

TREES TAKE OVER TIGERTON



Annual Christmas festival really decks village's halls

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The Grinch sits next to a decorated Christmas tree during Tigerton Main Street's Festival of Trees at its office building on Dec. 2. Trees decorated by local businesses and organization will be on display through Christmas at 215 Cedar St., where visitors can take a tour through the trees and ultimately vote on their favorite.

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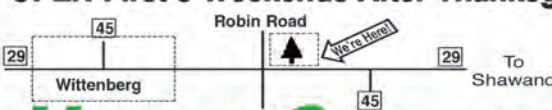


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Trees in various colors and styles line the first floor of the Tigerton Main Street building, during the organization's annual Festival of Trees events on Dec. 2. The trees decorated by local businesses and organizations will be on display for visitors through Christmas.

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Festival of Trees rings in Christmas

Trees will be on display at Tigerton Main Street throughout December

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

One local community organization has brought back a holiday tradition in Tigerton.

Tigerton Main Street opened its Festival of Trees event at the organization's office on Dec. 2. Visitors were treated to wintertime snacks and treats while they toured the office, which is decorated for the season with trees from various organizations in the area.

Also present at the event was the Grinch, who children and adults were invited to talk with and take pictures with. She explained that visitors are given the opportunity to vote on which trees that they like the best, using pennies. Whichever organization receives the most votes, will get a prize, which is yet to be named.

"Today, we are kind of bringing the community together with our annual Festival of Trees lighting," said Tigerton Main Street Manager Amanda Marker. "The community can

come in, look at the trees and vote on which ones they like the best. It is just something fun to do."

Marker said the more than 20 trees on display are decorated by various businesses and organizations in Tigerton and in surrounding areas. Marker explained that the Festival of Trees lighting event is held in early December every year and helps not only to give the community an opportunity to meet each other and catch up, but also to help ring in the holiday season.

"I had a lot of volunteers who did the decorations, too, outside of the trees," said Marker. "We like to hold this to help bring in Christmas spirit. This is one of our bigger events to help bring people together — this and Applefest in September."

The lighting was the first day that visitors had the opportunity to tour the trees and enjoy some holiday treats. If someone missed it though, it is no problem, as Marker said that the trees will be on display through Christmas. She added that an updated schedule will be posted on Tigerton Main

Street's Facebook page, Tigerton Main Street Inc.

"I will be here from 1:30-4:30 p.m. every day throughout the week, and then we have some volunteers," said Marker. "I am working on getting a schedule to put out to the public."

In terms of preparation, Marker said that planning for the event happens weeks in advance. She said with the help of board members from Tigerton Main Street and other community members, the event was able to be set up smoothly.

"I had a couple of high schoolers come, and they dragged all the trees up to the second floor, and we had a haunted house set up for Halloween," said Marker. "That was a way to utilize trees for something other than one month. It was like a little haunted forest."

Marker added that seeing various community members come together to help Tigerton Main Street make this event a reality again was a welcomed sight and helped her to work on other things.

"It is so nice," said Marker. "It has definitely been a relief that we have had all of this help."

She said that Tigerton Main Street has around the same amount of trees as last year. She said that hasn't stopped visitors from taking the tour of the trees in the building. Marker said that one thing that stuck out to her in their early hours of the lighting was seeing the amount of children and their reactions to the trees and The Grinch.

"I work at the elementary school too, so seeing the kids come in, me knowing who they are and seeing the excitement on their faces — it has been just a really nice start to the holiday season," said Marker.

In terms of what visitors can expect when they arrive, Marker said that she wants visitors just to enjoy their time among the specially decorated trees.

"I would say just kind of let everything go, enjoy the decorations and get into the holiday spirit," said Marker.

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Sweetgrass Behavioral Health new provider for Shawano area

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

With her husband, children, sisters, mother and invited guests looking on, Alegra Fowler formally opened her new clinic, Sweetgrass Behavioral Health, on Dec. 2.

"This is something I've been dreaming about for some time," Fowler told the group that packed into the small office suite at 102 E. Green Bay St. in Shawano. "Thank you to my family and you all for your support."

Fowler, a psychotherapist and licensed clinical social worker with experience working for the Oneida Nation and Menominee Tribal Social Services, said she saw a need for a local mental health provider for ages 10 and up.

Her services include cognitive behavioral therapy, trauma-focused therapy and grief counseling, as well as brainspotting, which her literature describes as "a powerful, focused treatment method that works by identifying, processing and relating core neurophysiological sources of emotional/body pain" and other symptoms.

Why "Sweetgrass"?

"Because of its medicinal properties," Fowler said. "It's very helpful in purifying and healing the system."

The goal of her service is to provide a neutral, safe space for clients to help them heal, become energized and regain their inner strengths, she said.



Chef Tom Jonet eases another batch of shrimp into the fryer during the open house and ribbon-cutting for Sweetgrass Behavioral Health in Shawano on Dec. 2.
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After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in 2002, Fowler worked for the College of Menominee Nation for nearly nine years, then returned to UW-Green Bay to study for her Master of Social Work. She did her internship with Oneida Behavioral Health and spent three years as a family preservation social worker for Menominee Tribal Social Services,

earning her certification as a licensed clinical social worker in 2019 and going to work with the Oneida.

At least two dozen people attended the ribbon cutting, including Fowler's husband, Joel, her mother, Ava Fowler, and sisters Alden Payne and Alea Cox.

"We're all proud of her," Ava Fowler said, encouraging visitors to partake

of the spread prepared by Tom Jonet, longtime chef at Reinhart Foodservice in Shawano. "You have to eat if you want to have a beautiful day."

