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Lead dancers Tully Kroening, left, and Jeremy Mohawk Jr., right, help to lead a group of children around the circle as they dance and take part in the Bowler powwow on May 13. SEE PHOTOS, PAGE 3.

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The Wittenberg business' smoked beef is honored by the Specialty Food Association.

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Marion High School's Jaden Stuhr tosses a perfect game, striking out all but one batter.

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Standing up for big laughs

Leopolis native Judd Reminger has been a full-time stand-up comedian for 11 years in Milwaukee.

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Nueske's takes home gold for smoked beef

CEO hopes win will get more customers to try products

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The results are in, and Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats has taken home a national award for its smoked beef.

The 2022 Specialty Foods Association's gold soft award went to Nueske's for its excellence with its smoked beef in the jerky and meat snacks category.

"The Specialty Foods Association has different categories that people can enter food in from all around the world," said Nueske's President and CEO Tanya Nueske. "There are quite a few judges who go through, taste and judge packaging. It is a days-long, even weeks-long process."

After the judging is complete, the Specialty Foods Association then hands out awards in gold, silver and bronze categories, Nueske said.

"It is pretty cool to be recognized for that, and I know it makes our team proud," said Nueske.

Nueske said that she and the rest

of her coworkers were ecstatic to win this award.

"There are different people who vote on this as well: It could be retailers; it could be chefs; it could be buyers," said Nueske. "So to be recognized by them as the best in a category is huge. We are so proud of it."

She said that the decision to enter the beef was made in part to showcase different products from Nueske's, other than their already famous bacon.

"Our Chief Sales Operator Carl Rambo picked some of the things that he believed would have done well, because he wanted to showcase them as something different," said Nueske. "We have a really good selection of smoked meats. He asked me and with this being one of my favorite products, I said yes."

In her mind, Nueske said that if people see that they have won this award, they will be more inclined to try the beef as well as other products.

"There is nothing else like this beef," said Nueske.

She said that the smoked beef can be eaten in wraps, on sandwiches, in salads or soups or even by itself on a charcuterie board. Nueske also walked through the process of how they make the beef.

"We cure the beef, and then it is put into a smokehouse," said Nueske. "Our smoke masters have it in there for about two days. It is a very smokey product — it is not really dry, but not too wet, either. It is a perfect balance of smoke and flavor."

While they have won awards in the past in addition to the smoked beef, Nueske said that they do not make products for the purpose of winning an award, rather the award may come along the way.

"We do not come out with a lot of new products per se," said Nueske. "When we do have a new product, we enter it on occasion. In the past we have won on a new product, which was our beef sticks with cheddar cheese and jalapeno."

No stranger to winning, Nueske said that the award statues alone are enough to garner more interest from people who may not know about their company.

"We will do the national restaurant show and bring the award — that intrigues people and they want to know how we got the award," said Nueske. "That opens a wealth of opportunity for us. The award really helps to push the next step of people wanting to try and buy the product. People know that winning this award is pretty tough."

North Star Casino announces new manager

North Star Mohican Casino Resort in Bowler has hired John Phillipp as casino general manager as of May 5.

Phillipp has more than 20 years of executive-level casino and resort experience with major corporations, and over 12 years leading tribal properties around the country. He worked for Harrah's for 23 years, holding positions in virtually all casino operating departments — ranging from his first jobs as a room service waiter, slots, table games and building up to casino management positions including CEO, COO, GM and vice presi-

dent of operations/assistant general manager.

The announcement said Phillipp has a solid record of success driving revenue and profitability in virtually every position he has held and has extensive experience with non-gaming entities such as marketing, HR, resort hotel, golf course and fine dining. He also is experienced with master planning, major project planning, and construction development and execution.

Phillipp holds a BBA and MBA from Baker University of Kansas and is currently in the dissertation

phase of a Ph.D. program in Management, Leadership and Organizational Change at Walden University (currently on leave). He and his wife have three daughters and a yellow lab. He says his life is very balanced and enjoyable. Phillipp likes to spend time with his family, read, golf and collect vintage watches.

Owned and operated by the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, North Star Mohican Casino Resort celebrates 30 years of success with their guests and team this month.

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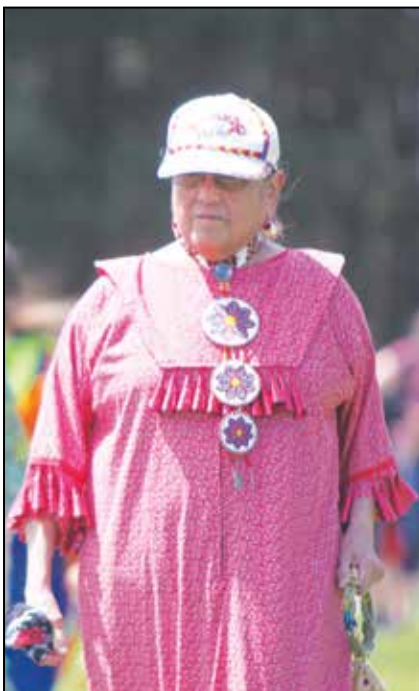
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Visitors welcomed to powwow at Bowler



Children from the Fall River School District join children from the Bowler School District as they dance together during Bowler's annual powwow on May 13. The powwow is put on through Bowler's Title VI program.

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Traditional dancer Carmen Mason leads a group of women and children out into the middle of the circle for an exhibition dance during the Bowler powwow on May 13.

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Head dance leaders from left, Bowler senior Tia Kroening and Bowler sophomore Tully Kroening lead students in a two step dance during the Bowler pow wow on May 13. It is customary for women to ask men to dance during this two step dance.

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Lead dancer Jeremy Mohawk Jr. leads children and men out during an exhibition draft during the Bowler powwow on May 13. Much like Kroening, Mohawk Jr. was relied upon to help lead and teach dances.

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COURT NEWS

• Aaron H. Renel, 39, Cecil, was charged May 9 with one count of operating a vehicle to flee/elude an officer, one count of second degree recklessly endangering safety, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Judge William Kussel Jr. set a cash bond of \$10,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for May 18.

• Elizabeth A. Bullock, 20, Bonduel, was charged May 9 with one count of child abuse and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a signature bond of \$2,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 20.

• Samuel B. Bullock, 18, Bonduel, was charged May 9 with one count of child abuse and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 20.

• Pean R. Bruette, 21, Shawano, was charged May 9 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one count of misappropriating identification information, one misdemeanor count of possession of cocaine and one misdemeanor count of possession of THC. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for June 7.

• Jeffrey A. Matchopatow, 37, Keshena, was charged May 9 with one count of substantial battery, one count of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, one misdemeanor count of battery, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and eight misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a status conference for May 20.

• Gordon Williams, 44, Shawano, was charged May 9 with one count of operating a vehicle to flee/elude an officer, one misdemeanor count of operating

while intoxicated (second offense), one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked (fourth offense) and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$10,000 and scheduled a status conference for June 1.

• Jerome F. Coogle, 55, Tigerton, pleaded no contest May 9 to one count of bail jumping. In another case, Coogle pleaded no contest to one count of operating while intoxicated (seventh offense). One misdemeanor count of operating with prohibited alcohol content (seventh offense) was dismissed but read into the record. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced Coogle to 42 months in state prison and 48 months of extended supervision.

• Deidre R. Cloud, 31, Shawano, pleaded no contest May 9 with one count of possession of methamphetamine. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Cloud to 60 days in jail and two years of probation.

• A charge against Laura A. Shidell, 41, Antigo, was dismissed May 9 on prosecutor's motion. That charge included one count of misappropriating identification information.

• Keith M. Swetlik, 33, Manitowoc, pleaded no contest May 9 to one count of possession of narcotic drugs. One count of bail jumping was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. In another case, Swetlik pleaded no contest to two counts of forgery. Two misdemeanor counts of theft of movable property, less than or equal to \$2,500, were dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Swetlik to three years of probation.

• Sandra L. Thundercloud, 44, Bowler, was charged May 10 with one count of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 20.

• Justin R. Vannieuwenhoven, 35, Krakow, was charged May 10 with seven counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of possession of cocaine, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a status conference for June 23.

• Charges against Edwin J. Hoefler, 53, Gillett, were dismissed May 10 on the court's own motion. Those charges include one count of operating while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), one count of operating with prohibited alcohol content (fifth or sixth offense), one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

• Julius J. Elmer, 28, Appleton, was charged May 11 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, five counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of methamphetamine. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 18.

• Rodney D. Bierman, 55, White Lake, pleaded no contest to one count of operating a vehicle to flee/elude an officer, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Bierman to six months in jail and two years of probation.

• Alexander C. Storm, 28, Ironwood, Michigan, was charged May 12 with one count of operating while intoxicated, causing injury (second or subsequent offense) and one misdemeanor count of operating while intoxicated (second offense). Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for

May 20.

• Angela D. Owen, 48, Shawano, was charged May 12 with one count of possession of psilocin, less than or equal to 100 grams, with intent, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one count of maintaining a drug trafficking place, one misdemeanor count of possession of amphetamine/LSD/psilocin, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and four misdemeanor counts of possessing/ illegally obtaining a prescription. Kussel set a signature bond of \$5,000 and a cash bond of \$1,000. He also scheduled a resumed initial appearance for June 22.

• Jeremy W. Waubanasum, 33, Shawano, was charged May 12 with 12 counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of battery, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a cash bond of \$10,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for June 10.

• Shane A. Koukari, 45, Shawano, was charged May 12 with one count of possession of psilocin, less than or equal to 100 grams, with intent, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one count of maintaining a drug trafficking place, one misdemeanor count of possession of amphetamine/LSD/psilocin, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and four misdemeanor counts of possessing/ illegally obtaining a prescription. Kussel set a signature bond of \$4,500 and a cash bond of \$1,500. He also scheduled a resumed initial appearance for June 22.

• Niko D. Pocan, 25, Bonduel, pleaded no contest May 12 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs. Sloma sentenced Pocan to three years in state prison, two years of extended supervision and three years of probation.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 16

Officers responded to 34 calls, including trespassing on North Airport Drive; a threat on South Maiden Lane; a threat at Shawano Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; a disturbance on South Sawyer Street; trespassing on Prospect Circle; property theft at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 Airport Road.

May 15

Officers responded to 25 calls, including a domestic disturbance on Aspen Court; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; a disturbance at Wild West Tobacco, 1056 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on South Lincoln Street; reckless driving on County Road B.

May 14

Officers responded to 23 calls,

including a domestic disturbance on South Union Street; reckless driving on Prospect Circle; property theft on South Main Street; reckless driving on state Highway 22; disorderly conduct on West Lieg Avenue; car property damage on East Green Bay Street; disorderly conduct at Amerivu Inn and Suites, 211 Waukechon St.

May 13

Officers responded to 25 calls, including a disturbance on East Richmond Street; a hit-and-run on East Division Street; bail jumping on East Richmond Street; property theft at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.; criminal damage at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; a fight in progress on West Third Street; car property damage on Oshkosh Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; a drug offense on South Lafayette Street; reckless driving on East Center Street;

reckless driving on state Highway 29.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

May 16

Deputies responded to 33 calls, including a disturbance on Cedar Street in Tigerton; disorderly conduct on Roosevelt Road in the Town of Seneca; two crashes.

May 15

Deputies responded to 34 calls, including operating while intoxicated on South Airport Drive in Shawano; a threat on Second Drive in the Town of Washington; a fleeing/pursuit on state Highway 47-55 in Shawano; a burglary on Webers Point Road in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman.

May 14

Deputies responded to 27 calls,

including a domestic disturbance on South Union Street in Shawano; a disturbance on Belle Plaine Avenue in the Town of Belle Plaine; operating while intoxicated on state Highway 156 in the Town of Maple Grove; a disturbance on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; two crashes.

May 13

Deputies responded to 34 calls, including disorderly conduct on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; property theft on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a drug problem on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; two crashes.

OBITUARIES

Fay J. Kizewski, 82, of Galloway, died on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the home of her daughter under the care of her family and Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services.

Fay was born Dec. 6, 1939, in Milwaukee, to George and Edna (Hautala) Suttley. At the age of 8, Fay's mother passed away, and she was then adopted and raised by her sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Alphonse Blanchett.

On Sept. 20, 1958, Fay was united in marriage to Anton Kizewski at Mother of Perpetual Help in Milwaukee. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 2009.

Fay was a member of St. Joseph's



Catholic Church, Galloway, and was a member of the Rosary Society and a former catechism teacher. She loved wood-working and donated many items to the church. Fay enjoyed flower gardening, feeding and watching the birds and fishing. She also enjoyed repainting statues, even repainting all of the statues at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She was a 4-H leader in her younger years. She cherished time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren,

Fay J. Kizewski

and always enjoyed cooking and baking for them.

Fay is survived by her children, Wendy (Larry) Gruna, of Galloway, Eric Kizewski, of Waupaca, Jeffrey Kizewski, of Stevens Point, Anton Jr. (Dawn) Kizewski and Kelley (Jack) Bloecher, both of Tigerton, Victor Kizewski, of Galloway, Tina (Chris) Galfano, of Orfordville, and Susan (Charles) Polzin, of Marion; 20 grandchildren; Amy, Andrew, Whitney, Ezra, Jeffrey Jr., Kyle, Scott, Alex, Trevor, Devin, Amber, Jay, Misty, Dutch, Lily, Bayley, Anthony, Briar, Paige and Abby; 18 great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Fay was preceded in death by

her husband; parents and adopted parents; siblings, George Suttley Jr., Donald Suttley, Jean Callahan and Dorothy Blanchett.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Galloway. The Rev. Msgr. Joseph Diermeier will preside. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass at the church.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home of Wittenberg is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

James V. Kropf, 96, of Bowler, died on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at his home surrounded by family.

James was born June 14, 1925, in Bowler, the son of Victor and Edna (Malueg) Kropf. On June 1, 1946, Jim was united in marriage to Donna Clawson in Minocqua. She preceded him in death on Dec. 27, 2011.

Jim was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bowler, where he was baptized and confirmed.

Jim worked road construction for five years until his dad became ill, and at that point he took over the family business, Kropf's Meat Processing. It was a job he truly loved. He owned and operated the business until the age of 65. He then sold the business to his children, Mark and Cindy, and con-



tinued to work for them for 25 years.

Jim enjoyed the Milwaukee Brewers, Green Bay Packers, bowling and traveling with Donna. Jim played shortstop for the Bowler

BABA baseball team and was inducted into the Bowler Baseball Hall of Fame. Jim loved to tell stories about which farms he picked animals up at and he enjoyed watching wildlife. Family was very important to Jim, and he loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his children, Lynn (Joe) Behnke, Cindy (Ed Jr.)

James V. Kropf

Treptow and Mark (Patty) Kropf; daughter-in-law, Nancy Kropf; grandchildren, James Kropf, Jeff (Chelsea) Kropf, Joseph Kropf, Carrie (Jim) Nolde, Craig (Emilee) Cook, Daniel (Raquel) Treptow, Kelly (Tyler) Krull, Scott (Kim) Kropf and Haley (Brad) Breaker; 18 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Susie Clawson, Annette Clawson, Marj Clawson, Eva Fellman and Sallie Pratt; niece, Amy (Mark) Wiesman; nephews, Peter (Sue) Korpowski, Tim, Jerry and Gary Clawson and Tom Denoyer; his good friend, Dennis Trinko; his nurse's aides, Donna and Vicky; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife; parents; a son Michael; sister, Lois Korpowski; and in-laws, Dick

Clawson, Audrey and Mike Denoyer, Tom Clawson, Mary Jane, Carol Meaux, Robert and William Clawson.

A public visitation will be held from 9-10:45 a.m., on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Wittenberg. A private family service will follow. Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery in the Town of Almon.

Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials in Jim's name be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bowler.

A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best. He is gone, but not forgotten.

Pong Sun "Kimmie" Allaire, 68, of Tigerton, passed into God's hands on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at Marshfield Medical Center in Weston.

Kimmie was born on July 27, 1953, in Busan, South Korea, to Cha Tak and Hwa Kan Kim.

On Aug. 1, 1985, Kimmie was united in marriage to Calvin Allaire in Daegu, South Korea, before moving to the United States.

Kimmie loved to cook, go fishing, gardening and spend time outdoors.



She took care of many children in the area and even though she never had a child of her own, she had many. Kimmie had a wonderful sense of humor and loved spending

time with family. She was loved by everyone and will leave a void in many lives.

Pong Sun Allaire

Kimmie is survived by her husband of 37 years, Calvin; one brother-in-law, Scott (Connie) Allaire; four sisters-in-law, Phyllis (Ervin) Arndt, Doris Allaire, Wanda (Ricky) Arndt and Renata Menge; four nieces; two nephews and many cousins and friends.

Kimmie was preceded in death by her parents; two siblings, in Korea; mother- and father-in-law, Clemence and Lorraine Allaire; two nephews, Chad and Trevor Arndt and one

brother-in-law, Richard Menge.

A time to share memories will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2022, at Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Wittenberg. Visitation will be on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. A luncheon will follow the sharing of memories in Tigerton, location will be announced at a later date.

Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

Joan Johnson, 84, of Wittenberg, died on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at her home, under the care of her family and Heartland Hospice.

Joan was born Aug. 1, 1937, in Chicago, the daughter of Peter and Winifred (Herrick) Fanella.

On March 7, 1964, Joan was united in marriage to Frederick Johnson in Waukegan, Illinois.

Joan was an extremely talented



artist and loved oil painting. She loved sharing her talents with family and friends. Joan enjoyed crafts, crocheting, crossword puzzles and was an avid reader until her eyesight didn't allow it any longer.

Joan Johnson

Joan is survived by her husband, Fred; two children, Roy (Misty Hiller) Johnson and Misty (James West) Johnson; four grandchildren, Jayden West, Rachel West, Oliviah Johnson and Roman Johnson; and one cousin, Carol Krause.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Donald Johnson; and two brothers, Peter Fanella and Gerri (Marge) Fanella.

A celebration of life for Joan will be held at a later date.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Wittenberg is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude's in honor of Joan would be appreciated.

