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Shawano native throws hat in for Tauchen's seat

Former legislative aide feels his rural background will be an asset

By **LEE PULASKI**

City Editor

Shawano native and longtime legislative aide Craig Arrowood has officially announced his plans to run for the legislative seat occupied by his former boss, Gary Tauchen, who is not running for reelection.

For Arrowood, his plans to run for the Sixth District Assembly seat is a personal one. In an interview with NEW Media on April 7, the conservative Republican said that his mother passed away last year at the age of 57, and the death was ruled as a suicide.

"It was really hard for me, and I was trying to figure out everything I should do moving forward," Arrowood said. "With Gary retiring and everything that happened with my mom and the family, I thought about my priorities, and the thing that stuck in my side was the whole response to the lockdowns and the COVID, and I think that really hurt my mom more than I let on."

Arrowood said that he had an issue that the initial decisions were made outside of the legislature, and he feels that the representatives of the people should be making the decisions on whether or not to close businesses, put people in quarantine and more. His goal in running for office is to support people and limit government.

"The big problem I had was that a lot of these decisions weren't being made by elected officials and weren't accountable to anyone," Arrowood said. "The impacts they had on businesses and people and their day-to-day lives — when people are having to close and get paid to stay home from work — it really kind of struck me. People, through no fault of their own, had their lives flipped up."

Mental health is a key issue for Arrowood, interwoven with the pandemic response. He noted that many of the students who had to deal with virtual learning in isolation could benefit from counseling and other



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services to deal with the emotional toll.

"It's been a rough couple of years for everyone, but it's been really bad for the kids," Arrowood said.

Arrowood was Tauchen's legislative aide since 2007 and only stepped down this week to focus on his campaign, but he's running on his roots as a native son more than his experience with clerking for Tauchen.

"I worried about the idea of being labeled for being down in Madison," Arrowood said. "It'd be one thing if I lived down in Illinois, but I was helping the guy who represented the area. There are definitely some pluses and minuses to it."

One of the things he is most proud of during his time working for Tauchen was in 2011 when the representative was heading up the election committee for the Assembly and develop voter identification polls in an effort to cut down on fraud. Arrowood noted that many district attorneys did not have evidence to go after many fraud cases, and some voters were having trust issues with the elections, so requirements to sign a log book and abolishing the vouching regulations where someone could say another person is a resident were established.

"I was really proud of that," Arrowood said.

Arrowood said the final straw for him in deciding whether to become a candidate was when he saw a tweet for Rep. Lee Snodgrass, a Democrat from Appleton, who said that anyone who wants a say in their children's education should enroll them in private school or homeschool them. Snodgrass has since deleted the tweet and apologized.

"We're talking about people's lives here," Arrowood said.

Having the local credentials is something that Arrowood expects will help him in the long run, as much of the district encompasses 95% of Shawano County, along with segments of Brown, Waupaca and Outagamie counties.

"I'm experienced, but I'm also proud that I'm from Shawano," Arrowood said. "Being able to say 'That's where I was born. That's where I graduated' — everytime I've been given the choice, I've come back to Shawano. I think that's going to be a strength in my favor and says something about my character that Gary kept me around for so long."

Population decline in rural areas is a key concern for Arrowood, who noted that it's caused strife with the Shawano School District. He said that the pandemic requiring many to do work remotely was not a good thing for rural families because of the lack of quality internet infrastructure.

"We have to realize that access to broadband proved that internet in the counties is a huge deal. It's basically the equivalent of the railroads in the 1800s," Arrowood said. "If you don't have that, you're behind the eight-ball. If you give them access to quality internet that's useful for work, I think Shawano could start to grow a little bit."

He added that city and county leaders have done as good as they can "with the tools they've been given" but feels the state could do more to help rural communities thrive instead of wither.

"Legislators and lobbyists have all these great ideas, but they kind of skip past helping the average-day person," Arrowood said. "I'm hoping to bring back some stability. I know people from Wisconsin, especially our county, are resilient. They just need a little bit of help from me and the other legislators down in Madison."

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CORRECTIONS

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Sturgeon guard disbanded by DNR

Difficulty in finding help prompts decision

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

A longtime program that helped keep vulnerable spawning lake sturgeon from being illegally harvested in the Wolf River has been eliminated.

The state Department of Natural Resources has decided to end the Sturgeon Guard program, which the agency coordinated since the effort began in the 1980s. Under the program, volunteers headed to sturgeon spawning sites along the river each spring to help protect the fish from illegal harvest.

Thousands of male and female sturgeon — some of them 6 feet long and larger — enter the river each spring from Lake Winnebago and head upstream to spawn along the shoreline of the river to below the dam in Shawano.

Ben Treml, a regional warden based at the DNR's Green Bay Service Center, said the program will not be held this year and added the decision to end the program came earlier this year.

"It was really based on a business decision on my part and others," he said. "We were finding out that the longer that we continued to do this, it was harder to fill shifts. There were nights when we didn't have any volunteers, yet we had wardens that were still there manning the camp and also out looking for sturgeon and checking on volunteers, so it kind of tied them up a little.

"We revamped it about four years ago and said, 'This has really become more of a public relations and education component,'" he said. "We haven't had a lot of violations in the last 20 years. I think communities have embraced the fish. We didn't have them doing the illegal acts that they did years ago."

The decision isn't sitting well with the former president of Sturgeon For Tomorrow Inc.

Dan Groeschel, of Fond du Lac, has been involved with Sturgeon For Tomorrow for more than 40 years and was instrumental in getting the Sturgeon Guard program off the ground in the 1980s.

"Law enforcement made the decision and Sturgeon For Tomorrow is



A 65-inch-long lake sturgeon slides down a plastic tarp back into the Wolf River in Shiocton. State Department of Natural Resources crews head to the river each spring to catch, measure and tag sturgeon, which spawn along the river's banks in Waupaca, Outagamie and Shawano counties. The DNR has announced plans to discontinue its Sturgeon Guard program, in which volunteers help protect sturgeon from being illegally harvested.

GREG SEUBERT

not in favor of it being stopped," he said. "(The idea behind the Sturgeon Guard) was to protect the great resource that we have here or help protect it. It needed protection. There were a lot of the big fish — the spawners — being taken out for many years. I told the DNR I thought it was a poor decision. Protection is needed because when people find out about it, I'm sure there will be more going on as far as taking the resource out."

Treml and Groeschel said poaching problems led to the Sturgeon Guard's creation.

"There were too many sturgeon being lost while they were going up spawning," Groeschel said. "It was too easy to poach them and take them out. There was a lot of that. There are stories out there that they were hauling sturgeon to Chicago by the milk truck load for the eggs and the meat."

"Before penalties for taking sturgeon were criminal, it seemed like a cat-and-mouse game and it was a problem," Treml said. "We had wardens deployed all over the state. It transpired into department employees doing the same so the wardens could be out on patrol. Then, we came into the realm of having a

Sturgeon Guard coordinator using volunteers. Up until about four years ago, that's the model that we had."

The Sturgeon Guard has been successful in the past, according to Groeschel.

"It seemed to really cut down the poaching and taking of the fish," he said. "We're seeing that in the harvest of the big sturgeon. They have a chance to get older and get larger. It's been very beneficial for the resource."

The Sturgeon Guard and the ritual of watching spawning sturgeon evolved over the years. The DNR made major improvements to several sites along the river — including the Wolf River Sturgeon Trail near New London, Bamboo Bend in Shiocton and the area beneath the dam in Shawano — to provide the public with viewing opportunities.

"It kind of transpired into this family event where there are hundreds of people at various locations when the sturgeon are spawning," Treml said. "We would get volunteers from 10 in the morning until 7 at night for about four years until COVID hit. We would have them strategically placed at (State Highway) 156, New London, the Shawano dam, Shiocton and a couple of other

high-visible places. We'd have a warden that would check on all the volunteers throughout the day to make sure that they were good to go."

COVID-19 concerns kept Sturgeon Guards off of the river in 2020 and 2021. Treml said that's when Barbara Helmick, the program coordinator, retired.

Treml said the DNR is open to another organization — such as Sturgeon For Tomorrow — overseeing the program.

"Any group that would say, 'Hey, we'd like to take this over,' we would work with them," he said. "It's really about coordinating and getting volunteers. There's work there, no doubt about it."

Groeschel said it's possible for Sturgeon For Tomorrow to take the program over, but added the organization would need the DNR's help.

"You need law enforcement to enforce anything that's going on," he said. "They're carrying the firearms and everything else. We've done our part all along and didn't expect the DNR to cut back on that at all. If they don't want to put that extra effort into protecting the fish, that's what their job is, to protect the resources."

COURT NEWS

▪ Alexander E.J. Fischer, 27, Green Bay, was charged April 4 with one count of false imprisonment, one misdemeanor count of battery, one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for May 10.

▪ Anthony L. Dequane, 37, Green Bay, was charged April 4 with one count of operating while intoxicated (fourth offense). Sloma set a cash bond of \$3,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 7.

▪ Dylan D. Lerdal, 27, Lac Du Flambeau, was charged April 4 with 12 counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of criminal trespass to dwelling, one misdemeanor count of entering into a prohibited building/construction site or room, one misdemeanor count of criminal damage of property and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 14.

▪ Robin D. Lutz, 59, Cecil, was charged April 4 with one count of operating while intoxicated (seventh offense) and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set a cash bond of \$5,000 and a signature bond of \$5,000. She also scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 13.

▪ Bradley G. Childers, 33, Tigerton, was charged April 4 with one count of possession of amphetamine/methamphetamine, less than 10-50 grams, with intent, one count of possession of narcotics with intent, one count of possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture, compound, convert, produce or store methamphetamine, two counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place, one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of narcotic drugs, nine

counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a signature bond of \$7,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for May 11.

▪ Christopher J. Keuschel, 40, Shawano, pleaded no contest April 4 to one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and one misdemeanor count of possession of amphetamine/LSD/psilocin. Kussel sentenced Keuschel to 85 days in jail.

▪ David L. Heling, 35, Shawano, was charged April 5 with one count of possession of amphetamine/methamphetamine, less than 10-50 grams, with intent, one count of possession of narcotics with intent, one count of possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture, compound, convert, produce or store methamphetamine, two counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place, one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and five misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$7,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 14.

▪ Nicholas J. Mathias, 35, Marinette, was charged April 5 with one count of possession of amphetamine/methamphetamine, less than 10-50 grams, one count of possession of narcotics with intent, possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture, compound, convert, produce or store methamphetamine, two counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place, one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of narcotic drugs and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a signature bond of \$7,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for May 17.

▪ Cindy L. Johnson, 58, Shawano,

was charged April 5 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of maintaining a drug trafficking place and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$250 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for May 10.

▪ Lucas C. Davis, 33, Clintonville, was charged April 5 with one count of misappropriating identification information, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 28.

▪ Leslie A. Sleeter, 34, Shawano, was charged April 5 with one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), three counts of possession of narcotic drugs, four counts of bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of possessing/illegally obtaining a prescription and two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for April 13.

▪ Deon L. Duke, 44, Shawano, pleaded guilty April 5 to two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. One count of possession of methamphetamine was dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Duke to three years of probation.

▪ Jordan J. Bessert, 38, Stanley, pleaded no contest April 5 to one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one misdemeanor count of using or intending to use a masking agent were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Bessert to 120 days in jail and two years

of probation.

▪ Michael A. Schilcher, 41, Shawano, was charged April 6 with one count of operating a vehicle to flee/elude an officer and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a signature bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 13.

▪ John P. Mick, 46, Shawano, was charged April 6 with two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a scheduling conference for April 12.

▪ Clayton E. Thunder, 45, Green Bay, was charged April 7 with one count of possession of methamphetamine and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a signature bond of \$500 and scheduled a status conference for May 10.

▪ Jeffrey P. Zeise, 40, Shawano, was charged April 7 with one count of bail jumping. Sloma set a signature bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 16.

▪ Daniel A. Blevins, 35, Prairie Du Sac, was charged April 7 with two counts 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 \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 22.

▪ Charges against Adrian Orozco, 29, Stanley, were dismissed April 7 on defendant's motion. Those charges include one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of narcotic drugs and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

▪ Lucille M. Miller, 24, Shawano, pleaded no contest April 8 to one count of possession of methamphetamine. Sloma sentenced Miller to 120 days in jail and three years of probation.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 11

Officers responded to 21 calls, including a threat on South Sawyer Street; a domestic disturbance on Acorn Street.

April 10

Officers responded to 14 calls, including a disturbance on East Richmond Street.

April 9

Officers responded to 24 calls, including an assault at Hensels, 134 S. Washington St.; a controlled substance problem at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; a weapon offense on South Smalley Street; trespassing at Olga Brenner Intermediate

School, 1300 S. Union St.; a disturbance on South Smalley Street; bail jumping on East Seward Street; a domestic disturbance on East Richmond Street; a controlled substance problem on Waukechon Street; a disturbance on North Main Street.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

April 11

Deputies responded to 43 calls, including harassment on West Grand Avenue in Wittenberg; property theft on County Road S in the Town of Angelica; property theft on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; a burglary on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of

Belle Plaine; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; bail jumping on County Road P in the Town of Germania; reckless driving on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; criminal damage on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; two crashes, one involving deer.