To get information or make an appointment, call Fowler at 715-280-8130, email contact@sweetgrassbh.com or visit www.sweetgrassbh.com.

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Alegra Fowler cuts the ribbon Dec. 2 to open Sweetgrass Behavioral Health in Shawano. Looking on are her family, from left, Daryl Fowler-Doxlator, Alynn Fowler-Doxlator, Joel Fowler and Addyson Fowler. She is further joined by representatives from Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce Suzanne Wittman, executive director; Kathy Mocadlo, Advanced Physical Therapy; Donna Hobscheid, Coldwell Banker the Real Estate Group; Clint Whitehorse, Badger State Event Productions; and Lisa Meisner, concierge for the chamber.
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Calendar art features dazzling trail photos

I have a love-hate relationship with trail cameras. Checking their SD cards is like an early Christmas — opening those images on my point-and-shoot camera in a hunting blind brings the surprise gift of the local bucks, does and even an occasional coyote or raccoon that pass by.



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I've had more than my share of issues with these magical little hunting tools. First, they suck batteries like Winnie the Pooh at his honey jar, especially when it's cold. Second, some of them are so complex that they require an engineering degree to set properly. I've only owned three brands of trail cams: Moultrie, Wildgame Technologies and Browning. The Moultrie was simple to use and took fairly good photos, but had a somewhat slow trigger speed (faster is better to avoid missing moving animals) and eventually stopped working. The Wildgame Technologies seems to work a little better, and I've had pretty good luck with it. The Browning has an amazing range of 100 feet, no-glow flash and a complex menu that I still haven't mastered.

I set the Browning up once when we were on vacation and, when I got back, I had thousands of photos of a moving tree limb. Recently, I tried it in a deer woods and accidentally set it on time lapse (I still haven't figured out the purpose for such a setting, unless you want photos of a melting iceberg) and got 2,500 photos, spaced a minute apart, of my ground blind and two photos of turkeys.

Seeing deer and other game moving through an area is useful to help you know what sort of bucks or does are there, but a beautiful buck photo taken at 2:35 a.m. doesn't mean you will ever see that buck during legal shooting hours.

One man who knows trail cameras and has put them to work for him is Jim Schoenike, of rural Marion. He produces an annual wildlife calendar shot only with his trail cams. His tips on trail cam usage can help you use them more effectively, and might encourage you to use them during the off-season to get extraordinary shots of wildlife, just as he has.

The avid deer hunter and owner of about 200 acres of woods, swamp and farm fields in Waupaca County first started using basic trail cameras in the early 2000s, when they still used film. Like most of us deer hunters, he just wanted to know what bucks and does were roaming his hunting haunts.

Schoenike, president of Clintonville Bow Hunters and a columnist for the Wisconsin Bowhunters Association magazine, began to catalog his thousands of images, including raccoons, hawks, owls, foxes and even bears, bobcats and wolves.

Schoenike's calendars, produced under his Big Oaks Products moniker (www.bigoakproducts.com), have amazingly sharp, clear photos that are so much better than any trail cam photos I've ever seen. In fact, many of the images rival those shot with professional cameras.

He offers many tips on using trail cams, but the



Jim Schoenike, of rural Marion, produces a wildlife calendar entirely from trail camera photos. He displays two of the Cuddeback cameras he uses and two favorite photos — a juvenile red-tailed hawk and a stalking bobcat — from his archives of more than 50,000 images. You can see his calendars at BigOakProducts.com.

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keys are to position the camera properly (at the proper height for the animal you are trying to capture) and make sure the lighting is sufficient.

Placing the camera with the sun to the rear is obvious. Depending on the time of day you may expect the deer or other game to show, you may need more than one camera pointing in different directions for optimum results. In most cases, face your cameras to the northeast or northwest.

He uses a fully adjustable bracket that allows the camera to be positioned at almost any angle.

Practice good scent control around your trail cams, even wearing rubber gloves if possible.

He's stuck with Cuddeback cameras because he knows how they work and because they have proven reliable. Cuddebacks have a fast 1/4-second trigger when motion is detected, resulting in capturing more images than a slower trigger time. He may have up to two dozen cameras out at any time and uses them all year, not just during the deer season.

One thing I like about the Cuddebacks he showed me was that some models feature a dial setting,

rather than an electronic menu. This means fast and simple settings that can be checked at a glance. I hate clicking through long menus and hoping they are set properly.

He agrees with the philosophy of the simpler, the better.

He never shoots video, saying video is less useful for determining a buck's antlers than still photos. He's not used any of the newer cameras that send images to a cell phone.

He powers his two dozen cameras with ordinary alkaline batteries, stocking up when they are on sale.

Trail cams aren't just used by hunters. He encourages birdwatchers to set one up near the backyard bird feeder, or set one on a post frequented by hawks and owls. He built a box to protect a camera and make it easier to mount on a post. That's how he got several of his most dramatic shots.

His photos also caught the attention of Fleet Farm, which has sold holiday gift tins of candy with his Big Oak Products images for many years. He also sells note cards and prints of his amazing photos.

Dear's gone hunting, brought home a deer

Though my home and heart are in the Northwoods, I don't come from a deer hunting family. My people were dairy farmers, and the idea of taking time off to go up north to kill a tough, stringy buck when you are raising your own grass-fed beef was beyond comprehension. There was one time, though, that a neighbor gave us some fresh venison steaks. Mom was game to try it, but as a busy farm wife, she didn't have time to find out how to cook it.

