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tells of family plans to get maple sap

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White buckets on maple trees show that it's maple syrup harvesting season once again in northeast Wisconsin.

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Shawano man becomes master cheese maker

Henn points to knowledge, experience as the reasons why he was selected

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Shawano resident Charles Henn was recently recognized for his work in cheese making.

Henn received an award for completing his training on becoming a master cheddar cheese maker on April 14 in Milwaukee.

Henn grew up in Shawano and said that he became interested in cheese making in college.

"I grew up on a dairy farm," said Henn. "I went to college at UW-River Falls. I had work study money and got a job working on the dairy plant on campus."

Henn said that he has worked in the cheese making industry for 21 years and walked through the process of how to become a master cheese maker, which includes applying to be in the master cheese making program.

"You have to obtain a cheese maker license — I did that in 2003," said Henn. "You then have to have your cheese maker license for 10 years before you can apply to get into the program."

He added that he also needed to take classes through the Center for Dairy Research (CDR) through the University of Wisconsin.

"You need to take two classes there before you can apply," said Henn. "Once you apply, they only accept a maximum of five people from the program a year."

According to Henn, once someone is accepted into the program, there are many more steps to complete.

"Once you get into the program, you have to do an oral exam, a plant visit and you have to spend roughly 3½ years working, where you submit cheese samples, take more classes and then take a written exam," said Henn.

Henn has been working on becoming a master cheese maker since he entered the profession.

"It is a lot of work, it took me 20 years to do it," said Henn.

He said that when he entered this profession, one of the goals that he wanted to accomplish was becoming a master cheese maker.

"I initially heard about the program when I took my cheese making



Shawano resident Charles Henn accepted an award for his completion on becoming a master cheese maker on April 14. Henn works for Agropur, a cheese plant in Weyauwega.

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class in college," said Henn. "They explained the program and I always thought that it would be nice to have that honor and get into that elite group. I always felt like I had the knowledge to do it."

Using his knowledge and meeting the requirements is what Henn points to as why he was one of five people in Wisconsin selected this year to receive the award.

"This program is pretty intense," said Henn. "You are still working while in the program and trying to support your family. I think I stood out though because of my knowledge and experience, as well as the work that I put into the program, including the oral and written exams."

He added that, with only five people being selected a year from this program, there were times where he was denied from being accepted into the program.

"The first time that I tried to get in, I did not meet all of the require-

ments," said Henn. "I was missing a class with the CDR."

With this being one of his professional goals, Henn said that it is a great feeling to complete this program.

"I feel great about it," said Henn. "I am very happy that I got into the program and passed it."

Henn completed the program and was given the award as a master cheese maker with cheddar cheese. He is now looking at becoming a master cheese maker with other cheeses.

"My current plans is in Weyauwega for Agropur — we make cheddar and feta — now I am going to put in my time towards feta cheese and try to become a master cheese maker of feta," said Henn.

He called this award recognition for the hard work that he has put in for the last two decades.

"Everyone in my organization have been giving me so many congratulations," said Henn. "All the way

up to really high vice presidents have reached out. It has been so positive. Agropur has been such a great company for me. I have only been at the company for six years and three and half were spent with this program."

Throughout the last 20 years, Henn said that he has learned a couple of things about himself.

"Cheese has really changed my life," said Henn. "I was a part of a group in college who went to China, where we made cheese out of yak's milk. Just that whole experience changed my life. Before that I wasn't really open to trying new foods. Now I will try anything."

Henn ended giving advice to those who are trying to become a master cheese maker.

"My biggest thing is put in the hard work," said Henn. "If you want to move up, you need to put in that hard work."

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Bessette plants education seeds in youngsters

Kohl grant recipient finds her calling with special education

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

An elementary school teacher in Clintonville is one of the latest to receive a Herb Kohl Teaching Fellowship Award.

Suzzann Bessette teaches early childhood special education students at Rexford-Longfellow Elementary School and recently received a \$6,000 grant from the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation. The Clintonville Public School District also received a matching grant.

Bessette is originally from Bowler; graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point; and lives in Shawano with her husband, Ryan, and their children, Luella and Stetson.

Bessette is one of 100 teachers from throughout Wisconsin to receive the award.

According to the foundation, the award is given to “educators who have been chosen for their superior ability to inspire a love of learning in their students, their ability to motivate others and their leadership and service within and outside the classroom.”

Bessette is in her fifth year in the district after six years as a 4K and early childhood special education teacher in Gillett. She received the award April 6.

“I can’t even begin to describe the rush of emotions that I experienced upon receiving the award,” she said. “The support that has been given from my family and friends, coworkers and the Gillett and Clintonville community is unbelievable.”

“I feel like this award is a huge step for special education,” she said. “All too often, special education teachers work behind the scenes and although our talents are celebrated in our district, they aren’t typically recognized at a state level. To feel validated, supported and acknowledged by the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation is truly an honor.”

Bessette’s passion for education stemmed from working with Special Olympics athletes.

“My mom was the agency manager for a local Special Olympics team,” Bessette said. “I found that I loved coaching the athletes in various sports, so I pursued a degree in education. When I accepted my position in Gillett, I got teaching experience in both a general and special education setting.”

