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A group of friends get together to talk during the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary pancake breakfast at the Tigerton Community Center on April 3.
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High school principal to ride off into sunset

Bill Hass has spent 32 years in education, the last four at Wittenberg-Birnamwood, and the educator plans to enjoy his retirement.

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Tigerton passes referendum

The Tigerton School District will be allowed, after getting voters' blessing, to override the state budget cap by up to \$650,000 in the next five years.

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Parents learn about new school

Shepherd's Watch holds an open house March 29 to answer questions about the private Christian school in Mattoon.

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WBHS principal to retire at end of school year

Hass called his time here 'a pleasure'

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A local school administrator is retiring at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Principal Bill Hass reflected on his four years at the school and 32 years outside of the school district.

"The biggest part of why I am retiring is because both my wife's and my parents are in their mid- to late 80s," said Hass. "Her parents have had dementia for about three or four years now. She goes and takes care of them, but I felt that I should be a part in helping her and my parents out, too."

Hass said that making the decision to retire was a hard one.

"It was hard, because in December, I put it on my prayer list," said Hass. "My dad got sick. I didn't put the two together, but I went back to my prayer list, there it was. I really didn't want to leave because Vicky (Haas) was leaving, and I didn't want Garrett (Rogowski) to have two new people in the district at one time."

Wittenberg-Birnamwood Superintendent Garrett Rogowski noted that Vicky Hass, the principal of WB Middle/Elementary School, is also retiring in part to spend more time with her family.

Hass started his teaching career in Fennimore, before moving to Oconto. After Oconto, Hass took a teaching position in Peru, Indiana, before coming back to Wisconsin and working in Shawano. He then took an administration role in Thorp, before settling at WBHS.

Reflecting on his time here, Hass noted that he had a great relationship with the Witt-Birn staff.

"It was very enjoyable to work with Garrett — you don't get many superintendents like him," said Hass. "As far as students and staff go, it has all been very good working with them, also. There is not a single thing here that



Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Principal Bill Hass is set to retire at the end of the 2021-22 school year after four years serving in that position.

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drove me to retirement."

Rogowski spoke on what Hass meant to WBHS.

"Bill is a very patient and approachable leader that has supported his staff throughout his time at Wittenberg-Birnamwood," said Rogowski. "He leads with a very practical, common sense approach that puts the best interest of his students at the forefront."

Hass said that at WBHS, there are some new things he learned that he didn't encounter at his other positions.

"I learned more so about our technical education area, because we pushed hard with it being important in this area," said Hass. "With doing that, I have seen the staff members working very hard to do what is best for our kids and our programs. Our programs have been growing that way. So I guess what I learned is how strong of an initiative a staff can take to bring about success."

Hass has been an administrator for six years, and he walked through the differences between being an administrator as opposed to a teacher.

"The biggest thing is you are with the students at every moment when you are a teacher," said Hass. "You have probably closer ties. As an administrator, I tried to be in the classroom as much as possible or substitute — I

just think that helps build some of that relationship that you would've lost."

Rogowski said that Hass' commitment to students has been on display since he arrived in the school district.

"He knows every student's name in the high school and cares about supporting their respective interests, whether it be the workforce, tech school or the university track," said Rogowski.

In retirement, Hass said that he wants to spend more time with loved ones as well as renew some old hobbies.

"I want to spend more time with my wife — we have been married for 37 years," said Hass. "I like to golf and play tennis. I am going to take back up trout fishing."

Hass also said that returning to teaching is not out of the question, either.

"I might substitute teach," said Hass. "I would still like to be involved in education."

In his career in education, Hass said that he learned early on the importance of becoming a very good listener.

"I had a principal who taught me to go beyond listening to parents one time in a meeting," Hass said. "I learned that for you to be a good listener, you have to have good eye

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contact. Make sure that you aren't quick to say stuff and allow the person to talk."

He said that he will continue to use this skill during the rest of his life.

"You are going to have neighbors or people that you are around that have had some struggles, and they just want to talk," said Hass. "Some people don't want you to solve the problem, they just want you to listen."

For others who are going into administration, Hass gave a piece of advice.

"Listening would be No. 1," said Hass. "Allowing teachers to have authority within their classroom and not feeling like you should step into that is important. To me, knowing that people have your back, you know that they will go a long way for you."

Hass summed up his time at WBHS in a positive manner.

"It's been a pleasure," said Hass. "I have met some very good people and some very good students. It is hard to leave people that you enjoy being with. It just gives you a warm feeling in your heart."

Rogowski added that having Hass at the high school has had positive effects on both the students and the staff.

"Bill is a man of great faith and, in my opinion, has led the students and staff at WBHS for all the right reasons," said Rogowski. "He doesn't jump on the newest bandwagon because it's new. He will stand up for what is right in education, and we are truly appreciative for his leadership at Wittenberg-Birnamwood."

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District is in the process of interviewing candidates for the position.

Tigerton school referendum passes

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Tigerton School District voters won its effort to exceed state-imposed revenue limits for the next five years from \$450,000 to \$650,000.

This operational referendum will be used to pay debt within the operating budget, funding long-range plans for facilities, equipment, safety, technology, infrastructure and curriculum and instruction, as well as fair and competitive staff compensation.

In the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board election, Chuck Wendler was re-elected to another term on the school board between voters in Shawano and Marathon counties. Challenger Greg Flak cited prior work commitments as a reason for why he would not have had full focus on the school board.

In the Wittenberg Village Board election, Devin Krueger, Barbara Buchholz and Paul Yaeger were elected to serve on the board. Incumbent Renee Switalla was the lone person left out after serving on the board for the last 15 years.

The unofficial tallies of contested races and ballot questions in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood area:

WITTENBERG VILLAGE BOARD

- ✓ Paul Yaeger 68
- ✓ Barbara Buchholz 66
- ✓ Devin Krueger 64
- Renee Switalla 60

WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD SCHOOL BOARD AREA 5

- ✓ Chuck Wendler 586
- Greg Flak 282

TIGERTON SCHOOL REFERENDUM

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• Charges against Kurt T. Wiza, 39, Plover, were dismissed March 21 on prosecutor's motion. Those charges include one count of bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of theft of movable property, less than or equal to \$2,500.

• Shane C. Nigl, 33, Shawano, pleaded no contest March 23 to two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of retail theft, less than or equal to \$500. Two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of retail theft, less than or equal to \$500, were dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Nigl pleaded no contest to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property, less than or equal to \$2,500. One count of bail jumping was dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Nigl pleaded no contest to one count of burglary, one count of theft of movable property and one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property. Two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property, less than or equal to \$2,500 were dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Nigl pleaded no contest to one count of disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). One count of bail jumping was dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Nigl pleaded no contest to one count of possession of methamphetamine. One count of misappropriating identification information was dismissed, but read into the record. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced Nigl to five years in state prison and five years of extended supervision.

• Charges against Shyla L. Vele, 32, Green Bay, were dismissed March 24 on court's own motion. Those charges include one count of child abuse and one misdemeanor count of battery.

• Daryl D. Tucker, 40, unknown location, pleaded no contest March 24 to one count of possession of methamphetamine. Two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed, but read into the record. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced Tucker to four months in jail and two years of probation.

• Matthew W. Goewey, 32, Wood River, Illinois, was charged March 28 with one count of possession of heroin with intent, less than 50 grams, one count of possession of narcotics with intent, six counts of possession of THC with intent, greater than or equal to 200 grams and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a signature bond of \$5,000 and a cash

bond of \$5,000. She also scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 31.

• Amy M. Otradovec, 35, Shawano, was charged March 28 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs, three counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 5.

• Chad E. Lamberies, 49, Shawano, was charged March 28 with one count of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 5.

• Gregory W. Smith, 53, Waupun, pleaded guilty March 28 to one count of operating while intoxicated (sixth offense) and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. One count of operating with prohibited alcohol content (fifth or sixth offense) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Sloma sentenced Smith to 20 months in state prison and three years of extended supervision.

• Calvin D. Keyes, 36, Shawano, was charged March 29 with one count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and a signature bond of \$1,500. She also scheduled a status conference for April 22.

• Clayton E. Thunder, 45, Green Bay, was charged March 29 with one count of intimidating a victim, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one count of possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture, compound, convert, produce, or store methamphetamine, six counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of battery and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a cash bond of \$10,000 and scheduled a scheduling conference for April 1.

• Nicole M. Murphy, 25, Shawano, was charged March 29 with one count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked and one misdemeanor count of tampering with/failing to install/violating a court ordered ignition interlock device. Sloma set a signature bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for May 23.

• Kellie J. Bohm, 38, Shawano, was charged March 30 with one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one misdemeanor count of battery, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one misdemeanor count of possessing/ illegally obtaining a prescription. Sloma

set a signature bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a status conference for May 4.

• Abbie M. Koenigs, 38, Little Chute, pleaded no contest March 30 to one unspecified forfeiture of reckless driving. One count of operating with a restricted controlled substance (third offense with a passenger less than 16 years old) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Sloma fined Koenigs \$500.

• Analecia L. Teller, 35, Keshena, was charged March 31 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one count of maintaining a drug trafficking place and one count of neglecting a child (no harm and the child is less than six years old or has a disability). Sloma set a cash bond of \$20,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 7.

• Benjamin T. Teller, 39, Shawano, pleaded no contest March 31 to one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, one misdemeanor count of operating while intoxicated (second offense), one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked and four misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. One misdemeanor count of a hit and run, one misdemeanor count of obstructing or resisting an officer and seven misdemeanor counts of bail jumping were dismissed, but read into the record. One misdemeanor count of operating with prohibited alcohol content was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Sloma sentenced Teller to one year in jail.

• Jovan J. Salzman, 32, Fond Du Lac, pleaded no contest March 31 to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Another misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Salzman to 90 days in jail and one year of probation.

• Douglas A. Turritin, 62, Shawano, pleaded no contest April 1 to two counts of bail jumping. Kussel sentenced Turritin to 90 days in jail.

• Charges against Aaron L. Jacobs, 32, Appleton, were dismissed April 1 on defendant's motion. These charges include one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of lewd, lascivious behavior.

• Tiffany L. Husting, 34, Shawano, pleaded no contest April 1 to one count of misappropriating identification information and three counts of bail jumping. Two counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and four

misdemeanor counts of bail jumping were dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Husting pleaded no contest to one count of burglary, one count of theft of movable property, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC, one misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance, two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. One misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property, one count of theft of movable property, less than or equal to \$2,500, one misdemeanor count of receiving or concealing stolen property (less than or equal to \$2,500) and six counts of bail jumping were dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Husting pleaded no contest to one count of possession of methamphetamine and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping were dismissed, but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Husting to three years in state prison, three years of extended supervision and four years of probation.

• Tiffany T. Socha, 29, Bowler, pleaded no contest April 1 to one count of possession of narcotic drugs. Kussel sentenced Socha to 18 months in state prison.

• Katie B. Beaver, 25, Shawano, pleaded no contest April 1 to one count of maintaining a drug trafficking place, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one count of possession of amphetamines with intent, less than or equal to three grams and one count of bail jumping. One count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Beaver pleaded no contest to one count of maintaining a drug trafficking place and one count of possession of amphetamines with intent, greater than 50 grams. One count of possession of a synthetic cannabinoid (second or subsequent offense), one count of possession of amphetamine/LSD/psilocin (second or subsequent offense), one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia, one misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance and one misdemeanor count of possessing/illegally obtaining a prescription were dismissed, but read into the record.

Kussel sentenced Beaver to seven years in state prison and three years of extended supervision.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

April 4

Deputies responded to 39 calls, including disorderly conduct on North Main Street in Shawano; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; trespassing on Zirbel Court in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on County Road BE in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; a drug problem on County Road G in the Town of Seneca; a drug problem on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; property theft on East Wood Avenue in Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; 12 crashes.

April 3

Deputies responded to 18 calls, including a domestic disturbance on West Eagle Street in Shawano; three

crashes.

April 2

Deputies responded to 32 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on Killdeer Road in the Town of Wittenberg; trespassing on Daffodil Road in Tigerton; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Wittenberg; bail jumping on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; operating while intoxicated on North Warrington Avenue in Cecil; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove.

April 1

Deputies responded to 45 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris;

reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; operating while intoxicated on County Road N in the Town of Birnamwood; disorderly conduct on West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a threat on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; a threat on Spruce Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; trespassing on Pheasant Lane in the Town of Aniwa; child abuse on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; harassment on Green Valley Road in the Town of Green Valley; operating while intoxicated on West Express Way in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; a fight in progress on West Third Street in Shawano; one crash.

March 31

Deputies responded to 30 calls, including reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa;

reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; 10 crashes, one involving deer.

March 30

Deputies responded to 14 calls, including disorderly conduct on West North Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman.

March 29

Deputies responded to 39 calls, including a threat on Riverside Drive in the Town of Wescott; a drug problem on North Main Street in Shawano; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; trespassing on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; a disturbance on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; one crash involving deer.

OBITUARIES

Doris Marie Buchholz, 98, passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Birch Hill Nursing Home in Shawano. Doris was born in rural Bonduel on May 4, 1923, to the late Albert and Adela (Graf) Barkhaus. She was a life-long resident of the Bonduel area.

Doris attended the neighborhood country school and, later, St. Paul Lutheran School. She was an excellent student and was the first valedictorian of Bonduel High School in 1941. She went on to business school in Oshkosh. Doris was the bookkeeper at Dehn's Ice Cream Factory until she was married to Raymond Buchholz on May 11, 1946. They later bought her family farm and were progressive dairy farmers. Raymond preceded her in death in 2003.