Oh, dear. To this day I am convinced those steaks were from a mean old bark-fed buck looking for revenge, because they actually looked and chewed like leather. The meat had such a "wild" taste that, for once, my father did not insist we eat everything on our plates. In fact, I think that was the only time I ever saw him leave more than a morsel on his plate.

My first husband wasn't really a hunter, either, but he went to deer camp for cognac, camaraderie and card games. He never brought home a deer, and that was fine by me. If he had, like my mother, I would have had no idea what to do with it. The truth is I had no desire to learn, so years passed



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40 that I have genetically-transmitted high cholesterol. As luck would have it, that year I married my second husband, who had been deer hunting since age 10. Jon explained that venison has very little fat and no cholesterol, perfect for someone with my heredity who likes red meat. I was excited when he brought home a buck that year. My game plan was to learn how to prepare it so I could eat it without gagging.

Taking advice from a cousin who was a lifelong connoisseur, I succeeded, and over the years I've learned to cook all kinds of wild game: squirrel, turkey, rabbit, grouse, elk and, of course, venison. I have had guests say it's better than beef, though I would never try to fool anyone and always ask

before I needed to change my destiny — and my diet.

The motivation came from a strange source, a primary care physician who informed me when I turned

before serving it. I have found many ways to prepare a great meal of venison, but if you've come into possession of some, here's an easy, delicious recipe.

While the meat is thawing but still firm, remove all the silver skin and fat with a sharp knife. This eliminates the wild taste. Loins are easy; all they need is to be cooked or grilled quickly at high heat and eaten immediately. However, that will not work if you are cooking less tender cuts. These should be thinly sliced or cut into small chunks (think tenderloin tips). Measure a couple tablespoons of flour into a plastic bag, throw in the venison and shake the bag to coat the meat.

Next, brown the venison over medium high heat in butter just until the red is gone. Season with salt and pepper. It really adds a nice touch and makes for a tender finish if you add a splash of Worcestershire sauce and a squirt of ketchup. Smother the meat in onion, garlic, canned or fresh mushrooms, whatever you like, and simmer gently in beef broth for at least three hours. Be sure to add water as needed to keep the meat in a simmering liquid at all times. As my mother learned

the hard way, venison can turn to shoe leather in a hurry.

As for the beef broth, I prefer Penzy's, but even broth made from the little cubes wrapped in foil will do. Just be aware they are loaded with salt. Whatever you do, do not add spices like bay leaf or thyme if you have never tasted them before. For most people, it's the unfamiliar spice and not the venison they dislike.

When the meat is fork tender, cook down the juice to make a delicious brown gravy. Ladle the meat and gravy over mashed potatoes, noodles, rice or pasta. Cooked carrots and peas and grilled French bread make perfect sides. Serve it piping hot, then sit back and enjoy both the meal and the compliments!

Oh, in case you were wondering, Jon got a nice eight-point buck on opening weekend. He says every year that this might be the year we won't have venison in the freezer. I hope that never happens, because I am told grilled cheese is loaded with cholesterol.

Kathleen Marsh is a lifelong educator, writer and community advocate. She has published eight books, four on the history of Townsend, where she and husband Jon are happily retired on the beautiful Townsend Flowage.

Prayers answered and unanswered guide lives

Do you pray? How and when do you pray? Prayer according to Meriam Webster Dictionary is "an address (such as a petition) to God or a god in word or thought."

I was raised in a family with a religious foundation. My mom, dad, grandparents and myself attended church every Sunday, always sitting in the same pew. I attended parochial grade school and high school, so I was taught early on in life how to pray. I had learned the basic simple prayers and recited them habitually to the point I stopped believing the words. They didn't seem to have any meaning anymore.

From the age of 18 years old to about 38 years old, I would pray when things didn't go my way or when I found myself in a crisis. I very rarely prayed for someone else or just prayed to thank God. I



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would pray for a relationship to work out. When it didn't, I would blame God. Years down the road, I would realize God did answer my prayer in His way, not mine, and God's answer was much better than mine could ever have been.

I began to understand prayer more when I found my spirituality in a power greater than myself whom I call God. I no longer prayed without feeling and sincerity. I do pray the Lord's Prayer given to us by Jesus and a prayer I wrote mainly at night when I go to bed.

During the day my praying is

more like a conversation with God. Something like "God, thank you for your blessings, what do you need me to do today? Please guide and protect me in the tasks I need to do. Bless and protect my family and friends today and always. In Jesus name I ask this, Amen." This is how I pray now or at least try to, but I am not perfect and do fall short. My God is patient and will be there to listen.

God already knows what is in my heart and soul. I will sometimes pray silently with the feeling in my heart and the thoughts in my head. You can pray however you understand and feel. A simple "Hi God, thank you," or "Help me please, God," is a start to praying. I have found humbling myself on my knees and praying with true sincerity seems to help me find the answers, not necessarily the answers I am asking for but

answers just the same.

The answers to your prayers may not be what you want or think they should be, but they will be in accordance with God's will for you. Your prayers may not be answered on your timeframe, but they will be answered according to God's plan.