April 10

Deputies responded to 34 calls, including disorderly conduct on West Express Way in Bonduel; a disturbance on North Cecil Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; property theft on Cherry Avenue in the Town of Wescott; a theft attempt on Webers Point Road in the Town of Wescott; property damage on state Highway 22 in the

Town of Belle Plaine; harassment on Stanley Street in the Town of Angelica; reckless driving on state Highway 156 in the Town of Maple Grove; four crashes, one fatal.

April 9

Deputies responded to 35 calls, including an assault on Ebert Street in Gresham; operating while intoxicated on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a fleeing/pursuit on North Airport Drive in Shawano; a disturbance on North Madison Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; harassment on Sunshine Court in Bonduel; reckless driving on Rose Brook Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; a disturbance on Koeller Lane in the Town of Richmond; two crashes.



Families get together to see what their haul was during the Easter egg hunt in Mattoon on April 9.
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Visitors kick off Easter in Mattoon



The big attraction of the Easter egg hunt in Mattoon was a baby goat. Families had the opportunity to pet and play with the goat on April 9.
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OBITUARIES

On the morning of Friday, April 1, 2022, Mark Rosenthal, of Gresham, peacefully left this life after a courageous battle with cancer. Mark was born Aug. 23, 1965, in Madison to parents Marilyn Rosenthal (née Schmidt) and Donald Rosenthal.

Mark spent most of his childhood in Appleton and often referred to the memories of growing up in his kid-filled neighborhood near Erb Park as the happiest of times. After graduating from Appleton West High School in 1983, Mark went on to attend Lawrence Uni-



School Admission Test, a complete non-surprise to anyone familiar with Mark's brain.

Mark had a lifelong love for knowledge and learning. Talking to

versity, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy. While his career ultimately took a different path, Mark had scored exceptionally well on the Law

Mark, you could always count on learning something new and interesting. Some of Mark's most treasured memories were competing in Lawrence University's Annual Midwest Trivia Contests with his best friend and fellow Armadillo Association teammate, John Quigley.

Mark's sense of humor was cherished (or tolerated) by all who had the chance to know him. He was known for his goofiness and quick wit. Under the darkest and most trying circumstances, Mark was there to bring levity and laughter when

it was needed most — even on his deathbed.

Mark was loved by so many. He is survived by his mother, Marilyn Rosenthal, Gresham; sister, Jill Rosenthal (Robert Askins), Oshkosh; niece, Courtney Beyer of Chicago, and nephew, Zachary Beyer of Milwaukee.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, Donald.

Public memorial services for Mark are currently pending. Valley Funeral Home, Appleton, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Wayne Sparks, 55, passed away on Friday, April 8, 2022, in Green Bay. He was born on Aug. 29, 1966, to the late Leslie and Marcelene (Miller) Sparks in Shawano. He was an avid Packers fan and loved his rock and roll. Wayne enjoyed motorcycles and bicycles and was always wearing his leather jacket. He enjoyed beading and spending time with his nieces and nephews. He was always giving them candy



He is survived by his brothers and sisters, Kimberly Pennewell, Richard (Sue

and gum. Wayne was well known for his corny "uncle" jokes and for being a bit reckless. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Riesterer) Pecore, Cindy (Tony) Jungenberg, Steven "Bubba" (Gerri) Sparks Sr., and Tony (Patty) Sparks. Wayne is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; his nephew, Steven Sparks Jr.; aunt and uncles, Margo and Don Nelis, and Roger Miller; and cousins, Lee Waubanasum, Michael Waubanasum and Willie

Miller.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Gresham with Pastor Ralph Beversdorf officiating. Burial will be in Red Springs Cemetery next to his mother, Marcelene. Visitation will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home until the time of service.

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Jacquelyn M. "Jacky" Popp, 74, passed away Sunday, April 3, 2022, at her home. Jacky was born in Shawano on Oct. 19, 1947, to the late Jack F. and Phyllis (Garska) Tinsman. She graduated from Shawano High School. Jacky was united in marriage to Albert "Al" Popp on April 23, 1966. Al preceded her in death in 2016.

Jacky owned and operated her own beauty salon called Jacky's Salon on South

Jacquelyn M. Popp

Main Street. She loved collecting bears and dolls, as well as gardening and attending antique shows. Jacky enjoyed watching "Jeopardy," "The Price is Right" and Packers games. She was a former member of the Red Hat Society.

She is survived by her son, Wade (Jenny) Popp; granddaughter, Bethany Popp; aunt, Mary Jo (Bob) Brunner; and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Shirley

Popp, Karen (Steve) Van Ryzin and Marvin (Judy) Popp.

Jacky was preceded in death by her husband, Al; parents, Jack and Phyllis; and her brother-in-law, Howard Popp.

A funeral service for Jacky was held Friday, April 8, 2022, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano. Entombment was in Sacred Heart Mausoleum.

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Robert Kosloske

Dear family and friends:

This will be my final letter from sunny southwest Florida. I won't be including the weather forecast in this one for those of you in the north. On April 5, 2022, time, or rather all of the fun I had been having, finally caught

up with me, and I am now and forever with my brother, Jack, and good friend, Peter. My family was with me as I made my final journey.

I had a pretty darn good life growing up in Neenah. My parents, Clem and Bea Kosloske, did their best to

make sure Jack and I stayed out of trouble. After graduating from high school, I went to the University of Oshkosh on the eight-year plan, finally graduating in 1969 with an English degree — maybe where my love of writing letters came from.

For the next 53 years, I gave it everything I had and lived without regrets. I married and divorced, ran a department store and other retail stores, played tennis a lot, played softball, went to Packers games and some Bucks games, had lots of bonfires in Shawano, read books, went to the casino, never losing more than a "fistful of dollars," grilled a lot of brats and ate them as well, especially on neighborhood watch.

Those who know me well, know I had a twin brother — Clint Eastwood. Clint even gave me his driver's license to prove it. I always enjoyed a good joke and think I could BS with the best of them. In 2006, I bought

my condo in Fort Myers and had the most fulfilling job I've ever held, pool lifeguard. I embraced this job and was willing to work seven days a week, as long as it was sunny and I didn't actually have to go into the water.

I sold my Shawano Lake house in 2021 and moved full time down to sunny southwest Florida and had plans to spend my days in the sun relaxing by the pool, on my sun porch or on the tennis court. Now I never have to worry about a cloudy day or running out of Busch Light. The sun is always shining and the fridge is always full. I am going to close this letter now. I think it's time for another Busch Light.

I was preceded in death by Clem Kosloske (father), Bea Kosloske (mother) and Jack Kosloske (brother).

I am survived by Carrie Smits (niece), Larry (husband) and family and Chayne Kosloske (nephew), Tammy (wife) and family.

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Bowler schools receive \$50K workforce grant

Grant will be used for technical education, agriculture improvements, addition

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Bowler School District recently received a \$50,000 grant to improve and expand its technical education program.

The district was one of just 15 schools in the state to receive this particular grant from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

According to Superintendent Glenda Butterfield-Boldig, this grant money will go toward an addition to the school for tech ed programs.

"When I first came on, the school board had talked about a desire to expand our technical education and agriculture offerings," said Butterfield-Boldig, who took the position in August of 2021. "That includes adding on an 8,500-square-foot addition."

With the grant money, the Bowler School District is already starting to look for bids to build the addition.

"We will be opening up those bids, and if they come in with what we are hoping they come in at, we might be taking action on this as soon as the 25th of April," said Butterfield-Boldig. "The board is very interested in expanding those opportunities."

According to the superintendent, the Bowler community is different from others in that there are not a lot of local

manufacturers. Due to this, she said that the school district has reached out to businesses looking for one to partner with and receive support.

"Not necessarily giving us equipment or anything, but saying: 'Yes, there is a need for skilled workers in our area,'" said Butterfield-Boldig.

She added that this grant and addition will also allow the school district to offer certification training for students.

"If we have a skilled workforce, by the time students leave high school, they could go on to a technical college to continue their education, or be able to enter the workforce immediately," said Butterfield-Boldig. "This grant helps us get some funds to update our equipment, particularly in areas like computer numeric control," which is the automated control of machining tools through a computer.

She noted that training in computer numeric control, or CNC, is an identified need in the school district and community.

"We don't have enough skilled workers in that field," said Butterfield-Boldig.

She added that Bowler has partnered with Northcentral Technical College to be able to offer technical diplomas and academy courses.

"We are developing some CNC certification courses with that partner-

ship," said Butterfield-Boldig. "They can finish in high school, or they can pick up and finish in college."

Butterfield-Boldig said that although the school district did not get an exact reason as to why it was chosen for the grant, she had some thoughts as to why Bowler was given the funds.

"I think that it has to do with meeting a need in our area," said Butterfield-Boldig. "There is kind of a gap in this area in the county. There is not a lot of opportunities to provide this."

In the development of improving and adding on to the technical education department, Butterfield-Boldig said that the school district has set some standards for how many students are going to complete this.

"By the end of the 2023-24 school year, we hope to have at least 12 students who have gone through the training and are skilled and able to get jobs as soon as they graduate," said Butterfield-Boldig. "Twelve students does not sound like a lot, but it's 12 more skilled workers than before."

She added that through the partnership with NTC, new courses can be designed for students.

"We are offering a basic welding certificate through NTC that we don't currently offer," said Butterfield-Boldig. "We don't have any CNC machines."

More than just students benefiting from the grant money, Butterfield-Boldig and the school district hope to open this to the community as well.

"We hope to be able to offer opportunities to local manufacturers and say: 'Hey, rather than sending your people to Green Bay, Appleton or Wausau, we have some up-to-date equipment where you can train workers,'" said Butterfield-Boldig. "We want to have those partnerships with local manufacturers. We want something that will go both ways."

Butterfield-Boldig said that there is interest among community members for these additions and improvements.

"When we started the conversation about our technical education and agriculture, we invited community members to give input for what is needed, what would be well-received and what the community feels that they can find value in as well," said Butterfield-Boldig.

She called the opportunity to use this grant money for technical education purposes a collaboration between the school board, community, administration, staff, manufacturers and NTC.

"We can't do it alone," said Butterfield-Boldig. "We are really looking forward to bringing this to our students and community."

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NTC gets \$250K donation from Dudley Foundation

Northcentral Technical College has announced the development of a new Center of Excellence in Communication Technologies made possible through a \$250,000 donation from the Dudley Foundation.

The donation will support "Studio 7," a Center of Excellence named in honor of Richard David Dudley and his dedication to his community and his career in broadcasting and communication.

"Studio 7 is an excellent tribute to our father, Dick Dudley, who helped bring the first television station, WSAW/Channel 7, to central Wisconsin in 1954," said Ann Dudley Shannon, president of the foundation. "Now, the next generation of communication professionals will begin careers and enterprises right here in Wausau just like Dick Dudley did. We expect

great outcomes from this partnership, including exciting new career opportunities for NTC communication graduates. We are excited and proud to participate in this project and are grateful for our ongoing partnership with NTC.

The Center for Excellence in Communication Technologies will bring NTC's programs in graphic communication technologies, printing, marketing, web design, digital marketing and video production programs together into an area of collaboration and innovation — the only one of its kind in central Wisconsin, according to an NTC press release.

Studio 7 will be a comprehensive, collaborative and creative space that will prepare students, employers, and community members for the new age in communica-

tion technologies; expand cultural/media literacy into the greater Wausau community; empower creative voices to create, express and communicate by providing equipment and technical training; make Wausau a production hub for film/video content creation; provide equipment and facilities to create engaging multimedia content; and foster a creative community in central Wisconsin to support local businesses, nonprofits, and entrepreneurs in their communication efforts.

This new state-of-the-art, visionary space will incorporate an inclusive environment, high-tech software, multimedia robotics, advanced equipment, and an enhanced curriculum to include project-based learning.

"The Dudley family has been a

longstanding supporter of the college and our students," said Jeanne Worden, NTC president. "We couldn't be more excited to partner with them on this new venture which both honors the amazing legacy of Dick Dudley and positions the college and our learners to positively impact the future of the communication technology industry."

NTC's vision for Studio 7 expands beyond the classroom and embraces opportunities to discover, share and celebrate the uniqueness of central Wisconsin through an annual film/video festival, cultural projects, video production workshops and more. The college also plans to partner with community organizations and area businesses that need production space or services to enhance their communication needs.

AmVets give \$10K to local Relay for Life

Relay officials pay tribute to man who would have been 2020 honorary cancer survivor

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano-Menominee Relay for Life could be declared a success as soon as it started after AmVets Post 10 announced it was donating \$10,000 to the cause April 9.

Stu Kohlin, the local AmVets post commander, received applause as he presented the check to local Relay for Life representatives at the start of the six-hour event. He noted that the post's mission has been to help community first, and that the fight against cancer impacts the people in his fold as much as it does everyone else.

"It might seem out of place to donate funds in such a large amount to cancer, maybe something not related to a veterans cause," Kohlin said. "Really, I believe, and the post believes, cancer is a serious problem within the veterans community."

Kohlin noted that the veterans fighting wars have come home



The opening lap of the 2022 Shawano-Menominee Relay for Life on April 9 saw moving feet and smiling faces as survivors of cancer took the first of many steps that day to fight the disease.

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with various diseases. He cited such wartime dangers as Agent

Orange, which impacted many who fought in Vietnam, and the burn pits for the more recent soldiers who fought in Iraq.

"Cancer really is a huge opponent in the veterans community," Kohlin said.