Doris loved gardening and raised



a large vegetable garden and many flowers. She preserved food to feed her large family in the winter. Doris and Raymond retired in 1982 and then moved to Bonduel.

Doris was a lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and enjoyed being a Mission Circle member. She and Raymond were 4-H leaders for many years and taught sewing and gardening. She was also a member of the Homemakers for over 70 years.

Doris will always be remembered for her many hours of volunteer work at the Bethesda Thrift Store and her good appetite. Raymond and

Doris loved to travel and traveled much of the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska. They also went to Europe, Mexico and parts of Canada, including the World's Fair in Montreal.

Doris is survived by her children, Marie Piebenga, of Tucson, Arizona, Edward (Ruth) Buchholz, of Bonduel, Karen (Daniel) Bruger, of Black Creek, Diane (Stephen) Bradshaw, of Clarkson, Georgia, and Joyce (Robert) Shest, of Bonduel; her three grandchildren, Robert (Andrea) Bruger, of Wabeno, Michelle (David) Gordon, of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and Elena Shest, of Minneapolis. She is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her

husband, Raymond; her parents, Albert and Adela; her son, John; her grandson, John Shest; her son-in law, Gordon Piebenga; her brother, Louis (Hazel) Barkhaus; her sister, Elaine (Oscar) Kohls; and her in-laws Hubert (Fern) Buchholz, Ruben (Elaine) Buchholz and Laura (Roger) Roundy.

Funeral services for Doris will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel on Friday, April 8, 2022, at 11 a.m. Visitation will be held at Swedberg Wendt Funeral Home on Thursday, April 7, 2022 from 4-7 p.m. and then again on Friday at the church at 9:30 a.m. until the time of services.

The family would like all monetary donations to be made out to the St. Paul Endowment Fund or the Green Bay Botanical Garden.

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Gina Joan McMaster



mother. She was an accomplished musician who sang and played many instruments. Gina spoke fluent French and loved animals. Her faith was very strong, and she attended

the Episcopal church.

Gina is survived by her husband, James Michael McMaster; children,

Michael Lee McMaster, Jennifer Michelle McMaster, both of Mesa, Arizona, and Stephanie Lynn (Russell) Shaw, of La Vernia, Texas; sisters, Pamela (Tim) Anhalt and Ericka (Brian) Kowalkowski, both of Shawano; grandchildren, Landon McMaster, Jamon Sigmon, Wyatt Shaw, and Raegan Shaw; nieces and nephews, Braedyn Anhalt, Brinley Anhalt, Claire (Michael) Spandoni, and Mark (Britney) Anhalt; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Gina was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Leatrice Patterson.

A memorial service for Gina will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano with the Rev. Scott Ludford officiating. Burial will be in Lake Drive Cemetery in the Town of Wescott. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

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Fisheries biologist Brent Ritter plants a PIT tag into a Great Lakes spotted musky fingerling.

GREG SEUBERT

Muskies have new home in Shawano Lake

Fish stocking goes high-tech with insertion of PIT tags

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

An electronic device the size of a grain of rice is helping fisheries officials monitor recently stocked muskies in Shawano Lake.

Crews from the state Department of Natural Resources stocked 2,500 Great Lakes spotted musky fingerlings last fall. The fish were collected as eggs in May from the Fox River in De Pere, spent the next five months at the Wild Rose State Fish Hatchery and now have a new home in Shawano Lake.

"We've been stocking muskies into Shawano Lake for quite a while now," said Jason Breeggemann, a

fisheries biologist based at the DNR's Shawano office. "Stocking is a way that we're able to sustain the population. Every other year, we stock about 2,500 of these large fingerling muskies in Shawano Lake."

Breeggemann was part of a team that headed to the hatchery in October to prepare the fish for stocking. Shawano Lake received 1,500 fish that averaged 11 inches in length Oct. 21 and 1,000 more the following day.

Ready for stocking

The process included installing tiny electronic devices called passive integrated transponders, or PIT tags.

"It's a small microchip tag," Breeggemann said. "We have a small, hollow needle and we embed it just under the skin of the fish. We scan them with a barcode scanner that activates that number. Every single fish that leaves the hatchery today will have a tag that has its own unique, identifiable number. Ten years from

now, we can track that fish back to the exact date it was tagged, when it was stocked and things like that."

Each person working on the project had a job, including measuring fish, recording information and inserting PIT tags.

"We try to streamline it the best we can to minimize the stress on the fish," said Joe Gaber, the hatchery's fish culture biologist. "The shorter amount of time we keep them knocked out and handled, the better. Each person has their specific duty to do just to get those fish back in a tank."

Breeggemann said there's a good reason for stocking the fish in the fall.

"It's mostly to maximize their size, so they get to be as large as they can before we stock them," he said. "We don't typically keep them overwinter in the hatcheries. When the water temps cool off, they don't really grow anymore and we don't have any-

where to put them."

"They handle it really well with this cooler 50-degree water," Gaber said. "If we were to do this when it's 70 degrees out, they don't do quite as well. That's another reason for waiting until fall to handle them."

The fish were raised in a building at the hatchery before being transferred to ponds.

"They grow really fast, 11 inches in five months," Gaber said. "It's all temperature-based, so the warmer the temperature, the faster they grow."

"We collect them out of the ponds and use AQUI-S to anesthetize them a little bit," Breeggemann said. "We inject a PIT tag in them, measure them and we also give them a fin clip to note their stocking origin in case they lose their tag. We still know they are from a stocked fishery. We put them in a tank to recover and then they're going to go into a truck and up to Shawano."

"We're trying to manage for about 600 adults or so. It has some good growth potential. We've caught muskies up to 50 inches in our surveys. Habitat, size and forage all contribute toward making it a good fishery."

JASON BREEGEMANN, fisheries biologist based at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's Shawano office

“It definitely fills in a gap for some of the issues that we have with some of the natural populations.”

JOE GABER, fish culture biologist at the Wild Rose State Fish Hatchery

The Great Lakes spotted strain is the native strain for the Lake Michigan basin, Breeggemann said.

“Shawano Lake is connected to the Wolf River, which drains down into the Winnebago System,” he said. “It’s part of the overall Great Lakes watershed. We are trying to stock the native genetic strain to the basin. That’s why we’re stocking the Great Lakes spotted fish: it’s the watershed that we’re in.”

Dark spots make Great Lakes spotted muskies look a little different than other muskies, which often have vertical stripes.

“They’re just a different genetic strain of musky,” Breeggemann said. “Muskies do have different coloring patterns. You’ll even see variations within a genetic strain.”

Quality fishery

Shawano Lake covers more than 6,200 acres and has a varied fishery that also includes northern pike, walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and panfish.

It also has a 40-inch minimum size for musky.

“It’s managed primarily as a trophy musky fishery, so we keep the density a little lower, about one fish per 10 acres of surface water,” Breeggemann said. “We’re trying to manage for about 600 adults or so. It has some good growth potential. We’ve caught muskies up to 50 inches in our surveys. Habitat, size and forage all contribute toward making it a good fishery. It’s a large lake with some nice musky habitat. It’s a popular musky fishery, so we want to provide fishing opportunities.”

Breeggemann said it’ll take several years for the fish to reach Shawano Lake’s 40-inch size limit.

“The growth rates can be highly variable,” he said. “It could be seven, eight years. It could be 10 years for some of the males.”

Fisheries biologists don’t know how many muskies leave Shawano Lake and enter the Wolf River through a narrow channel that connects the river to the lake.

“There are plenty of fish that stay in the lake to create a fishery,” Breeggemann said. “We don’t have exact data on how many of them go downstream.”

The PIT tags will help answer that question. The DNR’s Shawano team has used the tags to monitor flathead catfish in the Wolf River



Joe Gaber, fish culture biologist at the Wild Rose State Fish Hatchery, empties a net full of Great Lakes spotted muskies into a tub at the hatchery. Gaber was part of a crew that stocked 2,500 fingerlings into Shawano Lake last fall. GREG SEUBERT

since 2002.

“We capture them 10 years later, so we can see how much they’ve grown,” Breeggemann said. “If we get enough information, we can try to estimate survival based on recaptures. We can get a lot of really good data off of them.”

“One of the things we can look at is see how many of the (Shawano Lake muskies) that we tag actually get captured downstream,” he said. “This is the first year that we’re tagging fish when they’re small. We don’t really have any data to really know how many of them move around.”

Besides being caught by anglers, the DNR also captures muskies during netting or electrofishing surveys.

“We scan them for these PIT tags,” Breeggemann said. “We do have adults that we’ve caught out there in previous surveys that are tagged. If they don’t have a tag

in them, we’ll give them a tag out in the lake when we’re doing our surveys.”

A new home

Instead of releasing the muskies at a boat landing, the fish were taken out into Shawano Lake and released near their preferred habitat.

“It’ll take a little getting used to,” Gaber said. “They’ve never seen a weed before. They’re used to these rubber-lined ponds. One good thing about boat stocking is you can put them over that prime habitat and get them away from the shoreline and other predators.”

Breeggemann said the fish will learn to adapt in order to survive.

“They have to. Otherwise, they’ll get eaten,” he said. “A bigger musky or large pike could potentially eat them, but they seem to adapt quickly.”

“They tend to stick around for

a while,” Gaber said. “Give them a week and they’ll find their own place to call home.”

State-operated hatcheries and stocking programs provide more opportunities for anglers, Breeggemann said. Gaber said.

“Without stocking, we wouldn’t have a musky fishery in Shawano Lake,” Breeggemann said. “There’s no known or very little musky reproduction out there, so we use hatcheries and stocking to provide a nice, quality musky fishery in a situation where it wouldn’t exist otherwise.”

“It definitely fills in a gap for some of the issues that we have with some of the natural populations,” Gaber said. “It fills a niche that needs to be filled to provide that opportunity for more fishermen and help re-establish some of these natural populations like our lake sturgeon program.”

Shawano plans new TIF for downtown area

Part of downtown plaza, Huckleberry Harbor projects included in TIF District 9

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The city of Shawano is planning a new tax increment finance district for the downtown area to replace the one expiring later this year.

The Shawano Plan Commission voted March 30 to recommend approval of the boundaries for TIF District 9 to the Shawano Common Council, which would include properties along and near Main Street from the city's northern border to Oshkosh Street.

"Tax increment financing is our primary economic development tool that we utilize in the city," said Ed-die Sheppard, city administrator. "In order to do that, we need to establish these boundaries, and there are a number of tests they have to go through, a number of things we have to create to make sure we can spend those funds within the district."

Much of the proposed new TIF district is currently part of TIF District 4, which has been used to

help rehabilitate businesses and make improvements. The expenditure period for TIF District 4 ends Sept. 30.

"We've been pretty strategic with creating this district," Sheppard said. "We've outlined some areas that have already been improved, so they're not included, but we've included primarily the downtown area in which we intend to make funding available for future development."

Included in TIF District 9 is \$300,000 of the proposed \$2.5 million plaza project planned south of Division Street, \$200,000 for the new boat dock planned for Huckleberry Harbor and \$600,000 for a revolving loan fund. In the future, the city plans to create development incentives totaling more than \$2.7 million.

The district will be considered a rehabilitation and conservation district, according to John Cameron, a consultant with Ehlers Public Finance Advisors based in Waukesha. In order for the district

to be established, at least 50% of the properties in the boundaries have to have the potential for rehabilitation, which Cameron said the city met the criteria.

When a TIF district is created, the taxes for the established property value go to their standard entities, which include Shawano County, Shawano School District and the technical college district, but the taxes for any increase in value from resulting development go to the TIF district, according to Cameron.

"We're estimating, over the district's 27-year life, approximately \$15.1 million in new taxable value within the district," Cameron said.

The hard debt for the district could be paid off as early as 2035, according to Cameron.

TIF districts have been a benefit to the city as various projects have taken place. Sheppard noted that many of the downtown projects were made possible by TIF District 4, and the recent TIF District 7 was able to bring out Belmark, 200

apartments through S.C. Swiderski, and the relocation of Reinhart's, now known as Performance Food-service.

"In the downtown, a lot of our projects are smaller, storefront-type deals that we've been doing through the RDA (Redevelopment Authority) to help some business come in and reinvest a bunch of money to do a building that might have to be torn down," Sheppard said, noting that the Cornerstone Chiropractic project done a couple of years ago was an example. "Main Street needs to be touched up on the public side."

Mayor Bruce Milavitz said he supported the idea of a revolving loan fund being put in place to help new and existing businesses locate to Shawano.

"Who knows what's out there for people to expand or bring their businesses or build or whatnot," Milavitz said. "I think it's going to be an open palette here."

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Board urged not to cut staff, programs

Community packs library to urge support of teachers, finding solution to loss of students

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Parents, students and community members spent nearly an hour April 4 urging the Shawano School Board to listen to the people they serve, to find cuts somewhere other than teachers and support staff to close a \$2 million budget gap, and to stop initiating new programs that are going to cost the district money until the budget is balanced.

Over 100 people packed the library at Shawano Community High School, and with each speaker delivering a different message, the applause emboldened people to speak out about what some consider to be an atmosphere of mistrust in the schools.

Megan Pyaskowit told the board that spending needed to be halted until there was a full account from the administration on how the district found itself in the red. By continuing to spend on new programs and Apple equipment, she said the board is sending the message that things are more important than people.

