if they're backing out, there could be an issue with something like that."

The council could not take any action or comment on Hinze's concerns because the ordinance was not on the agenda.

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Optimists plan first 3-on-3 soccer tournament July 21

The Shawano Optimist Club will hold its first three-on-three soccer tournament July 21 at Eberlein Park, 201 Eberlein Park Drive, Shawano.

Ages of teams will include U10 (age 10 or under) to adult teams.

There will also be a family team division. All teams will be guaranteed three games. There can be up to five players on a team with only three players on the field at one time.

Entry fees for teams will be \$75

before June 30 and \$100 per team after. Trophies will be awarded to first-place teams in each division, and medallions will be awarded to second place winners. The registration form and additional details can

be found at shawanooptimistclub.org by clicking on "3v3 tournament"

Questions can be directed to Gail Moesch at moeschg@hotmail.com or 715-851-2118, or Axel Rehder at axel-rehder@me.com or 715-701-1734.

OBITUARIES

Milosch Domazet

Milosch "Milos" Domazet, of Shawano, formerly of Clintonville, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday morning, June 9, 2021, one day after celebrating his 71st birthday with family.

Milos was born on June 8, 1950, in Willensen, Germany, as the son of the late Trifun and Gisela (Oppermann) Domazet. In 1951, he came with his parents to the United States to live in Chicago for several years before settling on the family farm in Clintonville where he resided until 2004. He lived in Shawano after that until earlier this month when he moved to Freedom.

Milos graduated Clintonville High School in 1968. He worked in construction to earn money to attend



MISOE and Stout State, studying electrical engineering, but his true passion was playing guitar, which he self taught. He played instrumentals for church functions and many parties and even played and sang live on the radio with his sister Stana. His God-given talent was to hear a song and play it on guitar, no notes necessary.

Milos enjoyed staying connected with family during the COVID-19 pandemic by virtual visits three times a week. He looked forward to the next

"meet" to watch his niece play piano for him and his nephew play trumpet. He enjoyed spending time with family, all music; especially jazz, old western movies, and could always tell you last week's Packers score.

Anyone who knew Milos was aware of his kind heart and warm smile; always paying a compliment to those around him. He brought joy and positivity wherever he was. Milos was the best brother a sister could have. We will always remember his big heart, warm smile, and kind soul.

Milos is survived by his sisters, Stana (Martin) Goffard, of Kaukauna, and Mirjana (Daniel) Goymerac, of Appleton, and by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Trifun and Gisela Domazet.

A private funeral service will be held for Milos at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville with the Rev. Brian Crocker officiating. Interment will take place at Graceland Cemetery also in Clintonville.

The family would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jenny's Assisted Living in Shawano, to Tina and everyone at Birch Hill Health Services in Shawano, and to Country Villa in Freedom where Milos planned to live in the future.

An online guestbook and condolence page can be found at www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Deanna Novotny

On Saturday, June 5, 2021, Deanna "Dee" (Drake) Novotny went to join her beloved Savior in heaven. She was born Jan. 7, 1941, in Clintonville to Oscar and June (Maas) Drake. All of her early life was spent on the north shore of Shawano Lake. Dee attended North Beach School, a one-room schoolhouse. She went on to attend Lincoln School and junior high in Shawano.

In 1959, Dee graduated from Shawano High School and went on to attend UW-Stevens Point. She also attended UW-Oshkosh and graduated from there in 1966 with a degree in elementary education. She spent her teaching career in Manitowoc. It was

there that she met Joseph Novotny, and they were married on Aug. 10, 1968. In 1975, Dee gave birth to their first child, a daughter, who died shortly after birth. So, in 1976, Dee and Joseph decided to adopt a son, and Dee retired from teaching to raise him.

In her later years, Dee began teaching again at Trinity School and the elementary school in Mishicot. She also volunteered and was a substitute teacher in the Mishicot district. The year 2000 brought an addition to their family as they adopted their second son.

Dee was interested in crafting, computer work, pencil games and reading. She also spent many years

maintaining a large garden and working with her husband making maple syrup. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her two sons, John (Lisa) Novotny, of Two Rivers, and Josiah Novotny, of Manitowoc; grandchildren, Gwen and John Joseph "J.J." Novotny; brother, Darwin Drake; sister, Nancy Baker; sisters-in-law, Jeanne Brown and Christine (Louie) Colombrin; special cousins, Gary (Walene) Maas and Alan (Sue) Drake; nephew, Mark (Julie) Novotny; and other family and treasured friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50-plus years, Joseph;

daughter, Wendy Novotny; parents, Oscar and June Drake; father- and mother-in-law, Joseph and Marion (Duchon) Novotny; brother-in-law, LeRoy Novotny; and special aunt, Emma Maas.

Cremation has taken place at the Harrigan Parkside Crematory and Chapel. Private graveside services will be at Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, at a later date.

Online condolences to the family may be sent to www.harriganparksidefuneralhome.com.

The Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home and Crematory, Manitowoc, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Allen Hansen

Allen Hansen, 84, passed away peacefully at Royal Hobart Hospital in Tasmania, Australia, on May 15, 2021. Born in Oconto, he was the oldest child of Irving and Anna (Ottow) Hansen. Allen was raised in Lena, graduated from Lena High School in 1954 and graduated from UW-Madison in 1958 with a degree in mining engineering and naval science.

Allen proudly served as a captain in the Marines, flying helicopters in Vietnam. He was also called to service for the Cuban Missile Crisis and for the Dominican Republic conflict. One of his hobbies was discovering and salvaging Civil War shipwrecks on the east coast. This love of scuba diving led him to Australia.

In 1969, Allen founded Tasmanian Seafoods, building the largest wild abalone canning business in Australia and then became the third largest in the world. Tasmanian Seafoods also processes sea cucumbers, whiting, prawn and tuna. He also owned other businesses including hotels, real estate and sports teams. He was one of the most successful and



influential people in Australia and met with the prime ministers on various occasions.

Allen was the loving father of Michelle, Darwin, Lauren and Candace, and proud grandfather of Emily,

Ava, Max and Zane.

Allen was preceded in death by his daughter, Lauren; his brother, Vern Hansen; and his parents, Irving and Anna Hansen.

Allen is survived by his siblings, Carol (Ken) Lindow, of Horicon, Kirt (Angie), of Gillett, Gary (Diane), of Gillett, Irving Jr. (Carol), of Green Bay, Gail (Al) Lumby, of Horicon, Kevin (Cathy), of De Pere, Brian, of Gillett, and Dean (Barb), of Shawano. Allen is also survived by his aunts, Alice (Ottow) Nisk, of Clearwater, Florida, and Erna (Ottow) Mainhardt, of Manitowoc.

His funeral and burial were held in Hobart, Australia.

Allen will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Gerald Hillman

Gerald "Jerry" Hillman, 94, of Shawano, passed away on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Jerry was born March 13, 1927, to the late Joseph and Cecilia (Banich) Hillman in Milwaukee. Jerry was united in marriage on June 25, 1949, in Milwaukee to the late Joye Hampel. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and graduated from UW-Madison in 1950.

Jerry was very involved in many organizations. He was a member of the Shawano Masonic Lodge 170; Shawano Past Masters Club; Mason Woods Lodge 368; Shawano Chapter Eastern Star 167; Scottish Rite Consistory Green Bay; Beja Shrine Temple of Green Bay; Shrine Clowns "Patches",



"Uncle Geezer"; International Shrine Clown Association; Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Lake Chapter; and a past member of the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, Appleton.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Janis (Joe) Urban, of Clintonville; son Todd (Betsy) Hillman, of Florida; and three grandchildren, Chelsea Urban, Lauren Hillman and Dylan Hillman.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; one son, Wade Hillman; and two brothers.

Jerry has requested cremation with no public ceremony.

Memorials may be given to the Shrine Children's Hospital in Chicago.

