



Suring High School valedictorian Bailey Stuart, right, receives her diploma from school board member Cathy Lundgren during the May 29 graduation ceremony. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

Green Lake Park open again in Mountain

Park can be enjoyed for free, but donations are being accepted

BY GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

After being closed to the public for nearly a decade, Green Lake Park is back in business. The Mountain Historical Society will operate and maintain the park, located south of Mountain at 13322 State Highway 32, under a 25-year agreement signed in November with the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service had operated the park until closing it in 2015 due to federal budget cuts. One of the park's main attractions is a pavilion built by Civilian Conservation Corps workers. It is the major reason why the historical society approached forest officials with a plan to reopen the park. "One of the key reasons that this very special place is able to reopen after nearly a decade is because of how the Mountain Historical Society has demonstrated their ability to bring the community together and be part of a project like this," said Veronica Hinke, public affairs officer

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Opportunities await Suring grads

Members of the class of 2024 head into their next adventure

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Cherished memories and hopes for the future took center stage May 29 as the Suring High School class of 2024 was honored during commencement exercises in the high school gymnasium. "Education is the key to unlocking the future, but it is also the foundation upon which you will continue to build your dreams," Principal Ben Kessler said in his welcoming remarks to the graduating seniors with their friends and family looking on. "Throughout your time here, you have not only acquired knowledge but also learned the values of empathy, integrity and perseverance. These are the qualities that will guide you as you step into the world beyond these walls." Kessler quoted Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon you



Suring High School seniors listen to a speaker during their graduation ceremony May 29. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

can use to change the world," in encouraging the grads to make a positive impact wherever life takes them. "The world you are entertaining is filled with unprecedented challenges and opportunities," he said. "Technological achievements, global interconnectiveness, and social changes are reaching into society at a rapid pace. However, I have no doubt that you are well-equipped to face these challenges head-on." He reminded the class that success

lies in the difference they make in lives of others. "I challenge you to be fearless in your pursuits of passion, embrace curiosity, cherish diversity, and always seek to learn and grow," Kessler said. "The road ahead might not always be smooth, but remember that every obstacle is an opportunity to rise above and every failure is a stepping stone to success."

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Marilyn Canfield, a member of the Wisconsin Council for Local History, meets Smokey Bear on May 25 during the official reopening of Green Lake Park. The park — which includes a pavilion built in 1937 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a beach and boat landing — had been closed for almost a decade. GREG SEUBERT

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Photos from the 2024 Oconto Falls Memorial Day parade.

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CORRECTION

An article in the May 31 edition included an incorrect time for a funeral service for former Oconto County Board Chairman Lee Rymer. A service is scheduled for 1 p.m. June 8 at Jones Funeral Home in Oconto Falls. We regret the error.

OBITUARIES

Carolyn Ann Litscher was brought to her heavenly home on May 30, 2024. She passed surrounded by loved ones at her treasured home on Chute Pond.

Carolyn was born Aug. 6, 1943, to Roy and Verna Rusch. She married her childhood friend and classmate, Tom Litscher, on Dec. 26 1971. They raised their family together at their home in Appleton before retiring to their cottage in Mountain.

Carolyn graduated from Fox Valley Lutheran High School in 1961. She was very proud to have



her children and grandchildren attend FVL as well. She took great joy in attending all of the events they participated in. She went on to graduate from Milwaukee County School of Nursing as a registered nurse. She was committed to her learning and went on to earn various degrees and certifications throughout her career.

Carolyn was a nurse

The Machickanee Players will hold auditions for the October production of "Escanaba in da Moonlight" on June 24 from 6-7

p.m., and again June 29 from 2-4 p.m.

The auditions will be held at the Park Avenue Theatre, 408 Park Ave.,

Oconto.

"Escanaba in da Moonlight" is a boisterous comedy written by Jeff Daniels, and showcases

Yooper hunting culture and traditions.

The performances are scheduled for Oct. 4-6 and Oct. 11-13.

Carolyn A. Litscher

for 42 years. The majority of her career was spent at Appleton Medical Center. She worked 25 of those years as an ICU nurse. She also ran the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at the Appleton YMCA.

Carolyn always had a love for flowers and was a certified master gardener. You could find her working in her gardens from sunup to sundown. She always made time to give a tour and share her flowers with anyone passing by or stopping in for a visit.

She was a member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Lutheran Wom-

en's Mission Society, Critical Care Nurses Association, Great Northern Gardeners Association and many more groups and organizations. Carolyn had a true passion for travel. She traveled to all 50 states, and through her worldwide travel, she met many lifelong friends.

Carolyn is preceded in death by many loved family and friends.