"I would point out that there have not been efforts to recover our open-enrolled students. Why not?" Pyaskowit said. "I am not willing to accept any downsizing, because that is what 'right-sizing' really is, unless a real assessment is made of our enrollment and an effort is made to reclaim our students."

Chris Marcks, who'd previously worked at the district office in human resources, noted that a lot of students are going to neighboring districts or the parochial schools, adding she opted to keep her son, who is in kindergarten, at Sacred Heart Catholic School after the teacher she'd hoped to pair him with left the school district shortly before the school year began.

Marcks said that there are 74 students from Shawano in the Menominee Indian School District, contradicting a claim by officials with that district in March that the number was 88. She said there are also 25 students with the Gresham School District and that Bonduel is "maxed out" on its open enrollment numbers, with the bulk of them from Shawano and Pulaski. St. James Lutheran School has a waiting list for some grades, Marcks claimed, and the Wolf River Home-schoolers have welcomed 25 new families in the last two years.



Jackson Smits, a senior at Shawano Community High School, speaks to the Shawano School Board about the importance of teachers and programs in the district during the April 4 board meeting. use this

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Chris Marcks, a former Shawano School District employee, tells the Shawano School Board during its April 4 meeting about the number of Shawano students attending neighboring school districts as a crowd of about 100 people listen behind her.

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"It's easy to say that it's going down all over the state," Marcks said about enrollment. "Well, our little neck of the woods, it's going up — everywhere but here. So what's going on?"

Betsy Henning, a teacher at LEADS Primary Charter School, remembered that, when she started her teaching career in Marion, Shawano School District was the place to be for education in the area. Then in 2008, she got her opportunity to be

part of the local schools.

"This already was a destination district," Henning said, pointing out the charter school, the performing arts programs and other things that made people want to enroll their children in Shawano.

Shawano is no longer that crown jewel she saw two decades ago, she noted. Initiatives are rolling out so fast, it makes it difficult for teachers to keep up, and it seems like the district is being reactive instead of proactive,

dismissing the concerns of teachers, even as they are leaving Shawano in greater numbers.

"Resignation letters are thrown into a pile, and they get a 'If you don't like it, leave' attitude," Henning said, noting she plans to also leave, even though she had planned to work in the district until retirement.

Kris Going, a literacy coach at Hillcrest Primary School, noted she has taught with the district for nearly 30 years, and she asked last October about early retirement because of what she described as a "toxic environment."

"I was told that would be in the best interest of the district financially to do that and that it would be presented to the board," Going said. "That hurt. It still hurts."

Jackson Smits, a senior at SCHS, noted that every teacher and every program in the district has some level of importance. He is the senior class president and will graduate a valedictorian, and he noted that he would not be where he is without the opportunities that have been offered.

"I, myself, am a puzzle of many pieces — music, athletics, academics — pieced together by our phenomenal teachers and staff," Smits said. "Not every puzzle that walks our halls is the same. Many of them are made of pieces of the wood shop, the arts department, machining, welding, auto shop and the list goes on."

Preston McKinnies, another SCHS student, noted he'd been home-schooled for nine years before enrolling in the high school as a freshman. Even though he was in a bad place, the teachers helped him and have had a lasting impact, he said.

"While it might seem a good short-term solution to be cutting teachers, staff and programs, this district, this administration and this board is nothing without our teachers and our staff," McKinnies said.

SCHS junior Leslie Lemerond, dressed in costume for the upcoming school play that was in rehearsal as she was speaking, said the programs being cut were a benefit to her, and the teachers facing layoffs have made an impact.

"These are the people I run to when I need help," Lemerond said. "These are the places I go when I need to express myself."



Parents, children, teachers and former employees with the Shawano School District fill the sidewalks of downtown Shawano on April 2 as they walk in support of school staff and against plans to potentially cut positions to balance the 2022-23 budget, which is expected to be \$2 million lower due to declining student enrollment.

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Walk shows support for local teachers, staff

Supporters say they're not backing off administrators until solution found for schools crisis

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The last gasp of winter didn't deter more than 70 parents, children and community members from a walk in support of Shawano School District teachers and staff April 2 through downtown Shawano.

Many carried signs showing their love for the educators who teach their children and their disappointment in district administrators. It was recently reported that there will be a \$2 million cut in the 2022-23 schools budget, and officials listed reducing staff as one of the potential options to stop the district from hemorrhaging red ink.

For many in the crowd, it was

hard to believe that the teachers who'd taught so many children were feeling demoralized, with many of them planning to leave at the end of the school year or retire early. Michael McKinnies, a local pastor with a son at Shawano Community High School, was one of the first to speak out against how district administrators were informing staff and the community about budget woes — with closing a school being one option, until recently. He said he is hopeful others will join the effort to show how valuable educators are in Shawano.

"I think the turnout is great, in spite of the weather," McKinnies said as snow was turning to sleet in the local skate park on Elizabeth

Street, the starting point for the walk. "I truly believe that it shows the support that our schools and our teachers have from the community. I couldn't be more proud of what's going on today."

McKinnies believes that administrators and the Shawano School Board are slowly starting to get the message that they can't arbitrarily make decisions like staff layoffs and school closures without considering the impact on local families.

"We believe that they are hearing us," McKinnies said. "As long as we stay on topic, the board's going to hear what we have to say, and I believe they know how supportive we are to our schools and our teachers. We want what's best for them, as the

board does, and so I appreciate that they're opening the tables of communication to us."

He added that board members are starting to see how important it is to include parents in the conversation, as he and others have been diligent about attending board and committee meetings. Individual board members have recently been trying to include the community conversation on agenda topics and talking with people after meetings to make sure everyone understands what's happening.

"I think it's making a difference," McKinnies said. "The big thing is we want the teachers and the community and the board to all work together for a viable solution to our financial deficit."

For McKinnies, the recent situation has also been a wake-up call to the community about what happens when they're not involved in the schools.

"I think eyes have been opened to where we're at, and a little more attention is going to be paid moving forward to our board meetings, the information that's being disseminated from those meetings and taking an active role," McKinnies said.

Sheila Aumann has recently found herself transforming into an activist after hearing that the district might close either Olga Brener Intermediate School or Shawano Community Middle School. Even though administrators have taken the option off the table in light of public outrage, Aumann feels the community should keep the pressure up to ensure transparency.

"We need real answers. We need people who really care and not just say they care," Aumann said. "Too many words and not enough action. It's been lacking. I'm a parent turned community activist in just 10 days. I don't know what happened."

Aumann said the walk and other recent things uniting community members against drastic budget cuts have shown that residents are not going to let major decisions like this go unchallenged. At the same time, she said she's dismayed that some on the school board believe the community will support whatever the administration does.

"To talk to so many board members this week, and for them to still say, 'We haven't heard that from the community,'" Aumann said. "What rock are you living under? How do you not hear it? It's bizarre."

While she finds fault with local officials for the way the budget deficit was dropped on the community, Aumann believes that the state shares some of the blame because of the way it responded to the coronavirus pandemic by shutting down schools across Wisconsin for three months and then continuing to push for schools to close when COVID-19 cases were believed to be too high.

"I think we need to take a long, hard look at how our state responded to COVID and what it's done to our schools and to our children and to our teachers," Aumann said. "Enrollment goes down, what happens? Teachers leave, but those kids still need an education. Where do they go?"

Mart Grams was the only current school board member who attended the event, often being the lone opposing vote on certain actions by the administration. He expressed disappointment in the lack of support for the event from both his fellow board



Sheila Aumann, right, is among many community members who leapt to action when news first broke that a school could close in order to plug a \$2 million hole in next year's Shawano School District budget. Aumann said she plans to keep asking questions and demanding answers until a solution is found.

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Umbrellas and hoodies were necessary garb for many of the 70 community members walking through downtown Shawano to give their support for teachers and staff in the Shawano School District.

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members and from administrators.

"You'd think there'd be a principal or somebody out here. I mean, they're going to lose their jobs, too," Grams said, indicating that teachers aren't the only employees in danger of being laid off. "Luckily, we got the building (closure) taken off the list, but the next two options are worse."

The two options to which Grams alluded were to simply cut staff and increase class sizes, or cut programs

like technical education, which would likely include some layoffs, as well. Grams said he felt cutting technical education would be a mistake, given the need in the workforce for more people trained in various trades and industrial skills.

"In a community like this, or anywhere in the United States, only 10% of high school kids need to go to college — the doctors, the lawyers, the teachers, the engineers," Grams said.

"If you look at tech, 60% of the kids who graduate need to go to some tech school — the plumbers, the electricians, the carpenters, the landscapers, the folks who are tearing up my road. Why would you even think (cutting technical education) is an option?"

Grams noted that board members have been in the dark on the financial situation until recently, and that it's on Superintendent Randi Anderson to keep the board informed.

"We don't get the information until she gives it to us," Grams said. "Part of her reasoning was, she claims, that she didn't want to upset the community during COVID."

While enrollment has been on the decline for Shawano's public schools for years, Grams said that was no guarantee that it would perpetually drop. With 200 apartments being built on Shawano's Engel Drive and more businesses potentially wanting to locate in the city, that means more families might bring their children here and boost enrollment, which would equate to more money for the schools.

"We look at problems after they happen instead of looking beforehand," Grams said. "We've increased the central office, but yet we're cutting teachers."



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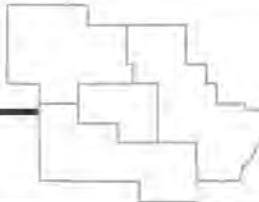
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Public gets informed on Mattoon school

Shepherd's Watch discusses organization, school structure, curriculum, next steps

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The organization proposing a choice school in Mattoon has taken the next step in making the proposal become a reality.

Shepherd's Watch hosted a public informational meeting March 29 at the school to inform parents and community members on what they can expect with the school.

"Shepherd's Watch was set up in 2018," said Wade Reimer, Shepherd's Watch president. "In 2018, Shepherd's Watch got involved alongside the Town of Hutchins. We worked through all of the legal stuff. Long story short, last fall we got ownership of the school."

According to Reimer, the school was sold to the village of Mattoon, and the village turned around and sold it to Shepherd's Watch.

"This building is owned by Shepherd's Watch, clear and free," said Reimer. "Our goals and what we are looking forward to do here is to have a Christian, choice school."

Reimer explained that the school would be a private Christian school in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.

"That program allows low-income parents to send their child to a private school setting," said Reimer.

Reimer said that the meeting was held in order to get feedback and general information regarding the inception of the school.

"We want only the number of students that we can serve well," said Reimer.

Tentatively, Reimer said that the school will look at offering six grades, 4-year-old kindergarten through fourth grade, and could eventually go up to sixth grade, depending on the interest.

Though he did not name any names, Reimer said that there are some funders who are willing to work with Shepherd's Watch.

"They are sitting back and thinking how many people in that community are going to be interested in going to school there," said Reimer.

Reimer added that having a school in Mattoon will prove to be a positive action.

"We need to have a school in Mattoon to continue to grow the



Community members sit in the gymnasium at the Mattoon school to hear more information regarding the proposed choice school on March 29.

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village," said Reimer.

Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy board member Jody Lierman gave preliminary expectations for the school.

"We are very early in the process," said Lierman. "We will fill the whole building if we can. All of the rooms that are available will be used."

With the school building currently being used for various services, including a community center and a food pantry, Lierman assured the public that if the school was filled, every room would be used for school.

He added that if the school were to reach max capacity, they would limit the max number of students who are attending the school to approximately 120.

"We would have a max size class of around 20 students per class," said Lierman.

Lierman also said that lunches will be provided and bussing should be available for students that live in the Antigo School District.

"If there is anyone that lives outside of the Antigo School District boundaries — for now we would ask for you to consider providing your own transportation to the school," said Lierman.

Laurel Collins, vice president of Shepherd's Watch, walked the public through the curriculum for the school.

"Obviously, this is an issue of real concern, as it should be," said Collins. "Our goal is to have the school curriculum fully developed in conjunction with the academy league later this year."

She said that preparing students for their future after the choice school is being taken into consideration regarding curriculum.

"Do not assume that the students will be told what to think," said Collins. "It is our intent to teach students how to be critical thinkers through objectively analyzing and evaluating information from observation, exploration and experience."

Collins added that with the curriculum in mind, the organization decided that it was best to get back to basics.

"We want to get back to basics by focusing on the core subjects, including reading, writing, traditional math, science and social studies," said Collins. "We would employ a multi-sensory phonics based approach to reading."

Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy board member Zak Kickhaver updated the public on the next steps surrounding the school.

"We may have someone in our grasps who can lead the school," said Kickhaver, who did not release the name of the person.

Kickhaver said that the next step for the school is organization.

"The beginning of that process is taking information from the public and organizing the information," said Kickhaver. "Everyone on the Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy will be heading a committee where parents can come and speak regarding any information. Community involvement is crucial and important."

He said that looking forward to spring 2023, the school's next step would be looking at enrollment.

"We can enroll students through basically the beginning of May," said Kickhaver. "In the year, we should enrolling students into our school."

He said during that time, the school will also be looking at hiring staff.

"This is the time of the year that their contracts at other schools are up," said Kickhaver. "We are going to be looking and interviewing teachers. We have had some approach us to say that they are interested."

He added that the final step of the process occurs in fall 2023.

"The last step will be to ring the bell and start teaching kids in Mattoon again," said Kickhaver. "I can't wait."

For more information, the public can visit shepherdswatchcc.org or visit their Shepherd's Watch Community Center Facebook page.

Jehovah's Witnesses meeting in person again

Meetings will continue to be available as hybrid option

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Members of the Jehovah's Witnesses in Shawano County, as well as around the world, now have an opportunity to meet in person.

