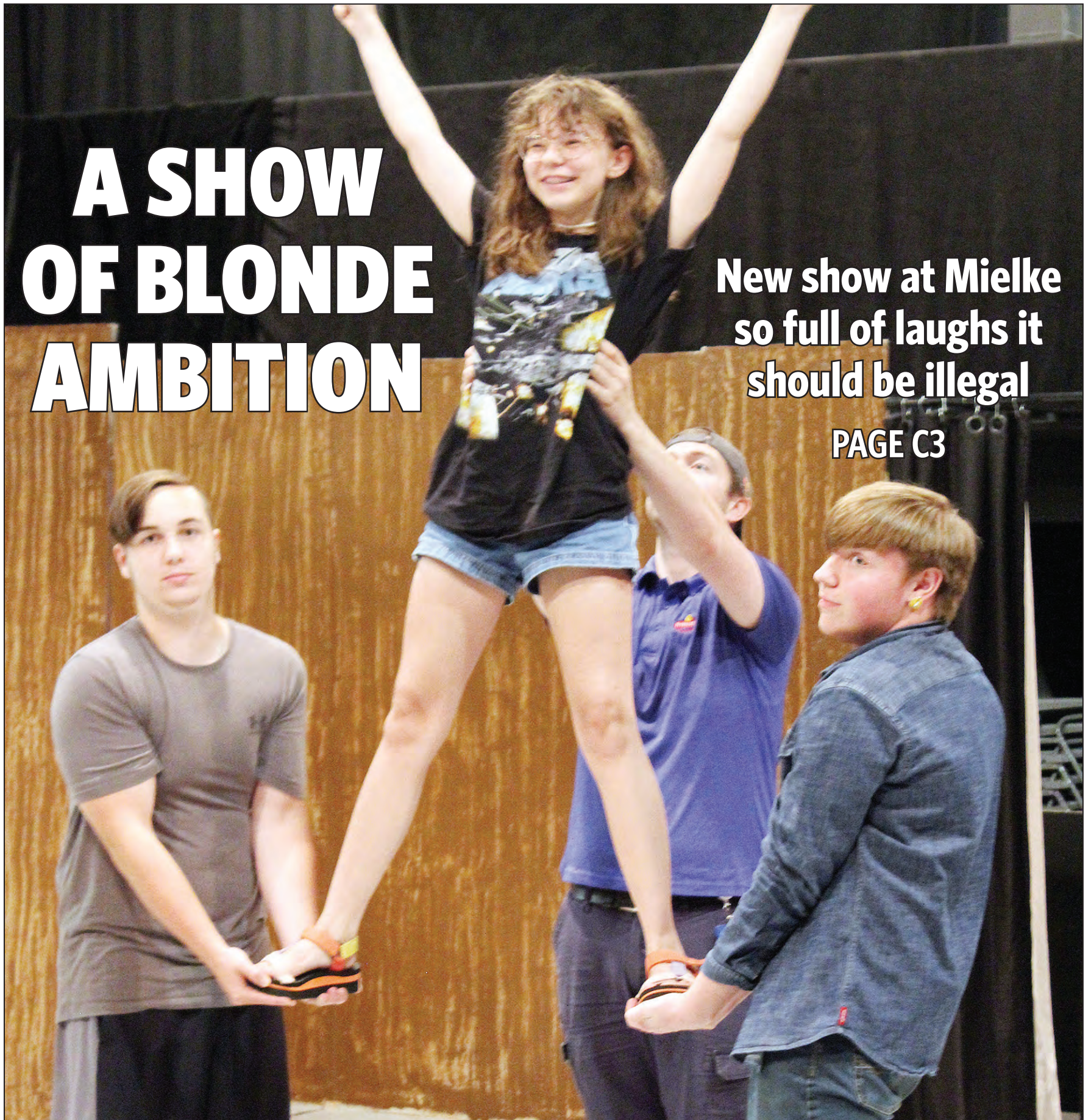


A SHOW OF BLONDE AMBITION

New show at Mielke
so full of laughs it
should be illegal

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Elle Woods, played by Grace Stuewer, gets a boost in the air in a scene from "Legally Blonde: The Musical" with the help of, from left, Eli Popp, Michael Brunner and Taylor Small.

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Elle Woods takes on law with song in her heart

'Legally Blonde: The Musical' latest Box in the Wood show hitting Mielke Arts Center

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

For many, the tale of Elle Woods has been told on a silver screen or from a television in the comforts of home.

The Box in the Wood Theatre Guild will be telling the story via a different format, through the veil of music.

"Legally Blonde: The Musical" is hitting the stage in July for a two-week run at the Mielke Arts Center in Shawano. It's being directed by Maddie Stuewer, who has produced several plays at Shawano Community High School, usually during the spring.

"Legally Blonde" was originally a book written by Amanda Brown and was adapted into the popular 2001 movie starring Reese Witherspoon. The musical adaptation opened on Broadway in 2007 before transferring to London's West End.

The show first came to Stuewer's attention when her sister gave her tickets to see it when it came to the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. It didn't take her long to realize it needed to be performed in Shawano.

"I knew nothing about it. I'd never seen the movie," Stuewer said. "At intermission, I leaned over to (my sister) and said, 'The Mielke needs to do this at some point.' That weekend, we went home and saw the movie."

The show opens with the girls of the Delta Nu sorority house excited about the potential that their president, Elle, is about to be proposed to by the dreamy Warner Huntington III. Elle eagerly prepares for the big date where the subject of marriage is expected to come up, but instead, Elle is dumped by Warner, who claims he wants a more serious girlfriend and intends to transfer to Harvard to enter law school. Elle decides to follow Warner there, and she writes an essay that shocks the admissions team, talking about love inspiring her to pursue a career in law.

However, getting in is not the toughest part, as Elle's classmates turn up their noses at her pink attire and little dog in the handbag. She must also contend with a brutal professor who proclaims that the only way to truly be a lawyer is to be a shark, as well as with the new arm candy that Warner has found. Through it all, her plan suddenly turns into a true desire to be a lawyer.