She is survived and remembered by her children, Melissa (Scott) Skarban, Tim (Pam) Litscher, Shawn (Sally) Litscher and Jeff (Cathy) Litscher; her grandchildren, Mitch

(Katie) Skarban, Miranda (Conner Osborn) Skarban, Erin Litscher, Kaylin (Jessica) Felix, Adrian Felix, Olivia Felix, Gabe Felix; and her great-grandchildren, Sadie Skarban and Leo Felix.

A visitation will be held at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Mountain on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m.

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

The family would like to thank Amanda and Eldy along with the rest of the team from Heartland Hospice for the unconditional love and care for Carolyn during this process. In lieu of flowers, a donation will be made to the Lutheran Women's Mission Society.



Clarence C. Werner, 99, Oconto Falls, died May 27, 2024.

He was born in the Town of Oconto Falls Dec. 16, 1924, to Frank and Lavina Werner. He attended North Morgan Grade School and Oconto Falls High School, graduating with the class of 1942. He was employed at Scott Paper Company for 38 years, retiring on Jan. 1, 1987.

Clarence married Gladys L. Heinemann on May 28, 1949, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Morgan. He was a loyal



member of Grace Lutheran Church, serving as an usher, a greeter and on the church council.

Clarence was an avid reader and sports fan of Packers, Brewers, and UW Badgers football and basketball teams. He was a member of River Island Golf Club for 35 years.

Gladys and Clarence

enjoyed many trips with their family to the western and eastern United States. They also went on many one-day tours to the Fireside in Fort Atkinson and other places.

They made three long trips, to western and eastern Canada and, the one they liked most, overseas to Europe where they toured seven countries.

Clarence was a member of Friends of the Arts, Friends of the Library, the Oconto County Historical Society and AARP.

Clarence is survived by

his son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Kitty Werner, Oconto; grandchildren, Jennifer, Chicago, and Matthew (Jen); and great-granddaughter, Immy, Oakland, California; sisters-in-law, Arlene Elsea, Corry, Pennsylvania, Millie Gohr, Sobieski, and Janice Steffel, Oconto Falls; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Gladys; his parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ernest and Mabel Heinemann; sister, Florence Fortnum; and brothers,

Frank J. and Fred Werner; sisters-in-law, Vivian Werner, Lucille Kolakowski, Irene Allison and Florence Sternberg; six brothers-in-law, Floyd (Jack) Fortnum, Ray Elsea, Clifford Allison, Robert Sternberg, Ray Kolakowski, William Steffel and Reuben Gohr; two nieces and three nephews.

Visitation will be held after 10 a.m. Monday, June 10, 2024, at Grace Lutheran Church in Oconto Falls. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at church with Pastor Gary Olson officiating. Burial

will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Oconto Falls.

Funeral arrangements are being made through Jones Funeral Service.

The family would like to thank all the caregivers at The Cottages at Meadowslands and all the staff from Unity Hospice for wonderful care, kindness and support.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Grace Lutheran Church in honor of Clarence or to Forget Me Not Fund, which supports local dementia care, in honor of Gladys.

Clarence C. Werner

Herbert A. Fischer

Heaven made its first-round draft pick today, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, in Herbert A. Fischer, and they know what they're getting — the best.

Herbie was born on Oct. 9, 1937, to the late Adolph and Elda (Wesner) Fischer. Herbie graduated from Suring High School with the class of 1956. He served with the Wisconsin Army National Guard 32nd Infantry Division from 1961-62 during the Berlin Crisis.

On June 15, 1968, Herbie married Judy Pasek at



Trinity Lutheran Church in Coleman. Herbie farmed and worked at Suring Milling Co. and Graetz Manufacturing Co. He served on the Bagley Town Board and worked at the recycling center. In 2011, he was awarded the Town of Bagley Senior Citizens Award and served as the parade grand marshal.

Herbie was a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Suring, serving on the church board, cemetery board and as head usher. He was an avid country and polka music lover. Herbie enjoyed attending the Porterfield Country Music Festival with his brothers. He was also an avid sports fan, supporting the Packers, Brewers, Suring Eagles and whatever team his grandchildren were playing on. Herbie was a devoted grandfather who loved spending any time



he could with his grandchildren.

Herbie is survived by his two daughters, Connie (Dean) Hinthier and Christine (Ryan) Haulotte; two sons, Mark "Briton" Fischer and Michael Fischer; grandchildren, Peyton (fiancee Kayla) Fischer, Easton Fischer, Paige Fischer, Jacob Hinthier, Madelyn

Hinthier, Landon Haulotte, Logan Haulotte and Alivia Haulotte; brother, Arlen Fischer; brother-in-law, Norbert Skarban. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy; brother, Kenneth Fischer; sister, Darlene Skarban.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Michael Paholke officiat-

ing. Military honors will follow the service. Herb will be interred at Hickory Cemetery.

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



Gwen Holtz, 90, Oconto Falls, died Tuesday morning, May 28, 2024, at The Cottages at Meadowslands.