“While there, I worked closely with this amazing little girl and her family,” she said. “Together, we had the opportunity to laugh, cry, celebrate success and navigate obstacles and it was in that moment that I knew I wanted to focus solely on special education.”

Bessette focuses her teaching energy on special needs students.

“I work with children in all types of environments such as Rexford-Longfellow elementary and 4K classrooms, Head Start, local childcare settings and families’ homes,” she said. “I find so much joy



Suzzann Bessette works with Dante Winters, Riley Hedtke and Isaac Achterberg, three of her 4-year-old kindergarten students in her Rexford-Longfellow Elementary School classroom in Clintonville. She recently received a \$6,000 grant award from the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation.

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getting to know students, their families and other teachers who are involved in their education.”

The job is rewarding in several ways, according to Bessette.

“Without hesitation, watching my students succeed and grow is at the top of the list,” she said. “The relationships I have developed with families and organizations in the community is also vital and the companionship and friendships that have been created since I started teaching will last a lifetime.”

Bessette said she has been able to make a difference in her students’ lives.

“I not only want to make an impact with the students I work with, but so much of my teaching philosophy is based on family involvement,” she said. “I can only hope that I leave a positive lasting impression with the families I encounter.”

“I am often the first person from the district that families meet as their child is referred for special education, so navigating those situations with understanding, acceptance and support is incredibly important. I always inform parents that when necessary, I will advocate for their child and their education. I hope that the students and families I work with feel valued, encouraged and safe. I feel like making a positive connection between home and school is vital for the success of all.”

Bessette said several teachers inspired her as a student.

“My first-grade teacher, Gloria Steinberg, showed me unconditional love as my mom battled cancer,” she said. “My ag teacher/FFA adviser, Jerry Ashenbrenner, helped me find my voice and confidence through public speaking, and my college adviser, Yomi Ogunnaike-Lafe, is deeply passionate about education and her lessons on social-emotional learning and family involvement helped create the foundation upon which I have built my teaching career.”

Bessette said opportunities have made her the teacher she is today.

“I honestly feel that I am the educator I am today because of the opportunities I have been given and the team I work with,” she said. “Without my coworkers’ support and trust from administration, I would not be nearly as confident in my skills as a special education teacher.”

“I also have had endless encouragement from my family, especially on the days where I feel defeated and overwhelmed. They remind me of my true calling as an educator.”

Bessette isn’t sure what she’ll do with her grant money.

“My daughter is convinced we need to take a trip to Disney World, but I haven’t made any plans on how I will spend the funds,” she said. “I’d like to give back to organizations that support children with special needs and maybe splurge a little on myself and my family.”

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Tapping maple trees turns into adventure

Serene and miraculously changing every season, our woodland holds year-round wonders. We've harvested not only deer and turkeys, but also wood, making our farmhouse cozy as toast. It's a multi-dimensional hunk of land we've been blessed to be the caretaker of. Turns out we get one more dimension out of it.

"Let's tap some trees," says he. My stomach dropped, eyes widened.

"Huh? What exactly are you pondering?" Thinking I'll let him down slowly.

"I'm sick of making wood, and we have maples on the ridge. I don't wanna stick pails on the trees halfway up the hill, just those we can get at without too much trouble."

Four-wheeling around one day, we strolled along the soggy ridge, still decorated with winter's blah, the moss-covered rounded stones, slick. Our ridge is at the edge of the field adjacent to the woods. He pointed out maples.

"There's one, there's one, here's two, three, four; there's another three, four." There were enough for me to get a pretty good picture of exactly what he had in mind.

We (yes, I agreed) decided to tap 60 trees and instead of cooking it down, sell the sap. With zero supplies, we started shopping. Our adventure had begun. Perusing Marketplace, discovered pails in Cecil. Driving to Birnamwood, bought taps at Sippl's. In Iola, purchased two 275-gallon white totes enclosed inside strong metal cases. We bought a strainer plus a calf pail at Fleet. The pail was for my benefit, as when he'd haul those full five-gallon pails to our trailer which held our totes, I'd pour it into the calf pail to easily hoist that through the strainer on the top of the totes.

Our overhead added up. We didn't wanna add it up. Ignorance is bliss. We had a trailer hauled by our tractor, plus our ATV with a bed on the back for transporting supplies.

One sunny day, promising good sap running in the future, saw us drill 60 holes in maples on the ridge. We wore short sleeves and no coat. Spring is here. (We were duped.) We brought a cordless drill, hammer, pails and an opti-



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mistic attitude, which duplicating the upcoming weather trend, would fluctuate greatly. Coming home that late afternoon, our countenance pumped up; we were in our beloved woods, we are gonna help feed people. This is great. We rubbed our hands together with glee, patting ourselves on the back, eager to harvest sap.

First harvest brought a whopping 44 gallons. Our buyer was sympathetic; this was a lousy year so far. While it tested out very well, the quantity, not so much. We weren't in this to make money, that was quite obvious, nor had it been our intent. We just wanted to get out in the woods. One day after the sap had frozen, chunking off a clear icicle, it tasted sweet as sugar cane. The sap was good, just solid.