OBITUARIES

Sharon L. Schaal

So God made a caregiver...

How do you pay tribute to the best, most selfless mother, grandmother and great-grandmother in the world? These few words are hardly adequate, but we're limited, so here we go.

Sharon Lee Schaal, nee Page, born on July 19, 1944, went to meet Jesus on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the age of 77.

Knowing Mom, she probably took a bag of candy with her to hand out, just as she often did at her grandkids' games.

Sharon was born in Green Bay to Oliver and Eyla (Mattox) Page. She and her siblings enjoyed playing in Duck Creek as youngsters. Their dad died while the kids were young, leaving their mom in dire straits, with few means to support herself and eight children. The county took the kids and placed them in various foster homes. Sharon and her sister closest in age, Sylvia, went to live with Chester and Irene Raaths in rural Cecil when Sharon was about 11 years old. Chester and Irene were loving foster parents to the girls.

Sharon graduated from Gillett High School, and then went on to Bellin College of Nursing, where she discovered her true calling, which was caring for others.

While attending Bellin College, Sharon began dating and then eloped with David Schaal, a farmer from Gillett. After returning to college and signing a test with her married name, Sharon was called into the dean's office, where she was asked why she had signed her test with the last name of "Schaal." She told the dean she had gotten married, and her last name was now Schaal.

This was a real dilemma for the college, as they had a strict policy against allowing married students to attend the school, but Sharon was a good student, and the school didn't really want to kick her out of college simply for being married. So, the school changed the rule, and that is how Sharon Schaal became the first ever married student to



graduate from Bellin College of Nursing.

Sharon worked as a nurse until she and Dave started a family at their farm in Spruce. After the barn burned

down, they moved to the family farm in Gillett, where they spent the rest of their lives. Sharon supported Dave in his farming endeavors by holding down the fort at home, faithfully and uncomplainingly, as he worked long hours to grow the farm and support the family.

Holding and caring for babies came so naturally to Sharon it must have seemed like breathing to her. Never was there a woman more nurturing, loving, patient and steadfast than Mom. She spent her entire life putting others before herself. Humility and selflessness were the essence of Mom. Her home was a welcome place for generations of kids. She was never happier than when her home was filled with kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Upon entering her home, Sharon's guests would immediately be offered something to eat. Even if the offer was politely declined, she would often ignore that and proceed to heat up a dish of food or place some sort of food or sweets in front of them. She was what we lovingly referred to as a "food pusher." It was just one way she demonstrated her love.

As much as she loved feeding her loved ones, she had her limits. One time, after feeding the whole family and farm hands breakfast, Dad said it was time to get back outside and get some work done. One of the boys said he hadn't even gotten his second waffle yet. Mom, thinking he had just dropped the F-bomb, very uncharacteristically smacked him so hard he flew off his chair. With the rest of us looking on

in shock, and our brother holding up two fingers to indicate he had only said the word "second," Mom realized her mistake. She felt terrible. We enjoyed ribbing Mom for years about the incident.

If a baby came into Mom's view, it didn't matter who that baby belonged to, or whether or not she knew the parents, she usually made a beeline straight to the baby. To our knowledge, Mom never actually wrestled a baby from its mother's arms, but we can't say with 100% certainty that she did not. It became a running joke in the family that if you wanted to hold a new baby, you had to get to it before Mom did. She just couldn't help herself when it came to babies.

That love for babies was a literal blessing to hundreds, if not thousands, of babies born in Northeast Wisconsin, for Sharon worked as a labor and delivery nurse for 30-plus years in area hospitals. The majority of her career was spent at Oconto Falls, Shawano and Green Bay (St. Mary's) hospitals.

Being a true night owl, Sharon was happy to work nights, which is what she did for her entire career, so that her days could be spent attending her kids' and grandkids' sporting and other extracurricular events. She never missed a sporting event, no matter how exhausted she might have been from working the night before.

Sharon and Dave made a great team raising their five kids. So great, in fact, that it only seemed natural for them to take in their nephew, Dallas, after his mom, Sharon's sister, Sylvia, passed away when Dallas was 9. They treated Dallas as their own, and when asked how many children they had, they always said they had six.

Sharon was also a loving aunt to her nieces and nephews, especially to Ben and Patti's seven kids, who grew up right next door on the farm. Aunt Sharon's door was always open to them, and she truly loved them as part of her immediate, nuclear family.

Mom not only nurtured babies, she nurtured her siblings, caring for many as they suffered through bouts of cancer. Notably, she nursed her sister, Shirley, back to health, feeding her literally with a baby spoon until she could start taking more food after a particularly close call. She also cared for Shirley until her death this past January, despite her own health concerns, after Shirley suffered a stroke and became incapacitated.

Left behind to try to fill her impossibly big shoes are her children, Brad (Julie), Tom (Janelle), Tammy (Pete), Bret (Lisa), Ben (Michelle) and Dallas (Michelle).

The void left in the hearts of her grandchildren may never be filled, though each of them knows how much their grandma loved them. Those adoring grandkids are Justin (Angela), Jeremy, Stephanie (Jake), Shannon (Cameron), Sammy (Tyler), Brett (Cindy), Kyla (Jordan), Nicole, Caleb, Colton, Baldwin, Elijah, Kaitlyn (Taylor), Karissa (Brice), Jordyn, Jensyn (Tess), Sylvia, Kasey and Lily.

She also leaves behind several great-grandchildren, including Josalyn, Madalyn, Lextin, Tessalyn, Gracie, Oaklyn, Boone, Wylee, Lara, Conor, Kenley, Dean, Hannah and Raelynn.

In addition, Sharon is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Lou and Mel Vandenberg; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ben and Patti Schaal; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Welcoming Sharon in heaven were her husband of nearly 55 years, Dave; grandson, Wyatt; and great-granddaughter, Jalyn.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, foster parents and her siblings and siblings-in-law, Barb and Mel Nylund, Shirley Martin, Sylvia Page, LaDonna Knapstein, Allen Page and Myron Page.

Per Mom's wishes, no services will be held.

The family would like to thank the nurses on the second floor at Bellin Hospital for caring for Mom.

Lucy E. Belonger

Lucy Elinor Belonger, 95, born in Belle Plaine and a 1943 graduate of Shawano High School, passed away at home on May 2, 2022, in Madison, Alabama.

Lucy was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert "Bob" Belonger; her parents, George and Rose Braatz Sr.; and her siblings, Rupert Braatz, George Braatz Jr., Delores Tinsman, John Braatz and Rose Klimek.

She is survived by her only child, Julie Belonger, and sister Edith Thielke.

A private Christian graveside service was held on May 10, 2022.

Lucy is now in Heaven with Jesus. Her motto was "God will take care of your tomorrows."

Send condolences to ILoveLucy2@protonmail.com.



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Lumberjack Competition - 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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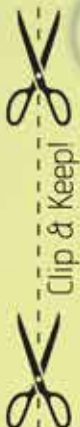
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Wilber gets 5.5 years for hurting father, nephew

Keshena man expected to leave reservation after prison term finished

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Correspondent

A Keshena man, sentenced Friday to 5½ years in prison for severely injuring his father and a nephew with a utility knife, said he will leave the Menominee Reservation after completing his prison term.

It was Darin K. Wilber Jr.'s second conviction in about 10 years for assault with a dangerous weapon which had left his victims seriously injured.

"This is a serious offense, but one of most tragic things about it, you attacked your own father and a nephew. You called (your father) your best friend, who taught you

to hunt and fish, and you attacked him with a box knife and cut him up pretty badly," District Judge William Griesbach said during the Zoom sentencing hearing. "When a nephew comes to help him, he gets cut up, too."

In 2011, Wilber was sentenced to five years in prison for beating a man with a baton and stabbing him with a steak knife after "drinking a significant amount of alcohol," according to court records.

After prison, Wilber was employed at a casino as a housekeeper and received awards for his work, but he returned to substance abuse — this time methamphetamine and alcohol, his attorney, Krista Halla-Valdes, wrote the court.

Last November, Wilber argued with his father about having to pay rent and left to go drinking and use methamphetamines. He returned drunk and high to his father's house, on Lyons Road in Keshena, and fought with his father when he saw that his things were packed up and some items were missing.

The fight became physical, and Wilber slashed his father with a utility knife. When his nephew intervened and hit Wilber with a wooden table leg, Wilber slashed him, too, according to court documents.

Wilber was arrested and taken into custody. His father and nephew were transported to ThedaCare Medical Center in Shawano. Wilber's nephew received 63 stitches to close wounds that exposed tendon and nerve fiber in his upper arm. He was referred to a shoulder specialist in Appleton for further treatment.

Wilber's father received 60 sutures to close deep laceration un-

der his right rib cage, left arm and shoulder and his right hand.

Wilber pleaded guilty in February to assault with a dangerous weapon and faced a sentence from an advisory guideline range of 41 to 51 months in prison.

Halla-Valdes didn't oppose a sentence within the guideline range, saying that Wilber knows he will serve some prison time and, afterward, leaving the reservation may be the best thing for him.

"He has struggled on the reservation with its lack of transportation and work. And, he's known there. He was always involved with people using alcohol and drugs. He needs to leave that area, and that's his plan," she said.

Wilber, 36, agreed that he would do better away from the reservation.

"I'm at the point in my life where I want to do better. I want to learn Spanish and sign language and become a productive member of society," he told the judge.

Griesbach said that time was running out for Wilber to grow up and stay away from drugs and alcohol, which he has proven that he can't handle.

Griesbach adopted Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Maier's recommendation of a sentence above the guidelines which arguably don't reflect the number of people injured and the seriousness of their injuries.

The judge said an even longer sentence could be imposed but was hopeful that the "fright or shame" of Wilber attacking his own father and nephew will matter to him.

Wilber is currently in custody in the Brown County Jail, awaiting a transfer to a federal prison.



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Woman files writ against Shawano County

She claims board of adjustment setting poor precedent

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

One local woman has filed a writ of certiorari against the Shawano County Board of Adjustment.

A writ of certiorari is a request for a higher up board to review the judgement of a case.

Carney Garcia, who recently reported violations to Shawano County regarding shared property, said that the Shawano County Planning and Development committee has stopped putting their situation on the agenda for their meetings. Garcia's complaint came from the committee discussing the violations without letting them know that they were on the agenda. Her situation was discussed under "Discuss Any Operational Issues Within the Department As Needed." She said that was too vague.

Garcia has a cottage on Washington Lake and shares 200 feet of lake frontage with 15 other home owners. The initial violation was that two homeowners built into the shared lot without pulling permits and using 2-foot step backs, as opposed to 25-foot step backs.

"There are more violations that have come up since then," said Garcia. "One of our neighbors built two additions to his house without pulling permits. They are encroaching into our lot."

She also said that sheds were built across the street of the lot and the party who built them did not request a zoning change.

"Those sheds would not be allowed," said Garcia.

Garcia said that her neighbor who built a deck that encroaches on the lot would need to get an after-the-fact variance, for the deck to remain there.

"Not pulling a permit for the deck already disqualifies him from an after-the-fact variance because that was a self-imposed hardship," said Garcia.

She said eight of the homeowners on the shared lot showed up to the

Shawano County Board of Adjustment meeting on April 14 to voice their disapproval about the deck encroaching on their shared lot, as the homeowner was attempting to get an after-the-fact variance.

Garcia claimed that when they entered the meeting, board chairman Alan Beyer was aggressive toward the group.

"Right at the beginning of the meeting, he said, if you all talk, I am kicking you out of the meeting," said Garcia.

When her situation was brought up to the board, she said that the board quickly discussed the issue and passed a variance.

"They did not discuss this very much," said Garcia. "They just said that the deck was small and that people at the lake complain a lot. It only took them about three minutes to discuss."

Garcia noted that it was a 3-2 vote in favor of granting the variance.

"The two alternates said that they wanted it on the record that they did not agree with the decision," said Garcia. "Hearing that, I said we are going to appeal."

Even though the meeting ended, Garcia claimed that they were told to leave the meeting for talking.

She said with the writ of certiorari, she is hoping that a judge overturns the board of adjustment's ruling.

"One of my other neighbors pulled permits for an extension to their deck and were not allowed to extend their deck," said Garcia. "So they were saying that it is not fair to us to reward him for not pulling a permit."

Garcia said that allowing this situation to pass opens the county up for problems in the future.

"They set a precedent," said Garcia. "If you are going to punish who did pull permits, what is going to happen after that? We are going to have a lot of after-the-fact variances in the district. All we care about is that the law gets applied fairly."

NEW Media contacted the county's board of adjustment for comment and was told that Beyer would respond; however, a response was not provided by press time.

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Shawano summer school has students on waitlist

Three more teachers needed to bring program to full capacity

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano School District's summer school program is expected to bring in more than 600 students in 2022, but there's a question about whether there will be enough staff to provide extended learning from June to July.

A report from Thomas Dechant, Shawano Community Middle School associate principal, revealed that there

were 35 teachers in place for the summer session, but three more need to be found soon, or else the district might have to wait-list some students who signed up. Dechant revealed the information to the Shawano School Board on May 16.

"We appreciate what they do, and I appreciate what they do, because I can't do my job without their support," Dechant said. "The whole balance process is to see how many teachers want to teach, and then at that point, we can open the classes up."

Dechant said he initially had a full slate of teachers, but some had to drop out due to personal reasons, leaving him to try and fill the gaps.

"I am right now juggling, and I let

people know there is a wait," Dechant said. "You may or may not get in. I'm doing everything I can to make it happen."

Dechant said the number of students is split between Hillcrest Primary School and Shawano Community Middle School, which will host classes for grades 3-8. He noted there are about a dozen students on the waiting list.

The news of a waitlist was troubling to board member Mart Grams, a former teacher with the district who worked the summer school program for over 30 years.

"Summer school has always made us money, and quite frankly, we've used money there to pad our budget

elsewhere," Grams said. "We've never ever had a waitlist for kids, so something's not right. As long as there's seats, there's room."

Superintendent Randi Anderson noted that the district has been in the negative with summer school the last two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grams questioned how there wasn't enough staff to fill the needed positions.

"It used to be that people knocked each other over," he said. "I taught every course in that book, even drama, and I sucked at it. There should never be a limit on children, ever."

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Shawano School District seeks responses to survey

The Shawano School District is looking for resident input as it finalizes a plan to address its operational deficit and facility needs.

As part of the process, a community task force has been meeting

monthly to better understand the district's needs and provide feedback on potential options to a team of consultants.

The district is conducting a community-wide survey over the

next three weeks, allowing residents to voice their opinions on various options. Residents can find information about accessing the survey in the community education newsletter that recently arrived

in mailboxes or by going to the district website, www.shawanoschools.com. The survey will be open through June 6.

A paper survey can also be downloaded from the district website.

Johnson rallies GOP ahead of midterms

Senator wants to see Republicans on every line of ballots in November

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson hit the Golden Sands Golf Course on May 15 to rally the Shawano County Republican Party during its Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner and encourage conservatives to be out in force for the mid-term elections.

Johnson told more than 200 people in attendance about how a cousin went through some family belongings and came across a piece of paper dated from January 1934. It was about the time that his grandfather had passed, and his grandmother went from farm to farm in Minnesota to raise enough money to bury her husband. In all, she received \$12.25, which would equate to about \$320 today, he said.

“To me, that letter — that piece of paper with those names and what those folks did in January 1934 at the depth of the Depression — epitomizes what America is and who Americans are,” Johnson said, generating applause. “Isn’t it true that, in any crisis, Americans come together and unite? Whether it’s a regional tragedy, like in Florida with the hurricanes or the Midwest with the floods and tornadoes or out west with the wildfires, we send truckloads of construction supplies and construction workers to help our fellow citizens rebuild.”

Coming together is what America needs to do again, said the senator, who is running for a third six-year term. Johnson looks at the pandemic that the country has endured for over two years and believes it is as fractured as it has ever been.

“That even includes the Vietnam War protests,” Johnson said. “This country is as divided as it has ever been in my lifetime.”

Johnson noted that President Joe Biden’s inaugural address included a vow to bring America together. A similar claim was made in 2009 by President Barack Obama.

“Then they go about and they do the exact opposite,” Johnson said. “They said they were going to fundamentally transform America. Now we see what fundamental transformation looks like. It’s open borders. It’s 20-year high inflation. It’s record gasoline and energy prices. It’s record crime. Fundamental transformation means they’re fundamentally destroying this country.”

Johnson went on to attack Demo-



U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson urges more than 200 attendees at the Shawano County Republican Party Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner to get out and support Republicans, not only during the general election in November but also the primary in August.

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crats for pushing a “socialist agenda,” something that he said was front and center during the coronavirus pandemic. He said it was up to Republicans, whom he claimed truly love the United States, to stop it by voting Republicans into every office available in the 2022 elections.

“The left is relentless in growing government and taking away our freedoms,” Johnson said. “During COVID, they couldn’t wait to strike. They think that a crisis is a terrible thing to waste, and they never do.”

Johnson noted that the people who were there at the dinner came because they feel a need to fight for freedom.

“That’s why you’re here on a beautiful day,” Johnson said. “You recognize that freedom is at risk. Freedom is on the ballot.”

The fight Johnson is fighting is the same one that he fought in 2010, he said, noting that the battle for freedom has been the same for over 240 years, whether it is on the battlefield or the ballot box.

“It’s not somebody else’s fight,” Johnson said. “It’s our fight. It is a fight

we absolutely must win.”

He touted his fiscal conservatism, claiming he’s only voted in favor of 10% of the appropriations brought before the Senate during his two terms in office, and most of that was military spending. He noted there have been times where he has objected to just letting freefall spending, one of which he described as a “trillion-dollar boondoggle,” go by.

“I had to go on the floor twice in one day during COVID — which wasn’t popular to do, by the way, but I was the only one to do that. We had a Republican senator, and then two hours later had Bernie Sanders offering a unanimous consent for another round — I think it was the fourth round — of \$1,200 checks,” Johnson said. “I was willing to go down there and object, but then I’m accused of not liking babies.”

