



The frame of the new Oconto Falls Middle School can be seen March 19, and walls are being erected at the site along County Road I across from the high school.
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New middle school shaping up

Oconto Falls School Board questions the number of change orders

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The walls are going up at Oconto Falls Middle School, the new facility across County Road I from the high school.

Superintendent Dean Hess told the school board March 18 that the project has been proceeding much more quickly than expected thanks to the mild winter.

“A lot of the metal stud work is completed, you can see that they’ve put up precast walls for the gym,” Hess said. “They’re actually going to be working on the gym roof here in the next few weeks. They’re also going to be pouring concrete on the second floor of the academic wing here in the next few weeks.”

The board had a lot of questions about the number of change orders that it has been asked to approve for the project, which started in May with a targeted opening in fall 2025. This month, district accountant Kim Sinclair presented six change orders totaling \$32,000.

The extra work was required by an inspector who ordered more structural support under the HVAC chillers on the roof than Somerville Architects had designed, Sinclair said. The inspector also wanted a different placement for electrical boxes in the technical education area.

“Basically, it’s the difference between the architect at Somerville and what the

inspector felt was the needed amount of structural support underneath those chillers,” Hess said. “The way it’s explained to me is that this isn’t like they made a mistake. It’s just a disagreement, which is not uncommon.”

Board member Chad Early said the board’s project managers at Nexus Solutions should be paying the difference.

“We’re paying for this because I don’t think they did their job,” Early said. “Why are we paying for their mess-ups? They’re all on our dime, and we don’t even care.”

Hess said the board chose to hire Nexus to oversee the project and bring change orders to the district as they occur. The alternative, he said, would have been to pay a contractor who would incorporate all conceivable contingencies into their asking price, which the district would have to pay whether the money was spent or not.

Sinclair said the contingency fund for the project is still at \$1.8 million, higher than expected at this stage.

“I don’t think what’s happening here is out of the ordinary when you have a building the size of what we’re doing,” Hess said. “I think you’re going to see situations where an inspector comes in and they’re going to find things that they’re going to expect you to change.”

Board President Clint Gardebrecht told Sinclair to keep monitoring progress as she has been.

“Some change orders are going to happen, that’s the way we’re handling the contract, but if there’s things you’re uncomfortable with and you think we’re being taken advantage of or anything like that, that’s where I think we want things pointed out,” Gardebrecht said.

Early said representatives from Nexus should be at every board meeting.

“When there’s a big change like this, Nexus needs to be here,” he said. “We’re paying good money, and they need to be here for this.”

Also in his monthly update, Hess credited office manager Debbie Woods, technology director Cory Jeffers and Deb Smith of Nexus for keeping the referendum page on the district website, ofpanthers.com, updated with the latest information about the project.

The superintendent also cautioned interested members of the public to stay off the construction site.

“We always remind people that if you want to take a look at it, you’re welcome to, but please, we welcome that look from County I,” Hess said. “We have had a few people who’ve literally driven onto the work site and gotten themselves too close to the action, so to speak. We’re appreciative of the community, and we love that folks want to see what’s going on, but we also want to keep you safe.”

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Two killed in crashes on U.S. 41-141

Second crash occurred as crews responded to the first incident

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

The victims of two fatal crashes that occurred on U.S. 41-141 within minutes of each other March 19 have been identified as an Oconto man and a Manitowoc radio personality.

According to a news release from Oconto County Sheriff Todd Skarban, the emergency dispatch center received a call at 10:08 a.m. about a one-vehicle crash just north of Brown Road in the Town of Little Suamico.

“Deputies immediately responded to the scene of the accident and observed a pickup truck in the median, facing south, resting against the cable barrier with a male driver who was reported as unresponsive,” Skarban said.

A passing motorist stopped his equipment truck on the shoulder of the northbound lane to offer assistance. Skarban said while deputies and first responders extracted the pickup truck driver and applied life-saving measures, a northbound van struck the equipment truck parked on the side of the road.

The driver of the pickup truck, Aaron Miklaszewicz, 32, of Oconto, died at the scene. The driver of the van, Thomas Dernlan, 66, from Manitowoc, also died at the scene as a result of injuries from the crash.

A passenger in the van, a 73-year-old woman from Manitowoc, was flown by Eagle III rescue helicopter to a hospital in Green Bay for treatment of her injuries, Skarban said.

WOMT Radio in Manitowoc confirmed Dernlan’s death, as he was otherwise known as on-air personality Tom Craig. The hospitalized woman is Dernlan’s wife.

A statement from WOMT said Dernlan started broadcasting in 1977.

“His sultry voice was heard throughout his career on stations across Mississippi, Ohio, and Wisconsin, including Manitowoc’s WOMT and WCUB Radio,” the statement said. “Over his near 50-year career, Tom served as program director, music director, public service director, farm director, talk show host, news director, sports director, sports play-by-play and on-air personality.”

Even after retirement, he wanted to stay connected to his passion for radio and signed on to do a mid-afternoon shift on Fridays.

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Retiring supervisors Frank, McMahon recognized

Only four of the 31 Oconto County Board of Supervisors districts will have contested races April 2

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The Oconto County Board saluted two of its members attending their last meeting March 21. Supervisors Gary Frank and Don McMahon decided not to run for re-election.

McMahon, a former county sheriff who has been on the board for many years, accepted a certificate of recognition from County Board Chairman Alan Sleeter with a “thank you.”

Frank, often one of the more vocal supervisors, had some parting thoughts. When he first ran, Frank thought he would serve six years — three two-year terms — and ended up on the board for a decade.

“Not discouraging Elmer, but when I first got on the board, there were a lot of really old people on the board, and I decided at that time that I was not staying past 80,” Frank said, kidding Supervisor Elmer Ragen, who in his 90s is the longest-serving county board supervisor in Wisconsin. “If I ran again, I would have been on the board past 80, so I decided to keep my word.”

He said he enjoyed his time on the board “making trouble” and urged supervisors to keep asking questions of administrators and staff.

“There’s no reason why a question you have should go unanswered, so ask questions and be active,” Frank said.

During her monthly report to the board, Jayme Sellen, executive director of the Tourism and Economic Development Corp. for the Oconto Region, thanked Frank for his service on the TEDCOR board.

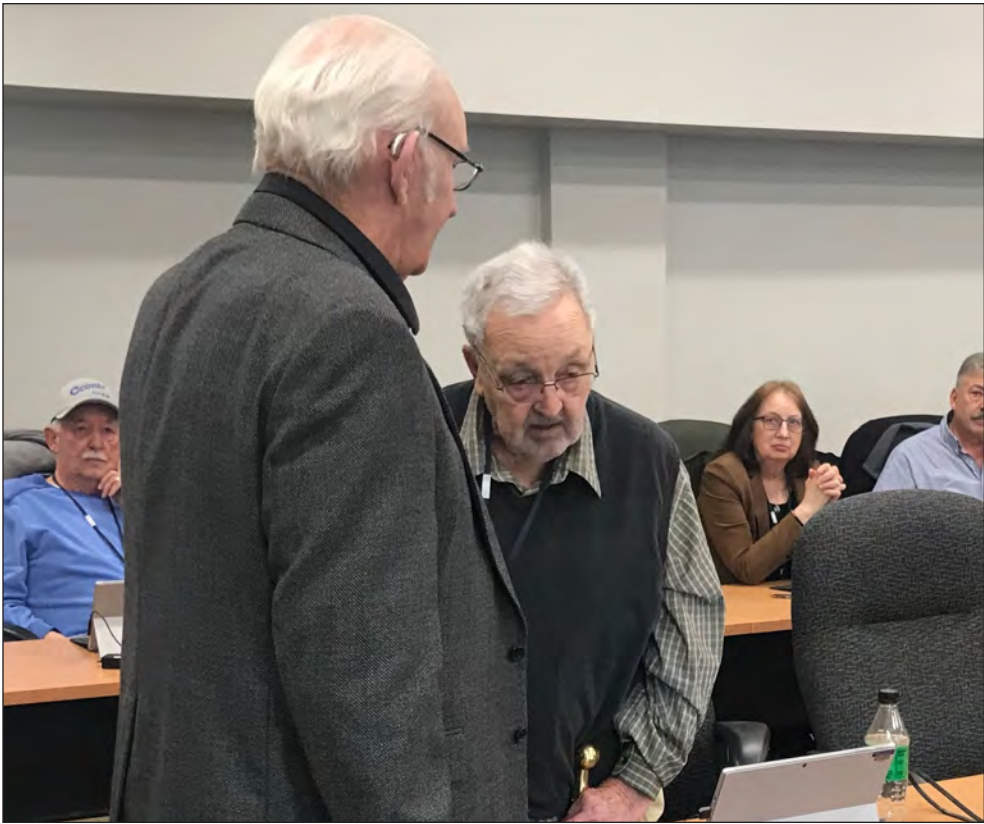
“He also asked me a lot of questions, and at first I didn’t like it, but he made better,” Sellen said.

Frank got in some final licks, making a successful motion to change the county board rules to clarify that supervisors have a right to speak at committee meetings, even if they’re not members of that committee.

The previous rule said that a supervisor wishing to speak “may be recognized by the chair,” giving



Supervisor Gary Frank, left, is congratulated by Oconto County Board Chairman Alan Sleeter upon his retirement.
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Oconto County Board Chairman Alan Sleeter, left, congratulates Supervisor Don McMahon on his retirement from the board.
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the chair the option of deciding not to recognize the would-be speaker. Frank’s rule changed the rule to say that supervisors “shall” be recognized if they wish to speak.

“I am such a free speech absolutist that I object to something that says ‘except when the chair doesn’t like the supervisor,’” Frank said.

His motion passed 16-8. Tracy Winkler is running unopposed to succeed Frank in District 25, repre-

senting all of the Town of Underhill and part of the Town of Gillett. McMahon represented District 26, where Mike Beyer and Todd Carlson will square off in the April 2 election, covering the village of Suring and Town of Maple Valley.

The race between Beyer and Carlson is one of only four of the 31 districts that will see contested races this year.

• Ragen is challenged by Rhonda Strehlow in

District 1, which covers part of the Town of Little Suamico.

• Supervisor John Wittkopf faces a challenge from Riley Sowle in District 13, which includes part of the city of Oconto.

• Supervisor Judy Buhrandt is being challenged by David Van Zealand in District 29, covering all of the Town of Mountain and part of the Town of Townsend.

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Gallagher to call it quits April 19

U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher announced March 22 he will resign his seat in Congress effective April 19.



MIKE GALLAGHER

He had earlier announced he would not seek another term in the November

election.

“After conversations with my family, I have made the decision to resign my position as a member of the House of Representatives for Wisconsin’s 8th Congressional District,” he said. “I’ve worked closely with House Republican leadership on this timeline and look forward to seeing Speaker

(Mike) Johnson (R-LA) appoint a new chair to carry out the important mission of the Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party.”

Gallagher said his office will continue to operate and provide constituent services to the 8th District for the remainder of the term.

Former state Sen. Roger Roth, a Republican who is running for the seat, praised Gallagher’s work in Congress.

“While I wish he would have finished out his term, I appreciate Congressman Gallagher’s service to northeast Wisconsin, particularly his work to fight the Chinese Communist Party,” Roth said.

Roth is a third-generation home builder in northeast Wisconsin and a captain in the Wisconsin Air National Guard.

ELECTION 2024: LOCAL CONTESTED RACES

Handful of local races in April 2 election

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

In addition to races for Oconto and Oconto Falls mayor, the Oconto City Council, and four county board supervisors, there is a scattering of contested races for municipal and school board across the county.

For the most part school board elections feature unopposed candidates on the April 2 ballot, with four exceptions.

• Kim Hanson and Gary Huc are running for re-election to the Crivitz School Board with Kris Heidewald also vying for one of the two open positions.

• In the Pulaski School District, Steve Liegl and Jennifer Rybicki are running for the school board member-at-large position. Incumbent Megan Mills-Koehler chose not to seek re-election.

• Jennifer Kruse and Paul Thomson are running for the Town of Breed po-

sition on the Suring School Board. Incumbent Wendy Wozniak chose not to run.

• In the Wabeno School District, incumbent board member Dawn C. Jakubiec is joined on the ballot by Raletta Ashbeck, Andrea Brugger and Penny McLaughlin for two available Forest County slots on the board. The district includes part of northern Oconto County.

Other contested races around the county include:

• Four candidates are running for two slots on the Brazeau Town Board — Incumbents Randy Nasgovitz and David Parmentier and challengers Rodney Gretzon and Matthew Milatzo.

• Four people are running for three positions on the Suring Village Board — challenger Angie Whiting and incumbents Richard Kramp, Jacob School and Randy Schuettpehlz.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 2.

Election results online

Next week’s edition of the Oconto County Times Herald will go to press before the polls close for the spring election. Watch

for Oconto County election results at newmedia-wi.com the night of April 2 and in the April 12 print edition.

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ELECTION 2024: OCONTO FALLS MAYOR

Brad Rice, Clint Braun vie for mayor's chair

Oconto Falls Mayor Brad Rice is seeking his seventh two-year term in the April 2 election, facing a challenge from Clint Braun, co-owner of the PROCAR automotive repair shop in Oconto Falls. They responded to an invitation to tell voters about themselves.

Clint Braun

Background and qualifications? At the age of 12, I worked on local dairy farms and continued farm work throughout high school. Being on the farm taught me the invaluable skill of "work ethic." Too hot out, too cold? Didn't feel good? It didn't matter; on the farm, work had to get done. After high school, I spent a decade as a master automotive technician, worked my way into sales, finance



CLINT BRAUN

and upper management. I spent four years as an automotive instructor at NWTC, and am currently in my fourth year of owning a business, right here in Oconto Falls. The most significant issue you would like to work on? I am eager to get the word out about what our town has to offer. From our school system, the hospital, Oconto River, golf course and beautiful beaches, these are just a few locations that define our charm. I want to put Oconto Falls on the map while building our community in this big, small town. My main area of focus, Main Street Downtown Oconto Falls, I'd like to bring back the vibrant life that it once was. Encouraging small businesses, boutiques, small shops, etc., to attract our neighboring tourists and those who travel near and far to visit Northern Wisconsin. What is the most significant issue for residents? After speaking to many residents in the area, I notice a common theme,

asking for change in our beloved small town. We feel that our city growth has decreased significantly over the years, and we are anxious to see Main Street thrive. The disappointment I hear from residents in regards to the various vacant buildings on Main Street continues to be one of the hottest items moving forward in 2024. Why do you think voters should choose you over your opponent? I constantly challenge myself to step out of my comfort zone. I completely understand that having every single person on board with my vision is unrealistic. However, I am committed to growing as an individual, hearing concerns from our community, engaging in productive discussions in regards to our community, and open to receiving the feedback from our people. I may not have experience working in politics, but I do have experience in collaborating with the community and understanding several perspectives.

