

SUMMER TO HEAT UP FOR THURSDAYZ AT FRANKLIN

Bands like Shotgun Jane to provide plenty
of entertainment for audiences in Shawano

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Shotgun Jane will be the second band of the summer concert series Thursdayz at Franklin, performing June 9 at Franklin Park in Shawano.

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Thursdayz at Franklin back for 4th year



Fan favorites like Johnny Wad are an annual staple for Thursdayz at Franklin.

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The Cougars were not part of the 2021 lineup, but the band will return to Thursdayz at Franklin for the 2022 season, taking the stage June 16.

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Summer concert series expected to fill Shawano park with people, tunes

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Thursday nights might not be a huge deal any other time of the year, but once summer hits, they'll be synonymous with warm temperatures and hot band concerts.

The Shawano Park and Recreation Department is rolling out its annual Thursdayz at Franklin program beginning June 2 with The Presidents kicking off almost three months of Wisconsin musical talent filling the air weekly with high notes and low notes. This is the fourth year for the summer entertainment held at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St., Shawano.

Originally started as a way to bring a variety of entertainment to the area — the first year included hypnotist performances and movie viewings — Thursdayz at Franklin serves as a venue for bands to get people moving. While the pandemic muted much of the 2020 season, some bands were still able to perform in late summer, and Thursdayz came back with a vengeance in 2021, with much of the park filled with lawn chairs as people enjoyed hearing the bands perform cover songs and even some original music.

"We have definitely seen growth every year," said Matt Hendricks, the city's park and recreation director. "We really learned that people just loved the cover bands. That's where we saw the biggest crowds. Our expectation is that it will be at least as sizeable as last year, and that we'll see some growth."

Hendricks noted that the events have grown enough that the city is doing some marketing outside Shawano in the hopes of bringing people in from surrounding areas.

"We think people might travel, so we've picked up some billboards and some other advertisements that are outside the city or the county of Shawano for that matter," Hendricks said, noting that he was surprised it has grown as much as it has.

Bands like The Presidents and Johnny Wad, which performs June 30, are crowd pleasers that Shawano tries to bring back year after year, with Hendricks noting that "they're really fun." However, the bands, which are booked by the city's events coordina-

AT A GLANCE

2022 Thursdayz at Franklin lineup (Concerts begin at 6 p.m.)

June 2: The Presidents
June 9: Shotgun Jane
June 16: The Cougars
June 23: Fire on High
June 30: Johnny Wad
July 7: Boomboxx
July 14: Driftwood
July 21: Spitfire Rodeo
July 28: Crankin' Yankees
Aug. 4: Bad Habitz
Aug. 11: Copper Box
Aug. 18: Star Six Nine

tor, Dana Krause, are rotated so that some new talent gets to rock on the bandshell at Franklin Park.

"The Cougars is coming back (June 16), by community request," Hendricks said, noting that the city tries to mix things up with alternating country and rock-and-roll bands. "Other ones like Driftwood (July 14) and Bad Habitz (Aug. 4) and Copper Box (Aug. 11) are ones that people will say, 'Hey, I saw so-and-so at the county fair.' We look into them sometimes and make it happen."

The bands start playing at 6 p.m. and continue through sunset, and for those who might get hungry or thirsty, food and beverage venues are set up, some of them being manned by local nonprofits.

"We really value those partnerships, because whether it's SAM25 or Big Brothers Big Sisters, all the money they make off that goes back into their coffers," Hendricks said. "We don't charge them anything because we really view it as a way for our community to support those local organizations. Especially after last year, many of them have struggled with fundraising."

There is talk about, in the future, having kids games or inflatables at the park for the children to enjoy while the parents chill with the bands, but nothing has solidified yet.

"At the end of the day, we really want to be a family-friendly event, low-key," Hendricks said. "We really like the fact that people are sitting in lawn chairs or on blankets as opposed to standing in a mosh pit."

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Colon cancer survivor says trust your gut

Johnson diagnosed well before experts recommend screening

Josh Johnson was 42 when he was diagnosed with colon and rectal cancer.

"I'm a statistic," said the now 44-year-old. "I'm the guy who got a cancer you are not typically diagnosed with until after the age of 50."

In fact, age 50 is no longer the recommended age to begin colon cancer screenings. The American Cancer Society (ACS) now recommends Americans get their first colonoscopy at age 45.

"An increased incidence of colon cancer in younger people is the reason for this change of recommendations," said Dr. Xin Yao, oncologist/hematologist at the ThedaCare Regional Cancer Center where Johnson received his testing and treatment. "Colon cancer is now the second leading cause of death by cancer in people of all ages."

Johnson believes his cancer started as much as three years before his diagnosis.

"For a few years, I was having random pain in my lower abdominal area whenever I had a bowel movement," he recalled. "I would feel the pain of something pushing in my stomach. When doctors told me that I did not need to be screened for colon cancer until age 50, I did not really give it a second thought. Now I know that each person is different."

In Johnson's case, his doctor suspected irritable bowel syndrome, a fatty liver or his gall bladder.

"I truly did not think I had cancer," Johnson said. "Other than random pain in my abdomen, I never had any colon cancer symptoms. I'm a strong, healthy guy – 6 feet, 2 inches, 250 pounds. I wasn't losing weight, my appetite was fine, but I definitely thought it was something more than an upset stomach."

