



What always happens somewhere else, happened here

Officers down! Communities shocked

By Ryan Urban

A traffic stop that burst into shootout Saturday, April 8, has left the community grieving the deaths of two young police officers who were killed in the line of duty.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice has identified Emily Breidenbach, 32, of the Chetek Police Department and Hunter Scheel, 23, of the Cameron Police Department as the officers killed during a traffic stop on the outskirts of Cameron.

The officers were allegedly shot and killed by Glenn Douglas Perry, 50, of New Auburn, who also died.

The officers were conducting the traffic stop on Hwy. SS just south of Hwy. 8 based on a warrant and to check on the welfare of the driver, following notification of concerning behavior, according to the DOJ.

Perry's warrant pertained to divorce proceedings that he was contesting. Past criminal court cases indicate that Perry harbored malice toward police, but he was never charged or convicted of anything more than misdemeanor offenses.

During the traffic stop, gunfire was exchanged, according to the DOJ.

The two officers were pronounced deceased at the scene. Perry later died after being airlifted to a hospital.

Local and state police officials have said little about what led up to the traffic stop and what occurred during the stop.

According to Barron County Dispatch records, Breidenbach reported at 3:37 p.m. that she was behind a subject, known to her to be Perry, driving northbound on Hwy. SS, with one car between them. She reported Scheel would be assisting her with a traffic stop.

A Barron County sheriff's deputy was also nearby, in the area of Hwy. 8 and Hwy. 53 at the time of the traffic stop.

At 3:38 p.m. the officers reported the subject had a gun, and seconds later Scheel stated "shots fired" and "officer down."

At 3:39 p.m. the Barron County officer advised that the suspect was set up with a rifle and that both officers were down.

At 3:40 p.m. the Barron County officer advised that they were going to get traffic out of the area. They also reported that they could not see the shooter.

A minute later the county officer advised three people were down.

One passerby, who wished to remain anonymous, told the News-Shield that they drove southbound past the scene of the traffic stop on Hwy. SS shortly after shots were fired. They stated, "My initial thought was they were holding a drill. That happens, but I was confused why a drill was taking place on a busy highway with no signs posted. Then we saw more and realized what was going on."

They continued, "We made it out, but there were many cars attempting to go northbound. We stopped them all and told them it was an active shooting and they had to turn around."

During a press conference Monday afternoon, Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald said the loss of two police officers in one day is weighing heavy on the local law enforcement community.

"We've had tragic events here in Barron County—nothing like this," said Fitzgerald.

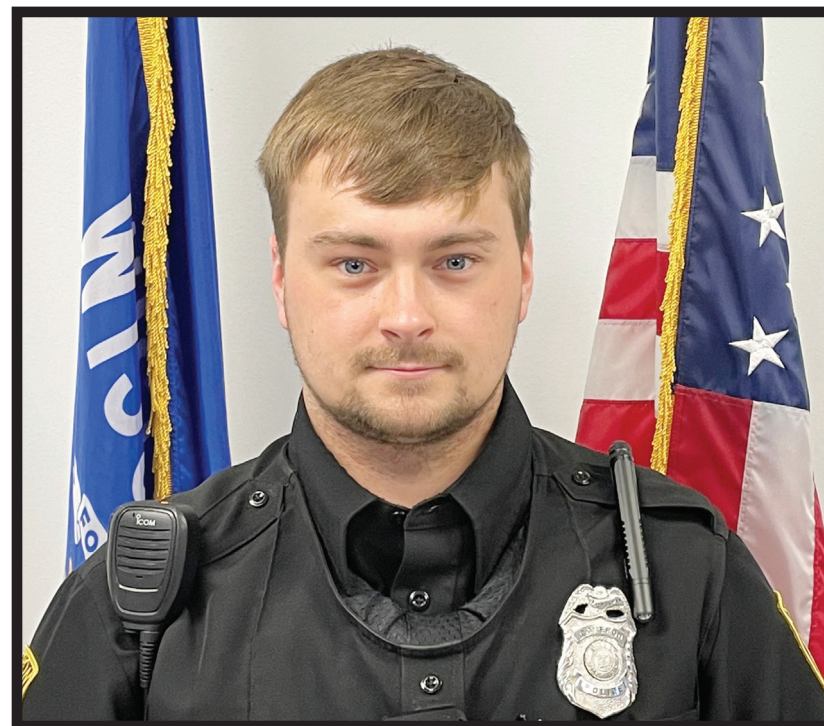
Cameron Police Chief Adam Steffen and Chetek Police Chief Ron Ambrozaitis also spoke during the press conference.