Besides the monetary donation, the AmVets color guard presented the flags for the opening ceremony, accompanied by Wolf River Harmony, who sang the national anthem.

Organizers also took the opportunity to remember one of the relay's longtime supporters, Robert Voss. Voss had been planned to be the honorary survivor for his 100th birthday in 2020 before the coronavirus pandemic forced the event's cancellation.

"Unfortunately, Mr. Voss passed away on June 20, 2021, at the age of 101," said local chairwoman Vicki Szucs. "Mr. Voss is an example of an amazing survivor."

In 2007, Voss became a cancer survivor at the age of 87 after being diagnosed with bladder cancer, which was beat back with treatment and surgery. Two years later,

Voss was diagnosed with gall bladder cancer, which took him a little longer to conquer, according to Szucs. She added that Voss joined the Relay for Life five years ago.

Szucs recognized the fact that the Relay for Life could once again be held in the Shawano Community High School gymnasium, where cancer survivors and their supporters could "celebrate, remember and to fight back against cancer."

Megan Schreck, senior development manager for the American Cancer Society, noted that the people in the gymnasium were there for the same reason — to work toward a day when cancer no longer exists. She said the reasons differ among the people participating, but the goal remains the same.

"During the next few hours, we will bring the fight as a community to defeat our biggest rival — cancer," Schreck said during the opening ceremonies. "You are joining forces with millions of people worldwide who want to save lives, who want to lead the fight."

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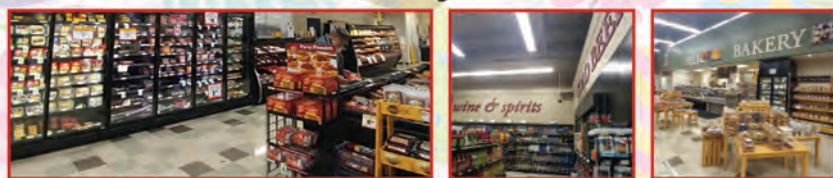
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Shawano Ambulance to be on 'World's Greatest!'

Trinko hopes to show hard work that goes into service

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A local EMS service will be on display for all to see in the coming days. "The World's Greatest!" series will feature the Shawano Ambulance Service on April 16 at 2:30 p.m. The episode will air on Bloomberg TV. DirecTV viewers can tune in on channel 353 and DISH Network viewers on channel 203. The show will run a second time on the same channels at 2:30 p.m. April 23.

"I became aware of it and threw our hat in the ring," said Patrick Trinko, Shawano Ambulance Service director of operations. "I wasn't sure that there was a good chance to be featured, but you can't hit a ball if you don't swing a bat."

Trinko said the Shawano Ambulance Service was up in competition with eight other services.

"Everybody in this field has a lot of pride in what they do," said Trinko. "I differentiate ourselves from other services. We are an independent organization and can go our own route. I like to say that we are nimble and able to change directions as we see best fit for the community. I think that message resonated with their producers and viewers."

Trinko said that he was made aware that the service was going to be featured six months ago.

"A month ago, they came and spent an entire day filming here," said Trinko.

Trinko said that having the opportunity to broadcast what the ambulance service does nationally is a very exciting feeling.

"It will show our community what

we do every day," said Trinko. "It shows our dedication, attention to detail and what we can do for our patients. We think that we do a good job and it pays off in some aspects."

Individualistic ideas are what Trinko cited as a reason why the ambulance service stood out to the television show's producers.

"Our ability to change directions and do what we feel is best for the community is a reason," said Trinko. "We don't really answer to a board or anything of that nature. As medical people, we can look at a situation and make our decisions right then and there and implement them rather quickly. We don't have a corporate hierarchy."

He called the service a high-level care provider that other rural areas don't have the capability of.

"We are a very busy service for our population," said Trinko. "We really make sure that our people have the tools and the knowledge necessary to be able to care for some really high end cases."

According to Trinko, the ambulance service covers 324 square miles — a majority of them being rural areas.

"You don't have the population base to have the funding and everything else, so it is a real challenge to have advanced services in a sparsely populated area," said Trinko.

With this recognition, Trinko said that the service will continue to run day-to-day operations as they have.

"I think we will maintain the course that we always have and maintain our ideals and principles," said Trinko. "It certainly doesn't hurt and it may help morale. If anything, it helps people realize how hard these people are working behind the scenes."

Being recognized for their hard work is something that Trinko believes will have a positive impact on the

ambulance service as a whole.

"We don't really toot our own horn or go out of our way to make a big deal," said Trinko. "It is nice in some instances to be able to let people know that we are working hard behind the scenes."

Trinko said that this was not something that the service was trying to accomplish, but it presented itself along the way.

"It just kind of popped out there, and we took a stab at it and got it,"

said Trinko.

With the opportunity to show national audiences what the ambulance service is about, Trinko said there are some things that people will learn about EMS services after watching this episode.

"Whether it's us or anyone else, people don't realize the level of dedication, especially in smaller towns," said Trinko.

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Dairy farmers need real solutions to pricing woes

In the game of Monopoly, there is only one winner. If current dairy “market forces” prevail, we are steadily moving in that direction.

Losing one to two dairy herds per day, as we have in recent years, is not progress. It is a sign that our antiquated dairy policy and ongoing price volatility need to be addressed.

In late March, dairy farmers from local chapters of the Wisconsin Farmers Union and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation teamed up to host a series of Dairy Revitalization meetings in western Wisconsin. The success of the events indicates interest and the potential for bringing about the kind of changes we hope for in the future.

I use quotation marks around the phrase “market forces” because the fiscal and public policy of past decades has been intended to continue a trajectory predetermined for us. It is time that we reevaluate these assumptions of “progress” and evaluate the effects of past policies.

We almost had a more farmer-friendly dairy policy in the 2014 Farm Bill, but it was taken out in the



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11th hour due to powerful lobbying forces at play. The outcome is that we have spent around \$1.2 billion more on government-funded dairy subsidy programs than what would have happened had we adopted growth management in 2014. We have lost countless dairy herds that might still be in business today, if we would have had a mechanism in place to better balance milk supply with demand. We have witnessed the erosion of farms from the landscape throughout the Midwest.

Thousands of farms have been forced out of dairy production in recent years because of these bad policies and broken markets. Opportunity seems to be reserved for only a handful of farmers and thus exposes how policy creates a history of American agriculture where the big get bigger and the small get out.

It is imperative that we diligently monitor our deliberations leading up to the next Farm Bill in 2023. Those in power want to continue the trends of the past. They want to conserve power with those who have power. It will be easier for politicians to support subsidy programs over meaningful reform, because there is little accountability for those subsidies. Projections will be created upon false hopes to justify more of the same types of policies.

If we look at these policy options as opportunities to learn from our past, we may create a better future.

A new set of data needs to be considered in these discussions. The lessons learned from a concentrated food system during the distress of the COVID-19 pandemic teach us that a diversified agriculture is a more resilient agriculture. This lesson has been learned by countries experiencing the turmoil of war or the losses caused by catastrophic natural disasters. Depending upon a very consolidated supply chain is not as durable as a distributed, diverse production system. We need farms of all sizes that will be able to

supply our basic needs in a very uncertain future.

I believe that if you find yourself in a hole, the first thing needed to be done is to quit digging. The hole that the U.S. dairy industry is in is a trend toward fewer and larger farms, which concentrates our food security into the hands of a few.

We can create a better, more diverse future with the plan presented at the Dairy Revitalization meetings. We can restore a more vibrant rural economy based upon more diverse farms. We can start breaking the addiction to government subsidies to prop up only the farms and agribusinesses that are “too big to fail.”

If you weren't able to attend the meetings, I encourage you to visit www.dairytogether.com to learn about this plan that could increase farm net income, decrease our reliance on subsidies, stabilize the markets and create a future for the next generation of U.S. dairy farmers.

Rick Adamski is the president of the Wisconsin Farmers Union. He and his family run Full Circle Farm near Seymour.

GUEST COLUMN

We see them, they are welcome, and they belong

All of us — no matter our gender, race, or zip code — deserve equal opportunity under the law. Transgender Day of Visibility is an embodiment of that American value.

Observed every year on March 31, the day highlights the triumphs and achievements of transgender citizens across the globe, but also brings to light the work that is still left undone — work that will help put an end to the discrimination, prejudice, and inequality faced by the transgender community.

We are lucky to have progressive leaders like President Joe Biden, Gov. Tony Evers, and legislative Democrats working hard to make our local communities more inclusive and ensure that the sentiment of Transgender Day of Visibility rings true year-round.

Legislative Democrats introduced trans-inclusive bills last year that would ban discrimination based on gender, and would create a task force



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to ensure Wisconsin is an equitable place for everyone to live — regardless of gender identity.

In response to anti-transgender legislation from legislative Republicans last year, Evers publicly announced his support for transgender athletes, writing in a tweet “I see you. You are welcome, and you belong.”

Evers has also issued two proclamations in support of Wisconsin's transgender community, proclaiming March 31 as Transgender Day of Visibility and Nov. 20 as Transgender Day of Remembrance.

As the rest of us push for progress today and every day, Republicans in Wisconsin are pushing to move us backward.

In 2021 alone, Republicans in the

state legislature introduced three anti-transgender bills — one that would ban transgender athletes from competing in women's college sports, another that would ban transgender athletes from competing in K-12 women's sports, and a third that would require parental consent for Wisconsin students to learn about gender expression in school.

Yet, this dangerous agenda from conservatives isn't just an issue contained within the state legislature. We also see it in other Republican figures representing the Badger state — like Sen. Ron Johnson, who earlier this month described transgender women as “creepy” when discussing their freedom to use the bathroom of their choice.

Republican Attorney General candidate Adam Jarchow wrote in a March 18 tweet that it's “disgusting” for transgender women to compete in sports alongside their fellow female athletes, and in a separate tweet called

President Joe Biden's support for the transgender community, “silly, pandering nonsense.”

It's clear that conservative politicians like Sen. Ron Johnson and Adam Jarchow don't share our values — because Wisconsinites know that what's truly “disgusting” and “nonsense” is stripping someone of their freedoms simply because of their gender, race, sexual orientation, or otherwise.

If Sen. Ron Johnson and Adam Jarchow could have it their way, there wouldn't be a Transgender Day of Visibility — because the transgender community would be invisible.

Call, tweet, and write your local legislators to let them know Wisconsinites are unified in support for the transgender community, and unified in upholding Evers' message to transgender Wisconsinites: we see them, they are welcome, and they belong.

Chris Walloch is the executive director at A Better Wisconsin Together.

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Introducing our new regional features section

You may have already noticed we've rearranged the furniture again this week, with our entertainment pages reinvented as a new section called "Living in Northeast Wisconsin."

When the pandemic started, we merged all of our products into the hybrid you receive every week, with local news for Shawano, Oconto and Menominee counties on about 45% of the pages along with shared pages that include the classified ads along with other news of regional interest. Now that we've emerged from the pandemic, we have time to consider how best to organize all this local content to make it easiest to find week by week.

A few weeks ago, we started putting all of the local, regional and state sports stories into a single section. Reaction was so positive we're now doing the same with our feature coverage.

The revamped Living in Northeast Wisconsin section will include many of the features that already appear in all three weekly papers — like Rob Zimmer's gardening column — or, this week, the return of Ross Bielema's column.

The new section will also feature stories that previously have appeared only in one or two papers. Shawano County readers, for example, have missed stories about new businesses or events and activities in Oconto County, like the Easter cantata at Gillett's Clock Church.



WARREN BLUHM

Oconto County readers have never seen our stories about the Rubber Soul Productions concerts at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School and don't know that bands like Asleep at the Wheel

perform fairly close to home. That changes now.

The comics and puzzles will still appear in the Living section, along with all of our arts and entertainment news, business features, outdoors features and neighbor profiles for Shawano, Oconto and Menominee counties.

To make room for this unique local coverage of our neighbors in three counties, we have moved the TV grids into the regular news section. Our plan is to stop carrying the grids — which are already delivered electronically to nearly every modern television set — after May 6 so that we can focus our resources on providing the local news and information that we do best.

We hope you agree that Living in Northeast Wisconsin establishes more clearly where things can be found each week while expanding each individual paper's coverage. Let us know what you think. Send feedback to me at wbluhm@newmedia-wi.com.

Town of Angelica woman dies in single-vehicle crash

A Town of Angelica woman died following a one-vehicle crash April 10 on state Highway 29.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department responded to the crash just after midnight on eastbound Highway 29 at St. Augustine Street in the Town of Maple Grove. Brown County Sheriff's Department deputies arrived on scene initially and provided information to other responding units and began rendering aid.

According to Lt. Jesse Sperberg, the preliminary investigation indicates the vehicle was eastbound on

Highway 29 when it entered the south ditch line, drove up the embankment and struck the St. Augustine Street overpass. The driver and lone occupant of the vehicle was pronounced dead on scene.

Shawano County was assisted on the scene by the Brown County Sheriff's Department, Tri-County Fire Department and NEW Paramedic Rescue Squad.

The incident is under investigation, and no further information is available at this time, according to Sperberg.



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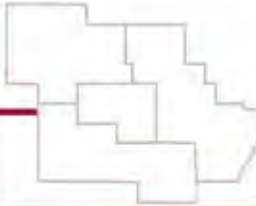
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Small town provides a pan full of cozy mysteries

The crummy spring weather had me in the mood for something sweet, so I grabbed “Vanilla Vengeance” by Molly Maple. The book jacket says that Maple is the pen name for journalist Mary E. Twomey. It is the first book in her “Cupcake Crimes” series.