She was the only child born July 10, 1933, in Denmark, Wisconsin, to George and Lulu (Anderson) Andersen. As a young girl, she moved with her parents to Oconto Falls where they ran a Red Owl grocery store.

On May 15, 1954, she



married Walter "Bud" Holtz at Grace Lutheran Church in Oconto Falls. The couple owned and operated the family dairy farm, which has been recognized as a century farm. Gwen was

a longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church in Oconto Falls. She was also a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In addition to farming, Gwen loved bookkeeping. She initially started with Wisconsin Public Service, then H&R Block and eventually Vorpal Bookkeeping. Gwen was most proud of her dedication to the Town of Oconto Falls where she was town clerk

for over 30 years. Her favorite pastimes were square dancing and polka dancing with Bud.

Survivors include her five children, Chad (Cindy) Holtz, Bill (Sally) Holtz, all of Oconto Falls, Jim (Joni) Holtz, Little Suamico, John (Chris) Holtz, Shawano, Sue ("Dime") Johnson, Sobieski; 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren plus one on the way; and

her special dog, Ole.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 61 years, Bud, in 2016; an infant daughter; grandson, Troy Bodart; and two sisters-in-law, Ruth (Karl) Schroeder and Louise (Walter) Wudtke.

Visitation was held after 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Grace Lutheran Church in Oconto Falls until the time of service at

noon at the church, with Pastor Gary Olson officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Oconto Falls.

Jones Funeral Service is serving the Holtz family.

The Holtz family would like to thank The Cottages at Meadowslands and Moments Hospice, especially nurses Danielle and Amy, for their excellent care.

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A public beach on Green Lake that had been closed since 2015 is now open.

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with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. “When we see that happen, it sets a spark for even more types of things like this to happen throughout different communities.”

The pavilion has been standing since 1937.

“Another key factor is the shelter was listed on the National Register of Historic Places because it was built by local members of the Civilian Conservation Corps,” Hinke said. “One of the craftsman was really instrumental in making special touches, like the evergreen trees and pine trees carved in the hinges.”

Company 1695 used local materials, including wood from cedar and pine trees, to build the shelter. Workers also cleared an area and added sand for a beach.

The historical society organized several volunteer work days this spring

to help clean the park, which had extensive damage from a windstorm in 2019.

Mountain Town Board supervisor and historical society member Brenda Carey-Mielke spearheaded the effort to reopen the park. That effort includes raising funds for current and future park maintenance. The historical society raised money through sponsored benches placed throughout the park. A donation account has also been established at a Flagstar Bank branch in Mountain.

The U.S. Forest Service charged a daily fee of \$5 to utilize the park, but the historical society decided to not charge a fee. A donation box is located in the park.

“I’m amazed by this wonderful place and seeing these people come together week after week,” Hinke

said. “It wasn’t one volunteer day. We’ve been watching them on Facebook. A couple times a week, they’re sharing their photos of what they’ve done.”

“We are happy to support the project,” said Lance Waller, district recreation supervisor for the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. “It’s a great investment in the community and an example of a partnership between the community and the agency.”

“The historical society put out a great plan, and it’s being implemented in a relatively short period of time. It’s impressive what we can do when we have a common goal,” Waller continued. “We’re happy to support this, and there’s more to come here as well. It’s going to be a great recreation site for the community to enjoy for years to come.”



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Superintendent Paul Orlick announced the newest members of the Suring Alumni Hall of Fame.

Longtime Oconto County Technology Services Director Wayne Sleeter served 21 years on the Suring School Board, including seven years as president, before his sudden death on Christmas Eve 2024.

“Wayne was a proud pillar of the Suring community,” Orlick said. “He led with integrity, honesty, and was dedicated to making the district a better place for students, for staff and for the community.”

The other inductee, Walter Rakow of the class of 1975, serve more than 30 years in the U.S. Army, retiring in 2007 as a command sergeant major, and has served another 17 years at with the 181st Infantry Brigade at Fort McCoy as a Department of Defense civilian responsible for training and support of Army Reserve and National Guard units and soldiers. He currently is deputy operations officer at the fort.

Rakow’s sister Beth Rizk accepted on behalf of her ailing brother, who she said was too weak to travel.

“He is humbled that of all the many successful graduates that have walked the stage of Suring High, you have chosen to honor him,” Rizk said, thanking his teachers and mentors. “Remember, class, even people from a small town like Suring can make a difference in this world.”

Salutatorian Hailey VanRens shared memories of the last 14 years together, and said while they are now going their separate ways, they will always hold memories that made them who they were are today.

“Thank you to the teachers, the people who believed in us when we didn’t even believe in ourselves, the people who pushed us past our limits and made us see what we could truly do,” VanRens said. “They were and continue to be our mentors who through their guidance and wisdom shaped our minds ... The teachers here are more than just teachers, they’re our family, and we will always hold the life lessons they taught us close to our hearts.”

