



Samuel Armstrong lowers his head as he listens to testimony at his sentencing hearing April 11 in Branch I at the Shawano County Courthouse. Armstrong was sentenced to a year in jail with six months stayed, along with five years' probation, after he put a barrel with gasoline into a bonfire and injured at least 13 people. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Parents testify about horrific aftermath of 2022 bonfire

Armstrong gets jail time, probation — but also forgiveness

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Samuel Armstrong, the Pulaski High School student found guilty of 13 counts of injury by negligent use of an explosive, listened to about an hour of testimony from one of his victims and two families, along with evidence presented by the Shawano-Menominee County district attorney, before he was sentenced to one year in jail and five years' probation for his role in a homecoming bonfire gone horribly wrong.

Armstrong, who turns 19 in May, sat quietly in the Branch I courtroom April 11, at times moved to tears, as parents described the horrible sights and smells as they saw their children in the hospital, burned over much of their bodies. They also described the pain of having to care for them over multiple surgeries in the last 18 months, and the continued anguish they face with more surgeries and care with dim possibilities that their lives will ever reach a sense of normalcy.

Armstrong was charged by the district attorney's office on Aug. 3, 2023, nearly 10 months after Shawano County sheriff's deputies responded to the site of the bonfire in the Town of Maple Grove. Armstrong, who was drunk at the time and said he'd consumed six beers, has admitted that he helped to throw a blue plastic 55-gallon barrel with a diesel/gasoline mixture into the fire with the help of someone identified as "TJF" in the criminal complaint.

Among the conditions of the probation were absolute sobriety, no use of prescription drugs or cannabinoids of any kind, no handling of flammables or explosives, 200 hours of community service and restitution to be determined within 60 days. Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma gave credit for the one day Armstrong spent in the Shawano County Jail, and he will be required to report there by the end of May.

During the testimony at the sentencing, parents testified that the case could have been a murder trial if any of the victims had

died from their injuries, that they felt so helpless about the agony and pain their sons were in — and that, in spite of everything that happened, they forgive him.

Relentless cycle of heartbreak

Tammy Brzeczowski testified that, even though her family is moving past what happened to her son, Brandon, and getting back to an altered sense of normalcy, no one has forgotten what happened on the night of Oct. 14, 2022. Brzeczowski said she was recovering at the time from a broken leg and that her family members, including Brandon, were caring for her.

She did not realize that soon she would be providing full-time care for her son's injuries in the coming months.

Brzeczowski said that Brandon was excited about going to the homecoming dance — it was going to be the first in which he participated — and that night, she received texts from her son making sure she was all

'This is not the right answer'

Oconto Falls schools poised to increase no-bus zone — board sees no other choice

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

With two more school bus drivers submitting their retirement papers, the Oconto Falls School Board took steps April 8 to reduce transportation service to students living within a two-mile radius of school buildings.

For the past two school years, the district has stopped busing students within a mile of school, but unless there's an influx of new drivers, it will have to expand that radius to the maximum allowed by law.

"It's not in the best interest of kids. It is not," Superintendent Dean Hess told the board. "We don't feel good about this, we're frustrated by it, but when we look at all the stones we've overturned to go look for another answer, we're not finding it."

Hess and Transportation Supervisor Brandie Binion explained that full service would be to have 16 drivers running 16 bus routes, but the current reality with the one-mile limit is that 14 drivers are running 15 routes. That means district staff and other subs are frequently being tabbed to fill in.

"Essentially our subs are for the most part internal — they're people who already work for us part-time, in some cases they're retired drivers that we coax, Brandie coaxes them to come back," Hess said. "Without those folks all stepping forward, there's no way that this would all work. We have staff members who are coaches who are often driving buses to our games and meets and different activities, and again without them, it doesn't work."

The status quo is not sustainable, he said.

"We're barely holding on by our fingernails now. We talked about the fact that we have staff members now that are coming in early and staying late in order to answer phones so that supervisors and mechanics and other members of our staff are driving," Hess said. "We looked at what is sustainable, and it's not because we think it's a good idea. We're just trying

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S&L to move HQ, Ford dealership to Little Suamico

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

S&L Motors, which purchased the former Peterson Ford in Oconto Falls in November 2021, is planning to move its corporate headquarters and Ford dealership to Little Suamico.

Sean Baxter, president of S&L Ford/Kayser Automotive Group, told the Oconto Falls City Council on April 9 that the company plans to maintain a presence in Oconto Falls but will probably seek other uses for two of the four former Peterson buildings.

“We’ll also be able to maintain some operations on Main Street (in Oconto Falls),” Baxter said, adding that Mike Peterson likely would remain a part of the Oconto Falls operation when the dealership moves to the northwest corner of the U.S. Highway 41-141 interchange at Brown Road at the Brown-Oconto county line.

The Little Suamico location will be a full-service Ford dealership housing the company’s administration and primary sales and



Sean Baxter, center, president of S&L Ford/Kayser Automotive Group, describes the company’s plans to the Oconto Falls City Council as Alderperson Marty Coopman, left, and managing partner Gregg Tank look on.

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service staff, he said.

“As you know, we did buy all the real estate from Toby (Peterson), so we’ll have a plan to maintain some light repair, body shop business in Oconto Falls — that’s our plan,” Baxter said. “Our market area stretches essentially (across) the county, so we’re geographically spread out. The population centers that we serve the most happen to be in the southern

part of that county, but we still can’t abandon everyone in the rest of the county.”

The proposal cleared

the Little Suamico planning commission and town board in early April, and the rezoning request now goes to Oconto County, a process expected to take six to eight weeks, he said. Land acquisition is the start of construction are expected to occur in August, and construction should take 12-18 months.

“We’re talking about that it’s happening, but it’s really going to be late 2025, 2026 before we see any meaningful changes for Oconto Falls,” Baxter said.

S&L plans to utilize the main building and body

shop, with the future of the other two buildings to be determined.

“I’d love to be able to work together with somebody, maybe the city, and understand what the needs are,” Baxter said. “I understand from talking with City Administrator (Peter) Wills that there is a demand for more for Main Street. We are in the real estate business, so I’d love to be able to talk about what the needs are, and maybe we can attract some redevelopment potential.”

Baxter said the company doesn’t necessarily want to sell the property but is willing to be part of redevelopment or reinvestment.

He equivocated when Alderperson Marty Coopman asked if there’s any chance that some new or used car sales could stay in Oconto Falls.

“That’s one that’s evolving, I’m not trying to evade your question, but a lot of what manufacturers are trying to get at is pick up and delivery, full service, come to where the guests are, so we’re looking out two years and saying ‘What’s the fu-

ture of auto retailing?’” Baxter said. “A lot of it might be that we come to you, so the inventory and all of the personnel might be maintained in Little Suamico, but when it comes time to purchase, does that mean we deliver it to Oconto Falls? Possibly.”

The vehicle inventory itself would be in Little Suamico for the most part, he said.

Pressed by Coopman about the future of the former Peterson campus, Baxter said, “I can make that commitment — we don’t operate empty buildings. If it’s not going to be used, I’d just as soon come up with a different use for it. If we are going to vacate something, we want to be able to find a purpose for it and not just let it sit.”

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to not find ourselves like some school districts that overpromised and under-delivered.”

Those other districts find themselves calling parents and saying, “We can’t pick your kids up or get them home today,” so families have to scramble to get their kids to and from school, he said.

For about five years the district — and private companies here and across the country — have struggled to recruit new drivers. There is an ongoing publicity effort in local media and social media to encourage people to apply, and compensation has

been increased with signing and retention bonuses, to little avail.

Board president Clint Gardebrecht said he hopes expanding the no-transportation radius will encourage drivers to come forward.

“This is not the right answer,” Gardebrecht said. “We really need a further upswell in the community to try to shake the trees and get people to realize how challenging a situation we’re in, and to get some people to raise their hands and say, ‘Hey, I’m willing to go become a bus driver.’”

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was all right and comfortable. An hour after that final text, she was witnessing her son in a hospital emergency room.

“It marked the end of his innocence and the beginning of a nightmare,” Brzeczowski said. “His once vibrant skin was now marred by burns. I remember his hands were peeled. His skin peeled like a banana, and that’s an image that will forever be on my soul — the pain in his eyes, the anguish in his voice when he whispered to me, ‘I’m never going to be able to work again.’”

“These are the wounds that no amount of time,” Brzeczowski added before testifying that she saw a video showing what had happened and described it as resembling a war zone.

The mother described the hardship the family endured having to care for Brandon over the next few months, with her and her husband trying to operate their family business remotely as most of their attention turned to caring for their son. Brzeczowski said that Brandon couldn’t eat, bathe or even use the bathroom without help.

Brandon has been able to resume his construction job, despite his fears in the ER, but it has been a long road, according to Brzeczowski, who noted her family has found a way to forgive Armstrong.

“We watched helplessly as our son, at times, fought for his life — countless surgeries, infections, endless nights of worry and

despair,” Brzeczowski said. “The relentless cycle of hope and heartbreak, all at the hands of Samuel Armstrong’s thoughtless act.”

A door knock late at night

Julie Van Asten, whose son, Benjamin, was another victim of Armstrong’s action, also described how the memory of the night of Oct. 14, 2022, will always haunt her.

