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Local libraries showcase student artwork during March

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Paintings by Oconto Middle School students adorn the walls of Farnsworth Public Library in Oconto. A reception was held March 9 kicking off Youth Art Month at the Oconto Falls Community Library.

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Middle school details begin to take shape

Additional referendum projects heading out for bid

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

The Oconto Falls School Board got a sneak peek March 13 at the secure entrance improvements planned this summer at the district's two elementary schools and the high school.

The improvements were approved in November at the same time voters OK'd building a new middle school to replace aging Washington Middle School.

Russ Schumacher of Nexus Solutions and Superintendent Dean Hess walked the board through floor plans for the improvements, which involve making visitors report to the main office to be vetted before being allowed into the building.

Changes at Abrams Elementary School will involve the most work, Schumacher said, including the addition of a secure vestibule near the entrance and relocating the principal's office.

Hess said he was asked during the referendum campaign whether the schools already have secure entrances, and the answer is that they have electronic access, which is slightly different.

"The way it is now is somebody can walk up to those doors, they talk to someone in the main office,

then they are buzzed in, they walk through those doors and now they have access to the whole building," Hess said. "We're creating a situation where when they get buzzed in, they have to come into that main office to be further vetted."

The bid process is just beginning and takes about a month, with money coming from the \$37.6 million in bonds being issued as a result of the referendum, Schumacher said.

Most of the funds are being used for the new middle school, but the initiative also includes the secure entrances and roof repair and replacement to the district's three other school buildings.

The entrances and roof repair at Abrams and Oconto Falls High School are scheduled for this summer, and the roof of Oconto Falls Elementary School is to be done in the summer of 2024. The delay at OFES is because summer school is held there, and waiting a year gives the district time to figure out the logistics of the 2024 summer school, Hess said.

Schumacher also gave the board an early look at plans for the middle school, which is projected as a two-story building, including a larger gymnasium than originally proposed — more than 9,000 square feet as opposed to the about 7,500-square-

foot facility envisioned during the campaign.

Recent tours of other newly built middle school facilities led the design team — a group that includes school and community members — to recommend more room to accommodate spectators and two cross-courts in addition to the main basketball court, he said.

Additional conversations are in progress about the details of the various aspects of the building's interior, along with how the building looks from the outside, Schumacher said.

"We had initial shot with the design team, they want us to go back to the drawing board in a few areas, and we'll bring that back again," he told the board. "So hopefully a month from now we'll be able to share with you an updated, more fleshed-out floor plan, elevations and site drawings, and then after you've had a chance to look at them, comment on it, we'll hold a public session to get the public's input on it."

Hess emphasized the public has plenty of time to give feedback on the design of the school, which is projected for a fall 2025 opening.

"It's starting to take shape, but it's important to note that it's the beginning," he said.

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DEAN HESS, Oconto Falls School District superintendent

Lena announces 4K registration now open

The Lena School District has announced its 4-year-old kindergarten registration for the 2023-24 school year is open.

Children must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 and must be a district

resident or have an open enrollment application completed and approved.

The Lena 4K program runs half-days, five days per week, with morning and afternoon sessions. Transportation with school vans can provided

for the morning kids to be dropped off or afternoon kids to be picked up from home or a daycare, provided the address is in the district.

For information, call the school at 920-829-5959, ext. 3.

Man sentenced in fatal 2012 crash gets another year in county jail

Bosacki has been confined since August for a parole violation

By WARREN BLUHM
Editor-in-chief

A man involved in a fatal crash a decade ago is spending another year in county jail after the Department of Corrections revoked what remained of his probation.

A teenage girl died and two friends riding in the back seat were seriously hurt when Brandon Bosacki lost control of the car and crashed on Oak Orchard Road in Pensaukee in June 2012.

In July 2013, Oconto County Judge Michael Judge sentenced Bosacki, now 31, to a total of 11 years under state supervision: three years in prison and five years of extended supervision for the death of Jamie Bialozynski, 17, of Abrams, followed by another three years of probation for the injuries to the other passengers.

The state Department of Corrections revoked Bosacki's probation

last August, with less than a year to go before completing his sentence, after an incident in De Pere that involved heavy drinking and an allegation of unwanted sexual contact.

Bosacki was back in Judge's courtroom on March 8 to be sentenced for the parole violation. Judge accepted a recommendation that he serve 12 more months in jail, including the 191 days he has already spent in the Brown County Jail.

The hearing began with a statement from one of the surviving victims, who said she has had to deal with depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and lingering physical issues for more than 10 years.

"Being the victim in this case has been torture," she said. "After 10 years I have to relive and open up old wounds because you choose to still make terrible decisions."

Richard Zoellner, the new Oconto County assistant district attorney, told Judge that Bosacki proved unable to successfully complete the terms of his probation.

"The allegation in this case that's the basis for the revocation is very serious; it's alleging sexual assault against Mr. Bosacki," Zoellner said.

On the other hand, Zoellner noted that after reviewing the al-

legations, Brown County declined to file charges, and family members sent letters attesting to Bosacki's character to the court in advance of the hearing.

"Mr. Bosacki has been a well-regarded, functioning member of the community and very supportive to his family," he said, "but as we heard a few minutes ago, his actions from back in 2012 still affect individuals to this day."

Defense attorney Greg A. Petit said Bosacki is "sincerely remorseful for what happened when he was 20 years of age" and followed all of the conditions of his sentence for nearly the whole term.

"He didn't do anything wrong on probation. All restitution, all fines are paid in full, every cent," Petit said. "He is not some reckless 20-year-old as he sits here today."

That said, Petit joined Zoellner in recommending the one-year jail term, with Huber work-release privileges and credit for time served.

Given a chance to speak before sentencing, Bosacki said he had tried to follow the rules, not cause problems, and be a productive citizen.

"I would like the opportunity to go back to being a productive citizen and try to move on from what happened 10 years ago," he said tearfully.

Judge recognized the victim who had spoken as he began to impose sentence.

"We all realize, the court realizes that regardless of what the sentence was for Mr. Bosacki, it hasn't

resolved much as far as the victim is concerned," he said, and to the victim, "You are probably carrying your mental and physical injuries you sustained for the rest of your life, and I'm sorry, but I can't fix it, regardless of what I do for Mr. Bosacki. Quite frankly, I thought I addressed it back in 2013."

Bosacki will also live with the consequences of his actions — anyone can look at court records and see what he did, the judge said.

In terms of how he has attempted to atone for his actions, Judge said his probation agent reported Bosacki has been compliant with all requirements, had no rule violations, never missed an appointment, lived with his parents since his release from prison, and maintained full-time employment.

"Frankly, everything is on the positive side that I reviewed," he said. "It appears Mr. Bosacki is making an attempt to be a normal, ordinary, responsible person in our community, and the court gives him credit for that."

Bosacki was convicted of being negligent, not intentionally harming anyone, Judge said.

"This not a re-sentencing of what occurred in 2012, this is a hearing to consider whether this defendant violated the terms of his probation to such a degree that he deserves to serve additional confinement time," he said.

Judge then imposed the recommended sentence.

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Gillett schools evacuated after bomb threat

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Gillett schools were evacuated for more than three hours March 8 after a bomb threat was called into Gillett Elementary School.

Police Chief Shane Breitenbach said the "vague" call was received around 7:40 a.m. and did not specify a time or location. Both the elementary and secondary schools were evacuated and students moved to locations off campus while multiple agencies conducted a thorough search, Breitenbach said.

"No suspicious persons, items or

activities were observed," he said.

Students and staff were allowed back into the buildings at 11 a.m., and the case remains under investigation.

Gillett, Suring and Lena police, Oconto County sheriff's deputies, the Brown County K9 Explosive Detection Units, Gillett Area Ambulance, and the city of Gillett and Town of Underhill fire departments all responded to the incident. The Oconto County Highway Department also assisted.

Breitenbach and school officials thanked the participating emergency services for their assistance.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of March 10

• Austin J. Hoffman, 18, Suring, pleaded no contest to child abuse recklessly causing harm, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 7. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for May 9 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

• After a preliminary hearing George Gardea-Eagle, 33, Oconto Falls, was bound over and pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 23. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for April 13.

Proceedings of March 9

• Amy M. Harris, 36, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor possession of THC, in connection with an incident that occurred July 5. The charge was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Conley sentenced Harris to 10 days in the county jail with good time and Huber work-release privileges.

• Kevin D. Damp, 39, Shawano, pleaded no contest to the manufacture and delivery of fentanyl, in connection

with an incident that occurred July 24. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for May 9 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

• Ethan Paul Miller, 20, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to second-degree sexual assault of a child in connection with an incident that occurred Sept. 14. Judge scheduled sentencing for May 9 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

• Patricia Ann Nunway, 29, Keshena, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle without the owner's consent and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 27. Judge scheduled sentencing for May 5 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

• A two-day trial was rescheduled to May 10-11 for Benjamin W. Buch, 21, Tigerton, who is charged with two counts of second-degree sexual assault of a child, bail jumping, and exposing himself to a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 1, 2020. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for March 22.

• Shannon R. Tuchscherer, 49, Gillett, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to theft in a

business setting, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 10. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for May 25.

• Cody James Meyer, 35, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of possession of methamphetamine (repeater) and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 15. Arraignment was scheduled for April 13.

• After a preliminary hearing Charles S. Elm, 48, De Pere, was bound over on charges of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping, possession of drug paraphernalia, and operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 30. Arraignment was scheduled for April 13.

Proceedings of March 8

• Lacey M. Rose, 39, Oconto, pleaded no contest to misstating facts in a food stamp application, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred

Dec. 1, 2014. Judge approved a deferred judgment agreement suspending the case for one year.

• Audrey K. Pownell, 21, Abrams, pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of retail theft less than \$2,500, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 17. The charge was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Judge withheld sentencing and placed Pownell on probation for one year.

Proceedings of March 6

• A charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) was dismissed against David F. Tauscheck Jr., 52, Oconto, after District Attorney Hannah Schuchart acknowledged that a blood draw taken Dec. 2 came back as below the legal threshold for drunken driving.

• A Sept. 26-27 jury trial was scheduled for Scott Glen Sorenson, 58, De Pere, who is charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), in connection with an Oct. 10, 2019, crash in the town of Stiles. A motion hearing is planned on June 5, with a final pre-trial conference scheduled for Sept. 11.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 13

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including an unwanted party on County Road WW in the Town of Little River, fraud on Big Bear Lane in the Town of Lakewood, a disturbance on Brazeau Avenue in the City of Oconto, one traffic stop, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; five 911 hangups and two open lines; two ambulance calls; nine crashes.

March 12

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including attempted fraud on Schwartz Road in the Town of Chase, animal neglect on Valley Line Road in the Town of Maple Valley, a death investigation in the Town of Doty, a disturbance on Old 41 Road in the Town of Little River, two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and two open lines; 11 crashes, one involving deer.

March 11

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including an animal bite on Machickanee Lane in the Town of Stiles, a noise disturbance on Bloom Road in the Town of Underhill, suspicious activity on South Maple Street in the Town of Oconto Falls, two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; three 911 hangups and two open lines; two crashes.

March 10

Deputies responded to 49 incidents, including fire on East Main Street in the Village of Suring, a disturbance on North Washington Street in the City of Oconto

Falls, a disturbance on Robin Hood Lane in the City of Gillett, an unwanted party on North Pine Road in the Town of Little Suamico, seven traffic stops, five traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; three 911 hangups and one open line; one ambulance call; 11 crashes.

March 9

Deputies responded to 48 incidents, including harassment on County Road E in the Town of Abrams, drugs in the Town of Underhill, theft on East Main Street in the Village of Suring, disorderly conduct on Trails Nook Lane in the Town of Oconto, a wanted person on Lee Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, an animal bite on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico,

11 traffic stops, one traffic hazards, one traffic offenses, three citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare checks; two 911 hangups and three open lines; xxx ambulance calls; five crashes, two involving deer.

March 8

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including squad damage near County Road I and Fuller Lane in the Town of Stiles, harassment on Parkway Road in the Town of Brazeau, theft on East Algoma Street in the Village of Suring, five traffic stops, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, five welfare checks; three 911 hangups and four open lines; two crashes.

March 7

Deputies responded to 52 incidents, including suspicious activity near U.S. Highway 141 and Stiles Road in the Town of Stiles, fraud on County Road G

in the Town of Gillett, sexual assault in the Town of Bagley, an internet crimes against children investigation in the City of Oconto, a disturbance on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, 11 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents; two 911 hangups and three open lines; one ambulance call; six crashes.

March 6

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including suspicious activity on Dudzik Road in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a structure fire on Washington Street in the City of Oconto, an unwanted party on Arbutus Avenue in the City of Oconto, suspicious activity on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on Duame Road in the Town of Stiles, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, one welfare check; four 911 hangups and five open lines; one ambulance call; nine crashes.

March 5

Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including suspicious activity on Bloom Road in the Town of Underhill, a snowmobile accident near Kingston and Bagley Rapids roads in the Town of Mountain, a death investigation in the Town of Morgan, a disturbance - and a callback later in the day - on Zastrow Road in the Town of Gillett, an animal bite on Highland Meadow Court in the Town of Chase, an animal bite on East Stiles Tower Road in the Town of Abrams, 12 traffic stops, four traffic offenses, two citizen assists, two welfare checks; four

911 hangups and two open lines; two ambulance calls.

March 4

Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including burglary on Wiedenheft Lane in the Town of Abrams, pornography in the Village of Suring, suspicious activity on Van Laenen Road in the Town of Stiles, an unwanted party on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico, an unwanted party on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto, nine traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; six 911 hangups and five open lines; one ambulance call; four crashes, one involving deer.

March 3

Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including suspicious activity on Good Lane in the Town of Abrams, animal neglect on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto Falls, Fraud on Machickanee Lane in the Town of Stiles, sexual assault in the City of Gillett, a death investigation in the Town of Abrams, a disturbance on East Armstrong Street in the City of Gillett, threatening on state Highway 32 in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity near Grosse Road and County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity near state Highway 32 and Red Arrow Lane in the Town of Townsend, a noise disturbance on Ball Park Road in the Town of Little Suamico, six traffic stops, two traffic offenses, three citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; seven 911 hangups and three open lines; one ambulance call; one crash.

OBITUARIES

Shirley Shore, 87, of Bellevue, passed away Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at her home. The daughter of the late Harry and Leona (Hanson) Otto was born Oct. 31, 1935, in the Town of How. Shirley quickly proved herself as an independent woman and hard worker, moving first to Milwaukee where she worked for Cutler-Hammer typing order forms, and then to Los Angeles, where she started working for the Hughes Aircraft Company. It was here that she met John David Shore, who she would go on to marry on July 12, 1958, in Las Vegas.

The couple began raising their family in California, during which time Shirley continued a journey of lifelong learning by attend-



ing classes in the evening at Cypress College. They moved back to Wisconsin in 1971, and Shirley worked her way from a CNA to an LPN, first earning an associate degree, and later a bachelor's degree in human development from University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in 1985. Wherever she worked, Shirley's co-workers loved and admired her, not just for her work ethic, but for her genuine and caring demeanor and unflagging wit and humor.

Shirley also loved animals and

made a consistent effort to support the efforts of many animal-focused charitable organizations. She enjoyed traveling and was able to visit many national parks. A favorite memory is a trip to Yellowstone with her family. After retirement, she enjoyed spending more time with family and perfecting her skills as an excellent cook and baker. More recently, she took several road trips out west and liked to settle in at night watching westerns, mysteries and public television.

Survivors include her two sons, David and Brian; grandchildren, which Shirley raised as her own after the death of her daughter Lisa, Michael Spencer, Mary Spencer, Raphael (Amanda Lowther) Spencer

and his daughter Aria; siblings, Gloria Janskovitch and Jeffrey Otto.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John David Shore; parents, Harry and Leona Otto; daughter, Lisa Shore Spencer; and siblings, Marilyn (Ralph) Gadbois and LeRoy (Sandra) Otto.

A private memorial will be held for Shirley's family. Cotter Funeral and Cremation Care is assisting the family.

Our family would like to thank the nursing staff at Aurora BayCare and Unity Hospice for their care and concern.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memories in Shirley's memory to your favorite local animal organization.

Linda A. Wanish, 73, of Crooked Lake, passed away Monday, March 6, 2023, with family by her side. Linda was born Aug. 21, 1949, to the late Alvin and Agnes (Bosacki) Schleis. She graduated from Denmark High School. On Oct. 10, 1969, Linda married Dennis Wanish. Together, they lovingly raised two children, Rick and Paula.

While living in Denmark and Maribel, Linda worked in advertising and as a secretary at Prange's. In 1990, the couple moved to Crooked Lake, where Linda worked as a secretary at Maiden Lake Plumbing until her retirement. Linda enjoyed archery and gardening. She was a great cook and the whole family enjoyed her cook-



ing. For many years, Linda made iron flower plant hangers with Dennis and they sold them at craft sales. Linda and Dennis enjoyed traveling the country on their motorcycles and made many memorable trips out west. Linda was a member at St. Mary's Crooked Lake Chapel.

Linda is survived by her husband, Dennis; daughter, Paula (Christian) Otradovec; three grandchildren, Katelyn (Shiva) Bujunoori, Cassandra Otradovec and Natalie Otradovec;

siblings, Jim (Theresa Peters) Schleis, Shirley (Jim) Schauer and Chris (Richie) Leiterman; brother-in-law, Dan Graczyk; sisters-in-law, Penny Wanish and Kathy Wanish. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Rick; sister, Sylvia Graczyk; brother-in-law, Mike Wanish. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at St. Mary's Crooked Lake Chapel from 9 a.m. until the Mass of Christian

burial at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Praveen Pamiseti officiating. Linda will be interred at Mountain Cemetery in the spring.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at St. Vincent Hospital for

the care and compassion offered to Linda and her family during their time of need.



Linda A. Wanish

LeRoy A. Rudie

LeRoy A. Rudie, 87, passed away Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Serenity Gardens Assisted Living in Gillett, where he most recently resided. He was born Feb. 6, 1936 to Anker and Adella (Rush) Rudie in Gillett, Wisconsin where he spent his early life.

LeRoy joined the U.S. Air Force and spent a 20-year career serving his country. After his service retirement, LeRoy earned an associate's degree in corrections and spent 18 years as a correc-

tions officer at the Wisconsin State Reformatory in Green Bay. Over the years he had resided in DePere, the Gillett area and Marinette. He was married to the former Luise Nicolai, of Germany, who preceded him in death in 2017.

LeRoy is survived by two brothers, Arl (Nancy) Rudie and Richard (Janice) Rudie; a sister, Sharon Eschmann; and nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Duane.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Marinette in the spring.

LeRoy's family extends a special

thank you to Serenity Gardens and Unity Hospice for their kindness and special care.

Hansen-Onion-Martell Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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Area libraries spotlight students' work



Colorful student paintings are featured above the bookshelves at Oconto Falls Community Library.

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Washington Middle School artwork hovers over the mystery section at Oconto Falls Community Library. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA



Watercolors are grouped above reference books in the Oconto Falls Community Library. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA



Abrams Elementary School student artwork is displayed in a corner of the Oconto Falls Community Library. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

Wisconsin surrounded by weed legalization

Medical marijuana being discussed but still getting pushback by Republican legislators

By **KATJUSA CISAR**
The Badger Project

Illinois and Michigan again raked in hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue on recreational weed sales last year, and Minnesota is planning to join the party by fully legalizing the drug.