Brad Rice

Background and qualifications? I am a lifelong resident of the city of Oconto Falls, retired after working for 37 years at Peterson Ford. I served four years in the Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict. I have served as alderman on the City Council for nine years, and I have been serving as mayor for the past 12 years. I also serve on the board of directors for the Oconto Falls Senior Center. Over the past years, I have been able to help get valuable projects completed. These include improvements to streets and infrastructure on Flatley Street, Oakland Avenue and Adams Street, improvements to the Senior Center and a new fire station. The most significant is-



BRAD RICE

sue you would like to work on? One issue that I want to see accomplished is to revitalize the Main Street district, to eliminate or cut down on first-floor housing along that corridor and to bring in new business to the area and community. A TID (tax incremental district) has been created to help encourage potential new business. This is a very important issue and a difficult one, but it is being worked on right now, and it will continue to be a priority if I am mayor. I also want to encourage new industry and/or manufacturing to the Industrial Park, and I continually work and advocate for street and infrastructure improvements. Currently, we are set for a full replacement of Columbia Street in 2025 with the help of a grant of about \$25 million. The most significant issue for residents? I think residents in the city of Oconto Falls really want to receive services provided that meet the cost of their taxes and meet their needs. I am always open to hear

comments and complaints and I will work to address them. I know that many residents want to see improvements or added services that are so valid. I would like to accomplish those things for them and yet keep our city fiscally responsible. It is no easy task. Right now, the City Council and the city staff work every day to find a way and I support them. I am in favor of keeping our city taxes low. Why do you think voters should choose you over your opponent? I feel that the experience of my 21-plus years in city government is what I bring to the table as mayor. I live here and, like so many of the residents here, I want to see our community thrive and grow. I want the same things as our community wants, and I will strive to make those things happen. I feel the importance of family and I want to continue to make the city of Oconto Falls a place where families can thrive, grow and live happily.

ELECTION 2024: OCONTO MAYOR

Panetti and Martin in rematch for Oconto mayor

The race for mayor of Oconto is a rematch of the contest that John Panetti won in 2022. In addition, there are eight candidates on the ballot for four positions on the Oconto City Council. After a primary election pared down the field of 11 candidates, voters will choose April 2 from among Darrell Anderson, Kim Bronikowski, Dee Donlevy, Mike Feldt, Casey Sowle, Lori Stensrup, Jamie Younger and Dan Zoeller. Martin and Panetti responded to a request for candidate information.

Cliff Martin

Background and qualifications? I am a semi-retired paper and packaging industry consultant and have spent 10 years on the Police and Fire Commission, serving five years as president and five years as vice



CLIFF MARTIN

president. Past and present community involvement includes being a member of the Oconto Hospital Citizens Foundation, Oconto Redevelopment Authority, Oconto Lions Club and Oconto Booster Club, and volunteering for Miles 4 Madyson. The proudest achievement in my personal life is my family. My wife, Donna, of 52 years, and four children and their families are the cornerstone of my life. Witnessing the growth of my children and the formation of their own families has been, and remains, an incredible journey that I am grateful to experience firsthand. What do you think is the most significant issue you'd like to work on during the coming term? Revitalize our downtown, attract tourism and manufacturing firms to Oconto. I plan to work with businesses, property owners and residents to revitalize our downtown and encourage a mix of businesses that complement each other while drawing a variety of customers. I will start by contacting owners of vacant buildings and

look for opportunities to fill them. I will be proactive and collaborate with the key stakeholders to develop a plan to further attract continuous tourism to our community. I will work to attract job creating, tax paying manufacturing firms to Oconto by actively marketing our city to potential investors. What is the most significant issue for residents? We need to rebuild the trust between the citizens, city employees and the political body of Oconto, and I believe we can accomplish this through transparency and open communication. A citizens' forum will be established to garner community input on issues that might be facing the city of Oconto. Regulating of the budget and budgeting process to control and pay down debt will be a priority. Consistent and fair enforcement of laws, ordinances and regulations in Oconto is necessary. Rules need to apply equally to all citizens and I feel this is essential in preserving community order and fostering growth. With my experience as president of the

PFC, I am confident I accomplish these goals. Why would you like voters to choose you over your opponent? I pledge to be transparent with the citizens of Oconto no matter if the information is positive or negative. I commit to uphold and enforce a code of ethics that prioritizes accountability, integrity and honesty. Input from the citizens of Oconto is valuable and will be encouraged and taken seriously.

John Panetti

Background and qualifications? I was born, raised, and graduated from Oconto High School creating my commitment with passion to promote our amazing city. The experience I gained by attending Purdue University allowed me to teach and lead students into productive careers. The extensive



JOHN PANETTI

business experience gained from starting a business over 37 years ago brings leadership, team building, and problem solving, along with fiscal responsibility. What do you think is the most significant issue you'd like to work on during the coming term? Oconto's five largest employers all face the same problem, a shortage of skilled labor. This is not a healthy situation as it restricts company growth plus creates the potential for companies to relocate their businesses out of Oconto. We need to attract more residents to the city. We can accomplish this by offering affordable child care options along with additional affordable city housing. I am working with TEDCOR (OCEDC) seeking grants and low interest loans for developers as this is my number one priority to grow Oconto. What is the most significant issue for residents? From day one as mayor, my open-door policy to meet with residents is extremely popular; meeting either in person or 24/7 via a phone call. My goal has never been to raise taxes;

by utilizing leading edge technology with improved efficiencies, growing business and tourism, this will continue to keep taxes in check. I am committed to keeping the lines of communication open for all residents. This ensures that all residents will have a voice and play a key role in growing Oconto. Why would you like voters to choose you over your opponent? Being honored to have already served as mayor and acquiring valuable knowledge, I believe my "on the job" experience is an advantage in continuing to grow Oconto. As incumbent mayor, I am in Wisconsin year-round and do not spend my winters in Florida. I attend all Committee of the Whole meetings, chamber meetings and many of the 13-plus committee meetings per month. I have extensive experience working with government officials including Gov. Evers, Sen. Baldwin, Congressman Gallagher, state Sen. Wimberger, and state Rep. Behnke to promote funding and investments in Oconto.

ELECTION 2024: REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

When voters go to the polls April 2, they will be faced with more than elections for public office. Some will face local or school referendum questions, while all will be asked to cast ballots on a

pair of state constitutional changes. All Wisconsin residents will be asked to vote on whether private donations and grants may be applied for, accepted, expended or used in connection with

the conduct of any primary election, general election or referendum. A second question would create a new section for the state constitution to provide that only election officials designated

by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, general elections and referendums. This referendum ballot is a result of 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 78, a copy of which can be viewed

or downloaded from the Legislature's website at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/proposals/reg/sen/joint_resolution. In addition, there is one referendum question on the ballot in the Town of

Mountain, where voters are being asked if the person holding the office of town clerk/treasurer should be appointed by the town board. The clerk/treasurer is currently an elected position.

OBITUARIES

William F. Gauthier, of Cherokee, Iowa, passed away at the home of family on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024, in Marinette, at the age of 81.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie (Nelson) Gauthier, of Cherokee, Iowa; parents, Leo M. and Joan (Pawlak) Gauthier, of Oconto Falls; and sisters, Mary (Donald) Walske and Agnes Patricia (Charles) Offutt.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Debra (Norman) Lawson of Owasso, Oklahoma; granddaughter, Kathryn Lawson; grandson, David Lawson; and great-granddaughter, Katy.

Bill was born in Oconto Falls and raised on the family farm along with three brothers and seven sisters. Surviving siblings are Joan (Elroy) Block, Margaret (Leonard) Duco, Leo J. Gauthier (Dolores), Helen (Richard) Johnson, Victor Gauthier, Robert Gauthier (Marianne), Denise (Howard) Malecki and Susan Campbell. Those important to Bill included his stepdaughters, Sherri Hagy and Dena Waymire, that he raised as his own, and their children, as well as his brothers-in law, Jim Nelson and Gary Nelson, and sister-in law, Gail Van Scoyk.

Bill went to school at St. Anthony's Catholic



School and Oconto Falls High School after which he joined

the U.S. Air Force, serving at Travis Air Base in California, providing maintenance on military transport aircraft. It was while he was here that he met and married his first wife, Saloma (Sally) Peachy (deceased), mother of Debra. For extra funds, he worked in the local pick-a-part junk yard. He loved to see how things ticked, so both jobs provided a pragmatic education in applied mechanics.

Shortly after leaving the service, he went to work for Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, California, where within a short time his mechanical skills were recognized, and he was assigned to the overhaul and repair section to work on after-market mainframe problems. This required learning engineering applications for which he had no formal education. In his off time, he tinkered with modifying the carburetion mechanism for MG sports cars for his friends and took on additional jobs, one of which was securing foreclosed properties for VA and FHA lenders, building a very

successful business. Opportunity beckoned with prospects of a business venture in Iowa where his wife, Marjorie, could be close to her family. They purchased a gas, fuel, oil and propane tank farm with delivery trucks and a service station in Larrabee, Iowa. They even added a small, attached restaurant to increase sales. With the girls finishing their primary education, they decided to sell it all and move to St. Louis, Missouri, where Marjorie took a position with Edward Jones and Bill took other work, including a stint at selling insurance.

The aircraft business was heating up and they decided to move back to California where Bill could resume his job in aircraft manufacturing and earn a retirement pension. The company decided that they didn't need him as a mechanic but would take him on as an inspector, with better pay. When he retired 11 years later, he was an inspection engineer with no formal education, earning multiple recognitions for his contributions to sustaining safety standards during construction of the Air Force C-17. On one occasion, he was stunned when the company invited his wife in to present him with an especially high award in front of 700 of his fellow employees, perhaps the

only time he was at a total loss for a response.

Upon retirement from Boeing, they moved back to Iowa where Bill decided to make another addition to the home he built earlier. He now had a three-story home of over 2,400 square feet of his own design built in a hillside, with hands-on construction.

Looking for other things to do, he took jobs including plowing cable, bending sheet metal and driving bus for the disadvantaged. He planted a large garden, canned his crops of tomatoes, pickles and elderberry jam. He took time to go fishing, hunt for mushrooms, track down auction sales and buy John Deere tractors — which, with his friend, Darryl, he would modify and participate in tractor pulls around the state.

The political bug took hold, and Bill and Marjorie got involved first at the local level and then as delegates to the state conventions. Bill was a longtime member of the American Legion and took a great interest in veterans and their needs. Bill decided that Cedar Cemetery in Larrabee needed to be decorated on Memorial Day and the 4th of July, so he went about buying enough large U.S. flags to put on 12-foot poles and proudly put them up on these and other occasions.

With no one around, he would proudly sing the national anthem to honor those veterans buried there. He also regularly replaced the large flag at the cemetery when it showed signs of fraying.

He then was invited to serve on the Veterans Commission for the county, which he did. However, Marjorie needed increasing medical attention, and Bill devoted most of his energies to caring for her. After Marjorie passed, Bill still worked on veterans concerns but was now spending more time with his family and siblings in Wisconsin. His last contribution was serving as post commander for the Cherokee VFW Post 2253 in Cherokee. In Wisconsin, he was instrumental in having veterans of his family and others engraved on the Veterans Memorial Wall in Oconto Falls.

Bill had one item that he wanted to leave as a memento to his parents and grandparents, Constant and Leocadia Gauthier. Bill's mother had rescued a stained-glass church window that had been donated by his father's parents to St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Oconto Falls for its construction in 1912. When the church was demolished to make way for the current church, families were given the opportunity to acquire it

and his mother accepted. Bill planned to build a small chapel to display the window. He built the chapel in Iowa and had it moved to Wisconsin where it now awaits final details to complete his lasting contribution.

The family wishes to thank his special friend, Carol Magnin Kersten, and her family, for their time and thoughtfulness, giving Bill a companion with whom he could unequivocally share his waning days as the sun set on his memorable life.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 16, 2024, at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, Iowa. Pastor Mike Agnew officiated. Burial is at Cedar Township Cemetery, rural Cherokee, Iowa. Visitation with family present was held from 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2024, at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home. The Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, Iowa, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.greenwoodfuneral.com.

Peace be with you, son in Christ Jesus, brother, father, friend. May our Lord and Savior's hand rest gently upon your broad shoulders and may his perpetual light shine upon you forever!

Ronald C. Ostrowski

Ronald C. Ostrowski, 76, of the Town of Belle Plaine, passed away March 20, 2024.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Garret P. Bork

Garret P. Bork, 91, of the Town of Pella, passed away March 20, 2024.

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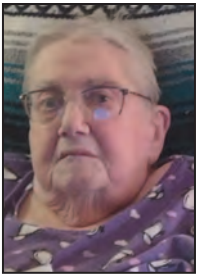
James M. Reed

James M. Reed, 83, of Shawano, passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Mable I. Kruppa, 88, of Suring, passed away peacefully at home with family on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

She was known to those who loved her as Granny on the Farm, Mom, Ma, Auntie Mae or just Mae to friends. Mable was born on March 1, 1936, to the late John and Vera (Waltman) Greyslak and grew up in Kilbourn (now Wisconsin Dells) as one of seven children. In 1954, Mable enlisted in the U.S. Army, where she met her future husband, Herbert Kruppa.