“Each family’s story is different, but the common denominator is you,” Van Asten said as she spoke directly to Armstrong from the witness stand. “A knock on the front door in the middle of the night is something that I can never forget.”

Van Asten noted that Benjamin’s phone was still in his pocket, so she was able to track it to a hospital in Green Bay. She recounted how burns covered 55.5% of her son’s body, how he lost 50 pounds during his time in the hospital, and how the survival rate from his level of burning was only 26%. She said bluntly that Armstrong’s case could easily have been “a murder trial.”

Like Brzeczowski, Van Asten said she has found a way to forgive Armstrong for his actions, even though he was not present for the agonizing screams when bandages had to be changed at home or at the hospital. Van Asten

recalled how Armstrong tried to put out the flames on Benjamin right after the explosion occurred.

“I willingly admit I still get angry sometimes that something like this happened and ruined so many lives,” Van Asten said. “I believe what happened that night is something that you, too, will never forget — seeing your friends on fire and screaming in pain must be something you, too, see every day in your mind.”

Attorneys make their case

District Attorney Greg Parker read additional statements from victims, some forgiving while others claiming they don’t believe Armstrong should get a second chance to be part of society. He also showed photos of the crime scene, pointing out the blue barrels that had the gas mixture in a couple of them and recalled how others at the bonfire had warned Armstrong not to throw the barrel on the fire.

“I don’t know how somebody that was that intoxicated got the wherewithal to do this knowing other people were around,” Parker said. “Youth, I guess youth has something to do with it.”

He read from a pre-sentencing investigation where Armstrong admitted he has drank beer since age 16, and that he minimized his actions to the investi-

gator and claimed that he would not benefit from entering treatment programs. Despite the pre-sentencing report, Parker said he still believed the agreed-upon plea deal was fitting for what Armstrong had done.

Greg Petit, Armstrong’s attorney, painted a different picture than what the pre-sentencing investigation portrayed. He recounted how Armstrong was in full cooperation with law enforcement from the very beginning, never tried to shirk his actions on others and how he had been saving up the money he earned from working in preparation for providing restitution.

Petit also questioned why Armstrong, who was under 18 at the time of the incident but turned 18 before the district attorney filed charges, was charged in an adult court while his co-conspirator went through the juvenile court system. Petit added that Armstrong had no criminal record prior to being charged in the bonfire explosion.

“The result is that the pain is there, but the intent wasn’t,” Petit said. “That’s very important when you take into account what to do here. Sam has taken complete responsibility for this.”

Judge: Forgiveness rare

Sloma, while delivering the sentence, said she

heard the word “forgiveness” five times during the hearing.

“I’ve heard a lot of people say they forgive you,” Sloma said. “I think you’re a lucky person for that. I’ve had cases where people have apologized (for their actions), but I almost never hear people say they forgive someone.”

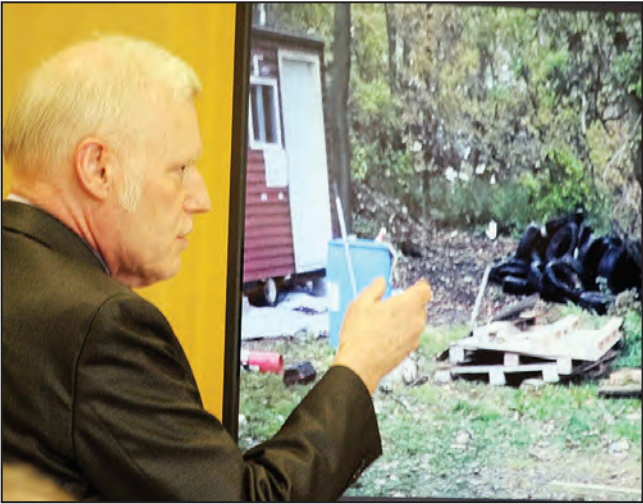
Sloma noted that Armstrong doesn’t seem like a problem child, but she added that, whether sober or intoxicated, it was his choice to put the barrel in the fire. She recommended Armstrong find a way to apologize to his victims through the probation office, whether agents would facilitate written letters or supervised in-person apologies.

“I know one of the victims said you shouldn’t drink until your 21st birthday,” Sloma said. “Frankly, I think you should never drink again.”

The normal sentence for the 13 counts could have been 19½ years in prison total with 26 years of probation, which Sloma urged Armstrong to remember as he spends the next chapter of his life under the close scrutiny of the law.

“If you don’t do well, you have a hammer hanging over your head with this sentence,” Sloma said.

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Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney Greg Parker indicates on a crime scene photo a blue plastic barrel similar to the one Samuel Armstrong put into a bonfire, causing an explosion that injured more than a dozen people in the Town of Maple Grove in October 2022. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

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Committee steps back from consolidated library system

Proposal to reduce county library funding draws resistance

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The committee working to create the next five-year plan for Oconto County libraries backed away April 9 from the idea of forming a consolidated county-wide library system, after hearing that towns in the northern part of the county rejected the idea.

Instead the Oconto County Library Planning Committee unanimously approved the status quo of six independently operated community libraries with a revised funding structure to be determined. The six library directors were recruited to bring a funding plan to the committee's May 14 meeting.

Vice Chairwoman Kathleen Marsh, a representative from the Lakes Country Library in Lakewood, told the committee that the towns of Townsend, Lakewood, Doty and Riverview were poised to pass resolutions stating they would not participate in a consolidated county system, either at this month's town board meeting or at their annual town meetings April 16.

The current five-year

library plan for 2020-24 designates 2.1% of the previous year's property tax levy toward supporting the six libraries. That amounts to \$457,036 in 2024, and the county must also pay an invoice to Brown County for services provided to Oconto County residents at its branch libraries. The combined budget comes to about \$615,000 this year, said Finance Director and interim County Administrator Lisa Sherman.

The key is finding a way to reduce the tax bill currently being shared by the 11 towns that are not affiliated with a local library, County Clerk Kim Pytleski said. As other towns have formed joint relationships with neighboring municipalities' libraries, the "unlibrarianed" towns have shouldered greater percentages of the Brown County bill.

"The Town of Little Suamico was exploring a future library, but those residents do feel that they're being served by those Brown County libraries they attend," Pytleski said. "I know everyone comments that that's a big bill to be sending outside of our county,

but our residents are being served, so can we figure out how to work with Brown County and have some conversations about that bill?"

Oconto County has recently been working with Brown County for other services, so the southern neighbor may be open to a conversation, especially with new Oconto County Administrator Richard Heath starting April 22, Pytleski said.

Marsh has advocated tapping the Oconto County sales tax to supplement the property tax investment in libraries, but County Board Chairman Al Sleeter said that would probably be a hard sell for supervisors. Sleeter said his own preference is to use the sales tax for public safety purposes.

The committee appeared to be moving toward a proposal that would bring the county's total libraries budget down to about \$500,000, forcing the municipalities to increase their share of library costs.

Amy Peterson, director of Farnsworth Public Library in Oconto, said that would put a strain on

operations.

"Gillett and Oconto are already at a pretty high level of funding for their municipal libraries," Peterson said. "There isn't a ton of wiggle room."

Oconto Falls City Administrator Peter Wills echoed that thought.

"One of the voices we haven't heard is from the residents of those cities," Wills said. "We're talking about taxing them, but so far in this process I don't see how their voice is going to be included."

Committee chairwoman Debra Schroeder told Wills the five-year plan must go through a public hearing before it reaches the county board for a vote.

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Proceedings of April 10

• Bruce D. Taylor, 31, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on a charge of fleeing an officer in his vehicle, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 4. Judge Jay Conley scheduled arraignment for June 13.

Proceedings of April 9

• A Sept. 25-27 jury trial was scheduled for Scot A. Haas, 55, Waukesha, on charges of homicide by negligent operation of a motor vehicle and homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle, in connection with the UTV crash that claimed the life of David Weinmann, 56, of West Chicago, Illinois, on May 29, 2022. Judge Michael Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Sept. 9.

• Jennifer Lynn Clement, 42, Oneida, was placed on two years of probation after Judge withheld sentencing for possession of narcotic drugs, in connection with an incident that occurred May 3, 2023.

• An Oct. 30-31 jury trial was scheduled for Brody J. Tappa, 37, Oconto, who faces two counts of victim intimidation, child abuse recklessly

causing harm, false imprisonment, substantial battery and misdemeanor counts of battery and theft of movable property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 1, 2020. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Oct. 28.

• Baldwin C. Framnes, 23, Gillett, pleaded no contest to fleeing an officer in a vehicle and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (second offense), resisting or obstructing an officer, operating while revoked and disorderly conduct, as well as misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer and operating while revoked, in connections with incidents that occurred July 11 and July 22, 2023. Judge scheduled sentencing for June 20 and ordered a presentence investigation.

Proceedings of April 8

• Marc Allen Monfort, 33, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to child abuse intentionally causing harm and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 14. Conley scheduled a pre-trial conference for May 2.

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Candide Cameron, left, played by Talia Busche, left, gets into a hair-pulling brawl with the heroine of “Holder Posey the Felonious Photographer,” Ida Claire Yawl, played by Dahlia Maroszek, as town gossip Echo Chambers, played by Grace Duffrin, second from right, and piano player Ophelia Keyes, played by Jenna Trudell, watch in horror. All four actresses are seniors.