Charlotte McKay did well at culinary school and moved to Chicago with hopes of working as a baker, but she ended up making salads at a fancy restaurant. Her big dream of opening her own bakery went from “on hold” to “not gonna happen” as her bills mounted. She was ready for a change when her mother suggested that Charlotte take a break and move to Sweetwater Falls to care for her 91-year-old great-aunt, Winifred.

Sweetwater Falls hasn’t changed since Charlotte’s childhood visits. But Charlotte can’t even unpack before Aunt Winifred insists she drive them to a local meeting place so she can picket the sheriff, demanding he release her friend Karen from jail.

Charlotte is stunned to learn that



JAN JONES

Winifred and her friends are far from the quiet little old ladies she expected. Winifred, Agnes and Karen are part of the “Live ForeverClub” and indulge in mischief, including small-scale shoplifting. They always leave money by the cash register, but Sheriff Flowers put Karen in jail.

Her friends are determined to get her out. During the rally she meets librarian Marianne, and the two immediately hit it off. Trying to be helpful, Charlotte accidentally uncovers the compost bin. At 5 foot 10, she can easily see a dead body with orange hands at the top of the bin.

The dead man is Gerald Forbine. He owns a restaurant called the Spaghetti Scarf, and he was “courting” Aunt Winnie.

Charlotte has always followed

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: “Vanilla Vengeance” (Cupcake Crimes Series, Book 1)

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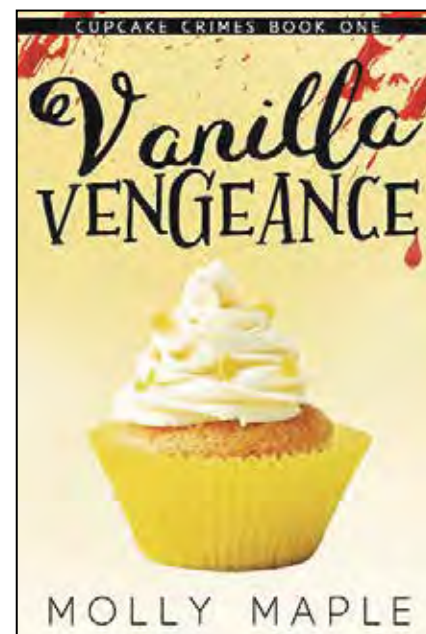
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the rules, but Aunt Winnie is about to correct that character flaw. With Charlotte at the wheel, they break Karen out of jail so she can help them find the killer. To her surprise, Charlotte quickly embraces the love and acceptance offered by her aunt’s circle of friends. The women make it their mission to push Charlotte and Marianne to make the most of life.

It doesn’t appear Aunt Winnie needs any help. Knowing she has bills to pay, Charlotte reluctantly takes a waitress job at the local diner. Marianne and Winnie push her to ask the owner to offer her cupcakes there. They are an instant hit. It isn’t a bakery, but Charlotte has taken the first step into being brave.

When Sheriff Flowers hints that Winnie is a suspect, Charlotte and Marianne swing into action. That’s when Charlotte meets Logan Flowers. One look at the handsome officer turns Charlotte into a mumbling klutz, but he doesn’t seem to mind.

The girls learn that Gerald’s wife died 10 years ago, but with the help of his son Robert, he continued to run the restaurant just as she’d done. Robert wants to modernize but Gerald stubbornly refused, which causes a rift in the family. During a revealing conversation with Helen, the restaurant cook,



Charlotte notes a large knife is missing. So she takes her suspicions to the sheriff.

Later, she and Marianne realize that if Robert is the killer, Helen might be in danger. They break into Helen’s house where Robert has her cornered in the basement. Without thinking, Charlotte tackles Robert and is nearly stabbed during the resulting struggle. Logan manages to coax the knife out of her shocked hands and assures her things will be OK.

If nothing else, Logan could be a good friend making Charlotte sure that she’s going to be just fine making a home in Sweetwater Falls.

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Renovations of Stock Market complete

Owners call project the picture of their childhood dream

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A local business has recently reopened its doors after four weeks of refurbishing the store.

Co-owners and sisters Abby Wallrich and Chelsea Gilling continued to improve their childhood dream of running their own business. The Stock Market, located at 103 S. Main St. in Shawano, was recently renovated to include more space and products for customers.

“We grew up in Shawano and have always loved the downtown area,” said Wallrich. “We always had the plan that we were going to have our own store one day, but we really didn’t know where or what. After I graduated from Madison — one thing lead to another and I was working at the Anew Tea Emporium (the predecessor to the Stock Market). We ended up buying the store. That is when we had our vision of what the Stock Market could become.”

Wallrich said that she and her sister expanded the store to help meet the potential of what they thought the business could be.

“Ten years was our goal to really expand the business into what you see today,” said Wallrich, noting that the store opened in 2018. “We realized that during holidays, events and weekends, the line to checkout with one register got to the point where we knew we needed more.”

Wallrich cited lack of space as a major reason for the upgrade.

“It just got to the point where we wanted to bring in all of these products, but there was not enough space to do it,” said Wallrich. “This was always our plan. Everything that Chelsea and I are passionate about, we sell here.”

“The difference here is that there is a little more wiggle room, a larger selection of products, streamlining a couple of things and new staff,” said Gilling. “It is the same store that you have loved, but it just has a little bit more now.”

The store also now features a back door so customers can park behind the store and enter and exit there to avoid Main Street traffic.



The Stock Market, 103 S. Main St., reopened its doors March 21 after undergoing renovations to include more space and products, such as additional options of wine.

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Since their March 21 reopening, the sisters have said that customer response to the renovation has been overly positive.

“We wanted that ‘wow’ reaction when customers stepped back in the store, and that’s really what we have gotten,” said Wallrich. “I think everybody is as excited as we are.”

Wallrich and Gilling said that they, including their staff, worked hard every day for 15 hours in four weeks to reopen.

“I think that people are impressed of what five hardworking girls put together in a month,” said Gilling.

“This turned out pretty much exactly like we had envisioned,” said Wallrich. “I knew exactly what the store looked like in my brain a year ago, and now we get to enjoy it. We would not be here without our hardworking girls on the staff and everyone involved.”

In the first couple of weeks since the store’s reopening, both Wallrich and Gilling have noticed more men shopping at the Stock Market.

“With expanding our lines of products and expanding our supply of craft bourbon and craft liquors, the most exciting thing for all of us is seeing

how many more guys come in now,” said Wallrich.

“Before the expansion, we would hear from women that their husbands would like this store, and we always told them to bring them in,” said Gilling. “It never was just a ladies store. I feel like guys are a lot more comfortable coming in here now.”

Wallrich estimated that 80% of their customers are new customers.

“Now that we have all of this space and products to attract customers that may not have come in before, it is really exciting,” said Wallrich.

Wallrich and Gilling elaborated on the opportunity that they have had of working their childhood dream.

“Chelsea and I doing this together — it has definitely been a dream come true,” said Wallrich. “We are opposites in so many ways, and that’s how we are able to work so great together.”

“It is awesome,” said Gilling. “Being able to do this with my sister in our hometown is something that is very special to me. We feel that through the store and being involved in events, we are giving back to the community that gave us so much.”

Wallrich described the Stock Mar-

ket as a specialty food market where you can try products before you leave.

“The whole Door County specialty food market was definitely where our vision was — we wanted that for Shawano,” said Wallrich.

She said that a major attraction to the store is that customers can come in and sample liquor.

“The liquor started coming to the forefront when we started bringing in Sugarlands Moonshine,” said Wallrich. “Part of that experience of sampling the liquors was going to grow the business — that and gift baskets.”

The Stock Market will be introducing its fully stocked wine and liquor lounge in June.

“When you go out for a date night, you will start here and move on,” said Wallrich, “or you will end here.”

Both sisters said that there are other upgrades and improvements to come, but they would not reveal what they are.

“We have a couple of things up our sleeves, but nothing we want to share yet,” said Wallrich. “It is very exciting.”

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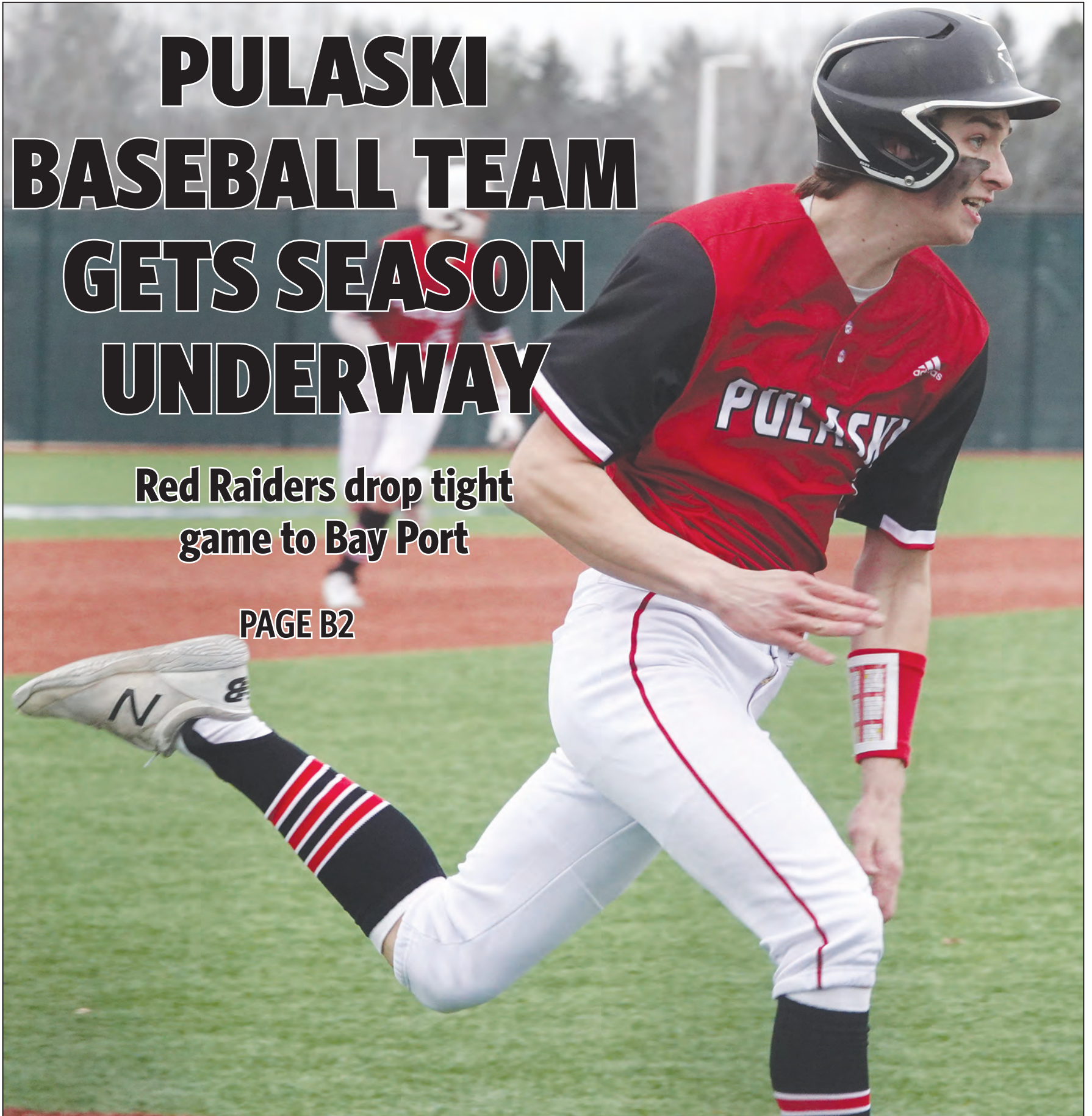
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PULASKI BASEBALL TEAM GETS SEASON UNDERWAY

**Red Raiders drop tight
game to Bay Port**

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Pulaski's Brayden Otto sprints home to score a run during the team's conference loss to Bay Port on April 5 in Green Bay.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Pulaski drops conference clash to Bay Port

New coach cites execution for downfall

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Pulaski High School baseball team and new coach Tate McMillan got their spring season underway with a hard-fought 5-4 loss to Fox River Classic Conference foe Bay Port on April 5 in Green Bay.

McMillan said the team's execution was lacking in a few key areas, and it cost the team.

In a back-and-forth contest, Pulaski pulled ahead 4-2 in the top of the fifth inning and looked to be on its way to blowing the game wide open with the bases still loaded and just one out. But a flyout to left field turned into a double play after another out on a play at the plate.

The next half inning began with an error, and Bay Port turned it into a three-run inning and hung on from there.

"We've thrown a lot at these guys in two weeks (of practice). Execution was not great today, but again, that's something we live with and that's something we'll grow with," said McMillan. "As we start to execute, these four-run games will turn into seven-, eight-run games."

Senior Jonah Klingeisen opened the Red Raiders' season with a looping double down the right field line on the first pitch he saw. Pulaski tried to bunt him over to third, but Klingeisen was caught in a rundown and eventually tagged out. The top of the first ended on a caught stealing.

After Bay Port snagged the lead with a run in the third, Pulaski came back with two in the fourth for its first lead of the young season.