Johnson also claimed support for Ukraine as it is fighting for its freedom against Russian invasion and believes that it is important for that support to not waiver.

“You see Russia on the run, and

the worst possible thing would be for Russians to see Americans equivocating in our support for Ukraine,” Johnson said.

Johnson pointed out that he has time to prepare for his campaign because he’s not facing anyone in the primary in August. However, there are several candidates who are, and a number of them — including two running for governor, two for county sheriff and six for the Sixth District Assembly seat being vacated by Gary Tauchen — were there making their pitches.

“We need to make sure we have a Republican on every line in the ballot, and then we have to support them,” Johnson said.

Richard Kucksdorf, county Republican Party chairman, described Johnson as the best senator in the United States for calling out the hypocrisy in Washington, D.C.

“He’s honest. He’s tenacious,” Kucksdorf said. “They just don’t like that.”

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Shawano teen leading fight for abortion rights

Protest developed in response to leaked Supreme Court memo on overturning Roe v. Wade

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The recently leaked opinion from the U.S. Supreme Court about the potential overturn of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 court decision that paved the way for legal abortion in the United States, has mobilized many in the country, with conservatives pushing to make abortions illegal and liberals seeking to codify the rights furnished by the historic court decision.

The pushback against the Supreme Court opinion had not been visible in the Shawano area. That changed over the weekend as Shawano teen Jaida Hill brought her new group, the Shawano She Devils, to Main Street on May 15 for a protest of the opinion and possible court decision, deciding that the time for being silent is over.

"I didn't see anyone else willing to put themselves out there for this cause and be open about their beliefs the way that I believe members of this group are," Hill said in an interview before the protest. "I personally think that any woman or man was capable of deciding to lead a charge regarding women's abortion's rights, but I think that as I have an interest in a political career path, I wanted to make it known that this is a matter I would intend to take seriously."

Hill, who donned a costume out of "The Handmaid's Tale" for the protest, said she was dismayed that it took so long to get local attention to the issue of abortion rights, noting that local reaction to the Black Lives Matter movement was fairly immediate.

"I saw the city of Shawano come together in regards to the wake of the Black Lives Matter Movement, but I fear people are not as willing to defend the women of Shawano as they were the vulnerable people of color," Hill said. "While those are two very different issues, these are groups of people entitled to their rights and medical safety and should not be vulnerable to any forms of discrimination because of personal decisions."

Overturning Roe v. Wade would not only impact abortion rights, in Hill's view. She feels it would be the first domino in the stripping of other rights, as well.



Jaida Hill, left, and a friend stand on the corner of Main and Green Bay streets on May 15 to protest the anticipated decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade, which has allowed women to choose whether to keep their babies during pregnancy or opt to abort them. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

"I believe no matter your location or income, you deserve access to health care without all of the ill-advised political interference and opinions," Hill said. "Congress must take action to protect and increase abortion access. Lawmakers and medical providers must ensure people can make health care decisions of their own."

In Wisconsin, the overturning of Roe v. Wade would reignite an 1849 law the state has that bans all abortions except if needed to save the mother's life, and even then, two other people must sign off on the action. A final decision from the U.S. Supreme Court is not expected until next month, but Hill feels it's important to take action now to support women and their ability to choose.

"This opens a gateway to sexual assault survivors and parenting rules or standards," Hill said. "This is also extensive to the dehumanization of Planned Parenthood. They provide STD-testing, pregnancy testing, cancer screenings, birth control, family services, counseling, adoption and foster advising and much more. People opposing abortion are attack-

ing the preventive at the source, and it needs to end."

The name "Shawano She Devils" was something Hill came up with to grab people's attention and focus them on the issue. However, as a student at Wolf River Lutheran High School, she realizes the name and her cause are at odds with churches and other religious organizations.

"This is not an anti-Christian organization. We are not here to attack people or pick commentary fights," Hill said. "I do not want to offend anyone or make a target of myself. This issue is horribly divisive, and I am well aware of that. We want to widen perspectives and open the eyes of people in a small town. Shawano may not make a large difference, but there are thousands of Shawanos, thousands of small towns. Everyone is going to have to make a difference and play their part."

Hill said the "devil" portion of the name was meant to just show disagreement, not invoke it as a mascot for the cause.

"The devil portion of the name was just to show an opposing force that everyone views as despicable,"

she said. "We understand the controversy behind abortion is very widespread. We have no intention to lionize or embolden anti-religion or make religious groups feel uncomfortable."

The protest on May 15 only brought out two people, including Hill, but she said she planned to organize other rallies with more advanced notice and might choose another site besides Main Street. She noted that despite the smallness of the protest, some people came up and provided support.

Hill said she plans to continue protesting the issue in Shawano but also plans to protest with others in Appleton. She hopes the protests will make people see different views on the abortion issue and understand what it means to people.

"Women will feel so emboldened speaking about this issue, they would no longer fear walking alone in the dead of the night, if it were to raise awareness to this issue, which emphasizes how scary this must be to some women," Hill said.

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Johnson rallies GOP ahead of midterms

Senator wants to see Republicans on every line of ballots in November

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson hit the Golden Sands Golf Course on May 15 to rally the Shawano County Republican Party during its Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner and encourage conservatives to be out in force for the mid-term elections.

Johnson told more than 200 people in attendance about how a cousin went through some family belongings and came across a piece of paper dated from January 1934. It was about the time that his grandfather had passed, and his grandmother went from farm to farm in Minnesota to raise enough money to bury her husband. In all, she received \$12.25, which would equate to about \$320 today, he said.

“To me, that letter — that piece of paper with those names and what those folks did in January 1934 at the depth of the Depression — epitomizes what America is and who Americans are,” Johnson said, generating applause. “Isn’t it true that, in any crisis, Americans come together and unite? Whether it’s a regional tragedy, like in Florida with the hurricanes or the Midwest with the floods and tornadoes or out west with the wildfires, we send truckloads of construction supplies and construction workers to help our fellow citizens rebuild.”

Coming together is what America needs to do again, said the senator, who is running for a third six-year term. Johnson looks at the pandemic that the country has endured for over two years and believes it is as fractured as it has ever been.

“That even includes the Vietnam War protests,” Johnson said. “This country is as divided as it has ever been in my lifetime.”

Johnson noted that President Joe Biden’s inaugural address included a vow to bring America together. A similar claim was made in 2009 by President Barack Obama.

“Then they go about and they do the exact opposite,” Johnson said. “They said they were going to fundamentally transform America. Now we see what fundamental transformation looks like. It’s open borders. It’s 20-year high inflation. It’s record gasoline and energy prices. It’s record crime. Fundamental transformation means they’re fundamentally destroying this country.”

Johnson went on to attack Demo-



U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson urges more than 200 attendees at the Shawano County Republican Party Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner to get out and support Republicans, not only during the general election in November but also the primary in August.

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crats for pushing a “socialist agenda,” something that he said was front and center during the coronavirus pandemic. He said it was up to Republicans, whom he claimed truly love the United States, to stop it by voting Republicans into every office available in the 2022 elections.

“The left is relentless in growing government and taking away our freedoms,” Johnson said. “During COVID, they couldn’t wait to strike. They think that a crisis is a terrible thing to waste, and they never do.”

Johnson noted that the people who were there at the dinner came because they feel a need to fight for freedom.

“That’s why you’re here on a beautiful day,” Johnson said. “You recognize that freedom is at risk. Freedom is on the ballot.”

The fight Johnson is fighting is the same one that he fought in 2010, he said, noting that the battle for freedom has been the same for over 240 years, whether it is on the battlefield or the ballot box.

“It’s not somebody else’s fight,” Johnson said. “It’s our fight. It is a fight

we absolutely must win.”

He touted his fiscal conservatism, claiming he’s only voted in favor of 10% of the appropriations brought before the Senate during his two terms in office, and most of that was military spending. He noted there have been times where he has objected to just letting freefall spending, one of which he described as a “trillion-dollar boondoggle,” go by.

“I had to go on the floor twice in one day during COVID — which wasn’t popular to do, by the way, but I was the only one to do that. We had a Republican senator, and then two hours later had Bernie Sanders offering a unanimous consent for another round — I think it was the fourth round — of \$1,200 checks,” Johnson said. “I was willing to go down there and object, but then I’m accused of not liking babies.”

Johnson also claimed support for Ukraine as it is fighting for its freedom against Russian invasion and believes that it is important for that support to not waiver.

“You see Russia on the run, and

the worst possible thing would be for Russians to see Americans equivocating in our support for Ukraine,” Johnson said.

Johnson pointed out that he has time to prepare for his campaign because he’s not facing anyone in the primary in August. However, there are several candidates who are, and a number of them — including two running for governor, two for county sheriff and six for the Sixth District Assembly seat being vacated by Gary Tauchen — were there making their pitches.

“We need to make sure we have a Republican on every line in the ballot, and then we have to support them,” Johnson said.

Richard Kucksdorf, county Republican Party chairman, described Johnson as the best senator in the United States for calling out the hypocrisy in Washington, D.C.

“He’s honest. He’s tenacious,” Kucksdorf said. “They just don’t like that.”

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Students honored for outstanding writing

PHOTOS BY LUKE REIMER • REPORTER



Fourth-grader Amelia Breitenfeldt reads the work that she won a second place award for in fiction during the Shawano Area Writers Student Writing Contest Awards Ceremony on May 15. Breitenfeldt's story revolved around a girl not receiving birthday gifts, but rather a Hawaiian vacation with her family. She detailed the events that the girl attended, including snorkeling with her father.



Senior Francesca Ullmer reads the work that she won a first place award for in fiction during the Shawano Area Writers Student Writing Contest Awards Ceremony on May 15. Students were given the opportunity to read their work in front of the audience. Ullmer's story revolved around someone hunting with their family.



Second grader Hailey Altenhofen accepts her honorable mention award for student poetry writing during the Shawano Area Writer Student Writing Contest awards ceremony on May 15. Altenhofen won her award in the grades 1-2 poetry category. Judges from Baileys Harbor, Wausau and Green Bay read all of the students' works and voted on the best from the collection.

OPINION

Abandoned dog's owner has much to answer for

The story of a dog found tied to a fire hydrant and abandoned in Green Bay captivated the television news for days recently, with people expressing shock that such a thing happened. The dog was found with a note and a backpack filled with food, treats and toys.

The dog, named Baby Girl, was left on a busy corner, which allowed folks to see that the dog was in trouble much sooner, a safer alternative to being left in the woods or some other middle-of-nowhere location where predators could devour the canine. This allowed the dog to be taken to the humane society by a good Samaritan who waited an hour to see if someone came back for the dog.

The Green Bay Humane Society posted a message on Facebook that it was evident that the owner loved the dog and struggled with medical complications and challenges. I have to disagree with the assertion that the dog was loved, because if it was so loved, it would not be abandoned on a street corner like a piece of trash, and there is a special place in hell for folks who have such a disregard for a life.

There are times when pets can no longer be cared for, I admit that. However, that's why humane societ-



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ies exist, to care for the animals that can no longer remain in a home. It would have been kinder to bring the dog directly to a shelter instead of just tying it up to the hydrant and hoping someone cared enough to continue to provide for it.

All too often, animals are treated as disposable items, receiving indifference as they're tossed aside like a used sandwich bag. When you decide to adopt or buy an animal, you take on the responsibility of its care and well-being. Every effort should be made to care for those animals through good times and bad, but if there's no possible way left to continue doing so, there are ways to make sure they are cared for.

Abandoning a dog and tying it to a fire hydrant is not one of them.

This issue hits close to home for me because I adopted a dog many years ago, before I moved to Wisconsin. He'd been abandoned as well, only he was found wandering the streets near the airport of the commu-

nity I was living in. I'd initially agreed to foster him for a time, but I quickly fell in love and adopted him. He made the move with me to Wisconsin and gave me joy for 10 years.

Near the end, he developed diabetes, which soon left him blind and having bladder control issues. It never occurred to me, even with those issues, that I should give up on him. If I'd ever lost my job, I would have made sure he ate before I did. When looking for apartments, places that didn't allow pets were eliminated from consideration, and you'd be surprised how that limited my options when finding a place to live.

Even when I wound up having to be admitted to a hospital two years ago, my first phone call was to make sure family could take care of my dog. If that hadn't been possible, I probably would have left the hospital to return home and care for him, even being in as sorry a shape as I was because, to me, he was family. That's why I can't buy the argument that having medical issues necessitated just dumping the dog on a street corner.

I've seen my fair share of abandoned animals in life. On occasion while growing up, my family would

find puppies — sometimes with their mothers — left in the countryside to fend for themselves. It baffles me how, in a world where people are arguing when a human life has value, that there are some who can devalue the lives of dogs and cats.

I'm happy that Baby Girl has found a new home, with so many people reaching out and indicating they wanted to take her home. It's heartening to see that there are good people in the world who would provide this dog with a safe space for the rest of her days. It doesn't make up for the despicable act of the previous owner, though, and if I had my way, that person would never be responsible for the care of an animal again.

There were better ways to say goodbye to Baby Girl, even with providing food and toys. The happy ending to this story doesn't absolve the prior bad act, and this should teach us all that the decisions we make affect others. If you decide to care for an animal, have a plan. If those plans go awry, have a strategy to make sure it will still be cared for, even if it's not by you.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's always important to seek the truth

To the editor:

Free speech is not free. Today's world is surrounded by propaganda.

Right now in Russia, most people deny that their country is responsible for destruction and loss of life in Ukraine. Friends and relatives tell them what is happening, but they only believe the propaganda messages from Vladimir Putin. They are the only messages they are allowed to hear.

Propaganda to sway public opinion is also extensive in the United States. On television, radio and social media,

exaggerated and bogus talking points are repeated to promote messages that aren't true: that Joe Biden is not president because of "voter fraud" in 2020, that we can't trust our elections in 2022, that elementary schools are being taught critical race theory to "indoctrinate" our children.

It is a known fact that over 60 courts found no voter fraud in the 2020 election, yet the false rumors persist. It is also common knowledge that teachers teach about diversity to educate children that all people are not the same, that people are born with different skin colors, different histories, different abilities and disabilities. Educating children on factual human history

at appropriate grade levels is not some form of indoctrination. Trying to hide our children from the truth is.

We should know that repeating a lie doesn't make it the truth. Yet, it does make it more difficult for many to believe anything else. When a lie goes viral, the correction rarely reaches nearly as many people.

We proudly boast of our free speech rights in America, but there is a price. It is left up to us, as citizens of our democracy, to be "smart shoppers," to check and verify the sources, and determine if what we are hearing is really the truth or not.

Former President Barack Obama recently expressed how prone we are

to influences from lies and conspiracy theories, and that the main reason for our weakening democracy is the conflicting information that constantly bombards us, much from totally anonymous sources, some un-American, some dangerous.

Like jurors in a court of law, our most important job as citizens of this nation is to seek the truth. It is not easy these days with all the amplified media. Ultimately, we have to decide what is the truth and what is fake. Fortunately, here in America, we still have the ability to make that choice. The people of Russia don't. We need to remember that.

Steve Parks, Bowler

OPINION PAGE POLICY

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William Bartz, Jr., Town Chairman
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Ordinance: 2022-04

**Town of How, Oconto County, Wisconsin
Town Clerk and Town Treasurer Appointed**

The Town Board to WIS. Stat. 60.30 (1e) (a), the office of the town clerk and the town treasurer shall be filled by appointment of a majority of the members-elected of the town board.

The term of the office for the appointed positions shall be set by the town board, but may not exceed three (3) years per 60.30 (1e)(c). The town board may re-appoint the officers for additional terms. However, removal by the town board during a given term of office may only be for "cause" as defined under 17.001 and required by 60.30(1e)(f).

This ordinance is subject to approval by the town electors in a referendum, which is hereby called by the Town Board to be held on November 8, 2022 general election. The referendum questions shall be:

"Shall the person holding the office of Town Clerk in the Town of How be appointed by the town board?"

"Shall the person holding the office of Town Treasurer in the Town of How be appointed by the town board?"

The salary of the appointed positions shall be set by the town board and may not be reduced during the term of office.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its town board passage, notice after passage per 60.80 and also its referendum approval by the town electors as required by 60.30(1e)(b).

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its town board passage, notice after passage per 60.80 and also its referendum approval by the town electors as required by 60.30(1e)(b).

Adopted this 10th day of May 2022. Town of How, Oconto County, Wisconsin

William Bartz, Chairperson

Attestation:

Mary Woods, Clerk/Treasurer

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Tigerton residents, from left, Darold Koepke and Jeremy Knaup enjoy a dinner of steak and potatoes together during the Tigerton steak fry on May 14. Like many other groups of people, they used their time here to enjoy a meal as well as catch up with people that they have not seen in a while.

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RIGHT: New York strip steaks and hamburgers were on sale at the Tigerton Lions Club steak fry on May 14. Visitors pay \$20 for the steak, potatoes, vegetables, desert and a drink. LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA

Steaks sizzle in Tigerton



Lions Club volunteer John Gutho grills and prepares steaks for visitors to the Tigerton Lions Club steak fry at the Tigerton Community Center on May 14. The event is hosted by the Tigerton Lions Club in order to raise money for various organizations in the area.

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Tigerton Lions Club volunteer Gunner Kopitzke helps to deliver steaks during the Tigerton steak fry on May 14. Visitors wrote their order on a ticket and gave it to Kopitzke; he would pass along to the ticket while others grilled the steaks. Kopitzke then matched up the steak to the corresponding recipient. LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA

Anglers head out for inland fishing opener

Even smaller waterways filled with folks bearing rods and reels

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Shawano Lake and the Wolf River come to mind as two of Shawano County's popular fishing destinations.

Gunnar Kvistad had something else in mind, however.

The 12-year-old Marion Elementary School sixth grader got up early May 7 for the first day of Wisconsin's inland fishing season, grabbed his fishing rod and a handful of minnows that he had caught in a creek near his home and headed to the boat landing at the Pella Pond.

The pond is a 49-acre lake created by a dam on the Embarrass River in the Shawano County community of Pella, halfway between Marion and Shawano.