Johnson's colon cancer was discovered after he began having heart palpitations and sought care for a possible heart problem. An electrical engineer, Johnson repairs packaging machinery and travels for his job. One night in the summer of 2019, he was working in Tennessee when his heart began



Josh Johnson was 42 when he was diagnosed with colon and rectal cancer. He wants others to understand that younger people should be aware of this disease and follow the screening recommendations. As he reflected about his colon cancer diagnosis and what he has taken away from the experience, Johnson said, "Do something every day that makes you happy. I eat ice cream; it makes me smile."

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palpitating, and he thought he might be having a heart attack.

"I went to a nearby hospital and they checked me over and said I wasn't having a heart attack and released me," he said. "I felt fine for the next few days and continued on with my job. Then, the last night I was there, at about 4 a.m., I had an atrial fibrillation attack; back to the hospital I went. Luckily, the atrial fibrillation resolved on its own, and I was released. I came home and contacted my doctor."

In the course of checking out Johnson's heart, his doctor discovered his hemoglobin level was low and suspected he might have internal bleeding somewhere. The doctor ordered an upper GI exam and a colonoscopy in early December 2019.

"The upper GI scope was fine," Johnson said. "When the colonoscopy was complete, the doctor came back and said he found a tumor in my rectum. The doctor explained that he removed the tumor, and I had another tumor in my lower descending colon. He thought both were suspicious. Two days later, the doctor called and said both tumors were cancerous, and we needed to develop a treatment plan soon."

Johnson immediately called his wife, Melissa, who is a registered nurse at ThedaCare. With her as his support system, they were ready to tackle the diagnosis head-on.

"It was scary as hell," he said. "No one believed someone my age, and in my good health, could have

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The American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that in 2022, there will be more than 106,000 new cases of colon cancer diagnosed. According to the ACS, the death rate from colorectal cancer has been dropping in both men and women for several decades. Dr. Xin Yao, oncologist/hematologist at the ThedaCare Regional Cancer Center, noted that is likely due to several reasons including colorectal polyps are now being found more often by screening and removed before they can develop into cancers, or cancers are being found earlier when they are easier to treat.

The ACS recommends the following colorectal cancer preventive behaviors:

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Get moderate physical exercise — 30 minutes of exercise, five days a week
- Eat a diet low in animal fats (red meat) and high in fruits, vegetables and whole grains
- Limit alcohol consumption
- Avoid tobacco products

colon cancer."

In early January 2020, Johnson had abdominal surgery where the tumor, a section of his colon and 13 lymph nodes were removed. One of the lymph nodes later tested positive for cancer.

"The cancer had moved through the colon wall, which is where the bleeding was happening and causing my low hemoglobin level," he said. "The cancer was graded as Stage IIIB."

Six weeks after his surgery, Johnson began chemotherapy. Because of his frequent travel for work and his desire to not to be off work for an extended period of time, Johnson's oncologists recommended four cycles of chemotherapy.

"They warned me that the two chemotherapy drugs they were recommending were very strong, and that I would not feel well for a few days after each treatment," he said. "They were right. I had some very serious side effects, some that are still present two years after the treatment."

The oncologists told Johnson he has a 70% five-year survival rate, at which point he might be considered cancer free.

Johnson firmly believes people should listen to their body.

"Your body will not lie to you," he said. "Trust your gut. People need to pay closer attention to their bodies, and I hope doctors hear their patients when they explain that something just does not feel right."

"No one believed someone my age, and in my good health, could have colon cancer."

JOSH JOHNSON, who was diagnosed with colon cancer at age 42



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I sat on the comfy padded seat of the UBCO Adventure 2x2 electric motorcycle and listened to Valley Snowmobile and Powersports owner Lon Tesch explain how to ride it. Once a button on the handlebar is pushed, it's "in gear," even though it doesn't have gears. With a twist of the throttle, it's ready to rip.

"Go easy on the throttle because it's direct drive," he said, just after explaining his wife crashed her first time on the UBCO.



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I'd owned and ridden motorcycles before, but had no idea what this battery-powered machine

was capable of. As a light snow fell, I drove through the grass next to his backyard showroom in rural Hortonville and was astounded by the instant response of this two-wheel-drive e-bike. Then I took this street-legal version out on paved road and quickly zipped it up to 31 mph.

The silent ride was like nothing else I had ever ridden and was magical. My mind couldn't grasp the power that made no noise, needed no gas, emitted no fumes. This "bike" had no chain—just a 1,000-watt flux motor in the hub of each 17-inch wheel.

After my slightly wet but exhilarating ride, I was ready to sign on the dotted line, but for the slight problem of the \$7,200 price tag. That's a lot of money for a 150-pound motorcycle. The white-framed UBCO I drove was street legal with light, digital dashboard, mirrors, turn signals and even a horn. A black version made strictly for off-road work is about \$500 less and doesn't have the features above, except for the headlight. Monitoring speed, battery life and other functions of the Adventure (white) model can be done on the black version with an UBCO phone app.

"I'm into the hunting stuff," said Tesch, pointing to some of his all-electric ATVs. He described the American-made UBCO as extremely reliable and durable, with virtually no maintenance needed.

E-bikes and e-motorcycles are a growing industry, but remain a small fraction of total bike sales,



Lon Tesch, owner of Valley Snowmobile and Powersports in rural Hortonville, shows off the Adventure, left, and Work versions of the UBCO electric motorcycle. These 150-pound electric two-wheelers feature direct drive in both wheels, a 30 mph maximum speed and 30-pound batteries for up to 75 miles of range on a charge. They are classed as mopeds in Wisconsin and require only a driver's license to ride with no noise or fumes.

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especially in colder states. During a recent visit to Key West, Florida, e-bikes (and other electric-powered vehicles such as golf carts) were everywhere. Commuters or residents dealing with narrow, crowded streets and a lack of parking space will love the easy-to-ride and fast advantages of a motorized bike.