Sophomore Kyle Olson walked with one out and moved to second on a groundout. Olson moved over to third on an infield single from junior Brayden Otto.

Junior Caden Rybicki followed with a grounder up the third base line, but the throw to first was wild, allowing Olson to easily score and a hustling Otto to score all the way



Pulaski's Michael Molthen delivers a pitch during the team's FRCC game against Bay Port on April 5 in Green Bay.

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from first. Senior Logan Hochevar followed with a walk, but he and Rybicki were stranded after a groundout.

The hosts tied it in the bottom half of the frame before Pulaski added its final two runs in the fifth.

The first three batters of the frame reached, with freshman Michael Molthen and junior Michael Wyent walking and Klingeisen singling.

Olson followed with a single to plate Molthen. After a strikeout, Otto walked to force in Wyent.

"I enjoyed just getting back out on the field today. We had a couple games we were supposed to play last week get canceled. We were able to come out here, put the ball

in play and really compete hard," said Klingeisen.

"Playing Bay Port (the 2021 conference champions) first game is not ideal, but 5-4, we'll take that any day," said Olson. "And I know for sure next time we play them, we'll want it to be the other way, and by a lot more."

Olson and Klingeisen were two of three pitchers Pulaski used in the contest, with Molthen serving as the other.

Molthen started and worked the first three innings. He allowed one run on three hits but struck out four batters and didn't allow a walk.

Olson then worked the next two innings. He allowed a walk and four hits, but just one of the four runs

he surrendered was earned. Olson fanned a pair of hitters.

The sidearm-throwing Klingeisen worked the sixth inning, allowing one baserunner and striking out a batter.

Klingeisen, Olson and Otto accounted for Pulaski's four hits in the contest, with Klingeisen tallying two. The Red Raiders drew nine walks, with Olson, Molthen and Wyent each drawing two free passes.

Another big part of the team's struggles in key situations were strikeouts, with 11 punchouts helping contribute to eight runners left on base.

Oconto Falls' Haines, Wilquet make history with all-state honors

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

No Oconto Falls High School cheerleaders had ever been named to an all-state team, but juniors Amber Haines and Jenna Wilquet recently changed that narrative.

Haines and Wilquet were each named to the Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches all-state team in the non-tumble division. The Panther duo were just two of eight total cheerleaders to make that list out of 30 competitors.

The competition wasn't held in person, instead with Haines, Wilquet and others sending in videos of their routines. The videos were reviewed and then all-state honors were passed out, with participants receiving a certificate and medal.

The non-tumble division performance consists of a cheer, a short dance and a jumps to cap it off. There are no flips, cartwheels or backhand springs in the non-tumble division.

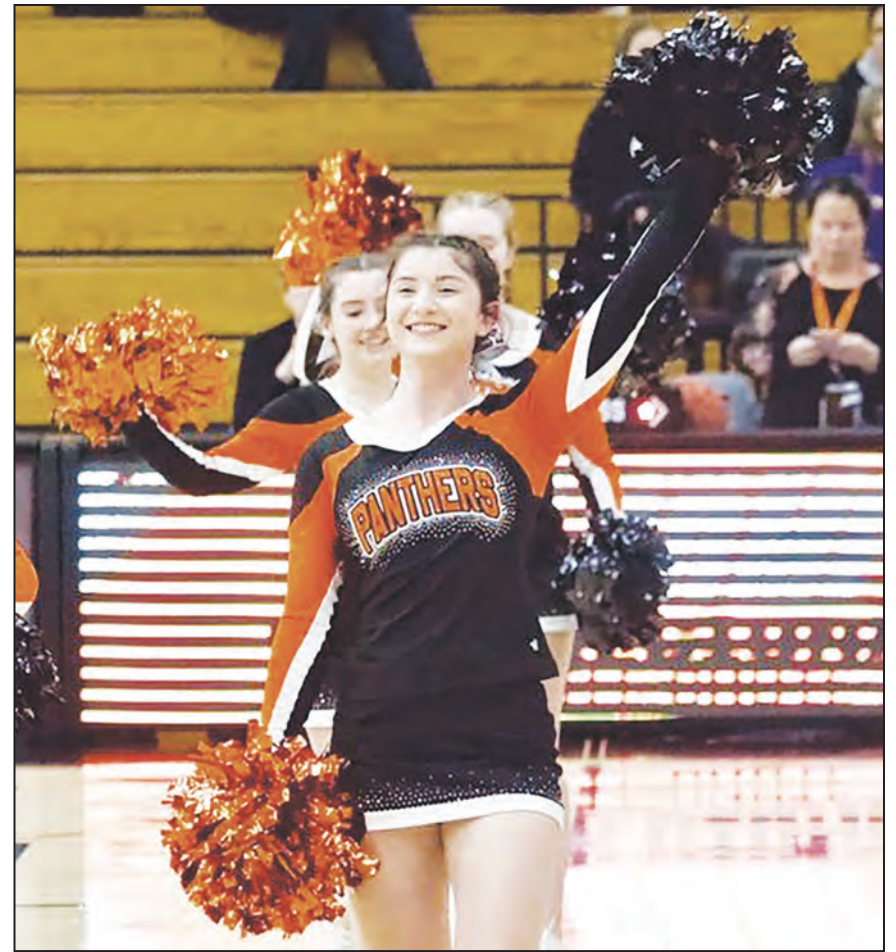
"I am so honored to make it," said

Haines, who is in her sixth year of cheerleading. "It was my mission the past two years to become the first cheerleader in Oconto Falls history. It means that I put countless time and effort into my solo. I spent a lot of time after practices or coming in on Saturdays to try to get there, and it paid off. It means to me that I have dedication and I'm so proud of how much farther I've come."

"We put in months of work to be able to compete in our non-tumble division," said Wilquet, who is also in her sixth year of cheering.

"To be the first cheerleader at Oconto Falls to make all-state is an incredible honor. I felt excited and super proud of the hard work we put in. To be the first in OFHS history makes me realize how much I have improved as a cheerleader personally. We spent every day of the week for two hours and sometimes even more practicing for games, competition season, and all-state."

Full WACPC all-state teams can be found www.wacpc.com/page/show/521019-varsity-cheer.



Oconto Falls' Amber Haines cheers during a girls basketball playoff game on Feb. 23 in Oconto Falls. Haines and Jenna Wilquet were named to the WACPC all-state team in the non-tumble division. MICHELLE KONOP



Oconto Falls' Jenna Wilquet cheers during a boys basketball game on Jan. 18 in Oconto Falls. Wilquet and teammate Amber Haines became the first Panther cheerleaders to ever make an all-state team.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: JAMESEN ENGEL

Panther eager to soak up memories of final season

The Oconto Falls High School softball team is hoping to improve on its 2021 season, when the team won seven conference games. With several experienced players back in the fold, including senior Jamesen Engel, the Panthers believe they can do just that.

Engel was an honorable mention selection in the North Eastern Conference after a strong junior season. She posted a .317 batting average for the season and had four extra-base hits among her 19 hits for the season.

Engel, who primarily plays the outfield, also scored seven times and drove in an additional 11 runs for Oconto Falls.

The senior hopes to keep producing for the team while also enjoying every second of the experience.

Q: When did your interest in softball begin?

A: My interest in softball began when I first started playing for an Abrams Little League team. Since then, my love for the game continued to grow.

Q: What is your favorite part about the softball season?

A: My favorite part about the softball season is being with my friends, especially Kyndra Staidl and Alexis Euclide. I love being with them at practice every day and I'm glad I got super close with them.

Q: What has softball taught you over the years?

A: Softball has taught me to play the game with your heart, but not let your emotions get the best of you. You have to play every game like it's

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Jamesen Engel

Sport: Softball

Positions: Outfield

School: Oconto Falls High School

Year: Senior

your last, and give it your all because you never know when the last game will be. You also can't let your emotions defeat you. Everyone makes mistakes, you just need to move on and get the next one.

Q: What are you hoping to accomplish individually in your senior season?

A: I hope to play my very best with every opportunity given to me. I want to enjoy every minute that I have left this year.

Q: What does the team need to do in order to put together a strong spring season?

A: The team really needs to learn how to communicate well and be able to pick each other up when one of us is down. We need to be able to trust one another and be there for everyone in order to have a strong season.

Q: How did you prepare for the softball season?

A: To prepare for the softball season, I attended many open gyms and went to hitting lessons. This year my team got the opportunity to go to 360U hitting lessons and learn from the Oshkosh softball players.

Q: As an experienced senior, how do you plan on leading the rest of the team?

A: I plan to make sure everyone



Oconto Falls' Jamesen Engel sprints toward first base during a North Eastern Conference game against Luxemburg-Casco on May 17, 2021, in Oconto Falls.

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knows what they are doing and to make sure everyone knows their role.

Q: Before a game starts, do you or the team have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: The team and I like to listen to music and get hype before games.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Oconto Falls softball team?

A: My favorite memory from softball was when the previous player, Taylor Ash, tripped on her shoelaces trying to field a ball.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show

and musical artist?

A: Movie — "High School Musical." TV show — "Friends." Music artist — Cody Johnson.

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

A: I used to love reading when I was younger.

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

A: After high school, I plan to attend UW-La Crosse to pursue a career in elementary and special education.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: WENDELL WAUKAU JR.

Menominee Indian senior ready to lead baseball team

Menominee Indian High School senior Wendell Waukau Jr. is hoping to turn in a strong season on the baseball field this spring.

Last spring, Waukau made the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division second team. For his full junior season, he tallied a .309 batting average, two homers, seven doubles and 12 RBIs. The first and third baseman also spent some time on the mound for the Eagles.

After his high school career wraps up, he will continue his playing career at Bryant & Stratton College. He signed a letter of intent back in November.

Q: When did your interest in baseball begin?

A: The love for baseball really began when I held my first baseball bat. Seeing my father (Wendell Waukau Sr.) and uncles (Wade and Chief Waukau) playing baseball also had a big impact on how much I began to love the game.

Q: What is your favorite part about the baseball season?

A: I'd like to say playoffs. Every team in the conference plays like it's their last and the level of competition is amazing.

Q: What has the game of baseball taught you over the years?

A: Baseball has taught me many lessons. I'd say the biggest thing baseball has taught me is how to deal with failure, and understanding how to overcome it so it won't happen again. Learning how to fix the little slumps and the mind games is a big role in

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Wendell Waukau Jr.
Sport: Baseball
Positions: First and third base, pitcher
School: Menominee Indian High School
Year: Senior

baseball.

Q: You're headed to Bryant and Stratton to play baseball after this season, so is there anything you'd like to accomplish individually in your final high school season?

A: Personally, I would like to make the most out of this season. First team all-conference is definitely on the list of accomplishments. Knowing that there is a lot of high-caliber athletes in this conference will push me to work harder and achieve that goal.

Q: In order for the team to have a strong spring, what needs to happen?

A: I think we have a lot of talent coming this year, with talent comes work ethic. I think that's the biggest thing that needs to happen. Just for the team to stay together and to keep working on getting better as individuals, will benefit the team to a strong spring.

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

A: It helped keep me in shape, a lot of the conditioning and weight training definitely helped me keep myself in shape for the spring season.

Q: Before a game starts, do you or the team have any routines or



Menominee Indian's Wendell Waukau Jr. pitches during the team's Central Wisconsin Conference cross-over matchup against Marion on May 6, 2021, in Marion. FILE | NEW MEDIA

rituals you go through?

A: I do pray before every game, God has grown into my life drastically throughout my years of playing baseball. He has helped me become a better me on and off the field.

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

A: Helping my teammates when they need it will always be a main priority for me being a leader. As much as I would want to focus on myself, I also want others to succeed, even if it's something little. I will always go out of my way to make sure my teammates find success in anything they do.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Menominee Indian baseball team?

A: My favorite memory will always be the bus rides, getting ready before

a game with my team is always a great time. Playing music and getting our minds right to compete at our best is a memory that will always last a lifetime.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Step Brothers." TV show — "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." Music artist — J. Cole.

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

A: I am very good at singing, well at least that's what my mom (Lori) always told me.

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

A: I hope to grow more, as a student athlete. Become better as a person and help motivate others to achieve what they always wanted to achieve.

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Teagan Wudtrack passes in front of the main grandstand during 2021 championship night on Sept. 4 at Shawano Speedway. Shawano Speedway is scheduled to open April 23.

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Shawano Speedway season just around the corner

Raceway's opening night now April 23

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Shawano Speedway is gearing up for its 2022 season, with plenty of returning fan favorite promotions, a few new ones lined up and plenty of entertaining races to come.

Due to wet, snowy and cold conditions in late March and early April, the speedway's opening night has been rescheduled, moving from April 16 to April 23.

The Dirt Kings special that was set for April 16 also had a rain date of April 23, so as long as the season starts that night, fans won't miss out on any of the racing on the original season schedule.

The speedway's practice night of April 15 also got moved back a week to April 22. It will run from 3-8:30 p.m. and admission is free, with food and drink stands open.

When the season gets underway, there will be plenty of specials and events for fans to check out, along with the racing on the track.

Karly Curtin, the new marketing and promotions manager for the speedway and fairgrounds, says she is "more fan focused" than past workers in her position, but she also knows the drivers and racing are what drives the speedway.