While boat landings at Shawano Lake were filled with vehicles, boats and trailers, Kvistad had a section of the pond in Old Mill Park all to himself.

"It's quiet, and I can just relax," he said. "I was here at 6:30."

He returned to the boat landing after fishing after school the previous day.

"Yesterday, I caught a northern on a minnow," he said. "I was here just by myself, but sometimes, I come out on our boat with my dad and my mom. We catch bass, sunfish."

Mark Schraufnagel, a DNR conservation warden based in Shawano, showed up at the landing to see how Kvistad was doing.

"I'm checking sturgeon sites; I'm checking trout spots," he said. "There's a lot going on. There's going to be a lot of people out today because we finally got some good weather."

Activity near the dam began to pick up around 8 a.m. as several people stopped along the road to see spawning lake sturgeon in the river below the dam.

Shawano County is home to a number of small-town ponds on the Embarrass River and its branches, including ponds in Caroline, Leopolis and Tilleda.

"These are actually pretty productive fisheries, and these little millponds



A group of friends fish for trout on Homme Pond, an impoundment of the Middle Branch of the Embarrass River just north of Wittenberg. Several anglers headed to the pond May 7 for the first day of Wisconsin's inland fishing season.

GREG SEUBERT



Gunnar Kvistad of Pella fishes on a dock at the Pella Pond boat landing May 7 on the first day of Wisconsin's inland fishing season. Although he ended up without a fish, he had a few bites and said he'll be back soon.

GREG SEUBERT

mean a lot to these local communities," Schraufnagel said. "There's a little bit of everything. You have your panfish, you have your gamefish — a nice variety."

"Pella did a nice job with this," he continued. "They have a pier here you can fish off of, and they have a fishing platform over there. (The Embarrass) isn't listed as trout water below the dam, but there are trout in there that people will catch. Right now, it's kind

of neat because you can see the sturgeon. Suckers will be moving in, and there will be a lot of guys fishing for them as well."

The pond's water level was recently dropped for dam repairs, according to Schraufnagel.

"They did drop the water here, so we'll see how this goes," he said. "They try to do that slowly so the fish can sense that and go upstream."

Kvistad headed home at 10 a.m.

without any fish to show for his effort, but said he'd be back later.

About 20 miles northwest of Pella, Luke Schmidt, of Kaukauna, and his friends fished for trout on Homme Pond — an impoundment of the Middle Branch of the Embarrass River, just north of Wittenberg.

"A bunch of friends and I get together every opening day for the last five years or so," he said. "We've always called it Trout Club. We'll fish a bunch of local streams and grill out later in the day."

The group had several rainbow trout and one brook trout on ice before noon.

"It's been pretty good," Schmidt said. "You keep moving and work your way around. We've been on a number of streams this morning."

The inland fishing opener isn't as big as opening weekend of the state's nine-day gun deer season, but Schmidt said the first Saturday in May is still a big deal.

"We look forward to it for sure," he said. "Winter gets long."

"Opening weekend has that tradition for a lot of families, whether it be trout fishing, walleye fishing or whatever," Schraufnagel said. "It's not quite the same as the nine-day, but it's up there."

BOOKS AND STUFF

A sweet but familiar cozy mystery

This week I downloaded the three-book set "Chocolate Centered Cozy Mysteries" by Cindy Bell. I only had time to read the first book, "The Sweet Smell of Murder," but the plot is all too familiar.



JAN JONES

Blue River holds lots of memories for Ally Sweet, some precious and a few painful. She was barely 2 when her father left, forcing Ally and her mother to move in with her maternal grandmother, Charlotte. It was "Mee-maw" who cared for her mother as cancer slowly took her life. It was Mee-maw who showered Ally with love and taught her all the things a child should know.

Ally's favorite memories involve Charlotte's chocolate shop, where she learned to create the amazing treats that are still popular in and around Blue River. As the story opens, Ally is returning to Blue River for a long visit. She needs to heal from the painful divorce and reassess her dead-end, but lucrative, job.

Most of all, Ally needs to bask in the love of her Mee-maw. And Mee-maw insists that she is desperate need of Ally's help. Soon, Ally and her beloved cat, Peaches, are settled in, and Ally has joined Charlotte at the chocolate shop.

While she's making some triple chocolate muffins, Conner Troy arrives to deliver an order in Mainbry. When Charlotte discovers she has the wrong color ribbon, she dashes to the fabric store leaving Ally and Conner together.

They chat a bit, and Conner suggests that they meet for a drink after work. Ally doesn't want to encourage his romantic ideas but doesn't want to be rude, so she offers a pleasant "maybe." The day goes by quickly, and

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "The Sweet Smell of Murder" (Chocolate Centered Cozy Mysteries, Book 1)

AUTHOR: Cindy Bell

PUBLISHER: Cindy Bell

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the women hardly notice that Conner hasn't returned from the delivery.

Charlotte feels he must have taken the van home and will return it the next morning. But the next morning brings news that Conner's body has been found near the dumpster at Brent Nissle's auto repair shop.

As expected, Detective Julian Borron and Luke Elm arrive with lots of questions. Ally once had a terrible crush on Julian, but she's surprised by his gruff demeanor. Luke Elm is new to the area and comes off as too serious for Ally's taste.

Both hint that Brent is the killer. The two families had been feuding for years, but Ally seriously doubted that Brent would kill Conner, so she slips down to the auto shop to spy on the detectives. The more she sees and hears, the more she is convinced that Luke is involved and trying to put the blame on Brent.

The next day she takes the van to the delivery address in the GPS. The abandoned factory building shows signs of recent activity. Could Conner have stumbled on something illegal here? Not knowing who to trust, Ally keeps the information to herself.

Ally is almost caught during a second visit to the old factory but learns that someone is using the place to store untaxed cigarettes and selling them on the black market. Things turn ugly when she decides to confide in Julian. When Conner stumbled on the factory, Julian used the old feud to frame Brent. Now he's determined to kill her, too.

She manages to give Luke a coded plea for help. It takes him time, but

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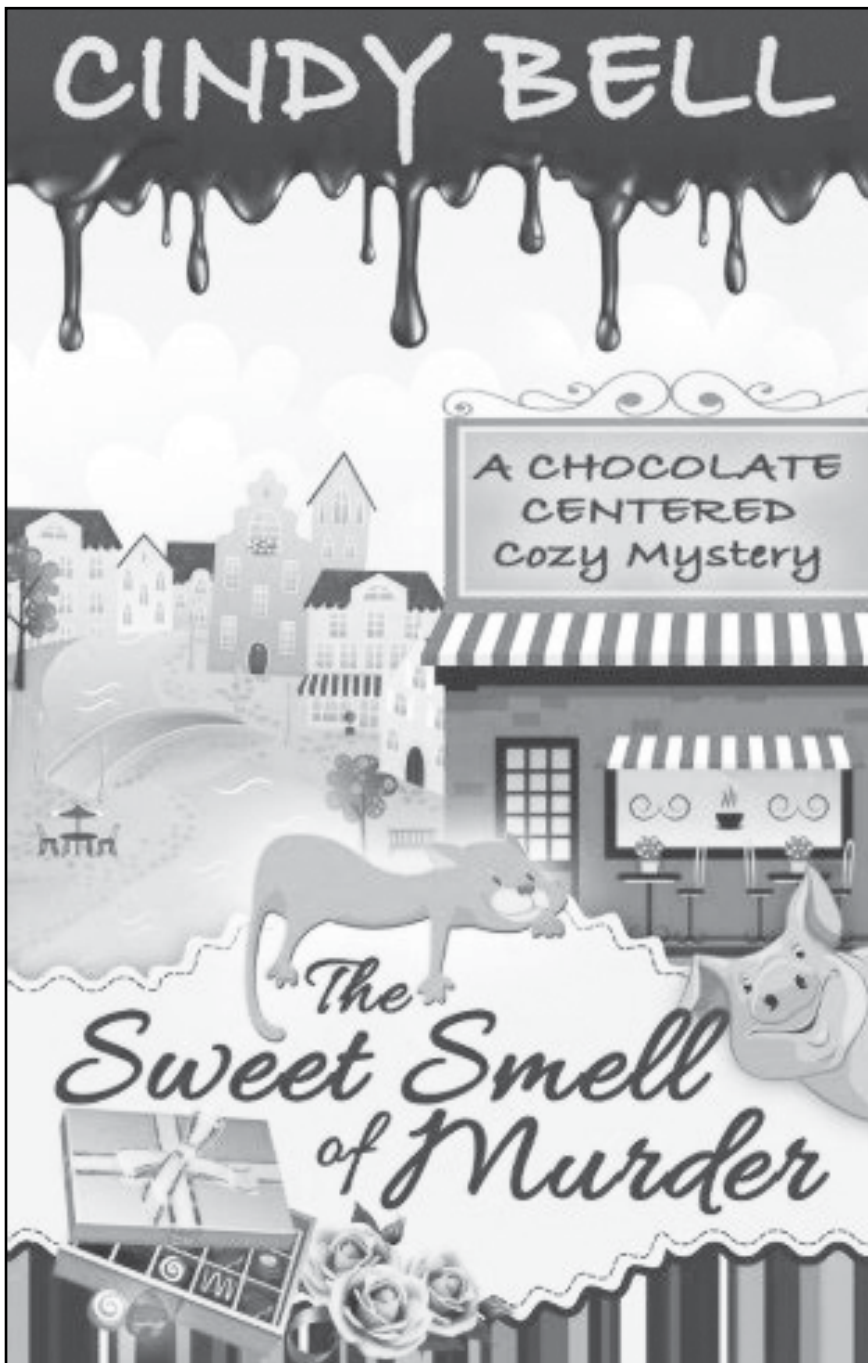
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5:40 P.M. - Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnhamwood High School

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).
- II. Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of April 25, 2022, Regular Meeting as Circulated.
- IV. Communications and Delegations
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Board Concerns or Reports
- VII. Student Representative
- VIII. Financial Report
- IX. Approve the Agenda
- X.
 - I. The Board may adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1)© for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matters and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.
 - II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.
- XI. Administrative Reports
 - Birnhamwood Elementary and Middle School
 - Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School
 - Witt-Birn High School
 - Pupil Services
- XII. Old Business
 - A. Review of Proposed Teacher compensation Schedule
- XIII. New Business
 - A. Staff Resignations/Retirements/Hires for Approval
 - B. Approve Teacher Transfer Request
 - C. Approve 2022-2023 Lunch Prices
 - D. Approve 2022-2023 Property Insurance/Workman's Compensation Rates
 - E. Approve Paper Bids
 - F. Approve Open Enrollment Applications for 2022-2023 School Year
- XIII. Adjournment



when he figures it out, he takes decisive action. After Julian has been arrested and charged, Luke explains that he had been suspicious of the man for some time but had no hard evidence. Thanks to Ally's foolish snooping, he got more evidence than he needed.

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include more crimes and follow the relationship between Ally and Luke.

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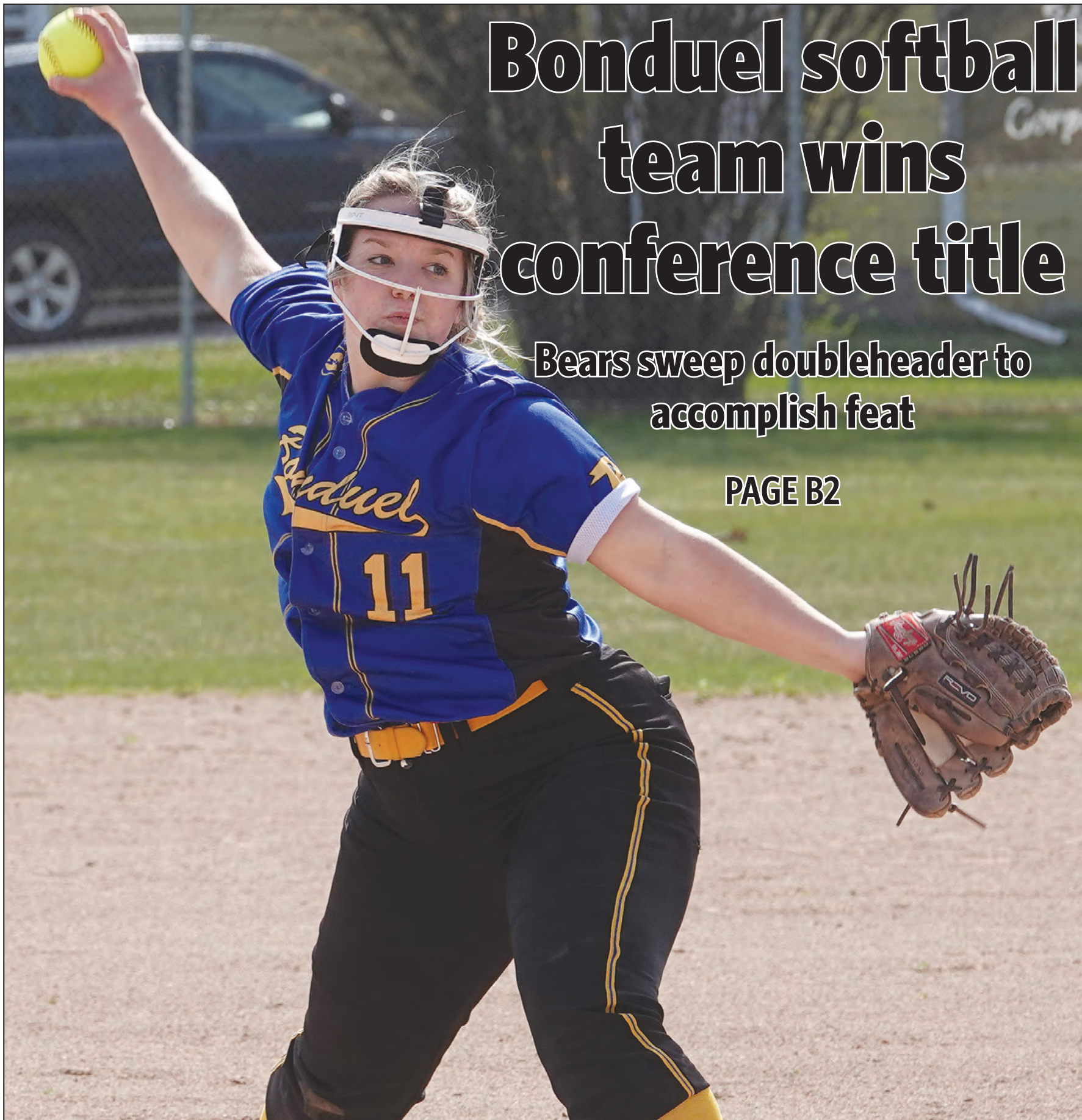
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Bonduel softball team wins conference title

Bears sweep doubleheader to
accomplish feat

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Bonduel's Claire Gehm pitches during the team's CWC-East games against Weyauwega-Fremont on May 9 in Bonduel.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Bonduel wins 2 to take CWC-East crown

Gehm, Henning toss shutouts to lead Bears

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School softball team's magical season continued May 9 when the team earned 2-0 and 5-0 wins over Weyauwega-Fremont on an extremely windy May 9 afternoon in Bonduel to secure the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division title.

"It means a lot. We really put in a lot of practice," said Bonduel's Macy Niles of winning the conference. "Last year wasn't our greatest, and this year we've just been more confident and worked harder. We play hard."

Bonduel, which was undefeated and still had two conference games remaining in the regular season, has won in all kinds of ways this spring. Against Weyauwega-Fremont, the Bears used strong pitching from Claire Gehm and Nakiyah Henning mixed with strong defense and timely offense to come out on top.

In the 2-0 win in game one, Gehm worked a gem. She pitched all seven innings, striking out 10 batters to work around four hits and two walks.

"I just knew coming into the game that we didn't really know where we stood, and this game really determined that. All I knew is that I could do as best as I could do, go out there and play and pitch like I can and my defense can back me up," said Gehm. "They did that for sure, and I'm so thankful for every diving and windy high pop they got."

Bonduel found a way to support Gehm by scratching across a run in the third and fifth innings.

Abby Stoltenow reached base in the third on a hit to right field. She later moved to third on a sacrifice bunt from Tatum Sporisky and then scored on a passed ball.

Audrey Weier walked to start the fifth frame and moved to second on a sac bunt from Niles. Another bunt from Stoltenow moved Weier to third. Bonduel's next batter struck out, but as Weyauwega-Fremont



Bonduel's Abby Stoltenow slides safely into home during the team's CWC-East doubleheader against Weyauwega-Fremont on May 9 in Bonduel.

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threw to first to secure the out, Weier sprinted home for the team's second run.

From there, Gehm took care of business, tossing two more zeros on the scoreboard to complete the win.

"It honestly gets me teary-eyed," said Gehm on winning the CWC-East title as a senior. "I never thought it was going to happen. This has been the best team I've played with, but I still never expected it. As we continued to win each week, I said, 'I definitely see something, and I want us to keep going with it.'"

Game two was nearly a carbon copy of the first, but with Henning in the circle for the Bears. In her seven innings, she struck out six batters while working around seven baserunners.

Henning also had some strong de-

fensive play behind her. Ironically, one of the few misplays by the Bears on the day worked in the team's favor, as a dropped popup turned into a game-ending double play.

"It says a lot (about the team winning with its pitching and defense), especially after last year where we didn't have that strong defense," said Henning. "Defense wins games. If I didn't have them, we wouldn't be where we are now. You can't have errors, and our defense has just been really good this year and it's a great feeling."

Serving as the visitors, Bonduel gave Henning early run support with a single tally in the first.

Sporisky singled to open the game and worked her way around the bases before scoring as the visitors secured another strikeout at

first base.

Ella Hischke singled to open the second and later scored on a Niles safety squeeze bunt.

Bonduel added two runs in the fifth frame, doing all the damage with two outs. Lila Pleshek was hit by a pitch and then stole second before scoring on Hailee Thompson's single. Thompson also stole second and then scored on a Hailey Zernicke single.

The host's final run came in the sixth. Niles scored the run on a Sporisky single.