"In addition to changing the lives of their families and friends forever, this event has touched me, my de-

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Emily Breidenbach



Hunter Scheel



Officers and firefighters in blue and white greeted a van Monday afternoon on Hwy. 8 bearing the bodies of slain police officers Hunter Scheel and Emily Breidenbach to the Rausch-Steel Funeral Home in Barron. Ladder trucks from the Rice Lake and Barron-Maple Grove fire departments draped an American flag over Hwy. 8 on the west end of the city that a procession of squad cars escorting the slain officers drove under on their way into town.



Blue Memorial — A memorial marks the place along Hwy. SS south of Cameron where police officers Emily Breidenbach and Hunter Scheel were killed during a traffic stop. A vigil for the officers is planned Wednesday in Cameron, and funeral services will be held there Saturday. Photo by Ryan Urban

Killer's history: Gun threats and a hate for police

By Ryan Urban

Barron County court case records for the man who allegedly shot and killed two local police officers Saturday, April 8, portray him as a combative person, with anger targeted specifically at police.

Glenn Douglas Perry, 50, of rural New Auburn, was wanted on a warrant issued March 30, compelling him to appear in Barron County Circuit Court for divorce proceedings.

It was that warrant that led Chetek police officer Emily Breidenbach, assisted by Cameron police officer Hunter Scheel, to pull Perry's vehicle over on April 8. State investigators say Perry and the police officers exchanged gunfire that left all three of them dead.

Perry's wife, Laura A. Perry, filed for divorce in May of 2020. Just prior to that, in March of 2020,



Glenn Perry

Perry was charged with misdemeanor battery-domestic abuse and disorderly conduct-domestic abuse.

The criminal complaint indicates that Perry's wife and a child both

"He kept buying more guns and would go on a rant about how cops are bad and how he was going to kill them."

called 911 on March 1 and reported that Perry was physically fighting with his wife and a fourth person in the home, a son.

When his wife told him she was going to call the police, Perry went to a bedroom and said he was going "to prepare." He proceeded to grab a rifle.

Perry then slammed the woman against the wall, punched her and choked her.

In a written statement, the juvenile who called 911 stated she did so after attempting to protect herself from Perry with a bat and locking herself in her room.

The juvenile stated that Perry said,

"if they called the cops on him or got him put in a hospital, he would kill them" and that he "kept buying more guns and would go on a rant about how cops are bad and how he was going to kill them." She also stated that Perry had been driving around with two guns in his car.

His wife reported that earlier in the day Perry had been "looking out the windows watching for cops" and stated that he was "going to kill them all."

In May of 2020, Perry was charged again with battery-domestic abuse, disorderly conduct-domestic abuse and misdemeanor bail jumping after a physical altercation with his son.

In October of 2020, as part of a plea agreement, Perry pleaded guilty to two reduced counts of disorderly conduct and was fined \$735, which he paid.

Perry's only other criminal charges came in 2015, stemming from an incident at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School involving one of his children. Glenn Perry allegedly became loud and boisterous with a responding Chetek officer, Jon Fick. The argument continued among Glenn, the officer and the school principal before he was escorted out of the building by then-lieutenant Ron Ambrozaitis, of the Chetek Police Department.

The charge was later dismissed after the case went into diversion court and Perry completed domestic abuse conferencing.

Perry was contesting the divorce case.

A bench warrant was issued by

Judge James Babler March 30 after attempts to serve papers to Perry were unsuccessful.

Attempts to serve the papers were made Feb. 23, Feb. 24, Feb. 28 and March 3 of this year. During the third and fourth attempts the officer observed a vehicle parked at the residence and could hear music or sound from a TV inside the home.

Perry did at times write letters to the court.

Court documents listed Perry's profession as a truck driver. He was terminated from a job in 2020, and was said to have worked for "numerous companies" since the spring of 2020.

