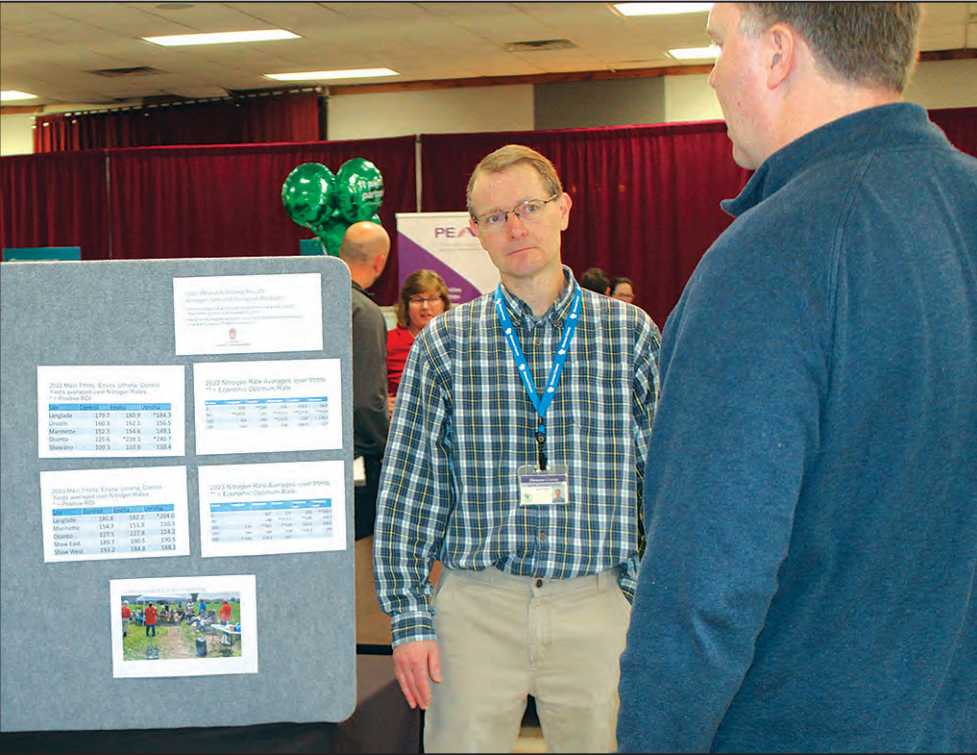




High school students learn about GenEx careers from Joselyn Hurlburt, recruiting and talent lead, and Brian Hamm, area sales manager, at the Shawano County Agricultural Job Fair on March 13 in Marion. The event was sponsored by the Shawano County Farm Bureau.

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Agriculture industry recruits employees at county job fair



Job opportunities in the agriculture industry range from production agriculture and livestock handling to mechanics, construction, food processing, transportation, professional services and laboratory-based roles. At the March 13 agriculture job fair, Shawano County conservationist Scott Frank shared insights about ag-related careers.

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First-time event draws interest from students, adults, more than 20 companies

By KEVIN PASSON Editor-in-chief

More than one out of every five jobs in Shawano County is related to the agriculture industry. On March 13, about two dozen ag-related businesses joined together for the first-ever Shawano County Agricultural Job Fair in hopes of adding to that workforce. "This is our first one, so we're giving it a try, and if it's successful, we're going to try it again next year," event coordinator Ken Matsche said. "I think they're basically making those connections, whether they're seeking a job right now or looking for the future, too." Matsche is also the education and promotion director for the Shawano County Farm Bureau, which sponsored the job fair, held at Northwinds Banquet Hall in Marion.

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Shawano schools hope voters OK \$54.5M

Officials claim tax rate will remain same due to debt drop

By LEE PULASKI City Editor

The Shawano School District is getting the word out about its \$54.5 million referendum and prefacing it with the push that the tax rate will not change if voters approve it April 2. The school district is retiring some of its debt from previous projects like the building of Hillcrest Primary School, paving the way for renovations planned for all the schools and expansion at Shawano Community High School. According to Superintendent Kurt Krizan, the retirement of the debt will keep the tax rate around \$6.85, which means a property with an equalized value of \$100,000 pays \$685 in Shawano school taxes. Krizan noted that the school district did not have a long-term maintenance plan but has plenty of maintenance needs, which is about 40% of the total referendum. Including maintenance in the proposal makes the district proactive instead of waiting for something to break down, he said. "We looked at everything from, do we close a building? Do we want to add on to a building?" Krizan said. "What do we do to make sure that we're being the most fiscally responsible to our taxpayers?" Krizan pointed out that student enrollment has been going down, but population for the city of Shawano has been going up, especially as new housing projects are going on, which means the possibility that student enrollment might start increasing again as more families are expected to move into the area. "When we looked at this all the way

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Shawano School District Superintendent Kurt Krizan, second from right, explains why a \$54.5 million referendum is needed during a breakfast and information session March 13 at Shawano Community High School.

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through, one of our goals was to maintain all of our current facilities,” Krizan said. “We’re trying to make sure we are better utilizing the space we have now but improving space we may need in the future.”

The majority of the work and budget from the referendum will be taking place at SCHS. The high school building is over 25 years old, and Krizan noted that much of the facility has not been touched in that amount of time, which means some infrastructure is wearing out.

“We want to remodel some classrooms and some science labs that haven’t been touched in 25 years with the original furniture and other pieces in there,” Krizan said. “The other part is that the classrooms ... there’s a big open area that, when it was originally designed, computer labs were going to be put out in that area. Now, with how we’ve shifted to personal devices, that space is just sitting out there open, so how can we reutilize that space and have students work collaboratively?”

The district also plans to expand its performing arts, athletics, and career and technical education facilities, and with the classroom remodel, the work at SCHS is expecting to come in around \$30 million, more than half of the total referendum request.

With the auditorium, the district is looking at upgrading its seats, lighting and rigging, with much of it being original pieces when the school first opened in 1997. There are also plans to build out the space from the auditorium toward Lincoln Street, where there would be space for a scene-building shop, storage and additional classrooms.

Classrooms for career



This rendering shows how common areas around classrooms at Shawano Community High School could be remodeled if voters approve a \$54.5 million referendum.

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and technical education are too small, according to Krizan, so those are going to be adjusted, and there are also plans to expand the metal shop.

A two-story fitness center is also slated for an addition to SCHS with a weight room on the ground floor, followed by a cardio and fitness area on the floor above, according to Krizan. The existing weight room would be remodeled for a multipurpose area, he added, with much of the use coming from the school’s wrestling program.

“We saw about 54 kids wrestle last year,” Krizan said, noting that the girls wrestling program is also growing. “This remodeled space would give us enough room for about 72 student athletes to participate.”

Krizan noted that massive renovations on the pool are not included with this referendum, even though community input showed favor for improvements. Only \$500,000 is budgeted for the pool for a liner and some minor fixes like updating the deck and equipment until the district

can determine the long-term future of the pool.

“There’s wear and tear on some of the machinery,” Krizan said.

Separate from the \$30 million going toward the existing SCHS building is \$9.1 million geared toward stadium facilities. This includes 2,000-seat grandstand in the football stadium, along with replacing the grass with synthetic turf for the football and soccer teams to play on, as well as have specific amenities for track and field, according to Krizan, as the current track is at Shawano Community Middle School.

Most of the work at Olga Brener Intermediate School and the middle school involves replacing the heating and cooling systems, as both schools have been in operation for over a half-century. Krizan noted that restroom facilities that are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act will be upgraded. That is expected to take up about \$6.7 million between the two schools.

Hillcrest, even though it is only 13 years old, has

some issues, as well. About \$1.6 million of the \$5.2 million budgeted for Hillcrest is specifically for maintenance, including repairing some cracked foundation and further improving energy efficiency, according to Krizan.

The big ticket item for Hillcrest is converting some of the lower level to provide child care for up to 88 children, which Krizan noted is a big need in the Shawano area. He noted that there are three child care sports for every five children in the community, which means there’s a need for additional options.

“I spoke with someone who’s an employee at a business, whose wife works at ThedaCare, and he works at Marion Body Works,” Krizan said. “They live in Weyauwega because that’s where they can find child care. We have two people commuting from Weyauwega because the main reason they don’t live here — they had everything else lined up — is because there’s no child care.”

Krizan said the child care facility would be open

BY THE NUMBERS

- **\$5.2 MILLION:** Cost for Hillcrest Primary School renovations, which would including remodeling space for a child care program.
- **\$4.4 MILLION:** Cost for Olga Brener Intermediate School infrastructure and maintenance needs.
- **\$2.3 MILLION:** Cost for Shawano Community Middle School infrastructure and maintenance needs.
- **\$30 MILLION:** Cost for Shawano Community High School renovations and expansion of facilities for performing arts, athletics, and career and technical education.
- **\$500,000:** Cost for making simple repairs to the swimming pool at SCHS.
- **\$3 MILLION:** Safe Routes to Schools site work at all four schools.
- **\$9.1 MILLION:** Cost for renovating athletic fields and fitness areas at SCHS, including an event space for track and field, renovating the football/soccer field with synthetic turf, a 2,000 seat grandstand with press box and storage, and an entry plaza and building for concessions and restrooms.
- **\$54.5 MILLION:** Total amount voters are approving for Shawano School District work.

year-round, with acceptance starting at six weeks. He noted that the reason the district is capping enrollment is because the state has more stringent regulations when a child care facility cares for more than 100 children.

The remaining \$3 million in the referendum is expected to be used for recommendations from Safe Routes to School to improve dropoff areas for both parents and buses, as well as improve traffic flows at all of the facilities.

“A lot of the work will be at the high school,” Krizan said.

If the referendum doesn’t pass, the retired

debt is expected to drop the tax rate by about \$1, according to Krizan. However, that would be the district in a bind when it comes to major maintenance needs, especially at the district’s older schools, he said.

“Our conversations were, how could we do this with as little tax impact as possible?” Krizan said. “If the referendum doesn’t pass, we have to figure out how to fund that 40% (aimed at maintenance), and that’s going to impact programs and services we have for kids.”

A survey from last fall showed 70% of respondents want the school district to do something to improve facilities, which Krizan said is a higher average than other school districts see.

“The survey showed the community would be more favorable if we kept the referendum under \$70 million,” he said.

Although a new middle school, which is expected to cost as much as the current referendum, is not included in the proposal, Krizan said it is likely a new building will be necessary in the next five years, as the existing middle school is almost 70 years old. He noted a new middle school is not part of the proposal because survey results showed about half of respondents were not receptive to the plan of building the school next to Olga Brener Intermediate School.

“The (existing) building has been remodeled and added on to numerous times,” Krizan said. “When we were looking at maintenance needs, that building alone needed \$15 million of maintenance just to keep it up.”

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Participants at the job fair included farms, businesses that support the ag industry, agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture and University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension, as well as technical colleges.

Among the participants was GenEx Cooperative, represented by Joselyn Hurlburt, recruiting and talent lead, and Brian Hamm, area sales manager.

GenEx, headquartered in Shawano but with a worldwide reach, provides its member-owners and customers with advanced genetic and reproductive

solutions, including cattle genetics, expert artificial insemination service, professional herd consulting, herd care products and state-of-the-art bull search apps.

“We have a wide variety of positions, whether it be out in the field, our lab and production facilities, but we’re always looking to network and continue to talk to students about different careers,” Hurlburt said.

She said the job fair is a great idea for the industry.

“We were super excited about the opportunity,” Hurlburt said. “I think it’s just a great way to get everyone together and

promote people within the organization as well as different companies and get some visibility.”

Hamm, from Wittenberg, has been with GenEx for nine years. His sales territory includes all of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula, as well as parts of Illinois and Iowa.

“I oversee the reproductive technicians out in the field,” he said. “I handle everything from day-to-day issues that happen on the farm and anything in between, helping them out with sales.”

Matsche said all the participants, like agriculture it-

self, covered a mix of interests, including crops, soils, livestock, feed, agronomy, fertilizers and forestry. And, while some are competitors, they all work together.

“That’s something in agriculture where it’s unique from other sectors,” he said. “Everyone works together, because in the end, we all are trying to do the same thing. We’re trying to meet the need of growing enough food, raising enough food for our population.”

According to the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Wisconsin, although known as America’s

Dairyland, produces and processes more than just milk and cheese. Wisconsin ranks first in the nation for snap beans for processing, cheese, cranberries, ginseng, mink pelts, dry whey for humans, milk goats and corn for silage. Wisconsin agriculture is a big economic driver contributing \$104.8 billion annually to the state’s economy.

“Agriculture is really important to Shawano County,” Matsche said. “Right around 21% of our jobs are directly related to agriculture. It’s a major part of our county and all of northeastern Wisconsin for

that matter.”

Hurlburt agreed. “At the end of the day, it’s about the people that we’re helping and helping them achieve their goals,” she said. “It’s definitely one big community.”

Matsche is a part of that community. He helps operate the family farm of about 700 acres in the Birnamwood area, a farm that’s have been in his family since 1917.

Matsche said the average size farm in Shawano County has about 120 cows and is about 240 acres.

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Ball diamond infrastructure needs updates

City applying for DNR grant to bring facilities into 21st century

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano Common Council approved a resolution March 13 that could make improvements at one of the baseball diamonds at Memorial Park.

The resolution allows parks and recreation director Matt Hendricks to apply for a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that would improve the varsity ball diamond and the infrastructure around it. Hendricks told the council the DNR requires such a resolution from municipalities applying for its grants.

“Typically, DNR does

not care about baseball diamonds or soccer fields,” Hendricks said. “They’re actually the stewards of numerous different funds” including one for passive recreation like sports.

Hendricks pointed out that the grant is highly competitive, which means Shawano might not get it.

“We don’t get it if we don’t try,” Hendricks said. “It’s a long shot.”

If the city succeeds in getting the DNR grant, however, the existing buildings, which Hendricks noted have given the city challenges, can be upgraded. He noted they currently don’t meet the requirements in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“We can’t get people in and out of restrooms the way we want to,” Hendricks said. “We can’t get people their food service the way we want to. Speaking of food service, I can’t get a hot water line to that building while meet-

ing commercial building codes, so that’s an issue.”

Currently, food service providers have to haul in and out the food and supplies, including water to wash the dishes, according to Hendricks.

“That’s not an ideal world if you’ve ever volunteered for the organization in the past,” he said. “It’s there. It’s old. It was put in in the ’60s, so it’s past its life.”

Also planned is copying the pillar system from Franklin Park to give Memorial Park a classier entrance. Hendricks said that is part of an effort to provide common elements at all the city’s parks.

The city is also planning to provide more covered bleachers for when fans watch ball games, according to Hendricks. He said at least four people have approached the commission in the last two years because the current seating is directly in the

sun, which can be brutal in the summer months when watching a game during the day.

Hendricks added that cameras can go above the seating to allow live recording of games.

“A lot of high school sports are now being televised on YouTube and apps like that,” Hendricks said. “We can actually put cameras up there and put it out there on the internet for people to watch.”

The ball field itself will be adjusted to allow the proposed infrastructure to fit, but Hendricks pointed out the field will look pretty much the same.

Hendricks said the DNR grant would cover 50% of the costs, with the city needing to fund the remainder. He noted that doesn’t mean it will all come from tax levy dollars, but there would need to be a lot of people involved to reduce the likelihood the city would have to fund

half the project on its own.