T.K. King, manager for the Broken Spoke Bike Studio, Ledgewick, which also has bike shops in Green Bay and Manitowish, said the average e-bike buyer he sees is usually an older retiree or couple

who wants to keep riding a bike but may have a disability or just needs a little boost to enjoy riding.

King breaks down e-bikes into two main groups: pedal-assist motorized bikes that require pedaling to complement the motor, and full electric bikes with throttles that can be used without pedaling at all, if desired.

E-bikes come in three classes. A Class 1 bike can move up to 20 mph, a Class 2 bike tops out at 24 mph and a Class 3 bike zips along at up to 28 mph. Some states and bike

trails regulate e-bikes based on this classification.

Broken Spoke carries Reid, Santa Cruz, Rambo, Specialized, Marin and Gazelle brands of e-bikes.

While most e-bikes use traditional chain drives, normal bike gearing and versions of a Chinese-made Bafang motor, the Netherlands-based Gazelle has e-bike models that use a belt drive for quiet operation, a Bosch motor (designed in Germany and built in Hungary) and an infinitely variable Enviolo hub that is sealed for durability.

In Shawano, Dunham's offers a few models of e-bike, including Swagtron and Jetson, which are geared toward kids.

Most modern e-bikes use lithium-ion batteries, which are quickly charged in a few hours but can be greatly affected by the cold. If you ride in the fall or winter, as hunters using fat-tire e-bikes like the Rambo, Quiet Kat and Bakcou brands do, you will get far fewer miles on a charge than in the warmer months.

Hub motors put the power directly inside the wheel, and typically provide less torque, or pulling power, than mid-drive motors, which are located in the crankset. Motor sizes normally vary from 500 to 1,000 watts.

Some of these rugged, off-road e-bikes even come with accessories like one- or two-wheeled carts that can attach to a rear rack and drag a deer out of the woods or carry tools and gear for farmers and ranchers. Most have powerful LED lights and instrument panels to monitor speed and remaining battery life.

Specialized e-bikes made by Yuba, Tern and others feature extended racks for carrying more gear or children, and can be used by street vendors and urban businesses.

Prices range from about \$2,000 for low-end e-bikes to more than \$6,000 for models with larger motors, bigger batteries and accessories such as extended racks and cargo boxes.

If you enjoy bicycling but want to extend your range, or miss the sport but because of age or aching joints haven't ridden in years, an e-bike might be just the ticket to new adventures.

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being. I know it is difficult, but I say this for many reasons. Believe me, I know the temptation of wanting to get out and work the soil and rake and clean up from fall and winter, but these are some of the worst things we could be doing right now in our lawns and gardens.

The more time we spend walking about in our yards and gardens right now, the worse conditions will be later in summer. Most people will not recognize the connection.

Right now, our lawns and landscape are still not completely ready for human traffic. Walking and trampling all over our lawns and gardens now will compact the soil into a hard-packed, almost concrete-like substance. This will cause problems later in summer when weeds begin to show up and we have standing water.

Many of our worst backyard weeds — such as dandelions, plantain, creeping Charlie and crabgrass — love hard, compacted soil. There is a massive seedbed of these weeds waiting to germinate and emerge. By walking all over your lawn now, or by raking, you are giving these weeds everything they need to explode in number, quietly and unseen until later in summer.

Walking on the lawn now, when the soil is still cold and very wet from recent rainfall and snowfall, creates the compacted soil they love. Forcing out air pockets that plants need and creating a solid barrier of dense, compacted soil that only creates problems later on.

Raking at this time, which is way too early, rips out dormant grasses that help a shade out the weeds. Plus, raking opens up the seed bed to the bright spring sun. These conditions are perfect for an infiltration of weeds that you may not even notice until late June or July.

Compacted soils also create areas of standing water later in the



Troubles with crabgrass and many other annoying weeds begin now, when gardeners unknowingly create ideal conditions for them by working in the garden and in the lawn too early in the season.

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Dandelions love compacted soils, which are created by too much activity in the yard on warm days in April. Avoid working in the yard and garden until a lush carpet of fresh green lawn appears and temperatures have warmed significantly for a few weeks.

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summer, as well as brown patches in the lawn, due to the compacted conditions and lack of drainage. Again, this will happen later in

summer; you won't even notice, until then, the damage you created by walking all over your lawn in April.

Another reason to avoid doing too much yardwork and clean up this time of year is because many of our native pollinators — bees, butterflies and other creatures — are still overwintering in the stems of garden plants, as well as in and among leaves. Many of our native bees overwinter in the hollow stems of grasses and other plants. Many butterfly chrysalises are formed on the stems of garden plants and grasses and even on the forest floor or in the garden bed beneath leaves and debris.

Beloved favorites like Luna moths form their cocoons right on the ground among the leaves and, by raking them away, we rake away these beloved creatures.

It's best to avoid doing heavy cleanup in the garden until at least the middle or end of April.