In one handwritten letter filed Feb. 15 and addressed to Babler, Perry stated, "It has just been brought to my attention that there is fraud in my divorce [sic] and other paper work I

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Officer Dan Glaze died six years ago in a shooting south of Ladysmith

Sarah Glaze: Surviving a long road towards recovery

By Bob Zientara

Support for families of fallen law enforcement officers goes far beyond mere "thoughts and prayers," and must be offered in small, compassionate doses over long periods of time, according to Sarah Glaze, a counselor for the Cameron School District.

Six and one-half years ago, Glaze lost her husband, Dan, a Cameron resident and Rusk County Sheriff's deputy, in a shooting that took place south of Ladysmith.

She was asked if she had any insights to share in the aftermath of the April 8, 2023, officer deaths at Cameron. "Everyone grieves differently," Glaze said Tuesday morning. "I can speak for myself and for other survivors I have met, but not for everyone."

Glaze said that in her experience, the first thing to remember is that survivors are in a world they had no idea existed.

"No one can completely wrap their mind around and fathom it," she said. "It's hard from someone outside the (survivor's) perspective to understand what the inside of grieving looks like."

Surviving spouses and close family members tend to be overwhelmed by what's happening, Glaze added.

"Your body is in a fog," she said. "You don't know how you're going to get through the next five minutes."

As much as survivors appreciate community support, "rushing in to help in the first week can be a little overwhelming," she said. "The biggest thing I want people to remember is that survivors are going to need help over the long term."

"Be supportive, but let these folks breathe," Glaze continued. "Check in a month from now, three months from now."

In her own experience, the first year was critical, she added. And, during that time and beyond, Glaze found herself comforted by selfless acts of friends and neighbors.

"I had people mow my lawn, plow

my snow, stuff I wouldn't have thought about needing ... but it was so helpful," she said. "They'd run my kids to practices or youth group meetings. One person sent a card every week for the first year."

In the law enforcement community, there are many families who should be remembered in the aftermath of an event like the one that happened last Saturday, Glaze said.

"Families of law enforcement now have to send their loved ones back out into the real world," she said.

Two organizations that she mentioned were Concerns of Police Survivors (www.COPS.org) and the Law Enforcement Foundation of Barron County.

The former group "comes in after (police funerals) and helps out," Glaze said. "They conduct retreats for officers and families. My kids go to COPS kids camp each year."

The foundation is a resource for local emergency service personnel, and is planning the vigil for the Chetek and Cameron officers scheduled to take place tonight, Wednesday, April 12, Glaze added.

After that first year, it's the long-term support that survivors value most, Glaze added.

Finally, she said, people shouldn't be afraid to talk with survivors, but to be mindful of what to say, and not to say.

She cautioned against remarks like "he/she is in a better place," or "it was meant to happen," or "this is what (the officer) signed up for."

Glaze said that when people make such remarks, "it makes me wonder, are you saying this because it makes YOU feel better, and not me?"

The long-term support becomes most important as years go by, she added.

"The world tends to move on after one year, but the second and third years are the hardest," she said.

Glaze said she hates it when she hears a remark like "people move on."

"You don't move on," she said. "It's something you never get over. But you can move forward."



Donates Grant—Cameron Middle School counselor Sarah Glaze, right, recently obtained a \$4,500 grant from Community Bank of Cameron to assist with her plan to help her students with pursuing opportunities to enrich their lives. With her are, left, Tim Gerber, Cameron School District athletic director (who signed the check that the three are holding), and Hans Schmidt, Middle School principal.

County officer deaths date back to 1916

Emily Breidenbach (Chetek Police Department) and Hunter Scheel (Cameron Police Department) are the first law enforcement officers to lose their lives in the line of duty in the circulation areas of the Barron, Bloomer, Chetek and Ladysmith newspapers since the death of Rusk County Sheriff's Deputy Dan Glaze, a Cameron resident, in fall 2016.

The deputy lost his life in an encounter with suspect Doug Nitek nearly six and one-half years ago, on Oct. 29, 2016. Glaze was fatally shot in his patrol car as he checked on a suspicious vehicle in a field.

It wasn't until nearly two years later,

in September 2018, that a jury found Nitek guilty of the major charge of first-degree intentional homicide, according to Rusk County Circuit Court records and the archives of the Ladysmith News.