Meanwhile, Wisconsin sits on a near-island of cannabis prohibition, surrounded by states with legal weed. As medical marijuana inches toward legalization in the state, experts say policymakers would have the benefit of hindsight from the states who went first.

Wisconsin's neighboring states are touting the tax benefits of their legal cannabis industries, with a large share of those dollars likely brought in by Wisconsinites crossing the border to buy legally. Critics are wary of the drawbacks, but good data is lacking.

Michigan brought in about \$325 million in tax revenue from medical and recreational sales in 2022, through a 10% excise tax and a 6% sales tax, according to the state's Cannabis Regulatory Agency. That's about a 30% increase over 2021's tax revenue.

In February, the Michigan Department of Treasury announced distribution of about \$60 million to municipalities and counties from recreational tax revenue collected during the 2021-22 fiscal year. The fund also gave about \$70 million to both K-12 education and the Michigan Transportation Fund.

These distributions from Michigan's marijuana regulation fund are up more than 40% from the prior fiscal year, when the treasury handed

out about \$42 million to municipalities and counties and a combined \$99 million to K-12 education and transportation.

Michigan does not track purchases by non-residents, but some border dispensaries report about half their sales are to out-of-staters, according to the Pew Charitable Trust.

Illinois does track sales to out-of-state residents. Nearly a third of Illinois' \$1.6 billion in recreational cannabis sales in 2022 were to residents of other states, according to the state's Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

In July 2022, the end of Illinois' most recent fiscal year, Gov. J.B. Pritzker boasted a record-breaking \$445 million in state tax revenue from recreational cannabis sales, a 50% increase over the previous year. That's in addition to over \$146 million in local tax revenue. In a press release, Pritzker said it "translates into significant tax revenue with a portion of every dollar spent being reinvested in communities that have suffered for decades."

Minnesota, which legalized medical marijuana in 2014, is prepping to legalize recreational sales later this year.

All three states are now fully controlled by Democrats, though Michigan legalized weed through a ballot measure approved directly by voters.

In Iowa, like Wisconsin, people can buy products containing CBD, an active ingredient in marijuana that does not cause a high, but cannabis remains illegal. Both states are controlled partially or fully by Republicans.

Over two-thirds of Wisconsinites

support marijuana legalization, according to an August 2022 Marquette Law School poll. That's a wider margin of support than Michigan voters gave the ballot initiatives that legalized medical marijuana in 2008 and recreational marijuana in 2018.

Bills from Democrats to legalize recreational use of the plant in Wisconsin have been ignored by the Republican-controlled legislature, and efforts by some Republicans to legalize the drug for medicinal purposes have met intraparty opposition. Consensus is "not that close" on the medical-use legalization, at least in the current legislative session, said Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester.

Vos supports limited medical-use legalization but told WISN-TV in January his support "has nothing to do with generating taxes for the state" or "creating a new industry." Instead, he said, "it should be all about helping people who through no fault of their own have a chronic disease that is awful to deal with."

In the process of writing its budget for the next two years, Wisconsin currently has a historic, \$7 billion surplus.

Critics worry about the health and crime risks of legalized public access to cannabis, the potential for more impaired driving and the effect on youth, but evidence is limited. Because marijuana remains illegal at the federal level, research restrictions on the drug prevent physicians and scientists from fully studying health risks and benefits, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

In the meantime, Wisconsinites

can take their business out of state and bring the drug home. Recent research from the nonpartisan Wisconsin Policy Forum found that 50% of Wisconsin residents of legal age live within a 75-minute drive of a recreational dispensary.

So far, 37 states have legalized medical marijuana and 21 states have legalized it for recreational use.

"There are now so many states that have gone before (Wisconsin)," said Jana Hrdinova, administrative director of the Moritz College of Law's Drug Enforcement and Policy Center at Ohio State University. She co-authored a 2020 analysis offering "Lessons for States in Transition" from medical to recreational marijuana.

Hrdinova calls medical legalization a "stepping stone" for states.

"It seems your legislature is more inclined to go for medical, so that would be a pretty normal progression," she said of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin is no stranger to "sin taxes," as the state already applies them to purchases of alcohol and tobacco. For fiscal year 2021, these taxes generated about \$678 million, or 3.5%, of Wisconsin's \$19 billion general-purpose revenue, according to the state Department of Revenue. Almost 90 percent of it came from cigarettes, vaping and other tobacco products.

Early adopters of cannabis legalization focused on sending tax revenue to public health initiatives like treating substance abuse. In recent years, there's been a shift toward social justice goals as well.

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Weight limits in effect for Shawano County roads

The Shawano County Highway Department has announced its seasonal posting of spring weight limits on various county roads.

Weight limits took effect March 15. Haulers will need to watch for the signs restricting load limits. A list of the posted roads is available at <http://www.co.shawano.wi.us>.

The weight restrictions are six

tons for a single axle and 10 tons for a tandem axle, and maximum gross weight is 26 tons.

Seasonal weight restrictions are placed on specific highways during the spring thaw period. The restrictions are placed to prevent damage to the pavement structure and extend the life of the pavement.

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Schmidt hears more on rural issues in district

Listening sessions address emergency services, grant funds, budget discussions in Madison

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

State Rep. Peter Schmidt held his second set of listening sessions March 13, coming to Tigerton and Gresham after a morning in Black Creek to get the people's pulse on what they want him to push for in the Wisconsin Legislature.

Wintry weather again impacted the audience size, in Schmidt's view, but those who did come out made it clear that help for rural communities should be a priority for the freshman legislator. In Tigerton, there was a push from former Shawano County supervisor Ray Faehling to make sure funding is available for emergency services like fire and ambulance.

Schmidt said he has talked with other legislators regarding the biennial budget process, and those services are also an issue for their districts. The Sixth Assembly District is mostly rural land, with volunteer fire department covering much of the area.

"The laws in Madison are that the volunteer (firefighters) can't get paid, and there's not enough push with the state laws to change that," Schmidt said, adding: "There are a couple of bills to address reimbursement, and that's a step in the right direction."

Faehling noted that the ambulance services receive a set amount to be on call for when an emergency occurs. He said there should be something similar in place for fire departments.

Schmidt said it's going to take more voices like his to change the attitude from the Capitol about rural Wisconsin, but it seems more like the priority is helping out the Brewers, as some of the money from the \$7 billion surplus is planned to help the state's baseball team with infrastructure and other issues.

"With the governor, his focus is not on the rural parts; he's more on the Milwaukee Brewers," Schmidt said. "That's what he keeps pushing, the Brewers."

Schmidt estimated that there's about \$3 billion in that surplus that could be budgeted without the risk of putting Wisconsin in a financial hole in future budget years.

Moving on to Gresham, Schmidt sat down with village officials there to discuss additional issues. He told them that there are plans to increase the shared revenue between the state and municipalities but did not know the specific amount that cities, towns and



Rep. Peter Schmidt, left, listens to Gresham Operations Manager Brian Carroll on March 13 at Gresham Village Hall during a listening session where Schmidt is getting information to take back to Madison.

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Ray Faehling, left, a former Shawano County supervisor, discusses emergency services for rural communities with Rep. Peter Schmidt and Jason Stapelmann, Schmidt's legislative assistant, during a listening session March 13 at the Tigerton Community Center.

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villages should expect.

Among the requests from Gresham was looking into more grant funding for rural communities.

"Everyone in Madison and DC loves grants because they know their friends who are grant writers," Schmidt said. "In the rural part, we can't afford to hire a grant writer. That's the politics internally. That's why I like block grants — here's this money, you're in charge, the local leaders. Here's your chunk, you solve it. People in Madison and DC don't like that because it takes away control."

Schmidt also spoke out about tour-

ism funding. He expressed concern that other states' recently increasing the money in their budgets to entice visitors might impact Wisconsin if action isn't taken during the budget process.

"What they're asking me is to keep it \$18 million but see if they can get more," Schmidt said. "The problem is everybody's fighting over the dollars because of inflation. Our neighboring states are way outspending us in tourism, so it's going to hurt our attraction."

Increases in teen suicides were also a concern Schmidt addressed, and he

said it's something the government needs to address, as well.

"Teens want to go on these social media platforms, and that's why you have an increase in teen suicides," Schmidt said. "Yet we as a community don't think that's OK. People go on social media, say things and, at the end of the day, they're not making a positive difference."

Schmidt also addressed the budget surplus in Gresham, reiterating how the money should go to the people and not to bolstering state sports. Road issues were an issue brought up at the listening session.

"In Madison, they're giving more to cost-shared revenue than transportation aid," Schmidt said. "They don't feel some of the locals will put that money to good use, but they're going to give it to cost-shared revenue."

Schmidt said he hopes to hold listening sessions in the district monthly but did not have a schedule yet on sessions in April. He said he hoped he would get better weather than he did with the March meetings in the hopes that more people would come out.

"I should buy a lottery ticket — three Mondays with snow, and the rest of the week, it's nice out," Schmidt said.

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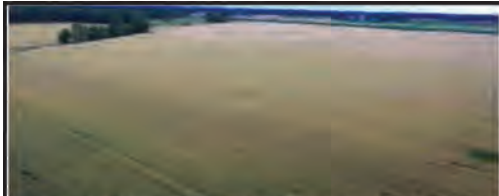
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Grant to fund new detective post

Position to tackle drug crimes and other offenses affiliated with it

By **LEE PULASKI**
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The Shawano Police Department is getting an additional detective position with the help of a grant after the Shawano Common Council voted 5-1 March 8 to approve the position.

The police department received \$144,060.80 from the Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative so the second investigative officer could be added, but it's not going to fully fund the position, according to Police Chief Bradley Rabideau. The department estimates the new detective position will cost \$73,856.75 in wages and benefits once he or she is on board May 1, and in 2024, the annual cost is expected to be \$111,660.12, leaving over \$41,900 to be covered by the city that year once the grant runs out.

Rabideau noted that he had requested the position for the 2023 budget, but the funding could not be found, so the department went looking for other funds and came across the RVCRI grant.

"It's a federal grant for rural

areas that covers some of the same concerns that we have," Rabideau said.

The new detective position will focus on drug crimes, and that will also encompass crimes associated with the sale of narcotics, like thefts, robberies, physical assaults, sexual assaults, human trafficking and domestic abuse. The police department reported 63 drug and narcotics violations in 2021.

From April through July of last year, Shawano police recovered 7.77 grams of straight fentanyl and 54.6 grams of fentanyl and heroin mixed together. The average lethal dose for fentanyl is 2 milligrams, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

"Some of the things that we are looking at addressing are, yes, drugs and daily users, that type of thing, people that supply and peddle in our community," Rabideau said. "Also, we're looking at crimes associated with the drug trade in the city of Shawano — theft of catalytic converters, trailers, gun crimes, aggravated assaults."

Rabideau noted that RVCRI indicated other grant funding could be found to fund the remainder of the position. Also, he said, accepting the federal grant opens the department up to be eligible for other grants that could keep the detective in place.

"It's like anything — if you show good performance, that goes a long way for when you apply for other

grants," Rabideau said. "Grants are our future. Looking for grants, looking for other ways to pay for things other than coming to the council and adding to the tax burden."

The department plans to hire from within for the detective position, according to Rabideau, which means that a patrol officer will need to be found in the coming weeks to prevent being short-handed on the streets. He said that being short on patrol is nothing new, as they had a temporary detective position last year working with Shawano County's drug task force, as well as officers out on long-term leave for various reasons.

Rabideau acknowledged that if other funding couldn't be found to fund the detective position, his department would have to reexamine what would be priorities in tackling crime.

"We would have to make changes to the department, either through attrition, which may be possible, or through layoff," Rabideau said.

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard said that the indication that some on the council wanted the position, despite levy limits keeping it from happening, was what prompted the city to pursue the grant.

"We don't do grant-funded positions because there's that long-term cost, but the fact that it was tied to a previous discussion, my gut on bringing it here was, there

are ways to look at this," Sheppard said. "If you were supportive of the position, and there was only a financial component that kept us from adding it last year, this would allow you to essentially provide a phase-in system."

Sheppard noted that the city is doing a revaluation for this year, which means more money could be available for the 2024 budget.

"I'm not promising there's going to be money at the end of the rainbow, but it is entirely possible you might have an easier process through the next budget to have the reval numbers more closely resemble what our equalized numbers were last year," Sheppard said. "That could make those budget conversations quite different because it won't affect our levy limits and will give us more room."

Alderman Brad Keuschel noted that, if the city ultimately has to pay for the position, he would want to see statistics and reports showing that the new detective position is making a difference in prosecuting and deterring crime.

Rabideau said that wouldn't be a problem, as the police department will be required to present the same metrics to RVCRI during the course of the grant period.

Alderman John Hoeffs voted against the measure but did not indicate during discussion why he was against it.

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Shawano council approves \$4.6M finance plan

Final approval of bonds coming in April

By **LEE PULASKI**
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The Shawano Common Council approved a financing plan March 8 that would permit the city to borrow \$4.6 million for capital improvement projects and tax increment finance districts.

Of that, \$4 million will go into capital improvement projects for the 2023 and 2024. The city would

borrow \$400,000 for TIF District 6, and the rest would be borrowed for TIF District 8. Both districts are being funded for infrastructure projects.

Brad Viergut, managing director for Baird and Associates consulting firm, told the council that the city currently has an A-plus bond rating from Standard and Poor. He noted that the bonds will still need to be approved at the council's next meeting on April 12.

"That's the resolution that will finalize all the rates and terms behind this presentation," Viergut said.

The closing date for the bonds will be May 3, according to Viergut,

and that's when the money will be wired to the city. The first interest will be paid Oct. 1, with interest payments being paid twice a year after 2023, and the estimated interest rate is 3.82%.

Viergut noted the loan would be callable on April 1, 2030, which would allow the city to call in the maturity for 2031 through 2033.

The city could be looking at borrowing every two years or so around \$4 million to pay off debt. Currently, the city pays \$2.3 million annually for prior debt, but with the continued borrowing, Shawano could be paying \$2.75 million within a few years.

City Administrator Eddie Shep-

pard said it's more financially sound for the city to borrow for smaller amounts every two years because it saves on issuance fees and costs.

"We have a five-year capital plan, but we just dial in the next two years so we can lock in, knowing what we need to do for capital improvement projects," Sheppard said. "That came in around \$3.9 million, but at the time we were penciling in \$4.25 million because interest rates were going up. We bumped that \$3.9 million to \$4 million just to give us a little more breathing room."

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CW	14 Outdoor 31 Pop- star!	14 Get- Breeze 31 MyPillow		Jack Han- na's Into the Wild		Jack Han- na's Into the Wild		Jack Han- na's Into the Wild		Jack Han- na's Into the Wild		Pet Vet Dream Team		Tails of Valor (E)		Basket- ball Live Life		31 MyPil- low Bed		31 LIV Golf Invita- tional Series Tucson, Day 2. (N) (Live)		14 (12:50) Boy's High School Bas- ketball WIAAWI Division 4 Tourna- ment, Championship: Teams TBA.		14 (:40) Boy's High School Basketball WIAAWI Division 3 Tournament, Champi- onship: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				14 Nutri- system		14 Last Man Burgers		14 Last Man Burgers		14 Last Man Burgers					

SATURDAY				EVENING										MAR. 18	
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
ABC		ⓖ News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	ⓖ Boy's High School Basketball	ⓖ NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers. Madison Square Garden. (N) Ⓜ (Live) Ⓜ		ⓖ (:15) Boy's High School Basketball		WIAAWI Division 1 Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)		ⓖ News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	ⓖ (:35) Live with Kelly and Ryan	ⓖ (:05) The Song (N) Ⓜ Ⓜ	ⓖ (:35) Tamron Hall (N) Ⓜ Ⓜ		
ⓖ WAOW ⓖ WBAY		ⓖ Action 2 News at Six (N)	ⓖ Never Fear							ⓖ Action 2 News at 10 (N)	ⓖ (:35) Investigate TV		ⓖ (:35) Opry (N)		
CBS		2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) Ⓜ (Live) Ⓜ					48 Hours Ⓜ Ⓜ		ⓖ Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	ⓖ (:35) Discover Wisconsin	ⓖ (:05) Friends Ⓜ Ⓜ	ⓖ (:35) Friends		
ⓖ WFRV ⓖ WSAW										ⓖ NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	ⓖ (:35) Project Pitchit	ⓖ (:05) The Song (N) Ⓜ Ⓜ	ⓖ (:35) Opry Dierks Bentley performs.		
FOX		2023 World Baseball Classic Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) Ⓜ (Live) Ⓜ						ⓖ The Big Bang Theory	ⓖ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ Ⓜ	Farmer Wants a Wife "Down & Dirty on the Farm" The ladies are welcomed to the ranch. Ⓜ Ⓜ (DVS)		ⓖ S.W.A.T. "Farewell" Ⓜ Ⓜ	ⓖ Wheel of Fortune "Great Outdoors" Ⓜ Ⓜ		
ⓖ WZAW ⓖ WLUK								ⓖ Fox 11 News at Nine (N)	ⓖ Seinfeld Ⓜ Ⓜ			ⓖ Jeopardy! Ⓜ Ⓜ			
NBC		ⓖ NBC26 News at 6pm (N) Ⓜ	ⓖ Paid Program	ⓖ Despicable Me 3 (2017, Children's) <i>Voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Trey Parker.</i> Animated. Gru and his twin brother battle a former 1980s child star. Ⓜ Ⓜ		Saturday Night Live "Colin Farrell; Scissor Sisters" From Dec. 11, 2004: Host Colin Farrell. (N) Ⓜ Ⓜ		ⓖ News		ⓖ Saturday Night Live Ⓜ Ⓜ					
ⓖ WGBA ⓖ WJFW		ⓖ Paid Program Ⓜ	ⓖ "Great Outdoors" Ⓜ					ⓖ News ⓖ Newswatch 12 Saturday							
PBS		The Carol Burnett Show "Glen Campbell" Guest: Glen Campbell.		Father Brown "The Wayward Girls" Bunty and Father Brown uncover a secret. Ⓜ Ⓜ		Sister Boniface Mysteries "Queen of the Kitchen" A TV cooking contestant dies. Ⓜ Ⓜ		Annika on Masterpiece Annika sees a poetic homicide.		Agatha Christie's Poirot "Curtain: Poirot's Last Case" Poirot returns to Styles with Hastings decades after solving their first mystery together. Ⓜ Ⓜ		ⓖ Bad Move "Local Hero" Nicky and Steve oppose a scheme.			
ⓖ WHRM ⓖ WLEF ⓖ WPNE															
ⓖ WACY		Family Feud Ⓜ	Two/Half Men	Chicago Fire "Warm and Dead" Ⓜ		Chicago P.D. "No Regrets" Ⓜ		Am Housewife	Am Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy Ⓜ	Family Guy Ⓜ	S.W.A.T. Ⓜ		
ⓖ WTPX		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			
CW		ⓖ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ Ⓜ	ⓖ Boy's High School Basketball	ⓖ Masters of Illusion	ⓖ Masters of Illusion "Blocks, Crystals, and Cocktails" Ⓜ	ⓖ High School Basketball	ⓖ World's Funniest Animals "Episode 315" Ⓜ Ⓜ	ⓖ The Liquidator "Street Cred" Ⓜ	ⓖ ** Legends of the Fall (1994, Drama) <i>Brad Pitt.</i> Ⓜ	ⓖ Masters of Illusion	ⓖ Masters of Illusion "Blocks, Crystals, and Cocktails" Ⓜ	ⓖ World's Funniest Animals "Episode 318" (N) Ⓜ	ⓖ World's Funniest Animals "Episode 315" Ⓜ Ⓜ		
ⓖ WCWF ⓖ WYOW		ⓖ The Good Doctor Ⓜ Ⓜ		Lucy Darling; Xavier Mortimer. (N) Ⓜ		ⓖ World-Animals		(DVS)		Lucy Darling; Xavier Mortimer. (N) Ⓜ					