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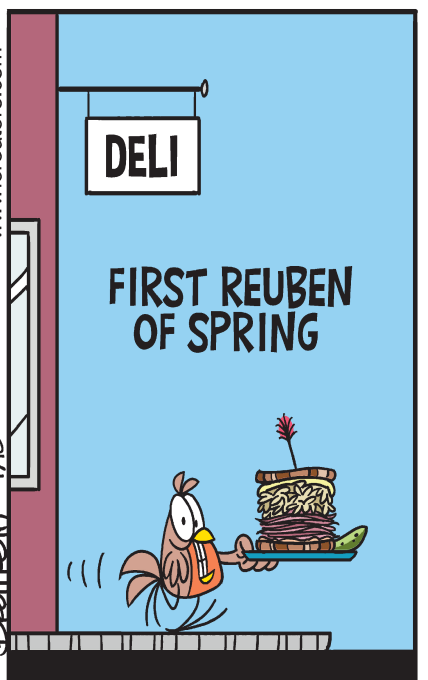
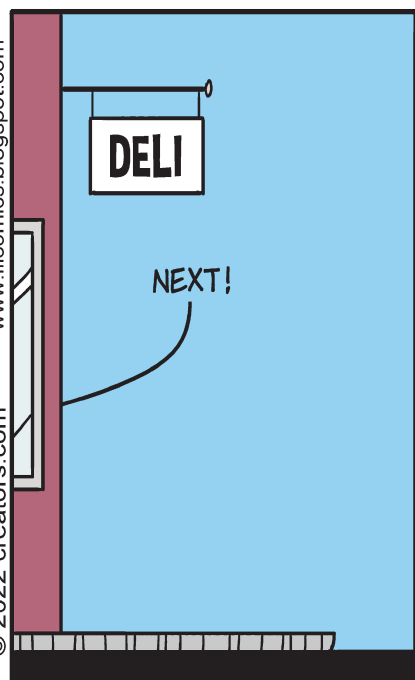
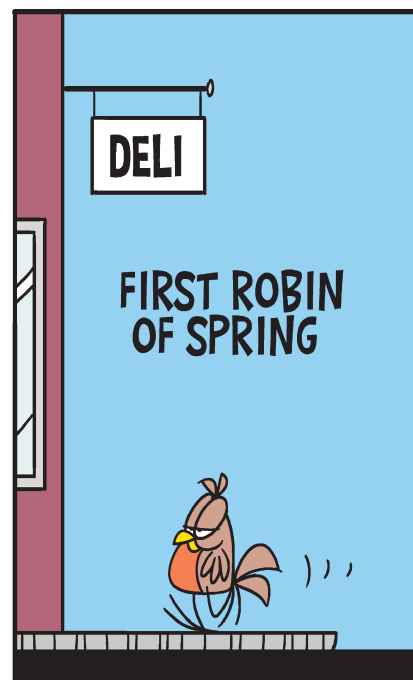
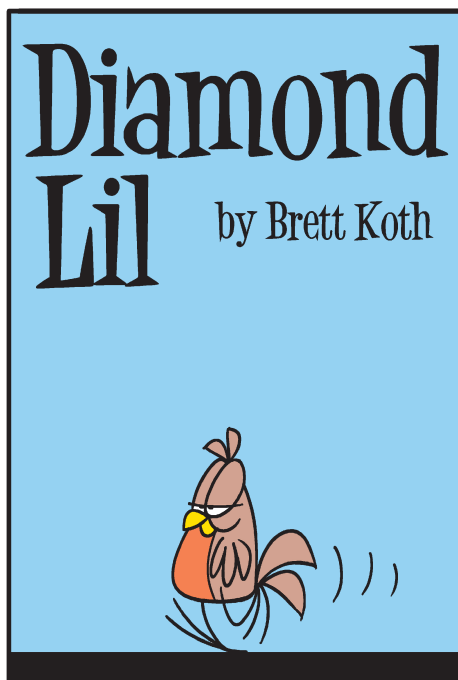
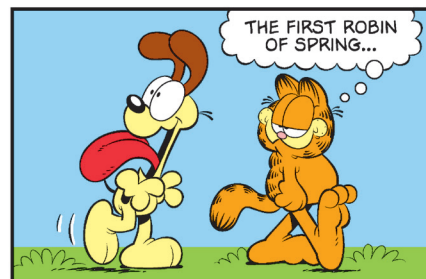
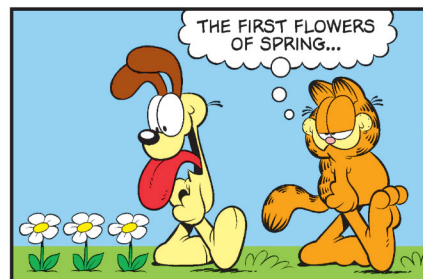
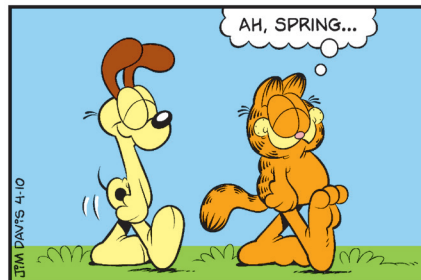
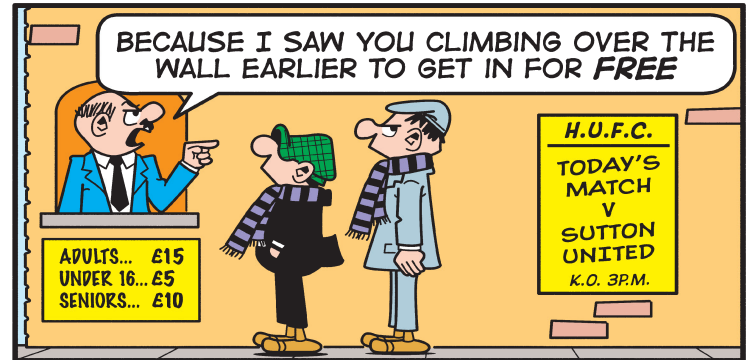
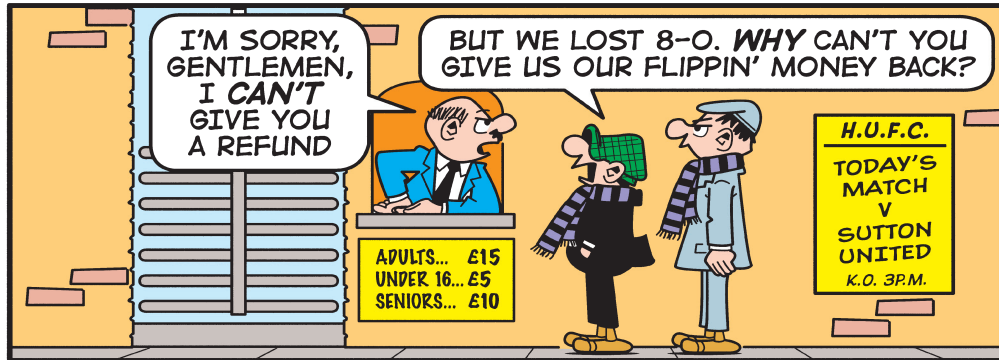
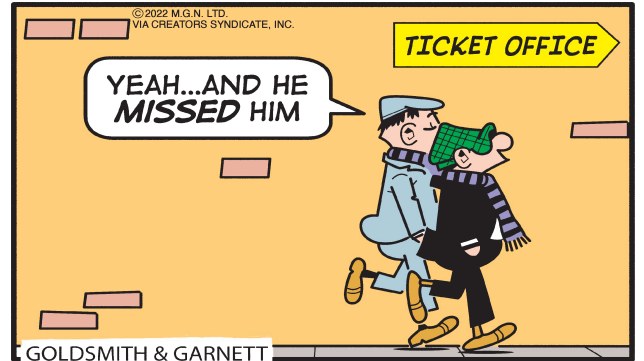
lawn and heavy raking until fresh green growth appears, emerging from dormancy and forming a cushiony layer that protects the moist, damp soil from compaction.