Hendricks noted that the city’s parks and recreation commission has been looking at improvements to the ball field for a couple of years. He said this project differs from the new amenities seen in the last couple of years like the playground and athletic courts at Kuckuk Park and the Naberhood Plaza.

“This is about replacing something that has seen its useful life lapse,” Hendricks said, noting that the varsity diamond, also known as Legion Field, is the most grandiose of all the ball diamonds at Memorial Park.

The structures were built in the 1940s, Hendricks said, who noted that the field also served as a football field. He said the city has been meeting with the school district and its varsity coaches to look at options for improving the area.

The total cost for the project is estimated at \$1.7

million. Hendricks said that, if the city gets the DNR grant, work can begin in 2026. It will be at least a year before the city finds out if it will get the grant.

Alderman Kevin Barkow, who sits on the commission, noted that the plan has involved a lot of different voices and is necessary to move the facilities into the 21st century.

“This is not just a pipe dream that park and rec has come up with,” Barkow said. “We had some well-respected and very influential baseball people, softball people from the Shawano area that came to a meeting and want to be part of our group. They’re the ones that are going to be going out and looking for the donations. They’re going to be helping us get what we really need and have to have in Shawano in order to stay competitive in the baseball world.”

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Telling tales from Menominee past



Thunder Cloud, left, portrays Maeqnapos, and Niobe Cloud portrays Chief Turtle in the story “The Great Race” during the Nicianak 4-H storytelling night March 12 in the Menominee Indian High School auditorium. This is the club’s first storytelling night, but Carol Sanapaw with the club expects that members will get better at it as they do more.

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Shawano charter school gets one-year agreement

School mission of inquiry-based learning needs refocus

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano School Board signed off on the one-year agreement for LEADS Primary Charter School on March 11.

Contracts for LEADS are normally for five years, but the district is only seeking the one-year contract, according to Aaron Manders, principal for both LEADS and Hillcrest Primary School, where the charter school is located.

“This is so we can come back and fine-tune everything and make sure that we are crystal clear on what LEADS stands for, that inquiry-based piece,” Manders said. “Right now, our teachers are actually working with the LEADS board to even come back with a little bit better mnemonic device for LEADS, because no one really knows. We can’t read it off of our heads.”

Manders said the one-year agreement is necessary to help the school and its staff get back on track and make sure everyone is on the same page regarding inquiry-based learning, the hallmark for the charter school that makes it stand out from Hillcrest. He hopes that once the mission is clear, he can return in 2025 with a fresh five-year contract.

“Right now, we’re a little bit fuzzy on that,” Manders said. “We want to give you a (five-year)

contract that makes it clear what we want.”

The first contract for LEADS was approved in January 2012, with the school formally opening in the 2012-13 school year.

The agreement caps enrollment at 20 students per grade from 4-year-old kindergarten through second grade, 80 total. The school currently serves 72 students, according to the Shawano School District’s website, although Manders told the school board that the charter school is serving 80 students and has more on a waiting list to get in.

“At our next LEADS board meeting, we will be having a lottery, because we do that completely random and involve the students who could be filling that random spot,” Manders said.

Board member Bobbi Lemerond questioned why there could only be one classroom per grade with the maximum 20 students. Responding to Manders’ report that 21 students applied for that grade, Lemerond suggested that maybe it would be better to have two classes with 10-12 students.

Manders said that he didn’t know if the district could recruit teachers and other staff to establish such a setup.

Manders noted that the district gives preferential treatment to families already in the charter school system if they want their younger chil-

dren to be enrolled.

“Families, once they’re in, then they get to stay unless they choose to withdraw,” Manders said.

He added that small changes to the agreement generalize that the school will provide testing measures to examine learning growth but do not specify which assessments are used in case the district or state changes the allowed assessments.

Manders noted that some parents have asked if the charter school could be expanded beyond second grade and go through fifth grade, as the district does not have other charter school programs in place.

“We are in the infancy stages on that, but I know they’re interested in trying to grow,” Manders said. “The question is, does it stay at Hillcrest? Does it expand over to (Olga) Brener (Intermediate School)? How do some of those things look?”

Board member John Arens said he believes LEADS has made a difference in children’s lives.

“This year’s seniors, some of them started out in first grade at LEADS, and you can tell the difference,” Arens said. “I do like what I see in that whole process. I can’t imagine what these kids would be like if they were allowed to have that kind of teaching all through Olga Brener, as well.”

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Airport Drive project begins in April

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Work on North Airport Drive north of Green Bay Street in Shawano is expected to begin in early April after the Shawano Common Council approved a memorandum of understanding with Shawano County on March 13.

The project is expected to cost \$425,000, with the city’s portion being \$199,500. The city budgeted \$200,000 in 2024 for the paving of North Airport Drive and a portion of Estates Lane.

The county will be paying for the travel lanes, which are 12 feet wide either way, while the city is responsible for the shoulders, which will be 6 feet wide on each side,

as well as any needed adjustment of city-owned manholes and valves.

The work will be on the segment of Airport Drive from Green Bay Street to Gumaer Road, about 0.61 mile.

“Improvements for this would 4 1/2-foot paved shoulders along Airport (Drive), which I know that (Shawano) Pathways had really kind of drove home that they would like to see some paved shoulders out there to keep the bikers,” said Scott Kroening, public works director. “There’s also a little bit of pedestrian traffic out there that this would help.”

Besides the shoulders, the project is expected to include more culvert piping, according to Kroening.

“We’re trying to drain that area and make it the best we can,” he said.

The county is working on the project because the segment of road is technically County Road HHH, even though it is designated in the city limits as Airport Drive. It is the first road project of the year for the county, Kroening told the council.

Council President Lisa Hoffman agreed to sponsor the resolution for the memorandum, as it arrived too late for the city’s field and finance committees to review. Normally, late resolutions are sponsored by the mayor, but Mayor Bruce Milavitz was absent from the meeting.

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Plenty o' green in Mooseyard



Members of the Pulaski High School band perform along the route of the March 16 St. Patrick's Day parade. The parade began at the Shawano Lake Golf Course and ran west on Lake Drive to North Bay Circle.

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Celebrating the St. Patrick's Day parade March 16 on Lake Drive on the northwest corner of Shawano Lake are the Brandt family of Shawano. From left, are Madison, Eric holding Amelia and Melinda holding Everly.

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Keshena man sentenced to 3 years in prison

By KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

A rural Keshena man was sentenced March 8 in federal court to three years in prison on charges of child neglect and maintaining a drug house.

According to court documents, Louis J. Chevalier, 32, his girlfriend, Michelle Grignon, and their 3-year-old son were living with Chevalier's sister and her boyfriend in the Legend Lake area. Authorities believed the four adults were addicted to methamphetamine and/or heroin and that drugs were being dealt at the trailer on Onanekwat Resort Lane.

During a March 2023 search of the home, Chevalier was found in his bedroom groggy from heavy drug use but with a pipe in his hands. The boy ran into the bedroom and was on his dad's lap when authorities found him.

Indications of drug activity were recovered from the trailer, and the boy was taken to a hospital where he tested positive for fentanyl, cocaine and other controlled substances. His teeth were rotted to the point of needing extraction. The boy was taken into protective custody by the Menominee Family Services.

Chevalier told authorities that he and Grignon were addicts and sold drugs out of their house to maintain their supply. He said he knew that his life was in a downward spiral and hadn't kept his child safe.

Chevalier was indicted with Grignon in August for maintaining a drug-involved premises, child neglect-drug endangerment and child neglect-bodily harm as a consequence. He pleaded guilty in December to counts one and three and faced a maximum punishment of six years in prison.

Chevalier's release on

bond was revoked on Feb. 29 for violating conditions not made public.

The U.S. Attorney asked for a three-year sentence.

Chevalier's attorney, Thomas Erickson, sought a sentence of three years' supervised release, arguing that his client has remained drug free for much of his release and lacked a prior record. He said it would match Grignon's sentence.

Erickson noted that Chevalier has completed parenting classes, is taking courses at the College of Menominee Nation and has complied with the requirements of the Child in Need of Protective Services case brought by the tribe.

"Furthermore, he continues his AODA sessions with Menominee County Human Services with treatment 'on-going,'" and he hopes to be reunited with his son and his two other children who are in foster care, Erickson wrote the court.

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Lois Ann Van Eyck



Lois Ann Van Eyck, 69, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at Rennes Health Center in De Pere.

She was born on May 9, 1954, in Little Chute, daughter of the late Norbert and Helen (Spierings) Le Noble. She married the love of her life, Phillip Van Eyck, on May 7, 1982, who preceded her in death on April 27, 2015.

Lois loved her family and friends unconditionally and enjoyed creating memories with her children, grandchildren and sisters. Her favorite hobbies included playing cribbage, going up north, motorcycle rides with Phil and watching old action movies. Lois lived her life to the fullest and found laughter and joy in the moment. Even in the most trying of circumstances she always had a smile.

Lois is survived by her children, Angela (Brandon) Raddant, Sarah Van Eyck

and Paul (Christina) Van Eyck; grandchildren, Haily Van Eyck, Ella Shepard, Spencer, Tyler, and Grayson Raddant; siblings, Linda (Lyle) Cole, Ken (Marlene) Le Noble, Kevin (Julia) Le Noble, Cindy (Rick) Peeters, Charlene (Mike Chadek) Hackmaster and Lu (Biddy) Pommerening; siblings-in-law, Paula (Bob) Vanderweyst, Jerry (Edna) Van Eyck and Dennis (Michelle) Hahn; many other family members and friends.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Cheryl Mulry; sister-in-law, Susan Miller; parents-in-law, Paul Van Eyck, Bea and Dick Hahn.

A memorial service for Lois will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Verkuilen-Van Deurzen Family Funeral Home, 101 Canal St., Little Chute. Friends and family will be received at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. Lois will be laid to rest alongside her husband in Holy Cross Cemetery, Kaukauna.

For online condolences, please visit www.verkuilenfh.com.

The family would like to thank the staff at Rennes Health Center for their wonderful care and compassion over the last five years, as well as the family and friends that brought joy into her life through visits, cards and calls.

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ELECTION 2024: COUNTY DISTRICT 4

Hampton challenges incumbent Leffel

There are eight races for seats on the Shawano County Board. Voters will go to the polls April 2.

In District 4, incumbent Kimberly Leffel is being challenged by Blake Hampton.

Blake Hampton

Background and qualifications: I am a mechanical engineering graduate from the University of



BLAKE HAMPTON

Kansas and currently work as a project engineer for General Mills. I am married and have a 14-month-old son. In my career, I have made critical decisions on a daily basis that requires evaluating information to best serve multiple stakeholders and execute successful projects. As a supervisor, I will evaluate information impacting my district and will ensure that decisions are carried out that best serve my constituents.

Most significant issue facing county government: One issue facing county government is the relationship between the county and city government. There are critical decisions being made within the county or city government that impacts one another with currently no interfacing discussions to ensure they are aligned. There are competing priorities and funding sources that pose challenges to a healthy working relation-

ship between the city and county governments, and it'll be important to keep open communication and collaboration between the city and county governments.

Most significant issue for residents: One significant issue facing our residents is aging county buildings such as the library and courthouse. During my classes at the Shawano County Citizens Police Academy, I learned about the courthouse, which currently poses a threat to our police force as they have to walk inmates across an open road to the courthouse, leaving them vulnerable to any outside issues. It's critical to evaluate the structural safety and the safety of our county workers as we look toward the future.

Why should voters choose you over your opponent: As a supervisor, I will evaluate all items that come before the county board critically and ensure I vote in a manner that most assists my constituents. Even if that is on the unpopular side of the majority voting. I was surprised that my opponent voted to remove the county from being partners in the airport even after she was made aware that it could potentially increase taxes for the people of District 4.

Kimberly Leffel

Background and qualifications: Clintonville High School class of 2005 (social chair and president of the Spanish Club,



KIMBERLY LEFFEL

dance squad, tennis club, band); UW-Oshkosh, graduated 2009 (Bachelor of Science in radio/TV/film with a minor in English and emphasis in creative writing).

I have been working at North Star Mohican Casino Resort since 2010, and I am currently the database marketing manager. I have also worked for Results Broadcasting, doing radio production since 2013. I was elected to the board in 2020, so I have also had the pleasure of serving as the District 4 supervisor since. I got married and moved to Shawano in 2016 with my husband, our dogs and my sugar gliders.

I have extensive experience in strategic planning and budgeting, as well as a background in analytics, which I believe are all important qualities for a supervisor to have.

Most significant issue facing county government: Managing various high value needs throughout the county at the best price point for taxpayers, while keeping long-term sustainability in mind. Often there are needs that can become cumbersome and overly complicated if a long-term strategic plan is not put in place with sustainable funding, and this is something I firmly believe all county government needs to do in all aspects before jumping into any decisions.

Most significant issue for residents: I think residents often struggle to have their concerns heard, in general. I found myself in that same position when I ran for my first term in 2020, which is why I chose to run myself. Since, I have made a point to really listen to all of the concerns of those who have reached out in my district, and I make sure their voices are heard. I was surprised at how often I heard that residents had tried reaching out to other supervisors and officials and received no response. As a supervisor, we are elected to represent the residents in our district, not push our own opinions, and I feel like that is often forgotten. This is something I have been striving to change for Shawano County.

Why should voters choose you over your opponent: I have been representing District 4 for the last four years, and I truly feel like we have made progress for the residents. They know if they reach out, they will receive a response and I will listen to their ideas and concerns, as well as make sure their tax dollars aren't being wasted. My prior experience on the board, as well as my background in strategic planning, budgeting, and analytics, help to make the concerns and ideas from residents in District 4 into actionable solutions that we can all be proud of as we move forward.

ELECTION 2024: COUNTY DISTRICT 22

Primary survivors face off April 2

Anne Smith and Raymond Rigsby will face off April 2 for the District 22 seat on the Shawano County Board after surviving a three-way primary in February.

Redrawn county supervisor district maps created a different looking District 17 that now includes the Town of Morris, Ward 2; Town of Seneca, Ward 1; Town of Grant, Ward 1; and city of Marion, Ward 4.

Raymond Rigsby

Background and qualifications: I retired from the Army and moved to Shawano in 2011. After working as a substitute



RAYMOND RIGSBY

teacher in the Bowler, Wittenberg and Shawano districts, I now work as a special education teacher at Gresham. My wife, Barb, and I are raising three teenagers and a golden retriever. My qualifications for supervisor include leadership roles in the military, Seneca town clerk for eight years, Bowler School Board member and active roles in several clubs and organizations.

Most significant issue facing county government: In my opinion, while there are many issues, one of the most significant issues facing the county government is infrastructure needs. From county buildings to roads, new construction, improvements and necessary repairs cannot happen because of our over reliance on limited property taxes to pay with shared revenue not keeping up.

Most significant issue for residents: One issue that keeps coming up for residents is slow or no internet due to a lack of broadband service in rural parts of the county and its effect on at-home workers, students and schooling, and entertainment. Rural Shawano does not seem to be the focus when you don't have a telephone company to partner with your township and there is just not the bang for the buck you find with larger population centers.

Why should voters choose you over your opponent: I believe the voters should choose me because of my town clerk experience. My time as a leader in the Gresham Lions Club, Post 390 Gresham American Legion and Shawano-Menominee American Legion County Council and other clubs

show I want to serve. I enjoy being a part of a team focused on making our community better. I think these experiences have given me a better understanding of what our citizens want from our government.