SUNDAY				MORNING / AFTERNOON																	MAR. 19														
	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30													
ABC	Good Morning America (N)		This Week W/ George Stephanopoulos Action 2 News		Capitol This Week		Up-Front		Financial UpFront		Paid Program Hearts of		Coldwell Vets- Pets		Wisconsin- Free Ent.		2023 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			2023 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			Every-day Hero Home. Ed.		Greatest Inside Ed.		ABC World News 9 News								
WAOV WBAY																																			
CBS	News Sunday Sunrise		News-maker Sunday		CBS News Sunday Morning (N)		Face the Nation (N)		Mass Retirement		2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)																		
WFRV WSAW																																			
FOX	55 Good 11 News		Mountain Faith		FOX News Sunday (N)		Sharyl Attkisson		Invest. Fox News		Paid Program		Theft Paid Prog.		Paid Program			PBA Bowling Tournament of Champions, Finals. From Fairlawn, Ohio. (N) (Live)			NASCAR RaceDay (N) (Live)		NASCAR Cup Series Ambetter Health 400. (N) (Live)												
WZAW WLUK																																			
NBC	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N)		M't Press Athlete		Paid Program		Know Meet Press		MidWest Outdoors		Paid Prg. Remodeler		Emeril Paid Prog.		Paid Program TBA		Paid Program		PGA Tour Special (N)		PGA Tour Golf Valspar Championship, Final Round. (N) (Live)						News 12 Paid Program		NBC Nightly News						
WGBA WJFW																																			
PBS	Wild Kratts "Iron Wolverine"		Curious George (E)		Work It Out Wombats! (DVS)		Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood (DVS)		Washington Week		Firing Line With Margaret Hoover		Here and Now		Market to Market		Agatha Christie's Poirot "Curtain: Poirot's Last Case" Poirot returns to Styles with Hastings decades after solving their first mystery together.		(:31) Bad Move "Local Hero"		Father Brown "The Wayward Girls" Bunty and Father Brown uncover a secret.		Sister Boniface Mysteries "Queen of the Kitchen" A TV cooking contestant dies.		American Masters "Mae West: Dirty Blonde" Life and career of performer Mae West.		Sanditon on Masterpiece Georgiana makes a decision.		(:45) Sanditon on Masterpiece						
WHRM WLEF WPNE																																			
WACY	Pets.TV		Wonder		Relief		Jeffress		Outback		Wildlife		Rock-		Ocean		Grill'n Know		Broad		Kickin It: Byron		Mod		NBA G League Basketball			Mod		Fam		Fam		Fam	
WTPX	Bones		Bones		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS "Mona Lisa"		NCIS "Perennial"		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS "Lost Time"		NCIS "Daughters"		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		
CW	14 Worship 23 Tomorrow		14 Daily 31 In Touch		14 Catholic Mass Key of David		Paid Program Key of David		14 Outdoor 31 Mass		14 Health 31 Perry Stone		14 Larry K 31 Mad Do		Paid Program		14 Polka Polka 31 Paid Program		31 Project Pitchlit		LIV Golf Invitational Series Tucson, Day 3. (N) (Live)						14 Sheldon 31 Fam. Guy		14 Sheldon 31 Fam. Guy						
WCWF WYOW																																			

TUESDAY				EVENING						MAR. 21			
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC		9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (D)	The Rookie "Double Trouble" (N) (DVS)		The Rookie: Feds "Seeing Red" Preventing a counterfeit scandal. (N) (DVS)		Will Trent "Manhunt" Angie struggles with sobriety. (N) (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (D)		(37) Nightline (N)
CBS		8 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N)	8 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	FBI (D)		FBI: International "Yesterday's Miracle" A surrogate goes missing. (D)		FBI: Most Wanted "Chains" Hana is kidnapped. (D)		8 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 8 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (D)		(37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (D)
FOX		53 The Big Bang Theory (D)	53 The Big Bang Theory (D)	9-1-1: Lone Star (N) (DVS)		(01) Accused (N) (DVS)		53 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	53 Seinfeld "The Millennium" Kramer halts millennium-party plans.	53 Seinfeld "The Stand-In" (D) 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (D)	53 Last Man Standing (D) 11 (07) The King of Queens (D)	53 Last Man Standing (D)	53 The Goldbergs (D) 11 (35) The King of Queens (D)
NBC		53 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	53 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Hawaii" (N)	Night Court "Dan v. Dating" Dan attempts to date again. (D)	American Auto (DVS)	The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 6" The coaches seek America's best voice. (N) (D)		That's My Jam "Chance the Rapper & French Montana vs. Jabari Banks & Quavo" (N) (DVS)		53 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (D)		(37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (D)
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) (D)		American Masters "Dr. Tony Fauci" Dr. Anthony Fauci's life and career. (N) (DVS)		Frontline "Weinstein" Accusations against Harvey Weinstein. (D)		Vel Phillips: Dream Big Dreams The life and career of Vel Phillips. (D)		NOVA "Kilauea: Hawai'i on Fire" The Kilauea volcano in Hawaii. (DVS)			
WACY		NBA G League Basketball Grand Rapids Gold at Wisconsin Herd. (N)				Family Feud (D)	Two/Half Men	My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom (D)
WTPX		Chicago Fire "What Went Wrong"				Chicago Fire (DVS)	Chicago Fire "Seeing Is Believing"	Chicago Fire "Best Friend Magic"		Chicago Fire "Hold Our Ground"	Chicago Fire "Where We End Up"		
CW		The Big Bang Theory (D)				Superman & Lois "Uncontrollable Forces" Lana receives a panicked phone call. (N) (D)	Gotham Knights "Scene of the Crime" Harvey questions Turner's innocence. (N) (D)	13 Last Man Standing	13 Seinfeld "The Stand-In" (D) 13 Chicago P.D. "Mercy" (D)	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)	13 Last Man Standing (D)	13 Young Sheldon (D)
WCWF		Divorce Court (N) (D)								13 black-ish (D)	13 black-ish (D)	13 black-ish (D)	13 Family Guy (D)
WYOW													

WEDNESDAY				EVENING						MAR. 22			
6 PM		6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (D)	The Conners Darlene looks for a job. (DVS)	The Conners The family moves into the new house. (D)	Abbott Elementary "Fight" (DVS)	(:32) Not Dead Yet "Pilot" Nell attempts to restart her life. (D)	(:01) A Million Little Things "Spilled Milk" Regina and Rome face challenges. (N) (DVS)	9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (D)	(:37) Nightline (N) (D)			
CBS	8 Local 5 News at 6:00 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	8 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 9 Inside Edition (N) (D)	Survivor (N) (D)		Lingo "Episode 9" (N) (D)		True Lies "Rival Companions" An international catastrophe occurs. (N) (D)		8 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (D)	(37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (D)		
FOX	33 The Big Bang Theory (D) 11 Jeopardy! (N) (D)	33 The Big Bang Theory (D) 11 Wheel of Fortune (N) (D)	The Masked Singer (N) (DVS)		(:01) Farmer Wants a Wife (N) (DVS)		33 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (Live)	33 Seinfeld "The Muffin Tops" Elaine joins a muffin business.	33 Seinfeld "The Fire" (D) 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (D)	33 Last Man Standing (D) 11 (:07) The King of Queens (D)	33 The Goldbergs (D) 11 (:35) The King of Queens		
NBC	33 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 9 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) (D)	23 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Hawaii" (N)	Chicago Med "What You See Isn't Always What You Get" A man gets trapped in the MRI suite. (N) (DVS)		Chicago Fire "Acting Up" Cruz feels his increased burden. (N) (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Deadlocked" Voight testifies in a murder trial. (N) (DVS)		33 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 9 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (D)		(37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (D)	
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) (D)		Nature "Born in the Rockies: First Steps" Animals struggle to survive in Rockies. (DVS)		NOVA "Ancient Maya Metropolis" Why the ancient Maya abandoned cities. (DVS)		Secrets of the Dead "Magellan's Crossing" Ferdinand Magellan. (D)		Ida B. Wells: American Stories The life and work of Ida B. Wells. (D)		Frontline "Weinstein" Accusations against Harvey Weinstein. (D)		
WACY	Family Feud (D)	Two/Half Men	Dateline "Consumed" (D)		Chicago P.D. "43rd and Normal"		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom (D)	
WTPX	Blue Bloods "Secrets and Lies" (D)		Blue Bloods "Fathers and Sons"		Blue Bloods "Front Page News"		Blue Bloods "Framed" (D)		Blue Bloods "Inside Jobs" (D)		Blue Bloods "Men in Black" (D)		
CW	11 The Big Bang Theory (D)	11 The Big Bang Theory (D)	The Flash "Wednesday Ever After" Joe has a heart-to-heart with Cecile. (D)		Gotham Knights "Scene of the Crime" Harvey questions Turner's innocence. (D)		14 Last Man Standing	14 Seinfeld (D) 34 Chicago P.D. (DVS)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 Last Man Standing (D)	14 Young Sheldon (D) 14 Family Guy (D) (Part 1 of 2)	
WCWF	9 Divorce Court (N) (D)		9 Divorce Court (D)										
WYOW							34 The Liquidator						

THURSDAY				EVENING								MAR. 23		
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC		9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (D)	Station 19 "Could I Leave You?" Diane drops by the station. (N) (D) (DVS)	Grey's Anatomy "Training Day" Addison makes a special appearance. (N) (D) (DVS)		(:01) Alaska Daily "Truth is a Slow Bullet" Bob steps out of his comfort zone. (N) (D) (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)		(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N) (D)		(:37) Nightline (N) (D)	
8 WAOW 2 WBAY		9 Action 2 News at Six (N)												
CBS		2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) (D)					2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) (D)					9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) (D)
5 WFRV 7 WSAW														
FOX		53 The Big Bang Theory (N) (D)	53 The Big Bang Theory (D)	Next Level Chef (N) (D) (DVS)		Animal Control (N) (D) (DVS)	(:31) Call Me Kat (N) (D) (DVS)	53 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	53 Seinfeld George plans a relaxing vacation. (N) (D)	53 Seinfeld "The Raincoats" (N) (Live) 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	53 Last Man Standing (D)	53 Last Man Standing (D) (:07) The King of Queens (D)	53 The Goldbergs (D) (:35) The King of Queens	
55 WZAW 11 WLUK		11 Jeopardy! (N) (D) (D)	11 Wheel of Fortune (N) (D)											
NBC		53 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) (D)	23 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Hawaii" (N)	Law & Order "Deadline" A celebrated journalist is murdered. (N) (D) (DVS)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "The Presence of Absence" A dating app leads a woman to terror. (N) (D) (DVS)		Law & Order: Organized Crime "Chinatown" A culprit attempts assassination. (N) (D) (DVS)		53 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) (D)		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N) (D)	
26 WGBA 12 WJFW														
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) (D)		John McGivern's Main Streets "Winoona, Minnesota" (N)	Wisconsin Foodie "Keewaydin Farms/ Driftless Curiosity" (N)	Midsomer Murders Little Auburn reopens to the public. (N) (Part 1 of 2) (D)	(:45) Midsomer Murders "The Village That Rose from the Dead, Part 2" Little Auburn reopens to the public. (N) (Part 2 of 2) (D)	(:31) Bad Move "Speed Trap" Steve gets his licence back.	American Masters "Dr. Tony Fauci" Dr. Anthony Fauci's life and career. (N) (D)					
20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE														
52 WACY 46 WTPX		NBA G League Basketball Wisconsin Herd at Capital City Go-Go. (N)			Chicago P.D. "Bad Boys" (N)		Family Feud (N)	Two/Half Men	My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom (N) (D)
		Chicago P.D. "Endings" (N)					Chicago P.D. "Ride Along" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Fathers and Sons"		Chicago P.D. "True or False" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Trigger" (N)	
CW		14 The Big Bang Theory (N) (D)	14 The Big Bang Theory (N) (D)	Walker "False Flag (Part One)" The Walkers plan for the medal ceremony. (N) (D) (D)		Superman & Lois "Uncontrollable Forces" Lana receives a panicked phone call. (N) (D)		14 Last Man Standing	14 Seinfeld (D) 34 Chicago P.D. (DVS)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 Last Man Standing (D)	14 Young Sheldon (N) (D) 14 Family Guy (N) (Part 2 of 2)	
14 WCWF 34 WYOW		34 Divorce Court (N) (D)		34 Divorce Court (N) (D)					34 The Liquidator			34 black-ish (N) (D)	34 black-ish (D)	

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

SHAWANO: Fish fry, 4-7 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road.

OCONTO FALLS: "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, 7 p.m., Falls Area Performing Arts Center, 210 N. Farm Road. Presented by Oconto Falls High School Drama Club.

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents
"Gypsy," 7 p.m., Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple
St. AbramsTheater.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

SHAWANO: Zurko Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Community Hall, 115 E. Division St.

PULASKI: Town 'n Country Quilt Guild quilt show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pulaski Community Middle School, 911 S. St. Augustine St.

OCONTO FALLS: Spaghetti Dinner 2023, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Fire Station, 98 Jackson St. Hosted by Friends of the Oconto Falls Fire Department.

OCONTO FALLS: "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, 7 p.m., Falls Area Performing Arts Center, 210 N. Farm Road. Presented by Oconto Falls High School Drama Club.

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents
"Gypsy," 7 p.m., Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple
St. AbramsTheater.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents
"Gypsy," 1 p.m., Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple
St. AbramsTheater.com

OCONTO FALLS: "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, 2 p.m., Falls Area Performing Arts Center, 210 N. Farm Road. Presented by Oconto Falls High School Drama Club.

SHAWANO: WRLHS Booster Club ninth annual Trivia Event, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road. Doors open 12:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

BREED: Suring Community Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m.,
Breed Community Center, 11155 State Highway 32.

1-800-REDCROSS, redcrossblood.org, or download the Blood Donor App.

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents
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St. AbramsTheater.com

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents
"Gypsy," 7 p.m., Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple
St. AbramsTheater.com

SHAWANO: Dueling Pianos with the NEW Piano
Guys, 7 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St.

\$35, call 715-201-0859.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

NAVARINO: Bundle Up Spring Auction, 7 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Online auction through April 1.

SHAWANO: Zurko Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Community Hall, 115 E. Division St.

SHAWANO: Easter Eggstravaganza, 9:30 a.m.-noon, St. James Lutheran Church and School, 324 S. Andrews St. Face painting, crafts, music, snacks, egg hunt. Every child gets a basket.

CLINTONVILLE: Shawano Speedway FanFest, noon-6 p.m., Fire and Iron Gathering, 291 S. Main St. Race car show, cornhole tourney, chili cookout, benefiting childhood cancer.

WABENO: American Legion Gunless Poultry Shoot, 1 p.m., Rusty's Bowl, 4489 Branch St. Meat raffle, 50/50 raffles, other prizes.

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents
"Gypsy," 7 p.m., Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple
St. AbramsTheater.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents
"Gypsy," 1 p.m., Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple
St. AbramsTheater.com

Pedestrian killed in semi crash on Highway 29

A pedestrian was killed March 13 on state Highway 29 when he was struck by a semi truck.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a crash on Highway 29 near the intersection of River Road, in the Town of Hartland. Initial reports indicated a semi was traveling eastbound

on the highway and had struck a pedestrian.

Upon deputies arriving on scene, the pedestrian was pronounced dead. Investigation of the crash indicated the pedestrian, a 63-year-old man from Brown County, was walking along the eastbound lanes of the highway. The semi driver

then reported the man lunged out in front of his semi as he was driving. This resulted in the semi striking the man in the lane of travel. The driver of the semi was not injured.

The eastbound lanes of Highway 29 were shut down for approximately five hours for the investiga-

tion of this incident.

At this time, alcohol and drugs are not believed to be a factor, according to the sheriff's department. This incident remains under investigation, and the department claims no further information or names will be released pending family notification.

FRIDAY				EVENING								MAR. 24		
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC		📺 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	📺 Entertainment To-night (N) 📺	📺 Shark Tank Guest shark Daniel Lubetzky. 📺 📺 (DVS)		📺 (:01) 20/20 📺 📺				📺 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	📺 (:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 📺 📺	📺 (:37) Nightline (N) 📺		
📺 WAOW		📺 Action 2 News at Six (N)								📺 Action 2 News at 10 (N)				
📺 WBAY														
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FOX		📺 The Big Bang Theory 📺	📺 The Big Bang Theory 📺	📺 WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) 📺 (Live)				📺 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	📺 Seinfeld "The But-ter Shave" A lame com-ic follows Jerry's act.	📺 Seinfeld "The Raincoats"	📺 Last Man Standing 📺	📺 Last Man Standing 📺	📺 The Goldbergs 📺	
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📺 WJFW										📺 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)				
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One child makes a break for some candy as other visitors catch up and get into the holiday spirit during the Mooseyard St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11.

LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA

Shawano kicks off St. Patrick's Day with parade



Dressed in a Ireland flag, one member of the Pulaski Marching Band leads the brass section down Lake Drive during the Mooseyard St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11.

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Green Bay resident Greg Jenss high-fives and waves to children and families as he walks down Lake Drive during the Mooseyard St. Patrick's Day Parade kicks off on March 11.

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An old-time car brought many to their feet as it paces down Lake Drive during the Mooseyard St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11.

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The Shawano Community High School Jazz I band gives an early morning performance on the stage of the SCHS auditorium for the Shazz festival. The band got its 12th consecutive Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival win in February after finishing third at the Purdue Jazz Festival.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Jazz program hits right note for SCHS

12th Rolling Meadows win, performance at Purdue shows musicians back to pre-pandemic levels

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Shawano Community High School's jazz program was on full display at the annual Shazz festival over the weekend, but the bands have been showing elsewhere why they're among the best high school bands around.

Christopher Kent, band director, said the signs were there when the bands performed at the Purdue Jazz Festival on Jan. 21. Having won the festival on a regular basis before COVID-19, the Jazz I band did not win anything last year, but this year, the students clawed their way back to third place.

"Down there, we're not competing against bands that are our size," Kent said, referring to the schools' student population. "We're competing against larger high schools, and they're 4,000 kids. You're talking schools that are four, five, six times the size of ours."

Kent noted that the Jazz II band

performed well, considering that, for many of the students, this was their first jazz competition.

The students did not stop there, however. The Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival was next on Feb. 25, another event where SCHS usually wins, and the Jazz I band scored its 12th first-place finish this year. Kent noted that the band won last year's event by four points, but this year's event showed a 23-point gap between SCHS and its second-place competitor, the largest gap among the four classes of competition.

"The kids walked in, and the improvement from Purdue to Rolling Meadows was astounding," Kent said. "We were the last band in the room, and the judges had almost nothing to pick on."

Rolling Meadows also saw SCHS junior Ben Langlois win the outstanding soloist award for his work with the soprano saxophone, and the Jazz II band, although it didn't place at the top, outperformed two 4A division

bands that day; SCHS is a 1A division band.

"There were at least 50 kids who soloed that day," Kent said. "That's a huge honor."