After marrying, the couple moved to Chicago and began to grow their

family. In 1965, they moved to Des Plaines to raise their five children before retiring to Suring in 1987. She was very active in her community for over 20 years as an election judge, library board member, organizing M&O Days as well as book club and

Mable I. Kruppa

exercise club. She liked painting, drawing, making cards and telling stories, but her greatest joy was her family.

Mable is survived by her children, Diane (Jim) Drake, Chester Kruppa, James (Lisa) Kruppa and Linda Kruppa; daughter-in-law, Susan; grandchildren, Mac, Casey, Martha, Joel, Ben, Noelle, Byron, Blake and James; great-grandchildren, Ivy, Sage, Ryan, Owen, Lex, Gwen, Abby, Lucas, Joey, Charlie and Jackson; siblings, Norma, Betty and Dick. She is further survived by many

nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Herbert; son, Herbert; sisters, Freda and Marge; brother, Phil Helley.

A celebration of life will be held for Mable on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at the How Town Hall from 1-5 p.m.

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

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School district votes to end OFES child care

Kids Station will still be available at Abrams Elementary School

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The Oconto Falls School Board voted 5-2 March 18 to close the Kids Station child care program at Oconto Falls Elementary School after the new Encompass Child Care Center opens in the city. Kids Station will continue at Abrams Elementary School, more than 15 miles away. “Truth be told, the school district was not devised to provide this service,” Superintendent Dean Hess said while recommending the closure. “This is a service that the

district provided because we tend to try to help people and we saw a need and the need was filled, and that aid remained until now, and now Encompass is here, and they’re able to offer this.” The Green Bay-based child care provider purchased and is in the process of renovating the former Kaempfer and Associates building at 650 E. Jackson St. into a center offering service to 140 children. Kids Station is a program that has provided before- and after-school child care for families at a time when few other

options were available. The board had tabled the decision at its February meeting and asked for more information. Hess said it’s more in line with the school district’s mission to work in partnership with Encompass. “Kids Station has served our community well, providing crucial child care support during times of limited options,” he said. “Now we have a new licensed child care facility offering 140 spots.” Some families and school board members have expressed concerns that the cost of sending

children to Encompass is more than they have been paying for the school district’s service, but Hess said the district charge is based in part on the number of students using the program, and as that number goes down the price will go up. He added that school secretaries and other support staff have been working extra time to keep Kids Station going. “One of the things that I think most people just don’t know is how tight we are with our staffing. So currently we do not have the staffing that we need to run the programming,”

Hess said. “What ends up happening is we hire folks in this current landscape ... and they leave after short stints and we find ourselves relying heavily upon people within our system to work outside their areas of responsibility to try to make it work.” Encompass brings more to the table than the school district can offer. The Jackson Street facility will be open on snow days, holidays and during the summer, unlike Kids Station. School Board member Emilie Trudell said the fact that 80 families are already signed up for a service that opens in June speaks to the

need. “I think that’s just validating that we absolutely need to have child care brought to Oconto Falls. I think that’s incredible,” Trudell said. Board member Ken Harter commended Hess and the staff for the background work they have done in helping to bring Encompass to the community. “I think they may a pretty compelling case for their recommendation,” Harter said in making the motion to accept administrators’ proposal.

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2025-28 salaries set for county elected officials

Pay must be established before nomination papers start to circulate

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The Oconto County Board has approved salaries for the years 2025 through 2028 for the county clerk, treasurer and register of deeds, who are elected in November. State law requires the salaries be set before the earliest date that candidates may begin circulating nomination papers, which this year is April 15. During the county board’s March 21 meeting, Human Resources Director Shelly Schultz said last year the sheriff and clerk of circuit court got a 4.5% raise for 2024, followed by 3% annually for three years during their latest term, which runs through 2027. “This resolution is the same as we set last year for the other elected officials,” Schultz said. “It’s very difficult to project four years out, as we know, so this is our best estimate.” County Clerk Kim Pytleski, Treasurer Tanya Peterson and Register of Deeds Laurie Wusterbarth are each making \$70,296.01 under their current salary schedule that was approved in 2020. The people elected in November will start at \$73,459.33, and the three 3% increases will bring the figure to \$80,270.99 in 2028, the last year of the term. Schultz said those officials’ salaries were

slightly more than Shawano County and slightly less than Marinette County during the current term. The new figures were approved 22-2, with Supervisors Gary Frank and Keith Schneider indicating they thought the first year increase should have been higher given the high inflation of the past four years. Schneider said he believes the 2025 salary should have been 7% higher instead of 4.5%.

“How come we’re not leaders instead of followers?” Schneider said, referring to the decision to base the increase on what other counties are doing. “We’re followers right now. Why can’t we as a county be a leader?” Frank argued that the rates set in 2020 put the officials at a disadvantage. “Four years ago, we had an initial increase of 7.5% followed by three years of 2%, and of course during

those last three years we had inflation of 5-something, 9% in there,” Frank said. Schultz said she personally would like to see all county employees get such a raise, but the decision belongs to the county board and its administration committee. Following the dictate of the state law is tough, she said.

“It’s not like we can go back every year and look at what the cost of living increases are, because that’s how general employees are figured, you look at it every year and base it on what’s going on in the market,” Schultz said. “This is set for four years. That’s why you’re seeing some counties raising 17 or 25%, because four years ago they may have given a

1% raise and now they’re playing catch-up.” Sleeter acknowledged the committee spent a lot of time on the decision. The resolution was originally on the February agenda but was pulled back. “There was a lot of discussion at two months of committee meetings. We decided to go with the comparable,” Sleeter said March 21.

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Wednesday, April 10, 2024
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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of March 22

Brad A. Vickman, 51, Abrams, pleaded no contest to manufacturing and delivering methamphetamine, two counts of manufacturing and delivering amphetamine, and maintaining a drug trafficking place, in connection with incidents that occurred April 10, May 5, June 1, June 23, 2023; possession with intent to deliver amphetamine and misdemeanor bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred June 16, 2021; and felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 5, 2021. Judge Michael Judge scheduled sentencing for May 20 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Javier Lashun Dixon, 30, Sobieski, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to victim intimidation and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 20, 2023. He also faces charges of strangulation and suffocation, two counts of misdemeanor disorderly conduct, and a misdemeanor charge of battery, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 20, 2023. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for May 2.

Jenny L. Tennant, 45, Manawa, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to misappropriating ID information, two misdemeanor counts of possessing illegal obtained prescription drugs, and misdemeanor possession

of drug paraphernalia and prostitution, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 6. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for April 11.

Bond was set at \$50,000 cash for Aaron John Husted, 37, Gillett, after he was charged with three counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, resisting arrest, fleeing an officer in a vehicle, felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 20. Judge adjourned his initial appearance until April 11.

Proceedings of March 21

Douglas James Van Boxel, 59, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 6. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for June 13.

Bond was set at \$2,500 cash for Tessa R. Shepard, 35, Wabeno, after she was charged with misappropriating ID information, possession of narcotic drugs, felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, operating while revoked and violating an ignition interlock order, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 19. Court Commissioner Peggy Miller adjourned her initial appearance until April 11.

Proceedings of March 20

Shana Lynn Courchaine, 26, Green Bay, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 13. Courchaine's probation and a deferred judgment agreement were revoked May 15, 2023, on a previous conviction or possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that occurred March 10, 2022. Judge scheduled sentencing for June 4 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Wesley J. Kobylarczyk, 51, Sobieski, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree sexual assault and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred May 14, 2022. The charges were amended from felonies in a plea agreement. Judge levied fines and costs and approved a deferred judgment agreement.

Michael D. Wood, 36, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 25. He was awaiting trial on charges of first-degree reckless endangerment, strangulation-suffocation, false imprisonment, substantial battery, and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 1, 2022. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for May 2.

Proceedings of March 19

Joseph A. Reignier, 23, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of battery and disorderly conduct in connection with an incident that occurred April 22, 2022. In a plea agreement the state moved to dismiss a felony charge that had been scheduled to go to trial that day. Judge withheld sentencing and placed Reignier on 18 months of probation with conditions.

A July 24 jury trial was scheduled for Mark A. Gerow, 61, Lakewood, on charges of strangulation and suffocation, false imprisonment, and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 15, 2023. Judge Jay Conley scheduled a final pre-trial conference for July 8. Gerow is also charged with possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 31. Prosecutors said they would proceed to trial on the earlier charges first.

Proceedings of March 18

John J. McDonald, 43, Oconto, pleaded no contest to a felony charge of child abuse intentionally causing harm and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred July 2, 2021. Judge approved a deferred judgment agreement on the felony count and placed McDonald on one year of probation after imposing and staying a one-year county jail sentence.

Jessica Leah Haumschild, 40, Oconto, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, and misdemeanor

possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 24, 2021. Judge approved a deferred judgment agreement for the felony and placed her on one year of probation after withholding sentencing for the misdemeanor.

Jacob S. Barber, 36, Crivitz, was placed on two years probation after Judge withheld sentencing for possession of narcotic drugs, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 31. Conditions of probation include 200 days in the county jail, which he has already served since his arrest.

An Aug. 22-23 jury trial was scheduled for Danielle Kristie Marcotte, 37, Oconto Falls, on three counts of child abuse intentionally causing harm and five misdemeanor counts of child neglect, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 7. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Aug. 5.

Michael Myron Laroque, 31, Seymour, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to eluding an officer in a motor vehicle and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (second offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 17, 2023. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for June 13.

Michael Ravanelli Perkins, 39, Gillett, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to misappropriating identity information to avoid penalty, felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 15. In another case, he faces charges of

bodily harm to a health care worker or family and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 17, 2023. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for June 13.

Douglas Arnold Brown, 62, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and misdemeanor counts of an ignition interlock violation and operating while revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 5. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for July 18.

Desiree Ellise Medina, 33, Green Bay, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine, possession with intent to deliver amphetamine or methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), possession with intent to deliver THC, felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 25, 2023. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for June 13.

Bond was set at \$50,000 cash for Steven M. Ducat, 37, Oconto, after he was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), five counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, fleeing an officer in a vehicle, two counts of misdemeanor disorderly conduct and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, operating while revoked, violating an ignition interlock order, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 17. Judge adjourned his initial appearance until April 11.

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Homeschoolers bring classic tale to life

'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' follows fantasy involving cars, inventions and children-hating royalty

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

One of the scenes in "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" see the Baron and Baroness freaking out at the mention of children.

It's rather ironic, then, that a production of the musical coming to Clintonville is being performed completely by the children of the Wolf River Homeschoolers. The show, which will be performed April 11-14, features more than 40 children ages 6-18.

The musical is based on the 1964 film starring Dick Van Dyke, where the wreck of a champion racecar captures the attention of Jemima and Jeremy Potts. They convince their father, Caractacus, to raise money to fix the vehicle, named Chitty Chitty Bang Bang after the unusual sounds the engine emits.

The car's transformation attracts the attention of Baron Bomburst, who kidnaps the Potts family patriarch, Grandpa, believing he is Caractacus, and demands Grandpa transform the Baron's car into something just like Chitty. Because of this, Caractacus, his children and heiress Truly Scrumptious travel to the fictional land of Vulgaria seeking to rescue Grandpa, not realizing the country has a law against children, and Jeremy and Jemima are also taken captive.

The Wolf River Homeschoolers have a long tradition of bringing entertaining, family-friendly stories to the area, as the group's performing arts program gives youth in Shawano County the opportunity to discover plays and musicals. Peter Kluge, who is playing Caractacus, is one of the young people eager to bring "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" to local audiences.

"It's very energetic," Kluge said. "It's very enjoyable. There's a lot of good character development that they have and it just plays in with every little character so well. It blends so well."

Kluge is one of the older youth in the cast, and he likes being able to work with younger children and give them a love for theater.

"Since we're older with all the expertise we've gathered from past shows, we



Caractacus Potts, played by Peter Kluge, right, and Truly Scrumptious, played by Taya Jannusch, learn from the Toymaker, played by Caleb Bestul, about Vulgaria's law against children in a scene from "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," which will be performed by the Wolf River Homeschoolers in April.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," performed by the Wolf River Homeschoolers

WHEN: 7 p.m. April 11-13, 2 p.m. April 14

WHERE: Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road, Clintonville

ADMISSION: Free

can pass it on," Kluge said. "A lot of us here have choreographed some of the dance scenes and whatnot, just to help out the director. Since we're the ones on the stage, it's easier to know what's really going on."

Taya Jannusch, who plays Truly, enjoys playing such a vibrant character.

"She's very fancy, but she's also very nice," Jannusch said. "It was interesting to be Truly because I had never seen 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' before we were doing this play. It was interesting to see all that happens to her."

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Baroness and Baron Bomburst, played by Emma Martin and Jameson Byars, react violently to a reference about children in a scene from "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." The villains kidnap children and lock them away.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

NWTC exhibit tells people's stories of peace



The American Stories exhibit for "A Peace of My Mind," shown in Memphis, Tennessee, is coming April 2-11 to Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's Shawano campus, telling stories about finding peace in an increasingly fractured world. Similar exhibits are being put up at NWTC's Green Bay and Marinette campuses.

JOHN NOLTNER

'A Peace of My Mind' culminates cross-country trip to discover what unifies people

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Peace will come at last to Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

At the very least, it will be hard to avoid as the college will host "A Peace of My Mind: American Stories," a multimedia project started by Minnesota-based award-winning photographer John Noltner, from April 2-11 at NWTC's Shawano campus, 111 E. Thomas Ave. Almost 60 stories with portraits will be on display in the halls with stories that stem from a single question: What does peace mean to you?

Noltner said that the exhibit is the culmination of a 2½-year road trip he and

ONLINE

More information on the "A Peace of My Mind" exhibits and books can be found at www.apomm.net.

his wife embarked on across the United States.

"In a divided world, I use storytelling and art to try to rediscover what connects us," Noltner said. "We sit down with people from all different backgrounds, and we build an interview and a conversation around the central question."

The stories are not only shared in the "A Peace of My Mind" exhibit, but also in books and podcasts. Noltner has five exhibits in the series, including the American Stories exhibit, as well as four books written from all the interviews.