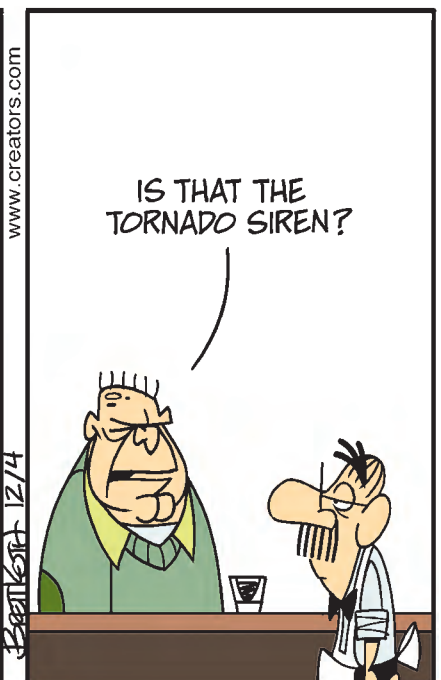
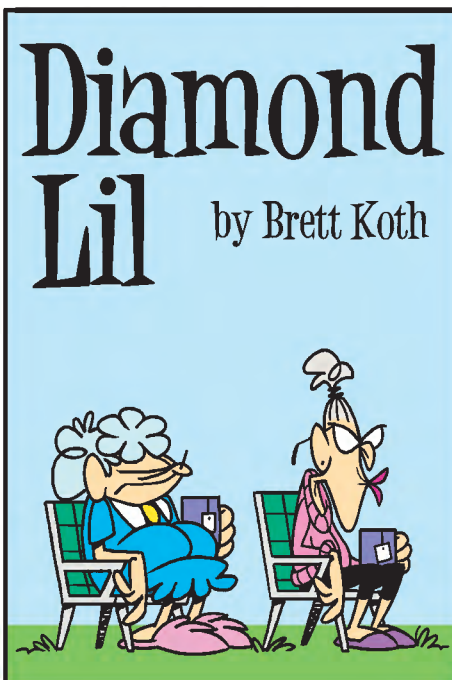
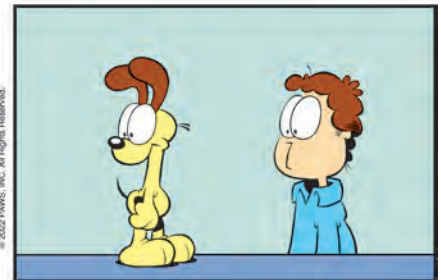
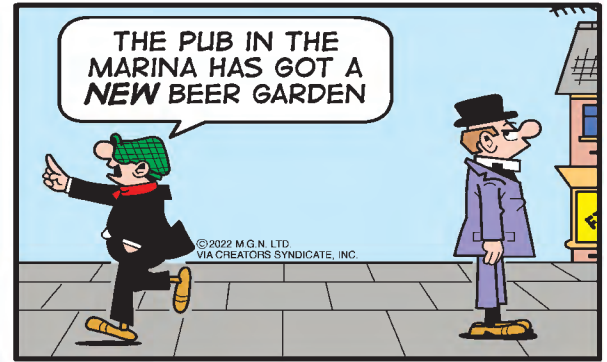
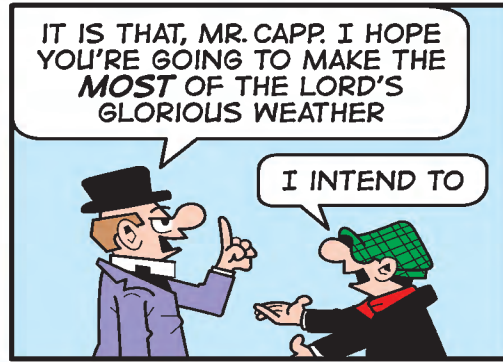
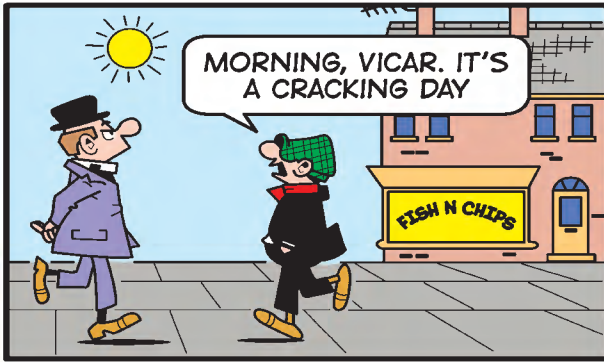
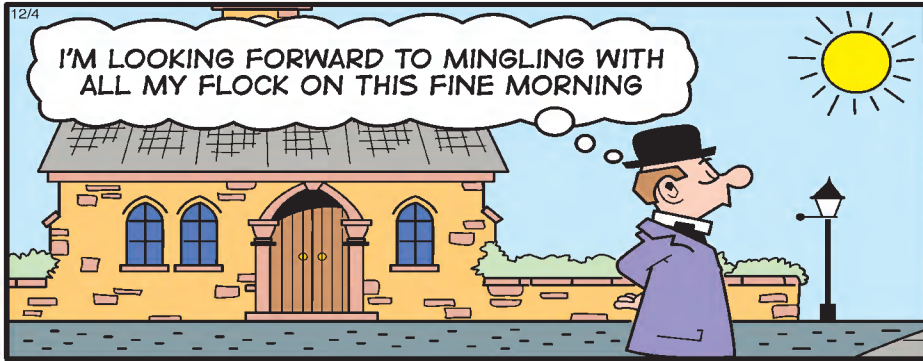
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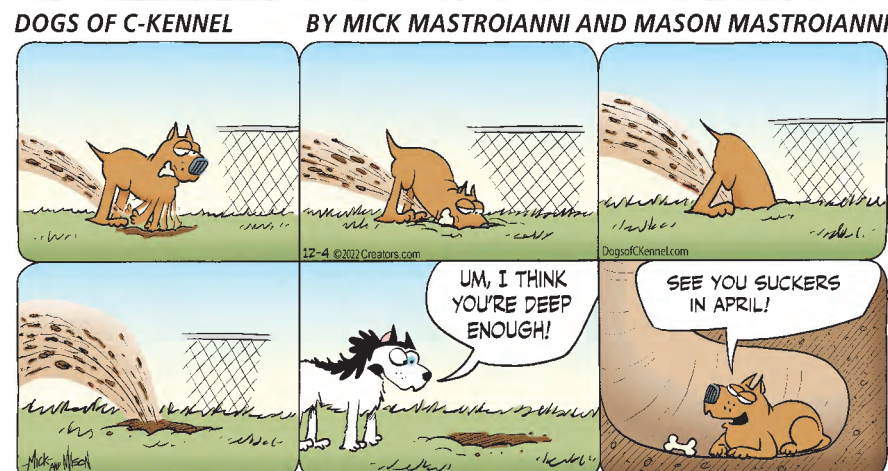