For Kent, the sign of a great band is when the members "coalesce" into a single entity, hitting their marks and presenting a song that's nearly flawless. When the Jazz I band performed at Purdue, he saw that merging and realized the jazz program was back where it was before the pandemic, where constant work and rehearsal turned Shawano into a force to be reckoned with.

"I was so happy once they finished, because I saw something I'd been waiting to see since COVID," Kent said. "I didn't even care where we placed, because I saw the band completely mesh. They had so much fun playing together and performing together."

Kent believes there's nowhere to go but up from there. After the Shazz performance, which SCHS cannot

win because it's the hosting school, the jazz bands will be going to Eau Claire in April to perform at an event that is has not been in years.

"We are back to where we were pre-COVID, and then some," Kent said. "The program has bounced back from where it was, and I only have four seniors in that group."

With only the potential loss of a few musicians, Kent is confident that the jazz bands will continue to maintain their level of excellence, making them a source of pride for the community.

"They're having so much fun together. They're just playing," Kent said. "In December, I didn't know which way it was going to go, because I was pushing. I had to be the push to get them past a point. When they did what they did at Purdue, even though we took third, I was ecstatic, because I knew we'd turned the corner."

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OPINION

Time to knock the daylights out of 'saving time'

Have you ever sat down to read, work on a puzzle, or do something that requires a lot of concentration and then realize you've lost all sense of time?

Well, of course you have. Even if you're illiterate, have no idea what puzzles are and can be distracted easily by a laser pointer, you get that feeling at least twice a year thanks to the diabolical scheme known as daylight saving time. Waking up on Sunday morning and realizing your standard clocks are off by an hour while the tickers on your cellphones and computers are still reading the correct time can be discombobulating.

The origin of the idea can be traced back to 1784, proposed by Benjamin Franklin as a way to align people's waking hours to daylight hours, and almost 2½ centuries later, the United States government and others around the world think it's really a neat idea.

Me, not so much. There's a quote floating around the internet, allegedly made by an "Old Indian Chief" that says that only a white man would believe you could cut from the top of blanket, sew it to the bottom of the blanket, and then that gives you a longer blanket. It rings true when you think of the stupidity of daylight saving time in this day and age.

For many, the lack of an hour's sleep is offset by the notion that the sun will be setting an hour later than it was a few days earlier,



LEE PULASKI

and that means we're in striking distance of summer. However, the practice is becoming tiresome for many others, who have been saying that the old-time practice should be abolished, either by not moving forward in March or not falling back in November.

There's interesting caveats to each. Without springing forward, by the time the summer solstice arrives in Wisconsin, the sun would be popping through windows around 4 a.m. and would be dropping behind the hills shortly after 8 p.m. If we opt not to fall back, sunrise wouldn't be until almost 9 a.m., but at least the sun would still be out for those who clock out at 5 p.m.

For most folks living in Wisconsin, the practice has been lifelong, right along with beer at church picnics and polka music at festivals. However, before I moved to Wisconsin, I lived in Arizona, and for more than 25 years, daylight saving time was nothing more than some goofy thing backwaters states practiced but did not affect me in the slightest.

Then I took a job at a newspaper on Arizona's border with Utah. At that point, I actually had to take

DST into account, because even though Arizona did not do it, Utah did. What's more, the neighboring Navajo Nation, the bulk of which was in Arizona, also practiced it to be in alignment with Utah and New Mexico. That always made planning news coverage interesting during the spring, summer and bulk of fall.

When I moved to Wisconsin 12 years ago, I somehow managed to get into the groove of things, realizing clocks moved forward an hour in March and then fell back in early November, bringing forth twilight before 5 p.m. It doesn't mean I like it, though, especially when you consider that it's only practiced in the United States, Canada, the European Union, parts of Australia and a few others.

It's especially annoying when you listen to the talking heads on television go on about how we've lost an hour in recent days, and in the fall, they'll proclaim that you're getting an extra hour of sleep. No, you're not. The blanket is still the same length.

Fortunately, there are signs that the days of snipping off a part of the blanket and sticking it on the other end are numbered. Texas has introduced a pair of bills that would let voters decide whether the state, which actually exists in two different time zones, should end the practice of daylight saving time. The vote could be an interesting test to see if other states follow

suit, assuming elected officials give the people the chance to chart their own destiny.

Of course, it could become a moot point if a federal bill by Sen. Marco Rubio dubbed the Sunshine Protection Act, gets through Congress. Putting the cheesy and laughable name aside, the measure did get through the U.S. Senate in 2021 with a unanimous vote but was given the brush-off in the U.S. House. The bill is being brought back again, presumably in the hopes that now that Republicans are the majority in the House, it might get some attention.

The act would mean that the recent clock change to spring forward would be the last time we'd need to fiddle with them. Daylight saving time would be year-round, which means those wonderful Independence Day fireworks would be going off around 10 p.m. still, but for the winter months, it's going to require something other than the sun for folks to wake up in the morning.

Whether we stay ahead or behind when it comes to time, the only thing I care about is that we stop playing leapfrog with what hour of the day is. It's time for the great government gaslighting to end and for us to realize that things will happen in their own due time, whether it's 6 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Lee Pulaski is the city editor for NEW Media. Readers can contact him at lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote for Protasiewicz, against cash bail items

To the editor:

On April 4, we have the opportunity to elect Janet Protasiewicz for Supreme Court justice. In nearly a decade as circuit court judge, she has developed a reputation for being fair and impartial. Judge Janet is the best candidate to return common sense back to the court.

Protected by the Republican legislative majority and the current conservative majority on the

Wisconsin Supreme Court, we now have a voter-hostile election system, gerrymandered congressional and legislative maps, a near total abortion ban and anti-union policies. However, voters in the February primary showed they wanted to loosen this control. Fifty-four percent of those going to the polls voted for one of the progressive candidates.

"Community safety" is being used as an emotional appeal to get conservative voters to the polls. On the ballot will also be two amendments to the Wisconsin State Constitution. Everyone wants a

safe neighborhood, but most people also want others to be treated fairly and given a chance.

What's wrong with allowing those charged with low-risk crimes to return to their job and their lives with specific conditions of release that, if violated, would lead to their immediate detention? There isn't a single study that shows ending the cash-bail system leads to higher crime. Holding people in custody before a trial actually makes them more likely to commit another crime.

Voting "no" on cash bail amendment Questions 1 and 2 will open

the door for reform. Right now, the only factor a judge is to consider when setting the amount of bail is the risk of a defendant failing to appear. If these amendments to our constitution are approved, judges would have the leeway to consider anything they want when setting a bail amount. Those guidelines are undefined at this time and wouldn't be finalized until after the amendment is passed.

Showing up to vote on April 4 can free our state to move in a different direction, one that is in sync with the majority of Wisconsinites.

Jan Koch, Shawano

Funds for Greater Green Bay projects benefit Oconto County

Nonprofit organizations serving Brown, Kewaunee, and Oconto counties will soon put \$312,220 to work on 29 programs and initiatives for the benefit of our communities.

The recent grants were awarded through the Funds for Greater Green Bay grants program, a collection of funds of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation. The program is designed to improve the quality of life in northeast Wisconsin by funding strategies and initiatives that will meet emerging needs and opportunities in arts and culture, basic needs, education, the environment, health and well-

ness, human services, community improvement, youth development, and more.

"We are always looking for ways to support organizations large and small that are improving the quality of life in our communities," said Kari Olsen, director of grants and scholarships at the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation. "As inflation continues to tighten budgets everywhere, nonprofits are working to address greater and greater needs. This infusion of funds will bring needed resources to the critical work that each is doing."

The 2023 grant recipients ben-

efitting Oconto County include the following:

- **Abrams Spotlight Productions:** Funds will support the installation of a new theater sound system to improve the ability of the cast, crew, and audience members — including older adults and individuals with hearing impairments — to fully enjoy a performance.
- **Einstein Project:** Funding will expand the mobile makerspace programming to provide experiences for approximately 1,000 children in rural communities such as Lakewood and Lena.
- **Family and Childcare Resources**

of Northeastern Wisconsin: This grant will increase the number of childcare slots in Brown, Kewaunee, and Oconto counties while reducing the barriers of becoming certified or licensed.

• **Kingdom Come:** Funding will be used to support the Oconto County food pantry, which serves 350-375 households weekly.

• **Vivent Health:** A grant will fund mobile HIV and overdose prevention throughout Brown, Oconto, and Kewaunee counties, mental health and AODA programs in Green Bay, and naloxone administration trainings for area organizations.

Easter eggs, carnival games for holiday event

Hillside Assembly is hosting all area kids from age 2 through fifth grade to its Easter Eggstravaganza from 10 a.m. to noon April 8 at Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22, Gillett.

All registration is online at www.hillsideassembly.com/egghunt.

Kids will win candy while playing carnival style games. Bags will be provided.

There will be a special presenta-

tion followed by the outdoor egg hunt, weather permitting. After finding as many eggs as they can, kids will exchange their eggs for a bag of candy and prizes. Admission is free.

Hillside will also be hosting an Easter breakfast at 9 a.m. April 9 in the church gym. The Easter Sunday service will follow at 10 a.m.

For information, call 920-855-2962 or visit www.hillsideassembly.com.

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March 3, 10 & 17, 2023
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
OCONTO COUNTY
Case No. 2022CV000149

Plaintiff:
U.S. Bank National Association

-Vs-
Defendants:
Timothy B. Henn, et al.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on December 20, 2022 in the amount of \$62,960.43, I will sell at public auction, located in the lobby, in front of the Treasurer's Office, in the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153, on
March 28, 2023

At 10:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN OCONTO COUNTY, STATE OF WISCONSIN:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4), SECTION TWO (2), TOWNSHIP THIRTY-ONE (31) NORTH, RANGE SIXTEEN (16) EAST, IN THE TOWN OF MOUNTAIN, OCONTO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT OF LAND; THENCE RUNNING EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, 190 FEET; THENCE NORTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4), 241 FEET; THENCE WEST 190 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4); THENCE SOUTH 241 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ANY PART USED FOR ROAD/HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

AND:
A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4), SECTION TWO (2), TOWNSHIP THIRTY-ONE (31) NORTH, RANGE SIXTEEN (16) EAST, IN THE TOWN OF MOUNTAIN, OCONTO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT OF LAND; THENCE EAST ON THE ABOVE SECTION LINE 190 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, 241 FEET; THENCE EAST 100 FEET PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH SECTION LINE; THENCE SOUTH 241 FEET TO THE SOUTH SECTION LINE; THENCE WEST ON THE SOUTH SECTION 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT THEREFROM ANY PART USED FOR ROAD/HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

Street Address: 14190 County Road W, Mountain, WI 54149
Tax Key No. 029-020201234B & 029-020201434D

THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK or CERTIFIED FUNDS; payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder

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qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. / 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

Todd Skarban
Sheriff of Oconto County, Wisconsin
Coditis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
(414) 775-7700
50-22-01212

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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#1516 March 17 & 24, 2023 CITY OF GILLETT ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The following have applied for Alcohol License renewals with the City of Gillett for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Said renewals will be presented in person to the City Council on April 6, 2023 for possible approval/denial.

Class A Fermented Malt Beverage

Pat's Market, Inc. DBA Pat's Market; Agent-Rachel Galland, 117 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Dolgen Corp LLC DBA Dollar General Store 24181; Agent-John Greene, 217 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Class B Fermented Malt Beverage & Class B Liquor

Spirits of Gillett LLC; Agent-Kris Plaskowski, 145 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Sleepy Hollow Motel & Resort LLC DBA Sleepy Hollow Wildfire Trails; Agent-Laurie Wold, 5 State Hwy 22 E, Gillett, WI 54124

Thomas Fullerton DBA Fullerton's Bar, 109 N Lake Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Todd Druckrey DBA The Fifth Wheel, 208 East Railroad Street, Gillett, WI 54124

The Social, LLC; Agent-Joseph Quance, 108 North Lake Street, Gillett, WI 54124

Class A Fermented Malt Beverage & Class A Liquor

GPM Southeast, LLC. DBA R-Store #4485; Agent-Jean Trakel, 200 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

CITY OF GILLETT TOBACCO LICENSE

The following establishments have applied for Tobacco License renewals from the City of Gillett for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Said renewals will be presented in person to the City Council on April 6, 2023 for possible approval/denial.

Pat's Market, Inc. DBA Pat's Market; Agent-Rachel Bomerman, 117 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Family Dollar Stores of Wisconsin, Inc. #29424, 109 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Thomas Fullerton DBA Fullerton's Bar, 109 N Lake Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

GPM Southeast, LLC. DBA R Store #4485; Agent- Jean Trakel, 200 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Sleepy Hollow Motel & Resort LLC DBA Sleepy Hollow Wildfire Trails; Agent-Laurie Wold, 5 State Hwy 22 E, Gillett, WI 54124

Dolgen Corp LLC DBA Dollar General Store 24181; Agent-John Greene, 217 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

The Social, LLC; Agent-Joseph Quance, 108 North Lake Street, Gillett, WI 54124

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Alice - Meet Alice. She is a social and talkative 4 year old cat looking for a home. She is great at making new friends with kiddos and other cats. She loves her treats and being able to explore.



Bessie - Bessie was transferred from the Keshena area to the Oconto Humane Society. She loves being outdoors and active. If Hounds are your breed, Bessie is the gal for you!



Dexter - Meet Dexter. He is a 2 year old Hound looking for a home. He has been at OAHS for 4 months and has undergone Heartworm treatment. Now that he is cleared medically he is eager to find his forever home.



Lucky - Meet Lucky. He lives for catnip and treats. He will be an active cat in his future home and exploring everything. Lucky has done great paired with other shelter cats.



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DATCP: Avian flu is still a threat



DATCP recommends that poultry owners continue using the strongest biosecurity measures during wild birds' migratory seasons.

PIETER JANSSEN | DREAMSTIME

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is reminding poultry owners of the ongoing threat of highly pathogenic avian influenza.

The spring migratory period for wild birds brings an increased risk of infection to all flocks, so DATCP recommends that poultry owners continue using the strongest biosecurity measures to protect their birds.

In Wisconsin last year, 29 domestic flocks in 18 counties were confirmed with avian flu. Nationwide, more than 58.5 million birds have died related to avian flu, making it the largest animal disease outbreak in U.S. history, surpassing the 2014-15 bird flu outbreak.

The best way to protect flocks from infection is through strong biosecurity practices that do not allow

for virus introduction. All poultry owners, regardless of the size of the operation, must ensure that strict biosecurity practices are in place to prevent avian flu from infecting flocks.

As the spring migration of wild birds begins, DATCP encourages all poultry producers to review and update their biosecurity plans. Those who do not have a biosecurity plan should work with their flock veterinarian to develop one that clearly addresses the risks for disease introduction specific to their operations. Biosecurity guides and other resources are available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Defend the Flock Program.

State law requires Wisconsin poultry and other livestock owners to register where their animals are kept. DATCP uses this information to rapidly respond to animal disease outbreaks to protect animal health, the food supply, public safety, and Wisconsin's agriculture economy. Registration is free and can be completed at wiid.org or by calling the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium at 888-808-1910.

Poultry owners who recognize any abnormal increase in mortality or clinical signs of disease, including respiratory distress, drop in food or water intake, decreased egg production, and lethargy are asked to report it to DATCP at 800-572-8981.

Go to hpa.wi.gov for regular updates on avian flu in Wisconsin and resources for poultry owners.

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Anyone working for NEW Media will find a lot to report on—we're in the heartland of Wisconsin's agriculture scene, home to three thriving Native American tribes and have more arts and entertainment venues than other rural communities.

To apply for one of our reporter positions, send a resume with writing and photography samples to editor-in-chief Warren Bluhm at wbluhm@newmedia-wi.com and put "Reporter" in the subject line.

Bids Requested

NEWCAP, Inc., 1201 Main St., Oconto, WI
is requesting bids for HVAC equipment and materials
for their contract year.
Contact Julie Mueller for bid specifications.
All bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on April 6, 2023
(920) 834-4621 x1125

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**TOWN OF MORGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST**

In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that a Public Test for the voting machine to be used at the 2023 Spring Election on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, will be conducted for the Town of Morgan on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 9:00 AM at the Morgan Town Hall, 3276 County Rd C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. This public test is open to the general public.

Town Clerk, Erin Mooers
920-846-0699

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
PUBLIC TEST
VILLAGE OF SURING**

PLEASE take notice that a PUBLIC TEST of the electronic voting system to be used at the SPRING ELECTION on TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023, will be conducted on, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM at SURING VILLAGE HALL, 604 E. Main Street, Suring, WI 54174, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 5.84(1). This public test is open to the general public.

Dated & Posted: MARCH 17, 2023 Kim Gruetzmacher, Clerk-Treasurer

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY**

A PUBLIC TEST OF THE ELECTRONIC
VOTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE April 4th, 2023
ELECTION WILL BE HELD
ON March 28, 2023 AT 5:30 pm
AT THE MAPLE VALLEY TOWN HALL
9088 CNTY HWY Z
SURING, WI 54174

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Gillett
Proposed Community Development Block Grant Application
150 N. McKenzie Ave.
Thursday, April 06, 2023
5:00 pm.

The City Council of City of Gillett will conduct a public hearing regarding its proposed application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities (PF) program funds. The public is invited to attend to learn about the CDBG program, provide input on community development and housing needs, and comment on the activities proposed to be included in the CDBG application.

Agenda for the public hearing:

1. Identification of total potential funding available
2. Eligible CDBG activities
3. Presentation of identified community development and housing needs
4. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application
5. Review of any potential residential and non-residential displacement
6. Resident input regarding community development and housing needs, the proposed CDBG project, and other CDBG activities

Residents of the City of Gillett, including residents with low and moderate incomes that may be impacted by the project, are encouraged to attend.

The meeting room is ADA accessible.

Persons needing additional accommodations should contact Municipal Clerk at telephone number 920-855-2255 or email: Chelsea.anderson@ci.gillett.wi.us.

Chelsea Anderson
City Clerk/Treasurer WNAXLP

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING CITY OF GILLETT
CODE BOOK CHAPTER 25 FLOODPLAIN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public meeting regarding the City of Gillett's CHAPTER 25 FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE will be held on THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 at 5:45 PM at the City Hall, 150 N McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, Wisconsin.

At the above time and place, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Chelsea Anderson, Clerk
150 N. McKenzie Avenue
Gillett, WI 54124

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NOTICE

On March 8, 2023, a resolution was offered, adopted and approved by the Village of Lena, Oconto County, Wisconsin (the "Municipality"), whereby the Municipality authorized and directed the issuance and sale of up to \$423,298 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2023. The closing on these Bonds will be held on March 22, 2023. A copy of all proceedings had to date with respect to the authorization and sale of said Bonds is on file and may be examined in the office of the Village Clerk.

This Notice is given pursuant to Section 893.77, Wisconsin Statutes, which provides that an action or proceeding to contest the validity of such municipal financing, for other than constitutional reasons, must be commenced within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: March 10, 2023.

VILLAGE OF LENA, WISCONSIN
Jodi A. Marquardt, Village Clerk

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NOTICE

On March 8, 2023, a resolution was offered, adopted and approved by the Village of Lena, Oconto County, Wisconsin (the "Municipality"), whereby the Municipality authorized and directed the issuance and sale of up to \$460,081 Taxable Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2023. The closing on these Bonds will be held on March 22, 2023. A copy of all proceedings had to date with respect to the authorization and sale of said Bonds is on file and may be examined in the office of the Village Clerk.