Stuewer said she'd first been ap-



Elle Woods, played by Grace Stuewer, left, interacts with her Delta Nu sisters, played by, from left, Hailey Falish, Leslie Lemerond, Kersten Zimmerman, Selah Schmitt and Shalee Schmitt in a scene from "Legally Blonde: The Musical."

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "Legally Blonde: The Musical"

WHEN: 7 p.m. July 14-16 and July 21-23; 2 p.m. July 17 and July 24

WHERE: Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano

TICKETS: \$15 adults, \$10 children. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at www.brownpapertickets.com.

proached by the Shawano County Arts Council three years ago about doing a musical, and she'd had something different in mind. However, the COVID-19 pandemic shutting everything down prevented her from doing anything in 2020 and opened the door to her eventually wanting to pursue "Legally Blonde."

"I thought it was such a cool story," Stuewer said. "It's just fun, talking about female empowerment and community and supporting each other. Then, as things were unfolding in the world, I kept thinking this was something that would be great for the Mielke."

This will be the first musical performed in the Mielke since 2019, as shows for 2020 and much of 2021 were canceled due to pandemic fears.

Stuewer is eager to have the theater ringing with the sound of music once again.

"It's a fun show with a big cast, but it also has some important messages we've kind of been needing the last few years," Stuewer said.

There are about 40 people making up the cast and crew for "Legally Blonde," and Stuewer noted that over half of the people are newcomers to Box in the Wood.

"That was unexpected but very, very cool," Stuewer said. "We also had more guys audition than girls, which has never happened. That was a good thing because there were more guy roles than we realized. We have some really strong talent because of how many people auditioned."

Stuewer said everyone she has talked to has proclaimed the musical to be even better than the movie, calling it a "feel-good show," and the reason for that is the musical examines Elle's relationships more, especially her female peers.

"They build each other up," Stuewer said. "It's almost like a found family kind of experience, where she finds herself in a position where she thinks

her life is going to go one way and then it's suddenly totally flipped upside-down, which I think we can relate to after the pandemic."

Putting on a comedic musical has been fun for the folks putting together as much as it will be for audiences viewing the show, according to Stuewer.

"Every single rehearsal, the cast and crew are just cracking up, even though we've seen different scenes a hundred times," she said. "There are so many comedic aspects to this show. The writing is so fantastic in both the movie and the musical."

Even though there have been a couple of shows at the Mielke post-pandemic, Stuewer is expecting "Legally Blonde" to really draw out the crowds.

"We thought that having a name would bring extra people in," she said. "I know the past few shows have helped to do that, too, to ease people back into public theater and arts experiences. Of course, when you have a bigger cast, you have more people coming to see it."

Relationships aren't easy in debut YA novel

'A Heavy Dose of Allison Tandy' author Jeff Bishop coming to Shawano Public Library next week

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

For many authors, it usually takes a healthy dose of courage to write their first novel, but for Jeff Bishop, it took a nasty vehicle accident that laid him up for weeks to start the process.

Bishop's debut novel, "A Healthy Dose of Allison Tandy," is hitting bookstore shelves all across the country, but locals can meet the author in person as he pays the Shawano Public Library a visit July 20. The book is described on Amazon as "You've Reached Sam" meets John Hughes as Cam spends the summer after his senior year pursuing the ex-girlfriend who viciously dumped him the year before.

The book geared for young adults is art imitating life, as Bishop said he'd had a relationship with a girl that ended once high school did.

"Like a lot of people, I was dating someone in high school and you get to the point where everyone asks the same question that I think is impossible to answer — what do we do next year?" Bishop said. "The inevitable answer is, you break up, because you're both going off to college."

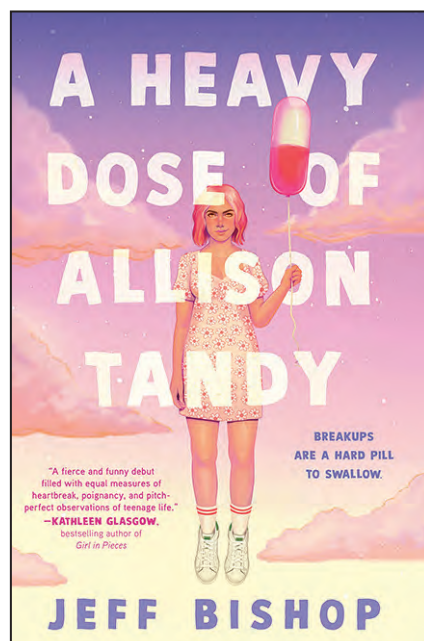
The Illinois native, who now lives on the west coast of the United States, noted that even if high school sweethearts decide to keep the relationship going once they've received their diplomas and start planning their futures, there are plenty of challenges that test whether they're really meant to spend their lives together.

"I have a couple of friends who recently got married but first met in high school," Bishop said. "They initially broke up but then got back together and then moved across the country together. It worked out for them, but that's obviously not the case with the vast majority of high school couples."

In the book, Allison is left in a coma following a car crash, while Cam has his own tragedy on the basketball court by tearing his ACL. In real life, Bishop was the one in bad shape when he had a nasty encounter with a semi truck.

"I was driving back to school (at the University of Illinois) in the fall of 2014 and got run over by a semi truck on Labor Day," he said. "It was really bad. We're talking the Jaws of Life. I was lucky to be alive."

Bishop had to leave college for a



AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "A Healthy Dose of Allison Tandy" by Jeff Bishop

WHEN: 6 p.m. July 20

WHERE: Shawano Public Library, 128 S. Sawyer St., Shawano

FYI: Copies of his debut novel will be available for purchase at the event.

while due to a traumatic brain injury that resulted from the accident as he underwent multiple surgeries for his head and his hands.

"There is still pieces of windshield that are stuck in my scalp that they couldn't get to," he said.