Anne Smith

Background and qualifications: I've lived in Shawano County for over 50 years starting my work



ANNE SMITH

experience at Midwest Breeders (now Genex) in the PR Department. Married Tom Smith and moved to Wittenberg. I attended UWSP for my bachelor's degree in education and taught elementary/middle school in Bowler for 24 years while obtaining two master's degrees in elementary education and K-12 administration. I currently substitute teach in Wittenberg-Birnwood and teach catechism classes at St. John Church, Tigerton. Tom and I have three daughters and 11 grandchildren.

Most significant issue facing county government: Issues that face county government are many: The rising costs for every department, police safety/protection, highway/road repairs, social services programs, medical issues for our elderly, and improvements to public properties (i.e. library, fairgrounds, airport, and Crawford Center in Shawano). Not enough revenue coming in to balance revenue going out for these services.

Most significant issue for residents: I think the most important issue facing Shawano residents today is the escalating rise in drug and alcohol usage/statistics, as well as the whole nation. Many families are dealing with suicides, juvenile misbehaviors and addictions. Our health department is working hard to resolve this problem, but it all takes time, resources and collaboration from everyone.

Why should voters choose you over your opponent: As a retired teacher and school board member, I feel I have experience in many of the issues stated above to work with Shawano County and bring solutions to our hurting families while maintaining a low tax rate. With many Shawano County residents striving to help each other, we can improve the concerns and pride in our communities.

ELECTION 2024: COUNTY DISTRICT 17

Two new faces seeking vacant seat

A redrawn Shawano County supervisor map created a new District 17 without an incumbent for the 2024 election.

Jesse Rankin and Allan Kuhn will compete for the seat that encompasses Wards 1 and 2 of the Town of Richmond and Ward 1 of the Town of Belle Plaine.

Allan R. Kuhn

I am a graduate of Shawano High. I graduated from NWTC with a journeyman for industrial millwright and journeyman pipefitter. I worked at Little Rapids Corp., Shawano,



ALLAN KUHN

for 36 years. I was on the union's negotiating team for several years. And I owned and operated a dairy farm. I was on the Conservation Congress for several terms. I'm a mem-

ber and elder of St. John's Hermansfort Church. I currently belong to Red River Sportmen's Club and Tilleda Snowriders Club.

His family includes his wife, Gloria, sons, Allan (Beeler) Kuhn (Brenda), Jason Kuhn (Penny), four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

The most significant issues facing county government and residents is high taxes and wasteful spending. I'm a lifelong resident of Shawano County with many life experiences. I will take the time to listen to the residents in District 17 and address their concerns.

Jesse Rankin

I was born and raised in Shawano County, graduated from Shawano High School and enlisted in the Army. Before retiring from the military after 20 years of exemplary service, I earned an associate degree in applied science and



JESSE RANKIN

technology. I am married to my high school sweetheart, and we have two wonderful children and one amazing grandson.

Currently, I am Bonded director of municipal operations, executive chair of the plan commission, zoning board of appeals, and zoning administrator.

A key challenge for Shawano County is maintaining quality services while staying within budget and continuing future progress. We need to strengthen our workforce across all departments (law enforcement, highway, parks, social services). By investing in our staff, we can ensure Shawano County remains a wonderful place to live, visit and enjoy.

The most significant issue for Shawano County

residents is maintaining or reducing the current tax rates. I believe that there are creative solutions like grants and low-interest loans that can help us finance projects without raising taxes. We should also explore ways to generate revenue using existing resources. Proactive maintenance is crucial to avoid unexpected large expenses. Additionally, supporting the Farmland Preservation Act is vital to maintaining Wisconsin's agricultural heritage and "America's Dairyland" reputation.

With decades of successful public service experience, I bring knowledge, superb decision making and the highest level of integrity to the table. I am confident I am the most qualified candidate to help lead Shawano County in the future. I am enthusiastic, experienced and eager to represent my neighbors in District 17.

Interior secretary stumps for Democrats in Shawano

Trump would 'take a wrecking ball' to democracy, Haaland says

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The U.S. Secretary of the Interior swept through northeast Wisconsin on March 16, but her only public appearances were strictly partisan events aimed at rallying the Democratic Party vote during this election year.

The occasion was a series of coordinated campaign launches with a goal the state party described as to "energize volunteers before they engage their personal networks with relational organizing tools and knock on doors."

Secretary Deb Haaland, who started her speech at the Shawano Civic Center by saying she was "here in my personal capacity,"



Interior secretary Deb Haaland gives a campaign speech to Shawano County Democrats during a political event March 16.

not in her role as a cabinet member, was also slated to make appearances later in the day in Green Bay, Manitowoc and Sheboygan talking about what she called "the power of Demo-

crats to make the world a better place."

Haaland told a group of more than 50 local residents that the election will be about "who do we trust to fight for us for our

families and for our future." She painted a picture of the 2020 pandemic lockdowns and small business failures and suggested that the election of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala

Harris rebuilt the economy. "We were lurching from crisis to crisis, all of it exacerbated by a chaotic, dangerous president who was only looking out for himself. We were a nation in desperate need of a healing voice and a steady hand, and of course we found that in President Joe Biden," Haaland said. "Main Streets across America are booming, small businesses are launching at a record rate. Latino entrepreneurs are starting new businesses at the fastest rate in over a decade. Black business ownership is growing at the fastest rate in three decades."

All signs point to the economy being headed for a soft landing, she said. "This holiday season, a gallon of gas, a gallon of milk, toys, appliances, electronics, car rentals and airfare all cost less than they did a year ago," Haaland said. "Long story short, prices are down, wages are up, jobs are abundant, and

America is building again." The November election will provide a choice between two very different visions of America, Haaland said, and she warned of dire consequences if presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump is elected president again in 2024. "If he gets back into power, make no mistake, he will take a wrecking ball to the foundations of our democracy, and that means we have no choice but to beat him again," she said. She wrapped up by saying the stakes in this year's election couldn't be higher. "I know every single election, we all say it's the most important election of our lifetime, and it turns out that that's always true, right?" Haaland said. "That is something we have to internalize, and it's up to us — it's up to all of us — to make sure that President Biden gets re-elected."

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Walleye tag reward study begins in Green Bay, tributaries

Together with Walleyes for Tomorrow, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the implementation of a walleye reward tag study for Green Bay and its major tributaries.

Green Bay and its tribu-

taries support a world-class fishery boasting a robust walleye population and trophy-sized fish. Results from DNR angler creel surveys have shown the popularity of this fishery has grown in recent years, and staff has seen increased angler effort

targeting walleyes. The DNR will begin tagging up to 5,000 walleyes with green and yellow floy tags to better understand the walleye fishery and gather information on population levels and harvest. Fish will be tagged throughout Green Bay's five major spawning areas in Wisconsin — the Fox, Oconto, Peshtigo and Menominee rivers and Sturgeon Bay. In addition to the yellow and green tags, 200 red reward tags will be distributed throughout these waters. Walleyes for Tomorrow is offering a \$100 reward to

anglers who report catching walleyes with red tags. Thanks to funding from Walleyes for Tomorrow, the DNR hopes to continue this tagging study for the next three to five years. Anglers who catch a tagged walleye of legal size can harvest or release the fish. Any tagged fish not meeting minimum length requirements should be immediately released once the tag information has been obtained. Follow responsible catch-and-release practices and leave the tag intact for all released walleyes. For all colored tags,

anglers should report the tag number, tag color, fish length, location caught, date caught and whether the fish was harvested. Additionally, for red tags that read "REWARD \$100" with a valid reward date listed, anglers must verify their tag to redeem the reward. This can be done by:

- If harvested, present the physical tag or email a picture of the tag that includes the three-digit tag number to the DNR.
- If released, take a close-up picture of the tag that includes the three-digit tag number and a picture

of the angler holding the walleye with the attached tag visible. To report your catch to the DNR, email dnrfhg-fish@wisconsin.gov or call 920-662-5411. To mail in a floy tag from a harvested fish, send it to: Attn: Fish Biologist, 2984 Shawano Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313. Upon reporting a green or yellow floy tag, anglers will receive information about the fish, including the date, location, size, sex and estimated age at the time of tagging. Anglers do not need to provide picture verification or mail in the physical tag when reporting walleyes with green or yellow tags. Reported tags from captured or harvested walleye will help guide walleye management throughout Green Bay and its tributaries by providing fisheries biologists with information about exploitation, harvest, spawning site fidelity, movement patterns and growth rates.

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Downtown Shawano has woman's boutique again

Ultimate Closet opened by retired Green Bay school administrator

BY LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

There's a new boutique in downtown Shawano where the fitting room is in a walk-in bank vault.

The Ultimate Closet women's clothing boutique, owned by Ann Lenss, is in the former bank building at 146 S. Main St., next door to Martin Jewellers. It opened in the reinvigorated Shawano downtown shopping district Feb. 3.

"One day, I walked into a store (Ultimate Closet in Green Bay), where I shopped a lot, and I just said to the owner 'I love your shop. I just love the clothing,'" Lenz said. "The owner looked at me and said, 'Buy it,' and that was the start of my dream."

Lenss said her girls always told her that she should own a shop, noting that they called her "a professional shopper."

Lenss researched how to start a small business. She consulted with Suzette Hackl-Kroll from Thornberry Cottage on Main Street, asking her if she was happy she made the move to Shawano, and she said she was.

Intending to move the business to Shawano, Lenss jumped right in after retiring from the Green Bay Area Public School District. She had been with the school district for 32 years, most recently as a principal.

"I've shopped in Shawano for years, and knew of a couple of great shops that were here and knew that we needed another women's shop here," Lenss said. "I thought, what a great opportunity to bring it to Shawano."

Heather Pahl from Martin Jewellers owns the bank building. Pahl asked Lenss if she wanted to lease a spot.

"Everything just came together," Lenss said. "I knew it was meant to be."

The interior had basically torn down to cement floors at that point, according to Lenss. Pahl confirmed that the vintage tin



Anne Lenss shows off the repurposed bank vault in her new women's clothing boutique in downtown Shawano. The Ultimate Closet opened at 146 S. Main St. on Feb. 3. Lenss, a retired principal from the Green Bay Area Public School District, is committed to providing a high level of customer service.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

ceiling would stay, that wood floors could be installed, and that special lighting from the Green Bay shop could work there.

"People talk about that when they come in. 'Oh, the building is so beautiful,'" Lenss said, "and when they look at the fitting room and see that it was the

bank vault, and see the vintage ceiling, those unique features really make it a destination.

"I think that going to boutiques in small towns is just wonderful. Supporting local has always been big for me."

Lenss explained that customers will find casual and comfortable clothing to more formal attire, such as dresses and skirts for weddings. There is also a nice selection of jeans, along with tops for the working woman.

"That was something we wanted to capitalize on, to bring in quality clothing that you can have in your closet and wear over and over again," Lenss said, adding that she really enjoys putting outfits together for customers.

Racks of clothes are placed strategically, with plenty of room to browse. Fixtures are modern and blend seamlessly with the vintage touch of the tin ceiling. The front display window is bright and airy.

"My daughter, Alexis Retzlaff, was the one that came up with the current display," Lenss said.

Renovation was completed mid-January and they started to move in.

"My son, Gavin, was a big help. He helped move boxes," Lenss said. "We are a very close family. The kids are instrumental in helping. My mom (Cindy Holewinski) is also a very big help. My daughter, Brianna Boyer, comes in and



Current fashions are on display in The Ultimate Closet, a women's boutique opened by Anne Lenss in downtown Shawano on Feb. 3. The shop on Main Street is in a repurposed bank building. The shop is bright and clothing rack placements allow for easy browsing by customers, who are coming from the Shawano area, Wausau, Stevens Point, Appleton and Green Bay.

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Auditions coming for 2 theater events

Abrams Spotlight plans 'Boeing Boeing' for June; 'Wizard of Oz' coming in July

Two theaters in northeast Wisconsin are holding auditions for summer shows.

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. will hold auditions for its summer comedy, "Boeing Boeing" to be presented June 6-9 and June 13-16.

Individuals will have two opportunities to audition at 6-8 p.m. April 1 or April 3 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. The auditions will include a reading from the script. Individuals are encouraged to complete the audition paperwork online at www.abramstheater.com prior to arrival.

If an in-person audition isn't feasible, contact ASPI at 920-826-5852 or theater.aspi@gmail.com regarding an alternate audition time or a video audition. Rehearsals start the week of April 7 and will be held two to three evenings a week.

Similar to Shakespeare's comedies of merry misadventures and mistaken identities, "Boeing Boeing" tells the exploits of French bachelor Bernard and his lovely female flight attendants. Three flight attendants, to be exact, from three different countries. They all believe they're engaged to Bernard.

Directed by Wayne Strei, the comedy calls for a cast of six male and female actors, ages 16 and older. No stage experience is necessary to try out.

"Boeing Boeing" is written by Marc Camoletti, translated by Beverly Cross and Francis Evans and presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

Meanwhile, the Box in the Wood Theatre Guild is planning auditions for "The Wizard of Oz."

The guild will be holding open auditions from 6-9 p.m. April 5 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6 at the Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano.

Follow the yellow brick road in the stage adaptation of L. Frank Baum's beloved tale, featuring the iconic musical score from the MGM film. The timeless tale, in which young Dorothy Gale travels from Kansas over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz, continues to thrill audiences worldwide.

Actors ages 13 and older are welcome to audition. Auditioners should prepare a song from a musical to perform at the audition that is not from "The Wizard of Oz." They should bring their own music track to perform with, and a Bluetooth speaker and cables will be available for use. A piano is also available.

Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch and Professor Marvel/The Wizard are non-singing roles, so those interested in auditioning for these roles will do cold readings from the script. Auditioners should register for an audition date and time by going to <https://tinyurl.com/oz-auditions>.

The show is scheduled for July 11-14 and July 18-21. Rehearsals will be scheduled two to three times a week beginning in April. For information, contact the director, Brandon Byng, at 920-737-8620.

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Women's month good time to look at health

March is National Women's Month. I'm not one to pass up the chance to celebrate anything, so let's toast the fabulous females in our lives. Kudos to all of the wonderful women whose lives intersect with mine. You are my role models, my inspiration and my mental salvation in these trying times.

Celebrating women got me thinking how their roles have evolved in my lifetime. Every older female I remember from my childhood was a housewife. Even in their 30s, many had birthed numerous children and could best be described as matronly; wearing homesewn long housedresses accessorized by heavy stockings, sensible shoes and hairnets.

Those lucky enough to live into their 70s were usually widows. Sadly, many women never made it that far. If they managed to survive childbirth, infections, communicable diseases, not to mention farm accidents, they succumbed to heart ailments and cancer.

There's a popular saying, "If I had expected to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself." I can't say I've lived life on the edge, but being a generally healthy woman in her late 70s is an unearned blessing. Honestly, I never expected to make it past 65, but becoming older is actually pretty wonderful. Like so many female friends, I don't dwell on my age. Instead, I'm focused on living a productive life by giving back and don't waste time speculating about my expiration date. As my husband, Jon, likes to say: "You are older than you've ever been before but younger than you'll ever be again."

That doesn't mean I'm unaware of my mortality. In fact, I can even joke about it: "Hey, did you know birth is the leading

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helps sell. Her 10-year-old son, Braxton, honestly, he's the one that's helped me learn some of the computer pieces."

“My husband, Peter, has been a big help. I couldn’t have done it without him,” Lenss shared.