"I think that we've had really good heads-up baserunning," said Niles. "We really want to win this year, so we've just been having more drive to get places on the bases."

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Marion's Stuhr tosses perfect game against Manawa

Lefty pitcher struck out last 14 batters he faced

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Marion High School's Jaden Stuhr nearly took the term "perfect game" to a new level May 12 during the baseball team's 11-0 victory over Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division foe Manawa in Marion.

The team's pitcher faced just 15 batters over five innings, and only one of the outs was in the field of play. The first batter of the game popped out to third base before Stuhr struck out the next 14 batters.

"I just came out and wanted to perform at my best. I knew it was going to be hot. I knew they were a good team, so I just went after it," said Stuhr. "I controlled the zone I felt, and I just threw strikes. I put it in spots they couldn't hit it. I want to thank my catcher Jay (Brei) for doing a good job behind the plate."

Stuhr didn't have too many at-bats go into deep counts, typically striking batters out on three of four pitches. As if the perfect game and 14 strikeouts weren't enough, he pitched an immaculate inning (nine pitches and nine strikes with three strikeouts) in the second.

Stuhr is no stranger to memorable pitching outings, having also thrown a no-hitter against Gresham on May 3.

While Stuhr would have certainly enjoyed also striking out the first batter to finish with all strikeouts, he was just happy to contribute another win to the team's perfect season. "We got the out; that's all that matters."

The junior lefty didn't need all that much offensive help with the way he was pitching, but the Mustangs gave him more than enough run support anyway.

Marion tallied three runs in the first inning before adding four more in the

second. Three runs in the third and another in the fourth capped the scoring.

The Mustangs got contributions up and down the lineup, which is part of the reason why the team is undefeated.

"It's awesome. Every single one of these guys, even the guys that don't start, they work their butts off all season," said Ethan Scheef on the balanced attack at the plate. "For us to all be able to contribute to each and every game, it's an amazing feeling. It makes each win way better."

Alex Zimmerman had a similar thought.

"We have so many underclassmen, so many sophomores this year that are just taking over," he said. "And it's just awesome because to know that they can do it too, and you're knowing that it's not just another out coming up there — you know it can be a hit, maybe a double sending people in."

"That's how we got 11 runs; otherwise, you can't do that with just two or three people. These sophomores are really stepping up this year."

Nick Malueg led off for the Mustangs and got on base in all four of his plate appearances. He came around to score the last three times he was on base, with the lone time he didn't score coming after he was caught stealing in the first inning.

Instead of the play snuffing out a potentially big inning, Malueg's efforts to try and hurdle the third baseman instead sparked the Mustangs' dugout. Ryan Malueg, Stuhr and Zimmerman would later score in the inning.

In the second frame, Nick Malueg singled with one out to get a rally started. He came around to score later in the inning.

Stuhr, Zimmerman and Brei also scored in the second. Zimmerman came through with a big double, while Scheef singled for a second straight at-bat.

Jackson Krohn got things going for Marion in the third, singling to open the frame. Nick Malueg walked before Ryan Malueg doubled. Stuhr followed with a single and then Zimmerman reached on an error. When all was said and done, Krohn, Nick Malueg and



Marion's Jaden Stuhr pitches during the team's CWC-North contest against Manawa on May 12 in Marion.

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Marion's Nick Malueg, top, hurdles Manawa's third baseman during a CWC-North matchup on May 12 in Marion. Malueg was called out on the play, but the effort sparked Marion's offense.

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Ryan Malueg scored in the inning.

To cap his big game, Nick Malueg doubled before scoring on a double from Ryan Malueg in the fourth.

"It feels good having a team that can hit, and it's a team I know I can rely on at the plate — that if I need

some room, they have my back, and I can really use that at times," said Stuhr of the run support, adding that the early cushion helped him on his way to a perfect game.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

One inning Marion's downfall in conference loss

Mustangs limited to 1 run

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Marion High School softball team came up on the wrong end of a 12-1 Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division game against Manawa on May 12 in Marion.

Marion and Manawa were locked in a tight game — with the visitors up 2-1 — before Manawa erupted for six runs in the fifth inning. Manawa added four more runs in the sixth to reach the 10-run rule and end the contest.

In the fifth inning, it wasn't defen-

sive mistakes that cost the Mustangs. Instead, it was tough luck, with Manawa seemingly finding every opening in Marion's defense.

"Manawa can hit the ball and they hit the ball well tonight. They hit the gaps," said Marion coach Jenny Korth. "We were playing really good defense, but they hit the gaps and there wasn't really a whole lot we could do to get that under wraps then."

"They got their hits where they needed to and strung them together," the coach added.

Manawa looked poised to run away with the game early, with two of the first three batters coming around to score, but Marion pitcher Morgan Schwartz was able to limit the damage by striking out a batter and inducing a flyout to strand a couple more runners.

Schwartz settled in from there, facing just one over the minimum across the next three innings.

In the fifth frame, only one Manawa batter walked. The big hit in the inning was a three-run inside-the-park homer.

The big inning got to Schwartz in the sixth, with a couple walks leading to the crooked number.

Marion had a fair share of baserunners in the contest, but was only able to plate a single run in the fourth. Eden Brennan singled to lead off that frame and then stole second. A passed ball moved her to third before a wild pitch allowed her to cross home.

Dacotah Yonker walked to lead off the game for the Mustangs and then stole second, but she was eventually stranded on base.

Karlie Faehling walked and Kelsey Zillmer singled for Marion in the second before being left on base.

Hailey Krueger was Marion's other baserunner in the contest, reaching on an error in the third. She was never



Marion's Ashley Fischer sprints toward first base during the team's CWC-North matchup against Manawa on May 12 in Marion.

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able to move up a base after a strikeout and groundout.

Despite the tough outcome, coach Korth hoped the team would appreciate being in second place in the conference standings. The players did just that.

"I think it's because we started off the season good," said Yonker. "So then we were like, 'oh my gosh, we have to do good throughout.' And we have been. We've been doing really

good because we enjoy being here and doing this and that helps a lot."

"I think no matter what it's awesome," said Brennan. "With me being a senior, I haven't been in many sports where we were up to the top. We were never really that good, so to finally say we were actually almost No. 1 at something feels above and beyond, it feels awesome."

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Oconto Falls claims 2nd at home invitational

Pulaski takes 7th

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School boys golf team earned a second-place finish during a weather-shortened Stu Anderson Golf Invitational on May 12 at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls.

Oconto Falls posted a team score of 169 through nine holes, behind only Marinette's 159 and just ahead of Notre Dame's 170. Oconto Falls also had another team of five golfers competing, taking ninth with a mark of 231.

"Our team was happy taking second place today," said Rease Hodkiewicz, who led the Panthers' top team with a round of 40. "We thought we could of scored a little better, but we are confident going into some big tournaments coming up."

Pulaski also competed at the invitational, taking seventh with a mark of 198.

Hodkiewicz made five pars during his round, including four in a row from holes 5-8. His mark of 40 tied for third as an individual.

"I was super confident today with my iron game and my chipping," said

Hodkiewicz. "I could have made some more putts; I left a few strokes out there."

Kadyn Riel and Thomas Carmody each carded rounds of 42 for the Panthers' top team, while Caden Leonhardt and Trevor Metzler each tallied 45s.

"I shot 42 on the first nine and was feeling really good, and I was thinking I was in for a good day," said Carmody, noting the lightning that stopped the invitational. "A couple over hooked drives but other than that, I was very pleased."

Oconto Falls' second team was led by Keaton Herms, who shot a round of 46.

Nick Trepanier carded a 58, while Nick Allen was at a 61. Daniel Donart's 66 and Jackson McDonald's 70 filled out the team.

"As a team, it feels like we are all finding our groove after a lot of bad weather events," said Carmody. "We have a solid team and are hoping to continue getting better and finishing the season strong."

Derek Shaw led Pulaski's team with a round of 46.

"Today I hit my driver very well, putting it in the fairway almost every time," said Shaw. "I feel like I could have played my irons a bit better."



Oconto Falls' Trevor Metzler putts during the Stu Anderson Golf Invitational on May 12 at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls.

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Isaac Nelson wasn't too far behind Shaw with a round of 49.

Robert Kinner, Jaqx Kanusha and Ryan Freward tallied rounds of 50, 53 and 55, respectively.

"I think we will take our scores and

be happy with them," said Shaw. "It would have been nice to play the holes again, but the weather didn't like the sound of that."

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Alicia Barreto named new Shawano's head cheer coach

Sydney Utke will serve as assistant

The Shawano Community High School cheerleading program will have new coaches when students return to school in the fall.

Mary Kast, who has led the cheer program for the past 18 years, is stepping down from her role as head coach.

Alicia Barreto has been hired as the new head coach. She will be assisted by Sydney Utke.

Barreto is ready for the challenge of continuing to improve the cheer program. She has a strong background in cheer and gymnastics. In high school,

she cheered at South Milwaukee High School where she was the captain of her team in her junior and senior seasons. After high school, she developed a cheerleading program at University of Wisconsin-Waukesha and served as a student-coach of the team, leading the team to a second-place finish at the collegiate state championships both years she served in that role.

Barreto is employed at Shawano Total Fitness as a personal trainer, nutrition coach, and activities coordinator. She has also been part of the Shawano Leadership program, expecting to graduate from the program this spring.

"I can't thank Shawano enough for this amazing opportunity," said Barreto. "Cheer has changed my life

in such a positive way and I can't wait to share with others the importance of the sport."

Utke was a cheerleader for eight years, including for four years at SCHS. Most recently, she served as a volunteer coach for the SCHS cheer team during the 21-22 school year. Utke graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from UW-Stout, and is employed as a registered behavior technician at Strive Behavior Solutions.

Utke is excited to join the staff.

"As a former Shawano Hawk cheerleader, I look forward to helping with the development of great athletes and to be a part of such an amazing program," she said.

"We are disappointed to see coach

Kast step away," said SCHS Activities Director Joel Wondra. "We are grateful for all she has done for the cheer program. She is passing along a strong, respected program. I'm confident that coach Barreto and coach Utke will build upon that strong foundation by continuing to provide a positive, meaningful experience to the members of the team."

The new coaches have already begun planning for the fall team. A clinic and tryouts for the fall squad are tentatively planned for Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Students interested in cheerleading should watch the cheer page on the district website (www.shawanoschools.com/o/schs/page/cheerleading-home-page) for more information.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: BRIANNA DELZER

Oconto Falls thrower excelling as season winds down

Oconto Falls High School's Brianna Delzer has saved some of her best performances for late in her high school career.

Delzer placed first in the shot put and discus at the Oconto County Meet on May 9. Her throw was 32 feet, 4½ inches in the shot put, winning the event by more than 2 feet. Delzer's toss of 101-11 in the discus was the top mark by more than 8 feet.

Earlier in the season, she placed second in discus and third in shot put at a pair of North Eastern Conference triangulars.

Delzer placed fifth in the discus and sixth in the shot put during the NEC Championship on May 14.

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

A: I began my first year of track when I was a freshman.

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

A: Having fun with my teammates but still pushing to do our best. Most of the time us throwers are always laughing at the things we do wrong instead of being hard on ourselves, which makes it easier to be comfortable and learn from our mistakes.

Q: What has track and field taught you over the years?

A: You can have fun but still work hard.

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

A: Shot put. My family is always there to give me new tips on form to throw farther.

Q: You've turned in several strong finishes over the past couple weeks. To what would you attribute your recent success?

A: Some of my credit goes out to my sister (Jessica Sellen) who is a current record holder of disc for Oconto Falls who always helps me with form for throwing. Otherwise



Oconto Falls' Brianna Delzer competes in the shot put at the North Eastern Conference Championship on May 13 in Freedom. CONTRIBUTED

it would be my parents (Ann Fuelle and Jay Delzer) pushing me to throw farther and give tips.

Q: As the season winds down, is there anything you are hoping to accomplish individually?

A: As the season is slowly ending I hope to hit over 110 feet in disc

and over 33 feet in shot — something I know I am capable of doing. I'm also hoping I could beat my sister's record in disc just because my family is pretty competitive and that way I would have something to brag about.

Q: As a senior, how do you

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Brianna Delzer
Sport: Track and field
Events: Shot put, discus
School: Oconto Falls High School
Year: Senior

help lead the rest of the team?

A: My biggest thing is to have fun, I'm always smiling or laughing in track. I encourage others to have fun and work hard. Everyone's capable of achieving what they want as long as they work for it.

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

A: As a team we go through warmups. Sometimes when us throwers really wanna get warmed up we run up and down hills.

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

A: My favorite memory is when us throwers were laughing so hard one of the teammates threw up, then we all couldn't stop laughing for minutes straight.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "42." TV show — "Criminal Minds." Musical artist — The Weeknd.

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

A: My mom pushes me to my best, she knows I have great potential and not many people know she is my biggest supporter. She is my No. 1.

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

A: Graduating high school going into college at NWTC for dental hygiene is my No. 1 focus. Becoming a dental hygienist and becoming successful is my dream accomplishment.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: KADEN MARCELL

Shawano senior stacking up top finishes

Kaden Marcell has put together a strong golf career for the Shawano Community High School team. He's continued to stack up strong finishes in his senior season.

Marcell led the Hawks during a Bay Conference meet on May 10, shooting a nine-hole round of 36. That score tied him for second as an individual. Marcell also led the team at a few other conference events.

He tied for fifth as an individual at the Oneida Classic on May 2 with an 18-hole round of 76. Marcell posted a round of 74 during the Chilton Invite on May 7, tying for second as an individual.

Q: When did your interest in golf begin?

A: My interest in golf began when my grandpa (Dean Marcell) first started taking me out to the golf course when I was 3 years old. Freshman year I really took the commitment by picking golf over baseball due to them being in the same season. Let's say I don't regret my decision.

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

A: My favorite part of the golf season is the conference meets every week. Playing with the same guys since freshman year is awesome, and it has been increasingly competitive over the years. My absolute favorite being the conference final because all that pressure on trying to perform well makes me show up.

Q: What has golf taught you over the years?

A: Golf has taught me over the years to be patient with stuff and to try and look at the benefits over the negatives. I always try to keep a positive mood on the course, and it has changed the way I act off the course.

Q: What is your favorite aspect of golf, and why?

A: My favorite aspect of golf is for sure the tee shot. There's nothing bet-



Shawano's Kaden Marcell looks on after taking a shot during the Oneida Classic on May 2 at Oneida Golf and Country Club in Green Bay.

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ter in my opinion than hitting a perfect drive down the middle, setting up the perfect approach shot.

Q: How did you prepare for the golf season?

A: I prepared for this golf season by going to the gym in the winter and also hitting on my home simulator. Also working on putting in my basement has played a key role in this season.

Q: As the season begins to wind down, what goals do you and the team have?

A: Our team this year has set very high standards. Our main goal is to qualify for sectionals as a team and

potentially even state, which I feel is possible if all of our players shoot well. I have the goals of trying to qualify for the state tournament this year. I feel like I have been playing the way I need to be to make it and think I can make a good run at it.

Q: Golf can be a tricky sport to be consistent at. How have you been able to put up strong rounds time after time?

A: The way I have been able to put up strong rounds time after time is practice; as golfers, our goal is to achieve perfection and I think the practice we put in makes us closer to

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Kaden Marcell

Sport: Golf

School: Shawano Community High School

Year: Senior

that. Everyone can hit a good shot now and then, but what sets people apart is how consistent you are at being able to do that. Another thing I do is just keep confidence throughout the round. There are a lot of shots in a round that may alter the round, but being confident in performing the shot is key.

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

A: Honestly our team has zero rituals before the rounds, other than just warming up and going out and playing. Only thing I do different is I always putt first, because I feel that it's the most important.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Shawano golf team?

A: My favorite memory of competing on the golf team will be the bus rides to all of the meets. Just being with the team on the bus is so much fun, I think it beats everything out.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Creed 2." TV show — Do not actually have one — I don't watch TV. Music artist — Sam Hunt.

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

A: I am actually ambidextrous, so I swing left, write with my right hand, throw with my right and kick with my left.

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

A: I hope to go to a post-secondary school and graduate with a degree, and then with my golf career hopefully get a scholarship or make it as a PGA Tour pro.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Rogowski wins 4 events at conference meet

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's Reese Rogowski won four individual events to help the girls track and field team to a second-place finish at the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division Championships on May 14 in Keshena.

Rogowski earned first in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes and the long jump. She won the 100 in 12.3 seconds and the 200 in 25.78 seconds. Rogowski's time of 58.07 seconds won the 400 by over four seconds, and her top leap of 18 feet, 0.5 inches was the best by more than 2 feet.

"It means a lot. I had high expectations for myself, and I want to continue to get better as the season progresses," said Rogowski on what the four conference titles mean to her.

Rogowski's big day helped the girls team rack up 117½ total points, only behind Manawa's 122½. Bonduel came

in seventh with 51 points, and Menominee Indian was ninth with 17 points.

On the boys side, Witt-Birn took eighth with 53 points. Bonduel placed ninth with 48 points, and Menominee Indian scored 10 points to take 10th.

Along with Rogowski's four top finishes, Jalynn Horacek also won an event for the Witt-Birn girls. She had a leap of 33-11 to win the triple jump.

The Witt-Birn boys team was led by Simon Schairer, who was part of two first-place finishes. Schairer won the 400 dash in 52.19 seconds and teamed up with Alex Centeno, Conner Groshek and Craig Wendel for first in the 4x400 relay (3:39.59).

Schairer also placed second in the triple jump with a mark of 41-11½.

"My strong conference finishes mean to me that all the practicing has paid off and that I am still improving as the season goes on to hopefully finish the track season out well," said Schairer.

Placing second individually for the Chargers was Faith Resch in the

200 (27.25) and Horacek in the 100 hurdles (17.8).

Horacek, Resch, Allison Linke and Kit Stewart teamed up for a second-place finish in the 4x100 relay (54.80).

Individually, Linke placed third in the 300 hurdles (52.34), while Resch was third in the high jump (4-8).