Bishop also had to learn memory recall and how to speak again. He lamented how all of his friends had gone off to college, but he was stuck at home having to recover "in a dark room." While recovering, the man who started college to be an economy major decided to turn his attention to writing.

"Besides going to all these doctor and rehab appointments, I figured I might as well put some of this time to good use," Bishop said. "It started out as half-journaling, half-writing but from there, a narrative came to form."

He started the first draft for "Allison Tandy" in 2016, and then in late 2017, he got involved with a program called Pitch Wars, where published authors and editors pick a writer, read their manuscript and come up with ways to make the book better.

"I sold it in late 2018, with the understanding that it was going to require some rewrites because while I'm good at writing jokes and dialogue



Jeff Bishop is riding high as he sees his debut novel, "A Heavy Dose of Allison Tandy," come out in print in July, but it's taken years for the story to reach readers as he recovered from a car crash involving a semi truck, followed by working with editors and publishers to get the story just right. CONTRIBUTED

and things like that, plot was a little difficult," Bishop said.

"Allison Tandy" was about 150,000 words when Bishop finished the first draft, but now the book is down to a more manageable size with about half the word count. He noted that his writing, in the beginning was self-taught, with no creative writing classes to his credit when the journey to the published novel began.

"The first draft took me about a year, but it was this monstrosity," Bishop said. "It will be interesting to read what made the final, final cut."

Even though the final book is over 360 pages and geared toward a high school-aged audience, a critic from Kirkus Reviews claimed it was "fun" and "fast paced." Bishop noted that it's possible to engage young adult readers

without making the story seem too childish.

"My frustration with books was that they read like they were younger than I was at that age," he said. "That's why I turned a lot to movies."

Bishop added that it helped that he grew up in Evanston, Illinois, living two houses down from where John Hughes filmed "Sixteen Candles." He noted movies like "Mean Girls" and "Superbad" really resonated with him.

"That was what I loved, and I wasn't really seeing that on the page," Bishop said, adding, "It's been about 10 years since I graduated high school, and books have come a long way in more accurately representing high school, which is great. I think my initial instinct was to recreate what I'd seen on the screen on a page."



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M&M produces memorable digital collaborations

Madona and Melissa Wilber are metaeqsak owetekaehkohtowak — which in English means “twin sisters.” Together, the Menominee tribal members created M&M Digital Media Productions, working side-by-side on projects for the communities they serve.



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Melissa told me, “We specialize in the production of digital media on-line distribution and marketing campaigns. We also film weddings and create videos for anyone wanting help with their event or special day.”

Madona added, “The most important thing about our company is that we are driven to provide both tribal and the surrounding communities with quality videos. We want to be able to work one-on-one with organizations and individuals to help create lasting memories through digital media projects.”

Their business emerged from the sisters’ lifelong passion. As kids, they would create and edit content with Windows Movie Maker. The Wilbers brought their skillset to College of Menominee Nation, always looking for ways to add media products to their coursework submissions.

Melissa elaborated upon their rationale,

“CMN taught us all about reciprocity and, for us, we want to give back and inspire others that if we can do this, so can they.” She emphasized, “Your dreams are never too big, and education is key.”

The practice of reciprocity is a family value the sisters embody. Their father, Donald Conn, taught math in the tribal school district until his retirement.

“He dedicated his life to teaching and taught us the importance of education — always inspiring and gently pushing us in the right direction throughout our educational journeys,” Madona said.

While at CMN, Melissa earned a videographer internship funded through a grant from NASA, which led to her working with six other tribal colleges that focused on climate change issues. PBS edited the final version for airing, and the group’s collective footage lit up screens in over 60,000 middle and high school classrooms across the United States. That project propelled Melissa along



Madona Wilber, left, and twin Melissa Wilber are co-owners and designers for M&M Digital Media Productions.

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the path of professional filmmaking.

“We started M&M in May, and without the help of our friends from the College of Menominee Nation, as well as many others just helping and guiding us down this path, I do not think we would be where we are,” Melissa said. “From the oral communication class that I still to this day look back on and always ‘project’ my voice when public speaking and just relax, or from the amazing internships that we got to experience. Education is vital for your pathway to success.”

Madona agreed. “Our education gave us the confidence we have today. That helped us start our own business.”

Although their company is only a few months old, M&M is already resonating in Wisconsin communities. In June, they produced a video for the Menominee Nation Lumberjack Championships, which offers viewers a chance to relive the action of the popular event held on Main Street during the 2022 Shawano SunDrop Dayz

festival. This month, they released a video on elder and youth initiatives for the Great Lake Intertribal Council, with a few more projects slated for the near future.

When asked, the sisters credited the key to their success as establishing working roles that play to their individual strengths. Melissa manages the team, preferring to use her technical skills to edit their footage in post-production, while Madona takes the reins on directing and shooting their videography.

“Some might say working with family can be problematic, but for us, being twin sisters really helps our dynamic,” Melissa said. “We look out for each other and want the best for each other, so we put our business first. We both understand this, and it really helps. It’s just really fun to be able to work with my best friend.”

Madona concurred, adding: “Our goal for our company is to assist others as well as create films that educate and inspire change. These topics range

from MMIW (missing and murdered Indigenous women), environmental issues, women’s rights, voting rights, etc. We also work part-time as administrative assistants for the American Civil Liberties Union, which also helps fuel our passion.”

While the videos they create attest to their talent, the passion the Wilber sisters bring to their work conveys the reason behind their attention to detail.

“It’s all about collaborating with our clients to bring their vision to life,” Melissa said.

There it is again — collaboration. That concept is the reason that M&M Digital Media Productions is thriving, but for the metaeqsak owetekaehkohtowak it’s also the key to their lifelong success.

Through their business, the Wilber sisters are willing to share their gifts with you.

Ryan Winn teaches communication, English and theater at College of Menominee Nation. For information about the school, visit www.menominee.edu.