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Richard W. Smiley

Richard W. Smiley, 67, of Marion, passed away Saturday, June 12, 2021 at his home.

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

Robert Voss

Robert Voss, 101, of Shawano, passed away on Thursday, June 10, 2021, in Shawano. He was born Feb. 1, 1920, in Tinley Park, Illinois, to the late Walter and Frieda (Leiss) Voss. Bob was united in marriage to Joan Tembey on June 1, 1946, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Following Bob's graduation from Peo-tone High School as the class valedictorian, he attended Blackburn College for two years before being called to military service during World War II. His entire service was spent at Camp Lee, Virginia, where he trained soldiers who were to serve overseas.



Following the war, Bob attended the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois, where he graduated in 1948 with a degree in dairy technology. He immediately went to work for Kraft Foods in Glenview and Chicago, Illinois, where he had a successful career that culminated in overseeing international cheese productions. He retired from Kraft in 1983. After retirement, he moved to Shawano and lived on the lake for 16 years until he moved into town. After his 100th birthday, he moved to the Cottages Assisted

Living in Shawano.

Bob loved fishing and kept track of every fish he caught in Shawano Lake. He fed many from his huge garden and played softball into his mid-90s. He was a longtime active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano. Bob was a remarkable man and an inspiration to many. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, and he will be deeply missed.

Bob is survived by three sons, Robert (Marcy) Voss, Brian Voss and Barry (Kim) Voss; eight grandchildren, Kristi (Lee) Thorson, Kari (Greg) Schneider, Rob (Tricia) Voss, Catherine Voss, Dan Brewer, Jackie (Matt) Delang, Sarah Voss and Micah (Jennifer) Voss; 13 great-

grandchildren, Michael, Kyla, Tyler, Olivia, Ford, Cole, River, Robert, Lily, Raven, Sawyer, Jaylen and LaMondre; and one nephew, Eric Simmons, and his children Sarah, Tracy and E.J.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Joan; his parents; and two sisters, Marjorie and Edna.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano with the Rev. Scott Ludford officiating. Military honors were conducted by the Shawano VFW Post 2723. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church or Habitat for Humanity in Shawano.

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William John Arendt

William John Arendt, 76, of Gresham, passed away on Monday, June 7, 2021, in Shawano. Bill was born on Sept. 10, 1944, to the late John and Esther (Jung) Arendt.

Bill graduated from West Bend High School and received a football scholarship from Colgate University where he graduated with a degree in Geology. His work as a field geologist, working in mineral exploration, took him to locations in Australia, Brazil and British Columbia.

After returning to the states, he met and married his wife of 49 years, Charmaine "Shari" Nietzer. He started his teaching career in Port Washington in 1973. Teaching life science and chemistry was a perfect fit for him.



He would spend hours preparing for his classes in an effort to keep students interested and excited about science. For those who wanted to learn, he believed his efforts

paid off.

While teaching at Franklin Middle School, he started a tree planting program. He and his seventh-grade classes planted thousands of trees in the area over several years making this an annual spring event. Bill received state recognition for his tree restoration program and the Dr. Jeffries "Dedicat-

ed Teacher" award twice. His passion for football and love for the game led him to coaching middle school football for many years. He retired from the Shawano School District in 2004 after 29 years of teaching.

Bill's biggest and proudest accomplishment was disassembling an old barn and painstakingly rebuilding and restoring it into the beautiful home he and his wife have resided in for the past 36 years. With limited carpentry skills, pure determination alone allowed Bill to complete this undertaking.

Bill is survived by his wife, Shari; daughters, Terra Arendt, of Green Bay, and Jessica (Bruce) Schaumberg, of Wrightstown. He is also survived

by four grandchildren, Callie, Colin, Nolan and Luke; a brother, Robert (Mary Jo), of Sun City Center, Florida; a sister, Debbie Rohloff, of Green Bay; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A celebration of life will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Monday from 3 p.m. until the time of the service. Inurnment will be in Zion Rest Cemetery in Gresham at a later date.

Special thanks to ThedaCare Hospice Team, in particular Kristy, Jolene and Stuart and the staff at the Cottages for their care and support.

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Arvin L. Schrank

Arvin Lewis Schrank, 95, of Shawano, passed away on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at The Cottages in Shawano. He was born Sept. 17, 1925, in Wittenberg, to the late Emil Raul and Mary Pauline (Liesch) Schrank. Arvin enlisted in the United States Army and served his country from 1943 to 1946, when he was honorably discharged. He served as the mayor of Shawano from 1970 to 1974.

He worked many jobs in real estate and insurance. He was also



a state trooper and an electrician. On Aug. 26, 1990, he was united in marriage to Patricia Joanne (Murphy) West in Shawano. Arvin was a member

of the Shawano Masons, VFW and the Shawano American Legion. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing,

reading and carpentry.

Arvin is survived by his daughters, Pam (Bob) Bogacz, Sherry (Chuck Bayuk) Schrank, Debbie (Paul) Gustafson and Candy (Chuck Gates) Schrank; his stepchildren, Deb (Steve) Olufs, Mike (Mark) West and Gloria West; grandchildren, Courtney (Matt Atvell) Bogacz, Katrina (Nick) Roberts, Ben (Erin) West, Jeremy (Erin) West, Brandon (Mary-claire) Olufs and Erin (Cody) Ching; great-grandchildren, Sloane, No-

elle, Eila, Ansel and Malcolm. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Arvin was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; his former wife, Marion (Holtz) Schrank; grandson, Elliot; his parents, Emil and Mary; his siblings, Vernon, Alfred and Gertrude.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano at a later date.

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Evelyn H. Quandt

Evelyn (Ev) Helen Quandt, 86, of Suring, passed away on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at the Cherry Meadows Hospice in Appleton. Evelyn was born Nov. 3, 1934, in Oneida, the daughter of Raymond and Jeanette (Gerrits) School. She was united in marriage to James Quandt on June 5, 1954, and he preceded her in death Jan. 18, 2014.

Evelyn is survived by her chil-



dren, Mark (Amy) Quandt, Suring, and Karen (Jeffrey) Hoffman, Appleton; grandchildren, Bradley (Ashley) Quandt, Pulaski, Taylor Quandt, Suring, Nicholas Hoffman (fiancee Savanna

Jagoditsh), Appleton, and Jennifer Hoffman, Appleton; great-grandchildren, Mason and Chloe Quandt.

Preceded in death by her husband, Jim; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Ev School, Earl and Eunice School, and Marv and LaVerne School; sisters- and brother-in-law, LaVerne and Norm Kufner and Hazel Gericke; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, John and Orian

Quandt, Chester Schuettpelz, and Rome Gipp.

Memorial Mass was held at St. Michael Parish Chapel, Chute Pond, on Friday, June 11, 2021, with the Rev. Francis Dias officiating.

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

Council hires Veit to demolish Main Street buildings

Plans for plaza are coming together with hopes to start construction in fall

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano Common Council approved hiring Veit Demolition to demolish the buildings that occupy 214-216 S. Main St. at its June 9 meeting and found out more details about the downtown plaza that will occupy the space and other areas.

Veit — which is based in Rogers, Minnesota, but has a Wisconsin office in New Berlin — was the lowest bidder at \$139,000, which was above the \$100,000 budgeted for demolition work. However, the six bids ranged up to \$468,000.

Having six bids for the plaza project was impressive, but originally, 15-20 contractors participated in the walkthroughs on what was going to be required for the demolition work, according to City Administrator Eddie Sheppard.

"It was eye-opening for me when we did the walkthroughs with all the

contractor groups," Sheppard said. "By the time I let them in to start walking all around, 10 of them didn't go in and five of them walked away because the challenge of this is that it's an unstable building."

Because the building is unstable, the contractor will have to be very careful about taking things out of it, Sheppard said.