The Bonduel girls team was led by a first-place finish from the 4x100 relay team of Brenna Hertzfeldt, Ava Pleshek, Anna Beaumier and Meghan Wondra. The quartet put up a time of 54.46 seconds.

Individually, Pleshek was second in the 100 hurdles (17.79), while Hertzfeldt was second in the shot put (37-5½). Hertzfeldt placed third in the discus (101-9).

"It's honestly a confidence booster," said Hertzfeldt. "Some meets have not gone as well as I would have liked, so to finish the events at conference like I did is definitely reassuring. Also, I'm so proud of our 4x1 team to push it all the way to the

end to secure first place."

Gaven Vance led the Bonduel boys with second-place finishes in the long jump (20-2) and 200 dash (23.43).

"I was pretty happy with how I finished overall, especially with long jump," said Vance. "I'm hoping for a even better performance in regionals and sectionals later on this month."

"This also means a lot. With how my last couple of meets have gone, the conference meet helped to boost my overall confidence."

Karter Schroeder claimed second in the high jump (5-10). Jon Sell secured third in the discus (130-3) and shot put (42-5½).

Menominee Indian's top finishes were both fourth place.

Barron Waupoose turned in a time of 24.41 seconds to claim fourth in the boys 200 dash. Emma Komaneekin, Alezaha King, Cali Shawano and Alexis Zhuckkahosee teamed up for fourth in the girls 4x200 relay (2:03.55).

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Oconto Falls' St. Louis wins conference title in high jump

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Oconto Falls High School's Brailyn St. Louis won the high jump to lead the girls track and field team at the North Eastern Conference Championship on May 13 in Freedom.

St. Louis cleared a height of 5 feet to win the event. She also took third in the 100 hurdles in 17.41 seconds.

"My conference title in high jump is really cool to see my hard work pay off," said St. Louis. "I never would have expected this coming into the meet on a 90-degree day

with about 13-15 girls total in this event.

"I was super excited to find this out later on, and I'm looking forward to regionals and I hope to keep working toward my goal of breaking the school record."

The Oconto Falls girls team accu-

mulated 50 points to place fifth as a team. On the boys side, the Panthers took ninth with 21½ points.

The boys team had no top-three finishers. Devon Dorn, Isaac Bramer, Noah Hirst and Conner Wilquet teamed up for fourth in the 4x100 relay (46.41) for the team's top finish.



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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Gresham/Bowler girls and boys teams rack up 7 conference titles

Bowler's Kietlinski wins 2 individual events

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Gresham/Bowler track and field co-op took first in seven events during the Central Wisconsin Conference-Small Division Conference Meet on May 13 in Plainfield.

The Gresham/Bowler boys placed third as a team with a score of 95.

The Gresham/Bowler girls took fourth with 111 points. Marion claimed eighth with five points and Tigerton had four points to place ninth.

Emmitt Kietlinski led the Gresham/Bowler boys with top finishes in the long jump and high jump. He posted a top leap of 19 feet, 6¾ inches

in the long jump and cleared 6-6 in the high jump. He also took second in the triple jump with a mark of 41-11.

"One of my goals at the start of the season was to be a conference champion in at least two of the jumping events," said Kietlinski. "Improving my technique, particularly in the high jump, has helped accomplish that goal. Having tied the 32-year conference high jump record is one of the highlights of my prep career so far."

Bryson Nelson had two top-three finishes for the boys co-op. He was first in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 12 minutes, 12.47 seconds and claimed third in the 1,600 in 5:34.47.

Kellen Pingel placed second in the discus (118 feet) for the Gresham/Bowler boys. Taking third was Edward Castellanos in the 3,200 (13:07.17), Jackson Pingel in the shot

put (36-11½) and Zach Ziemer in the discus (114-2).

Three Gresham/Bowler girls relay teams placed first. Hannah Cerveney, Willow Demaskie, Valarie Cerveney and Ireland Jensen teamed up for first in the 4x100 relay (56.43 seconds). Jemy Reedy joined Hannah Cerveney, Demaskie and Jensen on the 4x200 relay that took first in 2:00.43.

Josie Cerveney, Maddie Haffner, Hazel Tepiew and Camille Gourley formed the top-finishing 4x800 relay (12:48.71).

Valarie Cerveney won the girls shot put with a throw of 34-2. She claimed third in the high jump (4-7).

"My conference title in the shot put means a lot to me. It's one of my goals I've always had, and I'm so grateful to be able to accomplish it," said Valarie Cerveney.

Josie Cerveney took third in the

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3,200 (14:47.73).

Demaskie, Gourley, Tepiew and Danica Peters formed the third-place finishing 4x400 relay (5:30.66).

"Having three relay teams place first was so exciting," said Valarie Cerveney. "They had a lot of energy and wanted to go after it and win, and that's exactly what they did. It was fun to watch."

The Marion girls only took part in two events. Peytra Bailey, Lily Wudstrack, Hailey Meister and Bridget Much had the top finish for the team after placing sixth in the 4x100 relay (1:07.14).

Mary Kreklow turned in Tigerton's top finish at the meet. She placed sixth in the 3,200 (15:58.02).

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Bruss wins triple jump to lead Pulaski at FRCC Meet

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Emily Bruss won the girls triple jump to lead the Pulaski High School track and field team at the Fox River Classic Conference Meet on May 14 in Manitowoc.

Bruss had a top leap of 34 feet, 8½ inches to win the triple jump.

"Winning the conference title means so much to me," said Bruss. "I could not have done it without my amazing coaches. They push me

every day to gain confidence in my skills and have helped me improve by leaps and bounds.

"Especially since this is my first year doing triple jump, I am so proud of what I have accomplished so far, and I can't wait for what is to come for the rest of my season."

Bruss also claimed third place in the long jump with a leap of 16-1½.

The Pulaski girls placed sixth as a team with 52½ points, while the boys came in eighth with 28½ points.

The Pulaski girls' 4x200-meter relay team placed third in a time of 1 minute, 51.29 seconds. Rachael Allen, Hallie Morz, Grace Goodness and Anna Friedman formed the team.

Jack Marsh led the Pulaski boys team with a second-place finish in the discus. His top throw was 136-3.

"I put in a lot of work this season and in the preseason with some coaching and weight training, working to placing high in some of the bigger track meets," said Marsh.

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"I'm happy with my performance but want to continue to work hard and throw farther."

T.J. Shaw took third in the boys 3,200 with a time of 10:04.47.

Eian Ziemer, Mason Wells, Rylan Rodal and Brock Steinbrecher teamed up for third in the boys' 4x200 relay with a time of 1:32.38.

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UW-Madison

Shawano Community High School graduate Brandi Gueths and the Wisconsin women's rowing team competed at the Big Ten Rowing Championships on May 15.



BRANDI GUETHS

Gueths was on the varsity eight team that placed seventh with a time of 6 minutes, 37.448 seconds.

After the races, Gueths was honored with a spot on the second team All-Big Ten.

St. Norbert College

Oconto Falls graduate Mason Sefcik pitched in two games for the St. Norbert baseball team at the NACC Tournament last week.

Sefcik pitched 5 1/3 innings in the team's win over Aurora on May 12. He allowed four runs on seven hits.



SIMON STEWART

He got three outs in the team's loss to Edgewood on May 14. He surrendered two runs.

Witt-Birn graduate Simon Stewart also pitched in the loss to Edgewood. He worked an inning and allowed one run.

UW-Stout

Pulaski High School graduate Kevin Ruechel earned two strong finishes while competing for the UW-Stout men's track and field team at the UW-La Crosse Eagle Open on May 13.

Ruechel won the shot put with a top throw of 17.93 meters. The second-place finisher had a mark of 16.42 meters.

Ruechel placed second in the discus with a toss of 50.54 meters.

UW-Stevens Point

Menominee Indian grad Guadalupe Corn competed in three events while representing the UW-Stevens Point women's track and field team during the UW-La Crosse Eagle Open on May 13.

Corn's top finish with 14th in the shot put with a mark of 10.88 meters. Corn also placed 22nd in the hammer throw (38.06 meters) and 32nd in the discus (25.28 meters).

UW-La Crosse

Oconto Falls grad Tucker Bouche pitched in two of the UW-La Crosse baseball team's three WIAC Tournament games last week.

He was unable to record an out while facing three batters during the team's loss to UW-Stevens Point on May 12. He got four outs in the team's setback to UW-Oshkosh on May 13.

Winona State University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood graduate Maddy Pietz was part of several strong finishes while competing for the Winona State women's track and field team during the NSIC Outdoor Track and Field Championship on May 12-14.

Pietz won on the first-place finishing 4x400-meter relay team that had a time of 3:53.32. She was on the 4x100 relay team that came in third in 47.31 seconds.

Individually, the Witt-Birn grad came in sixth in the 100 dash (12.24 seconds) and finished ninth in the 200 (25.13 seconds).

UW-Eau Claire

Suring grad Mitch Stegeman placed fourth in the pole vault while representing the UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team at the UW-La Crosse Eagle Open on May 13.

Stegeman cleared 4.84 meters to earn his finish.

Viterbo University

Gillett grad Lauren Herzog competed in the 3,000 steeplechase for the UW-La Crosse women's track and field team at the NSAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 12 and 13.

She posted a time of 14:52.73.

BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

East-West Division

Marion 4

Caroline 1

Marion took down Caroline on May 15 in Marion.

Joe Weyenberg pitched a complete game for Marion. Alex Elandt drove in two runs to lead the team at the plate.

Justin Reminger tallied two hits for Caroline. Aaron Hoffman took the loss on the mound.

Neopit 5

Tilleda 1

Neopit defended its home turf and topped Tilleda on May 15 in Neopit.

Lowell Chevalier registered two of Neopit's seven hits. Donald Waukechon earned the win on the hill.

Zach Fehrman was tagged with the loss for Tilleda. Landon Kroening recorded two of the team's three hits.

Clintonville 14

Gresham 4

Clintonville rolled past Gresham on May 15 in Clintonville.

Jordan Koeppen drove in three runs on three hits for Clintonville, while Turner Doornink homered and drove in a pair. Mitch Ebben drove in two runs on two hits, while Matthew

Morse had two hits.

Hunter Vollmer secured the win for Clintonville, while Paul Murphy took the loss for Gresham.

Mike James led Gresham at the plate with two hits.

Tigerton 10

Leopolis 1

Tigerton eased past Leopolis on May 15 in Leopolis.

Justin Sivertson led Tigerton with three hits, while Paul Sellner, Pat Provoast, Izaiah Hidde and Patrick Bailey had two each.

Paul Sellner struck out 10 batters over six innings to earn the win on the hill. Kasey Kristof took the loss for Leopolis.

Nate Laude posted three hits for Leopolis, with Thomas Kasik adding two hits.

Little Falls wins by forfeit

Little Falls earned a forfeit win over Shawano on May 15.

Shawano could not field a complete team.

South Central Division

Plover 14

Green Lake 10

Plover topped Green Lake on May 15 in Plover.

Levi Baerwolf had four RBIs on three hits for Plover. Kevin Jastrom-

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ski added two RBIs on three hits, while Jason Jones scored five runs and tallied two hits.

Zack Hintz struck out 10 batters and earned the win for Plover. Damien Netzler took the loss.

Gregg Danke drove in five runs on three hits for Green Lake. Netzler and Jared Danke posted two hits each.

New London 18

Weymont 3

New London rolled to a win over Weymont on May 15 in New London.

Dylan Moeller was credited with four RBIs for New London, while Will Wholt had two. Andrew Parker tallied three hits, and Tyler Janke, Austin Warren and Wholt all had two hits.

Myles Parker earned the win after pitching three innings. Trevor Wetzel was tagged with the loss.

Jeremy Christians led Weymont with two hits.

North Division

Aniwa 14

Antigo/Polar 11

Aniwa won a high-scoring contest over Antigo/Polar on May 15 in Antigo.

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Kody Szews earned the win on the mound and led Aniwa with two hits. Wade Farmer belted a homer.

Jed Weix and Elliott Orgeman each posted three hits for Antigo/Polar. Cole Kuenzli took the loss on the hill.

Elderon 8

Hatley 3

Elderon picked up a win over Hatley on May 15 in Elderon.

Brandon Groshek and Casey Kerstner each homered for Elderon, with Groshek and Troy Leiskau tallying two hits each.

Kerstner earned the win on the mound, with Simon Stewart taking the loss for Hatley.

Kodie Kocher tallied two hits for Hatley, with one of the hits being a homer.

Birnamwood 11

Wittenberg 6

Birnamwood defeated Wittenberg on May 15 in Wittenberg.

Brad Knoblock recorded two hits and earned the win on the hill. Carter Prey also had two hits.

James Thompson suffered the loss for Wittenberg.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Adam Gafner named new Shawano co-op coach

Pending formal approval, Adam Gafner will be the new head hockey coach for the Shawano boys co-op in the 2022-23 season.

Hockey is part of Gafner's fabric. He has been involved in hockey in one form or another for almost 35 years.

He played high school hockey in Escanaba, Michigan, where he was a four-year varsity letterwinner and earned First Team All-UP honors.

He previously coached the Shawano JV football team from 2008-10, and he currently serves as the Mite Program Director for the Shawano Hockey League.



ADAM GAFNER

as a group as a result," said Gafner when asked about his plans for the program. "A long time ago I was taught that winning is work and losing is easy. It's time for us to get to work,"

"I believe many life lessons were learned last season during a challenging year. They don't have to be bad lessons. Growth comes through trials in life and we will come out better

Gafner earned a business degree from Western Michigan University and is currently the COO and Managing Partner of Titledown Wealth Management in Green Bay.

"We are pleased to welcome coach Gafner to our staff," said Shawano Community High School Activities Director Joel Wondra. "We were looking for a coach who could teach the game of hockey, but more importantly, would improve the overall culture within our hockey program. Adam shared plans to facilitate meaningful practices, commit to our athletic performance training program, and establish and adhere to high standards

for player commitment and conduct. We found that in Adam."

Gafner and his staff will get to work immediately.

"Our coaching staff is excited to share with everyone our vision going forward this season and beyond," Gafner said. "We look forward to greater investment from these students in one another on and off the ice."

He and his staff will begin by getting acquainted with the players and families, encouraging player participation in the summer athletic performance program, and developing out-of-season opportunities for the players.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Shawano teams 3rd at conference championships

Lowney, Roloff lead Hawks

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School boys and girls track and field teams each placed third at the Bay Conference Championships on May 14 in West De Pere.

The boys team scored 97½ points, while the girls tallied 95 points.

Elliott Lowney led the boys team with two first-place finishes. He

won the 100-meter dash in 10.91 seconds, and took the 200 title in 22.27 seconds.

"It was just so rewarding to finally get a win at the conference meet. Last year I took second three times and I knew I wasn't going to let that happen again," said Lowney. "Even better that I broke the school record in the 100 while doing it. And it wasn't just me having success, everyone was doing so well."

Isabel Roloff won two events to lead the Shawano girls. She claimed the 100 dash in 12.33 seconds and cleared 11-6 in the pole vault to take first.

"Winning the conference (titles) means a lot to me because it encourages me to work harder and strive for more," said Roloff. "It shows me that my hard work in practice has paid off. Winning these titles also gives me more confidence as regionals and sectionals approach."

The Shawano girls 4x800 relay team placed first in 10:12.93.

Back on the boys side, Riley Siegfried took first in the pole vault (11-9).

Jackson Smits earned first in discus with a throw of 148-8.

Placing second for the Shawano

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girls was Grace Beyer in the 800 (2:30.6) and Lily Guenther in the 3,200 (12:31.82).

Guenther finished third in the 1,600 (5:55.12). The 4x400 relay team took third in 4:25.79.

The boys 4x100 relay team placed second in 45.27 seconds. Will Chelberg claimed second in the 3,200 (10:42.62).

Chelberg also took third in the 1,600 (4:43.29). The boys 4x800 relay team placed third in 9:04.16.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Shawano boys take 4th place at conference tournament

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Community High School boys tennis team placed fourth at the Bay Conference Tournament on May 14 in De Pere.

Xavier won the tournament with 41 points. West De Pere was second with 35 points, while Fox Valley Lutheran had 24 points for third. Shawano scored 18 points to come in fourth.

Shawano's Andrew VanDenHeuvel and Seth Williams teamed up for a third-place finish in No.

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2 doubles action. Josh Bergmann placed third in No. 2 singles play.

VanDenHeuvel and Williams won their first two matches before losing against Xavier. Bergmann also won his first two matches before falling to a player from West De Pere.

Singles: No. 1: George Bergmann SHAWANO def. Luis Gaytan GREEN BAY EAST, 6-2, 6-0; Nathan

Johnson MENASHA def. George Buerman, 7-5, 6-3; George Buerman def. Skyler Krouth GREEN BAY WEST, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Josh Bergmann SHAWANO def. Victor Martinez Macias GREEN BAY EAST, 6-1, 6-3; Josh Bergmann def. Jonathon Gregory, MENASHA, 4-6, 6-4, 10-2; Jeremy Weller WEST DE PERE def. Josh Bergmann, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 3:** Tristan Sheldon SHAWANO def. Jaeden Sweatt MENASHA, 2-6, 7-5, 10-5; Andrew Minorik XAVIER def. Sheldon, 6-1, 6-0; Christian Monigal FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN def. Sheldon, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Daniel Fernandez FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN def. Benjamin Langlois SHAWANO, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles: No. 1: Tristan Tetting-Isaac Weller SHAWANO def. Ben Oana-Lucas Thephavong

GREEN BAY EAST, 6-0, 7-5; Carter Bankes-Jonathan Allen GREEN BAY WEST def. Tetting-Welander, 6-2, 7-6 (4); Tetting-Welander def. Jameson Schultz-Caleb Hartl MENASHA, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Seth Williams-Andrew Vandenheuvel SHAWANO def. Eli Minot-Payton VanDinter MENASHA HIGH, 6-4, 6-3; Williams-Vandenheuvel def. Tommy Erler-Aiden Miller Riesterer GREEN BAY WEST, 2-6, 6-3, 12-10; Sean Utrie-Mark Steinlage XAVIER, def. Williams-Vandenheuvel, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Henry Gugala-Reinders-Logan Minot MENASHA def. Mason Sparks-Elias Popp SHAWANO HIGH, 6-3, 6-1; Popp-Sparks def. Arturo Martinez-Eli Miller Riesterer GREEN BAY WEST, 6-3, 6-3.