For the first time in two years, Jehovah's Witnesses are meeting in person. These meetings were suspended as the COVID-19 pandemic ramped up in early 2020. Open meetings started again on April 1.

"The reaction of our congregates has been jubilation," said Jehovah's Witnesses spokesman Aaron Purvis. "We have had a strong desire to be back together. There have been so many things that we have missed."

Purvis said that people of all demographics have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The pandemic has affected the young and old, the rich and poor, people of different education levels and people of different races," said Purvis. "There have been a lot of things that we have missed out on, where people may need support, like a death of a family member."

When the COVID-19 pandemic started, Purvis walked through the decision to suspend in-person meetings.

"It all has to do with safety," said Purvis. "When we first went into

a lockdown, where we suspended our in-person meetings and our in-person ministries, it was actually March 20 of 2020. There were just so many unknowns. It was too dangerous. We based that decision of safety on love. It is really just a simple principle that people follow in the bible."

Purvis said that the Jehovah's Witnesses wanted to respect everyone's gift of life.

"We thought at that time, that that was the safest thing to do," said Purvis. "We can honestly say it did work. We can honestly say that not one person caught COVID-19 from our meetings or ministries."

He then explained why April 1 was the right date to start meeting in person again.

"The reason why it is changed now, is just simply because we have better understanding of COVID-19 — we figure it is safe now," said Purvis.

He said that the Jehovah's Witnesses were planning to get back in person last year, but was halted due to variants of COVID-19, including delta and omicron.

As the pandemic continued, Purvis said that the Jehovah's Witnesses in 239 countries were able to stay united.

"We have the same guidelines, which are the Scriptures," said Purvis. "When everyone has the same guidelines, they can stay on the same page a lot easier. Many may have handled the pandemic differently, but as a group, many put their needs and wants aside and looked at what was the best for the entire group."



From left, Shawano residents Andrew, Zane and Terra Fletcher prepare to enter the Kingdom Hall on April 1 for their first in-person meeting in over two years.

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Purvis said that even though many people were affected negatively during the COVID-19 pandemic, there were some silver linings.

"We did get a better use and understanding of technology," said Purvis. "In the United States branch, we have 1.3 million Jehovah's Witnesses, but our two meetings that we hold during the week, we have 1.5 million people who attend. The use of technology gave some the opportunity to attend our meetings, without being uncomfortable in person."

He believes that Jehovah's Witnesses will continue to use technology in their programs.

"Moving forward, we will have a hybrid meeting, where people can come in person if they feel comfortable, while keeping Zoom going," said Purvis. "For those who can't make our meetings, this will give them the opportunity to attend."

Purvis reiterated that getting back to in-person meetings is important for Jehovah's Witnesses, because of being able to congregates with their friends and family.

"Young people have not been able to be with their friends, the way that they want to be," said Purvis. "For older people, it has been very challenging. One of the big features at our meetings is singing. Everyone has been singing alone in their home. God gave us arms for a reason; there is now a chance

where people can just hug each other again. That human interaction is important."

He said that getting back to in-person meetings will help to invigorate everyone.

"I think everyone is just ready to be back together," said Purvis. "It will give them a breathe of fresh air. It is one that they need. Technology served its purpose, but it is not a replacement for human contact."

Purvis said that, eventually, Jehovah's Witness members will go back to knocking on doors.

"The reason that it is not happening immediately, is because coming to our meetings is really about choice," said Purvis. "When we go and knock on people's doors, we take that choice away. We feel at this time, it is just not the right time. Some may feel uncomfortable."

Purvis said that if people wanted to learn more about Jehovah's Witnesses, they can visit jw.org.

"Anyone can download anything that they want free of charge," said Purvis. "On the website, we have Bible literature in 1,053 languages. There are also things for teenagers, children and families as a whole. If someone is interested in attending meetings or special events, there is a spot on the website where people can find the closest kingdom hall."



The Kingdom Hall in Shawano sits at N4764 Willow Lane. Jehovah's Witnesses have begun to host in-person meetings again as of April 1.

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CATHY CARNES

According to The Cornell Lab of Ornithology All About Birds website, www.allaboutbirds.org, like many hawks, the rough-legged hawk has a dark and light morph. The color pattern on the underside of the wings of the

dark morph is distinctive; a band of dark brown along the forepart of the wing edged by bright white along the wing's trailing edge. On a light morph, the undersides of the wings are mostly white with only dark patches at the bend of the wing. If seen from the top or back or while perched, the bird is mostly brown.

Their legs are well feathered providing needed warmth during frigid days spent in the far north. Look at the head of the hawk to determine its sex: Females have pale heads along with dark belly patches; male coloring is similar but more mottled. It's hard to identify this hawk while perched, so wait until it flies as the striking black-and-white wing patterns will provide a vital key to its identification, as will the V-shape of its long wings in flight. Watch the tail as well; when caught by the sun, it flashes white at the base and is tipped with black.

While the birds are beautiful to see in flight with their long outstretched wings tracing lazy circles in the sky, they are intriguing to watch as they hunt. Head down, they search for prey and can exhibit another characteristic that helps with their identification — hovering. Facing into the wind they can hover over one spot while preparing for that lethal drop onto their prey. They also hunt from perches high in trees, or from the top of utility or fence posts or haystacks.

According to The Cornell Lab, they overwinter in Canada and most of the United States, where they can be found in more open habitats such as prairies, shrub steppes, semi-deserts, fields, marshes, bogs and dunes. Here they find mice, voles and shrews to eat. Look for them when driving the back roads. Our rough-legged hawks will soon head north to their breeding grounds in the arctic, both in North



A rough-legged hawk is perched with an eye out for prey in northeast Manitowoc County.

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America and Eurasia. There they nest on cliffs and outcroppings and raise their young.

The rough-legged hawk is an interesting bird to study. According to the U.S. Geological Survey's Bird Banding Laboratory, research has found that adult females winter further north than males for reasons yet unknown. Females are larger than males; the reverse is the usual the case (males larger than females). Male and female plumage is also different; this is not the case with other species closely related to this hawk. This is an intriguing bird from which we are learning much and will learn more as research continues.

The population of rough-legged hawks appears to be stable according to The Cornell Lab. This is good news as we can hope to see more of them come next fall when again their migratory journey south brings them to us. Pay attention to those soaring hawks, and hopefully you too will spy one or more rough-legged hawks before they head back to their arctic breeding grounds.

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 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.



A rough-legged hawk takes flight at Buena Vista Grassland/Marsh in Portage. Note the dark patches at the bend in the underside of the wing identifying it as a light morph.

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OPINION

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Pull the plug on shadowy business courts

Anyone who doubts that secrecy in government breeds poor public policy should take a look at the Business Court Pilot Project launched by our Wisconsin Supreme Court.

For the last five years, the project has granted large commercial interests outsized influence over our court system's handling of their cases, exactly as intended. The business court pilot debuted in 2017 in Waukesha County and the eighth judicial district (encompassing Brown, Marinette, Kewaunee, Oconto, Door, Outagamie and Waupaca counties). It was expanded to other districts and, in a surprise move, to Dane County in 2020.

Here's how it works: The chief justice, currently Annette Ziegler, receives recommendations from big business and selects a limited number of business court judges. These hand-picked judges then receive training out-of-state from special interests aligned with big business. They follow court procedures drafted by big business lawyers.

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random judicial assignment of cases. It creates a two-tiered court system — one controlled by business interests and one for everybody else.

It began in September 2016, when then-Chief Justice Patience Roggensack formed the "Business Court Advisory Committee" to develop a specialty court proposed by big business, for big business. Ignoring the Supreme Court's own internal operating procedures designed to promote transparency and diversity of opinion in appointing court committees, the chief justice stacked the committee with lawyers representing business interests.

The committee included no labor or consumer advocates, no one representing the viewpoints of the public and no one speaking for other stakeholders in our circuit court system.

Working privately, the advisory

committee soon hatched a petition to establish and control the business court, which it filed with the Supreme Court on Oct. 26, 2016. Less than two weeks later, the court adopted the petition by a 5-2 vote, with no public hearing, no opportunity for public comment and no public notice that the petition was even scheduled for a vote.

Thus, out of public view, our Supreme Court rapidly and fundamentally changed our circuit courts' democratic structure for handling big business commercial litigation, simultaneously degrading judicial independence and corrupting a cardinal principle underpinning our court system — that everyone should be treated equally when he or she comes before the court.

The business court model was forced onto the Dane County circuit court system beginning in July 2020. The Supreme Court is now weighing a petition to extend the pilot program, set to expire on June 30, 2022, for another two years.

The big business takeover of circuit court commercial litigation wasn't the first time our Supreme

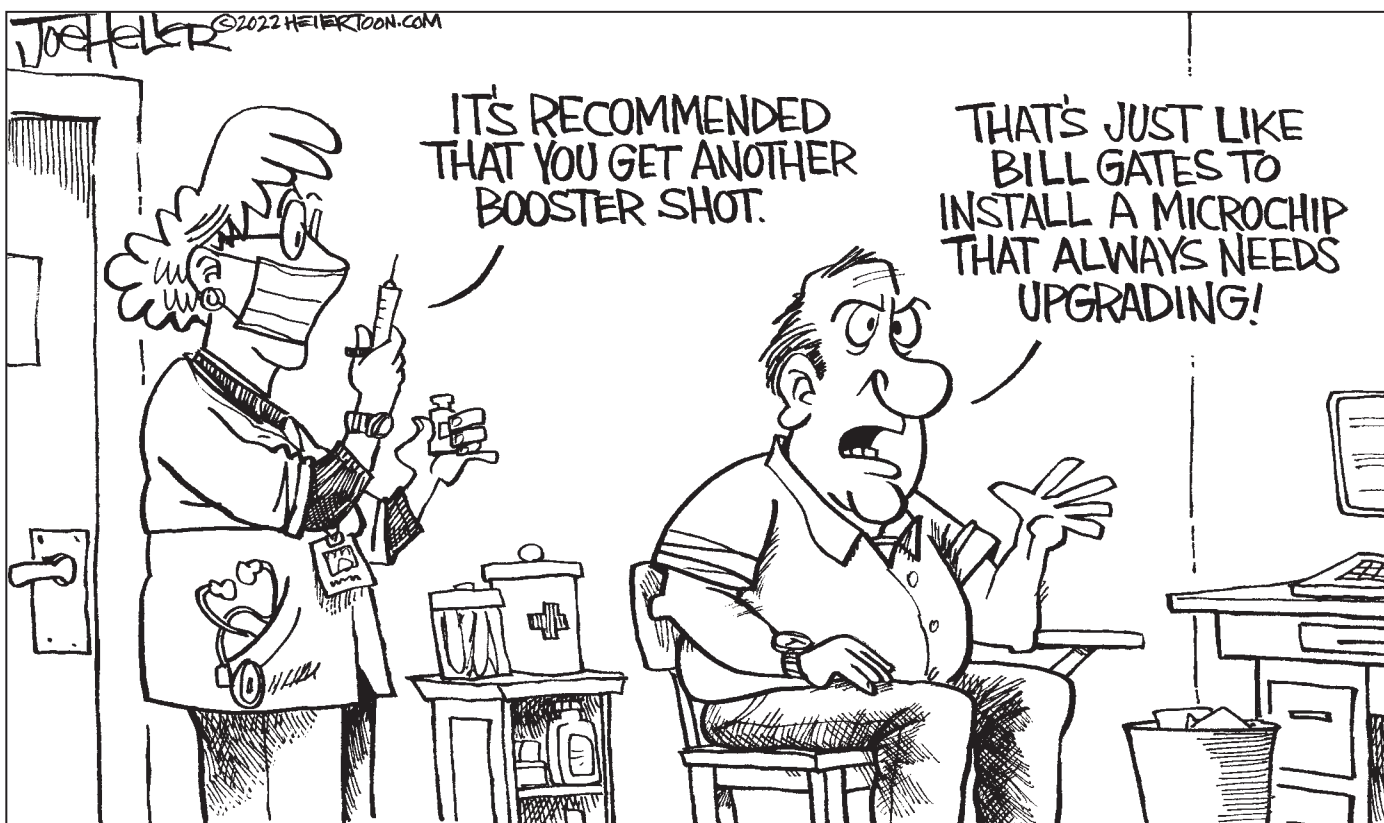
Court displayed a penchant for secrecy.

For example, in 2012, the Supreme Court majority voted to close administrative rules conferences to the public, reversing an open meetings policy that had informed Wisconsin voters on important court matters for years. "To sit out here in public and philosophize," said Roggensack, "is really not the best use of our time."

A more transparent approach might have led to a different outcome on the Business Court pilot project. It's not too late to comment on the request to expand the project for another two years. Written comments can be submitted to Attorney Laura Brenner at lbrenner@reinhartlaw.com, and should be received by 4:30 p.m. April 8.

This time, transparency may produce a better result — a return to normalcy for our courts.

Attorney Richard G. Niess served as a Dane County Circuit Court judge from 2004 to 2020, including 13 years as presiding judge of the civil division. Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government.



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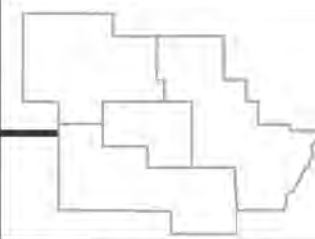
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Female pilots take flight at Aspirus MedEvac

Megan Meier and Sarah Snell share a passion for flying, and it started early in their lives.

"I was drawn to aviation and became increasingly interested in flying at a very young age," Meier said. "My first helicopter ride was at the age of 7, and I have been hooked ever since."