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Cheesy melodrama shows how the West was fun

‘Holder Posey the Felonious Photographer’ coming to Pulaski High School

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Cheers and boos will be more pronounced as Pulaski High School presents the melodrama “Holder Posey the Felonious Photographer” the last weekend in April.

If you hear the local gossips, nothing really happens in Holeinroad, a town way out west. That changes when Holder Posey, a traveling photographer, appears in town with his novice assistant, Candide Cameron, and plans to rob the vault in the Golden Spittoon Saloon. Getting in his way is the hero of the saga, sketch artist Drew Deline, who is hopelessly smitten by a schoolteacher from Atlanta named Ida Claire Yawl. Holder wants Ida for his own, however, and when she gives him the no-means-no response, she winds up tied to the vault door with dynamite threatening to blow her to smithereens.

Director Amy Tubbs believes the farcical melodrama, which includes a stop-motion fight in the saloon, will leave audiences laughing all the way out to their vehicles.

“They’re always these cheesy things where all the character names are ridiculous,” Tubbs said. “The names already give you a flavor for what we’re doing. You have Sheriff Freddy Katt, who is afraid and terrified but he ends up finding his voice and doing good. It’s very standard melodrama fare where you’ve got the bad guys and the good guys, and of course the good guys are going to win in the end because that’s what we want to see.”

While most theater performances only



Part of the show is an antique spittoon hidden in the prop room at Pulaski High School for years, which will be put on the bar during the run of “Holder Posey the Felonious Photographer.”

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see audiences applauding at the end of a scene or a song, those who attend should be prepared to get into the act. “Holder Posey” has theme music for the characters whenever they arrive or take certain actions, according to Tubbs, with audiences cheering for hero Drew, booing and hissing at Holder the villain, and sighing “Aaaaww” when Ida Claire comes on the stage.

“Every time they come on the stage, that little theme music plays, and it’s just kind of cute to interact with the crowd,” Tubbs said. “It’s fun.”

Melodramas are standard spring fare at PHS, but one tradition attached to the shows are variety acts students participate in with themes connecting with the show. With “Holder Posey” set as a Western, students wrote brief pieces that show photography and the funny side of the Old West, including one that parodies the classic computer game “Oregon Trail.”

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: “Holder Posey the Felonious Photographer”

WHEN: 7 p.m. April 26-27

WHERE: Ripley Performing Arts Center, Pulaski High School, 1040 S. St. Augustine St., Pulaski

TICKETS: \$8. Tickets available at pulaskihs.ludus.com.

“They took that old computer game from way back when, and they created a little scenario skit because, of course, the whole family dies because they never make it to Oregon,” Tubbs said, noting that one part indicates a participant has dysentery.

While finding props for a Western piece can be difficult at times, Tubbs said that one piece was hidden away in the high school’s prop room — an antique spittoon.

“We’ve had it forever,” Tubbs said. “It has a tobacco company name on it. I don’t know the history of it. It’s been here since I’ve been here. I would love to know. It just hides in the prop room and comes out when we need it.”

Dahlia Maroszek, who plays Ida Claire, enjoys when the melodramas take place, noting that they’re the funniest shows she’s seen. This will be the last melodrama she participates in a student, as she graduates high school in a few weeks.

“It’s always so fun to be part of it and see which kind of new humor we’re going to play with,” Maroszek said. “It’s super exciting. I’m normally a villain person myself, so being the hero is a little fun.”

The opposite is true for Talia Busche, a

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Wisconsin Public Radio reorganizing its services

‘Wisconsin Today’ program covering state issues among changes listeners can expect

Following two years of analysis, audience research and planning, WPR is reorganizing its statewide service to help listeners more easily find and enjoy news and music on the radio and on wpr.org.

Beginning May 20, WPR’s two current networks — NPR News and Music and The Ideas Network — will become WPR News and WPR Music. The Ideas Network name will be retired, and its staff and many of its programs will be part of WPR News.

“With WPR reporters in eight local bureaus across the state, plus NPR and BBC national and global coverage, WPR News will offer an unparalleled mix of journalism from Wisconsin, the nation and the world,” WPR Director Sarah Ashworth said.

WPR News will feature news and information programs throughout the week, including “Morning Edition,” “All Things Considered,” “The Larry Meiller Show,” “Marketplace,” “IA,” “Science Friday,” “Fresh Air” and more. Popular programs like “BETA,” “The People’s Pharmacy,” “Zorba Paster On Your Health,” “To the Best of Our Knowledge,” and “Wait, Wait ... Don’t Tell Me!,” among others, will be heard on the weekend.

“The Larry Meiller Show” will expand to two hours, and WPR will launch a new morning news and culture program called “Wisconsin Today” airing weekdays at 9 a.m. WPR hosts Kate Archer Kent and Rob Ferrett will co-host the new program. “Wisconsin Today” will cover current and emerging issues with a decidedly Wisconsin point of view. In addition to the radio program, “Wisconsin Today” will offer the latest news and cultural conversations on wpr.org.

WPR’s “Wisconsin Today” morning news podcast will continue to bring listeners top stories from around the state in less than 15 minutes each weekday morning.

WPR Music will offer an expanded, Wisconsin-hosted classical music schedule seven days a week, and will continue to offer jazz, world and folk music each weekend.

“Music brings people together and opens hearts like nothing else,” Ashworth said. “WPR Music will be a welcoming place for Wisconsinites looking for local

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Rob Ferrett, left, and Kate Archer Kent will be hosting the new Wisconsin Public Radio program “Wisconsin Today,” which will air at 9 a.m. May 20 and feature news and cultural features with a decidedly Wisconsin point of view.

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voices and beautiful, expertly curated and inspiring music to keep them company day and night.”

Beloved WPR classical hosts Stephanie Elkins, Norman Gilliland, Lori Skelton and Ruthanne Bessman are all part of the new service, as are Dr. Jonathan Øverby, host of the award-winning world music program “The Road to Higher Ground,” and Sile Shigely, host of “Simply Folk.” WPR will continue to host its statewide broadcast of “Morning Edition” from Milwaukee with Alex Crowe each weekday.

As part of the changes, “The Morning Show” and “Central Time” will end so that Kent and Ferrett can focus on “Wisconsin Today.” Syndicated programs “LA Plus,” “As It Happens,” “Q” and “Milk Street Radio” are among a handful of national programs that will no longer be heard on WPR stations after May 20.

Some regional programs, including WPR’s three regional news programs “Route 51,” “Simply Superior” and “Newsmakers” will also end. Hosts of those three shows will produce and host weekly regional news segments that will air during “Morning Edition” beginning this summer.

“We are constantly evaluating our service to the people of Wisconsin and, like others in public media, WPR saw changes in broadcast and digital audience behavior during and after the pandemic,” Ashworth said. “No other medium is as accessible and affordable as radio and we want to make sure the news, music, information and entertainment

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senior who plays the irksome assistant to Holder, Candide Cameron. However, she said she’s embracing the opportunity to play a villainess.

“This is only my second year doing this, and I wish I would have done it sooner,” Busche said. “It’s just fun being a character and seeing how I can bring that character to life in my own way. I never saw myself as being evil. It’s a challenge for me, because I don’t know how

Wisconsinites rely on is available to more people, in more places, for decades to come. WPR News and WPR Music will help make that possible.”

All of WPR’s 38 stations will shift format to either WPR News or WPR Music.

“Most listeners will continue to hear both services, but they may need to reset their radio dials to get the programs they are used to hearing,” said Marta Bechtol, executive director of the Educational Communications Board, the partner with UW-Madison in operating WPR and PBS Wisconsin.

To help listeners explore the changes and prepare for the new service on May 20, WPR is rolling out an extensive communications campaign on air, online and in the media. A dedicated web portal, wpr.org/new, includes new station maps, schedules for the new networks and other details about the changes.

Audiences can email feedback@wpr.org or call 844-266-7724 to ask questions and share comments. Ashworth will hold “learn more” sessions in eight locations around Wisconsin between April 23 and May 17.

“WPR’s remarkable 107-year history was made possible by people in the past who responded to changes in media and the needs of our state,” Ashworth said. “All of us — hosts, reporters, producers and staff — are stewards of WPR today. We take that responsibility to heart and with these changes we can ensure a bright future for WPR and continue our service to the people of Wisconsin.”

to be mean, but I think I’m getting the hang of it.”

Tubbs noted the melodramas in spring have always been successful, and she hopes the run of “Holder Posey” continues the Pulaski tradition.

“The audience members will say they come out, and their stomachs hurt from laughing,” Tubbs said. “If we can do that, we’ve had a successful show.”

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Cow care an emotional occupation

After getting removed from the cow barn, the downed cow was lying in back yard. Ears drooping, eyes sunken in their sockets, large and unseeing — she was breathing, but barely.

My heart broke for her. Such a good cow. Sadly, she had fallen and split herself and consequently had to be put out of her misery when the rendering truck drove in. As soon as she had been brought into the yard, I hauled a pail of water out to her. I knew in just a little while she’d be in no more pain, but in the meantime I wanted to give her some relief.

That day when the rendering truck arrived, I got busy with things deep inside the house. I didn’t want to see or hear what he did. Oh, I knew. I just didn’t want to witness it. This truck always looked like the grim reaper to me. An ugly, boxy thing, it filled me with dread whenever it came down the driveway. The guys (bless their heart, somebody had to do it) wore blank, withdrawn expressions. Like get in, get out, get it over with.