Traffic in the store has been constant, according to Lenss.

"The community has just embraced us," she said. "Everybody that comes in says they are happy that we moved here."

Lenss noted that customers have come from Wausau, from Stevens Point, with lots of people from Appleton and Green Bay.



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

cause of death?" Proof is that an entire branch of medicine has sprung up due to the fact that you cannot pick your parents. Scientific research shows that genetics play a significant role in all things human, especially health. You can inherit your mother's flawless skin and cushy tushy but also her baby-fine hair and hammer toes. In fact, genetics are so important that health care practitioners routinely require patients to complete a family medical history.

Taking this to a personal level, my primary care provider reviews my family history annually during my Medicare wellness visit and takes it into serious consideration when recommending screening tests. For example, I am of age to opt out of yearly mammograms, but I continue to get one. Why? My Grandma Schmidt developed breast cancer in her 60s.

Her daughter Lucille, my maternal aunt, inherited the gene and was diagnosed in her early 70s. My mom escaped that fate but inherited Alzheimer's disease from her father. Whenever I feel pain in certain places or forget where I put my phone, I wonder.

Anyway, Mom told me Grandma Schmidt was well aware that she was handing her living body over to science in hopes she could live a few more years. She fought hard, but breast cancer care was in its infancy back then. All you could do was pray for a miracle.

Grandma Schmidt's protocol regimen included a double mastectomy followed by cobalt treatments to burn away any stray

cancer cells that might be lurking in what was left of her chest. Though I lost her far too early, she will always be my hero. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to her and all the women who were valiant warriors, stepping up to engage in mortal combat with this dreadful disease. They were human guinea pigs who blazed a trail to treatments that can cure or at least add years of life after a breast cancer diagnosis.

On the other side of the family, I was always told my paternal grandmother, Clara Brantmeier, died of a broken heart soon after losing Grandpa due to a massive heart attack. That probably played a role, but more likely it was heart failure. Either or both may be related to an astonishing example of genetic transmission. Of my seven siblings; the oldest five (which includes me) have inherited the exact same heart valve issues known as heart murmurs, whooshing sounds made by turbulent blood flow that is easily detected with a stethoscope.

Mayo Clinic reports that the leading cause of heart problems is linked to murmurs in your family history. Wouldn't you know it? Some of my siblings have already had medical procedures for valve issues while the rest of us are watching and waiting. Bottom line — no matter what, you'll never get out of this world alive.

Circling back, here's a big shout out to all the wonderful women reading this. Remember: "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Allow me to rephrase that to honor you during National Women's Month: The hands that rule the world rock.

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

She's also enthusiastic about community events, like Ladies Day.

"We're partnering with Safe Haven and will donate \$1 from each proceeds to them. We like to give back to the community," Lenss said.

The new boutique owner's goal is to make sure her customers feel good after leaving The Ultimate Closet.

"I know that ladies feel good when they have a beautiful outfit," Lenss said. "Everyone deserves to feel special. I want to let everyone know to come in and we'll fit them with clothing and accessories that will make them feel special."



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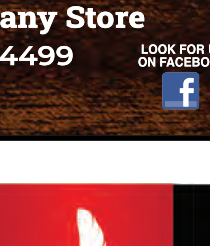
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A male American Goldfinch beckons in the summer.
JOEL TRICK

Goldfinches brightening up area homes, feeders

We are seeing American goldfinches in the company of house finches at our feeders now. The breeding males seem to glow in the sunlight as they show off their bright yellow plumage. Accented by black wings with white markings, dark eyes, a black cap and stout orange bill, this is a handsome bird. The breeding females are more subdued in coloring being duller yellow beneath and more olive in hue above than the breeding males.

Generally, goldfinches flock with other birds. In addition to seeing them with house finches, they often are found in the company of pine siskins and common redpolls, according to the Cornell Lab All About Birds (AAB) website.

Watch these birds and you find that goldfinches are very acrobatic, able to balance on the head of a sunflower or thistle plant to find their favorite food — seeds. Unlike many other birds whose diets include insects, according to AAB, the American goldfinch's diet is exclusively seeds, although they may inadvertently eat an occasional insect. Two of their favorite seeds are nyjer and sunflower seeds.

According to www.audubon.org, the small black, thin, nyjer seed is very nutritious, being high in oil (30-40%), on par with black oil sunflower seeds. It is imported, mainly from India and Ethiopia where it is grown for oil and medicinal uses.

Even though nyjer seed is often referred to as "thistle seed," according to

www.forthebirds.com, it is not related to thistles but is the seed of the African yellow daisy. You can easily find nyjer seeds where you buy other bird seed.

Tune your ears to the most common call of the American goldfinch to detect whether it is in your neighborhood. According to AAB, this is the bird's potato chip call sung with a very even cadence. In the spring and early summer, you may hear the male's tee-ye courtship call when he lands near a female, often followed by a robust burst of song.

Another way to identify an American goldfinch is to watch for its distinctive flight behavior. According to AAB, they fly with a bouncy, undulating pattern and often call in flight making it easy to tell them apart from other birds.

Interestingly, the American goldfinches' reproductive cycle is tuned to its favorite seed producing plants. As noted on the AAB website, they wait until June or July to build tightly woven cup-shaped nests as this is when milkweed, thistle and other plants have produced their seeds. Not only do the seeds provide food for the young, but the fibers and "down" from the seed heads are incorporated into the nests, making them soft and waterproof. Even spider silk is used in nest construc-

tion; the female uses the strong lightweight "threads" to lash the foundation of the nest to supporting branches.

According to AAB, the American goldfinch is a short term migrant. It can be seen in Wisconsin and other parts of the central U.S. year-round. Some migrate as far north as southern Canada to breed, and others head south to overwinter in the southern U.S. and Mexico. Their numbers grow here in the Midwest in the spring when the southern migrants head north. That's why we are seeing more of them at our feeders these days.

The American goldfinch is considered a common species, and although their numbers declined between 1966 and 2019, the AAB website reports them to be of low conservation concern.

Put some nyjer or sunflower seeds in your feeders. American goldfinches are not fussy and will eat the seeds from a hanging tube feeder, platform feeder or off the ground. You can also plant some of their favorite seed plants like sunflowers and native milkweeds to attract them to your yard. Like the coming warming days, these golden birds with their energetic grip on life warm our hearts as they beckon in the summer.

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Field Office and prior to that with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch in Buffalo, New York. As endangered species coordinator for the USFWS, she helped conserve and recover federally listed threatened and endangered species in Wisconsin.

Deadline for writing contest approaches

The deadline of April 6 is approaching for the 18th annual George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest, sponsored by the Shawano Area Writers.

There is no entry fee for student writers in grades 1-12 to submit as many entries as they would like in either fiction, nonfiction, poetry, or all three categories.

Contest coordinator John Mutter Jr. announced that the judges for the 2024 contest are Jerry McGinley, of Waunakee, Christine Hawkinson, of Prairie du Sac, and Michael Belongie, of Beaver Dam. All entries are judged anonymously by the independent panel of writers.

Students compete for a chance to win cash

prizes and a certificate of achievement. The contest winners will be announced on the Shawano Area Writers' website, www.shawanoareawriters.org, and recognized on May 19 at the Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano.

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Menominee officials seek stories about drug addiction

Drug addiction impacts everyone, and the Menominee Nation's Drug Addiction Intervention Team (DAIT) wants to hear their stories as part of its podcast series "Talk About It."

Members of the DAIT are tribal and county leaders in health, education, law enforcement, first responders, social services and more who are working to identify and break down barriers, identify roadblocks

to care and treatment and find collaborative solutions to the opioid drug problem on the reservation.

Part of the group's public outreach efforts includes a podcast addressing topics regarding the opioid epidemic. To date, over a dozen episodes have been aired, covering signs of addiction, harm reduction, seeking help, how to talk about fentanyl, recovery coaches, drugs in the

schools, adverse childhood experience, assessment and treatment options, what people can do about the fentanyl crisis, children and exposure to substances, and drugs with the legal system.

A new set of podcasts will be taped in the coming months with the new title, "Do Something," and the DAIT is looking for community members willing to share their experiences, including those who are will-

ing to share their recovery story or those have a family member battling addiction that would like to share their view on the impact of drug use in the community.

"We know there are so many stories in our community that need to be shared," said Addie Caldwell, DAIT co-chairwoman. "It can take courage to talk about it, but when these stories are out in the open, others have a better understanding of

the problem and impact. It is going to take the entire community to do something about the opioid epidemic in order for it to be eradicated. Talking about it and then doing something about it is essential. We know that is a very tall order — but we have to keep working on it now and for future generations."

Anyone interested in potentially being a guest on the Do Something podcast

can contact Leah Pamonicutt, drug intervention coordinator, at lenpamonicutt@mitw.org or 715-799-6427. Those selected for a podcast interview will be notified in advance with additional details provided.

Podcast episodes are posted twice a month and can be listened to on the tribe's website, www.menominee-nsn.gov/CommunityPages/Podcasts.aspx, Spotify and Apple Music.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

KESHENA: Zumba Gold, 12:10-12:50 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: 715-524-3194 or edijafra@yahoo.com.

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch Community Center, W1281 County Road M.

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents "Oklahoma!" 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Adults \$19, senior citizens and children 5-17 \$17. abramsspotlightproductions.com or 920-826-5852.

KESHENA: Boots Scootin' Boogie — A Tribute to Reba, Brooks and Dunn, 8 p.m., Menominee Casino Resort, N277 State Highway 47-55. General admission \$15 and receive \$5 Free2Play. Tickets at www.menomineecasinosort.com or at the Cage cashier.

WITTENBERG: "Clue," 7 p.m., Wittenberg-Birnamwood

High School, auditorium, 400 W. Grand Ave. \$10 adults, \$5 children and senior citizens.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

OCONTO FALLS: Karl Zeitler Memorial Hunt and K-9 Challenge, 8 a.m., Fox Ridge Game Farm, 8585 Valley Line Road. Law Dog Challenge 10 a.m. Fundraiser for area K-9 law enforcement officers.

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

SHAWANO: FlavorFest Cooking School and Expo, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Live cooking demonstrations, Q&A sessions, a vendor expo, and an Amish Haystack meal experience complete with homemade pie and ice cream. \$10 for cooking school, \$27 for cooking school and Amish meal.

NAVARINO: Willow Trellis Workshop, 9-11 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646

Lindsten Road. \$50 fee. RSVP by March 20 at 715-758-6999 or www.navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Easter Eggstravaganza, 9:30 a.m. to noon, St. James Lutheran Church, 324 S. Andrews St. Egg hunt ages 0-3 years 10 a.m., 4-6 10:30 a.m. and 7-9 11 a.m. Face painting, crafts, music, and snacks.

KESHENA: Running and walking program, noon to 6 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Infused water provided during the week, and a family snack-making station is provided on Saturdays. Information: Chelsey Latender, 715-799-5431 or chelseyl@mtclinic.net.

SHAWANO: Fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt, 1-1:45 p.m., Methodist Church on the Hill, 1000 Engel Drive. Over 300 prizes, Beja Shriners, face painting, 2,500 rubber ducks and over 20,000 eggs. Shawano Police Department also on hand to fingerprint children.

SHAWANO: Easter Egg Hunt

in the Pool, 1:30-4 p.m., Shawano Recreation Center, 220 E. Division St. Swim for eggs, games, pictures with the Easter Bunny, prizes.

WITTENBERG: "Clue," 7 p.m., Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, auditorium, 400 W. Grand Ave. \$10 adults, \$5 children and senior citizens.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 24

OCONTO: Social with Cards, 1 p.m., Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 300 Arbutus Ave. Sheephead and smear, \$5 lunch donation, raffles. St. Anne de Beaupre Society fundraiser.

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents "Oklahoma!" 1 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Adults \$19, senior

citizens and children 5-17 \$17. abramsspotlightproductions.com or 920-826-5852.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

KESHENA: Running and walking program, 4:40-6:30 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Infused water provided during the week, and a family snack-making station is provided on Saturdays. Information: Chelsey Latender, 715-799-5431 or chelseyl@mtclinic.net.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 26

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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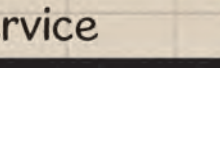
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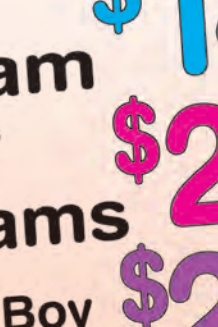


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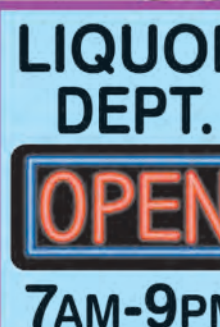
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Shawano kicks off spring track season

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Even before the WIAA boys state basketball tournament games were held, high school spring sports got underway, with a handful of Shawano boys track

members competing in the Oshkosh High School Invitational at UW-Oshkosh on March 12.

The Hawks didn't field a full team and ended up with three points, placing last out of 22 teams. Stevens Point won with 80

points.

Senior Ethan Onesti placed sixth in the 1,600-meter run in 4:36.04. That finish led to Shawano's only points.

In the 400-meter dash, sophomore Joshua Lesperance placed 26th in 59.44.

He was 22nd in the triple jump at 35 feet 5.5 inches.

Onesti finished 10th in the 800-meter run in 2:05.36, while junior Trevor Schwartz was 30th with a time of 2:23.48.

Micah Welander, a freshman, finished in 29th

place in the 200-meter dash in 26.89.

Fellow freshman Josiah Kuehl placed ninth in the 3,200-meter run, finishing out spot out of the scoring, with a time of 10:49.97.

Senior Ryan Shanty tied at 21st in the long jump at

18-03. Welander was 33rd at 15 feet even.

In the preliminaries, Shanty placed 40th in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.88 seconds but did not qualify for the final race.

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IN BRIEF

Haffner makes it to semifinals in WIAA Girls 3-Point Challenge

Gresham senior Madolyn Haffner was among four girls to make it to the semifinals in the 2024 WIAA Girls 3-Point Challenge on March 9 in Ashwaubenon.

Lindsey Schadewalt of New Glarus won the challenge and set a new record for total points.

Ten participants were selected for the event based on stats information entered by coaches into the WisSports.net database.

The top two 3-point shooters (with a minimum 75 attempts) from each division were chosen to participate.

In Division 5, Haffner made 59 of 120 attempts for a 49.2% success rate. Placing second was Reese Grimm of Pittsville, who made 51 of 110 for 46.4%.

Haffner, a senior, made 18 in the first round, 17 in the semifinals but then missed the finals.

Each girl shot five balls from the same five points on the court.

Dickman earns all-state honor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School hockey player Owen Dickman has been honored by the Wisconsin Hockey Coaches Association (WHCA).

Dickman, a forward on the Antigo and Witt-Birn co-op hockey team, was named honorable mention for the WHCA boys hockey all-state teams for the 2023-24 season.

His teammate, Eli Kassler, also a forward, was named to the second team. It was Kassler's second year being named all-state.

2 Shawano players earn unanimous selections for all-conference

Shawano's Leah Nordin and Logan Sipple each were unanimous selections for the Bay Conference first team all-conference teams for the 2023-24 season.

Nordin, a sophomore who plays guard and forward, hit the 1,000-point mark this season. Teammate Abigail Bystol, a senior forward for the Hawks, was named honorable mention.

Sipple, a junior, plays guard for Shawano.