"I fell in love with flying at age 14 after taking a discovery flight in gliders (motorless aircraft) and experienced soaring up thermals, or warm, rising air currents, to stay aloft without needing an engine," Snell added.

That passion led them to careers as helicopter pilots in the air medical industry with Aspirus MedEvac. Meier flies MedEvac Air 1 based in Woodruff, and Snell pilots MedEvac Air 2 in Mosinee. Prior to flying a rotor-wing aircraft (helicopter), both learned how to fly airplanes (fixed-wing aircraft).

"When I started my initial flight lessons for my fixed-wing certification at the Downtown Wausau Airport, the Aspirus MedEvac helicopter was based on the premises," Meier said. "Every time I saw the helicopter lift off, I was in awe, and I decided shortly thereafter that my career goal was to someday fly that helicopter for Aspirus and help others in need."

"I became interested in helicopters when, as a commercial fixed-wing pilot, I spent a summer delivering fuel to remote utility helicopter operations in Alaska," Snell noted. "When I realized the helicopter pilots were having a lot more fun than I was, I started working on my add-on ratings to shift my career track to rotary wing."

Air medical pilots and crews transport critically ill patients from small or rural hospitals to trauma centers that provide a higher level of specialty care. They also support emergency medical services at accident scenes as flying a critically injured adult or child from a rural



Sarah Snell, left, and Megan Meier say they relish the opportunity to serve as role models for women who might consider becoming pilots. CONTRIBUTED

location saves valuable time. No matter the emergency, when called to duty, these women are ready to help save lives.

"When the 'tones' arrive, we need to be ready to go to any location within about 200 miles of our base and arrive prepared for a large range of medical issues," Snell said. "We have to consider all of the options and variables, then react quickly and safely without knowing what we will actually find when we get there."

"I have an immediate feeling of purpose and opportunity to assist someone in need," Meier replied. "I

find myself dedicating all my attention with our team to do the best in our emergency efforts."

According to the Federal Aviation Administration, just 8.4% of pilots are women. Meier and Snell account for 25% of Aspirus MedEvac pilots, and both said they relish the opportunity to be role models for anyone interested in aviation.

"Being a positive role model means that I pay forward the same consideration and opportunities to women starting out in the industry today," Snell said.

"If I can be a role model for young

women, that is wonderful, and I feel very honored if that is the case. However, I hope to be a role model and inspiration for young men as well," added Meier. "Your life and success are a byproduct of choices, motivation, hard work and self-worth. From that standpoint, I urge all who have a dream to pursue it."

Meier has been flying for 12 years and celebrated her one-year anniversary with Aspirus MedEvac in March. Snell has been a pilot for 22 years and has flown MedEvac Air 2 for 18 months.

Aspirus Health recognized for supply chain excellence

Global Healthcare Exchange (GHX), the largest cloud-based supply chain network for health care organizations, has recognized Aspirus Health as one of its "Best 50" providers for supply chain excellence.

The award recognizes organiza-

tions with performance measurements in the top 50 throughout North America. This is the fifth consecutive year Aspirus Health has received this award ending 2021 ranked No. 7 out of over 4,100 hospitals.

"I am very proud of my team

for continuing to perform at a high level for our organization and the communities we serve," said Gary Rakes, Aspirus Health vice president and chief supply chain officer. "The past two years have been challenging with continued COVID pandemic operations and the inte-

gration of seven new hospital and 21 clinics. My team has stepped up to the plate and delivered, demonstrating and living our motto of 'filling the hands that heal.'"

The recipients will be recognized during an awards ceremony at the GHX Summit 22 on May 11.

BOOKS AND STUFF

A little murder in the neighborhood

I found "A Little Neighborhood Murder" by A.J. Orde on the church



JAN JONES

put-and-take shelf. I didn't have any expectations about the book but was pleasantly surprised by how the plot pulled me in.

I'll give you the back story first rather than weave it in. Jason

Lynx was a few months old when he was found on a doorstep. The lady who cared for him gave him his name because the way his hair tufted by his ears reminded her of a lynx.

Jason was foolish enough to try and steal from Jacob, the local antiques dealer. Jacob offered Jason the opportunity to learn the antiques business. The pair became fast friends and eventually Jason took over the business. He now lives in the upper story of a beautiful old Denver home. The antiques/interior decorating business occupies the rest.

Eight years ago, Jason's wife, Agatha, disappeared after a car crash. Their baby, Jerry, suffered terrible brain damage and now resides in a care facility. Agatha was never found. Jason has never gotten over the loss.

This story opens with Jason's neighbor George Whitney telling him that his wife, Betty, had been injured in a car accident. George wants Jason to care for his dogs while he picks up Betty. The Whitneys own three beautiful Kuvasz show dogs. Jason owns one of their pups and finds her company and personality soothing.

When he's at the Whitneys' house, he finds a strange package near an open door. One of the dogs chews at the packaging, so Jason tears off the chewed piece of newspaper and realizes it is a pipe bomb.

The next day the dogs alert Jason, and he finds both Whitneys dead. Jason expects lots of questions but is surprised when Sergeant Clayton Renard is rude and insinuates that Jason is gay instead of investigating the crime. In truth, Jason didn't really know the Whitneys. Betty was OK, but he found George difficult. He knows that George managed a religious radio station, and they went to several dog shows, but that's it.

Frustrated with Renard, Jason speaks with Detective Grace Willis. She is more than willing to accept his help and insights. Jason doesn't tell anyone that he often smells his wife's perfume and hears her voice. Now she is urging him to solve this puzzle and find the killer.

Jason visits Nellie Arpels, the

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "A Little Neighborhood Murder"

(Jason Lynx, Book 1)

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PUBLISHER: Doubleday

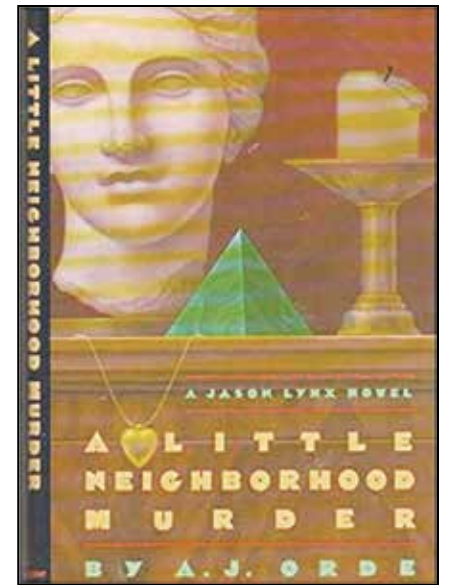
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elderly woman in the house across the alley. Nellie sits by her window in her wheelchair watching over the neighborhood. Agatha used to visit her often, but Jason never had. What Nellie shares with him spurs him to return to the Whitneys' house by crawling through the large doggie door. Inside he notes that the house contains antique furniture worth at least a million dollars.

After conferring with Grace Willis, they dig into the Whitneys' finances. A trip to Houston for a chat with the CEO, followed by a stop in to visit another dog owner in Boston, convinces them that the Whitneys were blackmailing someone, and that person probably killed them.

It is a comment from Nellie that ties this case to Agatha's disappearance. Her long-ago job as an FBI file clerk put her in the crosshairs of a carefully crafted spy ring. The Whitneys killed her and buried her in their basement. After a complicated sting operation, they are



stunned to learn that Renard was in charge of the spy ring.

As Jason unwinds from the ordeal, he feels Agatha's presence, then gets a call that Jerry is in distress. Once at the hospital Jason refuses further treatment. He knows it is time to let Jerry go.

I don't know if A.J. Orde has any other books, but I hope she does, and they include Jason Lynx and his puzzle solving habit.

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Allergies should prompt folks to plan ahead

As the temperature in northeast Wisconsin continues to rise, allergists at Prevea Health are encouraging spring allergy sufferers to come up with a strategy to combat the upcoming season.

From diagnosing preexisting allergies to recommending medications, allergists say now is the time to prepare for the start of the allergy season beginning in April or May.

"We encourage our patients to come up with a plan before the allergy season starts," said Dr. Bradley Locke. "Preventive strategies like

knowing which allergies trigger you and securing medications before the season starts can make a big difference because often times it can take a couple of weeks for medications to be effective."

Most people's seasonal allergy and asthma symptoms are triggered by pollen. The types of pollens that trigger symptoms vary by person and region. Pollen is produced by most trees in the spring, grasses during late spring and summer, and ragweed and other late-producing plants in late summer and early fall. Many aller-

gists, including Locke, agree pollen counts are increasing on a yearly basis and the trend will likely continue.

Beyond medication, here are some additional tips from Locke for allergy sufferers:

- Do not dry your clothes on a clothesline, as the pollen in the air will stick to them.
- Keep windows closed and use air conditioning during peak pollen seasons.
- If you have asthma, avoid cutting grass or wear a mask.
- If you are outdoors during the

day, shower at night and change your clothes.

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WITT-BIRN ATHLETES SHINE AT INDOOR MEET

Rogowski leads girls team,
while Schairer paces boys

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Wittenberg-Biramwood's Kit Stewart runs the 400-meter dash during the Rosholt Badger Invite on April 1 in Stevens Point.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Witt-Birn girls, boys lead area teams at invite

Bonduel, Gillett,
Gresham/Bowler,
Suring also have
solid showings

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls and boys track and field teams turned in the top finishes among five area teams competing at the Rosholt Badger Invite on April 1 in Stevens Point.

The Witt-Birn girls placed second with 42.125 points, only behind DodgeLand (47.75). Suring (20) placed ninth, while Bonduel (17.125) was 10th and Gresham/Bowler (7.125) took 19th. There were 26 girls teams that scored at the indoor invite.

On the boys side, Witt-Birn took eighth with 25 points, with New London (57) taking first. Gillett (22) tied for ninth, Gresham/Bowler (16) tied for 13th, Bonduel (13.5) claimed 15th and Suring (8) tied for 18th. A total of 27 boys teams scored at the invite.

Witt-Birn

It was Reese Rogowski who led the Witt-Birn girls to their strong finish.

Rogowski won the long jump with a top leap of 16 feet, 8 inches and the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute, 0.46 seconds. She claimed second in the 60 dash (8.25).

Rogowski was also a part of the sixth-place finishing 4x400 relay (4:50.08). Allison Linke, Kit Stewart and Faith Resch filled out the team.

"I felt like I ran a pretty strong 400 but was a little fatigued going into the 60 right after it, so I wish I could have performed stronger for that race," said Rogowski on her night. "I'm looking forward to the outdoor season as it allows me the opportunity to compete on the longer track."

Resch also scored for the team in the high jump and 60. She took fourth after clearing 4-11 in the high jump and was seventh in the 60 with a time of 8.65 seconds. Stewart tied for eighth in the high jump (4-5).



Suring's Olivia Noack, front right, and Bonduel's Ashlyn Kurey, front middle, compete in the 800-meter run at the Rosholt Badger Invite on April 1 in Stevens Point.

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Full results from the invite can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com or on the NEW Media Inc. Sports Facebook page.

Jalynn Horacek earned a pair of seventh-place finishes for the Chargers. She posted a time of 11.17 in the 60 hurdles and a leap of 15 feet in the long jump.

Simon Schairer led the Witt-Birn boys with a pair of top-five individual finishes. He won the 400 (54.96) and was fourth in the triple jump (41-2.5).

Schairer teamed up with Alex Centeno, Connor Groshek and Craig Wendel on the second-place finishing 4x400 relay (3:48.69).

Jacob Tomlinson was the other

Charger to score on the boys side, finishing seventh in the shot put with a throw of 41-0½.

Bonduel

A total of seven Bonduel athletes placed in the top eight to score for their team.

On the boys side, Gaven Vance placed third in the 60 dash (7.42) and was sixth in the long jump (18-8).

"It was for sure a big confidence booster knowing that I can compete with bigger schools," said Vance, who added he was hoping for higher finishes in each event. "Hoping that I can do even better in the outdoor meets for the rest of the year."

Karter Schroeder also scored for the boys team, tying for fourth in the high jump after clearing 5-10.

Ashlyn Kurey led the girls team with a fourth-place finish in the triple jump (32-2) and fifth-place finish in the 800 (2:41.26).

Kendra Troxel placed fifth in the long jump (15-2), while Ava Pleshek was fifth in the 60 hurdles (11.06). Brenna Hertzfeldt also took fifth, doing so in the shot put (33-3).

Kerry O'Harrow tied for eighth in the high jump (4-5).

Suring

Four Suring athletes scored during the invite, with Christine Sleeter leading the girls team and Jeremy Hensel guiding the boys.



Gresham/Bowler's Ireland Jensen runs her leg of the 4x200-meter relay during the Rosholt Badger Invite on April 1 in Stevens Point.

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Sleeter cleared 5 feet in the high jump to take second place. She also tied for fourth in pole vault (7-0).

"Well, placing second tonight in high jump out of at least 30 girls is definitely something I'm proud of, especially going against all these talented girls from bigger schools," said Sleeter.

"Making 5 (feet) tonight in high jump is definitely something that will push me the rest of the season now, knowing I can do 5 for sure. Hopefully when I get outside things will start to become a little more normal and I can hopefully get higher this season."

MacKenzie Bailey was one of the girls Sleeter tied for fourth with at 7 feet in the pole vault. Olivia Noack claimed fourth in the 800 (2:40.2).

Hensel finished third in the pole vault (11-6) and was seventh in the 400 (56.77) to account for all of the boys team's scoring.