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Comedian combines rural roots, city life to keep 'em laughing

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Judd Reminger keeps folks laughing in Wisconsin and other places around the Midwest as a stand-up comedian, but it took a disastrous initial outing 11 years ago for him to bring his craft into focus. CONTRIBUTED

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Laugh if you want to, but please laugh

Judd Reminger takes lessons from disastrous performance to create stand-up comedy career

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

If folks working in the fields of Leopolis hear laughter in the distance, it can only mean one thing: Judd Reminger has come home to visit his family.

Whether they're laughing with him or at him, the stand-up comedian who grew up in rural Shawano County is perfectly fine with that, as long as people are laughing. Constantly churning out jokes that leave audiences gasping for air and falling out of their chairs is no easy task, as Reminger learned over 11 years ago when someone suggested he give comedy a whirl.

"It was always something I wanted to do," Reminger said. "I was in college, and a roommate of mine kind of pushed me towards doing it. We found a comedy competition about an hour away, and it was a competition where, if you bring enough people — it's fan-voted — you become the winning comedian of the night."

Reminger brought enough people to win the popular vote that night. The prize was \$100 and the opportunity to open for a professional comedian at a club in Milwaukee.

"It was my first time doing comedy, and I didn't know much about the art form," Reminger said. "I wrote some jokes and thought I'd tell some jokes that I thought were funny and that my friends thought were funny."

He acknowledged some of the other competitors were probably upset that their humor had been executed better but he wound up winning because he brought enough friends to stuff the ballot box. That tactic would come back to bite Reminger when he opened for the comedian two weeks later.

"I completely bombed," he said. "My friends weren't in the audience. I was very new to the art form, and I just remember there was so much dead noise. After I got off the stage, I went to the back of the room and put my head down. The owner of the club saw me. He put his arm around me and said, 'Hey. You're very new. Don't worry. It happens.'"

Taking the words of wisdom to heart, Reminger stuck it out and continues to perform for metropolitan audiences across southern Wisconsin today. He turned that one-time disastrous performance into a successful full-time career, doing full shows as a



Judd Reminger grew up in Leopolis, but he's been saturating Milwaukee with laughter and comedy for 11 years as a full-time stand-up comedian.

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headliner, helping to book other comedians, introducing some of them and working as the producer and showrunner for the West Bend Theater in Milwaukee.

"Pretty much all my weekends are filled with comedy," he said. "I pretty much do it all. I have to put it on my taxes, so that's an official thing."

Reminger is currently living in Milwaukee but still finding time to come home to visit family. He is the son of John and Kay Reminger, the latter being familiar to locals because she writes the "Farm Life From a Farm Wife" column that appears in NEW Media newspapers, as well as the Marion Advertiser.

It was a matter of writing better jokes, practicing more and refining his craft that helped Reminger to avoid more shows where the last words from his mouth were not followed up with laughter and applause. He hadn't intended to go into comedy when he started at Lakeland University, but he said he fell in love with the craft.

"It's still like a rush when you get

on stage," Reminger said. "When you perform in any kind of live performance, the energy you feel from the crowd is unreal. You go to open mics. You go to places where you can try out new jokes and find out whether they were funny."

Reminger noted that, while folks come out on a Saturday night to see a comedian perform, they don't realize that person has been working all week to prepare for the show and figure out which jokes should make the cut and how they flow together.

"I fell in love with that as a young comedian," Reminger said. "That's fun to me."

Reminger said his whole family is a constant source of comedic material, noting that it gives audience a piece of who he is inside. Growing up on a farm is relatable across the Midwest, whether he's performing in Milwaukee or traveling to St. Louis, Missouri.

"I have jokes about about my mom and my dad, my siblings, growing up on a farm. It's fun to do," Reminger said. "Every time I go home, I can grab

another piece."

When asked if he'd ever come back home for a comedy show, Reminger was of two minds about that.

"My mom asked me about that very recently," Reminger said. "When I go back (home), I have rapport already. It's a little bit different than when I'm performing in front of strangers. When I talk about my dad, it's not like he's a character, and they already think, 'Oh, that's him. I know him. I play golf with him.'"

Although Reminger's making a living off of laughter, he still feels there's further to go on the comedy trail, growing his fan base. He dreams of having a television special or being on a show on Netflix, and he aspires to put out a comedy album. He said he plans to keep doing stand-up comedy as long as it's fun.

"I don't think I've even peaked yet," Reminger said. "For me, it just keeps growing and growing. I don't like to look back and think, 'Oh, that was a rejection point.' I just want to keep getting better and having fun with that."

Pulaski students get cooking on national stage

ProStart program gets youth involved with professional food prep

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Dahlia Maroszek had never considered pursuing cooking as a career, recalling a disastrous time years ago that she had messed up instant pudding at home.

However, the Pulaski High School student and four of her classmates got the chance to showcase their culinary skills on a national stage as they competed at the national ProStart competition held May 6-9 in Washington, D.C. Making up the rest of the team were Sophia Berg, Angely Lee, Abi Roberts and team manager Brayden Pelot.

The chance to go to the national competition came after Pulaski won the state competition earlier this year. Pulaski was able to compare its food prep skills with other public schools as well as charter schools that are specifically geared toward culinary education. Pulaski did not place at the national contest, according to Liz Moehr, Pulaski culinary arts teacher. The winner at the national level was a public high school from Delaware.

"The National Restaurant Association Education Foundation has a two-year curriculum that students get hands-on experience to get them ready to be in the culinary and hospitality industry," Moehr said in describing the ProStart program. "If students complete both years with 400 hours of work experience, and there's certain competencies they have to get at the workplace, and there's two year-end tests ... they get college credits for a number of different culinary schools across the country."

Among the places nearby accepting ProStart credits are Fox Valley Technical College, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and University of Wisconsin-Stout, according to Moehr. More than 130,000 students in 1,700 high schools across the United States participate in the ProStart program.

The students were tasked at the national competition with making an appetizer, a main course and a dessert, with only 60 minutes and two butane burners to prepare all three. Pulaski started with a lobster ravioli with sage butter sauce and red pepper



Ali Roberts, left, and Angely Lee, two members of the Pulaski High School ProStart team, do their part to prepare several dishes for the judges at the national ProStart competition. Pulaski won the state contest, which gave the school the opportunity to compete at the national level.

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chutney, followed by the main dish of porcini-breaded veal chop served atop stracchino polenta, sauteed broccolini with red peppers and caper gremolata aioli. The dessert was a raspberry tiramisu with coffee pearls.

"It's quite the undertaking," Moehr noted.

Besides prepping the food, the students had to come up with their menu, price out how much it was going to cost to make it and determine the menu price, according to Moehr.

Maroszek said the experience of competing at a national level was "super awesome and super stressful simultaneously." She originally hadn't planned on competing for Pulaski, but when a friend said she was going to try to make the team, she decided it might be worth trying.

"We're small-town Pulaski competing against, like, so many higher-level schools," Maroszek said. "Our fingers were crossed that a public school would take it all."

There were some challenges that the Pulaski ProStart team had to face, including lost materials that threw off the team. But Moehr said that it didn't matter that the team didn't place, as

long as something positive was gained from the experience.

"I couldn't be more proud of them, because they showed that they knew what they were doing," Moehr said. "Their floor judge said they were one of the most poised teams. They just generally looked like they love cooking, and that's what I care about."

While having the skills to prepare difficult dishes does help in a competition like ProStart, Maroszek said teamwork was a key factor in what made the Pulaski team move so far. The team members had not all been friends when they first came together, but they're certainly bonding now.

"We all trust each other enough to be like, 'This person's going to have my back.' We're going to get a little bit funny here, but even then, we're going to be up until 1 a.m. talking for no reason," Maroszek said.

There were over 20 regular three-hour practices prior to the Wisconsin ProStart competition where the students got to refine their dishes, experiment with flavors and more. Moehr noted the students also came during their free periods to practice and even came in a couple of times

when school was not in session.

The constant prepping and refining was a benefit to Pulaski High School teachers, as they got to taste the students' work, according to Moehr.

"We were toying with flavors and seasonings until the very end," Moehr said.

Maroszek got a lot of her culinary skills in school, noting that she wasn't allowed to be in the kitchen much when she was younger.

"I screwed up instant pudding when I was young so bad that no one would eat it," Maroszek said with a laugh. "I enjoyed taking cooking classes in summer school at the middle school, and then the high school had such a broad variety. I took Foods for Life, and it was during COVID, so I didn't actually get to cook here."

The exposure to culinary training has made Maroszek seriously consider going into the restaurant business as a career.

"One of the things I say is that food is the way to someone's heart," Maroszek said. "If I bake cookies, this is my way of introducing myself to you."



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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

In spring, local farmers bring fields alive

The cow, what a magnificent animal. Not only do they calve to continue the herd but also produce milk and provide a natural fertilizer. This fertilizer is spread on the fields to promote harvest growth in order to feed the animal, and in turn feed people.

Cool temps and above average moisture this spring have delayed fieldwork. Now that the ground temperature has warmed and the fields have dried out, it's time for full steam ahead, with many farmers working around the clock. The roads are full of equipment that may take over half their share of the road. Be patient. Remember, these guys feed the country.



KAY REMINGER

Countless semis full of natural fertilizer (pungent liquid gold) gets pumped onto fields, the country perfume saturating everything. On a still day the aroma hangs in the air and can downright make a person's eyes water. Some farmers use high-powered units which fork the manure directly into the ground while others spread it and then afterward, plow the field, pushing the naturally rich nutrients deep in the soil.

Since selling off our herd of Black Angus and remodeling our existing barn, we've been raising bred cows and heifers for my brother and his two boys. Gutting the barn, free stalls were put in and filled with a fine sand bedding. The outer yard holds a covered feed bunk, readily accommodating 60 cows at any one time. They rent our fields and utilize everything possible. This past year they had planted a field of sorghum, a first for us.

After taking the sorghum off last year, it regrew in the fall, so before plowing it up, a guy came and using a stalk shredder, cut up the regrowth. Afterward, a round baler spit out wrapped bales, which are then used for bedding. After fastening a fork bucket on our skidster, my husband hauled them off the field, storing them in our barn mow.



Springtime means farmers are preparing their fields for a new growing season, including this John Deere pulling a stalk shredder to cut up the regrowth.

KAY REMINGER

After they harvested the sorghum on the field next to the barn, they headed for the corn fields down the road. These corn fields have six-inch stubble left from last year's grain harvest. The guy working the stalk shredder goes first with the baler right behind. They move. My husband gathered the covered rounds with the skidster, stacking them on a waiting semi.

In order to snap a picture or two, I was standing on the outer edge of the field watching these fellas work. With wind gusts up to 50 miles per hour that day they must

have thought, "That lady needs to get a life." It was dusty, dirty work but they were both operating in an enclosed cab with a tractor that had back dual wheels taller than me.

I am in awe every spring, how a farmer can make fields come alive, waking them up after a barren winter. The rich, fertile soil gets overturned first with a plow, then disk, then drag. Some farmers direct-seed to cut fuel and equipment costs. Usually, though, the ground is worked up to a supple texture to better receive the seed.

After working up the soil we

pick stones. Picking stones is the least favorite job on a farm. I never heard any farm kid exclaim, "Oh, goody! We get to pick stones today!" Our kids didn't get out of that job, and it taught them how to work.

Way back in the day, there were such things called stone boats. These were boat-shaped vessels pulled by a tractor and made of planks with a steel plate bolted to the planks. They were laid flat on the ground with no wheels, used mostly for large stones. When full, it was pulled over to the stone fence and the guys rolled them off.

Thankfully, we didn't use that but instead purchased our first skidster. The bucket could be placed flush to the ground and the bigger stones rolled on. Usually, the oldest kid would drive the skidster over to the stone fence, dumping it. When our kids left home, we bought ourselves a stone bucket attachment. Nowadays we just drive around with the skidster and dig under the stone, lifting the bucket up and shaking it so the dirt sifts through. The kids howled, "Oh, we're gone and now you get that?" Our manpower had left.

Finally, getting all of last year's harvest off the fields, spreading manure, disking, dragging, and picking stones; the rich nutrient-soaked field is finally ready to be planted. After all of that time and effort plus fuel, and wear and tear on the equipment, the bone-weary farmer in faith watches the seed yield a wavy field of soybeans, oats or sorghum. Corn with its little green soldiers standing at attention in military-like rows causes me to sigh with satisfaction, acknowledging all the work it took.

Seeing the crops grow in anticipation of a good harvest makes it all worthwhile. Before you know it, it's time to cut hay.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9

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

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Transitioning to NWTC was academically seamless. I was thrilled to be in a program that would challenge me and feed my curiosity.

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Color blast finally here in Northeast Wisconsin

It has been a long time coming, and with Mother Nature seemingly unable to make up her mind, the start of the color blast is finally underway.

Spring bulb bloom season is here, and we are starting to see a lot more action when it comes to the explosive colors of spring blooming bulbs. Tulips, daffodils, irises, crocuses and more are beginning to appear in our area. A few days of consistent warmth and sunshine should really get the show popping.



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Spring bulbs, of course, are those that are planted during the fall season to overwinter and prepare for their spring bloom. More and more gardeners are discovering the joys of growing bulbs in the garden. They are excellent for early-season color, disappearing by the time spring and summer perennials begin to make their appearance.

Many of the spring blooming bulbs appear and bloom so quickly that they are completely dormant by the time the leaves flush out on the trees overhead. This makes them an ideal choice for gardeners who want a quick burst of color in spring before standard perennials began to appear and blossom.

There are many great ways to incorporate spring blooming bulbs in the garden. Planting in masses of color is one of my favorite ways. Instead of planting bulbs in individual holes in simple rows or lines, dig a large hole 2 to 3 feet across and cram it full of assorted bulbs for a beautiful display in spring.

One of my favorites of the spring blooming bulbs are the allium, or ornamental onion. Some of these can be quite large, up to 6-10 inches across. Most of these bloom in May or early June. Many varieties come in purple and white.

Tulips are the favorite of many gardeners. They come in such a wide variety of colors and shapes and styles that it is possible to create a breathtaking tulip garden that blooms from April all the way into early June. There are dwarf tulips and giant tulips. There are variegated tulips. Of course, the blooms come in every color of the rainbow.

Hyacinths are another favorite. Fragrant and lush in flower, the large Dutch hyacinths bloom in shades



The colors of the season begin with the spring bulbs. Many have completed blooming by the time the trees flush out with leaves by the end of May.

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Spectacular tulips bloom throughout May into early June, bringing an explosion of bright color.

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of blue, purple, pink, yellow, orange and white. There are also the smaller grape hyacinths that bloom in blue and purple and white.

Of course, there are the daffodils. In most years, daffodils bloom a bit earlier than tulips. Besides the classic daffodils in shades of yellow, there are

many daffodils that bloom in white, as well as orange. An increasing number of daffodils bloom in pink and white. Some have cups that are even near-red in color.

Many garden centers have caught on to gardeners' woes about planting in the fall. Because of this, you can find many garden centers that now sell pre-cooled bulbs in Spring that are ready to plant and ready to bloom. While these are often common varieties, it is a way for spring gardeners to have lush, spring blooms without having to do all of the hard work in the fall.

One of the best spring bulb displays can be seen each year in May at Green Bay Botanical Garden. Each year, the garden showcases a spectacular array of blooms, expertly arranged and planted to make the most of the colors, bloom time and variety of fall planted bulbs. Nearly a half-million bulbs are on display, with more and more added each year.