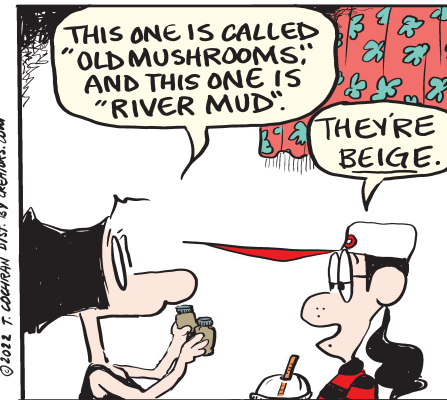
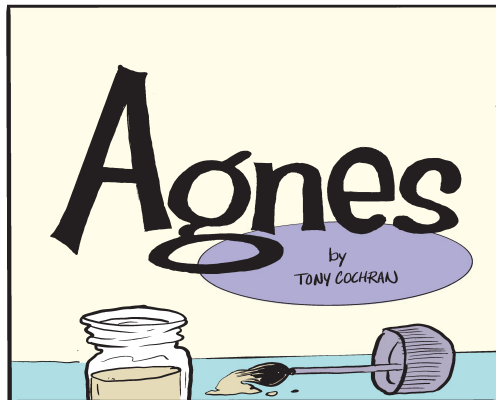
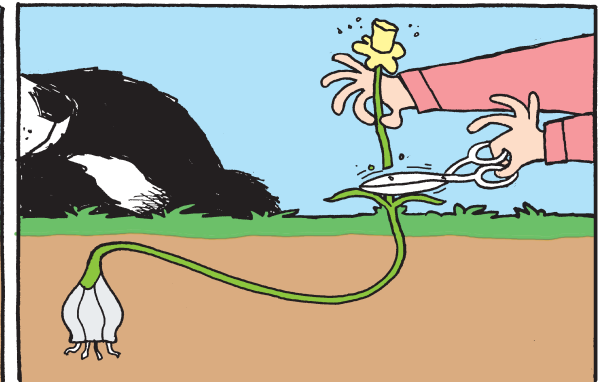
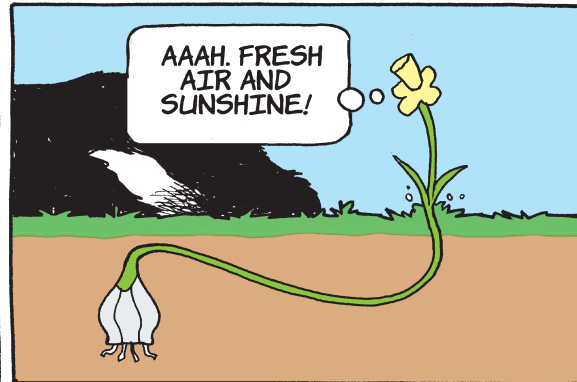
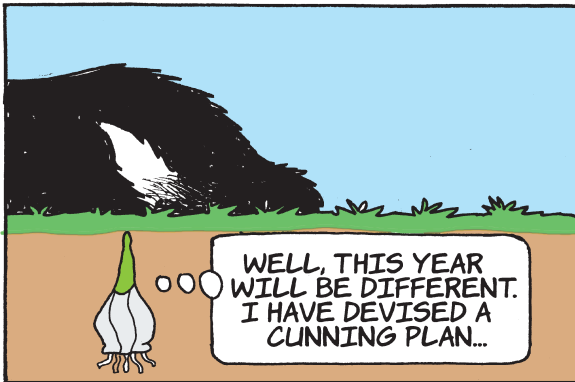
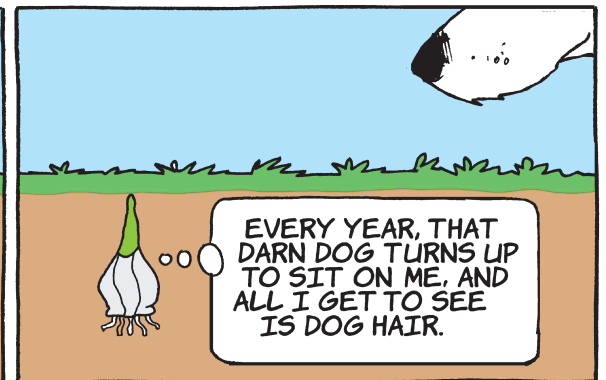
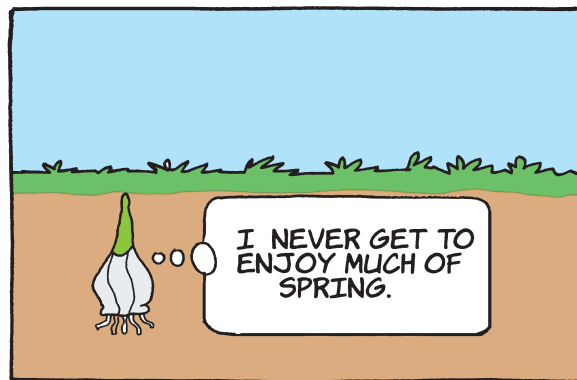
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Enjoy the beautiful weather doing other outdoor activities. Plant potted containers and sow some seeds in pots, or go for a hike in an area nature center or wildlife area. Save the heavy yardwork until the lawn is truly dried up and our amazing insect and pollinators have had a chance to wake up and move out of their winter quarters.