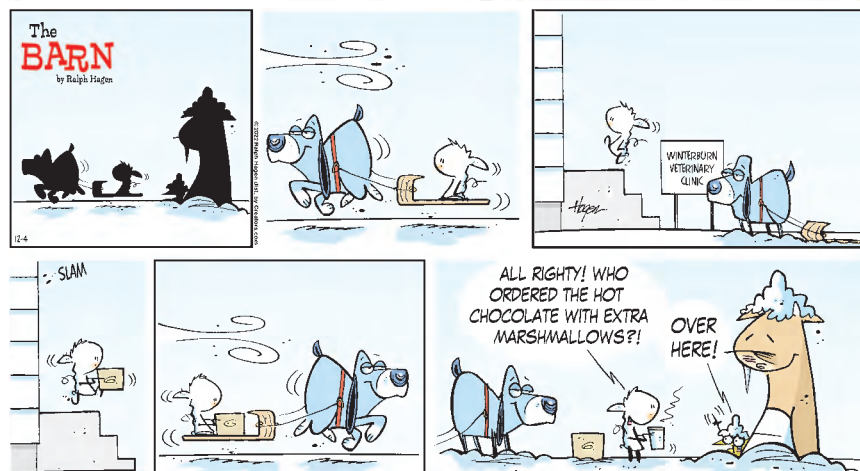
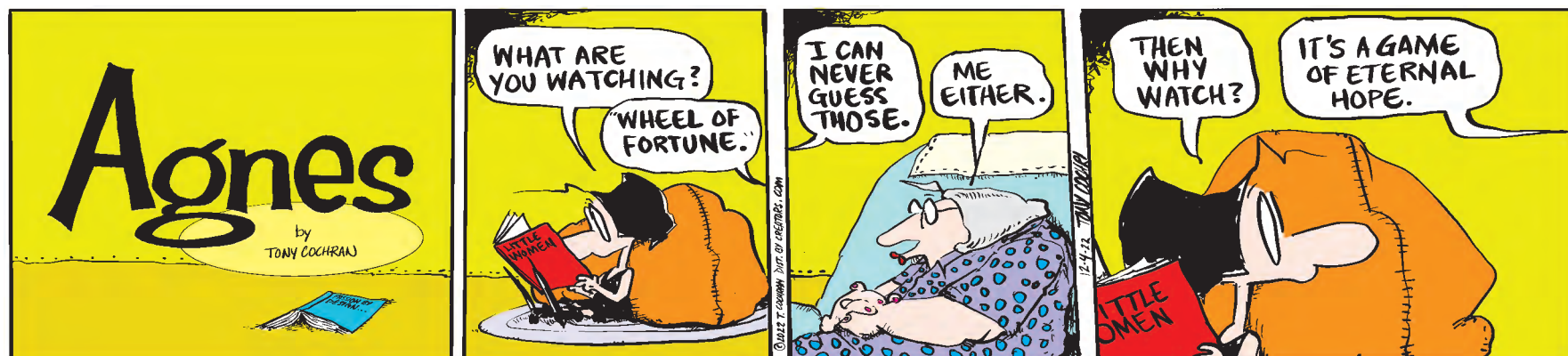
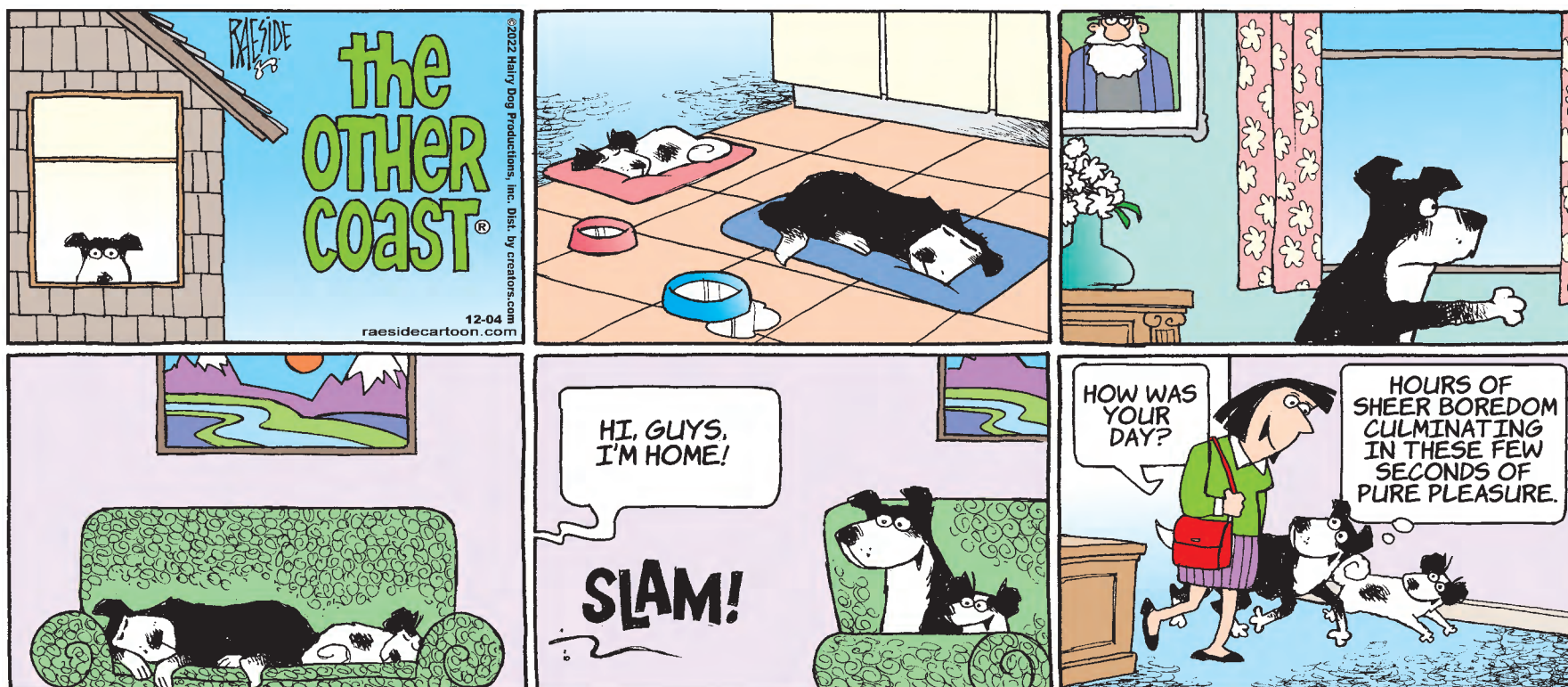
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Kathryn Hennes is a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and lifelong Wisconsinite. Her passion for writing started in high school. She writes inspiring and motivational stories on her many life experiences.