Veit has the reputation for handling large demolition projects, according to Sheppard, who noted the company was the one that took down the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

"It's a little more than we hoped for, but it's good knowing the company has all the resources to do this," Sheppard said. "It's not just some startup that's going to give it their best."

Sheppard said that the design of the project will make the plaza as maintenance-free as possible, as city departments, especially parks and recreation, already have a lot on their plates. However, public works and parks and recreation will jointly oversee any work that needs to be done after the plaza is built, he said.

"We do not intend to have additional staff to maintain this space," Sheppard said. "That's something

we've been very conscious of during this design."

According to Brandon Herbert with Strand Associates, local resident Starlyn Tourtillott helped the consulting firm get in touch with both the Menominee and Stockbridge-Munsee tribes to get input on the honorarium, which will pay tribute to the area Native Americans who once inhabited much of northeast Wisconsin. Strand has been working with Joey Awonohopay and Heather Bruegl, who oversee cultural issues for the Menominee and Stockbridge-Munsee, respectively, and they have helped to shape what the honorarium will have.

"We had some nice discussions about what was important for their cultures in this space or perhaps scattered throughout the plaza," Herbert said.

Among the discussion was specific trees geared toward each clan of the Menominee, as well as the Many Trails symbol that is an important part of the Stockbridge-Munsee. There was also some discussion of using wild rice as a pattern on some of the wall decorations, Herbert said.

Sheppard said he felt the plaza was going to do right by Shawano's Native

American neighbors.

"There was a lot of discussion about incorporating some of the significant cultural things that they want to see," Sheppard said. "I'm glad we had those conversations."

Herbert asked for suggestions about what to do with the bumpouts, which will replace current parking spaces in the area and make it easier for pedestrians to cross Main Street.

Alderman Kevin Barkow suggested adding a symbol of a wolf near the riverwalk so that it would symbolize the Wolf River.

"There's nothing really there showing that's supposed to be the Wolf River," Barkow said. "You could kind of assume that's what it is, but that'd be kind of cool to have the bumpout have some image of a wolf. It'll give it more of an eye appeal."

Alderman Rhonda Strebel urged that the bumpouts have a flat surface to make it easier for people with disabilities and others to navigate the area.

"I want it to be decorative, but I want it to be flat so that people with strollers and walkers are not having a struggle trying to get across the sidewalk," Strebel said.

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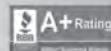
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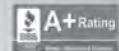
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\$674K grant will be used to train educators

CMN one of six schools in United States to receive grant

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The College of Menominee Nation learned June 4 that it had been awarded a \$674,000 grant from the Early Educator Investment Collaborative (EEIC) to assist students who are looking toward a career in education.

CMN is one of six college in the nation to receive the grant, as well as the only school in the Midwest and also the only tribal school. The five other recipients were in California, Georgia, Washington state, Colorado and Hawaii.

"We feel very fortunate to be one of the six awardees, and it re-

ally affirms the importance of the work that we are doing in not only training future teachers but also the importance of early childhood education and the impact that it has on young children," said Kelli Chelberg, an associate professor in the teacher education department.

According to Chelberg, CMN is a very popular school for education, with more than 70% of all bachelor's degree graduates having a degree in education.

Receiving the grant is a major step in growing the education department at CMN, Chelberg said. The grant also honors those who are working towards helping to build student's futures.

"We are honored, and honestly I was in shock when I heard that we were selected," she said. "This speaks to the commitment of our faculty and the work that we do in the education program."

Chelberg said that the applica-

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tion process for the grant was very intense. She said CMN was chosen as a recipient of the grant due in part to objectives that were laid out in their application, which included offering an Advanced Certification Elementary (ACE) program, creating a culturally responsive induction program, providing elder coaches and mentors, providing training and providing additional support for students.

One of the other requirements to applying for the grant was there to be a 10% matching fund. CMN is partnering with Wisconsin Early Childhood Associations (WECA) to meet that requirement.

With the money from the grant, Chelberg outlined goals of what was to be accomplished. Similar to the objectives in the application, CMN is planning to provide assistance, recruit students, provide release time and mentor, advise and develop early childhood educators.

Chelberg noted that there has become a growing need for early childhood educators, and even though teaching can be difficult, having the grant in place can be a step toward continuing to growing

the CMN education program.

"Education is difficult," she said. "Kids have different learning styles and personalities. With this grant we want to continue to grow the program and get more of our students on the right track to becoming early childhood educators."

The education field has become popular at CMN due in part to students wanting to be part of the change in their communities. Chelberg noted that many students who attend CMN have faced cultural barriers and trauma.

"They see the impact on children in their community and we hear from them over and over again how they want to help make a difference by becoming teachers," said Chelberg.

Chelberg summed up what receiving this grant not only meant to her, but the university and the students as well.

"This validates the hard work of a small tribal school," said Chelberg. "We can meet the needs of the community. It is an honor. We may be small, but we are mighty."

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Weekend brings music, theater to Franklin



Musician Pat Wiley, right, of Clintonville, is joined by Frogwater, a duo from Milwaukee by the names of Susan and John Nicholson, during the folk music portion of Arts in the Park held June 12 at Franklin Park.
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Ginger, played by Sue Kluge, left, reacts to the judge's decision in a scene from "Little Miss Fresno" as Doris, played by Jane Krueger, reaches for something in her bag. The one-act, written by Ara Watson and Mary Gallagher, was one of the theater pieces performed for Arts in the Park on June 12 at Franklin Park in Shawano.
LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Bob, played by Dave Woosencraft, examines an invisible wall for signs of a parallel universe as his wife, Betty, played by Angie Doss, ponders the concept in a scene from "The Skewed Picture," written by Andrew Bliss. The one-act play was one of six conducted by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild during the Arts in the Park event held June 12 at Franklin Park in Shawano.
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Invasive species plants of deceptive beauty

In Wisconsin, June is Invasive Species Awareness Month. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources uses the month of June to educate gardeners and property owners on the threat and danger that invasive species pose to native Wisconsin landscapes and ecosystems.

By definition, an invasive species is one that arrived after the first white settlers came to Wisconsin. Many of these plants were brought here for their value as ornamental plants, or as food crops. Others stowed away on ships in the form of seeds, or mixed in with hay and packing material.



ROB ZIMMER

While invasive species can include birds, mammals, insects and more, it is invasive plants that get the most attention here in Wisconsin. For gardeners, this is important because many of the plants growing right in our own backyards are technically classified as invasive and should be controlled or eradicated when possible.

Property owners adjacent to woodlands need to be especially watchful of invasive species on their property as, once these plants escape cultivation into our forests, they are capable of a great deal of damage and destruction. Most notably, the biggest threat most invasive species pose is simply smothering out and overcrowding our native wildflowers and plants.

Because invasive species have no natural predators here, they quickly spread and colonize large areas, choking out the understory and smothering native woodland wildflowers such as many of our favorites, trilliums, hepaticas, bloodroot, trout lilies, mayapples, Virginia bluebells and others.

Where invasive species take hold, it is important to realize and understand that there is no quick, one-shot method of eradicating the species, or any poison or product that is going to eliminate them. As long as they took to take hold, they will take at least that long to gain control over.

It is also important to remember that most invasive species are quite beautiful and showy. This is, after all, one of the main reasons they were brought here. Many of our endangered species are beautiful wildflowers and wonderful ornamental trees when they are kept under control. However,



Dame's Rocket is a persistent and prolific invasive species that is also deceptively beautiful.

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Japanese Knotweed is a formidable invasive species that may grow 10 feet high and form huge colonies that smother and choke out smaller native plants at the forest edge where it thrives.

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once their seeds begin to spread, they become nearly impossible to eradicate.

Garlic mustard and buckthorn are among the most dangerous of all invasive species here in Wisconsin and the most difficult to control.