Three boys and two girls were named to the first team for wrestling.

Sophomore Kody Popelka and seniors Drake Herm and Carsen Herm were named to the first team for boys wrestling. Senior Onna Hermann was named first team for girls wrestling.

Boys named to the second team were sophomore Dylan Gartner, freshman Owen Montour and senior Conner Chelberg.

Girls named to the second team were seniors Caitlyn Moede and Courtney Schenk, as well as junior Lily Tomas.

Panthers represented well with first team all-conference picks

Oconto Falls sophomore Rylie Shallow earned first team honors as guard as well as the defensive all-conference team for the North Eastern Conference in 2023-24.

Freshman Isaiah Holz and senior Garrett Ganter also earned all-conference honors for boys wrestling.

Joining Shallow with girls basketball awards were senior guard Kathryn Raddatz, junior forward Madeline Maloney and junior forward Amber Otto, all earning honorable mention status.

As for boys wrestling, juniors Cole Bozile and Nick Trepanier were named to the second team. Junior Hunter Bozile was named honorable mention.

Three members of the Panthers boys basketball team earned honorable mention status. They are senior guard and forward Alex Haines, sophomore guard Jameson Beaman and sophomore guard Brady Bursa.



The Wisconsin All Star Challenge state champion girls team featured, from left, All Star head coach Brad Krueger, Morgan Bushman (Marshfield), Peyton Smith (Merrill), Marley Krueger (Merrill), Holly Orgeman (D.C. Everest/Wittenberg), Johanna Dellenbach (Rhinelander) and Chris Orgeman (D.C. Everest/Wittenberg). CONTRIBUTED

District 9 bowlers win Wisconsin All Star Challenge

Both the boys and girls teams from the Wisconsin High School Bowling Club District 9 (Wausau region) claimed first place at the All Star Challenge on March 9 at Riviera Lanes in Green Bay.

The girls team included Birnamwood freshman Holly Orgeman.

Bowlers bowled three individual games of bowling to start the day and then went into 10 baker games to finish qualifying. Baker games are when five bowlers are on a team and each bowls two frames.

After the individual games, District 9 girls found themselves sitting in sixth place with 2,610 pins. The top three teams after qualifying advance to match play. Heading into the baker side of qualifying, after five games of baker, District 9 girls were still in sixth place with 3,469 pins. The girls came alive with a couple nice games — including a 225 game — to have 4,033 pins after game eight, which pushed them up to third place with two games left.

After the ninth game,

District 9 girls had 4,211 pins to remain in third place, but only by 10 pins with District 7A right behind them. In the 10th game, District 9 rolled a 168, while District 7A only threw a 142, giving District 9 the final spot in match play.

In match play, District 9 defeated District 10 (Eau Claire area) 389-333 to advance to the championship where District 9 rolled past District 3A (Racine/Kenosha area) 384-331.

Orgeman finished with 11 strikes, eight spares and

four opens, while Peyton Smith (Merrill) led the team with 15 strikes, nine spares and four opens. Johanna Dellenbach (Rhinelander) had 10 strikes, 14 spares and four opens, as Marley Krueger (Merrill) had 10 strikes, 14 spares and 4 opens as well. Morgan Bushman (Marshfield) rounded out the team with eight strikes, 13 spares and seven opens.

The District 9 boys team also qualified for match play in third place and pushed ahead to win the All Star title as well.

Shawano, Pulaski compete on college campuses

Pulaski's boys 4x800-meter relay team had the best finish March 16 at UW-Stevens Point. The team placed 11th.

Other top-20 finishes were Arden Gillen, 15th in 1,600-meter run; Parker Marshall, 19th in the 1,600-meter run; the 4x200-meter relay team, 14th; the 4x400-meter relay team, 16th; and Rylan Opperman, 20th in the 400-meter dash.

March 14

Shawano and Pulaski athletes competed at a large-school meet at UW-Oshkosh on March 14, and it was a small contingent for each track and field team.

Three Shawano runners competed in the 200-meter dash. Senior Logan Korth placed 20th in 25.41 sec-

onds, followed by junior Austin Peterson in 22nd with a time of 25.56 and freshman Ryan Schwitzer in 30th at 26.69.

Pulaski sophomore Rylan Opperman finished 30th in the 400-meter dash in 1:01.63, with Shawano freshman Joshua Lesperance right behind in 31st place in 1:03.61.

Ethan Onesti, a Shawano junior, placed ninth in the 800-meter run in 2:10.85. He was also ninth in the 1,600-meter run in 4:48.53; teammate senior Jaymin Boivin finished in 26th place in 5:11.71.

Shawano senior Aidan Preston finished 23rd in the 3,200-meter run in 11:45.1.

The 4x200-meter relay featured the Shawano team of Schwitzer, junior Drake

Herm, Korth and Peterson finishing in 17th in 1:41.49. A Pulaski foursome placed 20th in 1:44.

A team from Pulaski placed 15th in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:02.61.

In the long jump, Pulaski junior Brayden Kamps placed 22nd with a jump of 16 feet 9.75 inches. A trio of Shawano jumpers also competed with Korth finishing 26th at 16-04, Schwitzer in 29th at 16-02 and Ainsworth in 32nd at 15-03.

Triple jump competitors included Pulaski athlete Madden Skenandore finishing in 13th place with a jump of 37-11.5, and Ainsworth in 24th at 31-02.

Pulaski senior Jack Marsh was the top local athlete competing in the

shot put. He placed 17th with a toss of 43-08. Joining him in the event was Shawano junior Mason Theis, 30th, 36-06, and teammate Andrew Herrmann, a senior, 35th place, 32-01.

In the 60-meter dash preliminaries, Pulaski junior Rylan Rodal placed 13th with a time of 7.33 seconds.

He was joined by Pulaski senior Jake Adams, 15th place, 7.36; Herm, 33rd, 7.66; Pulaski sophomore Malakai Godfrey, 42nd, 7.77; and Shawano sophomore Kaden Ewert, 52nd, 8.04. None advanced to the finals.

In the prelims for the 60-meter hurdles, Skenandore placed 10th in 9.21; he did not advance to the final race.

Charger girls place second

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls track and field team scored 149.5 points and placed second out of eight teams at the Northland Pines Indoor Invitational on March 14 in Eagle River.

The boys team placed 10th out of 10 teams with 14 points.

Menominee Indian's boys were fourth with 65 points, and the girls were fifth with 48 points.

Both teams captured a few first-place finishes.

Urijah Reevis, a Menominee Indian sophomore, ran to first place in the 400-meter dash in 1:06.17.

Wittenberg-Birnam-

wood junior Faith Resch placed first in the 200-meter hurdles in 30.06.

In the 800-meter run, Chargers freshman Nora Bushman captured first (2:42.73), Charger junior Kylee Beversdorf was second (2:46.24), and Reevis was third (2:49.12).

Resch won the high jump at 4-10.

A Chargers four-some placed first in the girls 4x800-meter relay in 11:37.61. Wittenberg-Birnamwood also grabbed first in the 4x400-meter relay in 4:36.46.

Barron Waupoose, an Eagle sophomore, led the field with a first-place finish in the boys 400-meter

dash in 54.5.

In the girls 55-meter hurdles, Wittenberg-Birnamwood captured places two through four. Resch was second in 9.63, freshman Kelsie Davis was third in 11.6 and Jayden Zeinert, a junior, was fourth in 11.78.

In the 55-meter dash, it was Menominee Indian sophomore Madeline Tomow with the best finish, placing eighth in 8.36.

Three freshman Chargers placed in the top seven in the 1,600-meter run. They were Bushman, second, 5:56.69; Gabrielle Timm, sixth, 6:48.01; and Charlie Eichman, seventh, 6:53.32.

Nelson, Stevens, Barkley earn firsts in Wausau

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Gresham/Bowler's Bryson Nelson ran his way to two first-place medals in the boys competition at the Wausau West Early Bird Indoor Track Meet on March 16. He captured first in the 800-meter run and in the 1,600-meter run.

Other than in the 55-meter dash, where all Gresham/Bowler runners placed 25th through 38th, all other events had no runner lower than 18th.

For the girls, Gresham/Bowler's Isabella Stevens earned first place in the high jump, as teammates Addison Fischer and Alivia

Perez tied for ninth.

Shawano only competed in the girls events, with Adalyn Barkley leading the way with a pair of first-place finishes, those coming in the 400-meter dash and the triple jump.

Everyone placed in the top 20, and all but two were in the top 10.

Fabry runs to first at Point Invite

Pulaski's Emerson Fabry won first place in the 800-meter run at the Point Invite at UW-Stevens Point on March 15.

Several other girls earned top-10 finishes.

Ella Hasser placed second in the 400-meter dash; Hallie Morz placed second in the pole vault; the 4x400-meter relay team

was second; the 4x200-meter relay team finished third; and Olivia Sprangers placed third in the 60-meter dash.

Oconto Falls

Oconto Falls girls grabbed two top-10 finishes.

Rylie Shallow was sixth in the 60-meter dash, and teammate Brooke Hod-

kiewicz was sixth in the 800-meter run.

Gillett

Gillett's 4x400-meter relay team placed 28th. It was the highest finish for the team.

For individuals, Haley Bullock placed 33rd in the 400-meter dash, and Hope Soper was 33rd in the triple jump.

Suring leads area schools at UW-O

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Suring collected 38 points and finished in ninth place out of 42 teams at the small-school invite at UW-Oshkosh on March 14. Oconto Falls collected 32 points and finished in 12th place, and Gillett scored six points and placed 36th.

Ben Adams of Oconto Falls ran away with a first-place finish in the Division 2 3,200-meter run in 10:01.56.

In the 60-meter hurdles for Division 3, Suring's Trent VanDenElzen placed second in the prelims in 10.03 and then catapulted to first place in the finals with a time of 9.84.

Oconto Falls' Brady Bursa, Bramer, Evan Yuma and Wilquet placed third in the D2 4x200-meter relay.

Adams grabbed second place in the D2 1,600-meter run. Gillett's Scott Herroux placed eighth in 5:25.72

in the D3 event. Suring's Gavin Staszik placed 14th in 6:13.57.

Cornell raced to third place in the D3 400-meter dash in 55.82. Further back was Gillett's Nash Stage, who placed 16th in 1:00.41.

Gillett's Braydn Wendorff was fourth in the D3 800-meter run in 2:12.53.

Suring's Quinn Thomson, Cornell, Ermis and VanDenElzen placed fourth in the D3 4x400-meter relay in 3:52.5.

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Event Time // 4:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Kidz Zone // 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM
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Music-
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4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Driftwood (country)
6:45 PM - 10:00 PM

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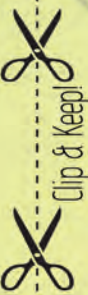
Saturday June 1

Event Time // 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Flea Market & Antiques @ Farmers Brewery-6AM
5K Run/Walk- 9:00 AM
Craft Fair - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Kidz Zone - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Lumberjack Competition - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Strongman Competition - 1:00 PM
Oneida Smoke Dancers 1:00PM

Music-
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MARCH 21-22

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SECOND ROUND
MARCH 23-24

FIRST ROUND
MARCH 21-22

16 Howard (18-16)

16 Wagner (16-15)

10 Virginia (23-10)

10 Colorado St. (24-10)

DAYTON
MARCH 19-20

Montana St. (17-17) 16

Grambling (20-14) 16

Boise St. (22-10) 10

Colorado (24-10) 10

1 UConn (31-3)

16 Stetson (22-12)

8 Florida Atlantic (25-8)

9 Northwestern (21-11)

5 San Diego St. (24-10)

12 UAB (23-11)

4 Auburn (27-7)

13 Yale (22-9)

6 BYU (23-10)

11 Duquesne (24-11)

3 Illinois (26-8)

14 Morehead St. (26-8)

7 Washington St. (24-9)

10 Drake (28-6)

2 Iowa St. (27-7)

15 South Dakota St. (22-12)

Brooklyn

Spokane

Omaha

Omaha

Charlotte

Spokane

Memphis

Salt Lake City

EAST

WEST

1 North Carolina (27-7)

16 Howard/Wagner

8 Mississippi St. (21-13)

9 Michigan St. (19-14)

5 Saint Mary's (26-7)

12 Grand Canyon (29-4)

4 Alabama (21-11)

13 Charleston (27-7)

6 Clemson (21-11)

11 New Mexico (26-9)

3 Baylor (23-10)

14 Colgate (25-9)

7 Dayton (24-7)

10 Nevada (26-7)

2 Arizona (25-8)

15 Long Beach St. (21-14)

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Houston (30-4) 1

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Nebraska (23-10) 8

Texas A&M (20-14) 9

Wisconsin (22-13) 5

James Madison (31-3) 12

Duke (24-8) 4

Vermont (28-6) 13

Texas Tech (23-10) 6

NC State (22-14) 11

Kentucky (23-9) 3

Oakland (23-11) 14

Florida (24-11) 7

Boise St./Colorado 10

Marquette (25-9) 2

Western Kentucky (22-11) 15

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APRIL 8

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Charlie's County Market	Iowa State	Packer City Antiques	Houston	Pulaski Warehouse	BYU
Twig's Beverage	Auburn	Packer City Antiques	Illinois	Pulaski Warehouse	Alabama
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- ACROSS
- 1 Repairs, as rips

6 Retail venues

11 Long tooth

15 Toast topping

18 Best possible

19 "Me too!"

20 Common whodunit shout

21 Nivea rival

23 Patrick Ewing's team, 1985-2000

27 Explosive initials

28 Canine comment

29 Messy stack

30 Strong-arm

31 Add up

32 As if scripted

35 Impolite look

37 Fill in __ blank

38 Patrick McGooohan film as Eastwood's warden

44 TV advertiser

45 DC legislator

46 Picnic intruder

47 World's highest capital city

51 Word sung each 1/1

52 Disney boss

54 Parts of pants

56 Cleanser scent

57 Lacking the means

60 Holes in shoes

62 Not attending

64 Poet pal of Tolkien

66 Poetic sphere

67 CCV times 10

68 Brewed beverage

69 Patrick Dempsey film, a Zellweger sequel

74 Masseur's employer

76 Band date

77 Looking pale

78 Ludicrous

79 Sydney citizen

81 Tattoos

84 Charges too much for tickets

88 Look amused

89 Physical condition

91 Model's stance

93 Where something is

94 Islam's Creator

96 Sch. with a Providence campus

97 98 Across participant

98 FedEx Cup awarder

101 Patrick Henry's job, 1776-1779

105 Family man

108 City near Scottsdale

109 Packed tightly

110 Sharp anger

111 Dickensian kid

113 52 Across and peers

115 Great joy

117 Soak (up)

120 Patrick Stewart film as an alien king

125 First-floor apartment, perhaps

126 Verdi masterwork

127 French "Ralph"

128 Libel and slander

129 Part of 130 Across

130 What some college srs. take

131 Treasury Dept. security

132 Keats or Byron

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1 Toothpaste flavor

2 Where Eve lived

3 Little lizard

4 Saint Patrick's __

5 Commuter delays

6 Large shark

7 Request

8 Was in charge of

9 Texter's "Enough!"

10 Province known for spicy cuisine

11 Canine pest

12 The Wright stuff

13 Ensnare

14 Bodega owner

15 Funny bit

16 Notify

17 Sousa selection

22 Informal "Understand?"

24 Shakespearean teen

25 Topple, with "over"

26 Marine formation

31 Marine formation

33 Meddlesome

34 Informal summons

36 Suffix for leather

38 Genesis twin

39 Created, as cotton candy

40 Brown beverage

41 End of many work wks.

42 "Impossible!"