Glaze's badge number 110 was later retired in his memory.

Other Barron County officers killed in the line of duty include Michael R. Baribeau in 1995, Wally L. Larson in 1987, Louis E. Gagner in 1930 and Matt Olson in 1916, according to the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial website.

On Dec. 19, 1995, Baribeau and another Barron County SWAT team member approached a house occupied by Thomas Shipley who had fired several shots at his wife. As the two team members got within several feet of the front door, the door opened and the suspect opened fire on the officers with a 12 gage shotgun. Both officers, while severely injured, were able to return fire killing the gunman. Officer Baribeau was fatally injured; his partner, Dave Strohmeier, was severely injured but survived.

Sheriff Larson died Oct. 28, 1987, of injuries sustained when his squad car collided head on with a semi tractor-trailer.

Rice Lake officer Gagner died July 27, 1930, while directing traffic after a storm. Gagner was electrocuted when he came in contact with a broken wire carrying 2,300 volts.

Sheriff Olson was fatally shot by Wenzel Baranek Feb. 3, 1916, while attempting to retrieve a stolen horse in the Town of Stanley. Baranek was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Wrong vote total for Stanley

In the April 5 issue of the News-Shield Spring Election results were stated incorrectly for the Town of Stanley. In the election of town board chair, Jason R. Cook was the winner over Dennis Stillwell by a vote of 382-332. The News-Shield regrets the error.

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partment, local law enforcement, and law enforcement around the world. It has also made a direct impact on our community," said Steffen.

"I also want to ask the public to give my department time to grieve and to have time with their families," said Ambrozaitis. "The Chetek Department will be back and we will pull through this and we will be Emily-strong."

Chetek Police Department's therapy K9 Grizz was with Breidenbach at the time of the traffic stop. Passersby reported seeing Grizz running down the road. But he was not injured and was picked up by another Chetek officer.

Fitzgerald said that Barron County deputies and officers from other departments are currently covering for Cameron and Chetek officers to give them time to grieve.

The police chiefs and the sheriff, who were visibly emotional as they spoke, thanked the public for a great outpouring of support.

"From the blue ribbons, the blue lights, flowers and hugs, we needed it," said Fitzgerald.

Breidenbach has served in the Chetek department since 2019. Scheel was in his first year on the force in Cameron.

Officers are also serving to watch over their fallen colleagues at the

Rausch & Steel Funeral Home in Barron. Dozens of officers joined an escort for the officers as their bodies were transported to and from the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office in Ramsey, Minnesota, for autopsy reports.

"An officer has never left their side since the time of the event and never will until they are buried in the cemetery," said Fitzgerald.

A fund to help Breidenbach's family has been established at Sterling Bank. A similar fund for Scheel has been set up at the Community Bank of Cameron.

An investigation of the incident by the Wisconsin Department of Justice is ongoing. Barron County District Attorney Brian Wright said his office will produce a report after the DOJ investigation is complete. He said it would be done in an "expedited manner," likely within 30 to 45 days.

A community vigil is planned Wednesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at Mosaic Technologies in Cameron.

Funeral arrangements for both officers are planned at Cameron High School on Saturday, April 15. Visitation is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Services are at 1 p.m., with police honors to follow outside the high school.

Fitzgerald said each officer's community involvement is central to their legacy.

"There's some great pictures of the officers out there," he said. "That's how they should be remembered. From Emily dancing in the football stands to Hunter at National Night Out with kids playing in the squad. That is why we do what we do."

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Editorial

For a place whose entire population is fewer than 50,000 people, Barron County has had more than its share of tragedy and loss in recent years.

Too much tragedy. Too many losses.

Now, we must deal with the deaths of two police officers who worked for communities so small, most major news operations had to locate them by telling their readers where they were in relation to Minneapolis-St. Paul or Milwaukee.

As Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald said on Monday, "We've had tragic events here in Barron County, (but) nothing like this."

He continued, "We heal as one and we need everyone to take part in that."

In the near-term, the community will observe a candlelight vigil Wednesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at Mosaic in Cameron.

But as Sarah Glaze, the widow of fallen officer Dan Glaze since 2016, reminds us — local law enforcement personnel and their families will need support for weeks, months and years to come.