Garlic mustard is an herbaceous herb that can carpet entire sections of the forest floor within just a few years. It is important not to let these plants go to seed when they are discovered. Each plant can produce untold num-

bers of seeds that quickly spread and colonize the forest floor. If you have garlic mustard growing in your garden or nearby woodlot, pull as often as possible and prevent back from going to seed by sheering before the plant flowers. Garlic mustard is also delicious and there are many wonderful recipes that you can find online to enjoy this tasty plant.

Buckthorn is even more tricky to control. Because this is a woody shrub,

forming massive tangles of intertwined branches, buckthorn is one of the most challenging of all invasive species to control. In addition, songbirds consume the berries, spreading them quickly and prolifically with their droppings.

The best way to treat buckthorn is frequent cutting and treatment with a brush killer such as Tordon. Follow the label directions. This will require several seasons of work and the patience of the gardener or property owner.

Other examples of invasive species here in our area are the bright and colorful Dame's rocket, a member of the mustard family, as well as phragmites, often called pampas grass, Japanese knotweed, Russian olive, autumn olive, the many introduced bush honeysuckles, canary reed grass, purple loosestrife and others.

The Wisconsin DNR has a wonderful resource online for property owners and gardeners interested in learning more about invasive species. Simply search "Wisconsin DNR invasive species" and you will be taken to a page loaded with information including list of all the technically restricted plants, as well as fact sheets on each one with the recommended control measures and an abundance of photographs to help you identify invasive plants on your property.

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Water Walkers performing in Birnamwood

The Central Wisconsin Water Ski Show Team, also known as the Water Walkers, is back in the area to ski its show June 19 on Mayflower Lake Resort, 812 County Road D, Birnamwood.

The show starts at 6 p.m. and lasts about an hour. The Monopoly-themed ski show includes announcing, music, costumes and a variety of acts including barefooting, pyramids, trick skiing, wakeboarding, swivel skiing, ballet act and more.

A concession stand is available with brats, hot dogs, chips and candy. Beverage are available at the resort. The show is free, but donations are appreciated, and a raffle is held.

For information, go to www.cwwaterwalkers.com or www.facebook.com/cwwaterwalkers, or call Sue at 715-409-9276.



The Water Walkers will be performing a human pyramid as one of their acts in the Saturday, June 19, show on Mayflower Lake Resort.

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Community comes together for festival



ABOVE: Kynslei Koehler-Dahlquist, the 2021 Poppy Princess, tosses candy June 13 to other children on the parade route during the Wittenberg Community Days parade.

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RIGHT: The Nightcrawlers perform a set on June 13 at Washington Park to entertain the crowd for Wittenberg Community Days.

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Carl Gutt, of Bowler, drives his 1947 Plymouth down the parade route June 13 during Wittenberg Community Days.

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Assorted pieces of art done by students in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District sit on a table while patrons look at drawings and paintings on the wall June 13 at the WOWSPACE. The exhibit, featuring young artists, concluded with Wittenberg Community Days.

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There were plenty of things, like bouncy houses, to keep children entertained during Wittenberg Community Days, held June 12-13 at Washington Park.

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Rose Popp with American Legion Post 502 hands out American flags on the sidewalks in Wittenberg during the June 13 Wittenberg Community Days parade.

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Summer concerts are back in Wittenberg

Open Tab performs for 30 to kick off 2021 WOWSPACE series

By LUKE REIMER
Reporter

Music was in the air as Walls of Wittenberg held its first of three summer concerts on June 8 at the Art Park, next to the WOWSpace.

The Oshkosh-based band Open Tab played for approximately 30 Wittenberg area residents. The music played ranged from pop to rock, with songs including Britney Spears' "Toxic" and The Animals' "House of the Rising Sun."

The concert was free and visitors were welcomed to take a bottle of water as the temperature rose above 90 degrees at the start. An ice cream truck was also on site as another way to cool down.

WOW President Elaine Knab said the organization has been holding concerts in the park for over 10 years.

The night drew a small crowd—than the approximately 100 who usually attend, she said.

"I am sure that the high heat has deterred people in the community from coming out tonight," Knab said.

This concert was sponsored by the Doris and Irving Hanson Memorial Fund, Incredible Bank, Crossroads Community Theatre, and Walls of Wittenberg. Knab said that the community plays a part in putting these concerts on.

"We get some donations that are used exactly for these concerts," said Knab. "What we do is we go around and we look for bands to play."

Knab said that the concerts have become increasingly popular even through the COVID-19 pandemic last year, with one of the concerts bringing in 125 visitors.

Knab believes that holding an event like this for the community brings some variety to summers.

"It gives the community members an event to go to during the week," said Knab. "It also brings out the kids. This allows parents to come out and relax while the kids run around and play."

Outside of Wittenberg, Knab said that she occasionally sees people from the Wausau area in attendance.

"We don't really see anyone from too far outside of the community," said Knab. "Unless they are



Oshkosh-based band Open Tab performs its rendition of Britney Spears' "Toxic" in the Art Park in Wittenberg on June 8.

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here visiting someone."

Knab also views these concerts as an opportunity to publicize Walls of Wittenberg.

"You would be surprised to see how many local people don't even know that we exist," said Knab.

According to Knab, the concerts in the park have been well received.

"I think people enjoy these concerts," said Knab. "People say, 'Oh yeah, we will be back, I will tell my friends and bring my cooler and chair.' People have been very receptive towards it."

Concerts will continue to run through the summer. Quarry Road is set to perform July 13, while the Drovers are slated for Aug. 17.



Wittenberg community members battle the heat by finding shade in the Art Park as they listen to Open Tab on June 8.

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Witt-Birn claims CWC-East title outright

Chargers top Iola-Scandinavia on senior night

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School softball team capped a memorable regular season with a 9-5 win over Iola-Scandinavia on June 9 in Wittenberg to help the team claim the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division title outright.

Witt-Birn's season got off to a rocky start, opening CWC-East play with a 6-1 loss to Shiocton, but the team turned things around in a hurry. The Chargers won their final 14 games, with the win over Iola-Scandinavia upping the team's record to 11-1 in conference play and 14-1 overall.

The conference-clinching win was especially meaningful for the team's seven seniors, as the contest also marked the team's senior night.

"I am so thankful to have such a great conference season with my fellow seniors who have led the team in various ways," said senior McKenna Foster. "We all bring something special to the team and make a difference. It was also cool to win conference on senior night."

"Nobody thought that Wittenberg would win a conference championship for softball," said senior Emma Herb. "We proved them wrong and worked together to show how good we can really be."

Witt-Birn fell behind early against Iola-Scandinavia, with an error helping the visitors take a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Much like their season as a whole though, the Chargers continued to battle.

Witt-Birn surged ahead in the third inning, when nine batters came to the plate.

Foster walked to start the inning before moving to second on a bunt single from Herb.

Senior Abi Fraaza came through with a single to plate Foster, with Fraaza and Herb ending up on second and third, respectively.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Abi Fraaza makes a throw to first base during the team's CWC-East win over Iola-Scandinavia on June 9 in Wittenberg.

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ONLINE

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With one out in the frame, senior Jasmin Duranceau delivered a single to score Herb and move Fraaza to third. Kaylee Schram then capped the inning with a single to score Fraaza.

The cushion gave Duranceau, the Chargers' pitcher, some cushion, and she used it to her advantage. After the run in the first, Duranceau posted four straight scoreless half-innings.

In the bottom of the fifth, Witt-Birn tacked on six insurance runs.

Kiara Deruchowski singled in senior McKenna Metropulos to start the scoring in the frame. Halle Beversdorf followed with a single to score courtesy runner Emily Niles.

Foster then delivered a two-RBI single that allowed Deruchowski and senior Amara Schoepke to score. A sacrifice flyout from Herb plated Foster for the final run in the inning.

The insurance runs proved to be big, as Iola-Scandinavia answered with three runs in the sixth.

The visitors added another run in the seventh, with another error helping their cause. Duranceau ended the rally by striking out a batter and then inducing a popup with the bases loaded.