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Realization dawned, anxiety forming a tight fist in my gut, dismay filling my heart. He's not going to show up. He said he would. I trusted him. I trusted him! How am I ever going to tell my boss?

My first real job fresh out of high school with my name on a paycheck, dressed up and with a title no less — assistant office manager. Unbeknownst to me, I was prepping for this job in my high school bookkeeping



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class, which almost everyone I knew found appalling. I found it fascinating. Numbers are so very stable. It's like, two-plus-two will always be four. Bookkeeping and English, my delight. (Home ec? Not so much.) Deep inside I had labeled myself a nerd, but my friends didn't think so. I hid that passion well, although based on public grade postings, they knew I enjoyed it.

"Kay, how'd you get so good at this stuff?" asked they.

Shrugging my shoulders, "It just clicks in my head, I guess."

When I graduated high school, I didn't go to college, something I regretted for a while, never thinking myself worthy, forever feeling rather short-ended. I had not "gone on," like

many of my friends, to get a degree. My farmer boyfriend and I were serious. We wanted to get married within a couple of years, and I aspired to make some money, beginning our life together debt free. The job posting for assistant office manager at a local Ford dealership piqued my interest. I applied.

"So what makes you think you'd make a good office assistant?" asked my soon-to-be boss, easing himself back from his mahogany desk, intertwined hands casually encasing the back of his head.

He'd posed that thought-provoking question during the interview process.

Taking a deep breath to calm the quivers, I responded, "Well, I was raised on a farm, so I know how to work. I'll show up every day on time and will give you 100%. As well, I received A's in all my bookkeeping classes and enjoy English, so I'm able to speak clearly and efficiently with customers."

Nodding his assent halfway through, I'd grabbed him at farm kid. He knew we worked hard and that the work ethic didn't stop at the farm. I was hired on the spot.

One part of my multifaceted job was to accept payment for services rendered. The service manager would bring me the work order and keys. Customers would come to my window to pay their bill and pick up the keys to their vehicle. I enjoyed interacting with people. I had led a

very sheltered life on the farm, and because of that blessing I was taught to believe humans are intrinsically trustworthy — or so I thought.

A couple of months into the new job, an older, 40-something guy slid two crisp \$100 bills slowly across the counter, holding my eyes intently. The box-like window framed his rather handsome face, which wore a welcoming smile. "Here you go, I'll be back tomorrow with the rest."

His voice dripped with honey. He smelled good. Seemed to be in a hurry.

I was hesitant, but so eager to please my new boss. I didn't want him to think I was not a good judge of character, plus the guy seemed so genuine and he did have half; the repair bill totaled \$400.56. My gut instinct was to trust. People are trustworthy, right? My low self-esteem and inexperience drug up its nastiness. I took the 200 bucks and gave him the keys. He smiled brightly and left with a "See you tomorrow!" I never saw him again.

A couple of days later, I was sitting across my boss's desk in tears. The fist in my gut had morphed into a lead balloon, my heart as heavy. After a teary apology, I waited for my boss to speak, to can me on the spot.

"Kay," he sighed heavily, "You gotta remember, you're simply not on the farm anymore. You can't trust everyone. If they don't have the money, you must have them fill out a credit

application and get references. Do you understand that now?"

He was firm yet kind, settling a resolve within my very being: Nobody's going to dupe me ever again. That dawn of realization came sharp and intense, bolstering my confidence.

Because of his empathy and coaching, I was led to go on to work for him for 12 years and was promoted to be his agent, representing his business at small claims court disputes. I did it with confidence and courage and much prayer.

Farming taught me how to work, and outside of farming taught me new life experiences. I learned how to be vigilant and prepared and to be cautious, holding in my hand an approved credit application complete with verifiable references — or the cash. Before releasing keys. End of story. I vowed no one would dupe me ever again, and no one ever had.

Promises, smiles, smelling good, handsome, honey voice, half the cash — nope.

I had paid for my education with prayer, blood, sweat and tears — and off-the-farm experience.

("I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13)

Kay Reminger was born and raised on a dairy farm, and she married her high school sweetheart, who happened to farm for a living in Leopolis. Writing for quite a few years, she remains focused on the blessings of living the ups and downs of rural life from a farm wife's perspective.

COLLEGE NOTES

St. Mary's University of Minnesota

Two local undergraduate students were named to the dean's list at St. Mary's University.

- Bonduel: Emma Toellner
- Shawano: Peyton Buerman

The list includes nearly 400 undergraduate students who earned a grade-point average of 3.6 or better on a 4.0 scale.

UW-River Falls

The following local residents were among 775 students receiving degrees from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls following commencement in May:

- Birnamwood: Jordan Antone, Bachelor of Science, agricultural business
- Cecil: Colin Wussow, Bachelor of Science, agricultural business

• Shawano: Kaitlin Pescinski, Bachelor of Science, food science and technology, senior merit; Ashlyn Ruen, Bachelor of Science, animal science

• Oconto: Katelyn Volk, Bachelor of Science, conservation and environmental planning

• Suring: Nicole Schulz, Bachelor of Science, biomedical and health science
Bachelor's degrees were awarded to 681 undergraduates, while 94 students received master's degrees.

Senior merit goes to graduating seniors who have maintained a 3.5 grade-point average for their last 60 credits at UW-River Falls.

Carthage College

Geovanni Virella-Torres, of Pulaski, graduated summa cum laude from Carthage College with a Bachelor of Arts in graphic design.

UW-La Crosse

The following area students have been named to the dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the spring semester 2022:

- Birnamwood: Katie Matsche
 - Wittenberg: McKenna Foster
 - Lena: Alexis Misco, Stephanie Peitersen
 - Little Suamico: Matthew Holway
 - Mountain: Nicki Widowski
 - Oconto: Allison Bucheger
 - Bonduel: Cole Letter, Max Marohl, Emeline Skalecki
 - Cecil: Olivia Lorbiecki
 - Gresham: Addison Boucher
 - Shawano: Lydia Beyer, Isabella Burr, Elizabeth Esch, Grace Huntington, Taylor Johnson, Faith Schenk
- Qualification for the dean's list is limited to students who have attained

outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must have earned not less than a 3.5 semester grade-point average and carried a minimum of 12 credits.