43 Skips past, as commercials

48 Devoutness

49 Mrs. Shakespeare

50 Sorority letter

53 DNA holder

54 Gershwin contemporary

55 Does a Brazilian dance

58 A Super Mario brother

59 Whirling waters

61 Very foolish

63 Mont __ (highest Alp)

65 Yolk holder

67 Portal with Bing search

69 Soup herb

70 Descriptor of some spares

71 Green shade

72 Tends tots

73 What Burns calls his mouse

74 Lengthy tale

75 Knitting stitch

80 Sudden obstacle

81 Treacherous person

82 Thing with strings

83 Housetops

85 Big cat

86 Sound of disgust

87 Vaccination fluids

90 Palette array

92 Seismology prefix

95 Warm and welcoming

97 Prepare a bulk mailing

99 Norwegian composer

100 Go along with

102 Summery

103 What lithium lacks

104 Spend time idly

105 Judo school

106 Drop __ to (write)

107 Small change

112 Annual MTV bestowals

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116 Vocalist Lovett

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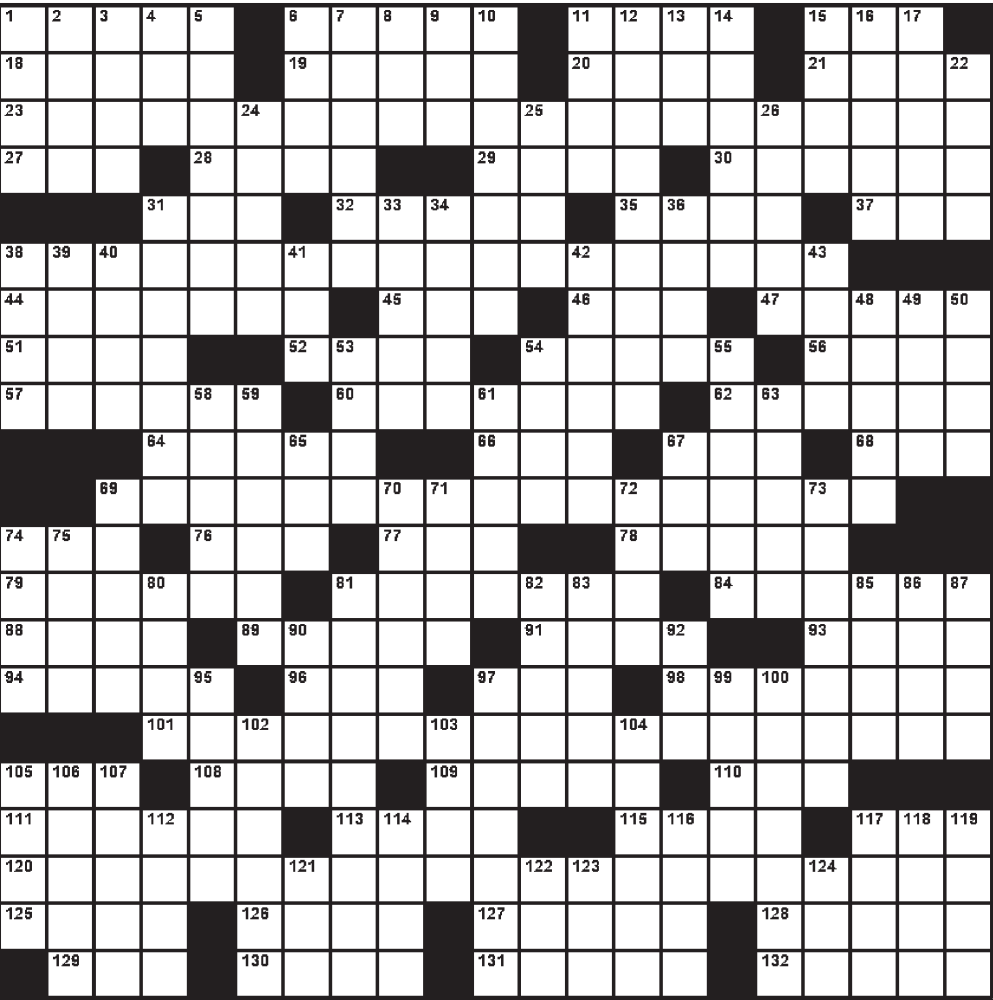
119 Whispered call

121 Grafton's __ for Evidence

122 Flatbread with tandoori

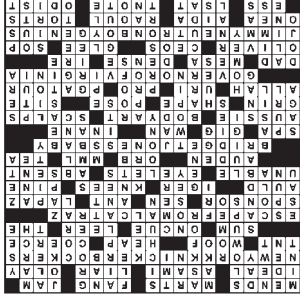
123 Sound of disapproval

124 Show of approval



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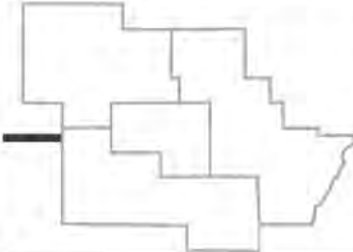


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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case # 24cv17

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Heidi Kay Bannister

By Heidi Kay Bannister

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

FROM: Heidi Kay Bannister

TO: Ava Watson

Birth Certificate: Heidi Kay Bannister IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin:

Judge's name: Judge Sloma

BR 1 311 N maint Street, Shawano, WI, 54166

Date: 04/30/2024 Time: 8:15AM

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class # notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Shawano Leader, a newspaper published in Shawano County State of Wisconsin.

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03/15/24, 03/22/24, 03/29/24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)

MEMONIEE COUNTY

Case Number - 24pr02

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jeanette M. Trost

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/18/1926 and date of death 08/24/2023, was domiciled in Menominee, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W2155 County VV, Keshena, WI 54135, USA.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate 08/19/2024

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI 54166, USA.

Form completed by:

James E. Aschenbrenner

311 N Main St, Shawano, WI 54166, USA

James E. Aschenbrenner

Phone: 7155246258

Bar Number: 1008896

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03/22/24

TOWN OF RED SPRINGS

NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Open Book session for town residents to meet with the Assessor and discuss assessments on their property will be on Thursday April 4, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM via telephone. Please call the Assessor at 920-766-7323 to discuss any questions or concerns. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Red Springs will meet on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session. If you wish to file an objection, please call the Clerk at 715-787-3356 to be placed on the Board of Review agenda.

Gwen Olsen, Clerk Town of Red Springs

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03/22/24

March 22, 2024

Attention City of Shawano Residents

2024 Annual Dog and Cat Licenses

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Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk/Community Relations Manager

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TOWN OF WESCOTT-

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT ORDINANCE # 2024-02, AMENDING ORDINANCE RELATING TO- ATV-UTV Speed Limits, and ORDINANCE #2024-03 AN ORDINANCE TO ERCT A STOP SIGN ON LULU LAKE DR WHERE IT INTERSECTS WITH LULU LAKE DR, is available for inspection at the: TOWN OF WESCOTT OFFICE, N5794 OLD KESHENA RD OR WWW.TOWNOFWESCOTT.COM, OR CONTACT CLERK VREEKE AT 715-526-9755

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ORDINANCE SUMMARY:

ORDINANCE #2024-02, Amends the speed limits for ATV/UTVs FROM a maximum speed limit of 35 MPH to NOW/ comply with posted roadway speed limits. ORDINANCE #2024-03 Erects a stop sign on Wescott Lake where it intersects with Lulu Lake Dr.

-ANGELA VREEKE, TOWN CLERK

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Agenda

Board of Adjustment - Public Hearing Notice Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B

311 N Main St., Shawano, WI

Members: Alan Bayer, Bill Bowers, John Stezenski, Thomas Tauferner, Gary Thomack

Alternates: 1st Robert Krause, 2nd David Korth V-1-24: Kristin L Fritsch and Robert Miller III request variance to construct an 11' x 12' single family dwelling addition where a 6' by 11' section would be 70 feet (70') from the ordinary high water mark of Shawano Lake where 75 feet (75') is required pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland-Wetland Zoning Ordinance No. 6-16, Section 6.2.

Property is located and described as that part of Government Lot 4 in Section 28, T27N R16E, bounded and described as commencing at the West Quarter Section corner of said Section 28; thence North along the Section line, 476.7 feet; thence angle 65° 25' to the right 270.95 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence angle 68° 39' to the left, 250.95 feet more or less, to the water's edge of Shawano Lake Outlet; thence Westerly along the water's edge, 60 feet; thence South and parallel to the first course, 277.43 feet; thence angle 111° 21' to the left, 64.5 feet to the point of beginning. Tax parcel #048-28230-0150. Town of Wescott. Property address: W6486 Gumaer Road Any interested person may address the Board of Adjustment by letter or appear in person or by agent and be heard at the public hearing. Written correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer.

The Board of Adjustment will be meeting after the public hearing to deliberate and take possible action on the following items:

1. Public hearing decisions V-1-24: Kristin L Fritsch & Robert Miller III

2. Approval of minutes from previous meetings. December 14, 2023 December 27, 2023

3. Discuss, review and take possible action on V-18-23 - Steve Speckhard, agent for Speckhard Family LLC.

4. Board member comments or new business to be considered at a future meeting

5. Correspondence.

6. Set next public hearing date.

7. Adjournment.

Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BROWN COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

Publication of Summons and Notice of Filing

Case No. 23SC602

Plaintiff(s): GREEN BAY ANESTHESIA ASSOCIATES, S.C., First Floor 225 S Executive DR Brookfield WI 53005

vs.

Defendant(s): Joseph Gross, W5634 LAKE DR Shawano WI 54166

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-834-6843 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Publication of Summons and Notice of Filing

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):

Your are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court: Brown County Courthouse Telephone Number of clerk of court: 920-448-4155

Courtroom/Room Number: Court Room B

Address: 3100 S. Jefferson ST

On the following date and time: 4/10/24 1:45 PM

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgement against you in favor of the person(s) suing you.

A copy of the claim has been sent to you at the address as stated in the caption above. A judgement may be enforced as provided by law. A judgement awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

/s/ Michael F.G. Hickey

Plaintiff/Attorney Signed by (Date):

Authenticated 03/06/2024,

Authenticated (By):

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Shawano School District

Is accepting proposals for the Custodial Services Contract.

Details can be found on the school's website:

https://www.shawanoschools.com/page/building-and-grounds

Any questions should be directed to Shawn Mathwich

Via email: smathwich@shawanoschools.org

Proposal due date/opening: Thursday, April 18, 2024.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

Case No. 2022PR89

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HAROLD J. DRYJA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 4/8/1924 and date of death 01/19/2014, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W248 La Fuente Court, Krakow, WI 54137.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 20, 2024.

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.

/s/ Gwen Hoffman

Probate Registrar

02-29-2024

John D. McNally

Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin & Brown LLP

330 E. Kilbourn Avenue, Suite 1170, Milwaukee, WI 53202

414-271-1440

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Before the Town of Hartland Planning Commission

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Hartland Town Hall located at W3454 County Road BE, Bonduel, Wisconsin, the Town of Hartland Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering the following petition: Dannie J Borntrager/Premier Custom Cabinetry, LLC, requests a conditional use permit for expansion of the "Light Industrial" land use/building (i.e., cabinet manufacturing) on the property addressed N3966 Valley Road (tax parcel number 022-18230-0001). Applicant is proposing a 48' x 92' addition to the existing building housing the "Light Industrial" land use. Additional information or a copy of the conditional use permit application are available upon request filed with the Town Zoning Administrator, Jeff Kussow, at (920) 785-7332 or jeff.kussow@cedarcorp.com.

The hearing is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to appear in person or by agent and be heard. If you cannot appear in-person, any person may submit written comments by letter addressed to: Cedar Corporation, Attn: Jeff Kussow, 1695 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI 54311; or by email to jeff.kussow@cedarcorp.com

Town of Hartland Carrie Bohm, Clerk

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Notice of Public Hearing

Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B

Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano, Michael Stupecky

CU-7-24: Eric Reeder request conditional use permit for establishment of a 35' x 176' (16Unit) Personal Storage Facility/Mini-Warehouse in the C-C, Commercial Community Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Table X.4 02 and Section X.9 03 (237). Property is located and described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the NE1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 32, T28N R11E, thence running West along the North line of said section, 300 feet; thence South 145 feet; thence East 300 feet; thence North along the East section line, 145 feet to the place of beginning. Except that part described in Volume 663 onpage 670, as Document No. 424860, for highway purposes. Section 32, T28N R11E. Parcel#012-32110-0000. Town of Birmmwood. Property address: N7991 Hummingbird Road

NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration.

Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer. Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766

Meeting notice emailed/posted: Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCH Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowi.civicweb.net

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

Case No. 2024PR14

In the matter of the estate of Elmer W. Martens a/k/a Elmer William Martens

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 06-11-1922 and date of death 01-06-2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 132 Oak Court, Shawano, WI 54166.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 7, 2024.

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.

/s/ Gwen Hoffman

Probate Registrar

02-26-2024

Atty. Thomas J. Martell

117 North Main Street, PO Box 237 Shawano, WI 541667

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held before the Plan Commission of the City of Shawano on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following: Zoning Map amendment pursuant to City Code Section 10-170 to rezone the following from Business Park (BP) to Multi-Family Residential-20 (MR-20) the property more commonly known as: Parcel #281-052200004, Legal description: Part of Frac NW ¼ NW ¼ NKA Lot 2 V14 CSM P258 Map #3400 Sec 5 T26N R16E (vacant property on the north side of County Road B, beginning approximately 350 ft. from Waukechon Street, Shawano). Said parcel contains 7.914 acres. At the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk City of Shawano

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Voters faced with various referenda

Local questions, school funding, state constitutional issues on ballot

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

When voters go to the polls April 2, they will be faced with more than elections for public office.

Some will face local or school referendum questions, while all will be asked to cast ballots on a pair of state constitutional changes.

All Wisconsin residents will be asked to vote on whether private donations and grants may be applied for, accepted, expended or used in connection with the conduct of any primary election, general election or referendum.

A second question would create a new section for the state constitution to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, general elections and referendums.

This referendum ballot is a result of 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 78, a copy of which can be viewed or downloaded from the Legislature's website at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/proposals/reg/sen/joint_resolution.

In Eland, residents will be asked to exceed the village's levy limit to pay for emergency medical services.

Under state law, the increase in the levy for the village for the tax to be imposed for the

next fiscal year, 2025, is limited to a 0% increase, which results in a levy of \$19,602. Residents will be asked to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year for the village's share of the increase in cost for emergency medical services, by a total of 40.115%.

This will result in a levy of \$27,464, and the \$7,863 increase would be on an ongoing basis for each fiscal year going forward.

A similar proposal will be on the ballot for Mattoon residents.

State law will limit the village's 2025 levy increase to 1.213%, which results in a levy of \$54,753.

The request is to exceed this limit for emergency medical services by 76.255% for a total levy of \$96,505, and to continue to do each year in the amount of \$41,752.

Shawano County residents in the Seymour Community School District will be asked to exceed revenue limits for the next three school years. The requested increases are \$3.8 million for the 2024-25 school year, \$5.2 million for 2025-26 and \$6 million for 2026-27, all for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses, including expenses related to staffing and to maintain programs and services.