Duranceau ended up striking out three batters over her seven innings. She allowed eight hits and didn't walk a batter.

"Our pitcher, Jasmin Duranceau, knew she would be our number one pitcher last softball season. Even though our season was cancelled,

Jasmin continued to practice throughout summer and two times per week during her senior year. Her work ethic helped gain the confidence from her teammates at the beginning of this season," said Charity Fraaza, who noted most of the players have been together since 12-and-under ball.

"The girls not only wanted to play but they had a strong mindset to win. They focused on working hard to improve their skills and mental toughness. What is really special about these girls is that there is not just one or two girls who get the job (done). During every game, a different player steps up with a big hit or defensive play to help us win the game. They have built a stronger level of trust and confidence for each other with each passing game."

AUTO RACING

Raab, Stedjee get first career feature wins

Yarie, Swedberg,
Stueck claim
other features

By DAVE BUSS

Special to NEW Media

The future of racing was on display as go karters were honored in prerace ceremonies at the Shawano Speedway on June 12.

Former karter Marcus Yarie grabbed a feature win along with Zackary Raab, Brett Swedberg, Dylan Stedjee and Jason Stueck.

The IMCA Sport Mods took the green flag first for their feature event with Andrew Engels and Raab leading them to the line. Raab put his car into the top spot on lap one and began to leave the pack in the rearview mirror.

Kevin Bethke charged to the second spot and began his attempt at running down the leader. By lap five, Raab was leading by nearly five seconds. Bethke maintained the runner-up spot with Dylan Waldvogel moving into third.

Caution eliminated Raab's huge advantage on lap eight. The restart saw Waldvogel jump to the second spot as Raab again powered away.

Jeffery Teske moved his machine to fourth from 11th as the halfway point hit the field. A caution set up another restart and give Waldvogel and Tyler Sobiesczyk the break they needed as they once again closed on the leader.

Raab was just too strong as he drove off once again and grabbed the win. Sobiesczyk took the second spot with Teske third. Waldvogel held off Jayden Schmidt for fourth.

The IMCA Modifieds had sevens wild on their front row with 07 of Mike Schmidt and the 7H of Marcus Hoeppner setting the pace early.

Brekken Kleinschmidt grabbed the top spot on lap three with Hoeppner sliding back to second. Kleinschmidt saw his lead evaporate when his dad Kevin Kleinschmidt spun, bringing out the yellow flag on lap six.

On the restart, Lance Arneson chose the high side in the second row. While Kleinschmidt tried to hold off Arneson, Konnor Wilinski tried unsuccessfully to sneak by on



Zackary Raab won the IMCA Sport Mod feature June 12 at Shawano Speedway.

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the low side.

Kleinschmidt was up to the challenge and began to rebuild his lead. Caution again eliminated his lead just before the halfway point.

Jerry Wilinski found himself in the second spot on the restart and jumped to the lead on the ensuing lap. Kleinschmidt wouldn't let Wilinski escape as he moved into the tire tracks of the leader.

With seven laps remaining, Yarie moved into contention as he grabbed the third spot. Yarie took the lead out of corner four with five laps remaining.

Yellow again set up a five-lap shootout as Yarie brought the field back to green. He used his experience gained from his days in go karts to drive to the win. Jerry Wilinski and Kleinschmidt put on a great battle for second, with Kleinschmidt taking the spot. Jerry Muenster showed that he still has it with a fourth-place finish.

Hall of famer Tom Naeyaert brought the Late Models to the line in their feature event. Todd Frank challenged Naeyaert in the early

laps as Swedberg held the third spot.

Nick Anvelink, coming off a feature win last week, charged forward and grabbed third by lap five. Frank spun to bring out the caution and reset the field. Naeyaert led, with Swedberg and Anvelink lining up behind him.

The green flag wouldn't be out long as another caution slowed the field two laps later with Naeyaert still showing the way. This time he had Swedberg and Troy Springborn behind him.

Swedberg slid past Naeyaert on lap nine and began to build his lead. Swedberg dominated the second half of the race to pick up the win. Anvelink took second with Naeyaert third and Springborn fourth.

The IMCA Stock Cars rolled to the track looking to carry on their weekly feature that just about anyone could win if they survive the action for 20 laps.

Stedjee led Chummy Arneson for the early few laps until caution flew, bringing the rest of the field to their back bumpers. Chucky

Forstner joined the battle for the top spot on lap five with Stedjee continuing to hold the top spot.

As the race neared the halfway point, Forstner began to cut into the Stedjee lead. Meanwhile, Kyle Frederick settled into third with Tom Riehl sitting fourth. Forstner rode in the tire tracks of Stedjee for the second half of the event just waiting for Stedjee to bobble. Mechanical problems ended the night for Arneson.

Stedjee maintained the top spot to pick up his first feature win of the year. Forstner took second with Frederick third and Tom Riehl fourth.

The Mighty 4s concluded the night with Alexis Michonski jumping to the lead with Bo White and Lucas Hacker giving chase.

Brad Wedde made it a three-wide battle for second and then for the lead. Hacker came out with the lead on lap five. Hacker saw Stueck get by for the lead on lap 10.

Stueck grabbed the win with Hacker second and William Hoefs third.

ATHLETE PROFILE: MITCH ZIMDARS

Tigerton senior enjoys final baseball season

The Tigerton High School baseball team put together a solid spring season, earning several wins and remaining competitive in just about every contest. Senior Mitch Zimdars was a big part of the success with his play at the plate and on the mound.

In a loss to Bowler on June 3, Zimdars led Tigerton at the plate with two hits. He also pitched four innings, allowing just one run.

Zimdars also tallied two hits in the team's Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division win over Northland Lutheran/Wisconsin Valley Lutheran on May 17.

The senior twirled a gem to help Tigerton to a 2-1 win over Gresham back on May 20. He pitched all seven innings, striking out 14 batters along the way.

Zimdars scored four runs and drove in three more in the team's win over Gresham on April 29. He also pitched a scoreless inning in the victory.

In the team's season-opening loss to Northland Lutheran/Wisconsin Valley Lutheran on April 27, Zimdars reached base four times, including three walks.

Q: When did your interest in baseball begin?

A: My first interest in baseball started when I was young and playing T-ball.