While Brad Luepke, the one who previously held Curtin's position, was more driver, racing and pit crew oriented and could often be found inside the racetrack or in the pit area, Curtin said she'll likely be found in the grandstands.

"Talking to the fans, talking to our

sponsors is a huge thing for me," said Curtin.

"I've said this in previous interviews, but my main goal is to stand at the end of the ramp (to the grandstands), and say, 'Hello, welcome to Shawano Speedway,' so you can put my face with a name. And then after every race, I'll be standing in the same spot and thanking people for coming, because I just think that is a very personal thing to do."

She added she'd work her way into the pit area at times to talk with drivers but do her best to not get in the way during their busy times.

Curtin said the speedway is going to improve its digital access to fans, allowing them to more easily look up results, the schedule, promotions and more. She added that the speedway website is going to get "a whole new look this year, because I know that hasn't been very

functionable in the past."

One of the speedway's most well-liked specials over the past two years was the Mid-Summer Classic, but that has been cut from the 2022 schedule.

"The reason that we cut the Mid-Summer Classic is because we worked with the Seymour fair, and now Seymour is racing that weekend — which in the past they haven't, so that's why we had that special," said Curtin. "So instead of doing the Mid-Summer Classic, there is specials for each division on (the schedule)."

The first special is for the IMCA Modifieds on May 14, with a rain date of May 21. The IMCA Stock Car special is set for June 18, with a rain date of July 2.

There are two Late Model specials on the schedule — July 9 and July 30 — with a rain date of Aug. 27.

The IMCA Modifieds will have

another special on July 23, with the IMCA Sport Mod special set for Aug. 6 and the Mighty 4's special on Aug. 13. Aug. 20 will serve as a rain date for the Mighty 4's and Sport Mods.

The IMCA Stock Car division will also race for some extra cash on July 23. Dirt Kings specials are scheduled for April 23 and June 25.

The Spectator Eliminators have been cut off the speedway's schedule this year out of safety and liability concerns, according to Curtin.

In terms of promotional nights, trophy night, where the speedway recognizes its 2021 champions and rookies of the year, is set for April 30. The rookies of the year were Adam Jacobson (IMCA Modified), Gunner Frank (Late Model), AJ Springborn (IMCA Sport Mod), Ryan Westphal (IMCA Stock Car) and Bailey Tate (Mighty 4's), while the champions were Kyle Raddant (Late Model), Marcus Yarie (IMCA Modified), Travis Van Straten (IMCA Stock Car), Jayden Schmidt (IMCA Sport Mod) and Tanner Westphal (Mighty 4's).

May 14 will also serve as fan appreciation night at the speedway. Curtin said it will look a bit different this year but will feature food and drink specials. All of the speedway's sponsors were invited to set up a booth/marketing space from 4 p.m. until intermission that night and encouraged to participate in raffles and giveaways, where they can engage with fans.

"If everyone comes early, they can take advantage of that," said Curtin.

The kid's coin drop event returns to the speedway on May 21 before a tribute to first responders makes its first appearance on June 4. All first responders will get in half price that evening.

The following week includes a tribute to go-kart racers before Hall of Fame night on June 18. There's a tribute to veterans — where all veterans get in free — planned for July 2 before Halloween night on July 16.



Travis Van Straten competes during the final IMCA Stock Car division feature race of 2021 on Sept. 4 at Shawano Speedway. Van Straten won the title in the division.

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Kyle Raddant competes during 2021 championship night on Sept. 4 at Shawano Speedway. Raddant won the Late Model division title in 2021.

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Racing for a Reason returns on July 30, but with a slight twist from past years.

Luepke started up Racing for a Reason when his son Reed was hospitalized battling leukemia over a decade ago. The event passed the \$200,000 mark last summer, with those proceeds going toward childhood cancer awareness.

This year, the same event will happen with a silent auction and bucket raffles, but a committee filled with racing fans, people from the public and members of the speedway's board will determine where the proceeds go, with all of it being dispersed within Shawano County or a nearby county. There will be a nomination process, and then the committee will vote on which individuals or families will receive the funds.

Back to school night replaces backpack night on Aug. 6. It's the same concept and donation process as in the past, but will ensure supplies are

more evenly distributed among kids. All school and faculty members can get in for half price that night.

Aug. 13 will serve as the speedway's corn roast night, and also include a new tribute to farmers. Championship night is set for Sept. 3.

There is a new leaderboard on display at the speedway and a different fire safety company is in place. The kid's zone is also getting a mini race car and swings, but those won't be in place the first couple race nights.

Admission prices are the same as past years and can be found at www.shawanospeedway.net/shawano-speedway.

"That's one thing that our board has been pretty strict about not doing is raising prices, because where else can you go where admission is \$10 for a full night of entertainment? You can't even go to the movies for two hours for that," said Curtin. "We want to keep prices affordable and make sure that everyone can come here."

Curtin encouraged fans to become more familiar with the MyRacePass app for quicker access to results and more. The Shawano Speedway page can be found at www.myracepass.com/tracks/1874.

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The 2022 youth hunt kicks off the turkey season Easter weekend, with hunters under age 16 getting the first crack at a bearded turkey on April 16 and 17. For more rules on the youth hunt, visit p.widencdn.net/idrhvd/turkeyouthunt.

The woods then gets a two-day break before the first of six time periods open up. Period A runs April 20-26, with periods B-F all running seven days with no breaks. Period F hunters' last day is May 31.

More information on the turkey season can be found at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/turkey.

If you know me, I try and take advantage of every opportunity I have to hunt turkeys.

Currently, I own harvest authorizations for the final four time periods in this area, while adding a couple autho-

rizations in zone 4 where my family has property.

It's the same setup as last year for me, a year where I believe I hunted all but four days during a month span.

Luckily, I hold a job with a majority of work happening in the afternoon, so I'm able to hunt just about every morning. Sometimes that means staying up until midnight to get a jumpstart on the next day of work and other days hunting on just a couple hours of sleep.

For me though, turkey hunting is worth it. After each season, I still somehow want more time in the spring woods.

To help combat that this year, I also plan to do some hunting with family, where I'll serve as the designated caller. So if all goes according to plan, there might only be one time period I won't be out in the woods at some point, and I can guarantee you the only thing I'll be thinking about that week is turkey hunting.

P.S. If you're looking for someone to turkey hunt with, or call for you, this spring, shoot me a message!

Some of you might never understand my love and adoration for turkey hunting, or maybe you can relate but with deer season instead.



A tom works its way into the woods during a snow shower on April 8 in Shawano County.

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I actually didn't used to be this obsessed with turkey hunting. It wasn't until I moved to this area and got familiar with public lands that it really jumped to another level for me.

There's just something about learning the ins and outs of a hunting property, patterning turkeys and then finding a way to entice them into gun range that appeals to me. The cherry on top for me is simply being in the woods after a long winter and hearing those first gobbles of the morning.

I could honestly care less if I harvest a bird, even with all the money,

time and effort I put into the season. It's all about the experiences for me. I actually tend to remember the hunts I went home empty-handed more than ones I've been successful on.

So whether you get out one time this spring or every single day, enjoy each and every second of it.

I wish you all a successful turkey season, but most importantly hope it's a safe and enjoyable one with stories you can share the rest of your life.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

St. Norbert College

Oconto Falls High School graduate Mason Sefcik and Wittenberg-Birnamwood graduate Simon Stewart pitched for the St. Norbert baseball team during a strong week on the diamond. St. Norbert posted a 5-1 mark.

Sefcik earned the win in a 7-3 victory over Dominican on April 9. He surrendered eight hits, two walks and two runs while striking out three batters.

Stewart got two outs during a 5-3 loss to Concordia Chicago on April 4. He allowed one run after hitting two batters.

Lena graduate Kennedy Marquardt and Oconto Falls graduate Emily Gonnering each represented the St. Norbert women's track and field at the Beloit Open on April 9.

Marquardt was on the first-place finishing 4x400-meter relay that posted a time of 3 minutes, 58.71 seconds. Individually, Marquardt took 13th in the 200 (27.78).

ONLINE

More college highlights can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Gonnering took part in four individual events, with her top finish coming in the javelin after a throw of 25.04 meters put her in 10th. She claimed 13th in the discus (31.42 meters), 15th in the hammer throw (31.9 meters) and 17th in the shot put (9.11 meters).

Winona State University

Witt-Birn graduate Maddy Pietz had another strong day of action for the Winona State women's track and field team during the Ashton May Invitational on April 10.

Pietz placed second in the 200 dash with a time of 24.78. She was on the 4x100 relay team that placed first in 47.91.

MSU-Moorhead

Gillett grad Derek Hanson placed eighth in the 1,500 while running for the Minnesota State University-Moorhead men's track and field team at the Al Bortke Open on April 9.

Hanson finished the race in 4:18.43.

UW-Platteville

Pulaski graduate Kayla Lipsey had a busy day while competing in four events for the UW-Platteville women's track and field team at the Ashton May Invitational on April 10.

Lipsey placed 16th in the 100 hurdles (16.78), 24th in the javelin throw (20.77 meters), 30th in the 200 dash (27.46) and 34th in the long jump (4.44 meters).

UW-Whitewater

Bonduel grad Jessie LaBerge tied for 46th place while representing the UW-Whitewater women's golf team at the Firebird Spring Invitational on April 9 and 10.

Her two-day score of 197 — 100 on day one, and 97 on day two — helped her to the top individual score.

UW-Madison

Shawano graduate Brandi Gueths was a part of two varsity eight races for the UW-Madison women's row-

ing team during the Syracuse Invitational on April 9.

In the morning, Wisconsin's varsity eight team placed third in 6:42.635. Gueths and the team rowed to a second-place finish in 6:55.375 in the afternoon session.

UW-Eau Claire

Suring graduate Mitch Stegeman competed in three events for the UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team during the Ashton May Invitational on April 10.

Stegeman placed ninth in the 110 hurdles (15.72), 11th in the pole vault (4.35 meters) and 25th in the discus (37.03 meters).

Western Technical College

Pulaski graduate Chase Reinke played well to help the Western Technical College baseball team split a doubleheader with Hibbing Community College on April 9.

In a loss in game one, Reinke walked twice and scored a run. Reinke drove in a run and had a sacrifice during a win in game two.



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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Shawano's Roloff earns honor after big meet

Witt-Birn, Menominee Indian, Pulaski also compete in Wausau

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The high school track and field season hit April last week, with several teams in action.

Shawano, Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Menominee Indian and Pulaski sent teams to Wausau for a trio of meets.

Wausau West Girls Warrior Invitational

The Shawano and Witt-Birn girls track and field teams earned second- and third-place finishes at the Wausau West Girls Warrior Invitational on April 7 in Wausau. Menominee Indian also took part in the invitational, placing 14th with nine points.

Isabel Roloff was named the Most Valuable Athlete at the invitational after winning the 55-meter dash and pole vault. She cleared 10

feet in the pole vault and posted a time of 7.48 seconds in the 55 to set a new school record.

Lily Guenther finished first in the 1,600 (6:05.71), with teammate Grace Chelberg taking third in 6:11.22. Grace Beyer won the 800 (2:40.93).

Makenna Bubolz placed second in the long jump with a mark of 15-7½. Onna Hermann secured third in the triple jump (31-5½) and pole vault (8-6). Adalyn Barkley took third in the 400 (1:10.26).

Shawano's 4x400 relay team of Beyer, Chelberg, Guenther and Barkley placed second in 4:46.7.

Reese Rogowski led the Chargers with first-place finishes in the long jump (16-7½), 400 (1:03.86) and 200 (27.74). Rogowski placed second in the 55 dash (7.7).

Faith Resch finished third in the high jump (4-10), while Allison Linke claimed fourth in the triple jump (31-2). Jalynn Horacek took fourth in the 55 hurdles (10.25).

Emma Komanekin turned in Menominee Indian's top finish on the night. Komanekin placed fifth in the

400 with a time of 1:11.19.

Wausau West Boys Warrior Invitational

The Shawano boys turned in a fourth-place finish at the Wausau West Boys Warrior Invite on April 8 in Wausau.

Shawano scored 74½ points, behind Wausau West (234), Wausau East (134½) and Kewaunee (102). Pulaski and Menominee Indian also competed at the invite, with the Red Raiders scoring 29 points to place sixth and the Eagles tallying 16 points to finish seventh.

The Hawks' 4x800-meter relay team of Ethan Onesti, Andon Chelberg, Connor Chelberg and Jaymin Boivin turned in a first-place finish in 8:30.43.

Elliott Lowney won the 55 dash in 6.74 seconds, a new school indoor record. Ethan Onesti posted the top time in the 3,200 (11:01.18), edging teammate Will Chelberg (11:01.23).

Drake Herm finished third in the 200 dash (26.37). Logan Korth took fourth in the long jump (17-5), while Andon Chelberg was fifth in the 800 (2:24.46).

The team's 800 sprint medley team of Korth, Herm, Ryan Shanty and Erik Ainsworth placed fifth in 2:35.26. Shawano's 4x147 sprint relay team of Jayden Pinero, Lucas Nuthals, Shanty and Korth took fifth in 1:18.8, while the 4x400 team of Andon Chelberg, Derek Minch, Daniel Bergmann and Boivin was fifth in 4:25.3.

Dylan Dorn led Pulaski with a fourth-place finish in the triple jump after a top leap of 36-4. Jaxson Dallmann claimed fifth in the 400 (1:03.4).