That day, we had thought we could gather but the sap was trapped under a frozen layer of ice. The weathermen forecasted all-day rain coming, so to save what was good we stopped at every tap, covering each pail with a sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil.

One day in March after a particularly hard freeze and after some warmth that day, we decided to see what was going on out there. My husband started out in the tractor, hauling our trailered totes, me following in our ATV. Heading just down the lane going up to the woods, I noticed the tractor start to slide, then watched in horror as he kept sliding.

There's a spring under the middle of the lane and because it had frozen, a 4-foot-wide ice pond formed, sloping downhill. The trailer followed the tractor, sliding sideways, and jackknifed down an incline. I hollered my husband's name so loud my throat hurt. Helplessly watching him slide slow motion sideways in a big cab tractor was dreadful.

Hightailing it back to the farm to get another tractor and chain, we drove in from a different angle. Backing up to the site, we hooked the chain on. I had to drive the tractor pulling the tractor/trailer out.



Trying to get sap out of maple trees when there is still snow and ice is not the easiest effort in the world, as NEW Media columnist Kay Reminger and her husband discovered trying to tap trees on their farm for the first time.

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Shaking, I prayed, "Father, You'll have to do this because I cannot." Immediately, a sense of peace came over me, and I settled into a resolve.

It came out after two attempts. Relief and thankfulness flooded us both; he later admitted he was shaking, too. No machinery was broken, the trailer was in one piece and so were we. Thank you, God.

After an extremely disappointing early season, the sap started running, and it took off. A turnaround! First of April brought warm temps in the day, freezing at night, which is ideal, despite the mud. Pulling taps third week in April, all-in-all a

great experience, one we'll repeat next year, Lord willing.

Then says he one day, "You know ... there are a bunch of wild blackberries out there." Oh-oh.

Thank you, Father, for the harvest gifts from your woods.

("While the earth remains, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." Genesis 8:22)

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 Leopold. 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.



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Verses, values echoed in Menominee poetry

A nation's stories convey what it values. April is National Poetry Month in the United States, and for many people, the thought of versed lines evokes images of a raven or roads not taken. Yet, in each of those images the narrator is clearly a singular voice. Edgar Allan Poe's raven tapping "at my chamber door," and Robert Frost's lone traveler conveys that "long I stood" before the fork in the road. America's stories are often about the individual and not the collective.

One of the privileges of teaching at the College of Menominee Nation is sharing the poetry the tribe has produced. Beyond the beauty of the natural imagery and the precision of the meter, there are messages that echo across the generations — the poetry speaks for the Menominee nation or Native people as a whole and not from the perspective of one person. The verses affirm the knowledge connected to land and the beliefs of the Omaeqnomenaewak — the Menominee people.

In 1929, tribal member William J. Kershaw published "Joseph Fights No More," discussing the end of combat for the "Nez Perce Chief Joseph (1840-1904). Kershaw em-



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bodied the man who won fame for his skilled resistance to the U.S. Army before surrendering in 1877. Although the poem depicts the scene of the famed laying down of arms, it changes the chief's often cited line of "I will fight no more forever" to one that speaks on behalf of the collective.

Kershaw wrote, "We have fought our last fight, my brave hearted warriors / The land we defended is ours no more / To a stranger we yield the home of our sires / And our vanished hopes like a dream that is o'er."

While Kershaw's fictionalized words are equal in melancholia to Joseph's actual speech, it resonates as a singular voice for a group of people who speak of the land as their "mother" whom they hope is not assaulted but instead continues to sustain them. He prays, "We ask Thee, Great Spirit, to keep her and bless her / And make her forever the home of the free."

The same year, another Menomi-

nee poet published the tribe's connection to the natural land that has always sustained their people. Gust-ah-yah-she's "The Indian's Plea" is a request to protect the tribe's homeland and waters. The poem's conclusion speaks to the Menominee hope that the dams are not built and the tribal connections to the unaltered land can remain. "Why can't we have something that we can enjoy, / Oh! Leave it as God made it—do not destroy, / The light from our wigwams has passed as the day, / Now please do not take our waters away."

In the 1940s, a poem attributed to an "Anonymous" Menominee read much like its predecessors in recognizing the beauty and inspiration of the Menominee homeland since time immemorial. "Thus they dwelt for generations, in their own dear native land, / From sea to sea an earthly eden, with fish and game at every hand. / Countless birds sang in the forest, anthems rang from all the trees, / And wild flowers in profusion, scented every wind and breeze. / Paradise-or much the same-long before the white man came."

The most famous Menominee poet has been publishing since the

1980s and is often featured in anthologies. Known simply as Chrystos, one of this famed poet's quoted verses continues to exude the resilience of her people as knowledge—"They have our bundles split open in museums / our dresses and shirts at auctions / our languages on tape / our stories in locked rare book libraries / our dances on film / The only part of us they can't steal / is what we know."

Earlier this month the Menominee Indian School District's \$35 million referendum was approved by the voters. The upshot is that the Menominee Nation will be building a new high school on their beautiful homeland that will continue to amplify tribal voices while affirming the values of their people.

While it is far too early to read the verses inspired in these future classrooms, I am certain the poems the next generation of Menominee poets' produces will echo the beliefs of their tribal ancestors — speaking not to the value of thinking solely as an individual but rather as part of a collective.