Back in those days when we’d lose a cow, I’d literally cry. I know my husband felt bad, but I was the one who was visibly shaken. These cows, we gave so much of ourselves to them. They were literally our bread and butter, and when they did well, we did well. So it was in our best interest to keep them as healthy as we could.

This particular cow I remember had come down with milk fever after giving birth, which happens sometimes and can usually be treated with calcium if given intravenously right away. This cow had gone down and split herself, which meant she wasn’t able to get up. Calcium has to get into them before they get injured.

My husband intuitively knows cows, but it hap-



Caring for cows is always a delicate task, with comfort helping to produce milk in better quality and quantity, but there’s always an occasional loss on the farm.

KAY REMINGER



pened occasionally, no matter how careful we were, that we’d lose a couple. He always kept meticulous records when we were dairying so we knew when the cow was bred, if she stuck (didn’t come back in heat in her next cycle) and when she was supposed to give birth.

Many times after night chores we’d bed down a pregnant cow in the birthing pen — the back of the barn by the big double doors going out to the cow yard. We’d clean and lime the floor so it wouldn’t be slippery (less chance of splitting/injuring herself), and then shake out a couple wafers from a straw bale. It was fresh and comfy.

He’d stuck a gate in

front of the doors so she had room to be restless. Normally in the morning, we’d find momma and her fuzzy, fresh-licked, brand-new calf lying by her side, her swollen udder harboring nutritious colostrum. Normally, but not always.

One predawn morning as we walked into the barn, we knew momma had given birth, evidenced by a round pile of steamy afterbirth in a corner of the birthing pen. What wasn’t there was the calf. Looking all over we discovered it had somehow slid outside the pen, gotten through the doors and was lying shivering, but alive, out in the cow yard.

As soon as the weather warmed, we’d let cows out overnight in the pasture. No cleaning barn every day, no bedding cows, it was all just so liberating. The only con to the whole outside-overnight gigs was if a cow calved, we’d have to find the cow and calf. Out there somewhere.

In the mornings, the rest of the herd would instinctively trod their way into the barn right away and wouldn’t you know, the new momma would be missing-in-action.

Because he’d have to start milking, he told me with a half-smirk, “You’ll have to go get that cow.” He knew I hated going out in the cow pasture in the predawn dark to try to find a cow and her calf.

While tending cows was an intricate part of our life, my husband had never allowed them to take priority over supporting our kids’ events. He’d get up at 3:30 a.m. to start milking, and I’d come a bit later. He did all the milking and I’d feed the milk-bottle-fed and pail-fed calves, clean calf pens and feed outside heifers. Back in the day, we’d had an open skidder with no heat. In the dead of winter, I’d warm up an old blanket in the milk house and, just before feeding, lay it across my lap. It helped.

After milking, I’d wash up milkers while he fed cows. It was an arrangement that worked for us. Evening came and we’d do it all over again. Because we’d started at 3:30 a.m. we could start late afternoons, getting to all our kids’ events on time.

Our job was to keep the cows in our care healthy and comfortable. While working around our kids’ schedules and despite a few drop-ins from the grim reaper, we did the best we could.

“For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills and all that moves in the field is Mine.” Psalm 50:10-11)

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

“That day when the rendering truck arrived, I got busy with things deep inside the house. I didn’t want to see or hear what he did. Oh, I knew. I just didn’t want to witness it.”

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SHAWANO: Ladies Day Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Inside the Boulevard Event Hall (formerly The Avenue), 744 E. Green Bay St.

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: "The Nerd," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Adults \$15, students \$10 at shawano-

arts.com.

BOWLER: "Wheel of Fortune Live," 8-10 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. \$35 to \$245 at northstarcasinore-sort.com.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

SHAWANO: SAYPro Event: Painted Planks, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bullfrogs and Butterflies, 201 Eberlein Park Drive. Network with others while painting a personalized wooden plank. Child care available.

WITTENBERG: Artists Free Play XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. Walls of Wittenberg spring juried art show.

KESHENA: Running and walking program, noon to

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

SHAWANO: Stock car racing, 6-10 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St.

SHAWANO: "The Nerd," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Adults \$15, students \$10 at shawano-arts.com.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

OCONTO: Pancake breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Holy Trinity Church, 716 Madison St. Free, but goodwill offerings will be accepted. Pancakes to be served with potatoes, eggs, sausage and desserts.

WITTENBERG: Artists Free Play XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. Walls of Wittenberg spring juried art show.

SHAWANO: "The Nerd," 2 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Adults \$15, students \$10 at shawano-arts.com.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

NAVARINO: Earth Day Open House, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road.

KESHENA: Running and walking program, 4:40-6:30 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Infused water provided during the week, and a family snack-

making station is provided on Saturdays. Information: Chelsey Latender, 715-799-5431 or chelseyl@mtclinic.net.

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 23

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 24

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

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.

BOWLER: Native American Talking Circle, 7-9 p.m., Mohican Family Center, N8605 Oak St. Information: Yvonne Burr, 715-326-0891.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch

Community Center, W1281 County Road M.

SHAWANO: Duel It for the Kids, 5:30 p.m., Shawano County Park Pavilion, W5785 Lake Drive. Fundraiser for Shawano Dollars for Kids scholarship program featuring Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos. Social 5:30 p.m., entertainment 7 p.m. \$75, information at shawano.dollarsforscholars.org.

SHAWANO: "The Nerd," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Adults \$15, students \$10 at shawano-arts.com.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

NAVARINO: Navarino Trail Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Register at navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Spring Walk and Trail Clean-up - Shawano Pathways, 10 a.m., meet in Four Seasons Hotel parking lot, 201 Airport Road, or 620 S. Main St. Walk one of the in-town Park-to-Park loops or Mountain Bay Trail and cleanup along the way.

SHAWANO: Fun For Kids Sake, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Children's games and activities, supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shawano County.

WITTENBERG: Artists Free Play XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. Walls of Wittenberg spring juried art show.

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KESHENA: Exotic Pet Surrender Event, noon to 3 p.m., College of Menominee Nation Cultural Building, N188 State Highway 55.

TOWNSEND: Northern Lakes Archers Informational Meeting, 3 p.m., Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St. The club operates a field archery range on 30 acres of town property, which is reopening this year.

SHAWANO: Stock car racing, 6-10 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St.

SHAWANO: "The Nerd," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Adults \$15, students \$10 at shawano-arts.com.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St.

GILLET: Soup Takeout, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tabor United Methodist Church, 120 W. Main St. Chili and potato bacon soups, \$10 per quart. Call in an order to Sue at 920-855-2543.

WITTENBERG: Artists Free Play XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. Walls of Wittenberg spring juried art show.

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

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Shawano shuts out GB East/West 14-0

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

April 13

Freedom 6, Bonduel 4
Bonduel 6, Crivitz 1

Bonduel went 1-1 at a triangular event in Crivitz, first losing 6-4 to Freedom but then defeating their host 6-1.

Against Crivitz, Cade Johnson hit 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI, and Kody Schroeder hit 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs.

Noah Weier also hit a double. Also collecting RBIs were Charlie Tauchen and Colin Margelofsky.

Tauchen was the winning pitcher.

Freedom jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top half of the first inning, and the Bears couldn't overcome the deficit.

Freedom got a strikeout with a man on in the seventh to win the game.

Margelofsky and Weier each had two hits, and Weier smacking a double.

Karson Stoss, Easton Reinke, Weier and margelofsky each had an RBI.

Florence 16

Gresham 1

Gresham lost 16-1 in a non-conference game against Florence in Gillett.

Florence 10, Gillett/Suring 2

Florence scored 10 runs in four innings to defeat Gillett/Suring 10-2 in Gillett.

ND 2, Pulaski 0

Pulaski 7, ND 0

Pulaski and Notre Dame De La Baie Academy shut each other out in a Fox River Classic Conference doubleheader.

Notre Dame won the opener 2-0, but Pulaski won the second game 7-0.

April 12

Oconto Falls 11

Peshtigo 1

Oconto Falls had a great day at the plate, downing Peshtigo 11-1.

Easton Engel hit 3-for-4, scored twice and had two RBIs. Cole Bozile also went 3-for-4 and scored three times. Chase Cariveau hit 2-for-3, scored once and had one RBI. Hunter Bozile scored once and had an RBI.

Trace Brehmer pitched all five innings in the win. He allowed one hit and one run, while striking out 10.

Shawano 14

GB East/West 0

Shawano jumped on the board quick against Green Bay East/West and kept the pressure on in a 14-0 win.

The Hawks scored three times in the first inning, five times in the second inning and another six in the third.

Tom Keszó lead the Hawks at the plate going



Jerzy Brocker rounds second base on his way to a triple against New London on April 9.

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2-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs. Warner Beyer, Pete Bruette, and Carsen Herm also had two hits each.

Dylan Hodkiewicz took to the win on the mound.

Port Edwards 13, Tigerton 12

Tigerton and Port Edwards locked horns for a high-scoring game, but in the end, the Tigers lost 13-12.

April 11

Bonduel 11, Weyauwega-Fremont 0

Bonduel shut out Weyauwega-Fremont 11-0 in five innings to win its third game of the season.