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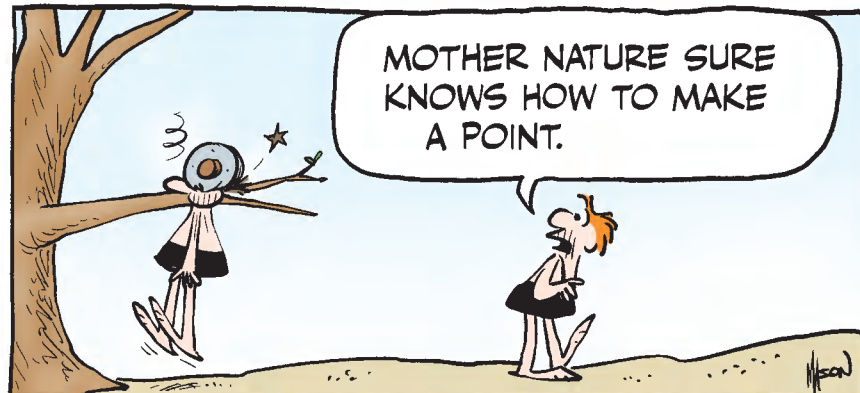
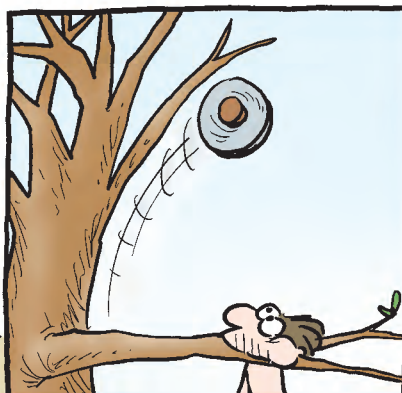
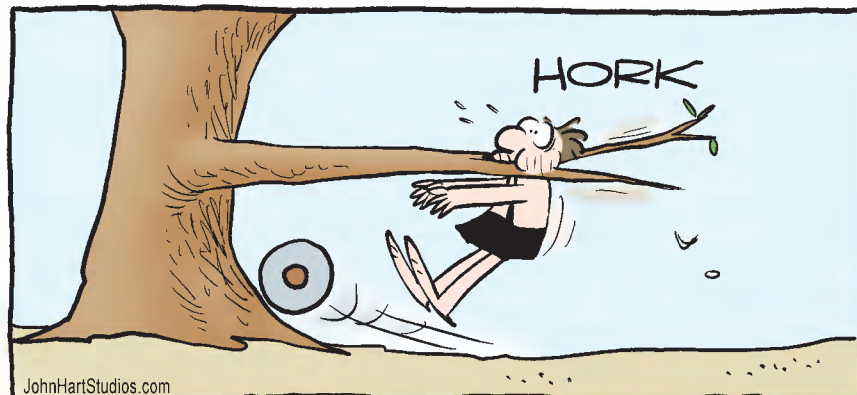
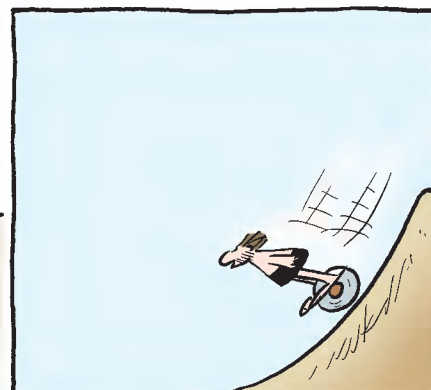
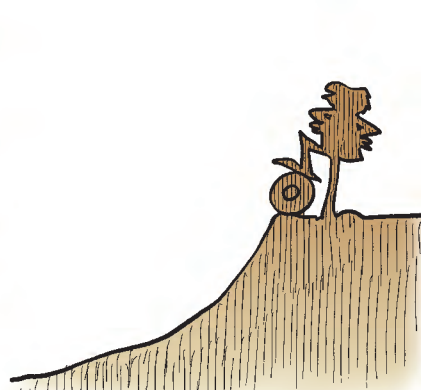