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Dated: March 10, 2023

VILLAGE OF LENA, WISCONSIN
Jodi A. Marquardt, Village Clerk

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**Town of Stiles Bid Request for Reconstruction of Two Sections
of Guelig Road****Section 1**

First Bid - connecting the finished portion of Geulig Rd (west end one half mile east from County I) going East 7.5 tenths of a mile to Meadowbrook Road including the intersection. The reconstruction shall include 4 inches of crushed rock with pulverized asphalt. Lanes will be 10 ft wide with 2 ft wide shoulders. Construction of shoulders shall include breaker rock where it is needed. Bid will also include ROLL TESTING for soft spots in the foundation of the road bed. Replace 4 centerline culverts. The Town of Stiles will pay for the culverts. The contractor will order the culverts directly from Green Bay Highway Products for the Town of Stiles when needed. Ditching shall also be applied the length of the road on both sides of the reconstructed area.

Second Bid - Lay 2 one and a half inch lifts of asphalt. Water and compact roadbed before lifts are applied.

Section 2

Reconstruct the portion of Guelig Rd that runs north and south, starting just after the curve going east and turning north for 4 tenths of a mile to the beginning of the next curve. Lanes will be 10 ft wide with 2 ft wide shoulders. Construction of shoulders shall include breaker rock where it is needed. Bid will also include ROLL TESTING for soft spots in the foundation of the roadbed. Replace 4 centerline culverts. The Town of Stiles will pay for the culverts. The contractor will order the culverts directly from Green Bay Highway Products for the Town of Stiles when needed. Ditching shall also be applied the length of the road on both sides of the reconstructed area.

Second Bid - Lay 2 one and a half inch lifts of asphalt. Water and compact roadbed before lifts are applied.

Bids can be submitted to the Town Clerk Joann Usiak 5313 Crawford Rd Oconto, WI 54153 or submit bids directly to the Town Board by 6pm April 12th, 2023. Meeting will be held at the town hall 5718 Watercrest Rd Lena, WI 54139. All sealed bids will be opened, reviewed and voted on during the April meeting. Any questions please contact Jason Flynn at 920-609-3541 or email chairman@townofstiles.org. The Town of Stiles will reserve the right to reject all bids that do not meet the criteria listed or if the bids received exceed the budgeted amount set for the reconstruction of Guelig Rd.

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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who:

- will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day.
- has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued*

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below.

1. Your written request must include:
2. your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote
3. the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
4. your signature
5. a copy of your photo identification*

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:

5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, March 30, 2023**.

*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

**Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

Town of Abrams

Jean Hansen (920) 826-2299
5877 Main Street, Abrams, WI 54101

Town of Bagley

Alan Sleeter (920) 590-0198
10005 Madsen Rd., Suring, WI 54174

Town of Brazeau

Brooke Kriescher (920) 897-3855
10892 Parkway Road, Pound, WI 54161

Town of Breed

Deanna Tachick (920) 842-2166
11155 State Highway 32, Suring, WI 54174

Town of Chase

Jeromy Delebreau (920) 822-1560
or 920-562-3957
8481 County Road S, Pulaski, WI 54162

Town of Doty

Cheryl Field (715) 276-7554
14899 County Road T, Mountain, WI 54149

Town of Gillett

Renee Carlson (920) 819-7475
Physical Address: 10908 Town Hall Road, Gillett
Mailing Address: PO Box 605 Gillett, WI 54124

Town of How

Mary Woods (920) 842-4584
Physical Address: 12896 State Highway 32, Suring
Mailing Address: 12875 Birch Ln, Suring, WI 54174

Town of Lakewood

Denise A. Jackett (715) 276-3579
Physical Address: 17181 Twin Pines Rd, Lakewood
Mailing Address: PO Box 40 Lakewood, WI 54138

Town of Lena

Dawn VanArk (715) 281-4672
Physical Address: 6087 Goatsville Road, Lena
Mailing Address: 8489 Sunshine Rd, Lena, WI 54139

Town of Little River

Amy Peterson (920) 834-3617
3627 County Road A, Oconto, WI 54153

Town of Little Suamico

Lisa Glinski (920) 826-7655
5964A County Road S, Sobieski, WI 54171

Town of Maple Valley

Cindy Tousey (920) 598-0601
Physical Address: 9088 County Road Z, Suring
Mailing Address: PO Box 384, Suring, WI 54174

Town of Morgan

Erin Mooers (920) 846-0699
3276 County Road C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Town of Mountain

Lynn Kauzlaric (715) 276-8474
Physical Address: 13503 Weller Road, Mountain
Mailing Address: PO Box 95, Mountain, WI 54149

Town of Oconto

Lori Scanlan (920) 834-4351
Physical Address: 6120 Cream City Road, Oconto
Mailing Address: 3649 Hwy 22, Oconto, WI 54153

Town of Oconto Falls

Susan Mogged (920-) 373-6663
Physical Address: 8680 State Hwy 22, Oconto Falls
Mailing Address: 5076 Golden Corners Road, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Town of Pensaukee

Jody Liegeois (920) 826-2010
4684 Brookside Road, Abrams, WI 54101

Town of Riverview

Beth Hartman (715) 276-6914
Physical Address: 15471 State Hwy 32, Mountain
Mailing Address: PO Box 220, Mountain, WI 54149

Town of Spruce

Lisa Peiterson (920) 829-5111
Physical Address: 346 Jackson Street Oconto Falls
Mailing Address: PO Box 52 Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Town of Stiles

Jo Ann Usiak (920) 373-0116
Physical Address: 5718 Watercrest Road, Lena
Mailing Address: 5313 Crawford Road, Oconto, WI 54153

Town of Townsend

Linda Ziegler (715) 276-6856
Physical Address: 16564 Elm Street, Townsend
Mailing Address: PO Box 227, Townsend, WI 54175

Town of Underhill

Tracy Winkler (920) 855-2942
5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124

Village of Lena

Jodi Marquardt (920) 829-5226
117 E. Main Street, Lena, WI 54139

Village of Suring

Kim Gruetzmacher (920) 842-2333
604 E. Main Street, Suring, WI 54174

City of Gillett

Chelsea Anderson (920) 855-2255
150 N. McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, WI 54124

City of Oconto

Brittney Bickel (920) 834-7711
1210 Main Street, Oconto, WI 54153
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
No appointment necessary

City of Oconto Falls

Jenny Friedman (920) 846-4505 Ext. 106
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According to the National Cancer Institute, colorectal cancer is the fourth most common cancer found in both men and women, causing an estimated 52,000 deaths in 2022. The good news: Each of us has the power to stop colon cancer before it even forms. While the death rate from colon cancer has been dropping, mainly as a result of increased screenings, adults age 45 and older are strongly encouraged to schedule routine colonoscopies to save even more lives.

What is colorectal cancer?

Cancer is a disease caused by the growth of abnormal cells. When this type of growth occurs in the colon or rectum, it is called colorectal cancer.

Risk factors for colorectal cancer include:

- A family history of colon or rectal cancer in a first-degree relative (parent, sibling or child).
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- A personal history of chronic ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease for 8 years or more.

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Why is it important to be screened for colon cancer?

Colon cancer often begins as noncancerous growth, known as polyps, in the colon or rectum. Screening tests can find precancerous polyps so they can be removed before they turn into cancer. Screening tests can also find colorectal cancer early, when treatment works best.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends that adults age 45 to 75 be screened for colorectal cancer. If you are older than 75, talk to your doctor about screening. People at an increased risk of getting colorectal cancer should talk to their doctor about when to start screening, which test is right for them and how to get tested.

What is colonoscopy?

A colonoscopy is an examination of the inside of the large intestine, which includes the colon, rectum and anus with a colonoscope. The exam is performed to look for changes—such as swollen or irritated tissues, polyps or cancer. Any polyps

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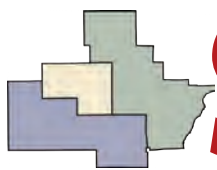
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OVERCOMING ADVERSITY

Marion duo sign LOI after dealing with ailments

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Marion's Nick Malueg, seated left, and Jaden Stuhr sign their letters of intent as their parents, from left, Kim and Tony Malueg and Melissa and Joe Stuhr, look on March 6 in Marion.

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Malueg, Stuhr make college decisions official

Both athletes headed to the WIAC

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Marion High School seniors Nick Malueg and Jaden Stuhr took the next steps in their athletic careers when signing their letters of intent inside the high school gymnasium in front of family, friends, coaches and teammates on March 6.

Both will be joining the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, as Malueg plays football for UW-Oshkosh and Stuhr plays baseball at UW-Stevens Point. Both of the athletes have dealt with some health-related issues over the past year, which made signing day that much more meaningful.

“Today is very rewarding, it’s inspirational hopefully to a lot of people,” said Malueg. “As you know, I didn’t have a senior season, so that was a big heartbreak, but we overcame and it’s very accomplishing to be sitting here signing a paper today.”

“It means a lot. Like Nick and I both said, it takes a lot of early mornings, late nights and every day working hard and making yourself better,” said Stuhr. “I think it especially means a lot to me because I’ve been battling through a physical illness over this last winter and I wasn’t sure if I’d be able to play again, so it means a lot knowing I will be able to play and keep playing in the future. It’s something I’ve always dreamed of, ever since I was little — now it can finally happen and I’m happy to say that I’m a Pointer.”

Malueg said that before the football season kicked in, he was dealing with a “serious bacterial infection in my hip.” The standout athlete had to re-learn how to walk and “wondered what running was going to look like.”

“I put my nose down, and through humility, I got back,” said Malueg. “The people around me helped support me through that immensely, mainly family.”

As Malueg was in the weight room trying to get back to the level he was pre-illness, he kept his connections rolling that he had going with college coaches. He said he lost a few school’s interest along the way, which “was a big heartache.”

In the end, Malueg’s decision was down the UW-Oshkosh and North Central College.

“It really came down to how I felt in



Marion's Jaden Stuhr pitches during the team's CWC-North contest against Manawa on May 12, 2022, in Marion. Stuhr will play for UW-Stevens Point baseball team after his high school career wraps up.

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the college atmosphere,” said Malueg of choosing UW-Oshkosh. “Oshkosh, they got a bubble, indoor facility, so that’s a big, big determinant...”

Stuhr said he was dealing with an “auto-immune disease, reactive arthritis syndrome.” He noted there was a point where he couldn’t see at all and also not walk because his joints were so swollen. Stuhr spent about two weeks at the hospital in Milwaukee, but has since gained back the muscle and weight that he had lost.

“It means a lot knowing that I have a huge support system and everyone

that’s along my side helping me become the best I can be,” said Stuhr.

Stuhr used Next College Student Athlete (NCSA) to help get noticed by colleges, and several schools, in and out of state, were interested in the left-hander. He also attended some showcases, which is where he caught the eye of UWSP.

“It came down to a couple different schools, but Point is just such a great baseball program,” said Stuhr. “I mean, they finished third in the country last year, I can’t complain too much about that. As long as I can go there, compete

and be the best player I can be to help win a championship that’s all I care.”

Both players already have an idea of what to expect after graduating high school and joining their new teams.

“The plan is to be a running back, and to be the starting running back as soon as I earn it,” said Malueg. “I’m one of a great recruiting class, the ‘23 class is a very good recruiting class at UW-Oshkosh, especially the linemen. So being a running back is pretty exciting.”

Stuhr was asked if he wanted to continue hitting at the college level but decided he’d rather focus on just pitch

ing. He was told there'd be 10 senior pitchers on the team next year, so the hope is to get acclimated to college by tossing a few innings and then really start serving as a bigger part of the team's rotation from his sophomore year on.

"I'd much prefer that than go to a larger school, like I had offers to go to larger schools, but I didn't feel like I wanted to sit out two years in order to play," said Stuhr. "I wanted to compete for a spot right away, so that's the plan."

In their most recent seasons in their sports, the Marion duo put together some dazzling numbers.

Malueg starred for the Marion/Tigerton football team as a junior. He rushed for 701 yards and nine touchdowns across seven games. Malueg caught nine passes for 112 yards and two more scores while also throwing for a touchdown.

As if that wasn't enough, Malueg led the team's defense with 61 total tackles, with six of those stops going

for losses. He also posted 1½ sacks.

Malueg also returned kicks for the co-op, returning one kickoff for a touchdown.

For his efforts, he was named to the Central Wisconsin Conference 8-player first team on both sides of the ball, including a unanimous honor on offense.

Stuhr absolutely dominated on the baseball diamond as a junior, earning the Player of the Year honor in the CWC-North and helping his team go undefeated in conference play.

Stuhr pitched 48 innings and won 11 games for the Mustangs. He posted a 1.45 ERA and struck out 107 batters along the way.

At the plate, Stuhr totaled a .422 batting average, 28 RBIs, 16 stolen bases and 29 runs scored.

Stuhr threw a perfect game against Manawa for one of the conference wins, striking out 14 of the 15 batters he faced.

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Marion/Tigerton's Nick Malueg runs with the football during the team's game against Port Edwards on Sept. 25, 2021, in Tigerton. Malueg will play for the UW-Oshkosh football team in the future.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Metcalfe-Grassman named Co-Player of Year in Bay Conference

Reed named top defensive player

By MORGAN RODE Sports Editor

Shawano Community High School boys basketball players earned two of the top honors in the Bay Conference this winter season. Senior Michael Metcalf-Grassman was named the Co-Player of the Year in the Bay, while making the first team unanimously. Senior Brandon Reed was the Bay's Defensive Player of the Year. Reed and senior Jacob Landon each made the honorable mention team. Metcalf-Grassman averaged 20.3 points, 7.6 rebounds, 3.4 assists, 1.9 steals and 0.8 blocks for the entire season. In Bay games, Metcalf-Grassman turned in averages of 19.2 points, 7.5 boards, 3.7 assists, 2.1 steals and 0.5 blocks. "It's pretty special. It was a goal of mine to be first team all-conference and to do it unanimously makes it just a little sweeter," said Metcalf-Grassman. "It is really cool. It's such an honor to be recognized as one of

FYI More winter all-conference stories can be read online at www.newmedia-wi.com. Additional all-conference stories will be published in future editions of the paper. the best players by all of the coaches in the conference." Reed averaged 10.9 points, 5.3 rebounds, 1.8 assists, 0.7 steals and 0.3 blocks per game. In Bay play, his averages were 11 points, 5.6 boards, 2.1 assists, 0.6 steals and 0.1 blocks. "Feels great that all the hard work I put into scouting and defending the other teams best players was recognized by the coaches in our conference," said Reed. "Making honorable mention feels great and shows the time I put in along with my teammates pushing me every day in practice." Landon was second on the team with 11.8 points per game for the full season. He also averaged 5.2 rebounds, 3 assists, 0.9 steals and 0.2 blocks. The senior averaged 10.6 points, 4.7 boards, 3.1 assists, 1.1 steals and 0.3 blocks in Bay games. "An honor like this means a lot to me, knowing that other coaches recognize my hard work," said Landon.



Shawano's Michael Metcalf-Grassman takes a jumpshot during a nonconference matchup against Pulaski on Dec. 3 in Pulaski. Metcalf-Grassman was named the Co-Player of the Year in his senior season. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

"I also give credit to my teammates, knowing an award like this wouldn't be received if they were not alongside me during the offseason, pushing myself to get better. It is a great way to end my high school basketball career." Shawano took third in the Bay with a 9-5 record.

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Team	W	L
Rightway Propane	48 1/2	31 1/2
Schairer Farms	43	37
M and J Harvesting	36	44
Stadler Farms	32 1/2	47 1/2

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 245, Susan Zeinert 199, Darcy Hille 181, Kristine Beran 179.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 579, Susan Zeinert 516, Darcy Hille 497, Kristine Beran 475.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Kautza Excavating	22	11
Chet and Emil's	22	11
Clark Construction	21	12
White Insurance	19	14
Schmidt Schulta	14	19

High individual scratch games: Jeremy Praslowicz 236, Jared Szews 236, Dave Schultz 235.

High individual scratch series: Brian Rew 624, Tim Lemke 620, Dave Schultz 608.

Him & Hers Couples — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Brothers Pub	33	9
Keglers	30	12
Gingerly Salon	29	13
Buss Automotive	27	15
MW Auto Body	23	19
Lunds Corner Bar	21	21
CDH	21	21
Bust N' Balls	17	25
Pin Heads	16	26
Brothers Pub Too	15	27
The Farmers	13	29
Just 4 Fun	7	35

High individual scratch games: Darcie O'Kimosh

268, Brad Weisnicht 258, Dave Hackbarth 258, Bill Grosskreutz 257, Kevin Zuleger 247, Mike Cavanaugh 247, Mary Metoxen 246, Bobby Reiter Jr. 245, Daniel Poels 245, Ashley Schuh 215, Diane Hoffman 201, Natalie Poels 201, Diane Durkee 196.

High individual scratch series: Dave Hackbarth 707, Kevin Zuleger 687, Brad Weisnicht 685, Bobby Reiter Jr. 679, Mary Metoxen 674, Darcie O'Kimosh 648, Bill Grosskreutz 647, Mike Cavanaugh 644, Sharon Buss 576, Diane Durkee 561, Ashley Schuh 545, Jessie VanDerLinden 544.

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
CWAA	21	12
Kropf's Meat	21	12
Kessen Auto Body	17 1/2	15 1/2
Chet and Emil's	16 1/2	16 1/2
S and M Tool	16	17
Karcz Lending	15	18

TLC Auto Body	13	20
Rew Motors	12	21

High individual scratch games: Paul Hanke 268, Steve Preuss 233, Stephan Miller 223.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 726, Adam Karcz 687, Doug Kunst 675.

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Star Campsite	25	19
Cady Home	25	19
Chet and Emil's	21	23
Banner Banks	17	27

High individual scratch games: Courtney Tryba 265, Kim Zeller 181, Jen Duranceau 179, Jonelle Resch 170, Cindy Mortenson 170, Ann Szews 161.

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Area teams overlooked by computer seedings

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association made



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the change to electronic seeding during the 2021-22 season, doing away with having high school coaches seed teams. Just two years in, I've noticed that the electronic seeding does

not treat area teams too kindly.

Most of the head-scratching seeds have come from teams in one of the Central Wisconsin conferences, so for the sake of this column, that's where my focus will be.

First, let's dive into the criteria used in the electronic seeding.

According to an article on www.wissports.net (www.wissports.net/news_article/show/1257833), "Own winning percentage; Opponents' winning percentage; Opponents' opponent's winning percentage; Defeated opponents' winning percentage; Defeated opponents' opponent's winning percentage" are the criteria used. The article goes on to say "the exact formula/weight of each factor is not being released," which is a problem in itself.

When I saw some of the seeds handed out, that "own winning percentage" appeared to weigh heavily on most teams seeds.

Let's take the Bonduel girls basketball team this year for example, because I believe that was the most obvious example.

Bonduel, a Division 4 team, finished the regular season with a 20-4 record and champs of the CWC-East with a 13-1 mark. The CWC-East has six Division 4 teams, one D3 team and one D5 team in it.

Bonduel's nonconference losses came to St. Mary Catholic (a ranked Division 4 team in the final polls), Xavier (a Division 3 team) and Laconia (another ranked D4 team).

All-in-all, that's a fantastic regular season and highlights just how challenging a schedule the Bears had. Bonduel earned a No. 3 seed.