Bonduel started out hot with two runs on three hits in the first with Colin Margelofsky and Brodie Hartmann hitting doubles.

After scoring one run in the second, the Bears added six more in the third on two hits and six walks. Bonduel added two more in the 5th on an Easton Reinke double for the final runs.

Brodie Hartmann turned in his second consecutive solid outing, throwing four innings while allowing only one hit and striking out nine.

Reinke and Margelofsky each had two hits and there RBIs. Karson Stoss and Hartmann added the other two hits for the Bears.

Marion 14, Northland Lutheran 4

Northland Lutheran jumped on Marion with three runs in the first inning but couldn't maintain the lead for the long haul, as the Mustangs won 14-4.

Marion scored twice in the second and once in the third to tie the game at 3-3. Another score by Northland Lutheran in the top of the fourth inning gave them the lead, but Marion bounded back with four runs in the bottom of the inning to take a 7-4 lead.

Marion continued its barrage at the plate, scoring three more times in the fifth inning and four more in the fifth for the 10-run



Shawano pitcher Pete Bruette and catcher Carsen Herm confer on the mound in the early game of an April 9 doubleheader against New London. The Hawks dropped the first game but came back to win the nightcap.

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margin of victory.

Oconto Falls 4
Waupaca 3

Carter Heroux was the winning pitcher for Oconto Falls as the Panthers defeated Waupaca 4-3. Heroux pitched four innings, gave up one hit and two runs, struck out four and walked four others.

Cole Bozile hit 2-for-4, scored once and had one RBI. Jack Adler was 1-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, while Wyatt Laughrin hit 1-for-1, walked twice and scored one run.

Pulaski 7, De Pere 5

A 7-5 win over De Pere improved Pulaski to 2-0 in the Fox River Classic Conference and 2-2 overall.

Tigerton 13, White Lake 3

With the only 2-0 record in the CWC North, Tigerton sits alone at the top of the standings.

The Tigers second win was a 13-3 victory over White Lake.

Wittenberg-Birnawood 14, Menominee Indian 0

Wittenberg-Birnawood scored 14 runs across the first four innings to notch a 14-0 shutout of Menominee Indian.

The Chargers crossed home plate six in the first, twice in the second, four times in the third and another two times in the fourth.

ting them 0-2 in the M&O standings.

Three Lakes/Phelps 13, Lena 7

After winning a pair of non-conference games earlier, Lena dropped its third contest 13-7 to Three Lakes/Phelps.

Oconto Falls 16, Waupaca 3

The Panthers pounced on Waupaca and easily won 16-3 in the North Eastern Conference game.

New London 4, Shawano 3

Shawano 7, New London 1

Shawano and New London split a doubleheader, as the Hawks improved to 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the Bay Conference.

Trailing 3-2 after four innings, Shawano scored twice in the fifth inning for the win.

Warner Beyer and Tom Keszó each had two hits for Shawano.

Pete Bruette took the loss on the mound.

In the second game, the score was tied 1-1 after four innings before Shawano scored four runs in the fifth and another two in the seventh.

New London had six errors in the game.

Crew Weisnicht was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Carsen Herm had two RBIs.

Keszó was the winning pitcher, giving up five hits and striking out seven.

Wittenberg-Birnawood 13, Westfield 4

Wittenberg-Birnawood pounded out 10 hits and scored even more as they beat Westfield 13-4.

With a 1-0 lead after the first inning, the Chargers exploded for five runs in the second inning only to see Westfield battle back with four of their own in the bottom of the inning. But, Wittenberg-Birnawood scored four more runs in the fourth inning and another three in the sixth to seal the win.

Evan Mevarden hit 3-for-4 with a double and home run and knocked in three RBIs. Zandy

Barkeepers hit 2-for-5 with a pair or RBIs, and Keegan Benbo also had two RBIs. Ian Salvesen had a double.

April 8

Amherst 4, Bonduel 2

Bonduel stands at 1-1 on the year and 1-1 in CWC East play following a 4-2 home loss to Amherst.

The game was scoreless through the first four innings.

Bonduel took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the sixth on a Mason Zuleger infield single. The Bears then gave up three runs in the top of the seventh on two hits and three walks.

Easton Reinke led the Bears with two hits.

Noah Weier took the loss, and Eli Bohm got the win for the Falcons.

Northland Lutheran 18, Bowler 9

Bowler's 2024 season opened with an 18-9 loss to Northland Lutheran/Wisconsin Valley Lutheran.

The high scoring game started with Northland's Lutheran scoring two runs in the first and three in the second to open a 5-0 lead.

Bowler's six runs in the bottom of the second inning gave them a 6-5 lead.

Northland Lutheran blew the game open with seven runs in the third inning and another six in the fourth inning to lead 18-6.

The Panthers scored once more in the fourth and twice in the fifth.

Lena 8, Goodman/Pembine 3

Lena won its second game of the season, an 8-3 victory over Goodman/Pembine.

Manawa 10, Menominee Indian 0

Menominee Indian was shut out for the second time this season – and by an identical score. The Eagles lost 10-0 to Manawa in a CWC East game.

Luxemburg-Casco 4, Oconto Falls 1

Ryland Day hit 2-for-3 and scored the only run for Oconto Falls in its 4-1 loss to Luxemburg-Casco.

Cole Bozile was the losing pitcher, giving up two runs in three innings while striking out one.

Tigerton 4, Marion 2

Tigerton's CWC North season kicked off on the right foot with a 4-2 win over Marion.

Pulaski 5, Green Bay Preble 3

Pulaski picked up its first win of the year, a 5-3 Fox River Classic Conference victory over Green Bay Preble.

Wittenberg-Birnawood 11, Iola-Scandinavia 0

The Chargers began their season and CWC East play with an 11-0 shut out over Iola-Scandinavia on the road.

Lena golfers win Bonduel Invite

April 10 Bonduel Invite

Lena golfers earned the top score at the Bonduel Invite, carding a 327 to top the home team's 348. Lena's Braden McVane was the medalist with a 78.

Other teams and their scores were Wittenberg-Birnamwood 380, Amherst 384, Iola-Scandinavia 415, Oconto 416, Marion 423, Weyauwega-Fremont 434, Pacelli 454, Manawa 464, Shiocton 487 and Menominee Indian/Gresham 615.

Joining McVane on Lena's winning team were Mason Belongia with an 80 (second best on the day), Mason Spice with an 84 and Drake Dionne with an 85. Evan Vanderzanden carded a 99.

Bonduel's scorers were Colin Fischer with an 81, Jake Dreyer and Jaxon Bogacz each with an 87, and Charlie Tauchen with a 93. Colin Margelofsky hit a 129.

Scoring for Wittenberg-Birnamwood were Joe Seegmiller at 83, August Barke at 97, Owen Schultz at 99 and George Seegmill-

er at 101. A 106 was recorded by Logan Hanson.

Marion was led by Sam Gueths with a 99. He was joined by Jack Schoen with a 106, Gracie Grogan with a 108 and Edward Schoen with a 110. A 112 was recorded by Elijah Schema.

Menominee Indian/Gresham scores were 139, 151, 152 and 173, with a fifth score of 180.

Brown County Metro Championship

Pulaski scored a 356 and placed sixth out of nine teams at the Brown County Metro Championship at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf on April 10. West De Pere won with a 314.

Scoring for the Red Raiders were Connor Burant with an 82 in a tie for 11th place, Dixon Holewinski with an 86 for a tie in 16th, Zachary Valeria with a 91 and tie for 27th and Nathan Jossie with a 97 for 35th place. Benson Chlopek carded a 102 for 40th.

April 9 North Eastern Conference Mega-Meet #2

Oconto Falls placed

eighth out of 10 teams at the North Eastern Conference Mega-Meet #2 at Irish Waters Golf Course in Freedom.

The Panthers scored a 399. Wrightstown won with a 337.

Kadyn Riel carded a 78, two strokes off the leader, in a tie for second place.

Carson McDermid tied for 32nd with a 101, Nick Trepanier tied for 36th with a 106, Austin Anderson tied for 44th with a 114 and Alex Egan tied for 46th with a 115.

Bay Conference Tour Stop #2

Shawano scored a 233 and finished in fifth place at the Bay Conference Tour Stop #2 at Shamrock Heights Golf Course in New London. Seymour scored a 167 to win the meet.

Leading the Hawks was Tristan Miller in 18th place with a 50. He was joined by: Blake Knope, tied for 20th with a 53; Riley Moede and Jakub Stuhr, tied for 25th with a 65 each; and Duane Gristeau-Blanche, 27th place with a 67.



Trinity Popelka scores one of her seven goals for Shawano as the Hawks shut out Green Bay West 15-0 on April 9. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Shawano soccer team notches 2 shutouts, Pulaski picks up one

April 12 Pulaski 6, Marshfield 0

Pulaski shut out Marshfield 6-0 in a non-conference game to improve to 2-1 overall.

April 9 Shawano 15, Green Bay West 0

Shawano's girls soccer team hosted its second home game of the season and satisfied their appetite for victory with a 15-0 Bay Conference win over Green Bay West.

The Hawks (2-1) wasted no time in getting on the

board.