Gresham/Bowler

Bowler's Emmitt Kietlinski scored in three events to lead the boys co-op.

He broke his own school record

after clearing 6-4 in the high jump and placed second. Kietlinski also placed fifth in the triple jump (41-1) and seventh in the long jump (18-7).

"This early in the season, even the best jumpers have inconsistent performances, so I try not to get too disappointed when I don't perform up to my standards," said Kietlinski. "My long jump and triple jump aren't where they need to be yet, but my high jump is where I hoped I would be at at this point."

"I'm looking forward to getting outdoors where I can work more on technique. The UWSP meet is a great building block for the outdoor season."

Bryson Nelson also scored for the boys team after finishing seventh in the 3,200 (12:19.25).

The girls 4x200 relay team of Hannah Cerveny, Willow Demaskie, Valarie Cerveny and Ireland Jensen teamed up for a sixth-place finish in 2:02.7.

Individually, Valarie Cerveny placed seventh in the shot put (32-3½). Jensen tied for eighth in the high jump (4-5).

Maddie Haffner placed sixth in



Gresham/Bowler's Beau Brunner competes in the triple jump during the Rosholt Badger Invite on April 1 in Stevens Point.

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the 3,200 (14:40.17), while Cami Gourley took eighth (18:20.57).

Gillett

The Gillett boys turned in their best finishes in the distance events.

Alex Peterson came in second in the 3,200 (9:59.62), just 0.32 seconds off the first-place finisher, Iola-Scandinavia's Charlie Vater.

"Going into the 3,200 race today, I didn't really know what my time was going to be, so I stuck to what my coach told me to do and it worked out in the end. Just stick right behind

Charlie Vater and the rest will take care of itself," said Peterson.

"Even though I didn't win the race, I broke 10 minutes in the 3,200 for the first time which I am ecstatic about! I love running this race, and it was a super fun one tonight!"

Connor Hanson placed second in the 800 with a mark of 2:11.52. Evan Peterson came in third in the 1,600 with a mark of 4:53.11.

No Gillett girls took part in the invite.

ATHLETE PROFILE: ISABEL ROLOFF

Senior track star hoping for best season yet

Shawano's Isabel Roloff is no stranger to success during her high school track and field career. She's hoping for one more big season this spring before she takes her talents to UW-Milwaukee, where she plans to continue competing in the sport.

Her best high school season came as a junior when she qualified for state in the pole vault and 100-yard dash. Roloff took second in the Division 2 pole vault field after clearing 11 feet, and she was fourth in the 100 with a time of 12.34 seconds.

She was the Bay Conference champion in the 100 and pole vault as a junior.

According to the school's record books, she owns the top mark in the 100 (12.22) and pole vault (11-0) and sits in third in the 200 (26.84).

Q: When did your interest in track and field begin?

A: My interest started my freshman year of high school when I decided to try track. After a fun and successful first year, it became one of my favorite activities.

Q: What is your favorite part about the track and field season?

A: My favorite part of the season is at the end of May when conference, regionals, sectionals and state meets are happening. I love the excitement of track meets that qualify you for a bigger meet.

Q: What has the sport taught you over the years?

A: Track and field has taught me perseverance even through challenges. Last year I had a hip injury during the end of the season, but I still managed to run well and go to state.

Q: What is your favorite event to compete in, and why?

A: My favorite event is the pole vault because there is always something to be improved. I enjoy the combination of running fast on the runway and being coordinated in the air.



Shawano's Isabel Roloff competes in the girls pole vault competition during the Division 2 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 25, 2021, at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

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AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Isabel Roloff
Sport: Track and field
Events: 100, 200, pole vault
School: Shawano Community High School
Year: Senior

Q: You are headed to UW-Milwaukee to compete in track and field. With that in mind, what goals have you set for yourself in your final high school season?

A: I hope to go to the state meet again this year and possibly place higher than I did last year. I also hope to set PRs (personal records) in all of my events this season that I can improve upon at UW-Milwaukee.

Q: How did you prepare for the track and field season?

A: I prepared for track in the winter by staying active with competitive dance and practicing at an

indoor pole vault facility.

Q: In this early portion of the season, what are you focusing on the most?

A: In the early part of the season, I'm focused on building strength and endurance. Working hard now allows me to be a competitive runner at future meets.

Q: Before competing in an event, do you have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: One ritual that I created at the end of last year's season was to drink a Body Armor at every meet. Other than that, I try to do the same warmup before every race so that I can get in the sprinting state of mind.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Shawano track and field team?

A: One of my favorite memories with the track team is being escorted out of town last year on our way to

state. All the people in town cheering for us and the fire truck and police cars made it very exciting. It was definitely a moment to remember.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "High School Musical 2." TV show — "Jane the Virgin." Music artist — Rex Orange County.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: I have also showed market lambs since I was in third grade. My family and I travel to livestock shows around the Midwest, and I compete at the state fair and the county fair.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: Along with all of my track and field goals for college, I also hope to earn a master's degree in accounting. My ultimate goal is to one day open a business of my own.



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ATHLETE PROFILE: JEREMY HENSEL

Suring senior eyes school record in pole vault

Suring High School's Jeremy Hensel qualified for the state track and field meet as a junior last spring. This year, he's hoping to make a return to state while also breaking the school's record in pole vault.

Hensel cleared 12 feet at state to finish in 12th place. He won the Marinette & Oconto Conference title in the pole vault after clearing 11-6.

Suring's school record is held by Mitch Stegeman at 14-6.

Hensel already has several strong finishes to his name after a few indoor meets. He won the 400-yard dash and took fourth in the pole vault at the Oshkosh Boys Invitational on March 17.

He had the top mark in the pole vault during an indoor meet at Oconto Falls on March 22. Hensel placed second in the 200-meter dash and fourth in the 45-yard dash that night, too.

Hensel scored all of his team's points during the Rosholt Badger Invite on April 1 in Stevens Point after a third-place finish in the pole vault and seventh-place finish in the 400-meter.

Q: When did your interest in track and field begin?

A: My interest in track began in sixth grade. I always loved running when I was a kid, so I decided track was the best sport for that.

Q: What is your favorite part about the track and field season?

A: My favorite part about track has to be meeting new people and pole vaulting.

Q: After making state last spring, what are your goals for your senior season?

A: My goal for this year is just to get to the school record, which is 14 feet, 6 inches.

Q: Pole vaulting isn't for everybody. What drew you to the event, and what makes it fun to



Suring's Jeremy Hensel competes in the boys pole vault event during the Division 3 WIAA State Track & Field Championships on June 24, 2021, at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

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compete in?

A: You're right when you say it isn't for everyone. But what drew my attention to the event was that falling from high heights and landing on a soft mat is fun. And what other event to do that in besides pole vault?

Q: In this early portion of the season, what are you focusing on the most?

A: As of now I'm really focusing on my sprints due to the weather outside. I can't get outside to vault and we don't have a pit inside, so it's tough right now.

Q: Before competing in an event, do you have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: I just stretch and listen to my

music to get my mindset on what I'm doing.

Q: As a senior, how do you try and help lead the team?

A: I try leading the team by just trying to help whenever possible and always cheer my teammates on in their event.

Q: How did playing football and basketball prepare you for the track and field season?

A: It just kept me conditioned really well.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Suring track and field team?

A: Definitely has to be going to state or placing first at sectionals last year.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Jeremy Hensel

Sport: Track and field

Events: 100, 200, 400, pole vault

School: Suring High School

Year: Senior

and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Greater." TV show — "The Ranch." Music artist — Luke Bryan.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: My mother passed away when I was 19 months old.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: Work for about two years then move somewhere out of state.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Oconto Falls girls, boys claim 1st at home indoor meet

Several other area teams also in action last week

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Along with the Rosholt Badger Invite on April 1 in Stevens Point, several other area track and field teams also competed in indoor meets last week.

Oconto Falls hosted a meet, while the Suring, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, Gillett and Shawano competed in Oshkosh. The Tigerton girls took part in an invite in Neenah.

Oconto Falls meet

The Oconto Falls girls and boys track and field teams each placed first at an indoor track meet March 28.

The girls team earned 126 points, comfortably ahead of second-place finishing Crivitz, which had 44 points. The Oconto Falls boys team earned 98 points, with Southern Door coming in second with 76 points.

Brailyn St. Louis led the Oconto Falls girls team with two individual first-place finishers. She had the top time of 8.8 seconds in the 50-yard hurdles and cleared 4 feet, 4 inches to win the high jump.

Maddy Przybylski won the 800-me-



Suring's Christine Sleeter competes in the high jump during the Rosholt Badger Invite on April 1 in Stevens Point. She took first in the high jump during an indoor meet in Oshkosh on March 29.

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ter run in 2:53.9, while Brooke Hodkiewicz was the top finisher in the 1,600-meter run in 6:24.5.

The girls 24-lap relay came in first in 11:07, while the 12-lap relay claimed first in 4:54.3. The team's four-lap relay took first in 1:16.6.

Logan Seymour had two top finishes for the Oconto Falls boys team, winning the 45-yard dash in 5.4 seconds and posting a leap of 38-6½ to claim first in the triple jump.

Joe Adams was first in the 1,600-meter run (5:08.7), Isaac Bramer

won the 200-meter dash (26.3) and Justin Spaulding had the top leap in the long jump (17-5).

The boys 24-lap relay claimed first in 9:04, while the 12-lap relay took first in 4:08.4. The boys four-lap relay had a time of 1:06.3 to also take first.

Oshkosh meet

The Suring girls turned in the top finish of the four area teams competing at an indoor meet on March 29.

Suring placed fifth in the Division 3 field with 37 points. Lena/STAA tied

for 11th with 21 points, while Gillett tied for 14th with 19 points. The Shawano girls were part of the Division 2 field, taking 22nd with six points.

Christine Sleeter won the D3 high jump after clearing 5 feet. She also came in fourth in the pole vault (7-0).

Suring's Olivia Noack was fifth in the 800 with a time of 2:38.93. Lily Hakes claimed fifth in the triple jump (29-7½). Suring's 4x800 relay team came in fourth in 12:11.63.

Lena/STAA's Natalie McNurlen won the triple jump with a top leap of 32-9. Eva Brooks placed third in the high jump (4-10).

Angela Mosconi had Gillett's top finish after claiming second in the 3,200 (13:18.81). Carleigh Kaczmarek finished third in the 1,600 (6:05.35).

Onna Hermann was Shawano's top finisher, coming in third in the pole vault after clearing 8 feet.

Full results from the meet can be found at wi.milesplit.com.

Neenah Invite

Elizabeth Robbins won a pair of events to lead the Tigerton girls team on March 31.

Robbins won the 55-meter dash in 8.21 seconds and posted a time of 30.54 seconds to claim first in the 200.

Mary Kreklow took second in the 3,200 (17:16.52) and fourth in the 1,600 (7:16.88).

Full results can be found at www.wi.milesplit.com.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

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Resch Lanes — Monday Ladies Handicap

Team	W	L
Resch Lanes	12	3
Fandrey Construction	8	7
Fantastic Sams	8	7
Strike-a-pose	7	8
Tavern Front	6	9
Lisa's Lakeside	4	11

High team handicap games: Fandrey Construction 908, Tavern Front 837, Fantastic Sams 817.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Jordyn Krueger 248, Kelly Rosenow 238, Lynn Wickman 237, Sue Zeinert 232, Miranda Borgemoen 229, Cassandra Eckes 228, Sue Hughes 228.

High team handicap series: Fandrey Construction 2,562, Tavern Front 2,393, Resch Lanes 2,345.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Jordyn Krueger 736, Kelly Rosenow 659, Cassandra Eckes 656, Sue Hughes 631, Shannan Siekert 609, Shirley Petersen 598, Jennifer Resch 596.

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Cady Home	38	18

Star Campsite	31	25
Banner Banks	27	29
Chet and Emil's	16	40

High team handicap games: Cady Home 825, Star Campsite 769, Chet and Emil's 717.

High individual handicap games: Tracy Anderson 266, Kim Zeller 210, Jan Jones 209, Alicia Schinzel 207, Karla Kunst 205, Jen Duranceau 205.

High team handicap series: Cady Home 2,279, Star Campsite 2,148, Chet and Emil's 2,113.

High individual handicap series: Tracy Anderson 720, Cindy Mortenson 586, Jen Duranceau 584, Jan Jones 574, Alicia Schinzel 549, Jonelle Resch 545.

Lakeshore Lanes — Lakeshore Masters

Team	W	L
Golfside	110 1/2	17 1/2
Dearco Distributors	80 1/2	47 1/2
Launching Pad	78	50
Farmall Fanatics	68	60
Northern Advantage	67	61
Brother's	64	64
Bamboo	63 1/2	64 1/2
Full Service Tents	57	71
Pin Pricks	55	73

Lakeshore Lanes	50 1/2	77 1/2
Rosie's Railway	46	82
Shawano Auto Sales	28	100

High team scratch games (top 3): Golfside 722, Dearco Distributors 682, Farmall Fanatics 679.

High individual scratch games (top 7): Steve Hoffman 269, Clark Radatz 268, Craig Kamke 265, Jeff Arndt 258, Bryant Rankin 257, Mark Cornish 256, Dan Poels 255.

High team scratch series (top 3): Golfside 2,125, Dearco Distributors 1,960, Bamboo 1,851.

High individual scratch series (top 7): Jeff Arndt 725, Mark Cornish 721, Ed Brusky 689, Craig Kamke 689, Steve Hoffman 687, Dave Druckrey 685, Todd Schertz 679.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Chet and Emil's	32	10
White Insurance	26	16
Schmidt Schulta	21	21
Kautza Excavating	19	23
Clark Construction	19	23

High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,088, Kautza Excavating 1,053, Clark Construction 1,014.