Coleman was the No. 2 seed in Bonduel's regional pod and went 20-4 during the regular season with a 16-0 mark in the Marinette & Oconto Conference. While the M&O has some solid teams in it, including three area ones that placed in the top five, there's only one other D4 team in that confer-



Bonduel players play defense during a nonconference game against St. Mary Catholic on Nov. 15 in Bonduel.

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ence (Crivitz), and they finished the year 3-20.

Coleman's nonconference losses came to Crandon (the No. 1 seed in the bracket), Lourdes Academy (a state-ranked D5 team), St. Mary Catholic and Wabeno/Laona (another D5 team).

The conference Bonduel plays in has more evenly-matched teams and the team's nonconference losses were of better quality, yet Bonduel was given the lower seed.

I obviously got the chance to watch Bonduel several times during the regular season, but I also got to see Coleman. While both teams were certainly good, there wasn't much of a doubt in my head, or many others, on which team was better, which is something that probably shows if seedings were still done in person.

The same thing happened in the top half of the bracket, as Mishicot got the No. 4 seed and Crandon the No. 1. Mishicot is in a conference where the top-finishing teams were all D4 squads, while Crandon plays in a conference entirely of D5

teams.

Some might be wondering why it matters, as if a team is truly better, they'd win a playoff game on the road anyway. While that's a fair point and came true in the Bonduel, Coleman and Mishicot, Crandon instances, it takes away team's chances to win regional titles at home, which great teams should have the chance to do.

Whatever formulas are used for the seeding criteria, it needs some tweaking so that it doesn't punish teams for playing tougher schedules or reward teams for playing against lesser competition all season, or maybe computers should be the start of the seeding process, with coaches from that region getting the final say.

Another change I'd like to see is to have all conference champions play at least one playoff home game, regardless of what overall record a team might finish with. Maybe that contradicts some of what I just argued against, but it just seems wrong, in my opinion, to not give conference champs at least

one home playoff game.

The Gresham girls won the CWC-North title by two games, and did so by convincingly beating every other conference team, yet were handed a No. 10 seed and had to travel for its first playoff game. The Wildcats finished the regular season with a 13-10 overall record, with a couple of those losses to D4 teams.

The Marion boys also got a No. 10 seed after sharing the CWC-North title with Northland Lutheran, who they played and beat in a first-round playoff matchup. Marion went 13-11 in the regular season.

Yes, sometimes the teams seeded directly in front of a conference champ had better overall records or beat that team in a head-to-head matchup earlier in the season, but granting each conference champ at least one home game would be a great way to reward them and still put an emphasis on winning a conference.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Oconto Falls' Ashlyn Allen follows through on a shot during the team's nonconference game against Menominee Indian on Nov. 17 in Oconto Falls. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

Panthers' Allen makes NEC honorable mention team

By **MORGAN RODE**
 Sports Editor

Oconto Falls senior Ashlyn Allen earned a spot on the North Eastern Conference honorable mention team in her senior basketball season.

The all-conference honor is the first of Allen's high school career on the basketball court.

"It's such a good feeling to see all your hard work pay off, especially in a tough conference," said Allen. "It really makes all the tournaments, camps, early mornings, and all the time put in over the years worth it."

"I wouldn't have been able to do any of it without the support of my

parents, grandparents, teammates and coaches. I'm forever grateful to them for their constant support over the years and getting me to the point where I have the opportunity to earn an award like this."

Allen led Oconto Falls in scoring and assists for the season.

In conference play, Allen averaged 8.9 points, including shooting over 30% from the 3-point line.

The senior also averaged 2.5 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.4 steals for the Panthers in NEC play.

Oconto Falls finished the conference portion of the schedule with a 5-13 record.

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Pulaski's Shaw to participate in 3-point challenge

Pulaski High School senior Derek Shaw was announced as one of the 10 Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association boys participants in the 3-point challenge.

The 3-point challenge will take place at 9:30 a.m. on March 18 at the Kohl Center in Madison. Participants are chosen based on their 3-point shooting numbers entered into www.wissports.net.

Shaw capped the year hitting 76 of his 151 3-point shots for a 50.3 percentage. He's made 11 more 3-pointers than any other participant. His 3-point per-

centage ranks sixth out of the 10-player field.

Brookfield Central's Anthony Rise and Sheboygan North's Mason DeBink are the participants from Division 1. Shaw and Wisconsin Lutheran's Kon Knueppel are the Division 2 players.

Watertown Luther Prep's Ben Vasold and Freedom's Drew Kortz are from Division 3, while Cumberland's Vaughn Johnson and Ladysmith's Logan Alberson are from Division 4. Florence's William Kelley and Columbus Catholic's Blake Jakobi are the Division 5 participants.



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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Shawano's Young earns top honor in Bay as senior

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Ten Shawano Community High School wrestlers earned spots on Bay Conference teams this winter.

Shawano won the conference title for a fifth straight winter after going perfect in Bay duals. The Hawks also had the Bay Wrestler of the Year, as Caden Young earned that honor.

"It's pretty special getting awarded conference Wrestler of the Year," said Young. "There's a lot of great wrestlers in our conference and to be chosen as the best is pretty awesome."

Young ended up placing second at state in the Division 1 170-pound weight class.

Young capped the year with a 47-6 overall record. Young went undefeated in the team's dual matches this winter.

Kody Popelka, Drake Herm and Carsen Herm also joined Young on the all-conference boys first team. Dane Hodkiewicz, Conner Chelberg, Mason Theis and Brady Jones all landed on the second team, while Onna Hermann and Hatty Fritz made the first team on the girls side of things.

Carsen Herm and Hermann also



Shawano's Caden Young, right, wrestles at the state tournament on Feb. 25 at the Kohl Center in Madison. Young was named the top wrestler in the Bay this winter.

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made it to state for the Hawks this winter.

Herm finished the year with a 38-13 overall record, making state at 152 pounds. He won all of his conference duals.

Hermann capped her year with a

20-9 record and made state in the 120 weight class. She placed first at that weight at the North Eastern Conference/Bay Conference Girls Championship.

Popelka and Drake Herm each qualified for sectionals this winter.

Popelka advanced in the 132 weight class and had a 24-16 record on the season. He was also perfect in conference dual matches.

Herm ended the year with a 33-10 mark and made sectionals in the 138 class. He finished with just one conference dual loss against Seymour.

Fritz had a 6-5 record this season. She took third at the NEC/Bay Girls Championship.

Hodkiewicz went 25-20 this winter, ending his season at sectionals in the 106 weight class. He dropped just one conference dual against West De Pere.

Chelberg, who wrestled at 195 pounds at regionals, capped the winter with an 18-23 record overall. He lost Bay matches against Xavier and New London.

Theis, who participated at the 182 class at regionals, had a 21-16 record this season. He lost a Bay match against Xavier.

Jones was another individual sectional qualifier for the Hawks, doing so at 285 pounds. He capped the year with a 19-9 record, with a loss to Menasha in conference duals.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

St. Mary's University of Minnesota

Shawano Community High School graduate Peyton Buerman played a singles and doubles match during the St. Mary's University women's tennis team's dual loss to St. Olaf on March 11.

Buerman and No. 3 doubles partner Kara Hand lost an 8-5 match. Buerman fell 6-0, 7-5 in No. 5 singles action.

College of Lake County

Pulaski grad Logan Hochevar and Menominee Indian grad Jamison Besaw each played for the College of Lake County baseball team last week.

Besaw pitched in a win over Penn State Mont Alto on March 8. He walked both batters he faced.

Hochevar played in three games, including a win over Penn State New Kensington on March 6. He had a walk and hit and scored once in a win over Penn State Mont Alto on March 8 and doubled and scored in a win over Penn State Beaver on March 9.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bonduel graduate Kara Troxel earned a spot on the Academic All-

District Women's Basketball Team, which was announced by the College Sports Communicators in late February. Troxel is a marketing and management major.

To make the list, student-athletes must at least be a sophomore, have spent at least one full year at their school, have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or above and have played in at least 50% of the team's contest as a starter or important reserve.

Troxel, a sophomore, averaged 6.1 points and 1.7 rebounds across 20.1 minutes a game while also tallying 19 steals and 22 assists.

St. Martin's University

Gresham grad Christian Haffner played four minutes in the St. Martin's men's basketball team's NCAA West Region Tournament loss to Academy of Art on March 10.

Haffner hit a 3-pointer during his time on the court.

Colorado Mesa University

Pulaski grad Sadie Kelley tied for 15th place as an individual while golfing for the Colorado Mesa women's

team at the Warrior Invitational on March 9-11.

Kelley started the invitational with a round of 85 before a 79 on day two. She capped the invitational with a round of 87 to post a total score of 251.

Bay College

Oconto Falls grad Jake Sager pitched or hit in four games for the Bay College baseball team last week.

Sager pitched 1 1/3 innings in a loss to Southeastern Community College on March 7. He allowed two hits and struck out one while not allowing a run. He surrendered a run on two hits while working 2/3 of an inning in a setback to Illinois Valley on March 8.

Sager drew two walks and stole two bases in a win over Westmoreland County on March 9. He delivered two hits, drew a walk, scored twice, had a sacrifice and stole two more bases in a win over Illinois Valley on March 10.

UW-River Falls

Shawano graduate Jewel Waupekenay continued to deliver at the plate for the UW-River Falls softball team during four games this past weekend.

Waupekenay had three hits across

four at-bats in a win over Allegheny on March 10. She walked during the team's loss to Hiram on March 10.

Waupekenay doubled and singled during a setback to SUNY Geneseo on March 11. She had another hit in the team's loss to Belhaven on March 11.

UW-Eau Claire

Suring grad Mitch Stegeman participated in four heptathlon events during the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships on March 10-11. Stegeman did not receive a final score after not completing the 60-meter hurdles, pole vault or 1,000-meter run.

Stegeman placed third in the high jump after clearing 1.92 meters. He took sixth in the long jump with a mark of 6.57 meters.

Stegeman placed 12th in the shot put (11.48 meters) and took 15th in the 60 dash (7.38 seconds).

St. Norbert College

Bowler graduate Logan Thiex pitched an inning during the St. Norbert baseball team's loss to Curry College on March 11.

Thiex issued two walks while inducing two flyouts and a groundout.

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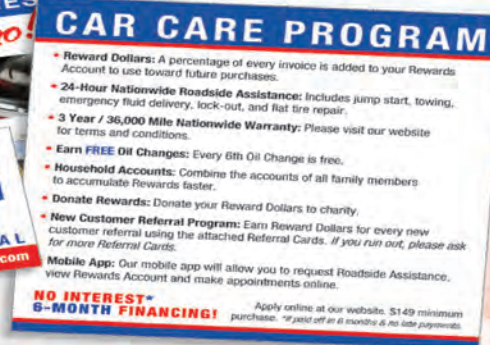
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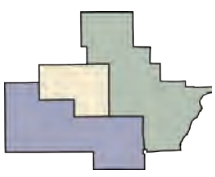
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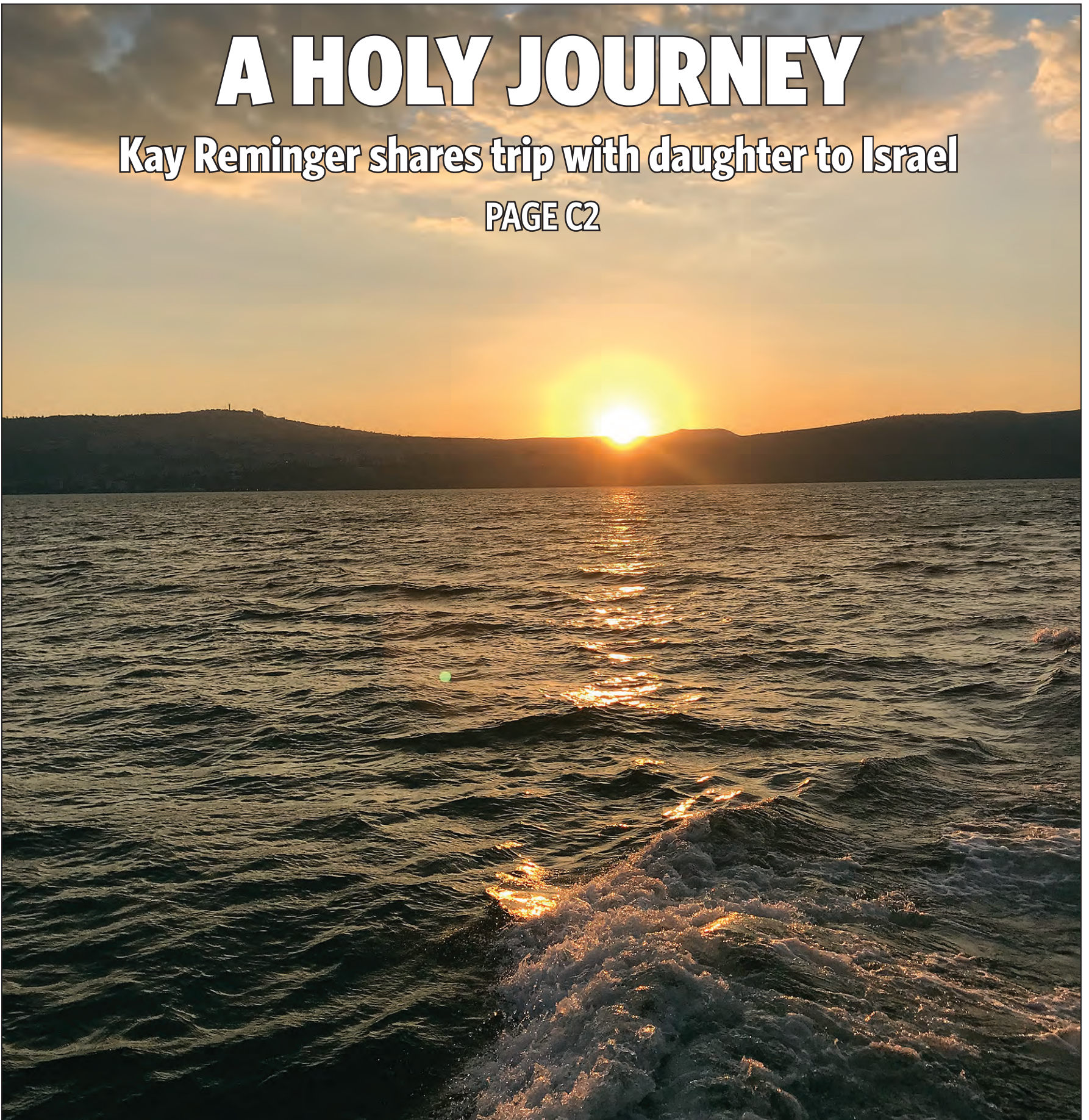
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A HOLY JOURNEY

Kay Reminger shares trip with daughter to Israel

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A sunset was one of the beautiful sights seen on a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

KAY REMINGER

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE



The Spring at Ein Gedi was one of countless beautiful sights that Kay Reminger got to see on her recent trip to Israel. KAY REMINGER



During a recent visit to Israel, Kay Reminger got the opportunity to shop at an open-air market in the Golan Heights, just six miles from the Sea of Galilee. KAY REMINGER

A life-changing trip of biblical proportions

My daughter approached me with the idea of traveling with her to Israel. I had every excuse to say no, but what joy to experience this with her. Praying for divine guidance, I felt Him gently urging, "Go, daughter."

Without seriously thinking this would actually happen, I said yes. We started planning. We booked flights out of Green Bay to Chicago to London to Tel Aviv to arrive the day after we started out. The door started opening. I developed an eye twitch.

In between agreeing and actually forging ahead, I heard stories about conditions, volatile in nature and unsafe. Our contact person as-



KAY REMINGER

met the quota. I thought, "Oh. We won't be going." An invitation was extended to join a different group. The door stayed open.

My brain decided to go in the "what if" category. What if I got sick? What if Israel closed its bor-

sured me they had successfully completed many tours throughout Israel and knew exactly where and when to steer clear. The door remained open.

Our original group did not

ders at the last moment? What if there were mandatory vaccinations in place? What if my bum knee gave out? What if my husband needed surgery after his woods accident? My eye twitched relentlessly.

Finally, I decided to completely trust God and, as a result, every question was met and I felt my Father say, "Trust Me." This is something I often hear. I kept saying yes. The door continued to remain open.

The day came when it was time to depart. My eye twitch left.

We spent the first three nights in Bethlehem. Days started out on the bus by 7 a.m., getting back to our hotel around 6 p.m. Visiting first century sites, we received in-depth

teaching on biblical places and events, tying the Old Testament in with the New Testament. God is incredibly detailed. His dazzling plan of redemption had layers and layers of precise events, leading up to the arrival of God made flesh in the Person of Jesus Christ.

Our leader was a man of God, a good shepherd guarding well his 41 sheep on this journey of the heart. He reminded us daily, "You'll need your travel guides, your bibles, walking sticks, seat cushions and water. Don't forget to stay hydrated." Daily, on the way to the first site and on the way home, we recited the Sh'ma in Hebrew and English.



Kay Reminger feels right at home fetching some water at Jacob's Well in Samaria.

KAY REMINGER

Our leader's watchwords were: A teacher can't teach what a teacher can't see. Pointing to a millstone as Jesus taught, he then pointed to the sea. We saw a millstone, we saw the sea. We were at Azekah where the Philistines pitched camp and David reaching into the stream, chose five smooth stones, one of which he used to slay Goliath. I have a stone from that stream. At Ein Avdat (Wilderness of Zin) the Israelites complained again about the lack of water and Moses struck the rock so water rushed out. Seeing these places with my own eyes, touching the rock; it was all so surreal.

The next four nights we stayed in quaint, individual cabins on the Sea of Galilee. We breakfasted on charcoaled fish on that seashore and there partook of communion. Later, at sunset, we experienced a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. Emotions were ebbing and flowing like the water. The Dead Sea was another unreal moment, floating

"It's peaceful and mind-blowing, convicting and unsettling. Preconceived notions and images of what I thought I knew were blown out of the water."

KAY REMINGER, NEW Media columnist

buoyantly in the salty water. Listening to the Sermon on the Mount preached from memory verbatim from Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7 by our leader on Mount Arbel (one of the places Jesus preached) moved me to tears.

Ending our 12-day journey we stayed three nights in Jericho, walking the path Jesus walked to Golgotha, through old Jerusalem. After spending time at the Jerusalem Museum and the Garden of Gethsemane, we toured the Temple Mount and visited the Western Wall.

It was time to go home.

Jet lag is a physical ailment with symptoms ranging from weepy exhaustion to swollen ankles to confusion to brain collapse ac-



Sheep graze on a hill near Bethlehem while Kay Reminger and daughter Jessica were visiting.

KAY REMINGER

companied by repetitive "what" questions as in: "Repeat that. I did not comprehend although I clearly heard you." Also, a desire to robotically follow the leader because obviously I couldn't make a human decision — about anything. I think it should be declared an official illness.

Since returning, my heart has changed as I read the precious Word with fresh eyes. I feel the Father's pleasure at my obedience to "Go, My daughter." I was hesitant, but I did it. Because I was obedient to His persistent, loving voice, He paved the way, all the way.

It's peaceful and mind-blowing, convicting and unsettling. Preconceived notions and images of what I thought I knew were blown out

of the water. He is radical; to know Jesus is life-changing, challenging and wild but what depth of joy there is in the knowing. Hiking mountains, experiencing waterfalls, picking my way along stony paths in the Promised Land, the Word came alive as I realize He loves us with an overwhelming, relentless, all-consuming love.

We toured with Geoff and Jamie Carroll of Travel the Text (www.travelthetext.com). If you'd like to know more, please contact me. You'll experience a life-changing trip.