Freshman Kendall Knope scored the opening goal in the first 42 seconds, with an assist from junior Darcie Erdmann, who finished the game with a hat trick.

Senior Caitlyn Moede had one goal and two assists. Junior Trinity Popelka scored seven goals and had one assist.

Junior Gracie Gumieny scored her first varsity goal. Sophomore Maddy Pyatskowitz scored two goals and had two assists.

Adrienne Rekow,

Maddie Moesch, Sophia Eggert and Kendall Knope each had an assist for the Hawks.

Goalkeepers Brynlie Boyles and Lily Glysch teamed up for a shutout for the Hawks.

April 8 Shawano 5, Mosinee 0

Shawano shut out Mosinee 5-0 in a non-conference game to earn its first win of the season.

Pulaski 0, Kaukauna 0

The Red Raiders stand at 1-1-1 after a 0-0 tie against Kaukauna in a non-conference match at home.

Shawano goes 3-1 at Wausau event

April 12-13

Shawano's tennis team lost to Wausau East, Wausau West and D.C. Everest before coming back to defeat Wausau East during a two-day event in Wausau.

On April 12, the Hawks went down 5-2 to Wausau East. Shawano's victories were from a pair of doubles matches. George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon won at No. 1, and Tristan Tetting and Isaac Welander won at No. 2.

Later that day, Shawano lost 4-3 to Wausau West.

Andrew Vandenheuvel won 6-1, 7-5 at No. 1 singles. Doubles wins were notched by Sheldon and Buerman at No. 1, and Cristian Hernandez and Domenic Badalamenti at No. 3.

On April 13, it was D.C. Everest topping Shawano

5-2. Buerman and Sheldon again won at No. 1 doubles, while Tetting and Welander won at No. 2.

Shawano then bounced back, defeating Wausau East 6-1.

Benjamin Langlois won 7-5, 6-2 at No. 1 singles, Hernandez won 7-5, 6-1 at No. 3, and Elias Popp won 6-2, 2-6, 10-7 at No. 4.

All three doubles teams won. Buerman and Sheldon won 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1, Tetting and Welander won 6-2, 6-2 at No. 2, and Vandenheuvel and Evan Anderson won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3.

April 9

Shawano's boys tennis team defeated Ashwaubenon 5-2 in the opening contest of the 2024 season.

The Hawks (1-0) won all three doubles matches and a pair of singles at Pioneer Park in Ashwaubenon.

At No. 2 singles, Benjamin Langlois, Shawano defeated Jonathan Bielke, 7-6 (8), 7-6 (4), while at No. 3, Shawano's Ryan Buerman beat Elliot Hujet, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 10-8.

In doubles action, George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon topped Landon Gottfredson and Logan Van Gheen, 6-1, 6-0, at No. 1. In the No. 2 match, Tristan Tetting and Isaac Welander beat Dylan Younk and Ryan Lai, 6-0, 6-1. At No. 3, Mason Sparks and Domenic Badalamenti defeated Owen Herald and Ashkath Yandawath, 6-1, 6-1.

The two Shawano losses came at No. 1 singles in which Quinn Nooyan shut out Andrew Vandenheuvel, 6-0, 6-0, and No. 4 singles, in which Ben Buchmann beat Cristian Hernandez, 6-3, 7-6.

Skenadore wins two hurdle events at Denmark Cold Vike Invite on April 13

April 13

Pulaski garnered five first-place finishes on the boys side and another four for the girls at Denmark Cold Vike Invite.

Daniel Augustine led all competitors in the 800-meter run, winning in

2:14.24.

Madden Skenadore won the 110-meter hurdles in 15.48 and the 300-meter hurdles in 43.5.

The 4x200 team won in 1:33.7, while Dylan Dorn had the top spot in the high jump at 6 feet.

Olivia Sprangers captured the 200-meter dash in 26.8 seconds. Emerson Fabry won the 800-meter run in 2:29.55.

The 4x200-meter relay team won in 1:50.35, and the 4x400 team won in 4:22.34.

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BEST OF SHAWANO LEADER 2023

Bonduel, Bowler/Gresham win both ends of DHs

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

April 13
Bonduel 14, Little Chute 2
Bonduel 9, Crivitz 2
Bonduel held a 9-0 lead against Crivitz before the host team scored twice in the bottom the seventh to give the Bears a 9-2 win.

Maddy Sokolski and Allison Zernicke each had two hits for the Bears. Jayla Reinke, Sokolski and Hailey Zernicke each a double, while Sokolski also had a triple. Joselyn Bohm, Lila Pleshek, Reinke, Sokolski (four), Hailey Zernicke and Allison Zernicke all had RBIs.

Tatum Sporisky was the winning pitcher.

Already leading 7-2 after five innings, Bonduel pounded out seven more runs in the seventh inning to beat Little Chute 14-2.

Ella Hischke, Hailee Thompson and Hailey Zernicke each had three hits, while Sporisky, Taylor Rank, Pleshek, Allison Zernicke and Juliana Jacobs each had two.

Jacobs and the Zernicke girls each had a double, and Jacobs also recorded a triple.

Jacobs and Allison Zernicke each collected four RBIs, Thompson had three, and Hailey Zernicke, Pleshek and Rank each had one.

Hailey Zernicke had the win on the mound.

Shiocton 14, Gillett/Suring 0
Gillett/Suring 8, Florence 7
Shiocton scored nine runs in the second inning en route to a 14-0 blowout of Gillett/Suring at Gillett.

Later, against Florence, Gillett/Suring found their bats and won 8-7.

New London 5, Shawano 0
Shawano 6, Medford 0
Hosting their own quad, Shawano was shut out 5-0 by New London before doing

the same to Medford, shutting out the Raiders 6-0.

April 12
Bowler/Gresham 9, Marion 3
Bowler/Gresham 17, Marion 2
Bowler/Gresham won both ends of a doubleheader against Marion, first by a score of 9-3 and then 17-2.

Shiocton 19, Menominee Indian 9
The Eagles jumped out a 3-0 first-inning lead against Shiocton only to see the hosts come back with nine runs of their own to take a 9-3 lead.

Each team scored once more in the third inning. Menominee Indian tied the game at 8-8 after scoring four runs in the fourth inning, but Shiocton pummeled the ball for eight runs in the bottom of the inning to total a 16-8 advantage.

Menominee Indian added another run in the fifth inning, but Shiocton added three and won 19-9.

Denmark 5, Oconto Falls 1
Oconto Falls' one-run lead at the bottom of the first inning lasted until Denmark tied the game at the top of the second.

The Vikings added a pair of runs in each of the fourth and sixth innings to secure the 5-1 North Eastern Conference win.

Pulaski 16, Sheboygan South 0
The Red Raiders shut out Sheboygan South 16-0 to improve to 2-0 in the Fox River Classic Conference and 4-0 overall.

Mishicot 1, Shawano 0
Mishicot scored one run in the top of the fourth inning, and that was all that was needed for a 1-0 win over Shawano.

Port Edwards 9, Tigerton 6
Maycee Carlson and McKenzie Hoffman each had a hit for Tigerton in the team's 9-6 loss to Port Edwards. Hoffman's hit was a double.

Danika Tiller took the loss on the mound for the Tigers.

April 11

Bonduel 9, Weyauwega-Fremont 5
Bonduel kept chipping away at Weyauwega-Fremont to emerge with a 9-5 CWC-East win.

The Bears jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Both team scored twice in the second, and Weyauwega-Fremont added two in the third to tie the game at 4-4.

Bonduel had two runs cross the plate in the fourth inning and then one more in each of the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

Hailey Zernicke hit 3-for-4, Hailee Thompson and Maddy Sokolski each went 2-for-4, and Lila Pleshek hit 2-for-5.

Thompson connected for a home run. She also had four RBIs, while Allison Zernicke, Hailey Zernicke and Taylor Rank each had one.

Kallie Wilcox was the winning pitcher, giving up five runs and five hits, while walking two and fanning five.

Gillett/Suring 7, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 0
Gillett/Suring earned its first M&O Conference win of the season, a 7-0 shut-out of Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy at Lena.

Gillett/Suring is 1-2 in league play. The Lena co-op is 0-1.

Marion 5, Northland Lutheran 1
Marion 8, Northland Lutheran 5
Marion sits atop the CWC-North standings with a 3-1 mark after winning both ends of a doubleheader over Northland Lutheran, 5-1 and 8-5.

Oconto Falls 5, Marinette 1
The Panthers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third inning and held on for the 5-1 North Eastern Conference win over Marinette.

Oconto Falls added two more runs in the sixth inning to lead 4-0, before Marinette scored its only run in the bottom of the sixth. Oconto Falls added another run in the top of the seventh to end the scoring.

Shawano 19, Green Bay East/West 0
The Hawks wasted little time in pounding Green Bay East/West, winning the Bay Conference game 19-0.

Abby Wachtel was 1-for-2 with four RBIs. Macey Krueger hit 1-for-2 with three RBIs, and Ella Stuber hit 2-for-2 with three RBIs.

Abby Bystol pitched two innings, gave up a hit, walked one and struck out three.

Marathon 21, Tigerton 1
A solid first two innings gave way to a disastrous last three innings as Tigerton was defeated 21-1 in a non-conference match against Marathon.

Down 1-0 after two innings, Tigerton gave up six runs in the third, another six in the fourth and eight in the fifth.