As we pledge to never forget Emily Breidenbach and Hunter Scheel, we should never lose sight of their colleagues who continue to serve, now under the greater weight of grief.

Still, we are left to wonder what happened last Saturday on the outskirts of Cameron, and why?

Breidenbach and Scheel were police officers, yes, but even more than that. They were role models and community advocates in ways that went above and beyond their mission to protect and serve. They were young, too, with potential left unfulfilled.

There are some things we do know about the individual who took the lives of Emily and Hunter before he, himself, died. Things that give some insight into his personal background, which — even though his criminal record was short — seem to indicate anger with people around him, including immediate family, legal figures, and, in particular, law enforcement officers.

Authorities tell us the investigation won't be wrapped up until about a month from now.

In the meantime, we are left to reflect on these deaths, as well as a double murder and kidnapping just west of Barron in fall 2018 and, two years before that, the shooting death of a Cameron resident and Rusk County sheriff's deputy, among other sad news stories over the years.

What does all of it say about this corner of the world we live in?

The easiest thing to do would be to fire off the all-too-typical political slogans that get repeated with each new incident. But, swapping charge and countercharge doesn't get us any closer to the truth.

We may pose questions like — what makes human beings behave as they do? And, how can we make any sense of this? And, what does this say about our deepest beliefs, especially with this crime taking place within mere hours of Easter Sunday?

The words of two historic figures come to mind.

It was Charles Dickens who noted that it's only once a year that people think of others as "fellow passengers to the grave" instead of creatures entirely unlike themselves, "bound on other journeys."

And Clarence Darrow, who said that "when we fully understand the brevity of life ... it should ... bring a better understanding and a deeper sympathy for the wayfarers who must live a common life and die a common death."

—News-Shield Staff



MU law pollster Franklin says this state Supreme Court race will be copied

By WisPolitics.com

In the wake of liberal Janet Protasiewicz's double-digit percentage win over conservative Daniel Kelly comes a variety of predictions: Wisconsin will turn blue in a big way; Republicans won't win statewide until they solve the abortion issue; and high-stakes judicial elections will be changed forever.

Of all those predictions, the safest seems to be that the 2023 liberal court victory will set a template to be repeated in judicial races in Wisconsin and beyond.

Count Marquette University Law School Poll Director Charles Franklin as one who believes the tactics from April 4 will be copied.

"Nothing succeeds like success," Franklin quipped at a recent WisPolitics.com luncheon in Madison.

Franklin at the WisPolitics.com

luncheon argued high-profile issues like abortion rights and legislative maps — plus Protasiewicz's willingness to bluntly discuss her views — helped her win a 10-year term on the high court and flip philosophical control of the court. The challenge for future candidates will be deciding how far to go on signaling where they will stand on issues that may come before the court.

"There is this line about predefining cases, and where is the boundary between how you talk about issues and what that means for prejudicing cases that will come before you," he said. "And that'll be a lively topic, I predict."

He also said the issue has raised the question of how voters can pick between candidates.

"You might debate whether we

Please see above



should elect judges at all, but if we're going to, how do we give people information about who or what they're voting for," he said. "Well, this time sure took care of that problem."

Protasiewicz early on focused much of her advertising on Wisconsin's 1849 abortion ban.

Franklin argued that helped give her the win. Wisconsin is a perfect example of how the current polarized nature of politics will keep abortion on voters' minds regardless of party affiliation, he added.

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, is backing a bill that would create exceptions to the ban for rape and incest survivors. Democratic Gov. Tony Evers has said he won't approve anything less than a return to the federal protections under Roe v. Wade, and Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu, R-Oostburg, said he won't take up the bill at all.

"You don't have to be as divided as Wisconsin is to think that's going to be very hard for states with divided governments to solve," Franklin said.

Franklin also said he decided against polling the Supreme Court race because he wasn't confident any sample of respondents he could gather quickly would provide accurate results.

He said he may have reconsidered the decision had he known the record high-spending race would bring record turnout. He argued he trusts the system his team has established to implement the poll, but he has to have data to back up its results. And telling people Protasiewicz was up by double digits would be a hard sell.

"But if I had a sample of 20 percent out of 800 respondents; 160 respondents" he said. "I cannot walk out on that stage and tell you with sufficient confidence that that's where we are."