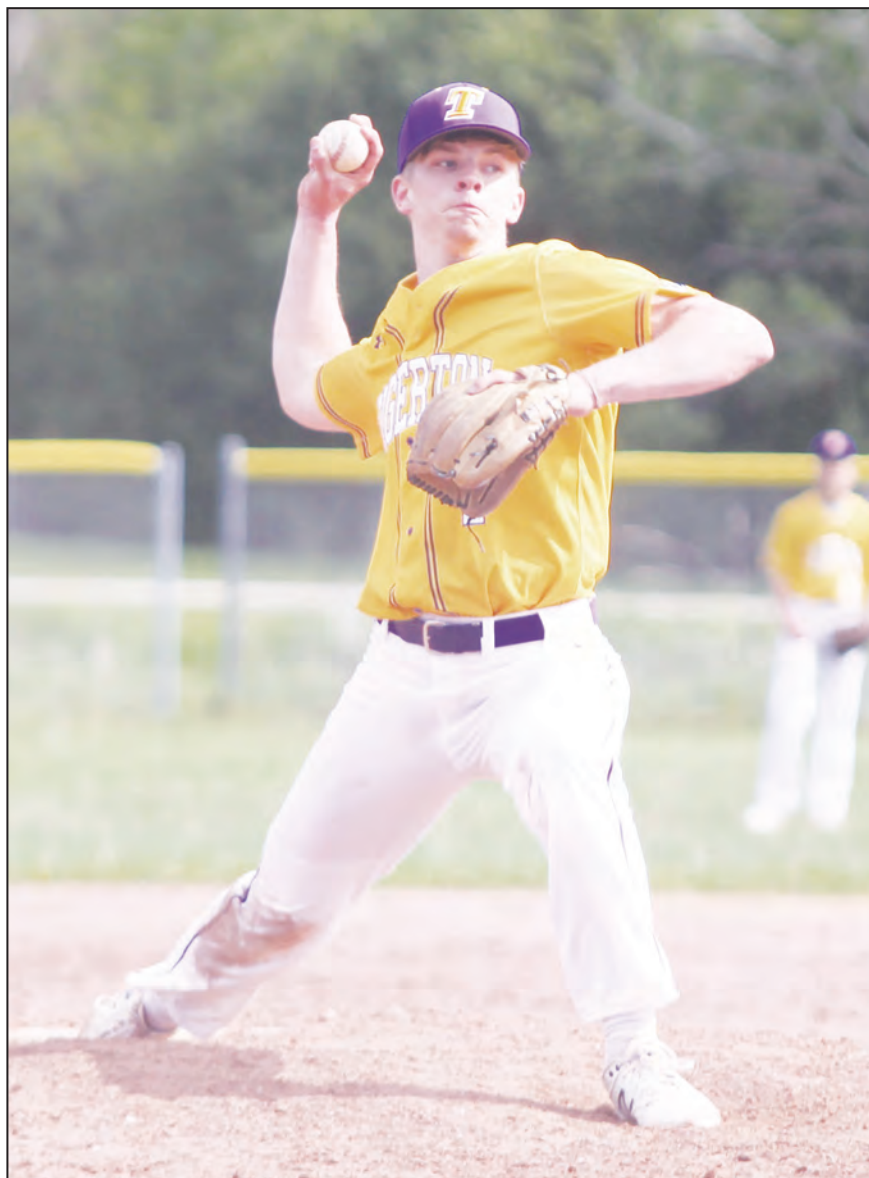
Q: What is your favorite part about the baseball season?

A: My favorite part of the season is spending quality time with my buddies.

Q: What is your favorite baseball position to play, and why?

A: I like playing shortstop, center and pitcher because I love the amount of action those positions get.

Q: After having your junior season erased by the pandemic,



Tigerton's Mitch Zimdars pitches during a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division matchup against Marion on May 28 in Tigerton.

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how did you remain positive and ready for your senior season?

A: It sucked at first, but after awhile I started to realize being negative about it is only going to make things worse. (I) saw that as an opportunity to practice and

work to get better for my senior season

Q: You've enjoyed a big senior season. To what would you attribute your success?

A: My team without a doubt. My teammates are always there to

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Mitch Zimdars

SPORT: Baseball

POSITIONS: Pitcher, infield, outfield

SCHOOL: Tigerton High School

YEAR: Senior

make plays if I'm going through a rough patch or not playing well.

Q: Athletes typically remember their senior seasons when thinking back on their high school careers. What about this year's team are you going to remember when looking back on it?

A: Our ability to pick each other up when someone makes a bad play or messes up. We're always positive and focused on the task at hand.

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

A: I like to sit in my car and listen to music so I can focus up.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Tigerton baseball team?

A: Not anything specific, but all of the close games we've played. Win or lose, close ball games are always a blast.

Q: Favorite movie and musical artist?

A: Movie – "Space Jam" for sure. Musical artist – Fergie.

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

A: I'm ambidextrous.

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

A: Cherish every single moment you have in high school sports. I didn't think much of it at first, but it really does go by fast.

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

A: Graduate college and start my own contracting business.



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PRO FOOTBALL

Packers' Funchess ready for comeback after long time away

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
The Associated Press

Green Bay Packers wide receiver Devin Funchess hasn't played a game in nearly two full seasons but remains confident he can make a successful comeback.

"I'll never doubt myself," Funchess said last week during the Packers' mandatory minicamp. "The moment you start doubting yourself, you lose. I like to win. I don't like to lose. So I guarantee I'll keep a smile on my face, and we're going to be dancing a lot."

Funchess signed with the Packers in spring 2020 but still hasn't played for them. He hasn't appeared in an NFL game since fracturing his collarbone while playing for the Indianapolis Colts in the 2019 season opener.

He opted out of the 2020 season to help his family through the pandemic. In his Instagram post announcing that decision, Funchess said some of his closest relatives "have experienced the life-threatening impact of COVID-19."

"Family over everything," Funchess said. "My family was going

through some things. I felt it was best for me to be there for my family."

That long time away from football made Funchess particularly excited about working out with his new teammates. He wants to show he still has the skills that made him an effective red-zone threat for the Carolina Panthers earlier in his career.

"I was eager, anxious this last week just to get back around big, grown men and the team, the camaraderie, just the atmosphere," Funchess said.

Funchess had 21 touchdown catches with Carolina through his first four NFL seasons. His best year came in 2017, when he caught 63 passes for 840 yards and eight touchdowns.

While drops have been a concern at times, Funchess can cause plenty of matchup problems with his 6-foot-4 frame. Packers coach Matt LaFleur noted that Funchess "sure looks the part, there's no doubt about that."

"We are excited about him and just the depth that he adds to that room, the competition that he brings to that room," LaFleur said. "Here's a guy that's played at a high level in this

league. He was on that team that went to the Super Bowl in Carolina, so we're excited just about his mentality and how he comes out on a daily basis."

Funchess believes he'll be able to do everything he did while at Carolina.

"I'm ready to play," Funchess said. "I'm 27 years old. There's nothing to question. I'm about to step into my prime, probably this year, next year, whatever it is."

This minicamp has allowed Funchess to get to know his teammates better, though he was trying to keep in touch with them before now.

All-Pro receiver Davante Adams said he had communicated with Funchess via FaceTime six or seven times.

"I feel like I've known him longer than what I actually have," Adams said. "He's a great dude, competitor, (who's) got high expectations for himself. He's a dog, I can tell that. He's as big as hell. He'll be able to offer up a lot to us. He's got the right mindset."

Funchess just needs time to adapt to a new offense and a new quarterback, whoever that might be. He

signed with the Packers believing he'd be playing alongside Aaron Rodgers.

With Rodgers' future uncertain as he skips mandatory minicamp, Funchess doesn't know who will be throwing him passes this fall.

Funchess says the situation isn't entirely unfamiliar for him. He signed with Indianapolis in March 2019 assuming his quarterback would be Andrew Luck, who unexpectedly retired that summer at the age of 29.

Funchess says that experience helped him realize the approach to take toward this situation.

"We need to just, all the media and everybody else, they need to understand the man handles his business and then we play with the 11 we have on the field, at that time," Funchess said. "I've been there to the dance. I've been there with experience. You play with the 11 you have. You do your best, every play. That's how you win. I need everybody, personally, just to let him do what he does and understand the 11 that we line up on the field, that's who we're going to have fun with at that time."



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Golf, tennis seasons end at sectionals

Shawano Community High School boys golfers Kaden Marcell and Lucas te Plate enjoyed strong days at the Division 1 Notre Dame Sectional on June 9 at Thornberry Creek at Oneida, but neither qualified for the state meet.

Marcell posted an 18-hole round of 83 to tie for 15th as an individual. Te Plate carded a round of 93 to take 33rd.

Witt-Birn, Oconto Falls teams fail to qualify for state

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Oconto Falls boys golf teams failed to qualify for state after competing in the Division 2 Wautoma Sectional on June 9 at Waushara Country Club in Wautoma.

Nolan Fraaza and Ian Resch led Witt-Birn with rounds of 84. Maverick Beran tallied an 85, while Calvin Scheurer posted an 86. Brian Nelson (91) was the team's other golfer.

Evan Jaeger led Oconto Falls with a round of 80. Trevor Metzler (91), Caden Leonhardt (96), Thomas Carmondy (97) and Rease Hodkiewicz (108) rounded out Oconto Falls' lineup.

No Bonduel, Lena, Marion golfers advance to state

No Bonduel, Lena or Marion boys

golfers advanced to state despite some strong showings at the Division 3 Crivitz Sectional at Hunter's Glen Golf Club in Crivitz on June 8.