High individual scratch games: Tim Lemke 269, Doug Kunst 258, Jeremy Praslowicz 248.

High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 3,090, Kautza Excavating 2,921, Clark Construction 2,904.

High individual scratch series: Doug Kunst 737, Jeremy Praslowicz 669, Tim Lemke 649.

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
S and M Tool	29	13
Chet and Emil's	23	19
Melody Mill	23	19
CWAA	20	22
Kropf's Meat Pro	20	22
TLC Auto Body	18	24
Rew Motors Inc.	18	24
Kessen Auto Body	17	25

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,074, Melody Mill 1,046, Chet and Emil's 981.

High individual scratch games: Stephan Miller 247, Tyler Krull 244, Doug Kunst 235.

High team scratch series: S and M Tool 3,188, Melody Mill 2,930, CWAA 2,813.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 761, Adam Karcz 664, Dave Schmidt 658.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Western Technical College

Pulaski High School graduate Chase Reinke played in seven games during the past week for the Western Technical College baseball team.

In a win over Rainy River Technical College on March 28, Reinke had two hits, a walk and a run scored. He pitched against Rainy River the next day, taking the loss after allowing four runs (two earned) on eight hits across 5 1/3 innings while striking out five batters.

Reinke singled, doubled and scored twice in a another win over Rainy River on March 29.

He pitched and then played centerfield in a win over Central Lakes College-Brainerd on April 2. On the mound, he allowed three runs on five hits over four innings while striking out three. He had a sacrifice and also scored while at the plate.

Reinke tallied two hits, a walk and a RBI while scoring twice in a win over Bay College on April 3. In a loss to Bay College that day, he had a hit, a RBI and a run scored.

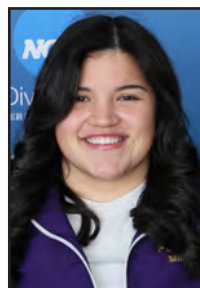
St. Norbert College

Oconto Falls grad Mason Sefcik, Bonduel grad Noah Beilfuss and Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Simon Stewart all pitched for the St. Norbert baseball team during its doubleheader against Aurora University on April 3.

Sefcik pitched 6 2/3 innings during a 10-7 St. Norbert win. He surrendered 10 hits and seven runs while striking out a pair and walking none. St. Norbert scored five times in the bottom of the ninth to steal the win.

Beilfuss and Stewart each pitched in the team's 12-7 loss to Aurora. Beilfuss allowed a pair of runs on a hit and walk, while Stewart struck out a batter and allowed just one hit over 1 1/3 scoreless innings.

UW-Stevens Point



GUADALUPE CORN

Menominee Indian graduate Guadalupe Corn took part in three events for the UW-Stevens Point women's track and field team during the UW-Platteville Open on April 2. She placed 16th in the discus after a throw of

30.85 meters. Corn also took 27th in the hammer throw (32.43 meters) and 30th in shot put (9.69 meters).

Winona State University



MADDY PIETZ

Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Maddy Pietz placed first or second in three events for the Winona State women's track and field team during the Wartburg Outdoor Select on April 1.

Individually, she placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.69 seconds.

Pietz was on the first-place finishing 4x400 relay (3:51.22) and second-place finishing 4x100 relay (47.92).

MSU-Moorhead

Gillett graduate Derek Hanson ran the 1,500 while representing the Minnesota State University-Moorhead men's track and field team at the University of South Dakota Early Bird on April 2.

Hanson completed the race in 4:13.5 to place 22nd.

UW-Platteville

Pulaski grad Kayla Lipsey competed in three events for the UW-Platteville women's track and field team at the UW-Platteville Open on April 2.

Lipsey placed 10th in the 100 (13.76), 12th in the 100 hurdles (17.95) and did not post a mark in the javelin throw.

UW-La Crosse



TUCKER BOUCHE

Oconto Falls graduate Tucker Bouche pitched in three contests for the UW-La Crosse baseball team over the past week.

In the team's 18-0 win over Finlandia on March 28, Bouche struck out two batters over a clean inning of work.

In a loss to UW-Platteville on April 2, he struck out two batters while allowing a run in another inning of work. Bouche pitched two innings in a win over UW-Platteville that same day. He struck out a batter while allowing two runs (one earned) on three hits.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

GIRLS SOCCER

Shawano splits games at quad

Shawano topped Three Lakes 5-0 before losing a 6-1 contest to Rhinelander during a quad on April 2 in Rhinelander.

Shawano got on the scoreboard against Three Lakes in the sixth minute after an own goal by Three Lakes. Kaylee Rindt scored off an assist from Trinity Popelka for the team's other goal in the opening half.

Popelka scored an unassisted goal in the 46th minute before setting up Rindt for another goal in the 49th minute. Popelka capped off her big game with an unassisted goal. Goalie Brynlie Boyles made 11 saves to post

her second shutout of the season.

Popelka netted the team's lone goal against Rhinelander. Boyles made 20 saves in the contest.

Shawano 3

Waupaca 0

Shawano toppled Waupaca in a weather-shortened nonconference matchup on March 29 in Waupaca. The game was called at the 46:33 mark.

Caitlyn Moede had the team's first goal at the 5:32 mark off an assist from Corissa Hutmaker. Kaylee Rindt then scored at the 8:38 mark off another assist from Hutmaker.

Trinity Popelka netted the third goal at the 35:14 mark off a corner kick from Rindt.

Brynlie Boyles made one save to post her first shutout for the Hawks.

9 teams crowned at 3-on-3 tournament in Suring

Nine teams won championships during Suring's 10th annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament on March 26.

Four girls teams took first: Lady T-Birds from Iola-Scandinavia (grades 3-4), Northern Attack from Marinette (grades 5-6), Bonduel (grades 7-8) and Crivitz (grades 9-10).

Five boys team won championships: Clintonville (grades 3-4), Tropics from Crivitz (grades 5-6), Oconto Falls (grades 7-8), Hot Shots from Cecil, Gillett, Coleman and Bonduel (grades 9-10) and Caucasian Invasion from Suring, Lena and Green Bay (grades 11-12).

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NEW MEDIA

TV Listings • Comics • Puzzles • April 9-April 15

Broadcast and Cable Channels

	Shawano	Bonduel	Wittenberg/Tigerton	Biramwood	Bowler	Gillett	SMU	Rhineland	Oconto Falls
2 - WBAY - Green Bay ABC	2	8	2	-	-	8	2	-	8
5 - WFRV - Green Bay CBS	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	-	5
7 - WSAW - Wausau CBS	7	-	7	4	4	-	-	7	
9 - WAOW - Wausau ABC	-	-	9	6	6	-	-	-	
11 - WLUK - Green Bay FOX	11	11	11	-	-	11	11	-	11
12 - WJFW - Rhineland NBC	-	-	12	12	12	-	-	10	
14 - WIWB - Green Bay CW	9	10	50	-	-	10	9	-	10
20 - WHRM - Wausau PBS	-	-	13	2	2	-	-	-	
26 - WGBA - Green Bay NBC	12	12	26	-	-	12	7	-	12
32 - WACY - Green Bay MyN	13	9	-	-	-	9	13	-	9
38 - WPNE - Green Bay PBS	8	8	-	-	-	7	8	-	7
55 - WFXS - Wausau FOX	-	-	3	11	11	-	-	11	-
5 - WYOW - CW								5	
8 - WLEF - Park Falls PBS								8	
9 - WYOW - Eagle River ABC								9	
A&E - Arts & Entertainment	28	25	25	28	28	25	37	27	25
ABCFAM - ABC Family	17	18	42	17	17	18	47	18	18
AMC - Amer. Movie Classics	36	46	43	36	36	46	48	50	60
APL - Animal Planet	22	57	47	22	-	57	60	44	57
Big 10 - Big 10 Network	74	-	27	-	-	-	29	74	
Bloomberg	110	-	62	-	-	-	136	-	
BRAVO - Bravo	62	-	53	62	-	-	44	15	63
CMT - Country Music Tele.	63	58	36	63	-	58	75	29	58
CNBC - Cons. News/Business	39	44	-	39	-	44	70	65	44
CNN - Cable News Network	29	39	10	29	29	39	66	26	-
CNN - Headline News	30	36	-	30	30	36	67	16	24
COM - Comedy Central	37	45	45	37	37	45	43	58	45
C-SPAN - Government	10	6	35	98	7	-	14	3	
CTN - Cartoon Network	47	19	57	47	-	-	55	57	
DISC - Discovery	31	56	22	31	31	56	58	21	56
DISN - Disney	25	22	17	25	25	22	53	22	-
E! - Entertainment Channel	52	47	61	72	-	47	38	59	47
ESPN - Ent. Sports Network	24	35	29	24	24	35	25	35	25
ESPN2 - Ent. Sports Network 2	23	34	30	23	23	34	27	27	27
ESPNC - Ent. Sports Classic	48	61	28	48	-	-	-	-	-
EWTN - Eternal Word	19	67	-	19	19	-	-	-	-
FOOD - Food Network	64	40	52	64	-	-	-	-	-
FNC - Fox News Channel	53	37	40	69	98	0	-	-	-
FSN - Fox Sports Network	38	33	31	38	-	33	-	-	-
FX - FX	41	30	48	41	-	-	-	-	-
G4 Tech TV	81	95	62	81	22	-	95	-	-

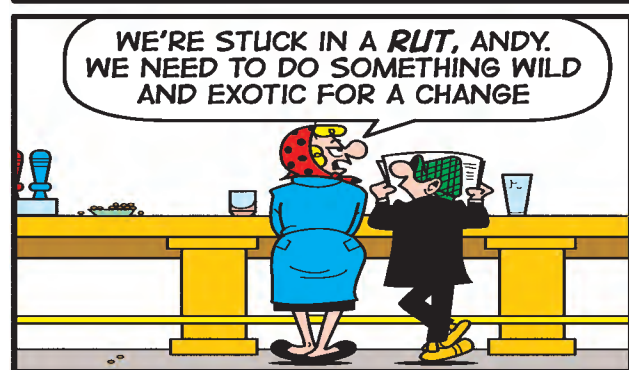
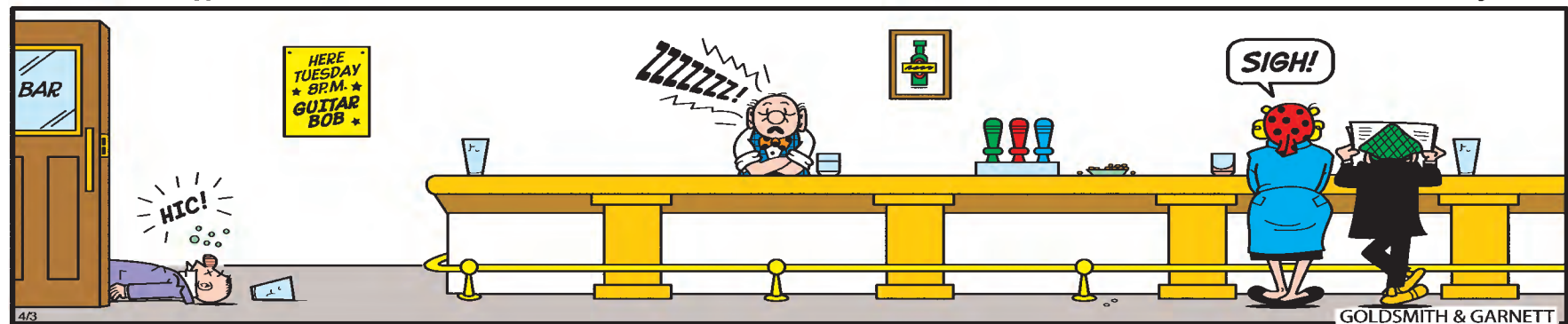
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GAME - Game Show Network	80	68	-	80	-	-	117	-	50
GOLF - Golf Channel	50	49	-	71	-	-	30	66	
HALL - Hallmark Channel	44	51	46	44	-	51	115	56	51
HGTV - Home & Garden	14	52	33	65	-	52	61	43	52
HIST - History Channel	43	59	41	43	-	59	57	38	59
HSN - Home Shopping Net.	21	68	24	21	8	68	12	19	46
Inspiration	121	66	-	-	-	-	77	-	
Jewelry TV	61	-	-	61	-	-	-	-	
LIFE - Lifetime	18	20	4	18	18	20	35	24	20
LMN - Lifetime Movie Network	79	-	-	79	-	-	50	-	
MSNBC - Microsoft/NBC	40	61	60	40	-	61	68	17	61
MTV - Music Television	34	41	37	34	34	-	73	39	
NGEO - National Geographic	55	64	59	55	-	-	64	60	
NICK - Nickelodeon	26	28	15	26	26	28	54	41	28
Outdoor Channel	57	49	39	57	-	49	151	62	33
OXY - Oxygen	58	53	-	58	-	53	40	46	53
QVC	4	3	-	7	-	3	4	6	2
RFD	155	14	38	-	-	-	140	-	
Soap Network	82	54	56	49	-	54	36	-	54
SCIFI - Science Fiction	49	15	23	70	97	69	42	33	37
ShopNBC	53	63	-	53	-	-	17	-	
SPEED - Speedvision	54	32	49	54	-	32	-	54	
SPIKE - Spike TV	42	31	18	42	96	31	41	25	31
Style	60	-	-	60	-	-	-	61	
TBS - WTBS Atlanta	15	17	6	68	95	98	34	49	
TCM - Turner Classic Movies	45	21	44	45	-	21	49	37	21
Toon Disney	83	23	57	110	-	-	105	-	
TLC - The Learning Channel	20	29	34	20	20	29	59	55	16
TNT - Turner Network Tele.	27	26	14	27	27	26	46	23	26
TRAV - Travel Channel	59	55	54	59	99	55	63	51	55
Tru - Court TV	51	38	-	66	-	38	45	32	38
TVLD - TV Land	56	-	19	67	-	43	56	45	43