"During the pandemic, my wife and I sold our house in Bloomington, Minnesota," Noltner said. "We bought an RV

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

GILLET: Easter Eggstavanza, 10-11:30 a.m., 5890 State Highway 22 West. Games, candy, and outdoor egg hunt.

PULASKI: Easter Egg Hunt, 10-11 a.m., Saputo Stadium, 1040 S. St. Augustine St.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 1

KESHENA: Running and walking program, 4:40-6:30 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road.

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SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

SHAWANO: Opening of "A Peace of My Mind: American Stories, photography by John Noltner," 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, 111 Thomas Ave. More information at apomm.net.

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., Fanita's Bakery, 428 S. Main St. Guest speaker from Shawano Family Dentistry.

NEOPIT: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. The Circle House, W6715 Shawpokasic St. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

NAVARINO: Senior Safari Lunch and Learn, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road, discussion of conservation leader John Muir. Suggested \$4.50 donation for meal.

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

NAVARINO: Evening with the Sandhill Cranes, 6-7 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Watch potentially thousands of birds, register at navarino.org by April 2, fees — members \$5, non-members \$10, families \$20.

BOWLER: Native American Talking Circle, 7-9 p.m., Mohican Family Center, N8605 Oak St. Information:

Yvonne Burr, 715-326-0891.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

KESHENA: Winter Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., College of Menominee Nation Cultural Learning Center, N188 State Highway 47-55. Artisan Native crafts, hot food, baked goods and more. Sponsored by the college's Sustainable Development Institute.

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

SHAWANO: Auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," 6-9 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Box In The Wood Theatre Guild's summer musical. Register for an audition date and time at <https://calendly.com/brandonbyng/auditions-wizard-of-oz>.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

SHAWANO: Shawano-Menominee Relay for Life, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Fundraiser for research and local American Cancer Society programs.

SHAWANO: Auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Box In The Wood Theatre Guild's summer musical. Register for an audition date and time at <https://calendly.com/brandonbyng/auditions-wizard-of-oz>.

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway Fan Fest, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Crawford Center, 251 S. Waukechon St. Kick-off to the 2024 race season, race cars on display.

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

OCONTO FALLS: The Wisconsin Singers in concert, 7 p.m., Falls Area Performing Arts Center, 210 N. Farm Road. Adults \$15, students and seniors \$10, tickets at wisconsinSingers.com/see-us/oconto-falls, or 608-886-6801.

BOWLER: Drowning Pool in concert with Saliva, 7:30 p.m. North Star Mohican Casino, W12180 County Road A. Tickets \$30, doors open 6:30 p.m.

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and spent 2½ years on the road. During that time, we very intentionally went to a lot of our nation's pain points. We went to the border to talk about immigration. We went to Mississippi to talk about moving Confederate monuments. We went to northern Minnesota to talk about Indigenous sovereignty."

Noltner said the goal of the 40,000-mile road trip was to find people seeking creative solutions to the challenging issues of the world, as well as delivering messages reminding people about what connects everyone.

For the American Stories exhibit, "We interviewed people who had marched with Dr. (Martin Luther) King, people who are Holocaust survivors, people who are homeless, folks who are veterans that have been through combat," Noltner said. "There's really a broad cross-section of America,



Photographer John Noltner, who created the "A Peace of My Mind" exhibit that's coming to Shawano in April, embarked on a cross-country road trip to find the common ground that connects people.

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but that same premise and goal is remembering what connects us."

One of those messages came from Bud Welch, who lost his only child, Julie Marie, in the Oklahoma City bombing in 1992, for which Timothy McVeigh was convicted and put to death. Noltner interviewed

Welch and learned how the father's push for vengeance against McVeigh transformed into a path to forgiveness.

"Bud's initial reaction was to seek retribution," Noltner said. "He wanted for Timothy McVeigh to be executed with the thought that then he could

go on with his life."

Noltner said Welch's attitude changed once he saw McVeigh's father, Bill McVeigh, on television. Welch reached out to the father, and through a personal interaction realized that Timothy McVeigh's death was not the solution to the bombing tragedy.

"He looked at him and said, 'Man, that father is as a wrecked as I am. His world changed on the same day my world changed,'" Noltner said. "He realized in that process that he didn't want Tim to die. He worked against the execution of Timothy McVeigh and realized he was forgiving Tim."

Even though Welch's effort to stop McVeigh's execution failed, Noltner said, he's continuing efforts to end capital punishment, "looking at some form of justice that's more healing instead of punitive."

Noltner has had a lengthy career as a freelance photographer shooting for

national magazines, meeting a wide range of people who helped him to find beauty in unexpected places. He said he was increasingly frustrated with all the division that the world was experiencing and the focus on what makes people different instead of what makes them the same.

"I just wondered if there was something I could do with my photography and storytelling, with my skill set, to remember what connects us," Noltner said. "It really started out as a little, personal project, just something I did in my free time in between assignments. Now it's all I do."

With 2024 being an election year, Noltner sees the division of the United States at a high point, which makes the "A Peace of My Mind" exhibits all the more important.

"I don't think anyone would disagree with the notion that we are increasingly divided," Noltner said. "It's an exercise, and

it's a practice to look at those things that connect us, to try to find that common ground to seek out our similar values so we can find a path forward in this frayed civic environment that we have currently."

In addition to the exhibit, Noltner will also be at NWTC-Shawano from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 8 to do studio interviews with interested local residents asking them how they've found strength in the midst of struggle.

"Besides these long-form stories I have done all across the country for the exhibits, we also do these short-form studios," Noltner said. "We will set up a studio. We will invite people to respond to a question, and we ask people to respond in 25 words or less. We do a black-and-white portrait of that person, and then we combine that picture with their words."

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"In a divided world, I use storytelling and art to try to rediscover what connects us. We sit down with people from all different backgrounds, and we build an interview and a conversation around the central question."

JOHN NOLTNER, creator of "A Peace of My Mind"

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Jannusch has been performing in Wolf River Homeschoolers shows since she was 7.

"It's very surreal," Jannusch said. "It's nice to see all of the younger kids and work with them."

Jameson Byars said it was easy to get into his role as Baron Bomburst, the tyrannical ruler of Vulgaria, although he said he was fascinated with how the characters in the musical differed from the ones portrayed in the film.

"It is a well known show, so the character type is more well known, so it's easier to know how to act," Byars said. "I knew from the start what I would like

to try, but it was also interesting reading the play version, because the play/musical is different from the movie, even though I'm most familiar with the movie."

Byars noted that a lot goes into organizing a cast of over 40 to prepare for such a show. The Wolf River Homeschoolers often spend several months rehearsing two or three times a week, and Byars said doing the show is the highlight of the year.

"It's very fun, but also very chaotic," Byars said. "Especially right at the start when you're just getting into it. Not everybody is sure exactly what they're

doing and they're very all over the place, but it's nice as we get closer and closer to show night that it just comes together."

Emma Martin, who plays Baroness Bomburst, is also embracing the opportunity to portray a character from a well-known story.

"It's just fun to get to act like somebody in the movies, to be like them and to do what they do," Martin said. "It's kind of hard, but we're figuring it out."

Director Sue Kluge noted that "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" was a familiar story among the homeschool families, so it was a logical

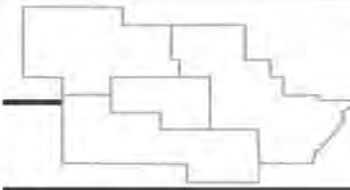
choice for the performing arts program to pursue the musical for its annual show. She said there are some different songs from the film like "Teamwork," "Act English" and "The Bombie Samba," and it also has a number of fun dance numbers for the children to learn.

"It's got so many fun numbers in it and fun songs," Sue Kluge said. "There are plenty of songs that people will remember from the movie. It's centered all around family and saving Grandpa and saving the children that the Baroness doesn't like, and the togetherness of it. It's just a feel-good show."

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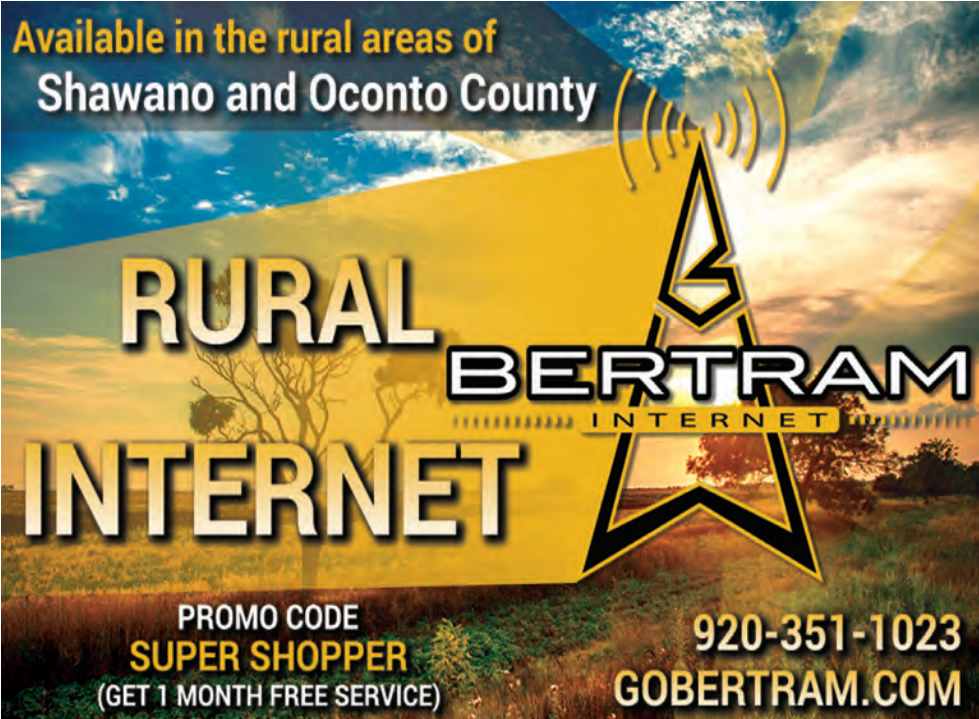
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16 Howard (18-16) 58	10 Virginia (23-10) 43	DAYTON MARCH 19-20	81 Montana St. (17-17) 16	53 Boise St. (22-10) 10
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EAST
Boston

1 UConn (31-3) 91

16 Stetson (22-12) 52

8 Florida Atlantic (25-8) 65

9 Northwestern (21-11) 77

5 San Diego St. (24-10) 69

12 UAB (23-11) 65

4 Auburn (27-7) 76

13 Yale (22-9) 76

6 BYU (23-10) 67

11 Duquesne (24-11) 71

3 Illinois (26-8) 85

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7 Washington St. (24-9) 66

10 Drake (28-6) 81

2 Iowa St. (27-7) 87

15 S. Dakota St. (22-12) 65

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16 Wagner 62

8 Mississippi St. (21-13) 51

9 Michigan St. (19-14) 65

5 Saint Mary's (26-7) 66

12 Grand Canyon (29-4) 75

4 Alabama (21-11) 108

13 Charleston (27-7) 96

6 Clemson (21-11) 77

11 New Mexico (26-9) 95

3 Baylor (23-10) 92

14 Colgate (25-9) 67

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The Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced the 2024 Basketball Academic All-State Award to the outstanding individuals who attain a high level of success in the classroom. Several girls from Bonduel, Oconto Falls and Wittenberg-Birnamwood were among the honorees this year, as well as boys from Gillett, Oconto Falls and Shawano.

The WBCA, in a continued quest to recognize the outstanding work of the student-athletes around Wisconsin, has modified and expanded the Academic All-State program for 2024. New in 2023, Academic All-State requires that nominated athletes be varsity players from any grade level and hold a GPA of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale). These players will receive a WBCA certificate from their school. Elite Academic All-State is similar to what the WBCA has produced in the past, incorporating more robust academic review and incorporating on-court performance as well. This recognition continues to be for seniors only and will be announced at a later date.

More than 1,800 girls and 1,200 boys basketball players met the minimum requirement to be recognized as WBCA All-State.

Girls receiving the honor were:

Bonduel: junior Josie Anvelink, senior Ella Hischke, sophomore Juliana Jacobs, senior Ashlyn Kurey, freshman Paige Niquette, junior Taylor Rank, sophomore Jayla Reinke, sophomore Cierra Schnell, junior Tatum Sporisky, senior Hailee Thompson, junior Audrey Weier, sophomore Mariah Wondra, senior Hailey Zernicke, sophomore Allison Zernicke.

Oconto Falls: senior Bailee Gorman, senior Brynn Hodkiewicz, junior Ava Hodkiewicz, junior Josie Holtz, junior Lylia Leja, senior Hannah Ludemann, junior Madeline Maloney, senior Morgan Moynihan, junior Amber Otto, senior Madysen Przybylski, senior Kathryn Raddatz, senior Allison Remic, sophomore Rylie Shallow, senior Kyndra Staild.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood: senior Amelia Bessert, freshman Ava Brei, freshman Nora Bushman, sophomore Melaina Granquist, junior Abby Jackan, junior Brianna Krueger, sophomore Brie Ladika, junior Faith Resch, freshman Harper Rogowski, sophomore Rory Salvesen, senior Kit Stewart.

Gillett boys who were honored were seniors Bradin Bjelland, Garrett Klein, Grayson Klein and Benjamin Matczak; and juniors Jesse DeBauch and Ryan Pensis.

From Oconto Falls High School, honorees were juniors Isaac Bramer, Grayson Cahak, Easton Engel, Emerich Skarban and Evan Yuma; and senior Alex Haines.

Shawano students honored were sophomores Anderson Schmidt and Ryan Schwitzer; juniors Warner Beyer, Parker Beyer, Jerzy Brocker and Logan Sipple; and senior Ethan Onesti.

Gillett senior competed in WIAA challenge at Kohl Center

Gillett High School senior Aydin Franti was the No. 1 3-point shooter in the Division 5 this season, which earned him a spot in the 2024 WIAA Boys 3-Point Challenge on March 16 at the Kohl Center in Madison.