Tigerton's only run came in the fourth inning.

Maybe Carlson hit 1-for-3 to record the only hit for the Tigers.

Danika Tiller took the loss, giving up three hits and seven runs, while walking six and striking out four. Ancel Welch pitched the final two innings.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 13, Menominee Indian 3
The Chargers earned their first CWC-East win of the season, a 13-3 victory over Menominee Indian.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood is 1-2 in conference play, and the Eagles are 0-3.

April 9
Iola-Scandinavia 1, Bonduel 0
Bonduel lost to Iola-Scandinavia 1-0 in

nine innings.

Bonduel (4-2, 2-1) had six hits.

Iola's Julia Munoz had nine strikeouts, while Bonduel's Hailey Zernicke pitched a complete game with six strikeouts.

Niagara 5, Gillett/Suring 2
Gillett/Suring dropped to 0-2 in the M&O standings after losing 5-2 to Niagara.

Three Lakes/Phelps 14, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy/Lena 4
The St. Thomas Aquinas Academy/Lena losing streak extended to four games, all non-conference, as the team lost 14-4 to Three Lakes/Phelps.

Pulaski 4, Green Bay Southwest 1
The Red Raiders stayed at a perfect 3-0 early in the season as they defeated Green Bay Southwest 4-1. It was the Fox River Classic Conference opener for Pulaski.

Menasha 4, Shawano 1
Shawano is posting a 3-2 overall mark and 1-1 in the Bay Conference after losing to Menasha 4-1.

Macey Krueger was 1-for-3 with one RBI.

Kadence Meyers pitched six innings and gave up four hits while striking out five and walking one.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 12, Clintonville 4
The Chargers dominated the Truckers, winning 12-4 in the non-conference game.

Bonduel won 3-2 in nine innings against Amherst at Cedar Park in Bonduel on April 8.

Lila Pleshek had a single to drive in Gracyn Wudtke in the bottom of the ninth for Bonduel. Pleshek also had a double to help the cause. Hailey Zernicke earned the save with four strikeouts.

Amherst led 1-0 after the first inning only to see Bonduel tie the game in the third. The visitors went up 2-1 in the fifth, but once again, Bonduel tied it — this time in the seventh.

Amherst had three singles in the game.

Bowler/Gresham 19, Northland Lutheran 4
Bowler/Gresham won its first game of the season, a 19-4 Central Wisconsin North Conference victory over Northland Lutheran/Wisconsin Valley Lutheran.

Pembine/Goodman 16, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy/Lena 2
St. Thomas Aquinas Academy/Lena's record dropped to 1-4 following a 16-2 loss at the hands of Pembine/Goodman.

Marion 8, Tigerton 7
Tigerton 12, Marion 4
Marion and Tigerton split a doubleheader at Tiger Stadium.

The Mustangs won the opener 8-7, but Tigerton won the second contest 12-4 in four innings.

It was the Central Wisconsin North Conference opener for both teams.

Manawa 10, Menominee Indian 0
The Eagles were shut out 10-0 against Manawa in a Central Wisconsin East Conference game in Manawa.

Freedom 6, Oconto Falls 0
Oconto Falls was blanked 6-0 in its North Eastern Conference opener, losing to Freedom at home.

Iola-Scandinavia 9, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 2
The Chargers fell to 1-3 overall and 0-2 in Central Wisconsin East Conference action after a 9-2 loss to Iola-Scandinavia on the road.

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Pulaski lacrosse teams roughed up

It was another rough outing for the Pulaski boys lacrosse team April 11, losing 21-3 to the Oneida Nation Thunderhawks.

The game was scoreless through the first three quarters, only to see all 24 goals come in the final stanza.

April 9
Appleton United jumped all over Pulaski's boys lacrosse team from the beginning and didn't let up, winning the non-conference game 22-2.

While the Red Raiders connected on two goals in the first quarter, Appleton

United scored eight times in each of the first two quarters, added four in the third and two more in the fourth.

April 8
The Pulaski girls lacrosse team was shut out in its debut game.

Bay Port won 15-0.

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Springborn gets first-ever feature win

Mullen crowned king of WABAM Dirt Kings Late Model Tour 2024 season opener

BY DON ROUSE
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The 2024 Shawano Speedway (powered by Auto Select) kicked off the season April 13 with hot racing action and cooler temps than one would like.

A total of 106 cars checked into the legendary half-mile to do battle, and fans witnessed a local driver pick up the first feature win of his career.

First on the track was the IMCA Modifieds with Jerry Muenster and Lucas Lamberies starting on the front row. At the drop of the green flag, Muenster and Lamberies would head through corners 1-2 as Lamberies was starting to pull in front of the “youngster” Jerry Muenster (82 years old) as the field behind them was starting to take shape.

Mike Schmidt, Marcus Yarie, Kevin Feck and Jason Ebert were all chasing the leaders. But the man on the move was defending track champion Johnny Whitman moving up six spots from his eighth-place starting spot. After a few cautions for spins and debris, Lamberies found himself in the company of Whitman, Yarie, Mike Schmidt and Jayden Schmidt. Whitman would gain a bit on Lamberies in the corner but was running out of laps. When the final checker flew, it was Lamberies holding off his competitors to pick up his first feature win at Shawano Speedway in 2024.

The class “To Tough to Tame” IMCA Stock Cars was next to do battle on the dusty half mile. By the luck of the draw/redraw format that is used on opening night, Travis VanStaten drew the pole position with his dancing partner on the outside, Trent Nolan, sure to make for a great start of the race.

Row 2 had Mitch Stankowski and Shawn “Lunchbox” Wagner. Row 3 was occupied by Dylan

Stedjee and Jerry Wilinski who will be doing double duty this year of sorts with his modified and stock car.

When the green flag twirled in the air, VanStaten and Nolan did not disappoint with a great side-by-side battle. Through the next several laps, the pair would surrender the lead for a bit to each other. But after several cautions, time was not on the stock cars’ side, so that eventually would have to start single file and end up being a green, white, checkered dash for the win.

On the last restart, it was bound to be a great finish.

The “Horicon Hurricane” Jeremy Christians picked up eight spots through all the cautions and found himself on the back bumper of the leaders. In the end, it was VanStaten picking up right where left off last year’s campaign in Victory Lane.

The IMCA Northern Sport Mods saw history being made in their feature.

Dustin Wudstrack and A.J. Springborn led the field of 24 to the green flag.

Springborn and Wudstrack would duke it out for four laps before Brad Miller, Jeffery Teske, Tommy Rindt and Andy Klosterman began applying pressure to the leaders. Cole Magnin was on an absolute mission as he moved his machine up 15 spots and was looking for more.

Unfortunately, this feature was also plagued with several cautions for debris or spins. The final caution would put Springborn, Teske, Magnin, JJ Vanderloop and Travis Rhodes sitting inside of the top five. As the checkered flag flew Springborn got a slice of victory, picking up his first ever feature win.

Mighty 4 division would wrap up the night with 12 laps of racing action.

Brad Wedde and Casey Gross would be in the



The IMCA Northern Sport Mods saw history being made in its feature race April 13 at the Shawano Speedway. Dustin Wudstrack and A.J. Springborn led the field of 24 to the green flag, with Springborn collecting the checkered flag, his first feature win.

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Derek Janke of Symco (27) spins out between Turns 3 and 4 in the opening heat at the Shawano Speedway on April 13.

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starting front row with Bailey Tate and Justin Haufe directly behind them.

Wedde wasted no time proving why he is the defending track champion as he and Gross would exchange paint a few times down the backstretch.

Wedde began to have a slight advantage but

Gross, Bailey Tate, Justin Haufe, Nathan Lisowe and Dalton Nelson weren’t about to just let Wedde go without a fight. However, nobody was strong enough to get by the 37 machine of Wedde as he cruised to victory lane.

Mike Mullen was crowned king of WABAM Dirt Kings Late Model

Tour 2024 season opener, The Lumberyard Bar and Grill Spring Thaw at Shawano Speedway in BMRE Electric Carts Victory Lane.

Mullen started third in the 25-lap A-Main as Chris Oertel and Andy Karl led the field to the green flag.

Karl took the lead as Oertel and Gunner Frank

battled for position behind him. Karl stretched his lead to 4.518 seconds before the caution came out on lap 7. On the restart, Karl maintained his lead as Mullen battled with him. On the next lap, Mullen raced to the inside of Karl in turn two and took the lead, earning the Autoworx Clean Move of the Race. Caution slowed the field on the next lap, erasing the 0.749 second lead that Mullen had. On the restart, Mullen continued to pace the field as Frank and Karl battled for second place.

At the halfway point, Mullen held a 2.385 second advantage over Frank. Mullen’s advantage continued to increase as Frank, Karl, Nick Anvelink and Justin Ritchie followed behind.

Mullen went on to win his fifth WABAM Dirt Kings Late Model Tour race by 4.648 seconds over Frank, Karl, Anvelink and Ritchie.

Troy Springborn was The Pues Family Hard Charger, passing 10 cars in The Lumberyard Bar and Grill Spring Thaw, earning an additional \$200.