On another topic, Franklin said Donald Trump's recent indictment likely won't change his favorability rating, just like his first impeachment didn't.

"It didn't change a damn thing," he said, referring to how the 2019 impeachment affected favorability ratings in the Marquette Law School poll.

Franklin argued many two-time Trump voters have said they are looking at Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis as an alternative because they want a candidate who can serve two terms. DeSantis also appeals to Trump voters because he's not a never-Trumper.

"So DeSantis represents a threat from inside Trump's house," he said.

In an appearance on WISN's "Up-Front" program, Franklin also commented on Dem U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin's expected reelection bid. She is up for reelection next year to a six-year term.

"What we saw Tammy Baldwin do in her previous race was make similar kind of inroads, winning in the BOW (Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago) counties, winning in the west, taking some of those more rural central and northern Wisconsin counties," he said. "Open question is can she do that again?"

In the Wisconsin Supreme Court election, Franklin points to Kelly losing the BOW counties and underperforming in Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington counties in southeastern Wisconsin.

"The Republican or conservative margins in those counties have been going down steadily by a few points each election," Franklin said. "But it's not unique to one race or one personality. We've seen it in the governor's races since 2010, the Senate races since 2010, the Supreme Court races and presidential races."

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Despite the competition, the Studebaker plant continued to grow into one of the nation's largest wagon manufacturers. By 1898 the company was producing five 2-horse models, from the smallest that had a weight of 800 lbs, and had the capacity of 1500 pounds, to the heaviest that weighed 1250 lbs, and had the capacity of 5000 lbs.

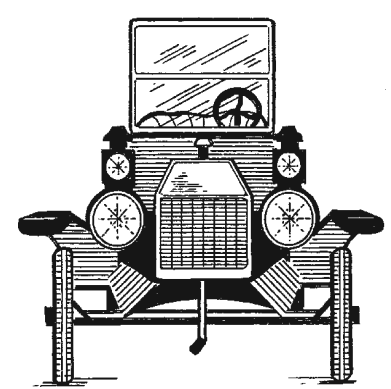
Price for the smaller wagon, with narrow tires, was \$58, five dollars more provided a wider tire of 2 1/2 inches. The largest of the wagons sold for \$70 for a rig that had narrow tires, and 8 dollars more for the wide tires on the wheels.

The prices included whiffletrees, stay chains, a neck yoke, and a wrench. If you wanted a seat, it was available for \$3.25. A back for the seat was another \$3.50, and for brakes on the wagon it cost an additional \$3.50.

In 1897 the brothers began manufacturing electric automobiles, then gas powered autos, but were still producing the wagons until the late 1920s, but the emphasis was in the automobile business that continued to operate until the South Bend plant closed in 1963. Three years later in 1966, the company's plant at Hamilton, Canada, closed.

Today the last built farm wagon, made by the company, is in the Studebaker Museum in South Bend.

SOURCES: The Peter Henderson & Co. Catalogue, Reprint by Dover Pub. Mineola, NY, & the Internet



—The Way It Was—

10 Years Ago — April 10, 2013

The return to springtime weather conditions will likely mean increased frac sand truck hauling on county and state highways, according to highway commissioner Mark Servi.—Robert Michels, owner of Bob & Steve's BP Amoco convenience store in Cameron, is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person who robbed the store at gunpoint last week.

20 Years Ago — April 9, 2003

Work on phase two of the Barron County Justice Center began April 1, a week after Barron County received notice from the State Department of Corrections and the State Department of Commerce that plans for the Justice Center had been approved.—The Prairie Farm School Board will try to deal with a budget deficit when it meets this month. The District already has a budget deficit of \$101,000 for the 2002-03 school year.

30 Years Ago — April 7, 1993

The official statewide June Dairy Month Kick-Off Breakfast will be held in Barron County this year, May 29, at the Bob and Leandra Lentz farm north of Ridgeland on Highway 25.—The Barron Federated Music Club will host the 1993 Wisconsin Federate Music Club "Diamond Jubilee" Anniversary Biennial Convention, May 15-16.

40 Years ago — April 6, 1983

Barron County will apparently be getting a good buy on the new dam in Rice Lake, though most would consider just under two million hardly cheap.—Ma Bell's family is breaking up, making times tougher for both the parent (phone) company and offspring.