At the event, he sunk 11 of 25 in the first round and did not advance to the semifinals.

During the season, Franti completed 45 of 94 3-point attempts for a 47.9% success rate. Coming in at No. 2 was Heath Poppy of Shullsburg, who completed 69 of 146 for 47.3%.

Ten participants were selected for the event based on information entered by coaches into the WisSports.net database. The top two 3-point shooters (with a minimum 75 attempts) from each division were chosen to participate.

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

Other area players qualified for the top 10 in their respective divisions but were not high enough to make it to the 3-point challenge.

In Division 3, Pulaski's Colin Schultz, a junior, was ranked sixth, completing 63 out of 143 attempts for a 44.1% completion rate.

In Division 4, Bonduel freshman Quinn Wesenberg was eighth and made 33 out of 77 for 42.9%.

In addition to Franti being No. 1, a pair of other Gillett players were in the top 10.

Senior Ben Matczak completed 53 of 116 for 44.8% to earn the No. 3 spot. At No. 5 was junior Jesse DeBauch, who made 36 out of 83 for 43.4%.



Braelyn McDonald of Oconto, Kaelyn Cook of Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, Rylie Shallow of Oconto Falls and Bella Jones of Gibraltar run the first of 10 heats in the girls 45-yard dash during a six-school indoor track and field meet March 19 at Oconto Falls High School. Shallow's time of 5.7 seconds topped all runners.
WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

Bonduel wins 8 of 12 events at Seymour track meet

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Shawano, March 23

Adalyn Barkley led the Shawano girls track and field team with the best finish, after placing first in the triple jump in the Ripon College Showcase Meet on March 23. Shawano claimed another dozen top-10 finishes.

Barkley had a total distance of 34 feet 7.5 inches. Teammate Macey Nelson placed seventh.

Lily Guenther ran to a third place in the 3,200-meter run, with teammate Anabelle Schroeder placing ninth.

Both the 4x400-meter relay team and the 4x800-meter relay team finished in third place.

Barkley was also fourth in the 400-meter dash.

Grace Chelberg placed fifth in the 800-meter run.

Natalie Bystol was seventh in the high jump.

In the shot put, Hatty Fritz was eighth and Madison Weinig was ninth.

Shawano's 4x200-meter relay team placed 10th.

Witt-Birn, March 21

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's 86.5 points placed them third at the Marshfield Tiger Girls Invite on March 21. The Chargers just missed out on second place, earned by D.C. Everest with 87 points. Marshfield won with 129 points.

Nora Bushman's time of 2:36.9 was the best in the 800-yard run, as her first place netted the team 10 points. She collected another 10 points with her first-place finish in the 1-mile run with a time of 5:51.88.

Faith Resch led the Chargers with a first in the high jump at 4 feet 10 inches. Ava Brei placed sixth.

Also taking first place was the team of Harper Rogowski, Brei, Kylee Bev-

ersdorf and Resch in 4:40.53 in the 4x440-yard relay.

The 4x880-yard relay team of Beversdorf, Charlie Eichman, Lily Metropulos and Bushman finished second.

In the 440-yard dash, it was Rogowski claiming second and Brie finishing third.

Resch placed fourth in the 60-yard hurdles.

Bushman claimed fourth in the triple jump, and Resch was ninth.

Brei placed fourth in the 220-yard dash, with Rogowski taking eighth.

In the shot put, it was Kaydence Burclaw finishing in sixth place.

The foursome of Kaitlin Tushkowski, Reese Dickman, Metropulos and Kelsie Davis earned a seventh-place finish in the 4x160-yard relay.

Another seventh place was earned in the 4x220-yard relay, this time with Tushkowski, Dickman, Metropulos and Jayden Zeinert running the race in 3:22.36.

Bonduel, March 21

Bonduel collected 38.5 points as the girls placed third at the Seymour Invitational on March 21.

Junior Audrey Weier captured first place in the 200-meter hurdles in 36.46. Addison Raymakers was fourth, and Hailey Berg was fifth.

Junior Abbi Heller led a contingent of six teammates earning top-10 finishes in the shot put. Heller set the pace with first-place finish at 26 feet 4.25 inches. She was followed by McKenna Onesti in second, Hailey Spates in third, Morgan Staszak in fifth and Caroline Richter in eighth.

Olivia Giese placed second, Berg was fourth and Weier was sixth in the 55-meter hurdles.

Paige Niquette, a freshman, placed second in the 55-meter dash.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Giese, Josie Anvelink, Rachyl Hutter and Niquette took second place.

Weier was fourth in the high jump and was joined by Staszak in fifth and Hailey Eggert in ninth.

Giese was sixth in the 400-meter dash.

In the 800-meter run, it was junior Seidy Blandon in sixth.

Eggert was seventh in the long jump, and Isabella Rizzo was 10th.

Oconto Falls, March 19

The Oconto Falls girls track team didn't have as many first-place finishes as the boys at the Oconto Falls Indoor 1 on March 19, but they still won a majority of the events.

The Panthers nabbed seven of the top 10 spots in the 45-yard dash, including Rylie Shallow's first-place finish. Chloe Anastasopoulos placed second, Anna Spaulding was third, Hailyn St. Louis tied for fourth (with Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy's Kaelyn Cook), Kati Raddatz was sixth, and Abby Budz and Bailee Gorman tied for 10th.

Gorman won the 200-meter dash and was joined by teammates St. Louis in fourth place, Rhina Vandeyacht in sixth, Jasmine Lamal-Martinez in ninth and Gwen Maggio tied for 10th with Lena/STAAA's Karli Fischer. Other Lena/STAA runners in the top 10 were Abigail Kostreva in second, Eva Brooks in third and Kali Fischer in seventh.

For the 400-meter dash, it was Miriam Alberts of Lena/STAA in first, Oconto Falls' Mackenzie Lotto in second and Lena/STAA's Kate Peters in third.

Oconto Falls grabbed spots one through four and seventh in the 800-meter run. Maddy Przyblski won the race, with Hannah Ludeman in second, Hailey

Delzer in third, Arianna Impastato in fourth and Allison Kramer in seventh.

Brooke Hodkiewicz of Oconto Falls won the 1,600-meter run, and teammate Emma Meissner placed second.

In the 55-meter hurdles, it was Oconto Falls' Josie Saari placing second and Lena/STAA's Alexis Maloney in third.

Oconto Falls won the 4x100-meter relay, and Lena/STAA placed second. The Panthers were the only competitor in the 4x400-meter relay and 4x800-meter relay, thereby winning both events.

The Panthers placed five team members in the top 10 for shot put. Morgan Moynihan won the event, followed by Aly Yuma in second, Grace Molitor in third, Raddatz in fifth and Kylee Williams in seventh. Also, Lena/STAA's Mackenzie Vorpahl was fourth.

The high jump title went to Brooks, with Hodkiewicz in fourth, Peters in fifth, Maggie in sixth, Oconto Falls' Eloise Thompson in eighth and Lily Van De Ven in ninth.

Kostreva won the long jump, followed by St. Louis in second, Vandeyacht in fourth, Maggio in fifth, Przyblski in sixth, Lamal-Martinez in ninth and teammate Johanna Mikulik in 10th.

Budz claimed the top spot in the triple jump, followed by Kali Fischer in the No. 2 spot, Oconto Falls' Emery Pagel in third, Lena/STAA's Kaitlyn Borkovec in fourth, Delzer in fifth and Mackenzie Lotto in sixth.

Pulaski, March 19

The Red Raiders captured four first-place awards at the Ripon College Invite on March 19.

Olivia Sprangers won the 200-meter dash in 27.1 seconds, with Rachael Allen

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Hawks go 2-1 at Hodag softball tournament

Shawano's girls softball team opened the 2024 season with a 7-4 win over Thorp on March 22 at the Danny Mac Softball Classic at the Hodag Dome in Rhinelander.

The Hawks would split their two games March 23 to end up 2-1 on the weekend.

In their first game on March 23, Shawano lost 12-10 to Stratford. The Hawks bounced back in their final game, shutting out Clintonville 12-0.

The event included three days of competition featuring 24 teams split into three brackets of eight teams each.

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taking fifth. Ella Ficarri won the 60-meter hurdles in 9.92.

Hallie Morz claimed the top spot in the pole vault at 11 feet, and the 4x200-meter relay team won in 1:51.94.

Ella Hasser claimed the third position in the 400-meter dash, and the 4x400-meter relay team was also third.

Hasser was fourth in the triple jump.

Megan Kraft was fifth in the long jump.

Olivia Stedl was fifth in the 800-meter run, while Emerson Fabry was sixth.

Faye Brunke was sixth in the 60-meter dash,

Bonduel, March 18

Bonduel girls earned eight first-place finishes out of 12 events at the Seymour Indoor Quad on March 18.

Paige Niquette placed first in the 55-meter dash in 7.97 seconds. She was joined by Addison Raymakers in sixth, Sophie Smith in eighth and two others.

Seidy Blandon ran to first in the 800-meter run in 3:36.78.

Cierra Schnell earned first place in the 200-meter hurdles in 35.44. Hailey Berg was third, and Olivia Giese was fourth.

Bonduel won all three relay races, the 4x200, the 4x400 and the 4x800.

In the 1,600-meter run, Mariah Wondra placed first in 6:04.43, and Teagan Engel placed second.

Josie Anvelink earned the top spot in the shot put at 33-2. Five other Bonduel girls finished in the top 10 and three more captured the 11th, 12th and 15th spots. Rachyl Hutter was third, McKenna Onesti placed fifth, Hailey Spates was sixth, Abbi Heller finished in ninth, and Rose Siewert was 10th.

Raymakers was the top Bonduel athlete in the 400-meter dash, finishing in third.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Giese finished second and Hailey was third.

All three girls finished in the top 10 in the high jump. Isabella Rizzo placed fourth, Hailey Eggert was sixth, and Riana Bahr placed seventh.

Eggert finished third in the long jump, while Rizzo was fifth.

Shawano, March 18

Shawano track and field athletes racked up 57 points and finished third out of 17 teams at the Oshkosh High School Invitational on March 18.

West De Pere placed first with 88 points, while Appleton North was second with 65 pants.

The team of Bailey Hendricks, Adalyn Barkley, Maci Beyer and Lilly Guenther placed first in the 4x800-meter relay in 10:26.99.

Grace Chelberg set the pace in the 1,600-meter run, grabbing first place in 5:27.8. Hendricks placed eighth.

Barkley earned more team points with a second-place finish in the 400-meter dash. Guenther was second in the 3,200-meter run.

Shawano also earned points in the triple jump, with Barkley nabbing second and Macey Nelson seventh.

Barkley, Beyer, Tela Hopfensperger and Hendricks teamed up for a fifth-place finish in the 4x400-meter relay.

Nelson finished sixth in the long jump.

Chelberg was sixth in the 800-meter run.

The 4x200-meter relay team placed ninth, just one spot out of the points. Hopfensperger, Beyer, Natalie Bystol and Nelson had a time of 1:59.01.

Basketball coaches pick Lena's Brooks for all-state team

Lena's Eva Brooks has been named to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Division 5 All-State Team.

Brooks led Lena (28-3) to a state runner-up finish in the program's first state tournament appearance since 1991. The 6-1 forward averaged 19.8 points, 12.1 rebounds, 3.5 assists, 2.7 steals and 3.3 blocks per game for coach Tim Goldschmidt and the Wildcats. Brooks will enter her senior year with 1,153 career points. Lena has a 63-20 record over her first three seasons.

The WCBA all-state team is headlined by two-time selections Alana Durtschi of Albany/Monticello and Sarah Shaw of Assumption.

Durtschi led Albany/Monticello (27-3) to the Division 5 state

championship. The 5-8 guard averaged 13.1 points, 6.6 rebounds, 5.2 assists and 3.1 steals per game for coach Derik Doescher and the Albany/Monticello co-op. Shaw led Assumption (26-3) to a sectional final and has helped the team to a 77-11 record in her first three seasons.

Other all-state selections were Hailee Bauer, junior, Lourdes Academy; Kylie Butler, sophomore, Argyle/Pecatonica; Sophia Coker, senior, Athens; Izabel Durst, sophomore, Barneveld; Marah Gruen, senior, Royall; Emmalee Mann, senior, Cochrane-Fountain City; Mackenzie Tarman, senior, Turtle Lake; and Jadeyn Zdroik, freshman, Pacelli.

Rylee Yaeger, a senior at Wabeno/Laona, received honorable mention.



Lena's Eva Brooks brings the ball up court during the Wildcats' state championship game March 9 at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon. Brooks was named to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Division 5 All-State Team.

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Oconto Falls dominates home meet

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Shawano, March 23

The Shawano boys captured nine top-10 finishes at the Ripon College Showcase Meet on March 23.

Will Chelberg ran to a third-place finish in the 3,200-meter run, while teammate Josiah Kuehl placed eighth.

Ethan Onesti captured fourth in the 800-meter run. He was also fifth in the 1,600-meter run.

Shawano's 4x400-meter relay team placed sixth, with the 4x800-meter relay team finishing in seventh and the 4x200-meter relay team claiming eighth.

Drake Herm jumped to eighth place in the pole vault.

Lucas Nuthals earned a 10th-place finish in the 60-meter dash.

Shawano, March 21

Shawano placed second with 97 points at the Wausau West Boys Small School Invitational on March 21. Northland Pines won the meet with 174 points.

Shawano's sole win was in the sprint medley relay in 2:29.72.

Shawano placed three in the top 10 in the 400-meter dash. Ryan Schwitzer led the Hawks in second place, with Joshua Lesperance in seventh and Maverick Theis in ninth.

The Hawks also had three in the top 10 in the 200-meter dash. Drake Herm placed second, Logan Korth placed third, and Schwitzer finished sixth.

Aiden Rasmussen placed third and Kaden Ewert was fourth in the 55-meter dash. Shawano also placed third in the 4x400-meter relay.

Herm jumped to fourth place in the pole vault, while Schwitzer was sixth. Korth was fourth in the long jump.