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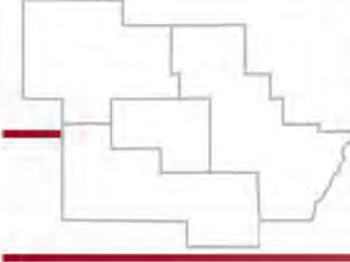
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If property owners have questions regarding the valuation of their real estate or personal property and are unable to attend Open Book examination date, you are encouraged to contact R & R Assessing, 307 N Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin (920-846-4250) prior to this date to discuss any concerns.

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review (from here on referred to as BOR or board) for the City of Gillett shall meet on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm at the City Municipal Building, 150 North McKenzie Avenue, Gillett WI 54124 to hear objections from property owners who follow requirements pursuant to s.70.47(7), Wis. Stats.

Please be advised of the following requirements:

- Sec.70.47(7)(aa), Wis.Stats., provides that the BOR may deny a hearing to a property owner who does not allow the assessor to complete an exterior view.
- After the first BOR meeting and before the BOR's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the BOR may contact, or provide information to, a member of the BOR about that person's objection except at a BOR session.
- No person may appear before the BOR, testify to the BOR by phone or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the BOR or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under sub.(3) (a), that person provides to the BOR clerk a notice as to whether the person will ask for removal under sub.(6m) and if so which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.
- When appearing before the BOR, the person must specify in writing, his or her estimate of the land value and improvements that he or she is objecting and the person must specify the information that he or she used to arrive at that estimate.
- No person may appear before the BOR, testify to the BOR by phone or object to a valuation; if the assessor or objector made the valuation using the income method, unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under state law (sec.73.03(2a), Wis.Stats.), that the assessor requests. The municipality or county must provide by ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses provided to the assessor under this paragraph and provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under state law (sec.19.35(1), Wis.Stats.). The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,
City of Gillett Clerk, Chelsea Anderson
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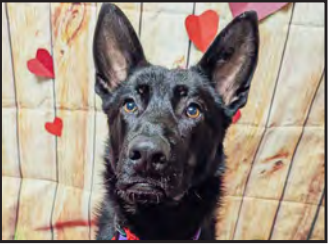
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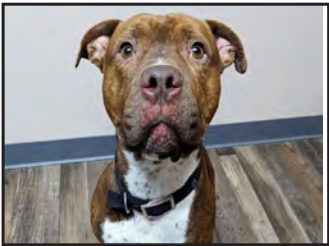
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Please send letter of interest and completed support staff application, available on the school webpage (www.gillett.k12.wi.us) by May 15th to:

Gillett School District,
Attn: Mike Kaczmarek, 208 W. Main St.,
P.O. Box 227, Gillett, WI 54124 or
mkaczmarek@gillett.k12.wi.us

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Spring Fling shopping tour returns

The annual “Spring Fling Tour of Shops” returns to Marinette and Oconto counties from April 25-27.

The event, organized by the Marinette and Oconto counties’ tourism offices, features a variety of local shops and businesses opening their doors to welcome shoppers and

visitors, from clothing boutiques to home decor stores.

During the three-day event, shoppers can expect to find amazing deals, special promotions, and exciting giveaways at participating local establishments.

To make navigating the event easier, a brochure will be available with a list of all the participating shops and their opening times, to help shoppers plan their route and make the most out of their shopping experience.

“We are thrilled to bring back the ‘Spring Fling Tour of Shops’ to Marinette and Oconto

counties,” said Samantha Routheau, Oconto County tourism director. “This event not only supports our local businesses but also showcases the diverse and vibrant shopping scene in our community. We can’t wait to welcome shoppers and visitors to our beautiful counties.”

Organizers hope visitors will take a break from shopping and enjoy food and drinks at local restaurants and cafes.

“We are excited to partner with Oconto County to bring this event to our community,” said Autumn Timblin of Development and Tourism Marinette County. “We have an amazing lineup of shops and businesses participating this year, and we can’t wait to see everyone come out and support them.”

For more information and updates, visit the Marinette and Oconto County Facebook pages or go to www.ocontocounty.org or www.exploremarinettecounty.com.

Women’s self-defense class planned

A women’s self-defense class has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 22 in the small gym at Lena High School, 304 E. Main St., Lena.

Lena Police Chief James Herald will conduct a self-defense class for all ages of women.

The event is hosted by the Lena Seventh-day Adventist Women Ministry. The session is free and no RSVP is necessary.

For more information, call 423-883-4740.

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT OCONTO COUNTY

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
2024IN000014

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LILLIAN GOLONKA
DOD 02/18/2024

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/01/1930 and date of death 02/18/2024, was domiciled in Oconto County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 6289 County Road S, Sobieski, WI 54171
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is 07-16-2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, Wisconsin.

/s/ Peggy Miller
Probate Registrar
04-08-2024

Keith A. Steckbauer
PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
920-779-4140
Bar No. 1021304
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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE - RESOLUTION APPROVAL

The following resolution has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on April 9, 2024. A full text of said resolution may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk’s office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.

RESOLUTION 24-003: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCONTO FALLS, providing a Guarantee of Match Funds for the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) Application

Posted by City Deputy Clerk
Jenny Friedman

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04/19/24**
CITY OF OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC NOTICE

Utility Commissioner Appointment
The Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls will meet on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 for their regular Common Council meeting. On this date, Council will appoint a Utility Commissioner. If any resident from the City of Oconto Falls is interested in this position, please submit your letter of interest for consideration before Friday May 3, 2024. Send to: City Administrator, Peter Wills, PO Box 70 - 500 Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

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04/19/24**
CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF ORDINANCE APPROVAL

The following Ordinance has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls on April 9, 2024. A full text of said Ordinance may be obtained from the Oconto Falls Clerk’s Office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505. ORDINANCE NO. 24-004; an ordinance amending CHAPTER 465 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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04/19/24, 04/26/24**
TOWN OF STILES REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION – GUELIG RD TWO SEPARATE BIDS

FIRST BID FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF GUELIG RD BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE WEST OF US 141 AT THE FIRST CURVE ON GUELIG RD THEN HEADING SOUTH 2,600 FT TO THE NEXT CURVE. WHERE NECESSARY CLEAN AND SHAPE DITCH, EXTEND SHOULDERS FROM 2’ TO 3’, INSTALL BREAKER ROCK AS NEEDED, REPLACE CENTERLINE CULVERTS AS NEEDED (Town will provide culverts). TRUCK, LEVEL, COMPACT AND WATER 4 INCHES OF CRUSHED ROCK FOR FOUNDATION. ALL DRIVEWAY CULVERTS WILL BE LEFT AS THEY ARE. SECOND BID PULVERISE AND COMPACT CURRENT ASPHALT, APPLY 2 ONE AND A HALF INCH LIFTS. TRACK 1ST LIFT BEFORE PAVING THE 2ND LIFT. Bids can be submitted to Jill Babino, Town Clerk 5718 Watercrest Rd Lena, WI 54139 or bring them to the town meeting on Wednesday May 8 th at 6pm. All sealed bids will be opened and reviewed by the Town Board at the April meeting. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT CHAIRMAN JASON FLYNN 920-609-3541

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04/19/24, 04/26/24**
TOWN OF STILES REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION MEADOWBROOK RD

BID FOR THE RESURFACING OF MEADOWBROOK RD BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF PAWLAK LANE AND MEADOWBROOK RD THEN HEADING SOUTH 2,380 FT. ENDING AT LUISER LN. FINAL GRADING, COMPACTING, AND PAVING PULVERISE AND COMPACT CURRENT ASPHALT, APPLY 2 ONE AND A HALF INCH LIFTS. TRACK 1ST LIFT BEFORE PAVING THE 2ND LIFT. Bids can be submitted to Jill Babino, Town Clerk 5718 Watercrest Rd Lena, WI 54139 or bring them to the town meeting on Wednesday May 8 th at 6pm. All sealed bids will be opened and reviewed by the Town Board at the April meeting. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT CHAIRMAN JASON FLYNN 920-609-3541

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04/19/24, 04/26/24**
CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, that The City of Oconto Falls Common Council will hold a Public Hearing on May 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. The purpose of this hearing is for the consideration of:

Public Hearing Chapter 238 City of Oconto Falls Ordinances CITY OF OCONTO FALLS FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE IN REGARDS TO (CDBG-PF) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- PUBLIC FACILITIES BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR COLUMBIA STREET

All residents of the City of Oconto Falls are encouraged to attend. The meeting room is handicapped accessible. A copy of proposed ordinances can be picked up at the Municipal Building. Persons needing additional accommodations should contact City Hall at (920) 846-4505.

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Case No. 23FA84

Petitioner: JASON WAYNE WILZ
Respondent: COURTNEY RENEE WILZ
IT IS ORDERED COURTNEY RENEE WILZ appears as follows before Circuit Court Judge Jay N. Conley.
Location: Oconto County Courthouse
Courtroom 8, 301 Washington Street,
Oconto, WI 54153
DATE: April 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

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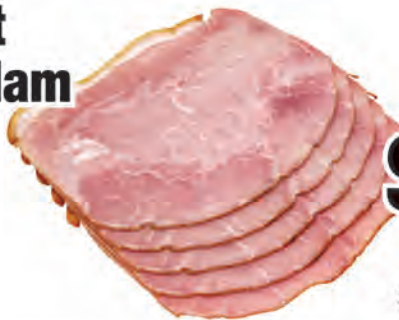
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