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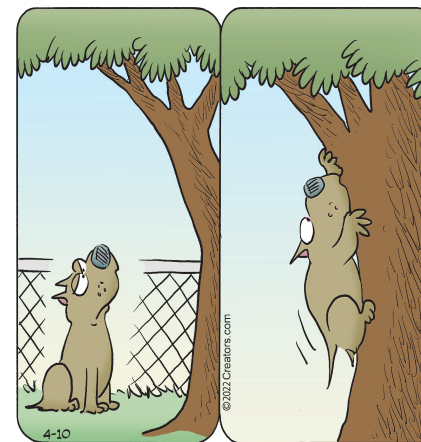
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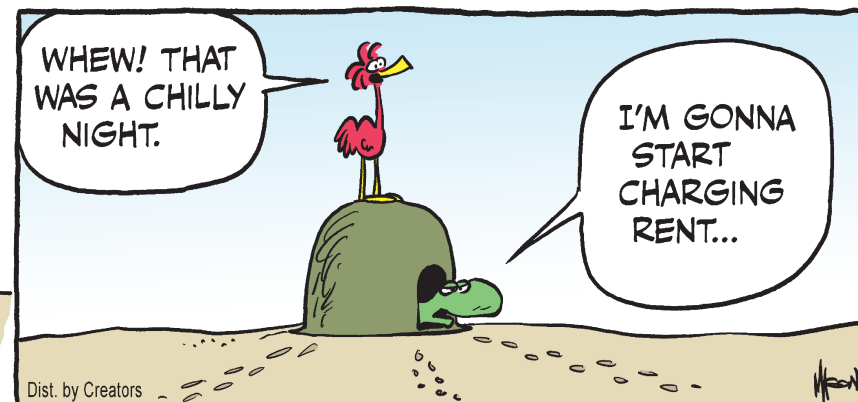
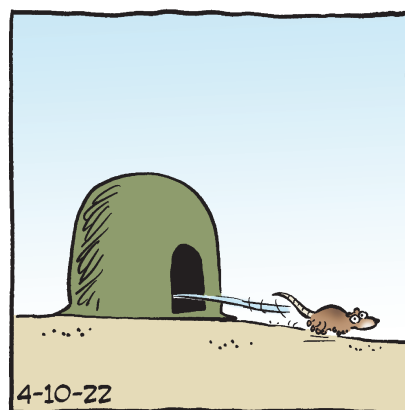
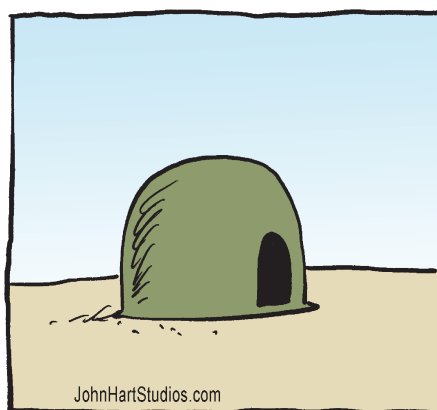
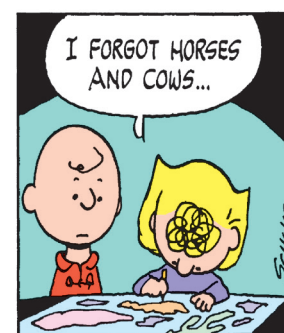
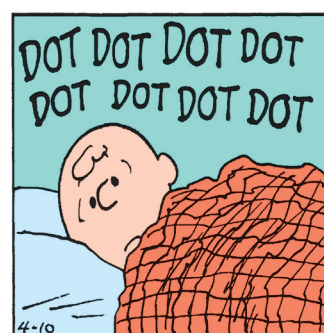
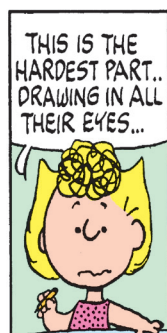
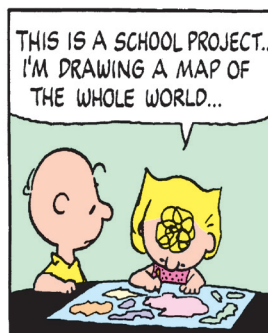
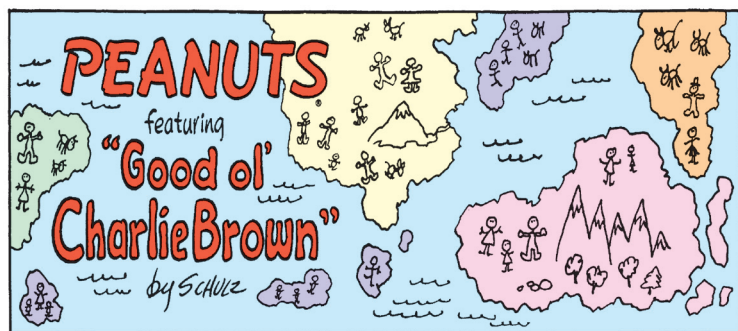