New! Coming April 15

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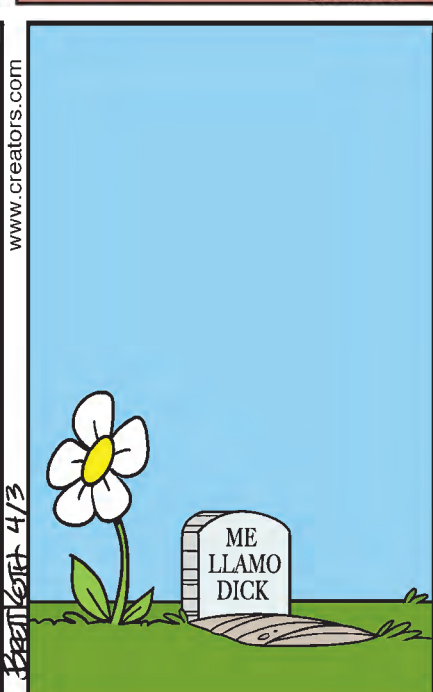
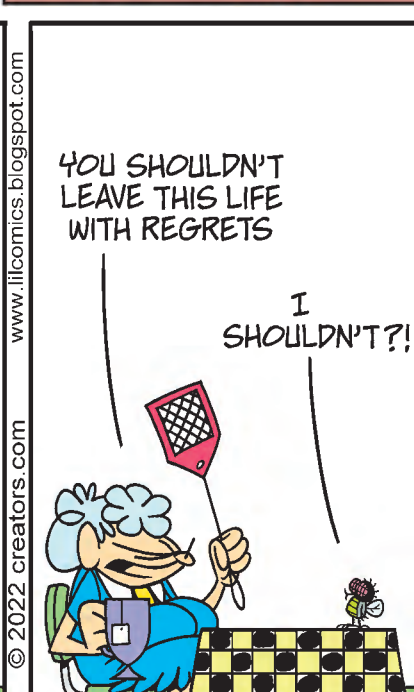
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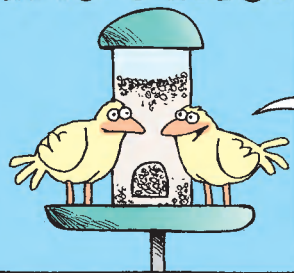
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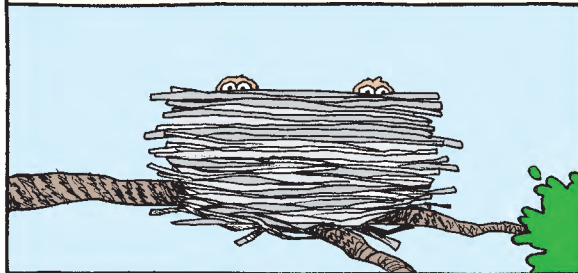
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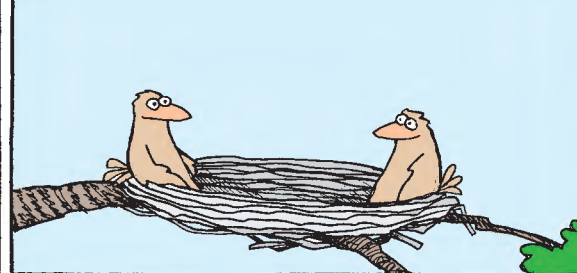
GEORGE AND I AREN'T GOING TO GATHER TWIGS FOR A NEST THIS YEAR. HE'S ORDERED A KIT NEST.

raesidecartoon.com

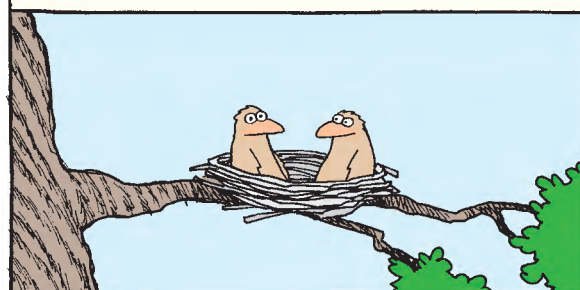
"THERE ARE SO MANY EXCITING STYLES TO CHOOSE FROM, LIKE THE 'FORTRESS' MODEL."



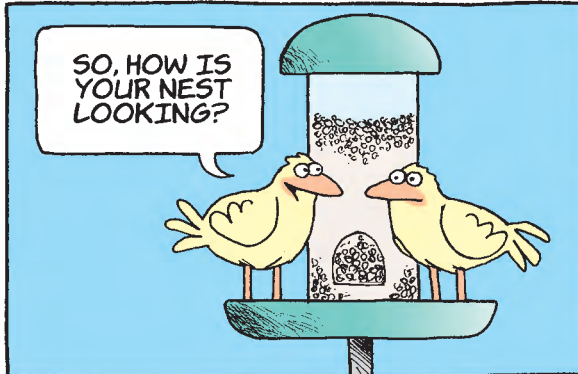
"THE 'EXECUTIVE' IS AWESOME, BUT A BIT OUT OF OUR BUDGET."



"WE SETTLED ON A MORE TRADITIONAL DESIGN THAT WOULD FIT OUR TREE BETTER."



SO, HOW IS YOUR NEST LOOKING?



"HARD TO TELL AT THIS POINT."

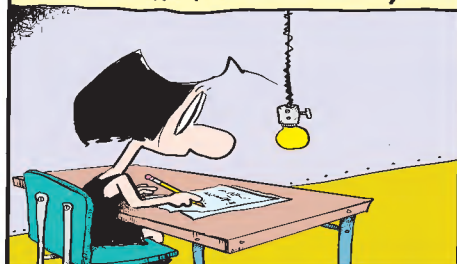
SLOT TWIG C INTO TWIG B. DARN. I ALREADY SLOTTED IT INTO TWIG A3...



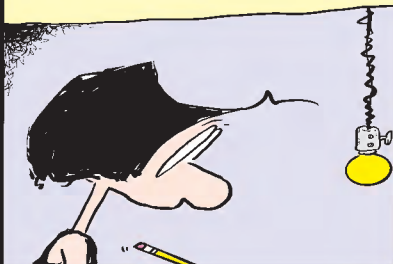
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by TONY COCHRAN

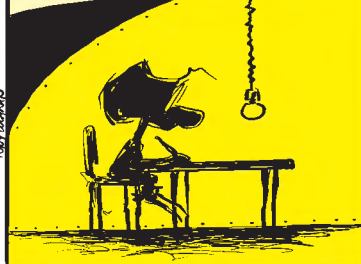
Don't try to make a pudding. Don't even start to try. It will burn inside the pan, and make you want to cry.



Buy a good canned pudding and scrape it into a glass claim you made it by yourself and have your self a laugh!



IF guests want that skin that pudding gets at times, Elmers glue is edible, and it sets up just fine.



The BARN

by Ralph Hagen

WELL, I'LL BE! MY OLD BALL!



I HAD A LOT OF FUN WITH THIS WHEN I WAS YOUNG!



I'D TEAR ALL OVER THE FARM SHOWING OFF!



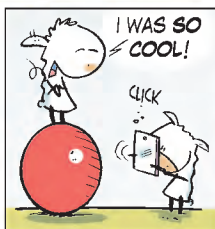
THE GIRLS LIKED A GUY WHO HAD HIS OWN BALL!



YES, SIR, THOSE WERE THE DAYS!



I WAS SO COOL!



HA! LOOK AT THE OLD GEEZER ON A BALL!



OH, LIFE, WHY DO YOU TALNT ME? HA HA HA



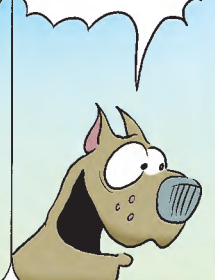
DOGS OF C-KENNEL

BY MICK MASTROIANNI AND MASON MASTROIANNI

THIS HAS GOT TO BE THE DAY! I'VE BEEN WATCHING THAT DEN FOR FOUR WEEKS!



WAIT! I SEE SOMETHING! THIS IS IT! HE'S WAKING UP! FINALLY!



HEY, YOU! COME HERE! I NEED TO KNOW HOW YOU DO THAT!



Puzzle Answers

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HORN	WAKING	AORTA	
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YOYOS	TAILOR	STAT	
EZRA	TELLER	SPEED	SWIM
YET	BARBIE	CEO	LORDE
ESL	MILAN	GRANDCANYON	
EW	ANGORA	GROSS	
BABA	SKY	RAN	YALE
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LIABLE	ROCKY	MOUNTAINS	
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I WAS GOING TO MAKE AN ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, BUT I WAS AFRAID I'D WIN ANOTHER TROPHY!



TIMMY GOT HIT WITH A SNOWBALL TODAY!

YOUR MOTHER LOST AN UNCLE THAT WAY.

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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by Mark McClain

ACROSS

- 1 Pontifical
- 6 Out of the ordinary
- 9 Colloquial "sticking" point
- 13 Splinter group
- 17 Alternative to Whirlpool
- 18 Birth name preceder
- 19 Reaction to a bad pun
- 20 Capitulated
- 22 Agricultural region of California
- 25 Meeting handout
- 26 Stern refusal
- 27 Sought restitution legally
- 28 Charitable person
- 29 Luau instruments
- 31 Texter's qualification
- 32 Hold up
- 33 Goes astray
- 34 Typical
- 35 Horticultural category
- 37 Letters on toothpaste tubes
- 38 City with "movie colony" neighborhoods
- 42 Went along (with)
- 44 Collectible vinyl
- 47 Skip out for a union
- 48 Kung ___ chicken
- 49 Puts under siege
- 50 Bear's weapon
- 51 Trivial matters
- 52 Inverness native
- 54 Facility with slips
- 55 Statue's support
- 56 Intrude, with "in"
- 57 Coming to
- 58 Left ventricle outlet
- 59 Kenya's second city
- 63 Punished financially
- 64 Today forecaster
- 66 Vacillates
- 67 Fit expert

DOWN

- 69 Sports nut's number
- 70 Cornell who co-founded Cornell
- 71 One on deposit duty
- 72 Went full tilt
- 73 Work out in the water
- 77 To date
- 78 Teen since 1959
- 79 Corporate VIP
- 80 Pop star from New Zealand
- 81 Class for immigrants: Abbr.
- 82 Italian fashion hub
- 83 Colorado River creation
- 86 "How yucky!"
- 88 Fine wool
- 90 "How yucky!"
- 91 See 39 Down
- 93 High spot
- 94 Took charge of
- 95 Connecticut campus
- 96 Had thirds, say
- 98 Cut off crudely
- 99 Wood for fireplaces
- 104 Apt (to)
- 105 Largest North American range
- 108 Remove talons from
- 109 Classroom signal
- 110 Barn rooster
- 111 Make sense
- 112 As soon as
- 113 "OK, got it"
- 114 ___ culpa
- 115 Fond of boasting

ACROSS

- 6 Winning consistently
- 7 Costa ___ Sol
- 8 Actor Patel
- 9 Daily essays
- 10 Decide, as a judge
- 11 Accomplished easily
- 12 Kid's constant query
- 13 Long story
- 14 Made more fair
- 15 Sight from the Empire State Building observatory
- 16 "Old English" home style
- 20 What to wear
- 21 Golf goals
- 23 Prep a press for printing
- 24 Italian cheese
- 28 Entrance to San Francisco Bay
- 30 Sort of shoe
- 32 Trail mix morsel
- 34 Diamond crew
- 36 Login info
- 37 Magazine thickener
- 38 Oinker's abode
- 39 With 91 Across, legendary woodcutter
- 40 House site
- 41 DC ballplayer
- 43 Vowel in frat names
- 45 Tomato product
- 46 Give testimony
- 49 Pastry person
- 52 Letters for help
- 53 Attraction in Oregon
- 54 Lodging for a lord
- 55 Express displeasure
- 56 Clutches
- 57 ___ Coyote of cartoons
- 58 Gallery array
- 59 "Baloney!"
- 60 Moves like molasses
- 61 South Carolina tourist center

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- 62 Feathery accessory
- 63 CPA activity
- 65 Wee fellow
- 68 Capital on the Hudson
- 69 Easily squished
- 71 ___ chi (martial art)
- 72 Briny body
- 73 More than one
- 74 Tongue-in-cheek
- 75 Altar affirmation
- 76 Adult 73 Down

- 78 Munich-based automaker
- 79 Inclined to fuss
- 80 Light game
- 83 Raucous black bird
- 84 Villain in 200+ films
- 85 Double-dot symbol
- 87 Sing like a bird
- 89 Fortune-teller
- 91 Venturesome
- 92 A Room with ___ (Forster novel)

- 93 Hearty dinner
- 97 Astronaut Shepard
- 98 Does some weed work
- 100 Pop, from a crib
- 101 Helps out
- 102 African antelopes
- 103 See at a distance
- 105 MLB box score heading
- 106 Someone Adam hadn't
- 107 Have yet to pay

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