Joseph Kelliher finished in fifth in the 1,600-meter run. He also finished 10th in the 200-meter hurdles.

Shawano was sixth in the 4x800-meter relay, and Lesperance was sixth in the triple jump.

Theis was seventh in the shot put.

Aiden Sischo placed 10th in the 800-meter run.

Bonduel, March 21

The Bonduel boys earned 53 points and placed second out of four teams at the Seymour Invitational on March 21.

The team of Griffin Uelmen, Oliver Chitwood, Joah Dworniczak and Garrett Anderson placed first in the 4x200-meter relay in 10:32.63.

Uelmen won the 800-meter run in 2:31.85.

Freshman Malachi Gray won the 55-meter dash in 7.55, while sophomore Mason Ballwahn placed fourth.

Gage Anderson won the 400-meter dash in 1:04.15.

Gage School won the long jump at 16 feet 6 inches, with Gage Anderson leaping to third.

Uelmen finished second in the high jump, and Ballwahn tied for seventh.

Three freshmen placed third, fourth and fifth in the 1,600-meter run. They were Chitwood, Anderson and Dworniczak, respectively.

In the 200-meter hurdles, it was Scholl in third and Ballwahn in fourth.

The 4x400-meter relay saw Scholl, Gray, Adam Beaulieu and Thorneorow place fourth.

Kaiden Thorneorow, Isaac Seefeldt, Ballwahn and Gray were fifth in the 4x200-meter relay.

Senior Eduin Romero placed fifth in the shot put, and Seefeldt was 10th.

Oconto Falls, March 19

Several Panthers cleaned up when they hosted the Oconto Falls Indoor 1 on March 19.

Isaac Brauer earned first place in the 45-yard dash, with Lucas Heimke of Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy finishing fourth. Oconto Falls' Brady Bursa was fifth, Evan Lotter-Greetan was sixth, Croix Gardebrecht placed seventh, and Bryce Schefdore and Alex Frehse tied for eighth. Lena/STAA runner Gonzalo Del Val Arroyo was among five who tied for 10th.

Bramer also won the 200-meter dash, with Heimke in second, Frehse in fifth, Del Val Arroyo in sixth, Oconto Falls' AJ Hendricks in eighth

and Panther Cason Weenig in ninth.

Oconto Falls' Emerson Rice earned first place in the 400-meter dash. Suring's Quinn Thomson finished second and Jake Cornell placed third, with Gardebrecht in fourth, Panther Carter Hill in sixth, Suring's Dayne Ermis in seventh and Oconto Falls' Kolton Krueger in eighth.

First place in the 800-meter run went to Ben Adams of Oconto Falls, with Erik Kosch of Lena/STAA in second, Oconto Fall's Sage Mendolla in third, Braxton Rajkovich of Oconto Falls in fourth, Suring teammates Jayden Frank and Garrett School taking sixth and seventh, respectively, and Lena/STAA's Robert Alberts in seventh.

In the 1,600-meter run, it was Oconto Falls' Griffin Kopke taking first and Suring's Liam Matelski placing second.

The 55-meter hurdles had Alex Haines of Oconto Falls in first, teammate Emerich Skarban in second and Suring Trent VanDenElzen in third.

The 4x100-meter relay was won by Oconto Falls, with Suring taking second and another Oconto Falls foursome in third.

Suring won the 4x400-meter relay, and Oconto Falls was second. The finishing order flipped in the 4x800-meter relay.

The shot put title belonged to Anthony Seefeldt of Lena/STAA, with Schefdore in second, Lena/STAA's Colton Skrobel in fourth, Suring's Trent Thomson in fifth, and Oconto Falls teammates Tanner Arndt and Jonathan Moody placing sixth and seventh, respectively.

Skarban won the high jump, with Haines in second, Ermis in fourth, VanDenElzen in sixth, and Oconto Fall's Boden Gilson and Hendrix Cheek placing seventh and eighth, respectively.

The top spot in the pole vault went to VanDenElzen, with teammate Taylor Brown finishing in second. Krueger placed fifth, Suring's Garrett Peters was sixth, and Hill was seventh.

Bursa won first place in

the long jump, with Heimke in second, Thomson in fourth, Potter-Greetan in fifth, Oconto Falls' Weston Hoskins in sixth, Suring's Kroix Kempka in eighth and Suring's Dylan Flynn in 10th.

Bursa also won the triple jump, followed by Heimke in second, Cornell in third, Gardebrecht in fourth, Ermis in fifth, Peters in sixth and Gillett's Bradin Bjelland in seventh.

Pulaski, March 19

Pulaski's boys earned five top-10 finishes at the Ripon College Invite on March 19.

Keaton Dauk finished fourth in the 60-meter hurdles.

Jacob Heston was fourth in the triple jump, while Aiden McGin was seventh.

Parker Marshall placed seventh in the 3,200-meter run, and Daniel Augustine was eighth in the 800-meter run.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood, March 19

Landen Schmidt led the Chargers with a fourth-place finish in the shot put at the Marshfield Tiger Boys Invite on March 19.

Donald Komosa finished fifth in the 440-yard dash, and Michael Gunter placed eighth in the 220-yard dash.

Bonduel, March 18

Two individuals and one foursome earned first-place spots for Bonduel at Seymour Indoor Quad on March 18. Several others earned top-10 finishes.

Gage Anderson was the best in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:03.78. Joah Dworniczak placed seventh.

Griffin Uelmen was first in the 800-meter run in 2:33.78.

The 4x400-meter relay team was first in 4:38.59.

Relay teams in the 4x200 and 4x800 placed second, as did Ben O'Brien in the 1,600-meter run and Malachi Gray in the long jump. O'Brien was sixth in the long jump.

Mason Ballwahn placed third in the 55-meter dash, followed by Gray in fourth and Gage Scholl in ninth.

Eduin Romero earned sixth place in the shot put, and Isaac Seefeldt was 10th.

Pulaski names new girls golf coaches

Pulaski High School girls golf will have three new coaches next season. John Heinz is the new head coach. Assistants will be Kimberly Froseth and Taylor Walters, who will co-coach the junior varsity squad.

"I would like to thank Sarah Kohls for her many years of service leading the PHS girls golf team and am thankful for Andy Bock's knowledge and expertise that he shared with our student athletes over the last years," said PHS athletic director Janel Batten.

Batten is excited by the new coaching staff.

"I believe our girls golf program will be in good hands for years to come," she said.

Heinz has worked as a Pulaski Community School District paraprofessional for 10 years. He's also driven a bus for the district. Previous coaching experience includes being on the freshman baseball coaching staff for seven years and freshman football staff for six years.

He's been married to Lori for 30 years and they have four children, Jack,

Owen, Lucas and Ella, all of whom are PHS graduates. The Southern Door High School graduate has lived in the Pulaski area for 32 years.

Heinz credits his wife for getting him into golfing when they were first married, and they hit the links regularly when Wisconsin's weather permits.

"I am super excited about coaching," Heinz said.

Heinz has earned his commercial driver's license, so he will be able to drive the team to its meets.

Froseth is a PHS English teacher. She has been in Pulaski for five years, and prior to that she taught in Manitowoc for eight years. She graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a bachelor's degree in English education. She will graduate next month from Western Governors University with a master's degree in educational leadership. She is married to Adam and they have two children — Easton, 8, and Joelle, 6.

"My husband and I started golfing a few years ago just for fun, and I

started to truly enjoy the sport and become more competitive with it," she said. "I am not new to coaching, but I am new to coaching golf."

Walters has taught family and consumer sciences education at PHS for eight years. She is a 2011 PHS graduate and a 2015 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

She and her husband, Zach, have 17-month-old twins, Jax and Gracie.

"My extended family enjoys golfing, even having our own family golf outing each fall," Walters said. "My husband and I started golfing about five years ago for fun, and we have grown to love and enjoy the sport. I am new to coaching golf, and I am excited for the new experience."

Heinz is excited to work with the other members of the coaching staff.

"We're all going to learn and grow together, and I think that would be an environment for something really positive," he said.

The coaches have been meeting regularly to get to know each other and to plan for next season.

New fishing season comes with new rules

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that the 2024-25 Guide To Wisconsin's Fishing Regulations is available online.

These regulations, which include changes to walleye and sauger bag limits on inland waters and new registration rules for small tournaments, will go into effect on April 1.

All residents and non-residents over 16 must have a 2024-25 general fishing license to fish in Wisconsin. Annual resident licenses cost \$20 each, or purchase a spousal license for \$31 so you and your spouse can fish together.

Several new regulations and changes to bag limits have been implemented this year.

These changes include the following:

- A new small tournament registration requirement.
- Statewide daily bag limit of three walleye and sauger per day on all inland waters.
- Walleye bag limits for the Great Lakes (including Green Bay) and Wisconsin-Iowa, Wisconsin-Minnesota and Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters will remain unchanged, as will limits on any water with a bag limit currently lower than three.
- A person may har-

vest walleye from two different lakes or rivers with a three-fish daily bag limit as long as they don't exceed the five-fish total daily bag limit.

- A daily bag limit of 10 panfish in Lake Mendota in Dane County.

- Changing the musky minimum length limit to 50 inches on the Wisconsin River from the Lake DuBay Dam upstream to the first dam in Merrill.

- Creating an urban fishing pond in Suamico in Brown County.

New bag and length limits have also been enacted for specific waterbodies in Oconto County and other Wisconsin counties.

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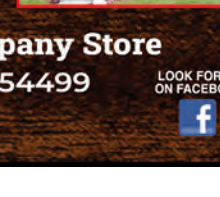
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Notice of Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote
and Sample Ballots
April 2, 2024

Office of the Oconto County Clerk
To the voters of Oconto County:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election and a Presidential Preference Vote to be held in Oconto County on April 2, 2024, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE VOTE

A voter may cast only one vote in the presidential preference primary.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

To vote for president, the voter shall choose the ballot of the party of his or her choice on which to vote. If you vote in more than one party, your vote will not be counted. On the ballot of his or her choice, the voter shall make an (X) or other mark in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice or shall, in the alternative, make an (X) or other mark in the square next to the words "Uninstructed delegation," or write in the name of a person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

Within the party of his or her choice, the voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice or shall, in the alternative, fill in the oval next to the words "Uninstructed Delegation," or write in the name of a person of their choice for a candidate in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "ExpressVote," "Clear Access" or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the keypad to select the party of their choice. Within the party of their choice, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice or shall, in the alternative, touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the words "Uninstructed Delegation," or type in the name of a person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen at the party of his or her choice. Within the party of their choice, the voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of their choice or shall, in the alternative, touch the screen at the words "Uninstructed Delegation," or type in the name of a person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

AT THE SPRING ELECTION

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided, and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question or fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "ExpressVote," "Clear Access" or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use they tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the questions, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

Spoiled Ballots

If a voter spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The voter may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or the deliver the ballot to an election inspector for deposit and deposit any un-voted ballots in the discard box. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official touch screen ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

Sample ballots may be viewed on myvote.wi.gov, at the polling locations on election day, and a sample of the official ballot styles for the ICE and ICX voting equipment are included in the Type B Notice published in the Times Herald and Reporter the week prior to the election.

DONE in the City of Oconto, on February 29, 2024.

Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk

301 Washington Street

Oconto, Wisconsin 54153

920-834-6800

Ballot ID: 2041 Town of Little Suamico, Ward 9 (Pulaski)

Official Ballot
Presidential Preference Vote
Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
April 2, 2024

Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions	Presidential Preference Vote	School District
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk). To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ● To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●	Choose a party in which to vote Fill in the oval next to your party choice, like this: ● Choose only ONE Democratic Republican Democratic Party Primary If you vote in this party's primary, you may not vote in any other party's primary. President of the United States Vote for 1 Joe Biden Dean Phillips Uninstructed Delegation write-in: _____ End Democratic Party Primary Republican Party Primary If you vote in this party's primary, you may not vote in any other party's primary. President of the United States Vote for 1 Chris Christie Vivek Ramaswamy Ron DeSantis Nikki Haley Donald Trump Uninstructed Delegation write-in: _____ End Republican Party Primary End Presidential Preference Vote Begin Nonpartisan Offices County County Supervisor District 1 Vote for 1 Elmer Ragen Rhonda Strehliow write-in: _____	Pulaski Community School District School Board Member At Large Vote for 1 Steve Liegl Jennifer Rybicki write-in: _____ School Board Member Zone 2 - Townships of Chase, Little Suamico, and Morgan Vote for 1 Annis Kaminski write-in: _____ School Board Member Zone 5 - Village of Suamico, Township of Pittsfield Vote for 1 Sara Mangold write-in: _____

Presidential Preference Vote begins at top of next column. Nonpartisan offices continue at top of next column. Continue voting on back of ballot.

Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. ➡

Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●

State

QUESTION 1: "Use of private funds in election administration." Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?"

Yes
No

QUESTION 2: "Election officials." Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?"

Yes
No

Official Ballot
Presidential Preference Vote
Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
April 2, 2024

for

Town of Little Suamico, Ward 9 (Pulaski)
Oconto County

Ballot ID: 2041

Ballot issued by _____

Initials of election inspectors: _____

Absentee ballot issued by _____

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk: _____

If issued by SVDs, both must initial

Certification of Voter Assistance
I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor: _____

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Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:

☐ Overvoted
☐ Damaged
☐ Other

If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here: _____

If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here: _____

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot: _____

Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side. ➡

AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE VOTE a voter may cast only one vote in the presidential preference primary

For the Democratic Party
Joe Biden

For the Republican Party
Chris Christie
Vivek Ramaswamy
Ron DeSantis
Nikki Haley
Donald Trump

AT THE SPRING ELECTION Oconto County voters will vote for the following candidates in their respective districts: If you are not sure of your district, please visit <http://myvote.wi.gov> and search by your name or address.