Bonduel's Cooper Uelmen (84) led the team, while Jake Dreyer fired a round of 90. Reed Luepke (97), Mason Moore (102) and Sam Wolf (133) filled out the lineup.

Braden McVane and Mason Simonson each carded rounds of 92 to lead Lena on the course. Evan VanderZanden and K.C. Miller finished with scores of 109 and 110, respectively.

Marion's Isaiah Gueths shot a round of 109.

No Shawano tennis players advance to state

No Shawano boys tennis singles players or doubles teams advanced to state after competing in the Division 2 Kohler Sectional on June 9 at the Sports Core in Kohler.

Singles players Joe Mente (No. 3) and Carson Cummings (No. 4) each earned second-place finishes on the day, while the No. 2 doubles team of Josh Bergmann and Tristan Szucs placed fourth. Shawano's No. 1 doubles team of Rory Johnson and Nolan Buck lost their lone match at sectionals.

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OPINION

Ryan speech paints dismal portrait of GOP, Dems

Everywhere you look, there's commentary that one side of the federal government is bringing about the apocalypse. Depending on which news stations or websites you frequent, it could be the Republicans, or perhaps it's the Democrats. Pundits are quick to blame one segment or another because that is what our politics have become—the assumption that one party has all the answers and the other party is simply a pack of morons.

That's why I found it incredibly refreshing when former U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan gave a speech last month at the Reagan Library and essentially said that both parties are screwing up the country. While a lifelong Republican, he made it clear that his fellow GOP members and the left wing share the blame for the messed up state that Congress is in today.

Ryan made it clear in his speech that the Republicans need to get back to their roots and not tie themselves solely to the philosophies of former President Donald Trump, noting that Trump's time in office came to “such a dishonorable and disgraceful end.” He made it clear that conservatives need to have their own thoughts on issues and do things because they're the right thing to do, not simply because Trump has proclaimed it so.

This quote from Ryan rang particularly true for me: “If the conservative cause depends on the



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populist appeal of one personality or of second-rate imitations, then we're not going anywhere. Voters looking for Republican leaders want to see independence in metal. They will not be impressed by the sight of yes-men and flatterers flocking to Mar-a-Lago.”

Ryan didn't have much to say kindly about the Democrats, either. He accused liberals of bringing about a wild age of identity politics and making America look like the capitol of racism. He said identity politics is getting tiresome, and he is correct. While we do have some steps to take to make sure everyone is treated equally, acting like we're all discriminatory paints us with a broad and somewhat inaccurate brush.

I liked this part of Ryan's speech as he was describing identity politics: “The least appealing feature of the party in power is its constant use of identity politics. So many issues on the left bring up the same dreary view of America as a collection of groups in perpetual conflict with each other. What we could once dismissed as pretentious academic theory, confined to overworked dissertations in obscure journals, somehow has become

Democratic Party orthodoxy.”

That tends to be the problem with political parties in general, requiring its representatives in public office to all hold the same view, and if someone dares to step out of line, then action is taken to censure, silence and shame any rebellious riff-raff. Government tends to work better when there are independent freethinkers in public office instead of mindless automatons who worship a party's leadership and are in lockstep with their party every step of the way.

While it's doubtful that the former Wisconsin Congressman's speech will bring about a new era of prosperity and bipartisanship, it's easy to see how Ryan bases his worldview. Take the infrastructure bill being wrangled around right now as the executive and legislative branches have been trying to negotiate a compromise. A few brave souls are trying to come up with something where both sides get a little, but fringes on both sides are pooh-poohing the process.

You have Sen. Mitch McConnell, a Republican, proudly declaring that “The era of bipartisanship is over.” Considering how much of an effort he has made for decades to shut down everything Democrats have tried to suggest, that's a rather interesting statement, and he makes it clear with every passing day that he's not interested in making America a better place.

Of course, Democrats are no bet-

ter. Take Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who is telling her fellow Democrats to stop wasting time trying to come up with a bipartisan compromise. Rather than try to come up with a solution, she's contributing to the problem and making it that much more difficult for this country to dig itself out of the polarized hole that we're in.

Sadly, we don't have anything like term limits to force the old guard into retirement, and many times, the new faces have their own personal agendas that have no regard for what we, the people, want. Until the ordinary folks stand up and decide to take action to restore our country to grace, we'll continue to see the seat of power for this country turned into a smoke-covered battleground, and the ones who will suffer will be us.

Ryan makes this interesting assessment of what our country should be: “America is humanity's best attempt at upholding the truth that everyone is created equal. That the condition of your birth need not dictate the whole course of your life, and that word, created, that's still the key to it all because it reflects the true wisdom of our founding.”

I look forward to the day when this becomes what America truly stands for. In the meantime, we need to have more Paul Ryans to hold our elected leaders' feet to the fire.

Lee Pulaski is the city editor for The Shawano Leader. Readers can contact him at lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

County workers need to be paid fair wage

To the editor:

When I consider workers needing a living wage in Shawano, I remember my experience applying for work with Shawano County several years ago. I was offered a job at 40 hours per week here, but I chose a similar job in Green Bay working 32 hours per week for the same wages. I was fortunate to have those job offers, but where does that leave Shawano County?

Looks like things haven't changed. In an April 8 Shawano Leader article, Supervisor Tess Serrano voiced her

frustrations about wages and job retention to the county public safety committee, “Shawano County is losing so many good people to other counties.” She also noted some board members don't realize the cost of living anymore.

A living wage is something that has been measured. The United Way's ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained, Employed) Project does research to find how many families are living on the edge of financial insecurity. They identify the bare minimum cost of household basics necessary to live and work, which include housing, child care, food, transportation and health care. Thirty-four percent of the workers in Shawano

County are below the ALICE threshold. These are our hard-working neighbors. Our decision makers have access to this information.

Because the pandemic left many Wisconsinites in need of unemployment insurance, Congress passed the CARES Act in 2020. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 created temporary additional unemployment benefits. The extra money proved to be invaluable to cover housing and monthly expenses for many working families. We know that money has been spent in our local communities at grocery stores, restaurants and other small businesses. The workforce shortage should not be used as an excuse to end worker's unemploy-

ment benefits prematurely.

Reported in the same Shawano Leader article, as the County Board started looking for cost-savings, they considered dropping a full-time position to part-time. Supervisor Jerry Erdmann said, “The county has been cutting positions and programs to the point there's nothing else to cut.”

Our county's budget should be all our concern, and shortages won't be solved if we continue to kick the can down the road. Pay attention that the people we put in Madison are invested in our priorities. Respect our people, but especially respect people's labor. Workers should be paid a fair wage.

Julie McCain, Cecil

A mystery, a couple, a dog and a Winnebago

I was curious when I selected "Dance of the Winnebagos" by Ann Charles.

Claire Morgan and her grandfather have traveled from Nemo, South Dakota, to Jackrabbit Junction, Arizona, in his trusty Winnebago motorhome. Her grandmother loved the area so much that her ashes have been scattered beneath a large cottonwood tree near the Park.

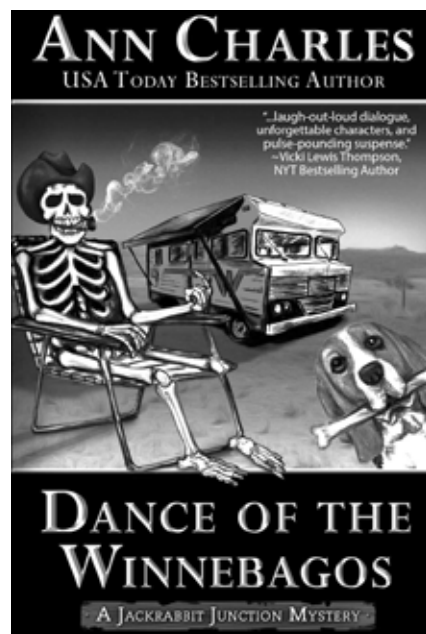


JAN JONES

Gramps planned this trip with two of his old army buddies to meet "hot babes." Thirty-year-old Claire has come along as a chaperone of sorts.