Ryan Winn teaches communications, English and theater at the College of Menominee Nation. Visit www.menominee.edu for more information about the school.

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ducted by a team of doctors from many prestigious institutes, including Mayo Clinic and Stanford University Medical Center, tested 400 patients with steroid injections or placebo and found no difference for pain or function between the groups at any point in time. In fact, researchers in this study published in the New England Journal of Medicine concluded that steroid injections are not helpful even for temporary relief of pain.

Not only are steroid injections ineffective, they also are associated with numerous potential adverse

reactions. Although the vast majority of these are minor and transient in nature, serious complications, including nerve damage, paralysis, strokes and death, may also result. In 2012, an outbreak of fungal meningitis from spinal injections killed 64 people and sickened 751. Recently, medical researchers have identified a new serious adverse event: epidural steroids increase the risk of fracture and osteoporosis 20% with each injection.

In another study published in the Annals of Internal Medicine, researchers compared the results of spinal decompression surgery and exercise therapy. The study found that surgery was not better than exercise therapy at any point time during the 2-year follow-up period. Moreover, adverse events for

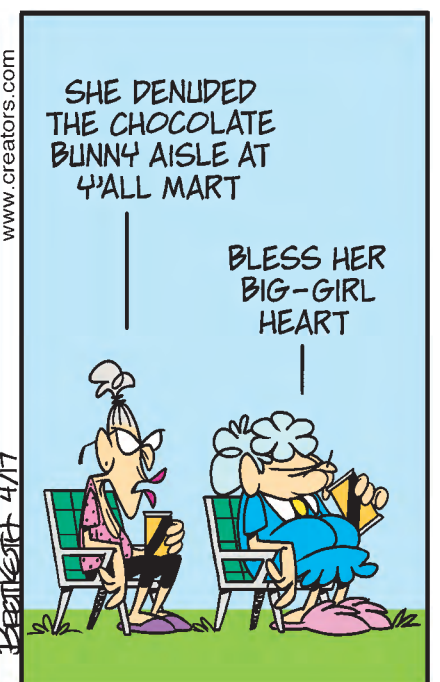
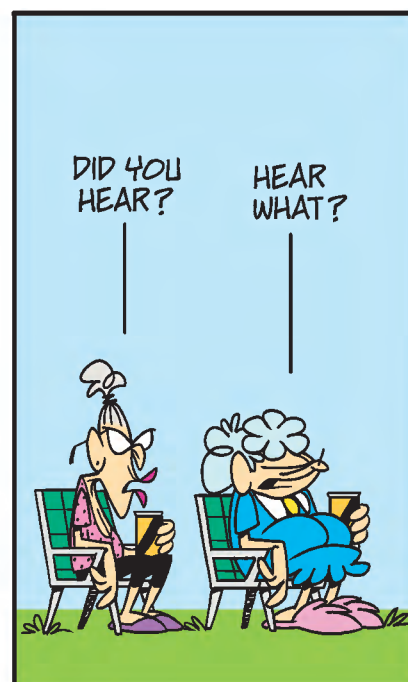
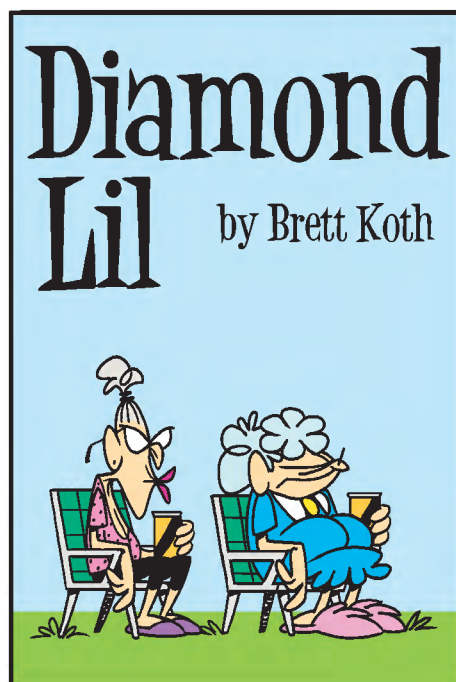
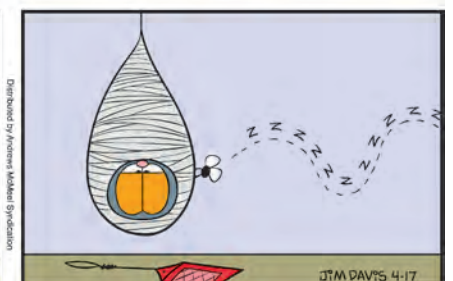
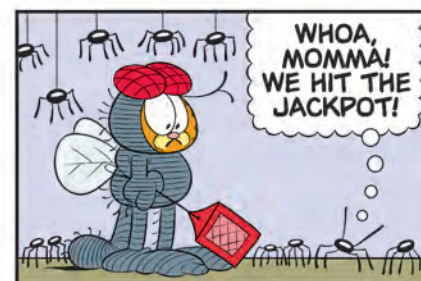
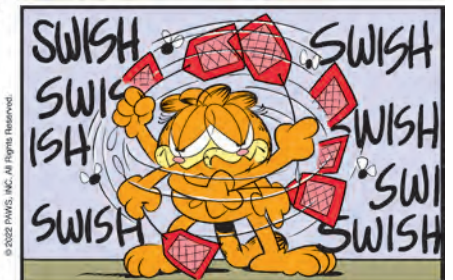
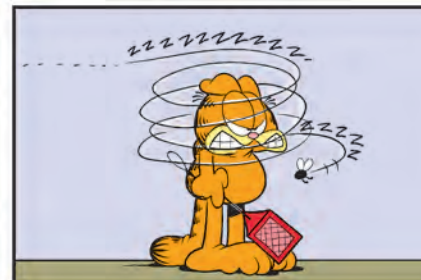
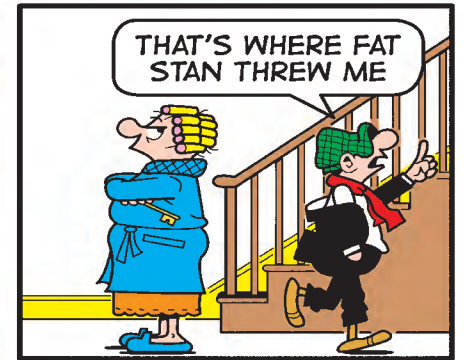
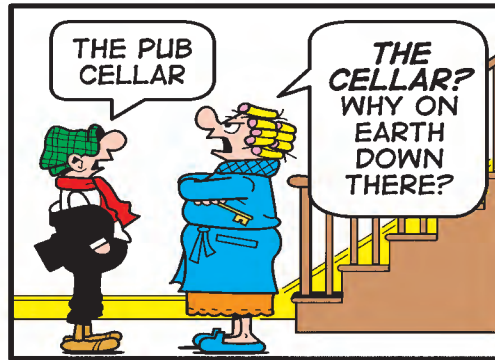
stenosis surgery can be serious and not infrequent (30-day mortality greater than 0.3%, cardiopulmonary complications or stroke greater than 2.1%, rehospitalization greater than 7.8%, reoperation rate 22.9%). The take-home message is that six weeks of prescribed exercise therapy is just as effective as surgery, with no serious adverse events.