(The Sh'ma: "Hear O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might! And love your neighbor as yourself!" Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Leviticus 19:18)

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



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Pubanz puzzles people — but in a good way

Artist's puzzles donated to Gresham Scholarship Fund for annual fundraiser

By **NICOLE HIXSON**

Correspondent

Len Pubanz is a man of many talents and interests.

In his free time, he enjoys carpentry. His most well-known projects are undoubtedly his homemade wooden puzzles. Designed and handcrafted by Pubanz, these puzzles are logic based and inherent brain teasers. They are a mixture of education, art and fun that are based on patterns he has seen in nature.

"I'm an old biologist and nature lover," Pubanz said. "I started the puzzle thing five years before COVID. I copied nature to get this idea. It popped in my head in 1991 when I was looking at a flower. I thought that that flower was such a great design and I was playing with wood at the same time. So, I started to put some puzzles together by looking at the flower. I keep myself occupied by making these in the winter and then I give most of them away."

As a volunteer in local schools, he has used the wooden puzzles as an effective teaching aid. In that role, he was able to teach math skills and logic to young learners in a fun way that resonated with the students.

"I taught a little math and a little biology and a little creativity," Pubanz said. "Students should learn creativity. Use this puzzle as a teaching tool because it really is."

It would seem only natural that his love for teaching, community service and his puzzles would coalesce. By designing and creating wooden logic puzzles that are a natural teaching tool, he has found a way to help the community.

By donating the wooden puzzles to charitable organizations, the funds from the sales can be used to help causes important to him. He most recently donated a pair of wooden puzzles to the Gresham Scholarship Fund, which provided over 200 scholarships exceeding over \$280,000 in financial assistance to help students afford college.

"I really admire the Gresham community, the Gresham School District and the scholarship fund because it shows support for education," Pubanz said. "If the community shows support, the students do better, the teachers are more enthusiastic and I think that the parents become more involved. I would want to help them in any way I can."

In order to provide the scholarships, the fund holds a dinner where donated items are auctioned and raffled off. This year's event will be held on March 25 at The Woodland Supper Club and Banquet Hall, 420 Main St., Gresham. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

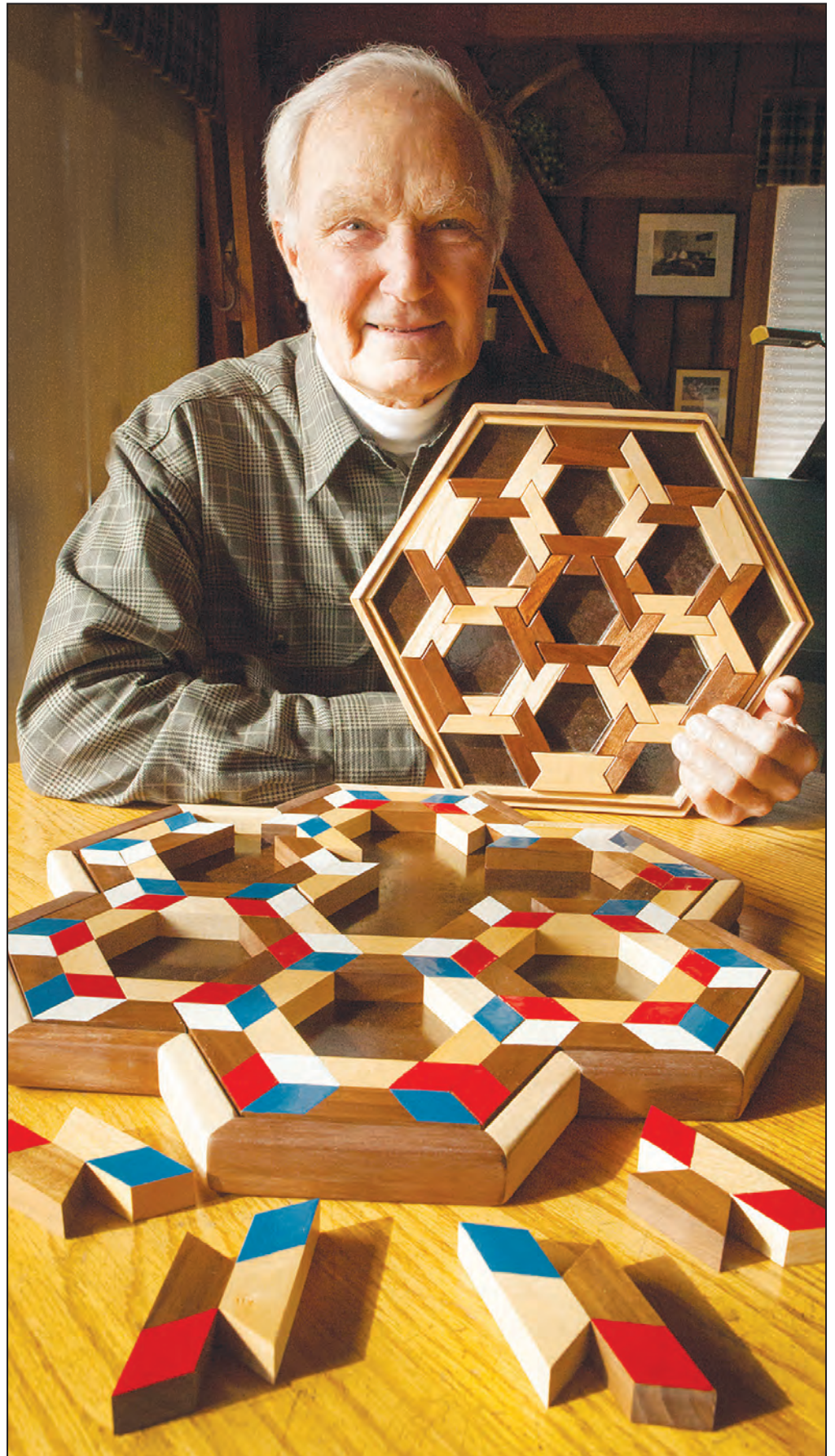
"I really want to encourage people to come," Pubanz said. "They have a committee that's really worked hard and it's kind of a celebration and a fundraiser at the same time. There will be a tremendous abundance of things that are going to be auctioned off and raffled, and people have donated many things. There are over one hundred different items. This is just an exciting way to take home a treasure. It's a fun event and I am sure people will enjoy it."

The public is welcome to attend to support the scholarship fund and for a chance to get one of the puzzles. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 715-787-3386 by March 18.

Pubanz, a former Shawano Community High School biology teacher, has also been heavily involved over the years in supporting various community service organizations and is well known for his environmental activism.

Pubanz is a former recipient of the Shawano Community Service Award, an annual recognition from the Shawano Area Community Foundation. He has supported other causes including the Shawano Miles of Art Tour, the Shawano Farmers Market, building and donating Little Free Libraries, and many other civic-minded activities.

His environmental activism has been seen in his efforts to protect the Wolf River, going so far as to affect legislation.



Flower puzzles are among many of the creative art pieces that Shawano artist Len Pubanz makes in his studio. Two of the puzzles have been donated to the Gresham Scholarship Fund for its annual fundraiser.

CURT KNOKE

Sensational spring shrubs will beautify

Gardeners' dreams have turned to spring, and a popular question I've been receiving over the past few weeks is regarding spring bloom-



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ing shrubs. For beginner gardeners or longtime garden lovers, spring blooming shrubs are an enticing and tantalizing part of the landscape. Some of these shrubs bloom so early that they

provide a joyous burst of color, even when everything else appears brown and lifeless.

Here are some examples of some wonderful spring blooming shrubs to include in your yard and garden for a beautiful spring showcase of bloom.

Pussy willows are among the first spring blooming shrubs to show signs of life during spring. Already the wild varieties are bursting forth with their furry, silvery catkins. Over the next few weeks, they will be in full glory.

There are many varieties of pussy willows to choose from, as far as garden hybrids. Many of these grow in much drier conditions than the native pussy willows that generally grow in or near water. There are garden hybrids available in pink, as well, which is exciting for many growers.

Like many of the shrubs in this week's column, pussy willows can often be found in tree, or standard form as well. There are gorgeous weeping pussy willows that drape down like an umbrella.

Another early blooming spring shrub is the forsythia. With its bright, cheerful yellow blooms, forsythias are popular in our area, as they often bloom while everything else is still brown and dormant. In some years, there may still be snow on the ground when the forsythia is in bloom. This explosive burst of color brightens up the yard and garden as early as mid April in some years.

Forsythias come in many different sizes and shapes. There are dwarf forsythias that may only grow a few feet tall. There are others that will grow to 7 or 8 feet tall and wide. There are also forsythia varieties that have beautiful bronze or purple foliage that provides a breathtaking backdrop to the golden yellow blooms.

Several magnolia varieties are hardy here in our area. Star magnolia



ABOVE: Spring blooming shrubs, like this star magnolia, bring color and lush beauty to a landscape that is still largely brown when they begin their show.

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LEFT: Flowering crabapples and dwarf orchard trees are among the earliest of spring's blooms.

ROB ZIMMER



is probably the most popular with its beautiful, ruffled, layered blossoms in light pink and white. This is also one of the easiest to grow. Magnolias bloom, like other shrubs in this column, before their leaves appear and before the surrounding landscape has begun to flush.

Rhododendrons and azaleas are

another group of beautiful spring blooming shrubs. In shades of pink, white, fuchsia and magenta, the shrubs are popular for the burst of early spring color they provide. Be sure to check the individual plant tags on these shrubs as some are more hardy than others. You really want the varieties that are hardy

in zone 3 and 4. These can be long blooming shrubs in the landscape and provide wonderful foliage throughout the year, as they often remain evergreen.

It wouldn't be spring without joyous, fragrant lilacs in the yard and garden. In purple, lavender, white and even a few varieties in creamy yellow, lilacs are a popular landscaping plant. There are dwarf lilacs that may only be 3-4 feet high, while others are full grown shrubs that may reach 10 feet or higher.

Soon, it will be time to shop and plant for wonderful, colorful spring shrubs to add to your yard and garden. Scatter them throughout the landscape for a lush effect of blooms in the springs to come.

Rob Zimmer is a nature and garden author, public speaker and radio show host on WHBY. Readers can find him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Synergy Dairy to host Shawano County brunch

Shawano County Brunch on the Farm planning is in full swing for 2023.

Synergy Family Dairy near Pulaski will be hosting the 2023 Shawano County Brunch on the Farm on June 25. The event will be a traditional, in-person event with opportunities for guests to see a modern dairy farm and have a morning of family fun. The brunch will have a hearty breakfast, ice cream, cows and many activities for family fun and socialization.

Synergy Family Dairy is owned and operated by Jay and Heather Jauquet, along with their three children — Mason, Carter and Evan. They milk 650 cows, raise all their youngstock and own 565 acres. The Jauquets also work with neighbors to custom grow additional forages to round out the herd's yearly feed supply.

Synergy's herd is known for its high genetic merit. In May, they will be hosting the Breeder's Bash, a dairy genetics sale highlighting their genetics and the genetics of neighbors and friends.

Synergy Family Dairy is a host for the Adopt-A-Cow program, which facilitates over 500 Wisconsin classrooms adopting calves from their dairy throughout the current school year.

Brunch on the Farm typically draws a crowd of 4,000 people over the course of four hours. The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Follow the Shawano County Farm Bureau and the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm event page on Facebook for details.

Workshop to examine grain marketing issues

UW-Madison Division of Extension is conducting an event to help grain producers better understand marketing opportunities and tools and how to utilize those opportunities to their operations' advantage.

The workshop will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 21 at Cecil Village Hall, 111 E. Hofman St., Cecil. The registration fee of \$20 includes materials, lunch, and snacks. Pre-registration is requested, to ensure that enough materials will be available for all participants.

Extension Crops/Soils Educator Scott Reuss will be leading participants through discussion of the various tools and techniques that they may choose to utilize in their marketing efforts, as well as sample exercises



Many fun family activities are included at the annual Shawano County Brunch on the Farm, such as a hearty breakfast cooked up by the Shawano and Bonduel FFA and other volunteers.

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and analyzing pricing opportunities for the upcoming crop harvest or for grain currently in storage. The goal of the workshop is for farms to be able to develop a simple, straightforward marketing plan that improves their confidence in grain marketing decisions.

Other discussion points will include how a marketing plan works with crop insurance, grain market cycle timing and how to use that cycle to watch for pricing opportunities, and the differences between pre- and post-harvest marketing goals.

For information or to register, contact Reuss at scott.reuss@wisc.edu or 715-701-0966.

SCHS to host solo and ensemble music festival

Students from area schools will participate in a Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) sanctioned District Solo and Ensemble Music Festival hosted at Shawano Community High School on March 23.

During the festival, which is free and open to the public, students will

perform vocal and instrumental solos, duets, trios and small ensembles before an adjudicator.

WSMA music festivals annually attract thousands of students from middle, junior high and high schools throughout Wisconsin. The festival will draw students from a number of area schools, including SCHS, Bonduel High School, Pulaski High School and Shawano Community Middle School. Dan O'Connell, music director from SCMS, will be serving as the festival manager.

For more information on WSMA, go to www.wsmamusic.org.

WRLHS have fish fries, trivia event coming up

Wolf River Lutheran High School will be hosting several events in the next few weeks to fundraise for the only parochial high school in the area.

Two fish fryevenings are taking place from 4-7 p.m. March 17 and April 7 at the school, W7467 River Bend Road, Shawano. Adults have a choice of three pieces of fish for \$11 or three chicken strips for \$9. The

meals include French fries, cole slaw, rye bread and dessert. There is also a kids meal for \$5 with one piece of fish or chicken, which includes the choice of fries or applesauce. There will be water and coffee available. Guests can eat in-person or carry out the meals.

On March 19, WRLHS will host its annual trivia event, which starts at 1:30 p.m. The theme for the event is "Number One Sports Fan." Participation costs \$10 per person, but the event provides free babysitting, popcorn and drinks. Sponsorships are available ranging from \$100 to \$500.

For information, call the school at 715-754-2400 or go to www.wrlhs.org.

Next gunless poultry shoot coming to Wabeno

American Legion Post 44 is holding another gunless poultry shoot starting at 1 p.m. March 25 at Rusty's Bowl, 4489 N. Branch St., Wabeno.

The post will be raffling off packages of meat, poultry, sausages, bacon, beverages and items donated by local businesses. There will also be 50/50 raffles.

Gallagher announces annual art contest

Rep. Mike Gallagher has announced the 2023 Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students that live or attend school in Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District.

The Congressional Art Competition is an annual event hosted by the Congressional Institute that highlights the artistic talent of high school students across the country.

"The Congressional Art Competition ensures everyone who visits the U.S. Capitol has the opportunity to see the outstanding talent of Northeast Wisconsin students," said Gallagher. "Every year, students from across the



MIKE GALLAGHER

Eighth District impress me with their skills, and I'm looking forward to seeing their creativity shine through in this year's submissions."

All eligible art will be featured in an exhibition at the Trout Museum of Art, third floor "Room with a View Gallery," in Appleton from April 25 through May 14, and judged by an independent panel of local artists.

The first-place selection will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year, and the next two runners-up will have their artwork displayed in Gallagher's Washington D.C. and district offices.

All art and required forms must be received at the district office in DePere no later than 4 p.m. on April 20. Artwork may not exceed, when framed, 26 inches by 26 inches and 4 inches in depth and may not weigh more than 15 pounds.

Accepted two-dimensional artwork medium includes the following:

- Paintings — oil, acrylics, and watercolor
- Drawings — pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, and markers
- Collages — must be two-dimensional
- Prints — lithographs, silkscreen, and block prints
- Mixed Media — use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.

- Computer-generated art
- Photography

For questions about the contest, contact Gallagher's district office at 920-301-4500.

ThedaCare auxiliary offers health care scholarships

ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano Auxiliary will be offering scholarships for students who are currently enrolled in a healthcare education program and entering their final year of study this coming 2023-24 school year.

Application forms and scholarship guidelines are available through the volunteer services department by calling 715-526-7207 or emailing elaine.gast@thedacare.org. The application deadline is April 15.

Since 1983, the auxiliary has awarded over \$115,000 in scholarships. The scholarship program is designed to help students finance tuition for the final year of college or technical school. Students must be a high school graduate or a current resident of Shawano, Menominee, or Waupaca counties or have a parent or grandparent who is employed by or volunteers with ThedaCare.

Delta Kappa Gamma to offer \$500 scholarship

The Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an organization of women educators, has announced that they are offering one \$500 scholarship to an eligible college student who is pursuing a degree in education. Applicants must be college or university students who have been admitted to an education program.

Interested college students from Waupaca and Shawano counties are encouraged to apply. Scholarship application forms may be obtained by contacting Faith Webster, N6806 S. Forest Haven Road, Shawano, WI 54166, or by email at faith.b.webster@gmail.com.

Completed applications are due by April 15.

Shawano starts April with Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Shawano-Menominee will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 1 at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano. The public is invited to come enjoy part or all of the day and join hundreds of volunteers and participants at this community event to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to the disease, and take action to fight against cancer.

The opening ceremony, which includes a special survivors and caregivers lap, will begin at 9 a.m. A luminaria ceremony to honor cancer



Lenten season begins

The Rev. Scott Valentyn makes the sign of the cross as he bestows ashes on the head of Ellie Cumberland on Feb. 22. Sacred Heart Catholic School celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass with Valentyn and Deacon James Lonick, along with staff, school families, and numerous parishioners and prepared themselves for their Lenten Journey. Each person was asked to reflect on what they are willing to sacrifice during Lent and to do their best to stay the course during the entire season of Lent. CONTRIBUTED

survivors and remember those lost to cancer will take place at noon.

The theme for this year is "Every Step Brings Hope." Activities will include a large bucket drawing, pound class, escape puzzles sponsored by Shawano County Library, Cornerstone Chiropractic demonstration, face painting, bounce house, children and adult games, live DJ, concessions and more. For information, visit www.relayforlife.org/shawano-menominee.

Library within reach of \$15K matching goal

A third anonymous donor match of \$15,000 for Lakes Country Public Library has already brought in \$11,200.

With this latest round of donations, the library's building fund is now over 80% of its \$1.5 million goal. To date, \$1.25 million has been raised in donations, pledges and grants.

"This is so gratifying. We began formal fundraising less than a year ago at our May 2022 kick-off dinner," said fundraising chairwoman Kathleen Marsh.

Marsh is hopeful that the final goal will be reached at the second annual library fundraising dinner on May 13. The dinner will take place at McCauslin Brook Golf and Country Club, Dinner tickets are \$50 per person, but there are only 70 seats

available. Guests can register by calling 920-841-6235.

Anyone who wants to donate can do so online at www.lakescountrylibrary.org or by mailing a check to: LCPL Building Fund, 15235 State Highway 32, Lakewood, WI 54138. Checks need to have "Building Fund" on the memo line.

Cross Walk comes to Gillett for Good Friday

The Gillett-Suring Clergy Association will be hosting a Cross Walk at noon April 7.

The community is welcome to join local pastors as they begin the journey at Gillett High School, 208 W. Main St., Gillett. There will be a brief scripture reading and prayer at each of four stops as the walk makes its way through Gillett.

The Cross Walk is a unique and effective way of identifying with the real Good Friday/Easter message on a personal level. The walk will end at St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St., Gillett, where coffee and snacks will be available.

For information, call Hillside Assembly Church at 920-855-2962.