UW-Stout

The following students from the area graduated in May 2022 from University of Wisconsin-Stout:

- Shawano: Kyle Easter, Bachelor of Science, science education
- Lena: Kelly Scheffen, Master of Science, applied psychology
- Oconto: Dawson Dionne, Bachelor of Science, construction; Tiffany Skaggs, Bachelor of Science, career technical education and training; Bryce Stenstrup, Bachelor of Science, packaging; Tyler Wusterbarth, Bachelor of Science, engineering technology
- Oconto Falls: Angel Gruszynski, Bachelor of Fine Arts, studio art

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CLUB NOTES

Shawano Area Writers

The Shawano Area Writers held a meeting June 16 in the Elsie Engel Room of the Shawano Public Library. Members attending were Tom Thorstenson, Manuel Moraleda, Barb King, Wendy Goerl, Trudy Bosman and Marilyn Kroenke.

President Tom Thorstenson called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer John Mutter had a previous commitment, so Thorstenson read the treasurer's report. The new officers are now able to sign for any money needs. Two officers must sign to take out money.

A discussion was held about self-publishing and the experiences some of the members have had trying to self-publish. Most members are using Kindle Direct Publishing. You can do the work yourself or for a fee, someone from the company will help you.

In new business, Trudy Bosman displayed her new book of poems entitled "I Praise You."

Manuel Moraleda read two poems that were accepted for the 2021 and 2022 Wisconsin Poet's Calendar. The theme for 2022 was Wisconsin myths. Moraleda wrote about the "Lake Winnebago Water Monster."

Barb King read chapter 11 from her book "The Children in the Garden." Jillian is talking to her counselor, Meghan, about all that has been going on at the new house. Meghan just warns her not to become too reliant on others for decisions. Jillian makes good decisions and needs to trust herself.

Marilyn Kroenke wrote a piece entitled "What Language Are You Speaking?" A talking keyboard helps us improve our computer literacy.

Wendy Goerl wanted us to decide between two chapters which should come first. These were the wine chapters from "Heart Stone: A Gathering of Like Minds."

Trudy Bosman wrote a poem about the "Pie Bandit" who steals the filling and leaves the crust.

Tom Thorstenson read a story entitled "Magic Hat, Magic Coal, Magic Button Nose." The figure of Frosty the Snowman is connected to a Native American tale.

Shawano Area Writers meets the third Thursday of every month in the Elsie Engel Room in the Shawano Library from 10 a.m. to noon. The next meeting is July 21.

Lena Lions

The Lena Lions Club honored Maverick Diehlmann, son of Nicole Behnke and Karl Behnke as the Lions' student of the month for June.

Maverick is a senior at Lena High School, where he is a member of the Lena High School Band. His friends describe him as tall, funny, trustworthy and paranoid.

Maverick's hobbies are leather working, reading, and working. He is presently working at Springside Cheese Company. Maverick plans to attend Northeast Wisconsin Technical College to earn a degree in business management.

College Notes are a service provided by NEW Media to keep the community informed on what local high school graduates are achieving in their new educational surroundings. Colleges, tech schools and universities are invited to send educational news involving local residents to news@newmedia-wi.com.



MAVERICK DIEHLMANN

MARRIAGES

OCONTO COUNTY

Merle James Petersen and Rebecca Anne Le Breck, both of Oconto, June 15, 2022

Anayo Lawrence Kwazema, Imperial, California, and Samantha Elizabeth Socha, Gillett, June 13, 2022

Todd Anthony Woyak and Cheryl Joan Gatlin, both of Little Suamico, June 20, 2022

Tyler Scott Leisner and Cloey Rose Boucher, both of Oconto, June 20, 2022

Tyler James Hischke, Saint Germain, and Lauren Rose Czarpata, both of

Underhill, June 23, 2022

Daniel Jack Clark and Melanie Joan Chernock, both of Spruce, June 26, 2022
Benjamin Gene Thome and Alyssa Marie Mullins, both of Little Suamico, June 28, 2022