Patients and health care providers should engage in shared decision-making conversations that include full disclosure of the evidence on steroid injections, surgery and nonsurgical treatments for spinal stenosis.

Dr. Brian Grieves is a Doctor of Chiropractic with a Master's in Public Health and a member of the Shawano Community Health Action Team. Call 715-524-8722 for more information.

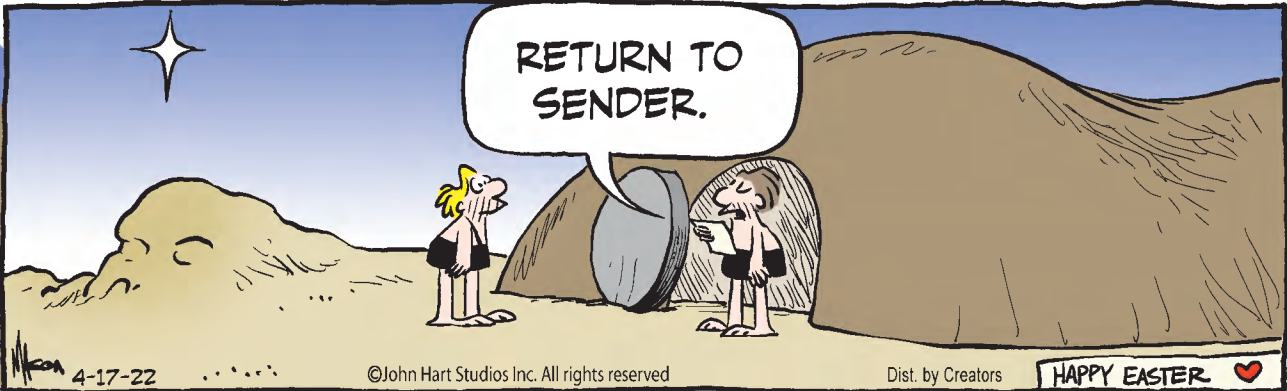
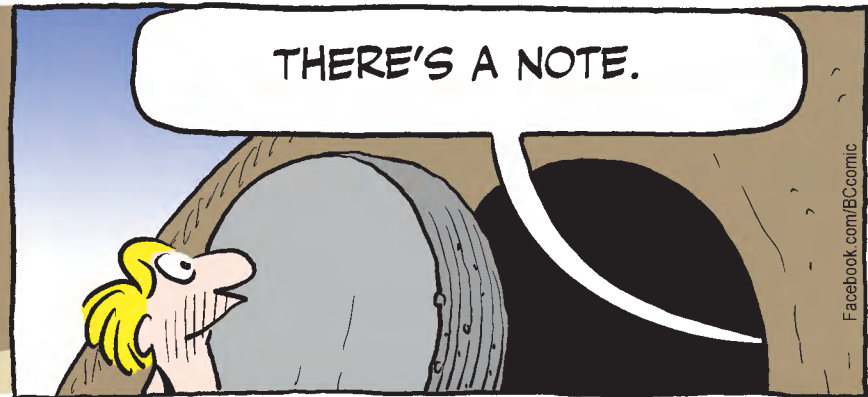
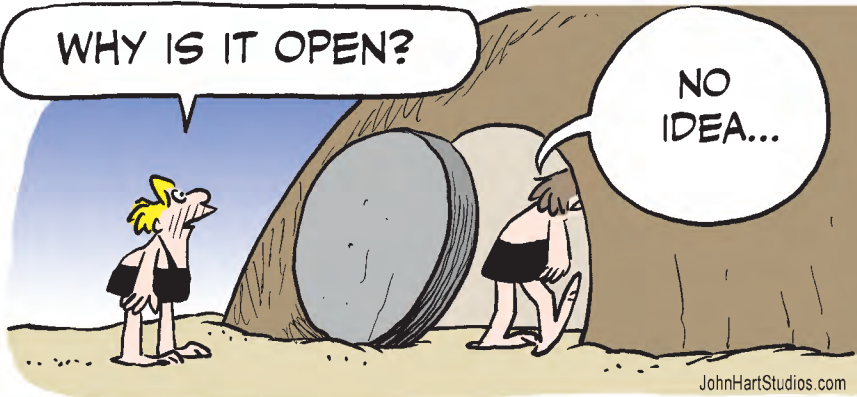
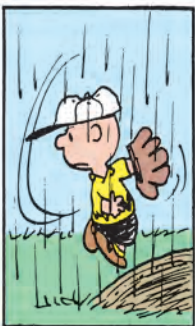
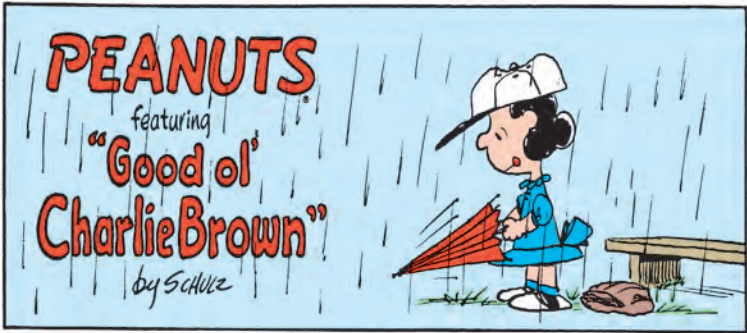
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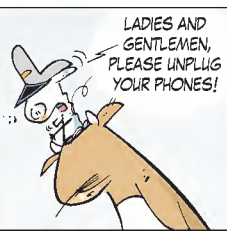