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

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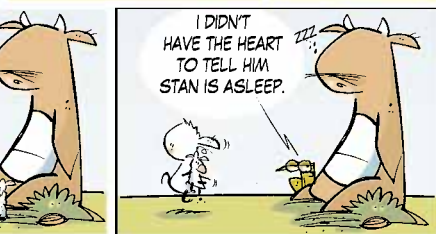
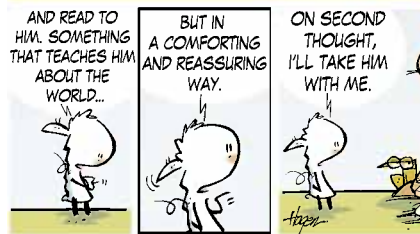
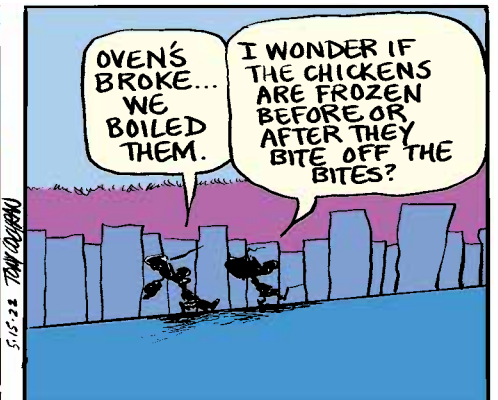
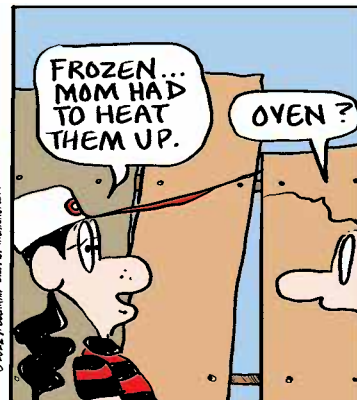
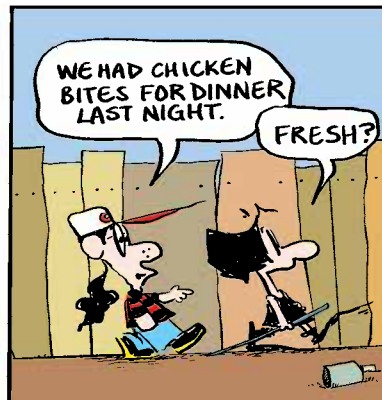
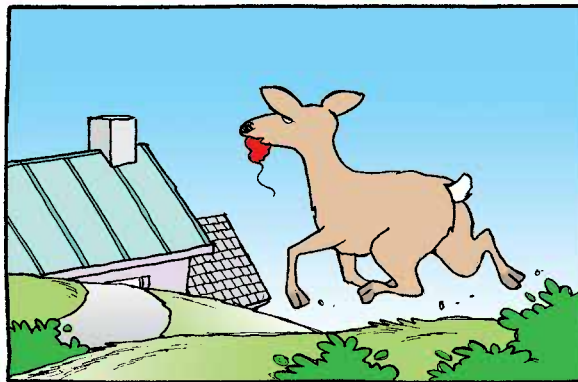
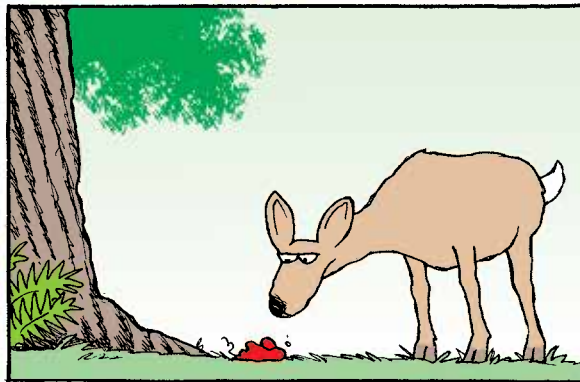
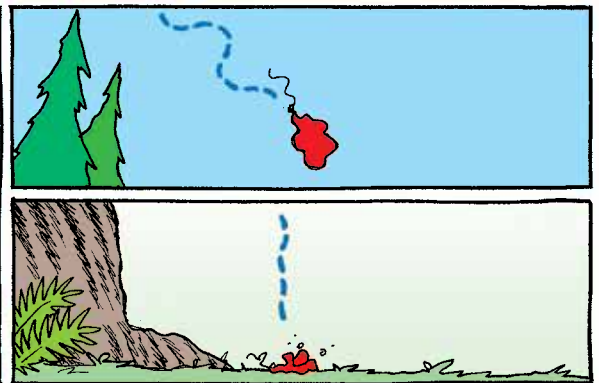
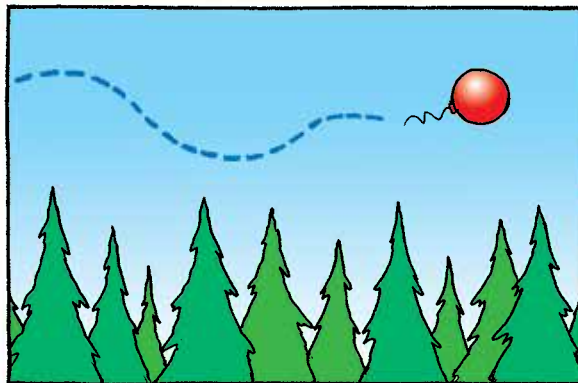
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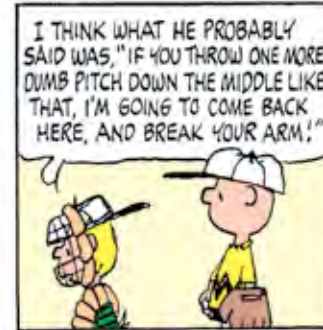


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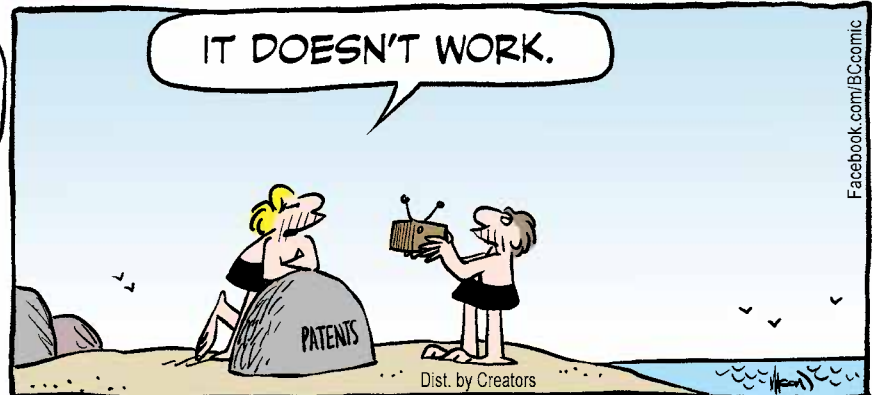
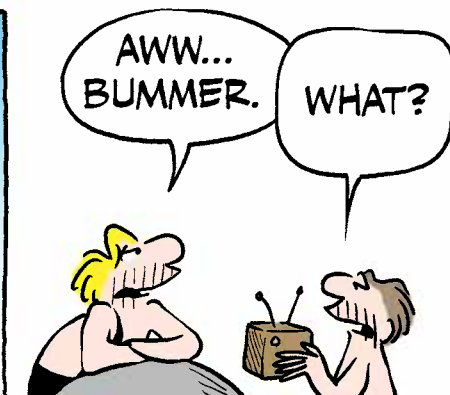
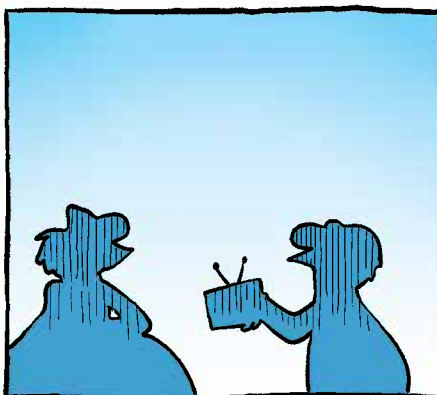
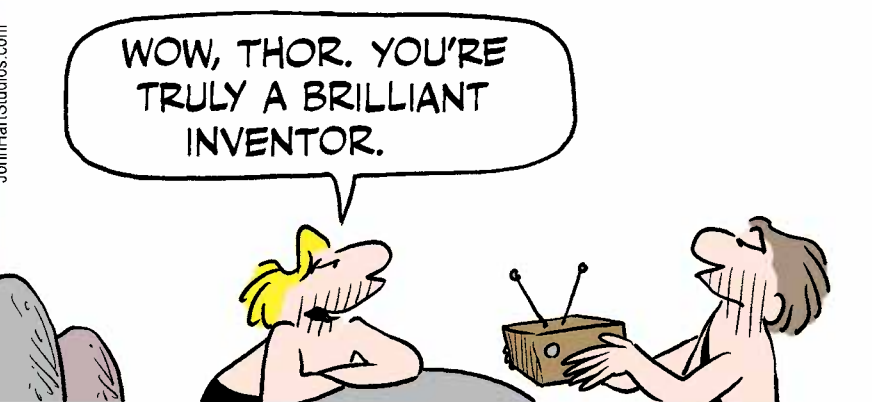
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CLUB NOTES

Delta Kappa Gamma, Nu Chapter

Nu Chapter held its May meeting at Shawano Area Matthew 25 in Shawano. Chris Ciucci, the resource center manager, explained the nonprofit's goals and services. SAM25 helps those affected by poverty improve their circumstances to become self-sufficient. SAM25 strives to make sure everyone in the Shawano area has a meal and a safe place to sleep every night and has access to medical care they can afford. They raise awareness of community resources for those affected by poverty.

The shelter is open from Nov. 1 to April 30 each year. This year, 1,925 beds and 5,775 meals were offered. The facility was not used to capacity due to the pandemic. The goal is to make sure clients have a safe place to live in the community.

Another service is the resource center, which offers computers, phones, community services and employment help, and 2,019 people used these services during the last 10 months. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Open Thursdays from 4-8 p.m., the SAM25 Community Health Clinic provides free basic health care and health education to area residents who do not have health insurance and are living near or below the federal poverty level.

The Sam's Thrift Store and Professional Clothes Closet opened last April and is open to the public on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The chapter and individual members donated \$358.60 in cash, stamps, gas cards, Aldi and Charlie's Market gift cards to SAM25.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a society of key women educators. Nu Chapter includes educators from Shawano



Marge Wichmann, left, Nu Chapter program chairwoman, offers a bag of donated gift cards to Chris Ciucci, Shawano Area Matthew 25 resource center manager.

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and Waupaca counties.

Member anniversaries were also celebrated during the meeting. Nancy Brewer, Carol Gerlach, Vicky Haas and Marge Wichmann celebrated 20 years. Mary Lou Donnelly and Joan Huber have been members for 40 years.

Gillett FFA

The Gillett FFA had a very successful 2022 FFA Banquet. We were able to honor many members on their achievements and involvements through the 2021-2022 school year. The banquet began with guest speaker Amara Livingston, the 2021-2022 state FFA parliamentarian, who gave a speech about kindness.

Then we began our awards ceremony. The first degree to be earned in FFA is the discovery degree. This

degree can be earned as an active seventh- or eighth-grade member. We had 11 members earn this degree. Along with this we chose an outstanding middle school member, Audrey Woodke.

The next degree is the greenhand degree, and this is the first degree that can be earned at the high school level. We had 17 members awarded this degree. Cole Schaal was chosen as our Star Greenhand recipient.

The final degree at the chapter level is the chapter degree. We had four members awarded this degree, and Bradin Bjelland was chosen as the star chapter recipient.

Next, we awarded the scholar award to the top 3 FFA members in each grade. Freshman: Jack Sturm, Zander Davis, Scott Heroux; Sopho-

mores: Bradin Bjelland, Ben Matczak, Hailey Elsner; Juniors: Megan Wagner, Phillip Heroux, Laney DeBauch; Seniors: Ryann Wagner, Taylor Schuster, Alaina Herzog.

Career development event awards were handed out next. CDEs allow students to learn different pathways in agriculture. We had 5 CDE Teams, some which were able to compete at the state level of competition. The following teams competed at CDEs: livestock (Cole Schaal, Grace Simpson, Hannah Simpson, Cheyenne Krueger), dairy cattle evaluation (Thayne Bjelland, Bradin Bjelland, Taylor Schuster, Laney DeBauch), wildlife (Jesse DeBauch, Phillip Heroux, Ryan Hill-lesland, Ryan Pensis, Dylan Nelson), milk products and processing (Tani Lucht, Zander Davis, Scott Heroux, and Brody Kohls), and meats (Kierstin Genz, Cheyenne Krueger, Ryann Wagner, Cole Schaal).

We then recognized Ryann Wagner for competing in the employment skills leadership development event at district and sectional competitions. Next, we thanked our members for helping with PALS and also the little PALS who attended. Then, we thanked everyone for fundraising and recognized the top salesmen: Cole Schaal, Thayne and Bradin Bjelland, and Kennedy Schroeder. Thayne Bjelland was awarded the Dekalb award for his involvement and future plans in agriculture. We recognized and thanked our FFA Alumni for all they do for our chapter. Then we thanked our seniors.

We ended our banquet by awarding the new FFA officer team for 2022-2023 with their new officer positions.

Congratulations to all on their achievements and accomplishments throughout this year, we are very proud of you all. A special thank you to Milk and Honey Cafe for catering our meal.

COLLEGE NOTES

St. Norbert College

Aaron Gonnering, of Oconto Falls, and Lindsey Roloff, of Shawano, were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Gonnering and Roloff were initiated at St. Norbert College.

Gonnering and Roloff are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors

and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Bob Jones University

Joshua Stauff, a junior communications major from Abrams, was among over 620 Bob Jones University students named to the spring 2022 president's list.

The president's list recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher

grade-point average for the semester.

Upper Iowa University

Upper Iowa University has announced its 2022 honors and awards program recipients. As one of the honorees to receive a grant, award and/or scholarship, Isabelle Bergsbaken, of Oconto, was awarded the Drs. Eugene E. and Mildred Everts Garbee Award.

Columbia College

Columbia College recently announced its dean's list for the spring 2022 semester. Among those named

to the dean's list is Kaitlynn Wittman, of Krakow.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed 12 semester hours in a 16-week period and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0-point scale.

Concordia University

Mackayla Niec, of Pulaski, earned a master's degree in education from Concordia University, Nebraska.

On May 7, Concordia University, Nebraska awarded undergraduate and graduate degrees to more than 400 graduates.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

CMN commencement takes place May 21

The College of Menominee Nation will be holding its 2022 commencement at 10 a.m. May 21 at the Menominee Casino Resort Conference Center, N277 State Highway 47-55, Keshena, in the Five Clans Ballroom. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m.

The commencement speaker is Jennifer Gauthier, an enrolled member of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. She serves as community development educator at the UW-Madison Division of Extension on the CMN campus. Recently, Gauthier was one of six women awarded the prestigious Outstanding Women of Color Award by the University of Wisconsin.

Additionally, Tashina Guzman, who will be obtaining her Associate of Arts and Sciences in Early Childhood Education, will represent the class of 2022 as student speaker. Guzman already has a previous associate degree from the college and is currently working in her home community as a Menominee language immersion teacher.

For those wanting to watch the ceremony, it will be livestreamed, with details and updates on the CMN Facebook page.

American Legion to hold social in Wabeno

American Legion Post 44 is planning a social June 6 at Veaser's Wild Rose Pub and Grill, 2495 County Road W, Wabeno. The event is hosted by Dan and Ann Barfknecht.

Cocktails will be served at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Reservations and payment of \$15 should be sent to the Barfknechts with checks payable to Veaser's no later than May 25. For information, call 715-473-3900.

Reminder postcards are being mailed to people who attended at least one of the 2021-2022 socials.

CMN participates in climate roundtable

College of Menominee Nation President Christopher Caldwell, Tribal Resilience Liaison Sara Smith and Sustainable Development Institute Director Thomas Kenote Jr. visited the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment on May 6 to attend a meeting regarding climate change initiatives in the Midwest.

Caldwell and Smith participated in this roundtable with U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and Minne-



Birnamwood benevolence benefits boy

Gordy Meyer, treasurer of the Birnamwood Lions Club, presents Amber Day a \$5,000 check for Damion Bernarde's medical bills. Bernarde was attacked by the family dog on Dec. 8, 2021, and his mother, Heather Pingel, gave up her life to save her son from the dog attack in the Town of Almon. Bernarde received 70 stitches but survived. The Lions sponsored a pizza and beer night on Jan. 29 at Chet and Emil's, with all proceeds donated towards the boy's medical bills.

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sota state officials. They reflected and spoke on the history of their work engaging with the Climate Adaptation Science Center network.

Caldwell spoke about student development and the importance of tribal climate change adaptation.

"This was a great opportunity for CMN and SDI to interact with Secretary Haaland," said Caldwell. "As a tribal college, it is our focus to make sure our students are equipped to help their communities."

After the roundtable discussion, public remarks were given by Haaland and other representatives about the importance of tribal climate change adaptation.

"This event marked the official celebration and opening of our Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center consortium," Kenote said. "It's important for tribal nations and tribal institutions to have a seat at the table. Tribal communities are the most impacted when it comes to climate change, and we also hold solutions to address the impacts of climate change that are

rooted in Indigenous knowledge."

Shawano Pathways riding through Wescott

Shawano Pathways will hold a bike ride May 21 in the Town of Wescott.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Rides begin at 10 a.m., and riders can choose from three scenic routes ranging from 7-19 miles. Helmets and bright clothing are recommended. The ride is free but donations are appreciated.

Free ice cream will be provided at Shawano Lake County Park. Maps, sag wagon, bathrooms, water and off-road parking will be available.

Red hat club holding social and lunch

Oconto's Ruby Red Hat Club will meet May 26 at Oconto City Hall, 1210 Main St., Oconto, for a social, lunch and an afternoon of fun and laughter.

At 11 a.m. is registration, followed by the social and a sing-along.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., with a charge of \$4. The meal will consist of Swedish meatballs over noodles, corn, bread, coffee, milk and dessert.

After lunch and a short break, club members will take a seat in a circle to pass unwrapped White Elephant gifts.

Cub Scouts collecting food Memorial Day

Cub Scouts Pack 4024 will be collecting food donations from spectators along the parade route during the Oconto Falls Memorial Parade on May 30.

The Scouts are looking for parade watchers to bring non-perishable food items, which they will collect and bring to the Kingdom Come Food Pantry. The Cub Scouts will be walking in the parade, so they can be flagged down by someone wishing to donate.

For information, contact Carrie Kreischer at 920-373-2181.

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 11 Fed. health law
 12 Trails behind
 13 Bird food ingredient
 14 Ones with gravelly voices
 15 Nonbelievers
 16 Dot on a map
 17 Oklahoma city
 18 Cozy rooms
 24 Within reach
 26 Kelly of morning TV
 29 Environmental prefix
 32 Superman in four films
 33 Romantic couple
 34 Rich mine deposits
 37 Busy month for CPAs
 38 Piglet's pal
 40 Left uncultivated
 41 Multi-day motorcycle race
 42 Practical book genre
 43 Edible bulb
 44 Subs at the office
 45 Dwarf planet beyond Neptune
 46 Are after
 47 Hoop group
 49 Come together
 53 Some Prado paintings
 54 Jumps for joy
 55 Loud laughs
 57 Excessive flattery
 61 Inhibit
 63 Physician's patron
 66 One working hard
 68 Yet to come
 70 Sat at a light
 72 Pro golfer Mark
 73 Springlike
 74 Glowing coal

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 76 Comic strip Viking
 77 Japanese porcelain
 80 Dining table expander
 81 "Queen of New Age"
 82 Trial balloon
 85 Economize to a fault
 87 OshKosh ____ (kids' clothing label)
 88 Arab League member
 91 Separated

- 93 Be a troupe leader
 95 Outback bird
 97 Exercised in a pool
 99 Germ-free
 103 Thicken, as cream
 104 ____ Paulo, Brazil
 106 Gallic girlfriend
 107 Get bored with
 110 Third-stringers
 112 Fashion sense
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 114 Olympian's prize

- 115 Puck or checker
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