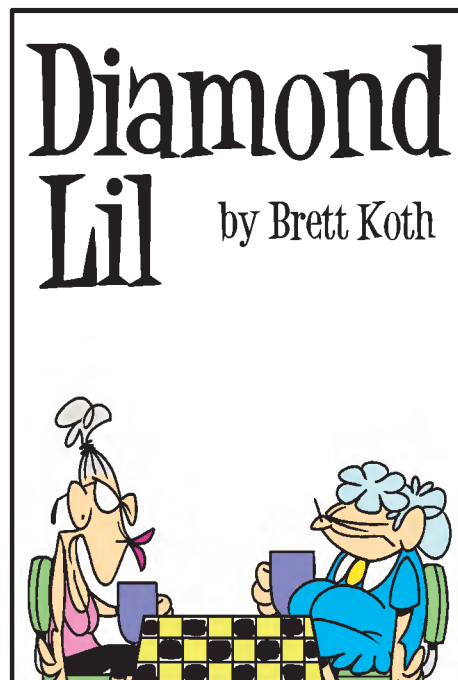
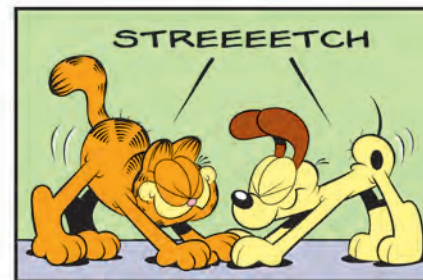
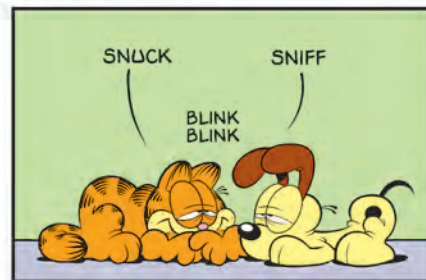
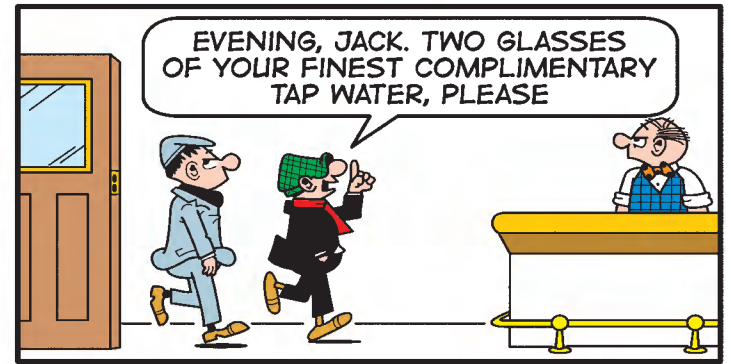
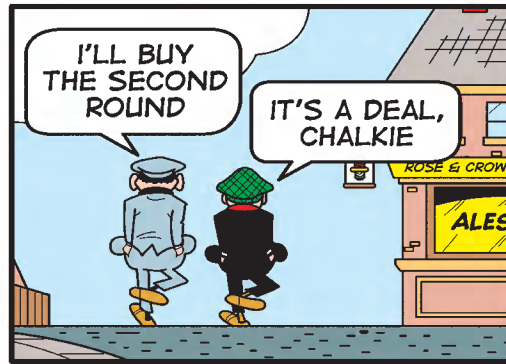
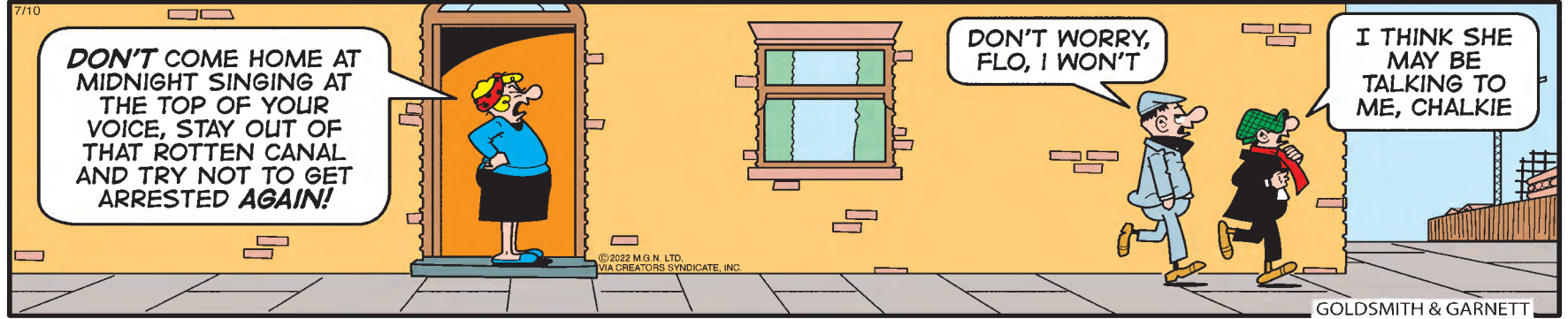
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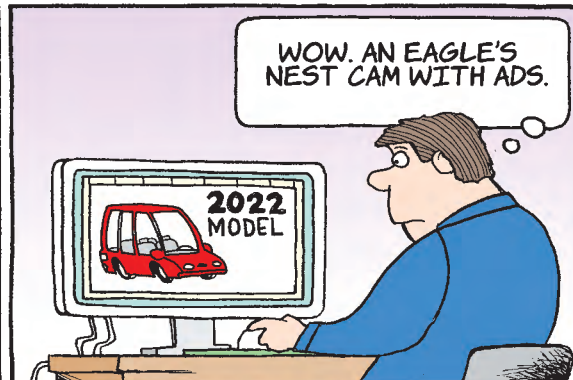
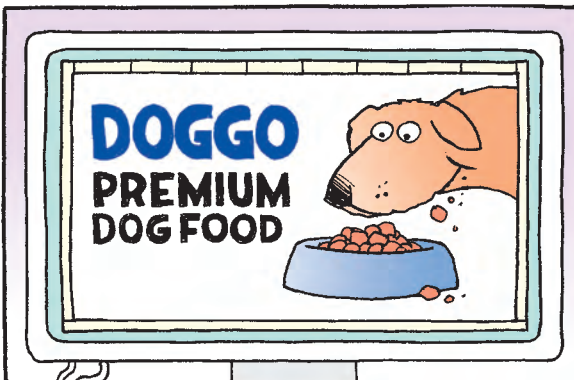
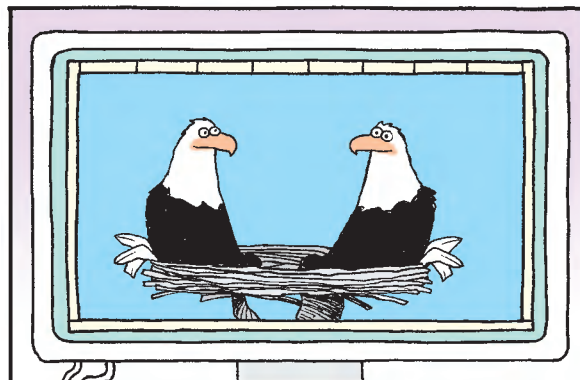
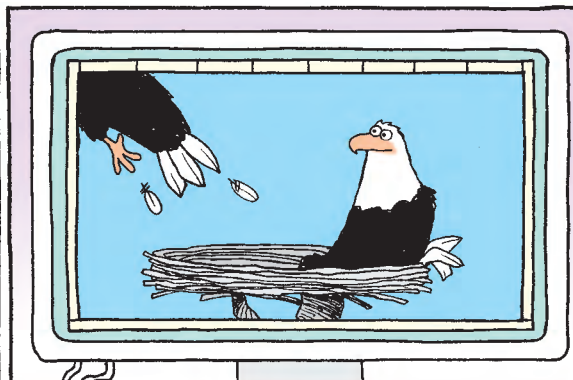
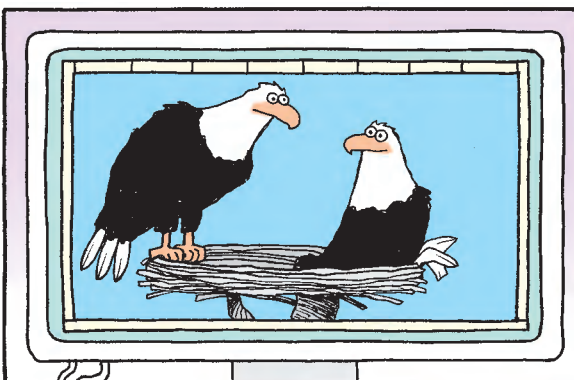
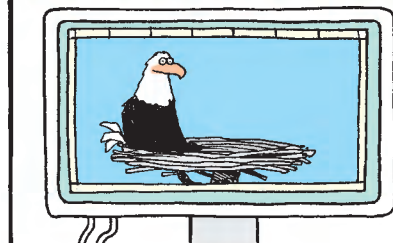
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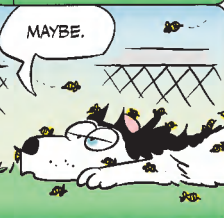