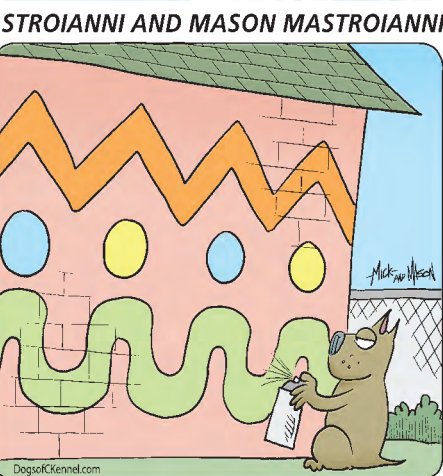
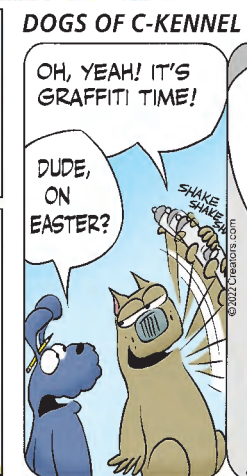
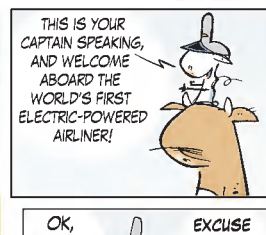
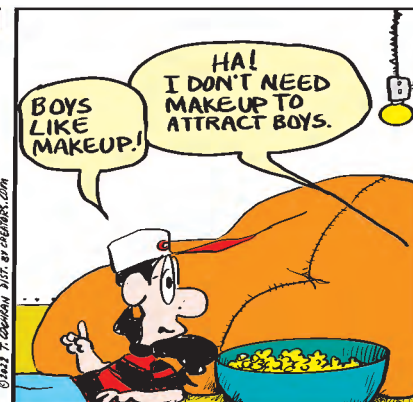
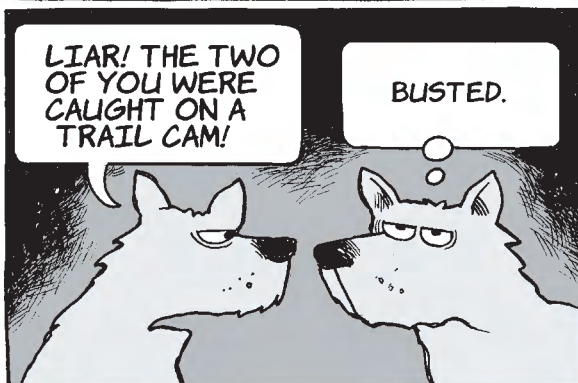
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CLUB NOTES



The Bizi-Belles Home and Community Education Club recently presented a wood flag to the Town of Belle Plaine. Shown with the flag are, from left, front row, Ruth Pahlow, Verdel Krueger and Mae Retzlaff; back row, Sandy Smith, Kris Vomastic, Mary Zahn, Miriam Durkey, Barb Riesenberg, Cory Retzlaff, Judy Ann Pahlow and Alvin Bartz.