Oconto County Board Supervisor Contests:

Vote for 1

District 1 Elmer Ragen
Rhonda Strehlow
District 2 Theresa Willems
District 3 Brandon M. Dhuey
District 4 No Ballot Candidate
District 5 Guy K. Gooding
District 6 Dennis Kroll
District 7 Wayne Kaczrowski
District 8 David Behrend
District 9 Jolene Barkhaus
District 10Tim Cole
District 11Patrick J. Scanlan

District 12Richard C. Pillsbury
District 13Riley Sowle
John Wittkopf
District 14Al Schreiber
District 15John Matravars
District 16Tom Bitters
District 17Joel Lavarda
District 18Stephanie F. Holman
District 19Bart Schindel
District 20Keith Schneider
District 21Char Meier
District 22David Parmentier

District 23Robert Wolf
District 24Tracy S. Ondik
District 25Tracy A. Winkler
District 26Todd Carlson
Mike Beyer
District 27Alan Sleeter
District 28Carol M. Heise
District 29David Van Zeeland
Judy Buhrandt
District 30Don Bartels, Jr.
District 31David Christianson

Municipal Contests

TOWN OF BRAZEAU

Town Board Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
David Parmentier
Matthew Milatzo
Rodney J. Gretzon
Randy Nasgovitz

TOWN OF MOUNTAIN

Referenda Question:
"Shall the person holding the office of Town Clerk/Treasurer in the Town of Mountain be appointed by the town board?"

TOWN OF LITTLE SUAMICO

Sanitary District #1 Commissioner
Vote for 1
Douglas L. Allen Sr.

VILLAGE OF LENA

Village Trustee
Vote for not more than 3
Linda Hinds
Judy Patenaude
Craig LeFebvre
Municipal Judge
Vote for 1
Russell Buhr

VILLAGE OF SURING

Village Trustee
Vote for not more than 3
Jacob School
Richard Kramp
Angie Whiting
Randy Schuettpeiz
Municipal Judge
Vote for 1
Stephanie Lupe
Jeff Whiting

CITY OF OCONTO

Mayor
Vote for 1
John Panetti
Cliff Martin
Alderpersion
Vote for not more than 4
Dee Donlevy
Mike Feldt
Casey Sowle
Dan Zoeller
Lori L. Stenstrup
Kim Bronikowski
Darrell Anderson
Jamie Younger
Municipal Judge
Vote for 1
Cheryl A. Young

CITY OF GILLETT

Mayor
Vote for 1
Jonathan Blaskowski
Alderpersion Ward 1
Vote for 1
No Ballot Candidate
Alderpersion Ward 2
Vote for 1
No Ballot Candidate
Alderpersion Ward 3
Vote for 1
Nanette Mohr

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS

Mayor
Vote for 1
Brad Rice
Clint Braun
Aldermanic District 1, Wards 1, 2 & 6
Vote for 1
Jeff McDonald
Aldermanic District 2, Wards 3, 4 & 7
Vote for 1
Marty Coopman
Aldermanic District 3, Ward 5
Vote for 1
Tim Holman
Municipal Judge
Vote for 1
Richard J. Cromell

School District Contests

Coleman School District

School Board Member
Vote for not more than 2
Adam Bieber
Corey Kuchta

Crivitz School District

School Board Member
Vote for not more than 2
Kim Hanson
Gary Huc
Kris Heidewald

Gillett School District

School Board Member At-Large
Vote for not more than 3
Kimberly M. Schaal
Jamie Heroux
Scott Buhrandt

Lena School District

School Board Member
Vote for not more than 2
Charles Imig
David McNurlen

Oconto Unified School District

School Board Member City Seat
Vote for 1
Bobbi Brazeau Christopherson
School Board Member Rural Seat

Vote for 1

Samantha Boucher Routheau

Oconto Falls School District

School Board Member
Vote for not more than 3
Bryan Baumler
Clint Gardebrecht
Ginny O'Harrow

Peshtigo School District

School Board Member Seat 7
Vote for 1
Tony O'Neill
School Board Member Seat 8
Vote for 1
Josh Seefeldt
School Board Member Seat 9
Vote for 1
Steve Coble

Pulaski School District

School Board Member At Large
Vote for 1
Steve Liegl
Jennifer Rybicki
School Board Member Zone 2
Townships of Chase, Little Suamico, Morgan
Vote for 1
Dennis Kaminski

School Board Member Zone 5

Village of Suamico, Township of Pittsfield
Vote for 1
Sara Mangold

Suring School District

School Board Member From the Town of Breed
Vote for 1
Jennifer Kruse
Paul Thomson
School Board Member From the Village of Suring
Vote for 1
No Ballot Candidate

Wabeno Area School District

School Board Member
Forest County Area including parts of Forest, Langlade, and Marinette Counties
Vote for Not More than 2
Dawn C. Jakubiec
Andrea C. Brugger
Penny McLaughlin
Raletta Shampo-Ashbeck
School Board Member
Oconto County Area
Vote for 1
Jason Boor

Sample ballots may be viewed on myvote.wi.gov, at the polling locations on election day, and a sample of the official ballot styles for the ICE and ICX voting equipment are included in the Type B Notice published in the Times Herald and Reporter the week prior to the election.

DONE in the City of Oconto, on January 9, 2024.

Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk
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WNAXLP

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION

APRIL 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2023 ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 78

To create section 7 of article III of the constitution; relating to: prohibiting state and local governments from using privately sourced moneys or equipment in connection with the conduct of elections and specifying who may perform tasks related to the conduct of an election (second consideration).

Whereas, the 2021 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2021 Senate Joint Resolution 101, which became 2021 Enrolled Joint Resolution 17, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7 of article III of the constitution is created to read:

[Article III] Section 7 (1) No state agency or officer or employee in state government and no political subdivision of the state or officer or employee of a political subdivision may apply for, accept, expend, or use any moneys or equipment in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum if the moneys or equipment are donated or granted by an individual or nongovernmental entity.

(2) No individual other than an election official designated by law may perform any task in the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum.

SECTION 2. Numbering of new provision. If another constitutional amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2023 legislature; and, be it further Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of April 2024; and, be it further Resolved, That the questions concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: "Use of private funds in election administration. Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?"

QUESTION 2: "Election officials. Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS AS TO THE TWO QUESTIONS

1. Explanatory statement regarding Question 1:

The Wisconsin Constitution does not limit the ability of the state or local governments to receive non-governmental grants, funds, or equipment to assist in carrying out election-related responsibilities. Question 1 would add a new provision to the Constitution to prohibit the state or local governments from applying for, accepting, expending, or using such funds to assist with carrying out "any primary, election, or referendum." The question would appear to apply to any type of non-governmental grant or funding, no matter how general in scope.

A "yes" vote on Question 1 would vote to create a new provision of the Wisconsin Constitution—Wis. Const. art. III, § 7(1). That provision would prohibit a state agency or local government from applying for, accepting, expending, or using any non-governmental moneys or equipment in connection with the conduct of any election.

A "no" vote on Question 1 would vote not to add Wis. Const. art. III, § 7(1) to the Wisconsin Constitution.

2. Explanatory statement regarding Question 2:

Wisconsin statutes define and regulate how clerks can designate individuals to serve as election officials and carry out various tasks relating to elections. The Wisconsin Constitution does not separately spell out which individuals can do that work.

Question 2 would add a new provision to the Constitution to prohibit individuals from performing tasks related to an election unless they are an "election official designated by law." Under current statutes, clerks have the statutory power to designate individuals to carry out election-related tasks, and so such designated individuals could continue doing their work as an "election official designated by law." But that power is only statutory, and if the statutes changed, the new constitutional provision would bar clerks from designating individuals to assist with election-related tasks.

A "yes" vote on Question 1 would vote to create a second new provision of the Wisconsin Constitution—Wis. Const. art. III, § 7(2), which would prohibit an individual from performing election-related tasks unless they are an "election official designated by law."

A "no" vote on Question 1 would vote not to add Wis. Const. art. III, § 7(2) to the Wisconsin Constitution.

DONE in the City of Oconto, on March 4, 2024.

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CITY OF OCONTO
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Oconto Parks Department has job openings for the following positions:
FULL-TIME POSITION: PARKS WORKING/FOREMAN IS A FULL-TIME POSITION WITH BENEFITS.
PART-TIME SUMMER POSITIONS: WORKING MONTHS ARE MIDDLE OF APRIL TO END OF OCTOBER (WEATHER PERMITTING ON BOTH START & END DATES FOR POSITIONS):

- Campground Manager - must be at least 21 years old with a valid WI driver's license.
- Campground Assistant Maintenance/Laborer - must be at least 18 years old with a valid WI driver's license.
- Harbormaster - must be at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license.

PART-TIME SUMMER POSITIONS: WORKING MONTHS ARE JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2ND.

- Parks Maintenance/Laborers - must be at last 16 years old with a valid WI driver's license.
- Campground Maintenance/Laborer - must be at least 16 years old with a valid WI driver's license.

Applications are available online at www.cityofoconto.com or at Oconto City Hall, 1210 Main St., between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on April 5th, 2024. All positions are subject to background check.

If you have questions regarding any of the above information, please call the Parks Department at (920) 834-7706 or email questions to ocontoparks@cityofocontowis.gov.

'Bits and bytes' hold info about Menominee clans

Story of clans finds new home at College of Menominee Nation

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The story of the Menominee people, including the stories about their clans, has returned home to roost.

The College of Menominee Nation flipped the switch March 22 and added the Menominee Clans Story to its website, www.menominee.edu. Previously, the story had resided online at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's website. That was until outdated technology and a lack of interest from university officials prompted a small team of educators, tribal members and others to save the information of the tribe's 10,000-year history from being thrust into a cyber void.

The Menominee Clans website was started in 2003 as a way to transmit the tribe's cultural knowledge. Karen Ann Hoffman, a member of the Oneida Nation and cousin of James Frechette, spoke of the carvings Frechette did that were also part of UW-Stevens Point's collection of Menominee information and culture, and those carvings helped when Frechette and others decided to take the tribe's storytelling to the digital level.

"We decided there should be some additions to the clan carvings, and so the idea was broached — what about a website?" Hoffman said.

Frechette and Mike Hoffman, Karen Ann's husband, were initially reluctant to the idea of a website, as traditional Indigenous ways focused on telling stories in person as opposed to looking up the information in a database.

"Neither of those men were sure that bits and bytes and imaginary electronic things zip-ping around the universe would have the power of sitting with an elder, but they realized that times were changing, and they understood they had a responsibility with the knowledge that they carried," Karen Ann Hoffman said. "They understood it

wasn't their job to change the information, but to transmit it, and so they thought that maybe this was worth a try."

Slowly, information was added to the site. Hoffman noted one of the first major additions were the Menominee love songs and lullabies. She pointed out that the initial architects for the website had the information but not a clear indication of how those songs sounded, so they turned to musicians for help in recording audio for the site.

"Those Menominee love songs and lullabies were transcribed for the first time in 100 years and played by a living breath for the first time in 100 years," Hoffman said. "These songs are now on the website for all to hear and all to share."

Soon after, the stories of the five main clans of the Menominee — along with information about the younger brother clans — were added. The piece de resistance was the map that showed the Menominee's original territory in Wisconsin and adjoining states, with research done on the traditional place names that involved at least three independent sources confirming names before they were added.

"This map would be an incredible teaching tool for Menominee kids," said Ray Reser, former director for the UW-Stevens Point Natural History Museum. "Mike (Hoffman) was adamant about trying to dispel the notion that Menominee territory was all within the Menominee reservation. He really wanted to get the point across that Menominee territory spread across the state — into Minnesota, into the UP (Upper Peninsula of Michigan) and down into Illinois."

The Menominee Clans Story was a focal point in the university's cultural outreach for almost two decades, but then things changed, according to Reser.

"There had been agreements written by James Frechette ... with the



Karen Ann Hoffman talks about the efforts to transfer the Menominee Clans Story website from University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to the College of Menominee Nation on March 22 during a presentation at the Keshena campus as CMN Professor Ryan Winn listens.

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university about what to do with the clans figures and the story and where that should reside," he said. "We ran into a rocky patch with the university with Mike, Karen Ann and I on one side and bean counters for the state on the other, and we had to decide what to do with those figures and the map

and the website." Frechette's carvings were moved to the Oshkosh Public Museum, and work began two years ago on transferring the website to CMN. CMN Professor Ryan Winn, one of the team members responsible for the moving project, said the Menominee Clans Story being in Keshena is

just another way for the college's charter to serve all Menominee, whether on reservation or off. "I see what we're doing as putting a spotlight on it," Winn said. "I see that the work of highlighting this and coming to CMN is helping to illuminate all this great teaching." CMN President Chris

Caldwell said one of the easiest decisions during his tenure was to say yes to the plan to bring the Menominee Clans Story home. "I think this is the kind of care we need to continue at the college," Caldwell said.

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Notice of Location and Hours of Polling Place

At the election to be held on April 2, 2024, in the County of Oconto, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated below. If you have questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

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Bagley W1
Brazeau W1-2
Breed W1
Chase W1-5
Doty W1
Gillett W1-2
How W1
Lakewood W1
Lena W1
Little River W1-2
Little Suamico W1-9
Maple Valley W1
Morgan W1-2
Mountain W1

Oconto W1-2
Oconto Falls W1-2
Pensaukee W1-2
Riverview W1-2
Spruce W1
Stiles W1-2
Townsend W1-2
Underhill W1

Village of Lena W1
Village of Suring W1
City of Gillett W1-3
City of Oconto W1-7
City of Oconto Falls W1-8

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8481 County Road S, Pulaski, WI 54162
14899 County Road T, Mountain, WI 54149
10908 Town Hall Road, Gillett, WI 54124
12896 State Highway 32, Suring, WI 54174
17181 Twin Pines Road, Lakewood, WI 54138
6087 Goatsville Road, Lena, WI 54139
3627 County Road A, Oconto, WI 54153
5964A County Road S, Sobieski, WI 54171
9088 County Road Z, Suring, WI 54174
3276 County Road C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
Bill Lazansky Community Center
13412 State Hwy 32/64 Mountain, WI 54149
6120 Cream City Road, Oconto, WI 54153
8680 State Hwy 22, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
4684 Brookside Road, Abrams, WI 54101
15471 State Hwy 32, Mountain, WI 54149
9097 County Road B, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
5718 Watercrest Road, Lena, WI 54139
16564 Elm Street, Townsend, WI 54175
5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124

117 E. Main Street, Lena, WI 54139
604 E. Main Street, Suring, WI 54174
150 N. McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, WI 54124
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All polling places will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M.
All polling places are accessible to elderly and voters with disabilities.