Claire has a reputation for finding trouble. When Gramps' beagle, Henry, finds a human leg bone, Claire has to wrestle it from him as Henry doesn't like Claire. Park owner Ruby Martinez's late husband Joe promised she and their daughter would be financially secure, but he died without telling her where his fortune was stashed. Now the bank is preparing to foreclose, taking the park and three old copper mines. A mining company has offered to buy the mines, so Ruby has enlisted the aid of her nephew, Mac, to determine their true value.

Claire knows that the mining company will extract the copper through



"open pit" mining. That would devastate the entire area, and she couldn't allow her grandmother's ashes to be disturbed. Instantly, Claire swings into action to prevent the sale and save Ruby.

Ruby is also contending with her very rebellious 15-year-old daughter, Jessica. She wants to send Jess to a private school, but the girl refuses to cooperate and tries to get Claire and Mac to help her.

As expected, sparks fly between Claire and Mac. The two quickly establish a love/hate relationship, with Gramps and his friends adding spice and insults along the way.

When Mac inspects one mine, he

comes out to find that his spark plug wires have been cut. Later his brake lines are punctured. He has no proof, but he suspects Sophy Wheeler. Joe was married to her until she ran off to Los Angeles. The former showgirl now runs her family's diner during the day and sneaks into the mines at night to look for Joe's hidden loot.

Digging through Joe's papers, Claire finds three passports belonging to the same man. Each has a different first name, but the last name is Martinez. Was this Joe's missing cousin? Was the thigh bone his? Was Sophy involved?

Both Mac and Gramps warn Claire to steer clear of Sophy. Naturally, stubborn Claire ignores their advice and sneaks into Sophy's house. When she finds a room stacked with valuable antique furniture, she is sure that it once belonged to Joe as he owned an antique store in town.

When Mac is trapped and nearly killed in a mine, the pair doubles their efforts to find Joe's hidden treasure. While Mac is in Tucson checking on mine deposits, Claire breaks into Sophy's shed. She finds his old El Camino, but before she can do more snooping Sophy arrives with a shotgun.

She reveals that the men were making lots of money "fencing" stolen antiques, but when Joe's cousin got greedy, she got rid of him, just she plans to get rid of Claire. To her surprise, Claire is saved by her nemesis, Henry.

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "Dance of the Winnebagos" (Book one of the Jackrabbit Junction Mystery Series)

AUTHOR: Ann Charles

PUBLISHER: Independently published

PUBLISHED: 2011

PAGES: 386

Gramps solves Ruby's money troubles by buying the mines and deciding to stay in Jackrabbit Junction. The relationship between Claire and Mac has turned into a solid romance, and Jess has agreed to behave and go to the local high school. The icing on the cake comes when a tiny clue sends Claire back to the basement where she finds a hidden stash of cash. It turns out that Joe really did look after Ruby and Jess.

We can't tell who is leading a secret life, but it is fun to guess. Read about more secrets through your public library. Drop by soon and check it out.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the following application for a license to deal in intoxicating liquor has been filed with the Village Clerk.
Name: John Greene
Trade Name: Dollar General Store
Address: 100 Mission Ridge
Goodlettsville, TN
License Applied For: Class A.
Premise Location: 472 US Hwy 45
Birnawood, WI 54414.
Dated: May 24, 2021
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Name: Jerome Remington
Trade Name: Birnamwood VP
Address: 444 US Hwy 45
Birnawood, WI 54414.
License Applied For: Class A.
Premise Location: 444 US Hwy 45
Birnawood, WI 54414.
Dated: May 24, 2021
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FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

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Name: Jeremy Praslowicz
Trade Name: Chet & Emils Inc
Address: 388 Maple St.
Birnawood, WI 54414.
License Applied For: Class B
Premise Location: 388 Maple St.
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Dated: May 24, 2021
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COLLEGE NOTES

UW-Green Bay

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay has made public the names of undergraduate students receiving semester honors for spring 2021 semester academic achievement.

Qualifying for semester highest honors (4.0 grade-point average) are Cassie Andraschko, Birnamwood; Brooke Breitrick, Bowler; and Marissa Groshek, Eland.

Earning semester high honors (3.75-3.99 GPA) are Kristi Hohensee, Aniwa; Kylie Linke, Eland; Elizabeth Rustick, Birnamwood; Nathaen Wanta, Tigerton; and Eloise Williamson, Wittenberg.

Semester honors (3.50-3.74 GPA) go to Kaitlyn Clark, Birnamwood; Tanner Dallman, Hatley; Emily Moderson, Tigerton; and Brooke Thix, Birnamwood.

UW-Stevens Point

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has made public the names of undergraduate students receiving semester honors for spring 2021 semester academic achievement.

Qualifying for semester highest honors (4.0 grade-point average) are Claire Allen, Hatley; Mitchell Imlah, Hatley; Beth Lee, Aniwa; Heidi Meuret, Hatley; Seth Pommer,

Bowler; Alissa Rickert, Birnamwood; Emily Stanislawski, Hatley; and Kaila Trzebiatowski, Hatley.

Earning semester high honors (3.75-3.99 GPA) are Samantha Kasprak, Hatley; Corriisa Konkol, Eland; Megan Konkol, Eland; Chad Moegenburg, Wittenberg; Alyssa Pitts, Hatley; Elizabeth Strehlow, Hatley; Zachary Urquhart, Hatley; and Katelin Wolfe, Hatley.

Semester honors (3.50-3.74 GPA) go to Preston Bagley, Eland; Brennen Baseman, Birnamwood; Chase Crowell, Wittenberg; Kasaundra Fellner, Birnamwood; Kalen Fischer, Bowler; Trevor Groshek, Eland; and Dylan Sprague, Hatley.

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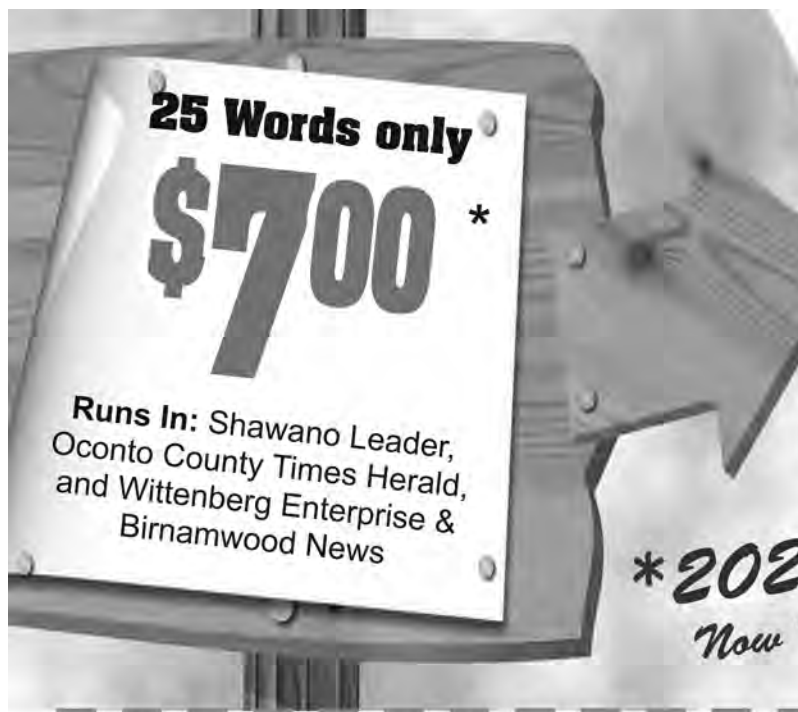
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