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Northwoods Quilters

The Northwoods Quilters held their Biennial Quilt Show April 2-3 at the Marinette Rec Center. Vendors were selling sewing notions, material, sewing machines and barn quilts. There was also a boutique with handmade items for sale and attic treasures with used items at super savings. Mini raffle had over 30 smaller baskets with a wide variety from a homemade doll bed with miniature quilt and doll to wine and cheese. A bed turning was offered along with hourly demos.

Over 250 quilted items were on display for viewing. Winners were: king category, Donna Miller, Dixie Thoyre and Roxann Mosure; queen/double, Donna Miller, Kathy Shepro and Sandy DeBruin; twin, Jinny Ruleau, Sandy DeBruin and Donna Miller; crib/lap, Nancy Meetz, Laurie Landree and Kathy Shepro; wall hanging/table runners, Laurie Landree, Kathy Shepro and Peggy Schroud; and bags/purses: Wanda Carlson, Kathy Shepro and Sheryl Schroud.

Judging were Chris Kinderman, Cindy Moore and Tammy Walters. Viewers' Choice Award went to Pam Bonner with her king-sized "Grandmother's Dishes" quilt.

There were over 30 winners of smaller items with the grand prize of a queen size quilt going to Linda Stewart of Menominee.

Northwoods Quilters is proud to serve our community. This is our only fundraiser held every other year. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Rescue Squad and the homeless shelter. Remaining funds are used to purchase supplies to make quilts for other



Linda Stewart of Menominee, Michigan, wins the Northwoods Quilters' queen-sized raffle quilt at the recent quilt show at the Marinette Rec Center.

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organizations' fundraisers and to help people suffering great loss.

Anyone wishing to request a quilt should send a written request to Northwoods Quilters, P.O. Box 658, Marinette, WI 54143.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Nu Chapter

Jenny Hangartner, library project chairwoman, reported this year's grant recipients during Nu Chapter's April meeting held at the Clintonville High School instructional media center. Libraries for Rexford-Longfellow Elementary School in Clintonville and Bonduel High



Clintonville School District Library Media Specialist Amanda Hill, surrounded by students from Rexford-Longfellow Elementary School, was one of the recipients of a \$200 grant from Delta Kappa Gamma, Nu Chapter.

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School each received a \$200 grant. Two different school libraries throughout Waupaca and Shawano counties receive the grant on a rotating basis each year.

Kathy Akey, Marge Wichmann and Faith Webster attended and judged events during the Wisconsin Educators Rising Annual Summit held at UW-Stevens Point on March 2. One hundred forty students from 19 schools attended the summit. Among the many individual and team competitive events were public speaking, job interview, lesson plan and delivery, impromptu speaking, impromptu lesson, ethical dilemma, and many more. Thirteen students will represent Wisconsin during the national summit held in Washington, D.C.

Educators Rising Wisconsin is a network of students, teachers, and education leaders aiming to inform and inspire young people to pursue a career in education. Educators Rising Wisconsin allows students in grades 9-12 to explore careers in education, an important step in preparing quality teachers for tomorrow's schools. Phi Delta Kappa is the national sponsor, and WEAC is the state coordinator.

Nu Chapter donated \$250 along with a Wisconsin State Organization \$250 grant to the summit.

Bizi-Belles Home and Community Education

The Bizi-Belles Home and Community Education Club presented a wood flag with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Town of Belle Plaine in commemoration of the 45 years of service by the club to the

community. The flag will be displayed at the town hall. Bizi-Belles was organized on Jan. 31, 1977, with 10 charter members living in the Belle Plaine township. Membership changed over the years. Now 45 years later, there are eight members, and the expanded boundary includes the Pella township.

During 45 years as a club, Bizi-Belles continued to carry on the tradition of giving to improve community and family living. Giving of their time and donations to the following: Book Worms project for children in the Head Start Program, hand-made pillows and quilts for the Early Childhood Program, BIBS safety program, made blanket carriers for Shawano Hospital's newborns. Donations went to Wee Care Food Pack program, Toys for Tots, Dollars for Scholars, and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

They volunteered at Bike the Barn Quilt Ride, assisted with monetary donations to members and families in the community to help them with their medical or disaster expenses. Other donations were to the Cloverleaf Lakes boat landing improvement project, Shawano County Sheriff's Department for the Jaws of Life and SOS K-9, Shawano Area Matthew 25, Safe Haven, Shawano Area Food Pantry and Resource Center, Veterans Home at King, Fisher House Wisconsin for veterans, Kathy House Milwaukee, the CP telethon, and to local health care centers.