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DNR accepting artwork for waterfowl stamp contest

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting artwork entries for the wild turkey, pheasant and waterfowl stamp design

contests. The winning designs will appear on the 2025 collection of stamps.

Sales of these three stamps bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for species management throughout the state — including habitat management, restoration, education and research projects.

Stamp design entries must be received or postmarked by Aug. 1.

Rules, entry information and reproduction rights agreements are available on the DNR's Wildlife Stamp Funding and Stamp Design Contest webpage at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/stamps>.

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April 1 deadline set for in rem properties

Tigerton home in dispute between person formerly listed as owner and potential buyer

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-chief

Every year, Shawano County forecloses on a handful of properties after their owners haven't paid taxes and other fees for the previous three years. This year, two properties are in the mix, one in Tigerton and one in Mattoon. It appears as if the Mattoon property has been abandoned, but the Tigerton home is at the center of a debate between the person formerly listed as the owner and another who

claims to have a land contract to buy the property. In February, the Shawano County Executive Committee noted the county has possession of the Tigerton property; however, the parties involved requested additional time to pay the outstanding expenses. Supervisors agreed to give the parties until April 1 to pay the delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and any other fees in full. "The executive committee, for the one in Tigerton, took action to allow the guy that was in default to make good on all fines and

interest and back taxes and all that good stuff and then they could retain the property," Steve Dreher, county building maintenance manger, told the Shawano County Public Property Committee on March 7. County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said as long as the county gets its money, the parties involved in the land contract deal can argue between themselves in court. "We told them that if either one wants to come in and pay us up in full ... then they can keep fighting over it," he said. "We don't care

who really legally owns it; they have to sort that out." No land contract is on file with the register of deeds office. The foreclosed properties are referred to as "in rem," Latin for "against a thing," which refers to a court's power to adjudicate matters directed against property rather than a person. Jim Davel, county administrative coordinator, said there are usually a handful of these cases each year, and many of those are for abandoned homes. He said the matters are

handled by the county treasurer's office and corporation counsel. At the Jan. 17 executive committee meeting, Deb Wallace, county treasurer, and Larenda Maulson, corporation counsel, explained the process and state statutes for the in rem properties. The first year gives the resident extra time to pay. After the first year, a certificate gets issued and gives the resident two additional years to pay. The fourth year, letters are sent, and officials start the process of taking the property.

"The one in Mattoon, I have not heard anything from corp(oration) counsel or from the treasurer's office," Dreher told the public property committee earlier this month. "We didn't get any of our letters back with return receipt required, so I have no idea if there's somebody still living in there or not. I will shake that tree again with corp counsel and see how they want to move forward, if I get law enforcement to stop out there again and see if the house is empty."

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 17
Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; three lost property complaints and a trespassing complaint at Big Time Sports, W6014 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; operating while intoxicated on Cherry Avenue in the Town of Wescott; death investigation on West Town Road in the Town of Angelica; controlled burning on County Road M in the Town of Herman; trespassing at the Novitiate, W9711 Butternut Road in the Town of Herman; drugs on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; one 911 call; one traffic hazard; one crash.

March 16
Deputies responded to 28 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott; assisting with a fire on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; property theft on Mill Street in Eland; vehicle fire on Hillcrest Road in the Town of Hartland; harassment at Dollar General, 309 N. Genesee St., Wittenberg; bail jumping on Balsam Row Road in the Town of Wescott; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two crashes.

March 15
Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including found property at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St., Shawano; trespassing on Spruce

Road in the Town of Angelica; drugs on Julius Street in the Town of Angelica; ATV problem on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; animal bite on Spruce Road in the Town of Richmond; custodial interference on High Street in Birnamwood; harassment on River Road in the Town of Almon; custodial interference on East Front Street in Wittenberg; warrant on North Main Street in Shawano; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one deer-related crash.

March 14
Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including repossession on Bartelt Street in Gresham; warrant on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; assisting with a fire on River Bend Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; fraud on Maple Avenue in the Town of Wescott; internet fraud on Hummingbird Street in the Town of Wittenberg; illegal burning on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard.

March 13
Deputies responded to 25 incidents, including operating while intoxicated at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B, Shawano; intoxication on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; illegal burning on Witt-Morr Townline Road in the Town of Morris; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one crash.

March 12
Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including operating without a license on West Green Bay Street in

Bonduel; failure to report to jail at the Huber Work Release Center, 1240 Engel Drive, Shawano; fraud on County Road J in the Town of Fairbanks; scam on Town Hall Drive in the Town of Angelica; threatening at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; assisting with a fire on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Fairbanks; trespassing on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; assisting with a fire on White Clay Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; animal bite on County Road G in the Town of Seneca; noise on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; assisting with a fire on Lulu Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; two 911 calls; one traffic hazard; two crashes.

March 11
Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including assisting with a fire on Elm Road in the Town of Maple Grove; illegal burning on Gator Lane in Cecil; warrant on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; shoplifting at Cedar Street Market, 234 Cedar St., Tigerton; trespassing on Flint Avenue in Mattoon; property theft on Balsam Lane in the Town of Wescott; drugs at Gresham School, 501 Schabow St., Gresham; one 911 call; one traffic hazard; three reckless driving incidents; one crash.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 17
Officers responded to 17 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on East Green Bay Street; found property at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; drug offenses at Walgreen's, 401 E. Green Bay St.; found property at Frank-

lin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; found property on Hamlin Street.

March 16
Officers responded to 16 incidents, including reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; noise on South Water Street.

March 15
Officers responded to 36 incidents, including noise on South Franklin Street; juvenile problem at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; vehicle crash with property damage on South Lincoln Street; animal bite on South Washington Street; warrant arrest on Waukechon Road; vehicle crash at Scrub a Dub Car Wash, 1272 E. Green Bay St.; tobacco problem and two property theft complaints at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; fraud on Industrial Drive; property theft at American Marine, 1100 E. Green Bay St.; warrant arrest on East Richmond Street; illegal burning on East Randall Street.

March 14
Officers responded to 21 incidents, including two shoplifting calls at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; property theft at the Shawano Recreation Center, 220 E. Division St.; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; overdose at an undisclosed location; repossession on East Green Bay Street.

March 13
Officers responded to 27 incidents, including noise on South Water Street; reckless driving at the Shawano Area Food Pantry and Resource Center, 218 E. Richmond St.; traffic hazard on East Randall Street; property theft on

East Green Bay Street; lost property on South Union Street; property theft at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; threatening at Kobussen Buses, 1208 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on Lakeland Road.

March 12
Officers responded to 23 incidents, including a juvenile problem on South Evergreen Street; property theft at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; custodial interference at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; truancy sexual assault at an undisclosed location; lost property at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; death investigation at an undisclosed location.

March 11
Officers responded to 28 incidents, including a juvenile problem on North Franklin Street; drug offenses on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; harassment on South Andrews Street; sex offense on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; juvenile problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; vehicle crash at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; two property theft calls and drug offenses at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; property theft at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; truancy at Olga Brener Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; trespassing on North Airport Drive; operating while intoxicated at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.

COURT NEWS

• Michael L. Szafranek, 43, Crivitz, pleaded no contest March 11 to felony bail jumping and issuing worthless checks, along with a misdemeanor bad checks charge. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions including 120 days in county jail.

• John G. Shawano, 42, Keshena, pleaded no contest

March 14 to two counts of possession of narcotic drugs, three counts of felony bail jumping and four misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

• Mark A. Reiter, 33, Keshena, pleaded no contest March 13 to misdemeanor charges of battery and

disorderly conduct. A related felony count was dismissed in a plea agreement but read into the record. Sloma levied a \$150 fine and other court costs.

• Brandon L. Kruschke, 41, Shawano, was charged March 11 with false imprisonment and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct. Judge William Kussel Jr. set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for June 11.

• Lee A. Tourtillott, 44, Shawano, was charged March 11 with possession of methamphetamine, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 19.

• Bronson L. Webster, 42,

Oneida, was charged March 11 with possession of methamphetamine. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 25.

• Charley E. Estep, 38, Shawano, was charged March 11 with possession of narcotic drugs. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 25.

• Angel L. Mendoza, 31, Shawano, was charged March 11 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 1.

• Miguel K. Rosas, 27, Milwaukee, was charged March 12 with two counts of substantial battery intending great bodily harm, 24 counts of felony bail jumping,

six counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, two misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct, and misdemeanor counts of criminal trespass to a dwelling and resisting or obstructing an officer. In a separate case, Rosas was charged with fleeing an officer in his vehicle, 22 more counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor charges of operating while his license was revoked, resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$50,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 21.

• Lindsey S. Moschel-Olszewski, 35, Green Bay, was charged March 12 with three counts of felony bail jumping, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash

bond and scheduled a status conference for April 29.

• Russell A. Tourtillott, 63, Shawano, was charged March 13 with possession of methamphetamine and two counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 21.

• Terrence C. Kuranda, 40, Shawano, was charged March 13 with possession with intent to deliver amphetamine or methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of narcotic drugs, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), six counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$35,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 18.

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Gearing up for spring gobblers with surplus permits on sale

As the woods and farm fields start to green up and north-migrating waterfowl send their honks and whistles down to my little corner of Wisconsin paradise, I began dreaming of puffed-up gobblers coming to my sweet box call and seductive mouth call.

And then reality hits, and I realize all my turkey gear is scattered to the far corners of my garages and basement. I remember last year's bungle of a desperation shot on a hefty tom strutting just a smidge out of range (rookie move) and having three identical jakes standing in easy gun range that I let go to grow up (pro move, but it left me with no bird).

I have a confession to make. I've never enjoyed eating wild turkey, and maybe this is why I often seem to sabotage my own turkey hunts, whether subconsciously or just by sheer foolishness. I began turkey hunting in Dubuque, Iowa, around 1986 or so with bow and arrow. (Iowa came up with a genius idea that if you hunt turkeys only with bow and arrow, you can hunt all of the turkey seasons.)



Despite being able to hunt every weekend of turkey season in Iowa for years, I never connected with my compound bow (I once shot at the same tom three times before the flock around him flew) but enjoyed every second in the spring woods, seeing wildflowers and greenery never seen in the fall.

Seeing life spring forth is probably the best reason to turkey hunt. The sights and sounds are inspiring and rejuvenating. I don't feel the pressure to put an animal in the freezer or compete with other hunters in any way. After a winter of gloomy skies, frigid temps and snowy roads, I'm ready to feel the warm sun and hear buzzing bees and the sweet gobbles of a lusty tom.

If you didn't get the permit date or zone you wanted (most of Shawano County and all of Wau-paca County are in Zone 3, while Oconto County is in Zone 5), this week began

sales of bonus (surplus) tags.

Zone 3 tag sales started March 20, with Zone 5 and 7 tags on sale March 22. Zone 6 is sold out. On March 23, any remaining tags for any zone not sold out are available. Just log onto the Go Wild site (<https://gowild.wi.gov>) at 9:45 a.m. and wait until the sale begins at 10 a.m. daily. Since you are assigned a random order, there is no advantage to logging on before 9:45 a.m. It's a nice way to extend your season, especially if you don't have a honey hole that generally guarantees you to get a bird in a day or two.

Although there were more than 106,000 permits available as of March 18, when Zone 1 tags went on sale, these bonus tags do go fast, especially for the earlier time periods. The permits are \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents.

Season dates are: A, April 17-23; B, April 24-30; C, May 1-7; D, May 8-14; E, May 15-21; and F, May 22-28. Check this link to see which bonus permits are left (there were none available as of March 8 in any zone for seasons A and B): <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/springturkey.html>.

Here's the part I will never understand. If I applied for a specific season date in Zone 3 and got my second or third choice, why are there any left for the zone and season I requested? If I go to Dairy Queen and request a butterscotch Dilly bar and they say sorry, we are sold out of those, and the guy ordering after me gets a butterscotch Dilly bar, I'm going to be upset. Last year, I didn't get drawn for any tag and had to buy my tag in the bonus sale. Yet there were surplus permits for my request dates in Zone 3. Is it possible that the DNR is still using some sort of antiquated drawing system? Many years ago, I found out they were still using punch cards to keep track of the deer permits. What? Or a better question was, why?

I think one application choice should be "any remaining season in Zone 3." This could potentially reduce the number of surplus tags left. There's probably a way to eliminate the need for the bonus tag drawing, although many hunters forget to apply by Dec. 10. (Who is really



This is what turkey hunters dream of come spring: A nice strutting tom and probably a few hens to keep him company. You certainly don't want to shoot a hen during the spring season (they are only legal game during fall, unless they have a beard), so you would want to wait a bit for the gobbler to move away before shooting.

thinking about turkey hunting in December, anyway?) I once forgot to apply on the year the DNR computer system jammed from so many applications and they extended the application date through the weekend. Remember that? With the new Go Wild system, us patron license buyers apply for all their permits at the time of purchase (normally in March or April). This eliminates the need to remember all these random application dates.

Whatever season you get, it's going to be a fun time. If you are new to turkey hunting and can't get a friend to take you or teach you, the state has a

very successful Learn to Hunt program: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/lth>.

If you can take a youth hunting, it's even more enjoyable. Remember, any youth can mentor hunt with an adult, even if they haven't completed a hunter safety course. Search for "mentor hunting" on the DNR site for details.

The youth turkey season is April 13-14. Good luck.

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NWTC offers more opportunities for quilters



Local quilting enthusiasts in the area may be acquainted with the offerings at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

However, there is exciting news for the Oconto Falls community — the process for longarm quilting has been updated, introducing new learning opportunities for all.

There is a new certification opportunity. Quilters may now become certified in fibers and textiles and purchase an open studio membership that includes unlimited quilting appointments, threads and bobbins during use, additional studio access at the Artisan Center in Green Bay, and 10% off non-credit class registrations.

Prior to purchasing a membership, individu-

als have two options to becoming certified. They may complete the certification during a fundamentals class for the chosen studio, or a studio certification can be scheduled in which the artist must demonstrate the mastery of fundamental studio skills. The latter option is beneficial if individuals have taken classes elsewhere. A studio certification appointment can be made by emailing artisan.center@nwtc.edu. Certification checklists and more details about open studio memberships can be found at nwtc.edu/OpenStudio.

Open studio memberships are available in full-year, half-year and quarter-year memberships at staggered prices. Open studio exists to support

artists in practicing and perfecting their craft without an instructor present.

Individuals can continue to schedule time with the longarm machine in one-on-one appointments with an instructor. The process has now migrated to an automated system by way of the Artisan and Business Center at NWTC's website. The new process for longarm independent project appointments — designed for those who would prefer to work with an instructor — can be scheduled at nwtc.edu/ArtisanCenter, navigating to the Classes and Workshops link and choosing Fibers and Textiles classes.

NWTC Oconto Falls is located at 649 E. Jackson St. in Oconto Falls and can be reached at 920-848-6982 or nwtcocontofalls@nwtc.edu.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College staff, from left, Lisa Gipp-Jandrin, Jeannie Otto and Lynn Konitzer work together to complete a quilting project at the Oconto Falls campus.

Learn to Hunt Bear program seeks applicants, instructors

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and conservation partners encourage novice and experienced bear hunters to join the Learn to Hunt Bear program as participants and instructors.

The program provides a unique learning opportunity and outdoor experience for novice hunters who otherwise need a pathway to

hunting bears. The program includes multiple classroom and field sessions, culminating with a bear-hunting excursion. Participants will learn about bear biology, population management, habits and habitat, hunting techniques, regulations and safety.