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CLUB NOTES

Shawano Area Writers

Shawano Area Writers held its latest meeting March 16 in the Elsie Engel room at the Shawano Public Library. Attendees were Marilyn Kroenke, Wendy Goerl, Lee Pulaski, Svitlana Podgorna, Manuel Moraleda, Trudy Bosman, John Mutter, Tom Thorstenson, Twilla Beyer, and Barb King.

Beyer brought her friend, Roseanne Sanderfoot, who has written a book about emotional healing. She travels throughout Wisconsin giving talks to groups.

Lee Pulaski, vice president, called the meeting to order. The minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

In new business, Svitlana Podgorna, who is from Ukraine, was asked about the war. She is very worried. Her family is safe so far, because they live in a part of the country where the fighting is not taking place.

John Mutter brought a giant clam shell from the island of Kwajalein that was given to him from a friend in Hawaii. Last month, Tom Thorstenson had read a story that included a large clam shell. At that time, John asked if we'd like to see the giant clam shell he had been given. John explained that these clams can grow much larger. The shell will be displayed in the library along with an explanation.

John Mutter wrote an update of the history of SAW which will be posted on the SAW website, www.shawanoareawriters.org. Through the 15 years of the student writing contest, SAW has received 2,855 entries in the contest, issued 672 certificates of achievement awards and rewarded student writers with \$7,586 in cash prizes.

Trudy Bosman wrote a quatrain for a contest on Writer's Digest and placed in the top 10 from all those who entered.

Twilla Beyer told about the little kitten they rescued near the river. He is turning out to be a handful. He's mean to their 17-year-old cat.



Tom Thorstenson, right, reads his essay, "ZAnon," as John Mutter listens during the Shawano Area Writers meeting March 17 at the Shawano Public Library. CONTRIBUTED

Also, he managed to knock over some melted wax and got it on the table, wall, curtains, floor and himself.

Tom Thorstenson entitled his reading "ZAnon". He felt ZAnon should be more important than QAnon because it's the last letter in the alphabet, thus making it more important. Tom says he wants to start new theories and conspiracies. He will quote researchers who come up with their theories after drinking a cheap bottle of wine. His motto will be: "If it's true, you didn't read it here. If it isn't true, it ought to be."

Trudy Bosman read her poem entitled "Spring is Coming."

Manuel Moraleda read from his book, "Exploration of a Novel." The Japanese army attacked the Philippine Islands on Dec. 8, one day after Pearl Harbor. The people of the

Philippines fought courageously for four days before being overtaken by the Japanese forces. A puppet government was set up. Many, who didn't agree, formed guerrilla armies.

There was a survey that asked if your country was attacked, would you stay and fight like the people of Ukraine or would you leave? Lee Pulaski wrote a point of view piece entitled, "Tell the Brits They Can Have Their Land Back."

Wendy Goerl read from the first chapter of "Cyborgs of Gabriel" from the Heartstone series.

Marilyn Kroenke read two short stories. The first was entitled, "Thanks, but No Thanks," where Marilyn's "three-ager" granddaughter, Sofia, refused to say the prayer before the meal. Marilyn's second story was called "Ann," Marilyn and her husband ran an insurance

agency and later found that their client, Ann, was a widow because her husband was shot along with another Mafia member and buried in a field.

Barb King read from her book "The Children in the Garden." Jillian's neighbors come over to help her start cleaning out everything from the hoarder's house she purchased. She finally learns why people feel the house is haunted.

Roseanne Sanderfoot read from her book "Out of the Fowler's Snare." When Roseanne is 15, her family moves to another town. She is devastated when people bully her by calling her "ugly largemouth bass." With the help of her faith, she is finally able to heal.

Shawano Area Writers meets the third Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. at the Shawano Public Library. The next meeting is April 21.

COLLEGE NOTES

Milwaukee School of Engineering

Benjamin Malliet, of Shawano, and Jack Stewart, of Hatley, were named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's honors list for the 2022 winter quarter. Malliet and Stewart are each pursuing a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned a GPA of 3.2 or higher out of 4.0 for this quarter are on the honors list.

Ripon College

Logan Zeinert, of Wittenberg, performed with the Ripon College Symphonic Wind Ensemble, under

the direction of Dr. Tobin Shucha, on April 10 at Ripon College.