Club Notes are a service provided by NEW Media to keep the community informed on what local organizations are doing. Organizations interested in sending news about what they're involved with can contact NEW Media at news@newmedia-wi.com.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Deacon provides seder to Sacred Heart students

Deacon Jim Lonick of Sacred Heart Parish in Shawano celebrated a traditional seder with the second-grade students April 8 at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

The seder is a meal that Jews celebrate during the holiday of Passover every spring. The holiday lasts for eight days and nights. On the first two nights of Passover, a special meal called a seder is held. At the seder, families and friends sit around the table and read the story of Moses leading the Jewish people from Egypt. Symbolic foods are served at the seder, and some are featured on a special seder plate.

One of the most important Passover foods is matzoh, which is a flat, cracker-like bread. According to the Passover story, when the Jews were granted their freedom, they left Egypt in such a hurry there was no time for the bread to rise; this is how matzoh was first made.

Lonick presented the students with the story, as well as with the food traditionally seen at a seder — roasted/hard boiled egg, matzoh, shank bone, apple and nut mix, horseradish, green vegetables and parsley. Red wine is traditionally served as well, but Lonick substituted juice for the students.

ASPI auditioning for 'The Foreigner'

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. is holding auditions for "The Foreigner" from 6-8:30 p.m. April 26-27 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams.

Mike Eserkahn, the artistic director of Comedy City in De Pere, will direct the ASPI summer comedy. "The Foreigner" is a funny, two-act comedy by American playwright Larry Shue, who also wrote "The Nerd."

The show will be presented June 16-19 and June 23-26 at the theater.

Actors will have two opportunities to auditions: anytime from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, or Wednesday, April 27, at the Nancy Byng Community Theater. Everyone auditioning will be asked to do a short reading from the play. No prep is necessary.

Virtual auditions are available for those unable to audition in person. To schedule a virtual audition or for information, call 920-826-5852, email



Deacon Jim Lonick of Sacred Heart Parish in Shawano explains the significance of the Jewish Passover seder to Sacred Heart Catholic School second-grade students, from left, Livvy Grignon, Anahkosaeh Grignon, Emily Ciboski and McKayla Anderson.

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theater.aspi@gmail.com or visit abramsspotlightproductions.com.

Arbor Day celebration planned at animal park

The city of Shawano will celebrate Arbor Day on April 27 at 10 a.m. at the Animal Recreation Park located on Jaycee Court.

Members of the tree advisory committee and city officials will recognize Friend of Nature Award winners Jeff and Marlene Bowman located at 814 W. Wescott St. and the Shawano Ambulance Service located at 220 N. Main St as this year's award recipients.

The Friend of Nature Awards are given annually to individuals and businesses who have shown leadership and commitment to improving their properties by planting and protecting trees and landscape plants. The plantings on these properties enhance the natural qualities of the properties for improved natural beauty, improved air quality, improved stormwater runoff, and by providing shade, aesthetics, and bird habitat.

Fourth and fifth grade students

from Olga Brener Intermediate School, St. James Lutheran School and Sacred Heart Catholic Schools will attend and receive a tree seedling to be planted. The tree seedlings have been donated by the state Department of Natural Resources to help promote Arbor Day and to help instill a greater appreciation for the benefits of trees in young people.

Shawano is celebrating 28 years as a Tree City USA national member, 19 years as a Tree Line USA award recipient and 10 years receiving the Growth Award.

4 Witt-Birn students medal at state forensics

Four members of the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School forensics team received medals after the state competition April 9 at DeForest High School.

Alex Centeno earned a perfect score and a gold medal for his informative speech on bitcoin.

Taylor Bergner earned a silver medal on her public address speech on to what extent, if any, should the government support renewable energies.

Jessica Storlie earned a silver medal on her prose reading of an excerpt from George Orwell's novel "1984."

Jalynn Horacek earned a 23 on her farrago presentation, which was based around the Greek goddess, Persephone.

Those who perform at state and receive a perfect score of 25 earn a gold medal. Those who score 24-23 earn silver medals for their performances.

Gillett Lions Club serving up spaghetti

The Gillett Lions Club is having its annual spaghetti dinner in conjunction with the opening of the community's ATV weekend from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 7. Locals will be able to drive up and take home their meals at Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie Ave., Gillett.

The spaghetti will include a choice of sauce with or without meat. The dinner includes garlic bread, salad and dessert. The cost per meal is \$8.50.

Advanced orders will be taken, starting April 24, at 920-598-0074.

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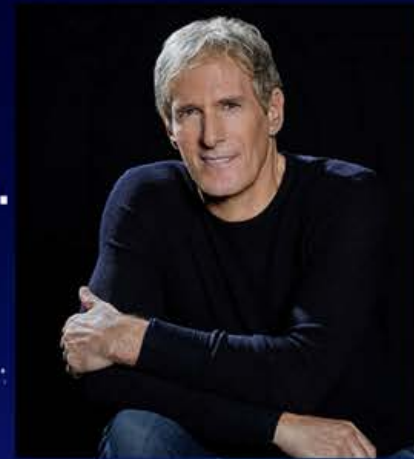
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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



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MAY 6

In April, every 30 points earned on your Players Card receives one entry into the Grand Prize drawing held on Monday, May 30th. Customer appreciation party coming May 19, 2022.



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