Anyone who has not previously participated in the Learn to Hunt Bear program

or received a bear harvest authorization is encouraged to apply. Participants must be at least 10 years old and lack a pathway to experience bear hunting, such as bear hunting with family or friends.

The number of Learn to Hunt Bear programs offered varies annually and will influence the number of participants selected. Appli-

cants will be notified of the status of their application by June 1.

Interested participants should complete an application and send it to the DNR, postmarked by May 1. Find the application, program guidelines and more information on the DNR's Learn to Hunt Bear webpage.

In addition to seeking

participants, the DNR is also looking for groups of experienced bear hunters interested in becoming program instructors.

Potential instructors need at least five years of bear hunting experience and must consent to a background check. The DNR will work with instructor groups to develop a Learn to Hunt Bear program

in their area. Interested groups should notify Emily Iehl, DNR hunting and shooting sports program specialist, at Emily.Iehl@wisconsin.gov of their intent to host a program by May 1.

Find more information for instructors on the DNR's Learn to Hunt Bear webpage under "Learn to Hunt Bear Instructors."

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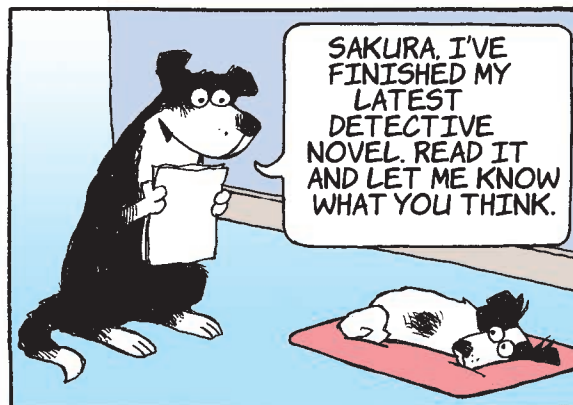
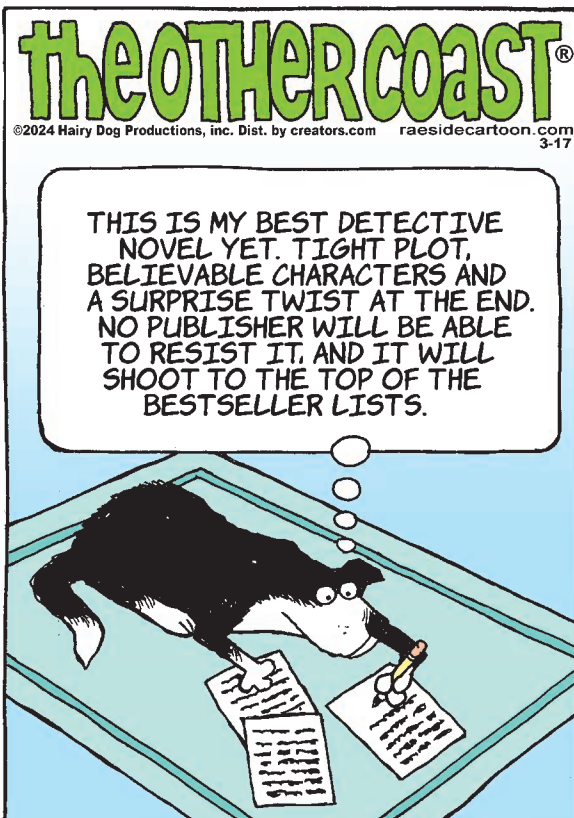
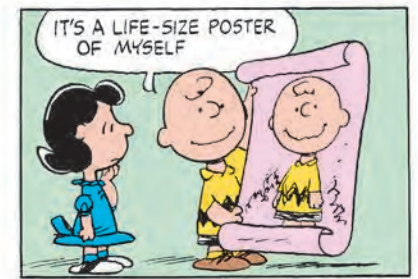
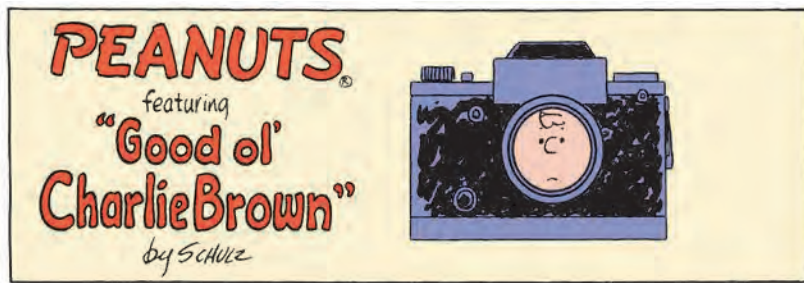
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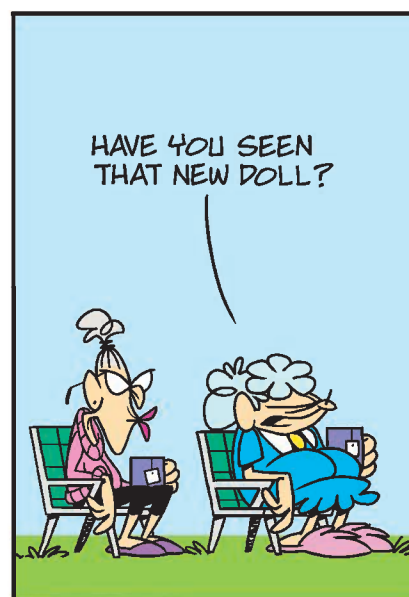
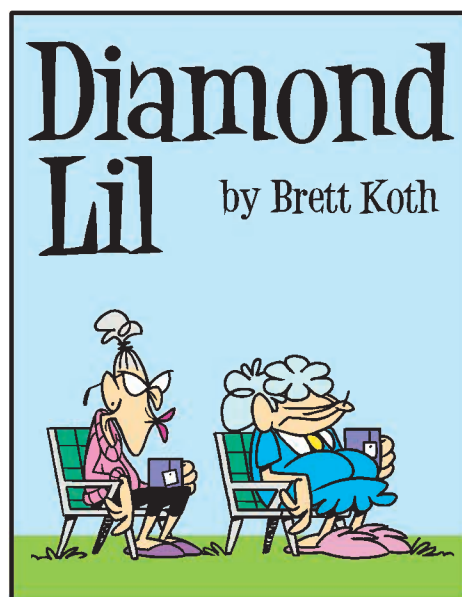
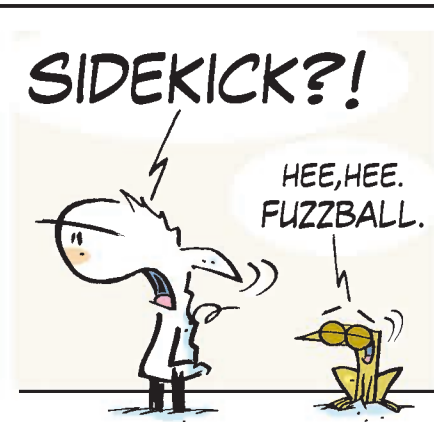
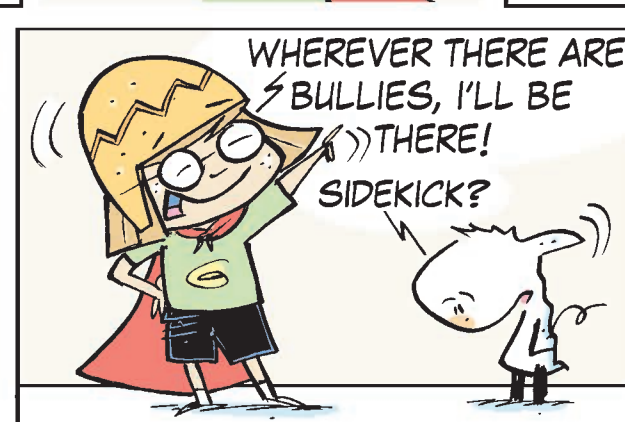
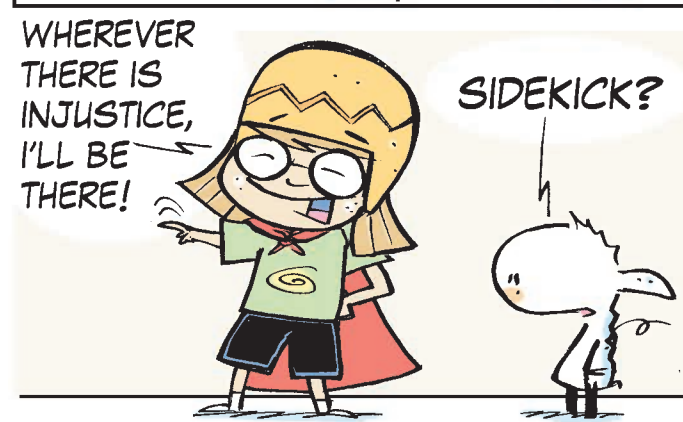
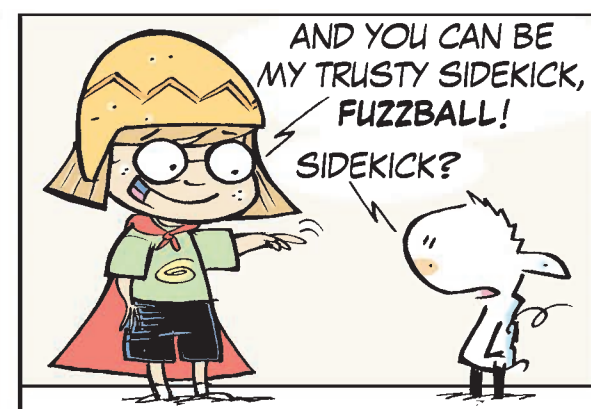
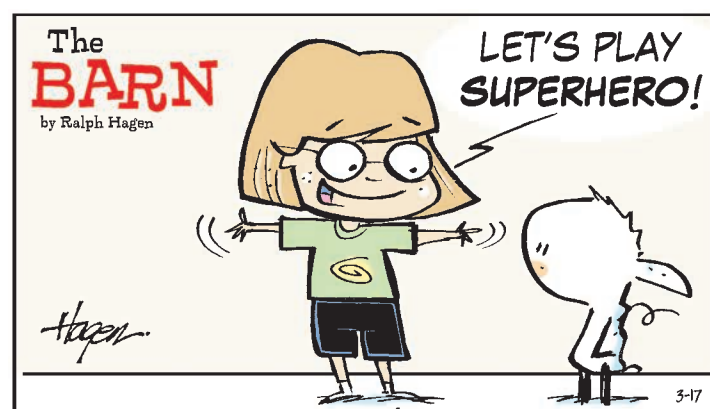
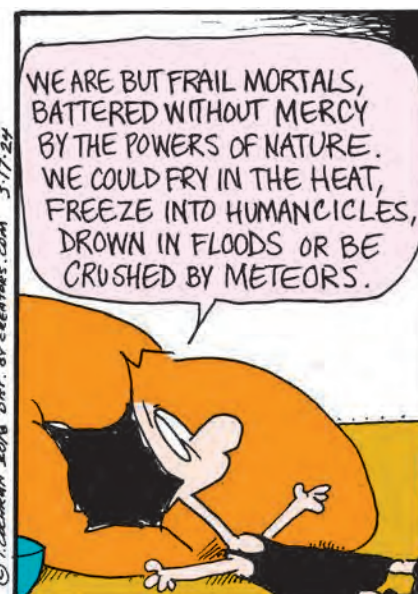
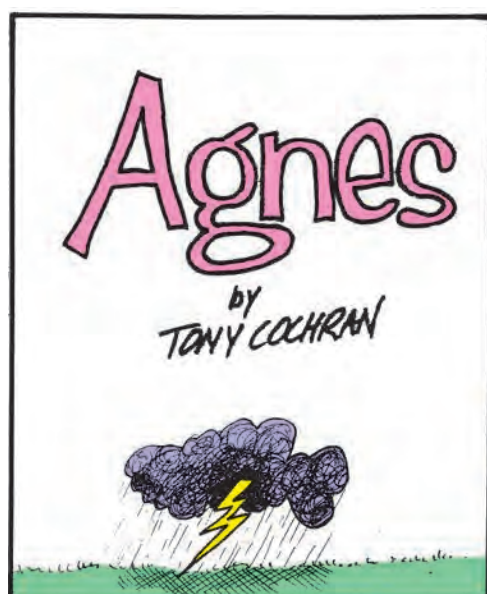
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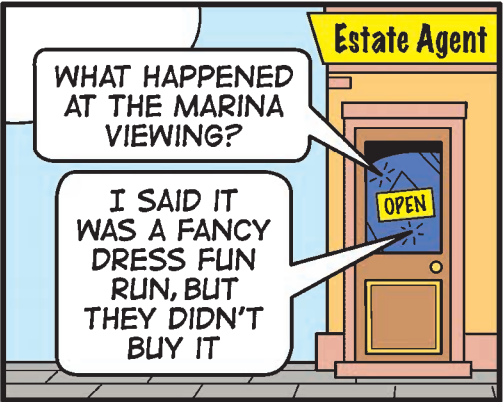
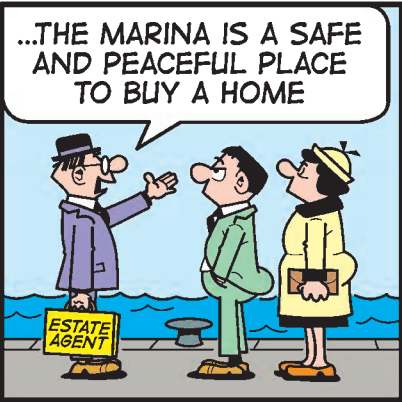
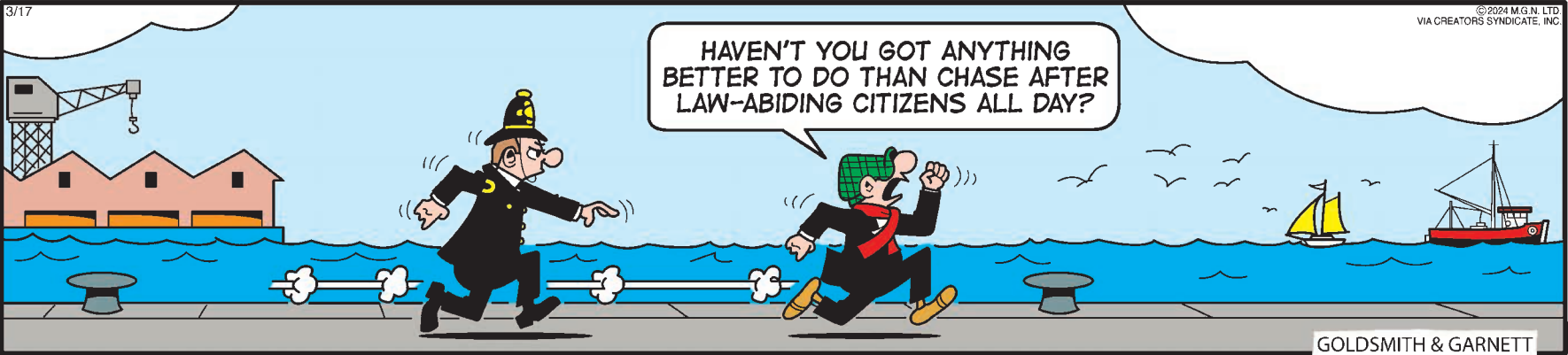
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