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BRAZIL	ZAMBIA		
ARTS	ETON	MARES	LAB
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NEWZEALAND	ZIMBABWE		
DOLE	MODE	PCHHELP	SSW
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Sheldon and Merissa Cannon are shown with their children, Trenton, 7, and Robert, 1, and their barn quilt at W3896 County Road BE, Bonduel.

JIM LEUENBERGER

Quilt combines cattle with flowers

The nation's largest barn quilt trail in Shawano County continues to grow with the addition of its 401st quilt. It is on a barn owned by Sheldon and Merissa Cannon at W3896 County Road BE, Bonduel.

The Cannons just moved to their new home a few months ago. They plan to grow sunflowers, fruits and vegetables and raise beef cattle. Thus, their quilt pattern, which combines the two, is called "Beef and Blooms." It was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee.

Sheldon Cannon grew up working on farms in the Bonduel and Cecil areas, and both he and Merissa had wanted to have their own place. When this one came up for sale, they purchased 2.5 acres of the property, which includes the barn and house.

The farm was homesteaded by John Luebker and his wife in 1869 when they moved to the area from

Dodge County. They built a log cabin on the property in 1870 and added onto the house and built the barn in 1900.

Theodor and Alma (Luebker) Kupsky owned the farm for a number of years, until it was purchased by Ted and Marian (Westphal) Kupsky in 1958. They sold the last piece of the farm land in 2008. The farm was an active dairy farm from 1900 to 1987 and went through several owners after Ted and Marian moved out. Formerly known as the Luebker Family Homestead, it is now the Cannon Family Farm.

"We really like our quilt and are very happy to be part of Shawano County's barn quilt trail," Merissa Cannon said.

The barn quilt was put on display by LeRoy Raddant and his son, Keith, who owns Raddant Electric in Shawano.

Gillett library plans Cookie Crawl, other December activities

The holidays are just around the corner, and Gillett Public Library has a variety of programs planned for December.

A cookie fundraiser called the Cookie Crawl is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 10. Boxes of cookies will be \$5 and available for people to pick their own cookies. Bags will be available for \$2 for those preferring smaller portions. Santa will make an appearance from noon to 2 p.m.

Highlights of upcoming adult programs include the Aging and Disability Resource Center hosting a Memory Café in the Gillett Library Community Center, 204 E. Main St., Gillett, from 1-2:30 p.m. Dec. 20, where visitors can make a holiday ornament, decorate holiday cookies, play bingo and listen to holiday songs provided by Joe and Colleen Wicker. Call 715-526-4712 or 715-526-4708 to RSVP by Dec. 16. Oconto County Health and Human Services provides job and GED assistance from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 22.

For kids, liven up your tree with a do-it-yourself gingerbread house ornament from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Dec. 19 in the community center. A Teen Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. Dec. 20 will be DIY ornaments. Snacks will be provided.

During winter break, the Gillett library has a variety of activities for families.

From 12:30-1:30 p.m. Dec. 26, visitors can make treats for the Oconto County Humane Society. On Dec. 27, the library will kick off a new program called Full STEAM Ahead, also 12:30-1:30 p.m., where children K-2 will learn about shapes through reading and fun activities. On Dec. 28 from 1-3 p.m., Pathfinder and Community Board Games will be held in the Library Community Center. Dec. 29 from 11-11:30 a.m., the library will showcase another puppet show. Dec. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., families can make bird feeders to feed their feathered friends in frigid temperatures.

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Seventh grade: Kennedy R. Benbo, Areli Cervantes-Vazquez, Jonathan R. Cherek, Deajah L. Cornelius, Lilyen J. Crandall, Rylee E. Crick, Megan M. Fisher, Chloe S. Jones, Jenna M. Meisner, Alayna L. Rasmussen, Isac M. Rindfleisch, Konnor T. Stewart, Zoey A. Thorson, Gracie R.

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Seventh grade: Alexis Kotolski, Issac Meydam, Sydney Schairer, Alayna Schiller, Brooklyn Sippl

Sixth grade: Reese Bernitt, Grace Fischer, Kassandrea Fischer, Kalani Gauthier, Madalyn Heim, Sawyer Kropf, Olivia Szews, Clara Traut, Emma Tuszkowski, Ashlyn Uttecht

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Hoffman gets Wisconsin Farm Bureau accolades

Christa Hoffman was selected as the winner of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturist Outstanding Agriculture Professional Award at the organization's 103rd annual meeting on Dec. 4.

Hoffman is a business development administrator at URUS. She manages grant-funded projects focused on improving cattle management practices on farms in emerging markets. Working for a global cattle genetics company, her primary focus is establishing new commercial markets while providing access to artificial insemination to make long-term impacts on production and profitability of farms. Hoffman and her husband, Brad, raise two young children on the family's dairy farm in Gresham.

"This contest recognizes Young Farmer and Agriculturist members going above and beyond for agriculture and within their communities," said WFBF President Kevin Krentz. "Christa is a shining example of the impact Farm Bureau members have in rural areas."