Charlie Schuster, Madden Skenadore, Brody Zienert and Eian Zierner teamed up for a fourth-place finish in the 800 sprint medley (2:34.3). Dayne

Nowak, Carter Grasse, Peyton Yaw and Daniel Augustine formed the fifth-place finishing 4x800 relay (9:18.66).

Barron Waupoose turned in Menominee Indian's best finish at the invite, placing second in the 200 dash with a time of 26.25 seconds. He teamed up with Gregory Turney, Ja'Shua and Andre Corn on the fourth-place finishing 4x147 relay (1:18.31).

Full results from the Wausau West invitationals can be found at www.performancetiming.com.

Wausau West Boys Small School Invite

The Witt-Birn boys team scored 66 points to place fourth at the Wausau West Boys Small School Invite on April 5 in Wausau. Shawano took eighth with 56 points.

Simon Schairer led the way for Witt-Birn with the top finishes in the triple jump, 400 and 800. Schairer had a top leap of 42-0½ in the triple jump and times of 2:20.45 in the 800 and 58.03 in the 400.

Alex Centeno placed third in the 400 with a mark of 58.99, while Craig Wendel was fifth in 59.85. Wendel also placed second in the 3,200 with a time of 12:35.6. Witt-Birn's Jacob Tomlinson finished fourth in the shot put (40-11¾).

Lowney was Shawano's top performer. He won the 55 dash in 6.81 seconds, came in third in the long jump (20-5¾) and finished fourth in the triple jump (39-7½).

Jackson Smits claimed third in the shot put (41-10). Drake took fourth in the 200 (26.46), while Riley Siegfried was fourth in the pole vault (9-6). Alex White turned in a time of 2:29.62 to place fifth in the 800 for the Hawks.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

GIRLS SOCCER

Pulaski 2

Wrightstown 0

Pulaski blanked Wrightstown in a nonconference match on April 7 in Pulaski.

Veronica Decker scored an unassisted goal in the 24th minute to get Pulaski on the scoreboard. Bella

Logue added an unassisted goal in the 34th minute.

Pulaski goalie Peighton Brandenburg made three saves to post a shutout in her first varsity start.

Sturgeon Bay 2

Shawano 1

Shawano dropped a nonconference match to Sturgeon Bay on April 9 in Sturgeon Bay.

Trinity Popelka netted an unas-

sisted goal in the 54th minute for Shawano's lone goal.

Goalie Brynlie Boyles made two saves.

SOFTBALL

Tri-County 14

Tigerton 4 (5 inn.)

Tigerton dropped a Central Wisconsin Conference crossover game to Tri-County on April 5 in Plainfield.

Skyler Hauser and Sienna Breaker

had Tigerton's two hits in the contest. Hauser, Breaker, Angel Welch and McKenzie Hoffman all scored a run.

Welch and Hoffman walked two times and stole two bases each, while Breaker also had two steals.

Hauser pitched the entire game for the Tigers, surrendering 11 hits and six walks while striking out five batters. Four of the runs she allowed were unearned.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Lakeshore Lanes — Lakeshore Masters

Team	W	L
Golfside	124 1/2	19 1/2
Launching Pad	88	56
Dearco Distributors	86 1/2	57 1/2
Bamboo	77 1/2	66 1/2
Northern Advantage	77	67
Farmall Fanatics	75	69
Brother's	66	78
Full Service Tents	62	82
Pin Pricks	61	83
Lakeshore Lanes	59 1/2	84 1/2
Rosie's Railway	48	96
Shawano Auto Sales	39	105

High team scratch games (top 3): Golfside 691, Bamboo 690, Dearco Distributors 688.

High individual scratch games (top 7): David Walli 268, Blake Schuebel 267, Mark Cornish 266, Ed Brusky 258, Steve Lichtensteger 257, Stu Marotz 256, Mark Schachtschneide 248.

High team scratch series (top 3): Golfside 2,033, Lakeshore Lanes 1,875, Farmall Fanatics 1,830.

High individual scratch series (top 7): Mark Cornish 789, Mark Schachtschneide 705, John Campbell 680, Carson Malueg 670, David Walli 665, Steve Lichtensteger 664, Blake Schuebel 663.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Chet and Emil's	33	12
White Insurance	28	17
Schmidt Schulta	22	23
Clark Construction	22	23
Kautza Excavating	21	24

High team scratch games: Kautza Excavating 1,110, Chet & Emil's 1,039, Clark Construction 956.

High individual scratch games: Tim Lemke 279, Jordan Wanta 268, Zak Kickhaver 245.

High team scratch series: Chet & Emil's 3,037, Kautza Excavating 2,965, Clark Construction 2,834.

High individual scratch series: Tim Lemke 778, Jordan Wanta 704, Zak Kickhaver 641.

Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap

Team	W	L
Liberty Potatoes	81	31
Mama's Place	77	35
Kemmer Electronics	59	53
Tavern Front	54	58
Hanke's Sentry Foods	45	67
Rachel's Roadside	44	68
Slammers	44	68
Resch Lanes	44	68

High team handicap games (top 3): Kemmer

Electronics 1,284, Mama's Place 1,271, Liberty Potatoes 1,218.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Will Kubeny 294, Jamie Deruchowski 293, Jason Harris 293, Kirk Elliott 293, Jimmy Hohensee 283, Chris Gunderson 279, Brian Mattmiller 279.

High team handicap series (top 3): Kemmer Electronics 3,655, Mama's Place 3,638, Liberty Potatoes 3,568.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Jamie Deruchowski 784, Jason Harris 783, Will Kubeny 767, Steve Burkhart 766, Nick Thiele 758, Kirk Elliott 745, Taylor Arndt 743.

Lakeshore Lanes — Him and Hers Couples League

Team	W	L
Brothers Pub Too	37	19
Lund's Corner Bar	37	19
Keglers	36	20
MW Auto Body	35	21
Gingerly Salon	33	23
Brothers Pub	30	26
The Farmers	26	30
The Clothesline Boutique	25	31
Humana	25	31
CDH	19	37
Buss Automotive	17	39
Just 4 Fun	16	40

High individual scratch games: CJ Brauer 267, Scott Smith Sr. 258, Sandy Weisnicht 257, Bill Grosskreutz 248, Brad Weisnicht 246, Bob Reiter Sr. 246, Kevin Zuleger 245, Ashley Teetzen 226, Darcie O'Kimosh 208, Mary Metoxen 204, Mary Renik 201, Lisa Meisner 193.

High individual scratch series: Bill Grosskreutz 701, Brad Weisnicht 685, Kevin Zuleger 683, Dave Rindt 673, Dave Hackbarth 669, CJ Brauer 656, Ashley Teetzen 647, Sandy Weisnicht 629, Darcie O'Kimosh 579, Diane Durkee 552, Sharon Buss 547, Mary Metoxen 527.

Resch Lanes — Thursday's Men's League

Team	W	L
Golden Eagle Res.	44	19
Cherek Transport	40	23
Melody Mill	39	24
RJ Auto Repair	39	24
Gutt er Done	24	39
Legacy Seed	24	39
Legacy Seed Pro	22	41
Resch Lanes	20	43

High team scratch games (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro 1,129, RJ Auto Repair 1,074, Cherek Transport 1,061.

High individual scratch games (top 6): Austin Rekow 275, Nick Thiele 268, Allard Meverden 254, Taylor Arndt 251, Jason Resch 246, Tom Berg 246.

High team scratch series (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro

3,098, RJ Auto Repair 2,966, Cherek Transport 2,962.

High individual scratch series (top 6): Nick Thiele 722, Taylor Arndt 686, Jeremy Falkowski 679, Randall Skaggs 672, Tom Berg 655, Carl Malueg 653.

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
S and M Tool	32	13
Melody Mill	25	20
Chet and Emil's	23	22
CWAA	21	24
Kropf's Meat Pro	21	24
TLC Auto Body	20	25
Rew Motors Inc.	20	25
Kessen Auto Body	18	27

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,092, Melody Mill 1,055, Kropf's Meat Pro 969.

High individual scratch games: Ed Resch 245, Shawn Walkush 214, Jeff Ostrowski 214.

High team scratch series: S and M Tool 3,194, Melody Mill 2,996, Kropf's Meat Pro 2,789.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 705, Adam Karcz 705, Doug Kunst 647.

Resch Lanes — Monday Ladies Handicap

Team	W	L
Resch Lanes	13	5
Fandrey Construction	11	7
Fantastic Sams	11	7
Tavern Front	8	10
Strike-a-pose	7	11
Lisa's Lakeside	4	14

High team handicap games: Fantastic Sams 865, Tavern Front 854, Lisa's Lakeside 848.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Shirley Petersen 265, Jordyn Krueger 256, Cheyanne Mynsberge 254, Cassie Wierzbza 232, Shannan Siekert 228, Sue

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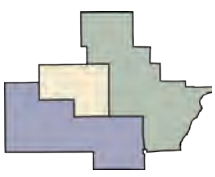


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SUMMER TO HEAT UP FOR THURSDAYZ AT FRANKLIN

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

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

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Thursdayz at Franklin back for 4th year



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

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

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

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AT A GLANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Colon cancer survivor says trust your gut

Johnson diagnosed well before experts recommend screening

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FYI

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

The ACS recommends the following colorectal cancer preventive behaviors:

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

colon cancer."

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

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

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

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

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

Johnson firmly believes people should listen to their body.

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

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

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



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

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



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I'd owned and ridden motorcycles before, but had no idea what this battery-powered machine was capable of. As a light snow fell, I drove through the grass next to his backyard showroom in rural Hortonville and was astounded by the instant response of this two-wheel-drive e-bike. Then I took this street-legal version out on paved road and quickly zipped it up to 31 mph.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

trails regulate e-bikes based on this classification.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Compacted soils also create areas of standing water later in the



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is best to avoid walking on the

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

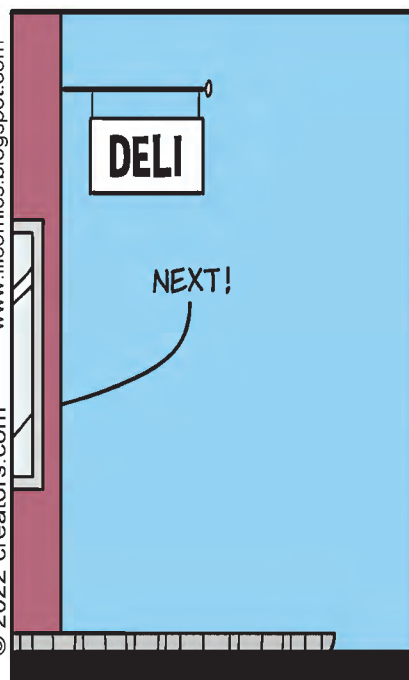
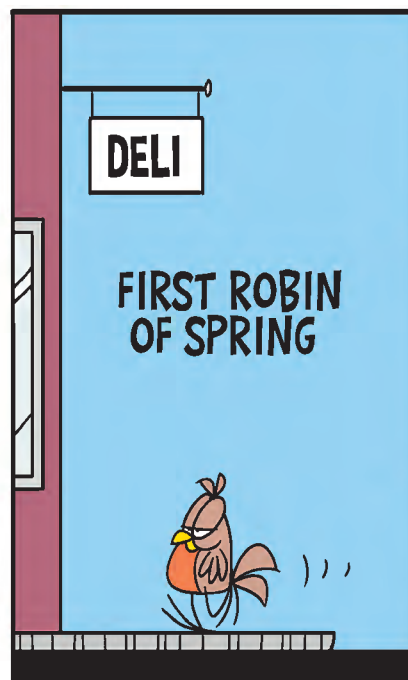
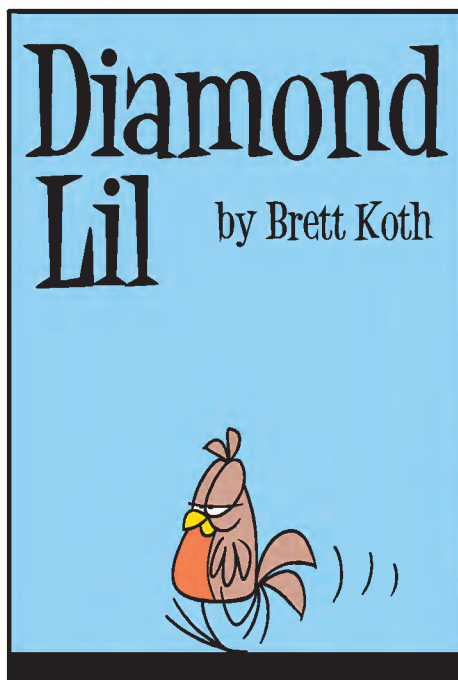
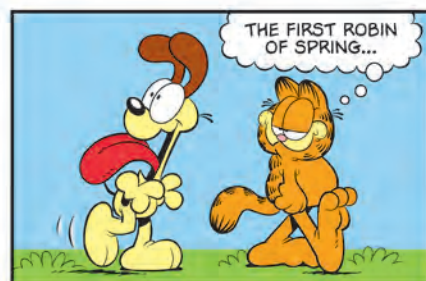
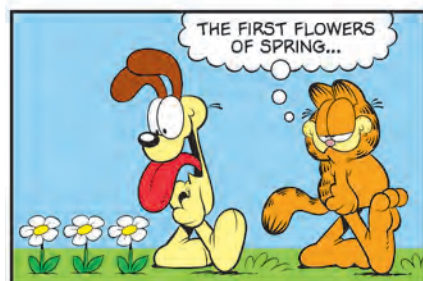
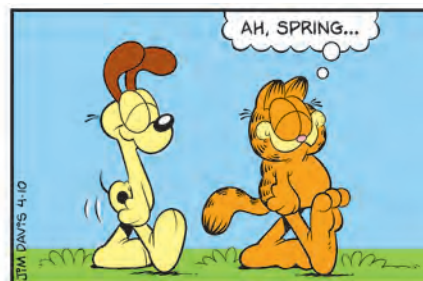
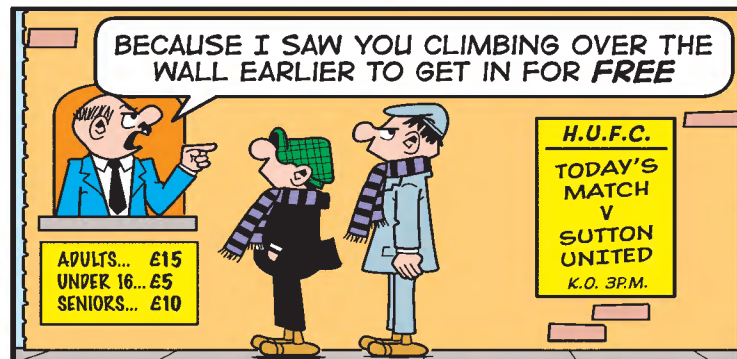
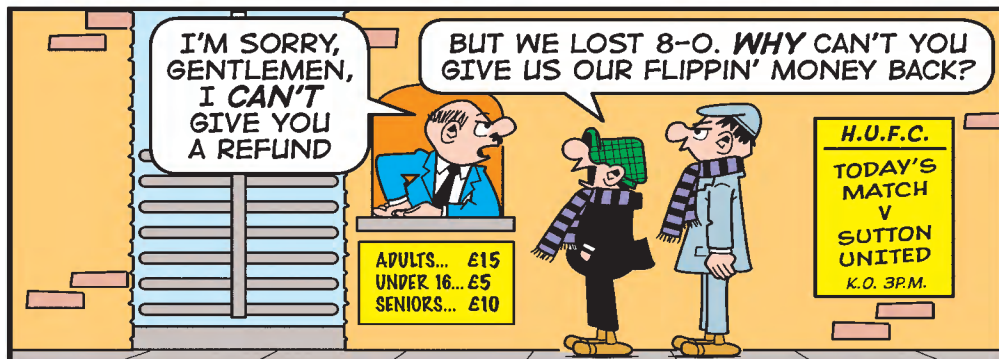
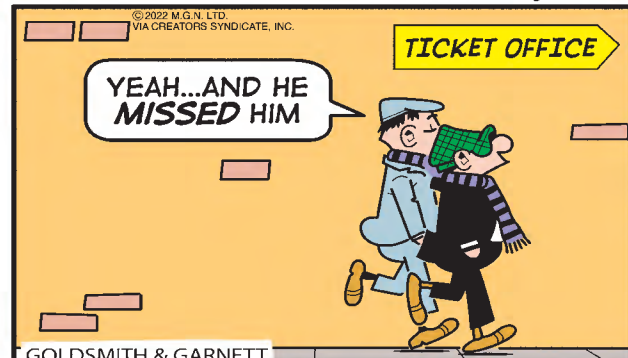
I know this is not what most people want to hear. I realize that most people want to get outside on that first 70-degree day and work like crazy to clean up and rake. However, please remember: This is usually the worst thing that you can do this time of year.