50 Years Ago — April 11, 1973

Steve Midboe, 6'4" 230 lb, tackle, has signed a National letter of intent to play football at the University of Minnesota.—Ole Severud of Dallas was appointed by the city council as the next Chief of Police for the City of Barron to succeed Clarence Desrude.

60 Years Ago — April 11, 1963

Contracts for the construction of the new Barron county court house were signed Thursday night, April 4, by Richard Wald, chairman of the county board, and County Clerk Ralph Hill.—The Spring rag collection for the Barron Community Hospital Auxiliary will be made April 27 by Barron Boy Scout Troops 6 and 73.

70 Years Ago — April 9, 1953

A large portion of Ninth district farms are now operated by owners and fewer by tenants than ever before, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis finds from an analysis of the extensive changes in farm ownership and farm size that took place in the 1940s.—City utility workman have been installing a new type of corrective bulb on poles from La Salle avenue on an experimental basis. The new bulbs give off a white light.

80 Years Ago — April 8, 1943

I.H. Lichtenwalner has the nation's highest producing 15-year-old registered Holstein cow, milked twice daily, in the Herd Improvement Registry test for 1942 Segis Pontiac Valentine produced 613.2 lbs. of butterfat from 15,453 lbs. of milk in 365 days.

90 Years Ago — April 6, 1933

Early reports from the state at large are that the repeal delegates to the state convention were elected by a vote of 4 to 1. Michigan and Wisconsin will be the first two states to ratify the repeal of the 18th amendment.

100 Years Ago — April 5, 1923

The Sanitary Meat Market, a new, modern shop for the sale of fresh and cured meats, will be opened at Dallas April 7 by H.J. Thompson.—Dr. H.C. Wiger, well known physician of Dallas, and Dr. K.W. Ruethin, successful practitioner of Ridgeland, have purchased the general and hospital practice of Dr. Nels Werner of Barron.

110 Years Ago — April 11, 1913

Fred Raymond's famous comedy, THE MISSOURI GIRL, will be the attraction at Heffner's Opera House Friday night, April 18.—Mr. Anderson, the contractor for the building of the new (Hillsdale) school house, will commence operations about the 15th of the month.

120 Years Ago — April 10, 1903

Small pox has broken out at Almena. Peter Reuter is the first victim.—Election day passed off very quietly. The new council is composed of G.S. Pratt, H. Jensen, E.A. Brown and N.M. Rockman.—Present indications are that Barron the coming season will have the strongest base ball team ever organized in Barron county.

130 Years Ago — April 7, 1893

H.G. Ellsworth has been appointed postmaster of this city as a reward for services rendered the democratic party last fall.—John Post has unloaded a car load of farm machinery, also a large stock of wire nails and paint.—A ten cent troupe treated a small audience of Barron people to a ten cent show at theatre hall Monday night.

140 Years Ago — April 6, 1883

The "Tax List" has taxed the capacity of our office this week to the exclusion of other work; our readers will please bear with us.—Cabbages at Mason's.—Town meeting in Barron was the most supremely quiet affair we have ever had, notwithstanding there was a fair vote polled.

Dallmann: He was excited about being an officer in the Cameron Police Department

Hunter Scheel was out front in sports and a leader in life

By Bob Zientara

Hunter Scheel, a Prairie Farm native and one of two police officers who were killed April 8 in an incident at Cameron, was remembered this week for his accomplishments in school and the ways in which he prepared himself for a career serving others in law enforcement.

Wendy Dallmann, who coached the 2017 Prairie Farm High School graduate in track, cross country and ice fishing, said Scheel "was an amazing student athlete who always worked hard no matter what he was doing."

A state qualifier as a sophomore in the 3,200-meter run, Scheel "was instrumental in creating Prairie Farm's Cross Country team; he was the driving force behind adding this sport," Dallmann added. "He was a born leader and was passionate about

helping others."

Scheel became interested in the National Guard while he was in high school, and he served in that capacity until he recently trained to become an officer.

"I had the chance to speak to him recently," Dallmann said. "You could see and hear the excitement about being an officer (for the Cameron Police Department) and having the opportunity to serve the public in yet another capacity."

Dallmann said she was proud to have coached, taught and influenced Scheel.