Around the Community is a roundup on local events, honors, awards and more. Organizations interested in sending news about what they're involved with can contact NEW Media at news@newmedia-wi.com. Items with a specific date like an event should be sent at least two weeks before it takes place.

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St. James hosts read-around night



St. James Lutheran School hosted its second read-around night March 3, with readers like Theresa Piering-Rex, left photo, and Melody Bartz, right photo, entertaining families. The children heard "Click, Clack, Moo, Cows That Type," "Little Critters Policeman," "Silly Sally" and "How do Dinosaurs Go to School?" Each child was encouraged to come to the event in their pajamas. They received a coloring book that they were able to get autographed by the readers, and also enjoyed milk and cookies sponsored by the St. James Parent-Teacher League.

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COLLEGE NOTES

University of Minnesota Twin Cities

The following students have been named to the 2022 fall semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities:

- Krakow: Heidi Matz
- Sobieski: Brady Gille

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade-point average.

University of Mississippi

Quinn Cain, of Oconto, was named to the University of Mississippi's fall 2022 honor roll.

Cain was named to the chancellor's honor roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester grade-point average of 3.75-4.0.

"The remarkable students achieving chancellor's honor roll are among the best and brightest at the University of Mississippi," said Chancellor Glenn Boyce.

UW-La Crosse

The 58th winter commencement was held at the La Crosse Center on Dec. 18.

Students earning degrees include:

- Shawano: Faith Schenk, Bachelor

of Science, biology, highest honors

- Sobieski: Karlee Krueger, Bachelor of Science, economics, highest honors

Abilene Christian University

Karsyn Delforge, of Birnamwood, was named to the Abilene Christian University fall 2022 dean's honor roll. Delforge was among more than 1,500 students named to the honor roll.

To qualify, students must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a grade-point average of 3.6 or higher.

MARRIAGES

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Zachary Ryan Jones and Zena Rae Bauer, both of Oconto, Jan. 30, 2023.

Cory James Bruce and Rhonda Lee Jahnsman, both of the Town of Underhill, Feb. 15, 2023.

Matthew William Milatz and Kaylee Marie Clark, both of the Town of Brazeau, Feb. 21, 2023.

Benjamin Arthurs, of the United Kingdom, and Elizabeth Rose McLeod, of Oconto Falls, March 5, 2023.

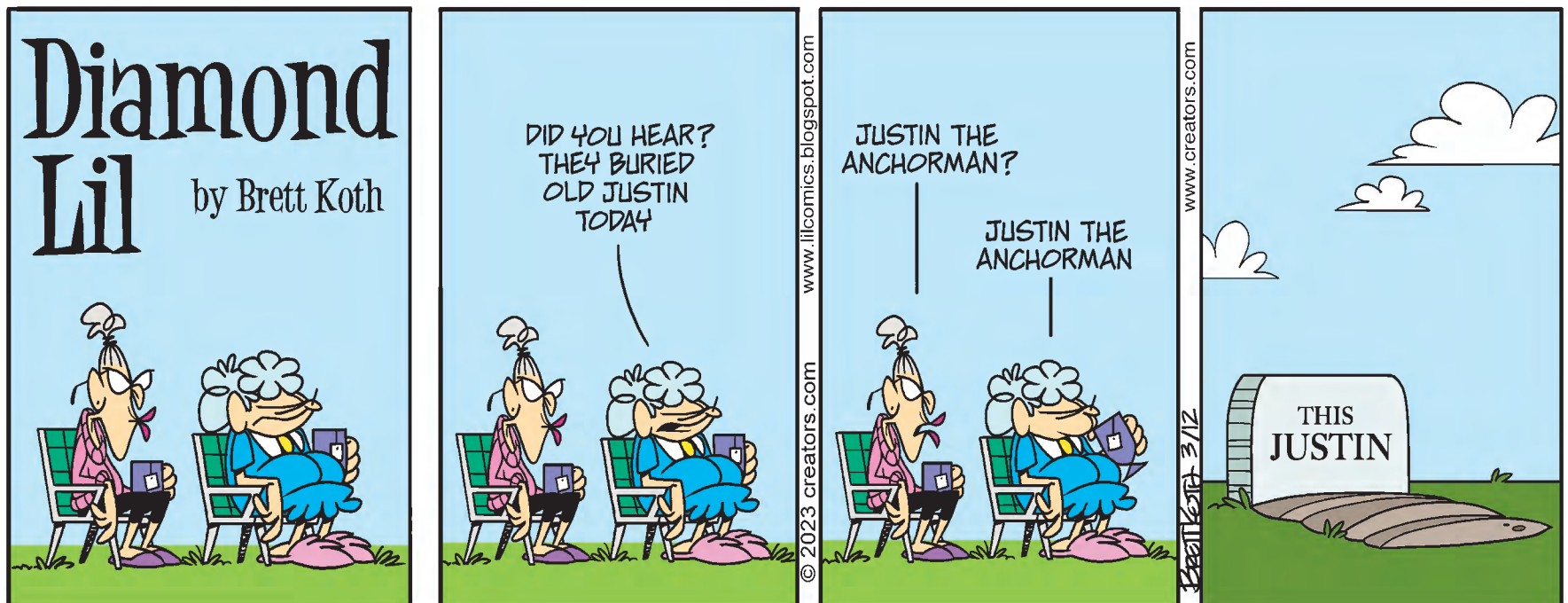
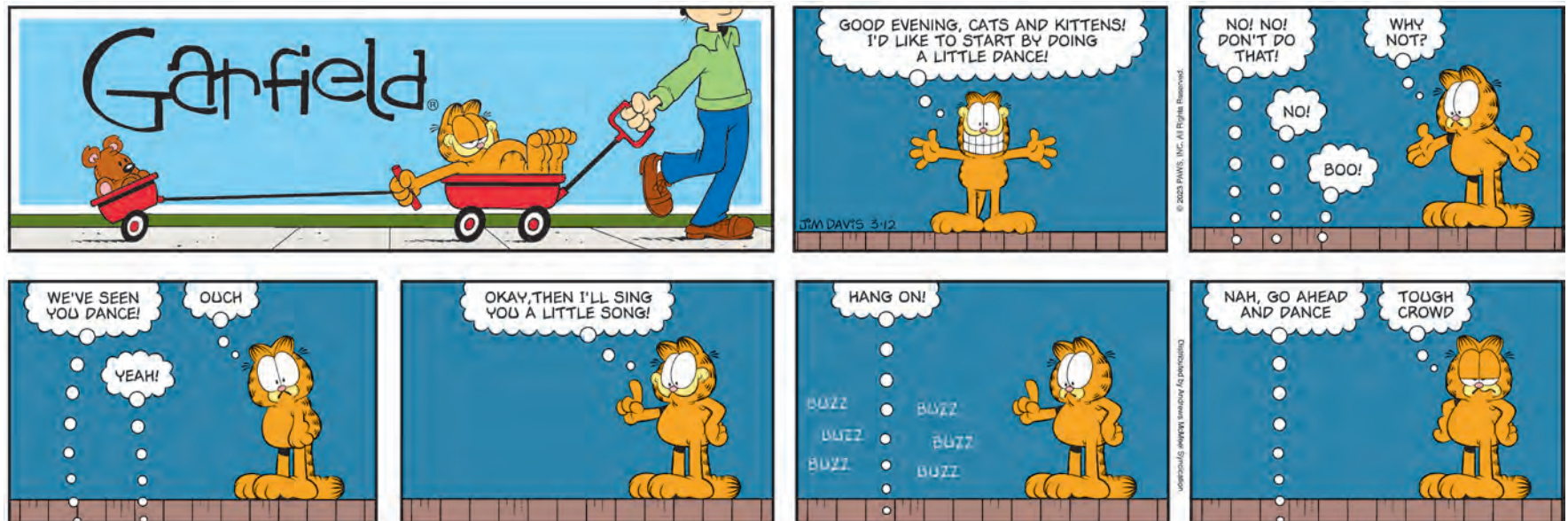
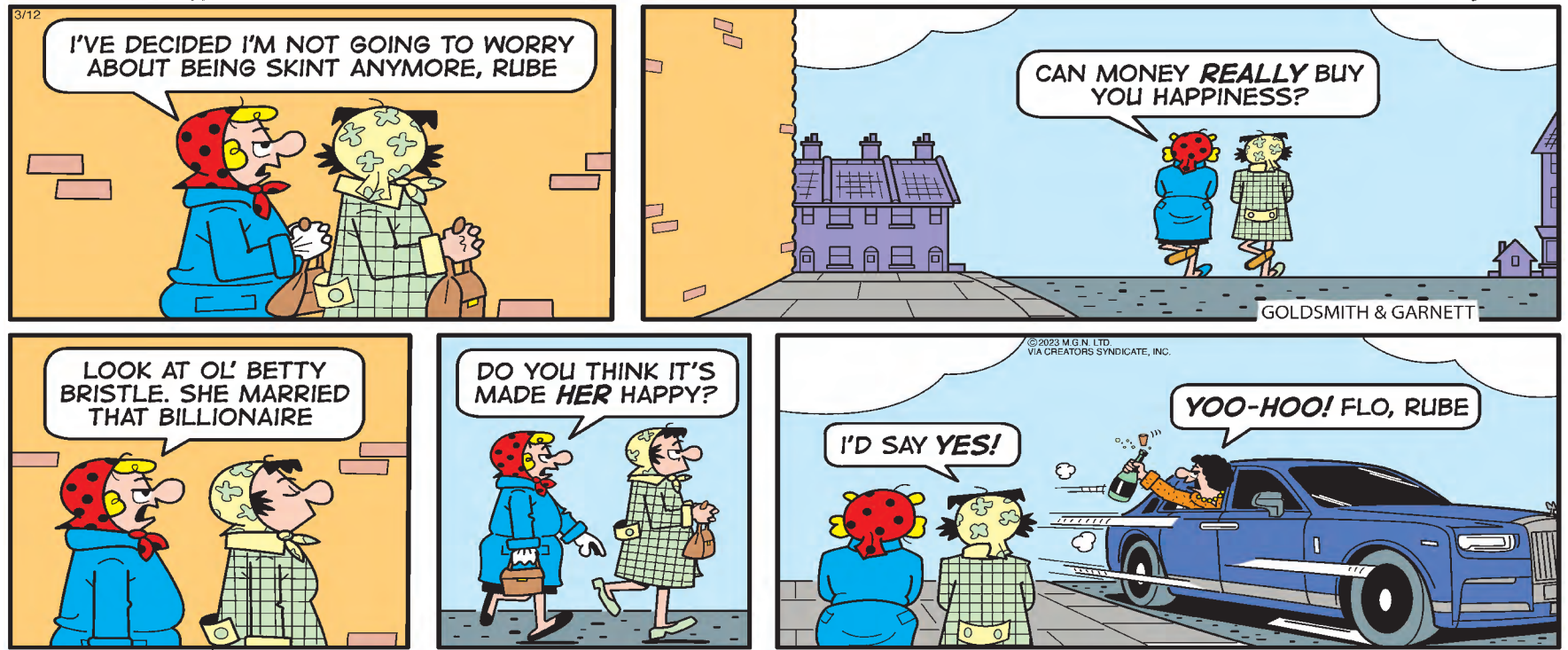
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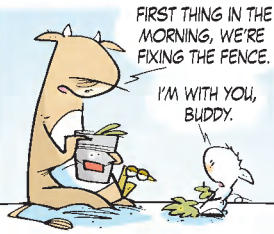
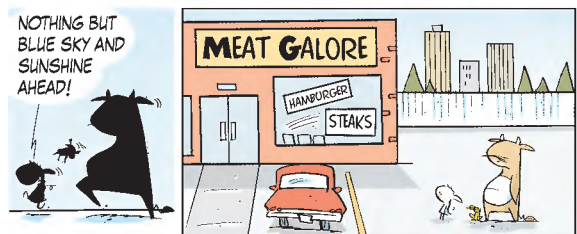
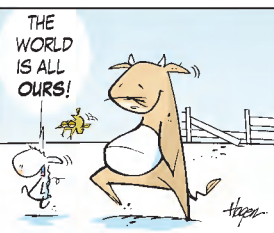
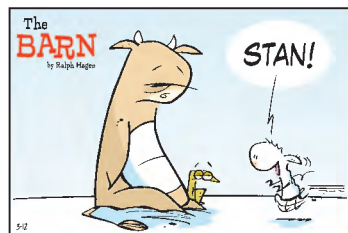
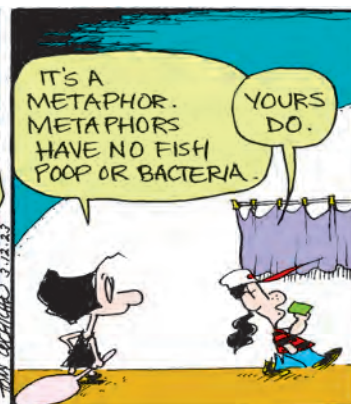
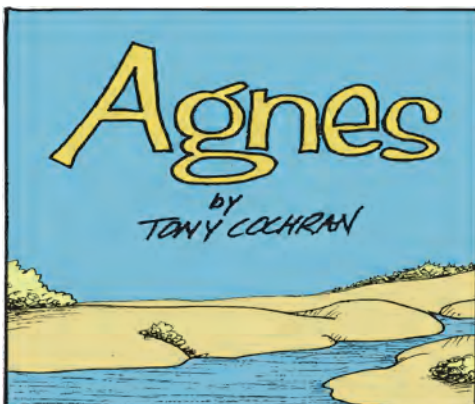
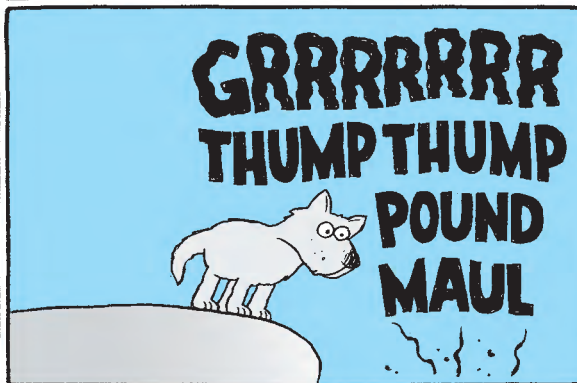
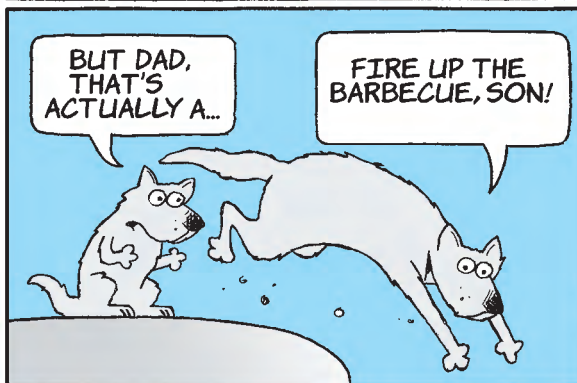
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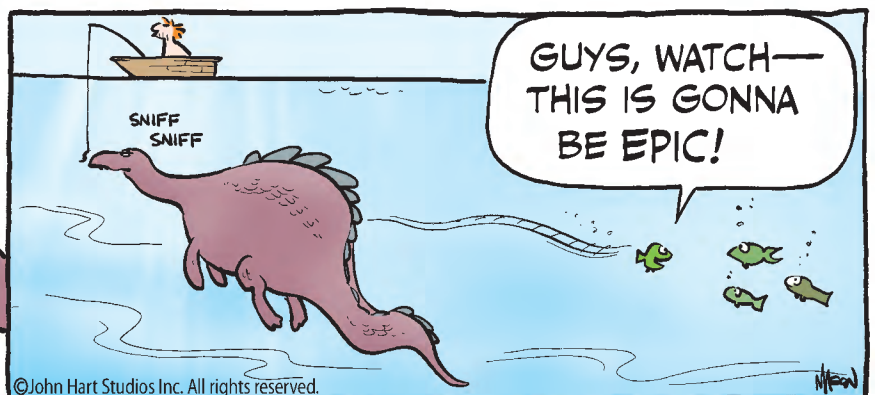
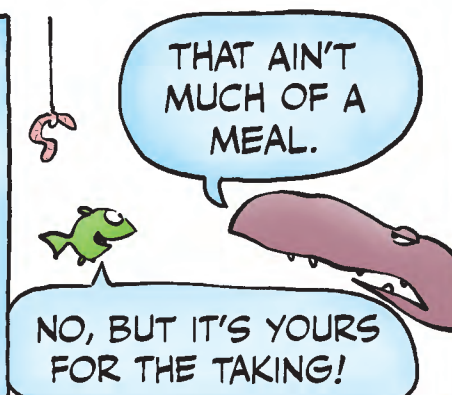
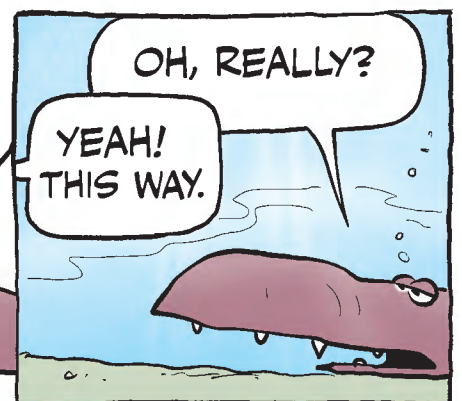
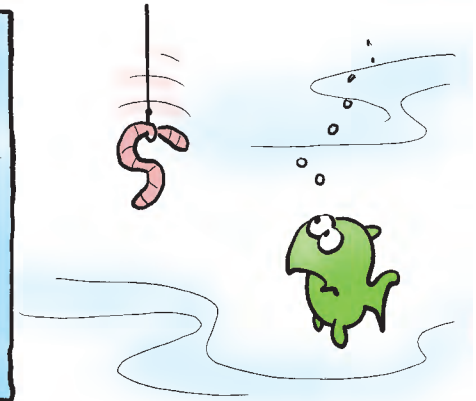
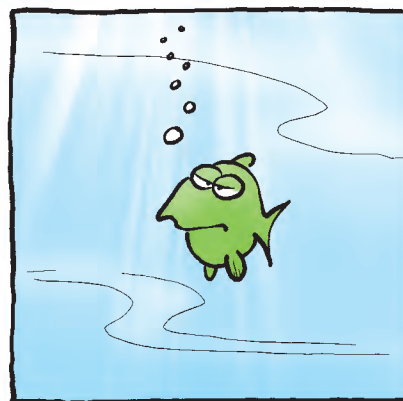
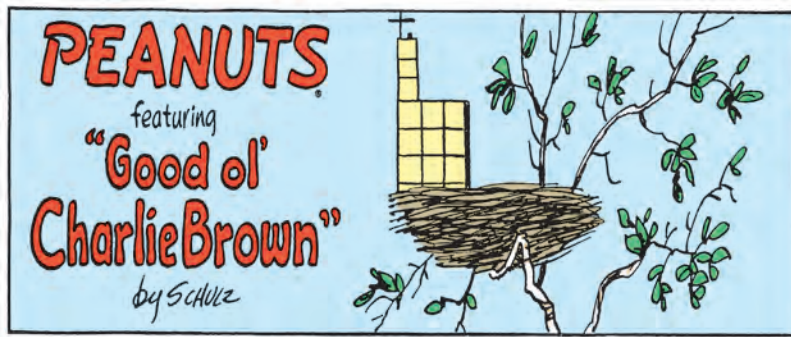
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