Milwaukee School of Engineering

Milwaukee School of Engineering has recently announced its winter quarter 2022 dean's list. The following local students made the list:

- Shawano: Michael Teeter,

Christopher Teeter

- Pulaski: Benjamin Bruckert
- Bonduel: Grey Tubutis
- Tigerton: Ira Rudesill

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher out of 4.0 are on the dean's list.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Cantata tradition returns to Gillett

For the first time in three years, St. John's Lutheran Church in Gillett is ready to present an Easter cantata.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," written, arranged and orchestrated by Bradley Knight, is a 45-minute performance that includes many well-known Easter melodies and also some contemporary songs.

A cantata is a narrative piece of music for voices with instrumental accompaniment. The church was in the middle of rehearsing its 2020 Easter cantata when COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns were enforced that March.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" is scheduled to be presented at the church, 101 W. Main St., Gillett, on four occasions during the week following Easter. Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. April 19, April 21 and April 22, and 2 p.m. April 24.

As it has been for over 12 years, the ecumenical choir is composed of performers from all over the area representing many congregations. This season, singers are from St. Anne Parish (Lena), Our Redeemer Lutheran (Suring), St. Paul's Lutheran (Bonduel), Lena Seventh-day Adventist, Christ Lutheran (Hintz), St. John's Lutheran (Morgan), Mt. Olive Lutheran (Suring), St. John's Lutheran (Hayes), St. Michael's Catholic (Suring), Zion Lutheran (Marinette), St. John's Catholic (Gillett), Maple Valley Community (Suring), and St. John's Lutheran (Gillett).

The cantata features Micki Carlson, Brenda Danielson, John Darga, Judy Darga, Jason Fenendael, Jenny Fenendael, Anita Graziano, Phillip Heroux, Kurt Hicks, Maddy Holmes, Carol Jossie, Darlene Kapelke, Patti Konkle, Emily Limberg, Joe Quade, Daryl Schroeder, Patty Stabbe, Bonnie Tousey, Chique Tousey-Tabar, Mark Vorpahl, Wendy Vorpahl, Cathy Wocking, Sandy Wright, Doug Yahnke and Rick Zill. Wayne Strei directs, and Dan Wright is the sound technician.

There is no charge for admission, but a freewill offering will be accepted. A dessert reception will follow each performance.

Pilot program to aid child care workers

Two divisions within the Oconto County Health and Human Services Department are collaborating to provide education to the county's child care providers.



Students create art from sacrifice

Allison Krause, a fifth-grade student at Sacred Heart Catholic School, shows her interpretation of the 13th Station of the Cross, when Jesus is removed from his cross. Students used watercolors to create the warm color background and then made the silhouette of their chosen station out of black paper. Students were also asked to write a prayer to go with their station.

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The economic support division and public health division have created a program called Healthy Loving Environment, which is designed to support child care providers in their efforts to have safer, healthier spaces for Oconto County's children.

"The robust blend of knowledge between both departments brings diversity to the overall approach, outlook and information, as well as fresh and helpful insights shared via the HLE program," said Heather Ondik, economic support director. "In addition, the two divisions working collaboratively is a stellar way for the Oconto County Health and Human Services Department to provide concise, direct support to child care providers simul-

taneously across our county."

The program will educate child care providers about health hazards that could be present or could develop in child care homes and facilities and how to make healthy choices to help reduce those hazards.

"The environment children spend time in is important," Oconto County Health Officer Debra Konitzer said. "By keeping children's areas as healthy as possible, we are promoting positive effects on children's health now as well as later in life."

Healthy Loving Environment is a pilot program that begins in April and run for six months. Providers will be contacted by the county's child care coordinator to assist them

in signing up.

For information, call 920-834-7000.

The Shawano Community Middle School Band traveled down to the state capitol in Madison and filled it with sound during their free performance in the rotunda on March 24. The band, under the direction of Chad Bromeisl, performed in this year's Wisconsin Music Educators Association Capitol Concerts series.

SCMS band performs at capitol rotunda

Shawano School District Superintendent Randi Anderson noted that this was the first time the SCMS band was invited to perform at the rotunda.

"It was a huge honor, and they were absolutely amazing," Anderson said. "I had the opportunity to attend as a mom, and it was wonderful."

Anderson added that many in attendance told Bromeisl how well behaved the students were and also "how awesome they sounded."

The capitol concerts featured performances by students from schools throughout Wisconsin to celebrate Music in Our Schools Month. The events highlighted the importance of music education in schools across the nation by offering local students the opportunity to perform in the state capitol.

Prevea to give tips on parenting via Zoom

Welcoming a child into the world is a life-changing experience that presents different challenges and questions for all parents.

Dr. Shilpa Ullikashi, pediatrician at Prevea St. Mary's Health Center in Green Bay, will host a Zoom presentation at 6 p.m. April 26 to share parenting tips and what to expect in the first several months of a baby's life.

Topics presented will include newborn characteristics and skin conditions; medications, taking baby's temperature and when to call the doctor; swaddling; skin-to-skin; feeding baby — patterns, how much, etc.; sleeping; what your baby's cries mean; cleaning baby; crawling, walking and other milestones; and the importance of play.

Regardless of whether participants have been first-time parents, or it has been a few years since a baby was in the home, Prevea Pediatricians can help by answering and addressing infant care questions.

To register, go to www.prevea.com/events.

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GROUPTHINK: A group of get-togethers

by Fred Piscop

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 9 Loses for a while
 10 Follow, as advice
 11 What kings are called
 12 Get the picture
 13 Preposition in odes
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 15 Regretful comment
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 17 Herb in stuffing
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 23 Fireplace frame
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 27 Blue mood
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 97 Deck quartet
- 98 Flowing rock
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 100 Overly proper
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 110 Ornamental vase



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