The Outstanding Agriculture Professional Award is presented to a Farm Bureau member between the ages of 18 and 35 who has not derived a majority of his or her income from a farm for the past three years. Examples of occupations of ideal applicants include agricultural education instructor, fertilizer salesperson, veterinarian, farm employee, journalist or marketer.

Hoffman serves on the Shawano County Farm Bureau board of directors and is the co-chair for Brunch on the Farm.

She will receive \$1,500 courtesy of Growmark Inc., the opportunity to attend the 2023 AFBF Fusion Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, and is eligible to participate in the 2023 YFA Washington, D.C., Fly-In.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation co-sponsors this contest with Growmark Inc., and Rural Mutual Insurance Company. This is a new Wisconsin Farm Bureau award replacing the Excellence in Ag competition.

Auditions open for 'War of the Worlds' radio play

The Machickanee Players are holding auditions for their upcoming production of "War of the Worlds" at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 and 10 a.m. Dec. 17. Auditions will be held at the Park Avenue Playhouse, 408 Park Ave., Oconto. The



Christa Hoffman, of Gresham, was the recipient of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturist Outstanding Agriculture Professional Award at the organization's 103rd Annual Meeting on Dec. 4.

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performance dates are Feb. 10-12 and Feb. 17-19.

"War of the Worlds" is a radio play, only now the audience will be able to watch how a live radio production occurs. In 1939, this radio program swept the country as listeners truly believed that aliens had invaded the earth.

This production will need 10-15 actors and actresses of various ages for this performance. Call 920-834-4353 or email susie.machickaneeplayers@gmail.com for more information.

Shawano County Library eliminates fines system

Beginning Jan. 1, Shawano County Library will be fines-free on all books. This means that books will no longer accrue a daily overdue fine when items are not returned by the due date. Two years ago, the library removed fines on children's and teen books.

In 2019, the American Library Association passed the Resolution on Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity. The resolution outlines that removing fines tends to increase

library card adoption and usage while retaining fines leads to barriers in access to materials and resources.

Items that are never returned, lost or damaged will continue to be billed to the patron account. Movies, video games, music and other all other media will continue to accrue daily fines at this time.

For information, contact the library at sha@shawanolibrary.org or 715-526-3829.

SNBT donates to Oconto County aging commission

This October marked 148 years that The Stephenson National Bank and Trust (SNBT) has been servicing the needs of the community.

SNBT may no longer hand write its ledgers, or use bank notes as currency, but the long-lasting bank continues to be involved in its local community.

"Our Chairman's Challenge has become an annual staple of employee support for local non-profits," said Daniel Peterson, SNBT president and chief executive officer. "This year it

marks our 148th anniversary, and I can think of no better way to celebrate this milestone than by giving back, because the success of the bank has always stemmed from our community."

All SNBT branches participated in a collection drive during the months of October and November. The Oconto office donated its collected items to the Oconto County Commission on Aging Inc.

Hillside Assembly to present Christmas show

Hillside Assembly of Gillett will perform its Kids Christmas Musical at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at the church, 5890 State Highway 22, Gillett.

The half-hour musical is full of fun and meaningful arrangements and includes new songs from Dove Award-winning children's writers Anna Lampe, Alisen Wells, and Nick Robertson, along with some favorite Christmas carols.

There will be a gift for all who attend. For information, call 920-855-2962.

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COUNTRY CLUB: With something uncommon in common

by Mark McClain

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6 "Beat it!"
10 Part of a foot
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19 Kauai greeting
20 Greek liqueur
21 Aloe __ (natural balm)
22 North Pole explorer
23 Nation with the longest shoreline on the Caspian Sea
25 Nation whose capital is 92 feet below sea level
27 Two-track sound system
28 King of Disney cartoons
30 Odyssey, for instance
31 Military weaponry
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35 Dallas sch.
38 Saline solution containers
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40 Piedmont wine city
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47 Nation that's farther from an ocean than any other
49 Stomach soother
50 Corkscrew shape
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54 Held back, with "in"
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83 First phase
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85 First nation to give women the right to vote (1893)
89 Nation with the most official languages (16)
90 Parcel (out)
91 Type, as of transportation
92 Tech support service
95 Compass reading
96 Neighbors of tongues
97 Former name of
89 Across
100 Nullify a contract
104 Enter
105 Fill a hotel closet
109 Landlocked nation surrounded by landlocked nations
111 Only nation spelled with two 10-point Scrabble letters
114 Pickler's need
115 "Look what I did!"
116 Cupid counterpart
117 Seize control of
118 Gobbled up
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8 Showy flower
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13 Repeating annoyingly
14 Rapidly
15 "So __" ("Amen")
16 Mexican state, informally
17 Expressed verbally
18 Newcastle's river
24 Person, to anthropologists
26 Itsy-__
29 NBA tie-breakers
32 Very enthusiastic
33 Mgmt. degree
34 Mythical river
35 Have the lead
36 Flowing hair
37 Open, as 96 Across
40 Music licensing org.
41 Cherry pit
42 Eagle's weapon
43 Not moving
45 Novelist Grey
46 Bitter-tasting
47 Cereal for kids
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50 Offer to a hitchhiker
51 Flier to Tel Aviv
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55 Grooming appliance
56 Some titled Brits
57 Fades away
58 "Excusez-__!"
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88 Experienced in
89 Last part of the OED
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93 Rang on the hour
94 Balzac's first name
96 Compare (to)
98 About to bloom
99 Imitative

- 100 Straw, essentially
101 Pound of poetry
102 Just slightly
103 Descartes' first name
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106 Color close to turquoise
107 Cut back on
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