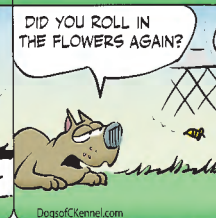
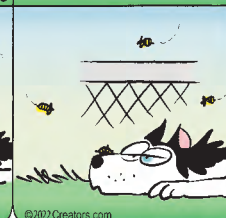
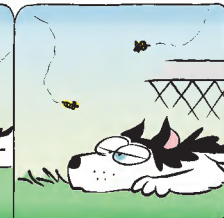
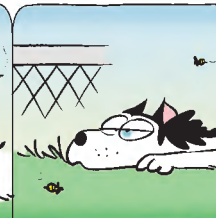
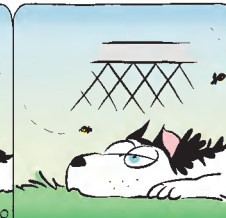
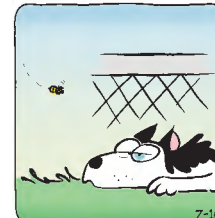
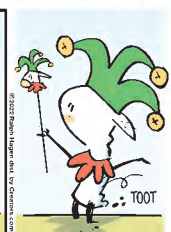
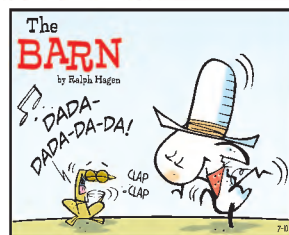
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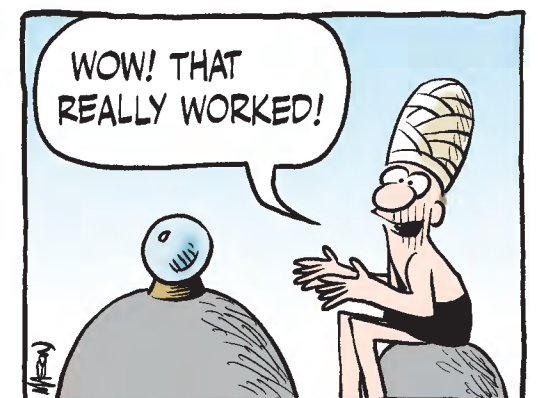
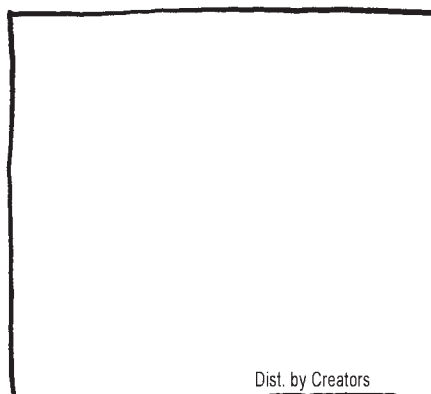
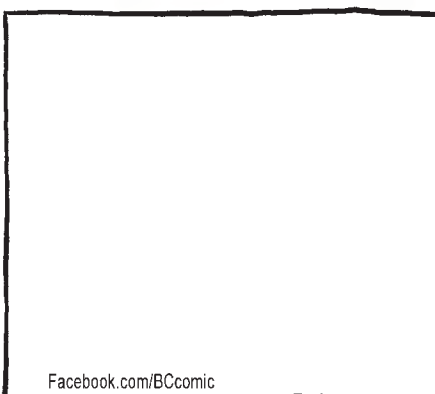
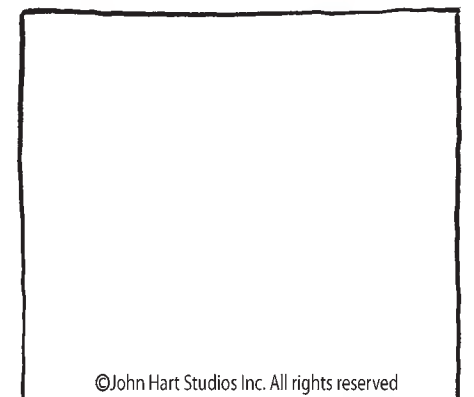
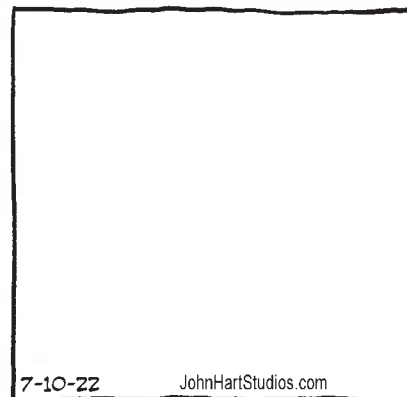
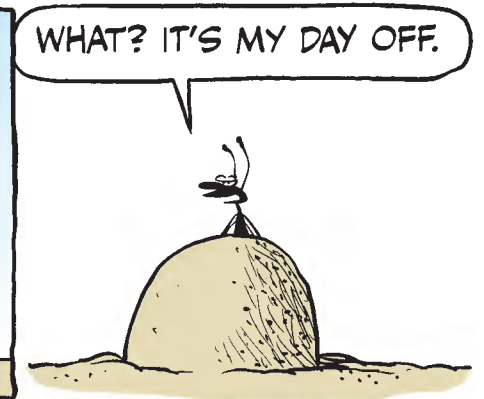
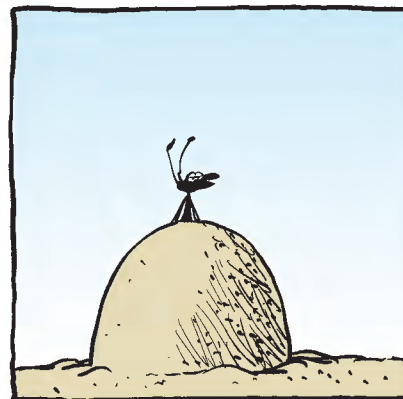