"He was one of a kind and will be missed greatly by all those who knew him," she said. "My sincerest sympathies go out to Hunter's family and also Emily Breidenbach's family and friends."



Front runner—Concentration shows on the face of former Prairie Farm High School track and field runner Hunter Scheel as he competes in a distance running event. Photo contributed

Perry

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have just recently discovered about 2 weeks ago... part of the case is worth 8 million dollars. The fraud is being committed by an attorney and accomplices [sic]."

A letter filed Aug. 13, 2021, requested a court hearing be rescheduled. In a letter transcribed by his mother, Perry stated, "I've been diagnosed with COVID-19 and am very sick and confused and unable to make reasonable judgments in matters that pertain to my divorce."

In a lengthy letter filed July 8, 2021, Perry stated that he and his wife got along well before an attorney got involved, and he asked for "a year or so" of separation by his wife from her attorney.

Perry initially had an attorney in

the case, but the attorney withdrew in February of 2021.

In the July 8 letter, Perry also stated that he was concerned about his wife moving their kids to different schools and her alleged lack of housekeeping. He attributed her behavior to health problems and alleged abuse she endured as a child and in a previous marriage.

At one point in the letter Perry stated, "When Laura cleared the house of the things she wanted to take to her new home in Rice Lake, she took all my guns. I have several hunting guns and other guns, and she removed all of them. She has never had any interest in guns but knows I am interested in them."

Bob Zientara contributed to reporting this story.



Reading to the kids—Emily and Officer Grizz volunteered to read to students at Roselawn Elementary School for Read Across America Day March 2, 2023.

Breidenbach was second generation city police officer

The Chetek police officer killed in the line of duty on Saturday, April 8, is remembered as a person whose service to the community extended beyond her work in law enforcement.

32-year-old officer Emily Breidenbach has served at the Chetek Police Department since 2019, following in the footsteps of her father, Bob Breidenbach, who was Chetek PD's Chief of Police from 1999-2005. Breidenbach began her career in law enforcement with the Stoughton Police Department in Dane County where she served its community for nine months before joining her Chetek PD family. Breidenbach was recently engaged in March, and is survived by her fiancé and his four children.

Breidenbach frequently interacted with children in the community, from reading in classrooms to dancing with kids at events.

She led an effort to get the police department a therapy K9, Grizz, and served as his handler.

This spring she ran for a seat on the village board of trustees in Cameron, where she lived.

A memorial fund to help Breidenbach's family has been established at Sterling Bank.

Funeral visitation for Breidenbach is Saturday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cameron High School, with the service to follow. Police honors will be conducted following the service outside the high school.

Spring Clean-up in Barron scheduled for April 22

Spring Clean-up in the City of Barron will be held Saturday, April 22. Residents should have their items curbside by 7 a.m.

Items at the curb should weigh less than 70 pounds and be less than 3 feet long.

"This is a great day to get rid of unwanted household items. White goods can be delivered to the Barron Public Works building at 755 East Taylor Ave. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. where a walk-in type dumpster will be available," said Street Commissioner Ben Cole.

The fee per appliance or electronic item is \$15. Please provide proof of residency as it will be checked at the time of drop-off.

Examples of white goods include refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, furnaces, heat pumps, water heaters, humidifiers, microwaves, stoves, trash compactors, trash disposals, and washing machines.

Televisions, computer CPUs, printers and monitors may also be

delivered to City Hall at a \$15 per item fee.

Examples of unacceptable materials include sinks, toilets, tires, dirt, bricks, concrete, hazardous waste, unbundled lumber or brush, loose yard waste, building materials such as drywall, and L.P. tanks.

Please bag all trash—do not leave loose.

"Republic service has donated their trucks and labor to help with this project. The City of Barron will pay tipping fees. This spirit of cooperation between the city and Republic Service is great. On behalf of the city, we thank Republic for their commitment to our community," said Mayor Rod Nordby.



Back home — Draped in American flags, the bodies of fallen officers Emily Breidenbach and Hunter Scheel were delivered to Rausch & Steel Funeral Home in Barron from the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office in Minnesota on Monday, April 15. A miles-long honor procession accompanied the officers, and a police officer has been posted at the funeral home day and night all week.

Photo by Ryan Urban

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