Notice of Meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Notice of Meeting of the Local and Municipal Board of Canvassers (MBOC)

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers and the MBOC for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 7.51 and 7.53(1). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Notice of Meeting of MBOC to Process Rehabilitated Provisional Ballots

If provisional ballots have been issued and are subsequently cured by the voter before 4:00 p.m. on the Friday after the election, the MBOC must meet no later than the following Monday at 9:00 a.m. to process the cured provisional ballots. This is a public meeting and requires applicable notice.

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Wynos gets prison time for construction site theft

Keshena man stole technology, building equipment on two occasions

By KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

A Keshena man convicted of stealing from the construction site for the future Menominee Indian High School was sentenced March 20 in federal court to 2½ years

in prison, three years' supervised release and restitution of \$29,451. According to court documents, Merwin Wynos Jr., 35, entered the fenced construction site last September and used a Kubota utility vehicle at the site to drive through the locked gate. Wynos then loaded the utility vehicle with construction and building equipment and made several trips to a nearby residence where he was living to offload the stolen items. Wynos

entered several construction trailers within the fenced area and took computer laptops and iPads belonging to Miron Construction and some subcontractors. At his Jan. 16 plea hearing, Wynos agreed that on Sept. 23, 2023, he took the items listed in discovery materials and their replacement value, which totaled in excess of \$60,000. Wynos also acknowledged that he returned to the construction site on Nov. 25, 2023, and

took additional construction and other equipment valued at \$10,000. He faced maximum penalties of five years in prison. Wendell Waukau, Menominee Indian School District superintendent, emailed a reply March 20 to a reporter's questions. "It's unfortunate this incident happened. The good thing is that it did not set back the construction process, which is a credit to our contractor, Miron. The original opening date was set for Janu-

ary of 2025. The school is coming along at a faster pace and will be ready to open on Sept. 3, 2024, which is the first day of school." The school district broke ground May 31, 2023, on the new, 110,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art high school. In 2016, Wynos was convicted of theft from a Keshena convenience store and sentenced to three years in prison and three years' supervised release in May of that

year. According to the plea agreement, Wynos took part in the theft of items from the convenience store, and while fleeing in a vehicle, nearly struck a Menominee Tribal Police officer who was responding to a burglar alarm. Wynos then led officers from the tribal police and the Menominee County Sheriff's Department on a high-speed chase that ended in Shawano County, where Wynos crashed the car he was driving.

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DMV providing identification for voters to take to polls

Ahead of the Wisconsin Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote on April 2, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is ready to help voters to obtain identification, free of charge, that is valid for voting. Valid identification for voting purposes includes a driver license, identification card, military or student ID card, etc. There is no separate

voter ID. A federally compliant Real ID card is not required for voting purposes. Anyone unsure if their identification meets the requirements should visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website to check. To obtain identification to show at the polls, begin online. A list of the required documents to bring to a DMV Customer Service Center is available at www.wisconsin-dmv.gov. If the required documents needed for an ID are not readily available, DMV has a process to obtain the necessary information. This process, available free of charge, may be used to quickly obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting while the remaining documents or verifications are obtained. Anyone with questions related to obtaining an ID that can be used to vote should call DMV's toll-

free hotline at 844-588-1069. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information can be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission at www.elections.wi.gov. Start the application now at www.wisconsin-dmv.gov or at a local DMV Customer Service Center. To find a DMV, check hours, services and wait times, visit www.wisconsin-dmv.gov/centers.

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The sports editor will determine which games out of over a dozen school districts in three counties will be covered. During the school year, the editor will find local athletes to profile. The editor will also cover the local water ski team, the Shawano Ski Sharks, as well as coordinate coverage for the Shawano Speedway. Another duty for the editor will be to oversee and edit the layout of sports pages each week and make sure stories get on our website in a timely manner in accordance with our mantra of digital first. The sports editor will also oversee our Green & Gold Express, a seasonal publication covering the Green Bay Packers, along with hunting sections in the fall.

NEW Media tells the local stories that are ignored by other media outlets and provide the facts that are covered up by the keyboard gossips on social media. We're seeking someone versatile in what they cover, can turn stories around quickly, and can sniff out stories on their own. While the office is a base of operations, we want someone who'll be out in the community gathering stories.

All are welcome to apply, including recent or pending college graduates. Photography and copy editing skills are a must, and experience with shooting and editing videos could bring you to the front of the line. Experience laying out pages is also helpful, but we can train in-house.

Send a resume, cover letter explaining why you want the job and samples of your work to editor Kevin Passon at kpaddon@newmedia-wi.com.



Police identify remains found on Menominee reservation

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Human skeletal remains discovered on the Menominee Indian Reservation on Oct. 30, 2023, have been identified as Dean A. Ford, the Menominee Tribal Police Department announced March 20.

Ford, 31, was a descendant of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.



DEAN FORD

at the site where they were discovered.

It is believed that Ford lived on the reservation

It wasn't disclosed how long Ford had been missing or how long the remains had been

or in Shawano at the time of his disappearance. Ford had associates in both areas.

This matter is being investigated as a homicide by the tribal police and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Anyone with information is asked to call the tribal police tip line at 715-799-5806.

Lakeland University joins NWTC Green Bay campus

Lakeland University will relocate its Green Bay Center to Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's (NWTC) main campus.

The center, one of six that Lakeland has in Wisconsin, will be housed in the College of Business building (entrance 3) and will include an office presence and dedicated classroom.

Lakeland, which was founded in 1862 in Sheboygan County, has had a location in the Green Bay area since 1984.

Lakeland President Beth Borgen said the relocation creates a strong synergy between LU and NWTC as both institutions are focused

on workforce development, hands-on learning and providing students with multiple opportunities to advance their education.

"Lakeland and NWTC share a vision for a more educated region, and we are passionate about creating easier access for students to achieve their educational goals," Borgen said. "This move for Lakeland makes so much sense. Many of the students that Lakeland serves in the Green Bay area are NWTC graduates. Now they'll be able to continue on the pathway to a bachelor's degree at a campus that already feels like home."

"NWTC's core mission extends beyond ensuring that our students graduate, it's equipping them with the tools needed to reach their ultimate goal — whether that is securing employment or pursuing a 4-year degree — and for those considering the next step in their academic journey, this collaboration will open new doors," said Kristen Raney, NWTC president. "We are thrilled to welcome Lakeland University to NWTC, and for the opportunities this partnership will offer to our students and community."

For information, go to www.lakeland.edu/nwtc.



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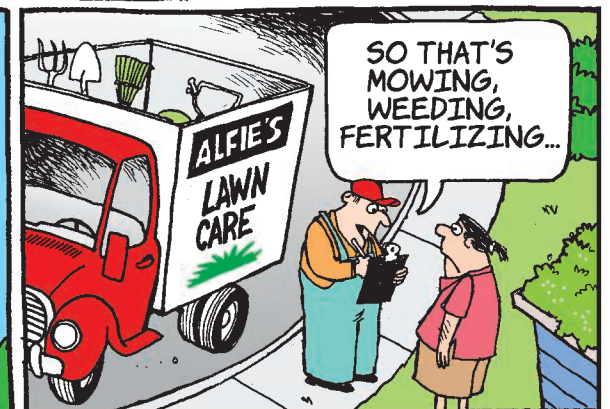
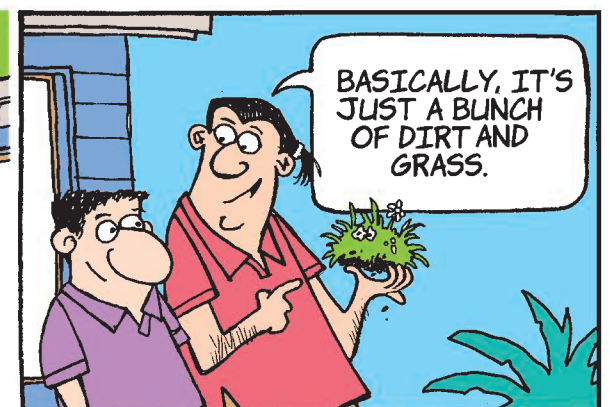
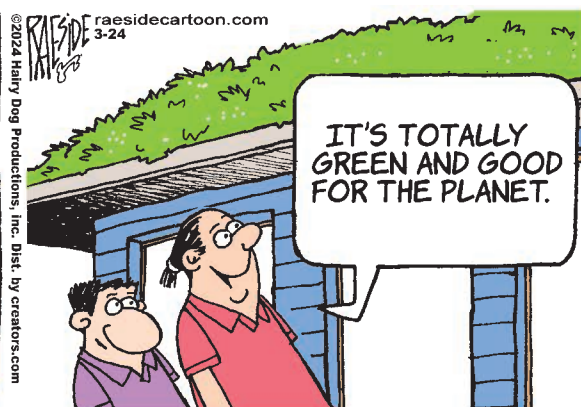
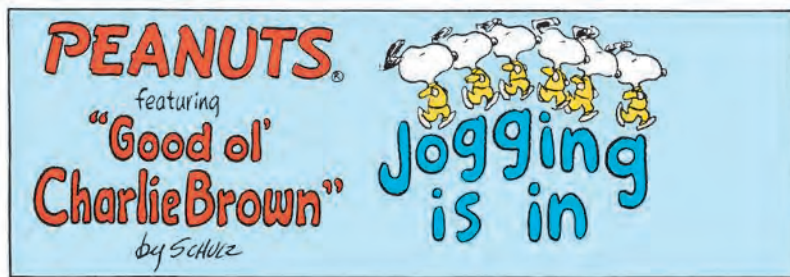
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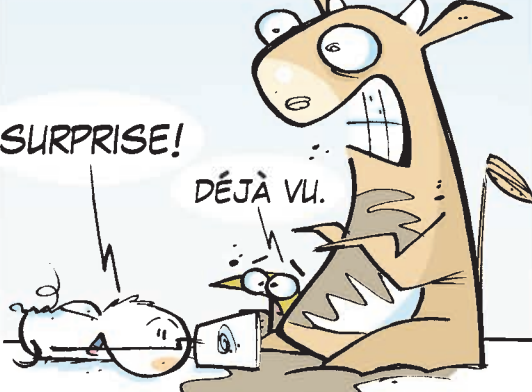


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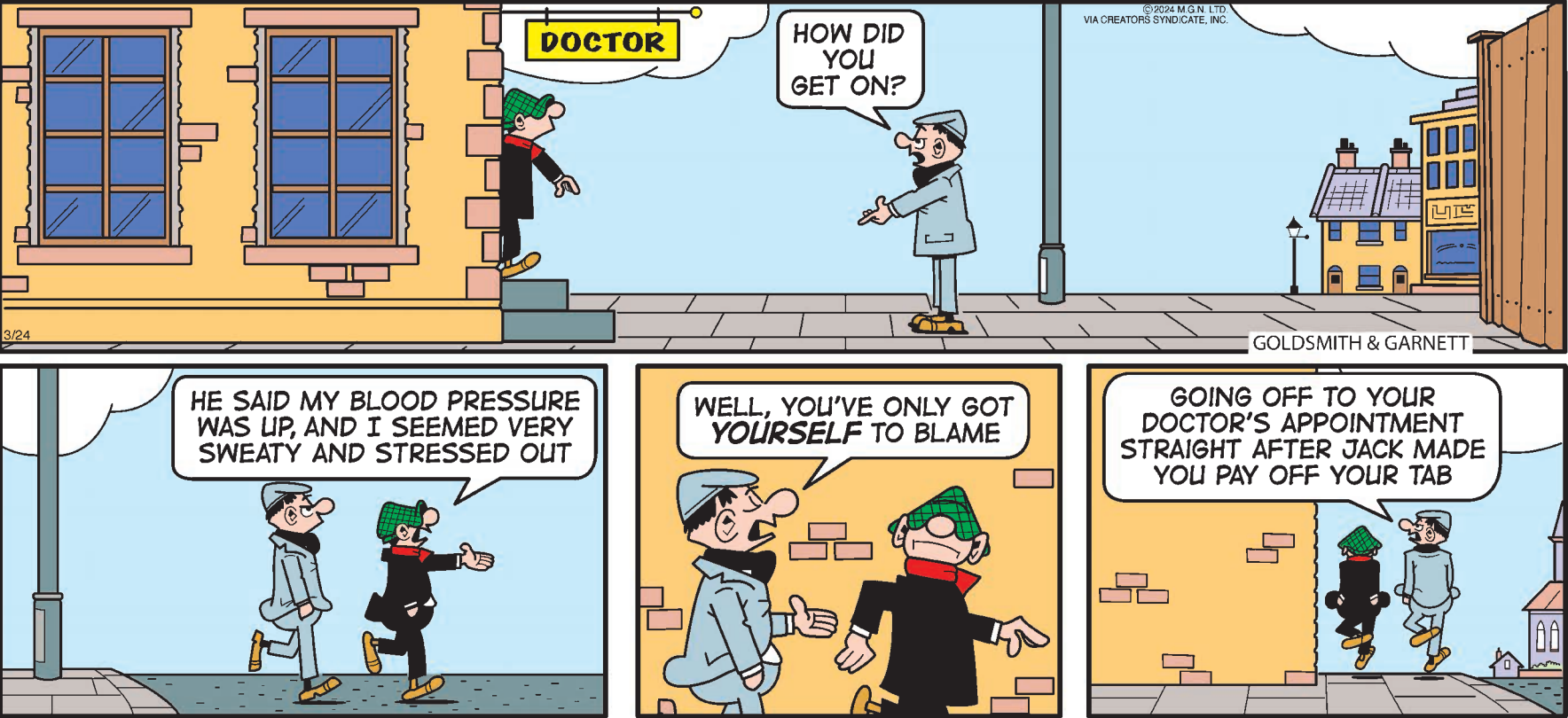
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