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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Smits begins training at U.S. Naval Academy

Jackson Smits, a recent Shawano Community High School graduate, was inducted into the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2026 on June 30, beginning six challenging weeks of basic midshipman training as part of Plebe Summer.

Approximately 1,200 candidates are selected each year out of 16,000 applications for the academy's "plebe" or freshman class, and each student is required to participate in Plebe Summer. During this time, plebes have no access to television, movies, the internet or music, and restricted access to cell phones. They are only permitted to make three calls during the six weeks of Plebe Summer.

The pressure and rigor of Plebe Summer is carefully designed to help plebes prepare for their first academic year at the naval academy and the four years of challenge that await them.

As the summer progresses, the new midshipmen rapidly assimilate basic skills in seamanship, navigation, damage control, sailing and handling yard patrol craft. Plebes also learn infantry drill and how to shoot 9mm pistols and M-16 rifles.

Other daily training sessions involve moral, mental, physical or professional development and team-building skills. Activities include swimming, martial arts, basic rock climbing, obstacle, endurance and confidence courses designed to develop physical, mental and team-building skills. Forty hours are devoted to the instruction of infantry drill and five formal parades.

New Beginnings opens its shop in Gillett

New Beginnings Resale Store and New Heights, which fall under the umbrella of services offered by New View Industries, opened their doors June 17 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held with the Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

The new 6,000-square-foot building, located at 228 W. Park St. in Gillett, houses the New Beginnings Store as well as program space aimed at assisting disabled youth and adults at New Heights.

New Beginnings is currently open, and a grand opening was held July 9 offering specials, treats and a chance to win prizes.

The building project was made possible through funding provided by the Community Development Block



Jackson Smits, who recently graduated from Shawano Community High School, is starting the next chapter of his life at the U.S. Naval Academy.

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Grant, a federal program focused on community development.

New View Industries is a nonprofit training facility for individuals who are intellectually/physically disabled or who have other barriers. Their mission is to provide participants with outstanding vocational and skills training to help them achieve greater independence in all aspects of their lives.

Haystack breakfast to help Jordan Thomson

Bethel Lutheran Church in Green Valley, will be sponsoring a benefit for Jordan Thomson from 8 a.m. to noon July 30 at Spirits of Gillett, 145 N. McKenzie St., Gillett.

There will be a haystack breakfast served. The cost is \$10 a plate for ages 12 and older, \$5 for ages 6-11, and ages 5 and under eat free. Bucket, meat and

50/50 raffles will take place, along with a bake sale.

Proceeds will be donated to Thomson, who was seriously injured in an industrial accident in March 2021.

Cecil woman receives SkillsUSA certificate

A career and technical student in Cecil won one of the nation's highest awards at the 2022 SkillsUSA Championships, held June 22-23 in Atlanta.

Emelie Horsens, of Cecil, who is a student at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in automotive refinishing technology.

More than 5,200 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.79 million square feet, equivalent to

31 football fields or 41 acres.

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school or college/post-secondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap.

Beres coordinates JA financial literacy program

Any successful nonprofit operation that uses volunteers needs behind-the-scenes support to dot the i's and cross the t's. That is the role Kathryn Beres fulfills for Junior Achievement in Shawano County.

For the past year, Beres has donated her time to help coordinate JA financial literacy, entrepreneurship,



KATHRYN BERES

and career readiness programs for Shawano students. In addition to her duties as a business teacher at Shawano Community High School, Beres recruits community volunteers and coordinates

the delivery of classroom materials used by JA volunteers in the Shawano School District.

"As a teacher, I have had the great pleasure to see the connections students make with JA volunteers who so generously give their time and expertise," said Beres. "Students benefit from learning real world scenarios from business experts in our community, practice leadership skills by volunteering their own time to teach JA to elementary students, and are challenged by participating in JA scholarship competitions."

Beres supports JA programming because it is a way for students to connect with volunteers and get excited about local job opportunities. In addition, many high school students choose to become JA volunteers and teach elementary school kids how to use money wisely and how communities thrive when people give back and help others to succeed.

Beres completed graduate courses at Concordia University and received her license to teach high school business education. She has been a teacher in the Shawano School District for six years.

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55 "Unfortunately, . . ."
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58 Trivial complaints
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8 AC or DC
9 Drew to a close
10 Crowd sound
11 Schools of thought
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13 Affix
14 Military-inspired outerwear
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16 Periphery
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33 Low-budget lunch
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