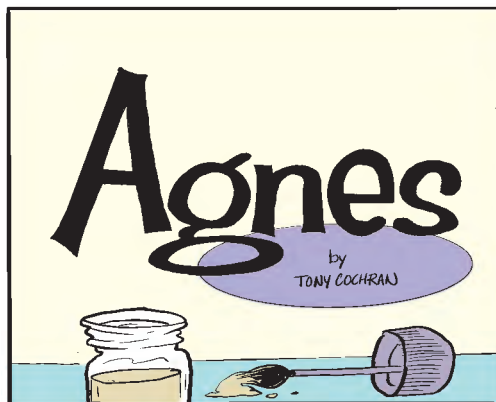
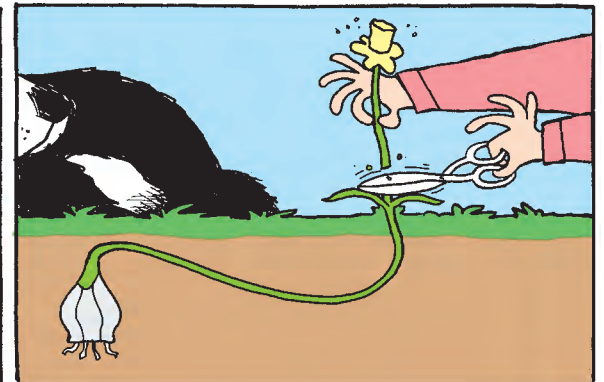
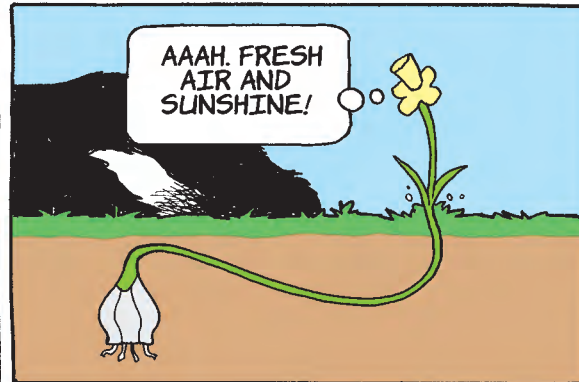
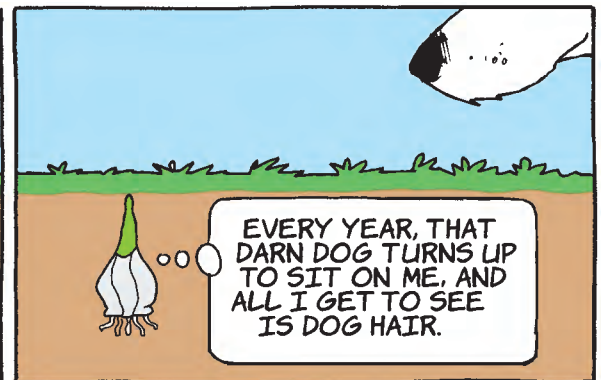
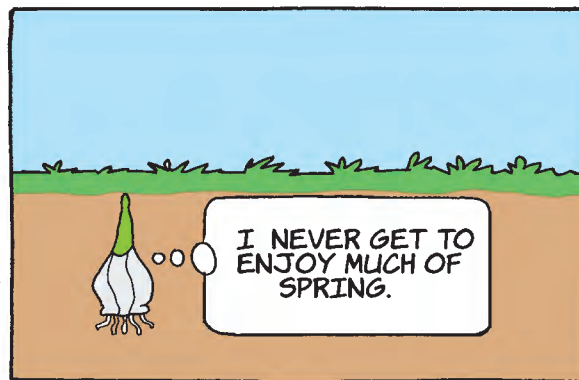
Enjoy the beautiful weather doing other outdoor activities. Plant potted containers and sow some seeds in pots, or go for a hike in an area nature center or wildlife area. Save the heavy yardwork until the lawn is truly dried up and our amazing insect and pollinators have had a chance to wake up and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

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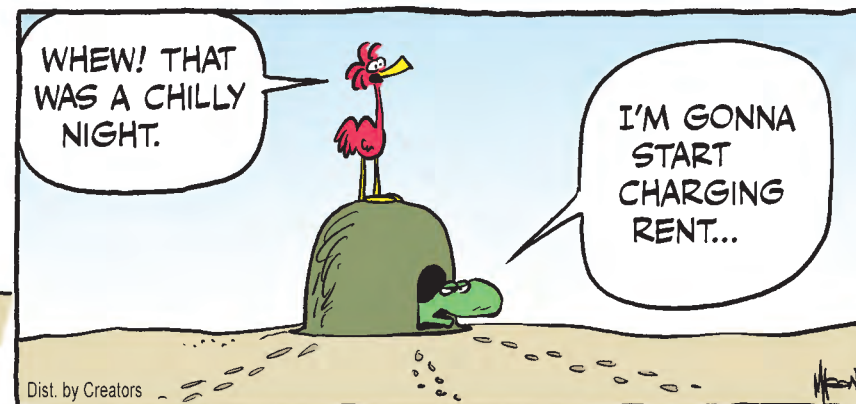
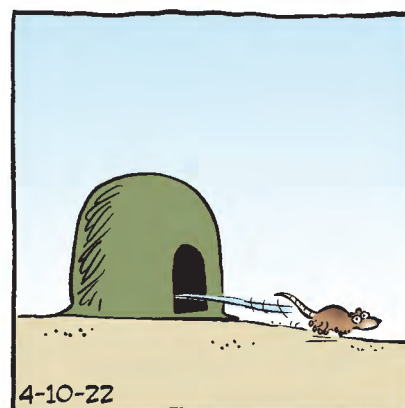
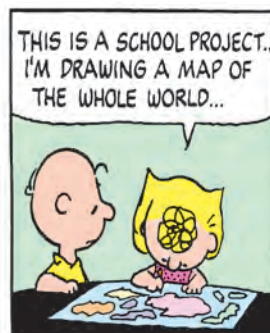
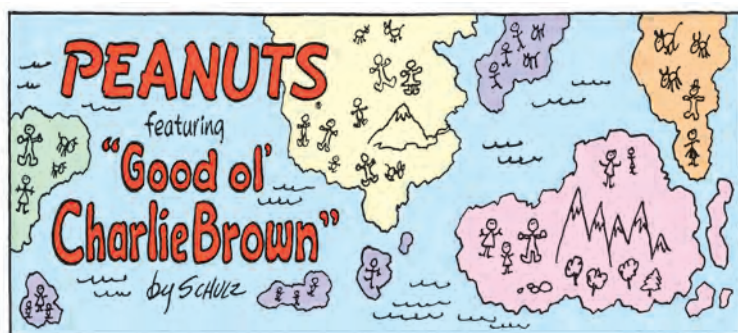


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CLUB NOTES

Shawano Area Writers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COLLEGE NOTES

Milwaukee School of Engineering

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

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

Ripon College

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

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

Milwaukee School of Engineering

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

- Shawano: Michael Teeter,

Christopher Teeter

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

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

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Cantata tradition returns to Gillett

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pilot program to aid child care workers

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



Students create art from sacrifice

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

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

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

taneously across our county."

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

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

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

in signing up.

For information, call 920-834-7000.

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

SCMS band performs at capitol rotunda

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

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

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

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

Prevea to give tips on parenting via Zoom

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

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

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

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

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

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GROUPTHINK: A group of get-togethers

by Fred Piscop

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 5 Offend, informally
 9 En ___ (as a group)
 14 Pied Piper's followers
 18 Salad morsel
 19 Vintner brothers' surname
 20 More frosty
 21 Director Kazan
 22 Card-playing group
 24 *West Side Story* group
 26 Port near Naples
 27 Arctic Ocean obstacle
 28 *Steppenwolf* author
 29 Drought enders
 31 San ___, PR
 32 Eve's eldest
 34 Many-acre residence
 37 Literary twist
 39 Identifies silently
 43 Threshold
 44 Tech support group
 46 Moody rock music
 47 Lake north of Ohio
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 50 WWW addresses
 51 Escalator part
 52 Pencil remnant
 53 Cap-and-gown group
 57 Either of two Kennedy Center Honors singers
 58 Dallas campus, familiarly
 59 End of some hammers
 60 Diminish over time
 61 Ballpark cheer leader
 62 Ballpark levels
 64 Big ___ (California region)
 65 Wife of Abraham
 66 Backs of boats
 68 Gone from one's plate
 70 "By all means!"
- 71 Pitchfork-shaped letter
 74 Ingrained routine
 75 Elite sports group
 77 S&L convenience
 78 When trains are due: Abbr.
 79 Legal rights org.
 80 Vane direction
 81 Theme park shuttle
 82 Founding Father nickname
 83 Lawbreaking group
 87 Aquarium fish
 88 Battle of the Bulge region
 91 Flood barrier
 92 Began to unravel
 93 Driving range array
 94 Grand slam foursome
 95 Mall markdowns
 97 Waikiki welcome
 100 Lowly laborer
 101 Highly sought-after
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 108 Percussive group
 111 Continuously
 112 Too trusting
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 114 Having the know-how
 115 ___-serif typeface
 116 Activated, as a security system
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- 8 High-tech door opener
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 10 Follow, as advice
 11 What kings are called
 12 Get the picture
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 27 Blue mood
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 66 Biblical queen's land

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 86 Some RN setups
 87 Fountain near the Pantheon
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 90 Within reach
 92 Group of parishioners
 94 Canterbury pilgrim
 96 High points
 97 Deck quartet
- 98 Flowing rock
 99 Mystical sign
 100 Overly proper
 102 Baskin-Robbins rival
 103 *Vogue* competitor
 104 Heroic act
 106 Santa ___, CA
 107 Vacation rental
 108 Mar.-Nov. period
 109 Sorority letter
 110 Ornamental vase



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