Valedictorian Bailey Stuart encouraged her classmates to embrace small acts of kindness in all they do.

“Everyone faces failures, obstacles or challenges. However, at the end of the day, we are our own biggest enemy. We must appreciate the blessings, the rewarding aspects, and even the little things that can get us through the day,” Stuart said. “Live every day with hope that even through the struggles, there’s that rainbow that comes after the storm.”

She said to reach back



Each pair of Suring High School seniors pauses in the aisle May 29 to have their picture taken by photographer Keri Hicks as the 2024 graduation ceremony gets underway.

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Friends, family and newly minted Suring High School graduates mingle on the lawn in front of the school after the May 29 graduation ceremony.

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A slide show following the Suring High School class of 2024 through the years is played during their commencement exercise May 29.

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to find the confidence and power of their childhood dreams.

“You are the only one who can allow yourself to keep going,” Stuart said. “You are the only one that can achieve your own goals and more.”

The seniors voted to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of Miss Kathy Runge, a middle school teacher and member of the Suring class of 1985 for the impact she had on their lives.

“I know you guys are all going to do some great things, and I look forward to seeing what you do,” Runge told her former charges. “Be kind, go out in the world and just accomplish everything you can.”



Suring middle school teacher Kathy Runge thanks the class of 2024 for honoring her during their May 29 commencement.

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Suring High School Principal Ben Kessler welcomes seniors, guests and friends to the May 29 graduation ceremony.

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American Legion Post 44 Commander George Richards, left, and Second Vice Commander Mike Huberty, right, pose with Henry Severson after he received the post's Legionnaire of the Year award. CONTRIBUTED

Severson named top Post 44 Legion member

Henry Severson was named Legionnaire of the Year for American Legion Post 44.

Severson is very active in the post as the membership officer and a member of the Honor Guard. Severson also coordinates the school flag essay contest by collecting, judging and presenting awards to the winners at the Veterans Day program at Wabeno High School. He was also the chairman of the Legion executive board. Severson also serves at veterans' fu-

nerals. He volunteers at all fundraisers and is always available to help and assist.

Severson was in the U.S. Air Force for five years. He was an E-5 staff sergeant when he got out. His job was a weapons control systems technician and he spent a year in Thailand during the Vietnam War. Now he loves hunting, fishing, and of course staying busy. Severson went on the Honor Flight recently, which he said was an amazing experience.



Chaperone Amanda Falk shows Oconto Falls Elementary School 4-year-old kindergarten students, from left, Walker Corpus, Cole Wagner, Logan Story and Vincent Hobyan how to pot flowering plants during a field trip to the Flower Shoppe in Gillett. The children were also able to plant individual planters of annuals such as petunias, pansies and vinca flowers. This hands-on learning experience left a lasting impression of the farm to table process. CONTRIBUTED

NCAC growing, reaching out more in Oconto County

On May 15, over 50 people met at the Lakewood Town Hall to share a meal and celebrate the formal introduction of Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition (NCAC).

NCAC is a group of local volunteers and health care providers in Wabeno, Townsend, Lakewood, Mountain, Suring and White Lake with the goal of helping those in need. The foundation for this group was laid over four years ago in 2020 when the

COVID-19 pandemic hit.

Into the void stepped a cadre of volunteers in northern Oconto County. Led by Lakewood Nurse Practitioner Peggy Christianson, their efforts reached multiple communities. They made over 8,000 cloth masks, some of which were shipped as far away as Saudi Arabia. They delivered meals, provided transportation, and furnished whatever they could to support those in need.

NCAC has expanded

its reach, drawn in more and more volunteers, and relied on the generosity of locals who contributed badly needed funding. They continue to provide meals, rides, and temporary financial assistance in emergencies. They built wheelchair ramps, installed handrails, and loaned medical equipment to facilitate safe mobility. Some mobilized an effort to adopt local restaurants, purchasing take-out meals and buying gift certificates that would provide critical

income during those dark days.

The NCAC is in the process of becoming a 501(c)(3) which is essential to securing grants to further its mission. The group has lofty goals with bigger projects in the planning and development stage.

Volunteer forms are currently available at Bellin and North Lakes clinics in Lakewood, by email at ncac4u@gmail.com, or by visiting Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition on Facebook.

Wisconsin milk production increases 1% from last year

Milk production in Wisconsin during March

totaled 2.76 billion pounds, up 1% from the previous

March according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Milk Production report.

The average number of milk cows during March, at 1.27 million head, was unchanged from last month but up 1,000 from March 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,175 pounds, up 20 pounds from last March.

Milk production in the 24 major states during March totaled 18.8 billion pounds, down 0.9% from March 2023.

February revised production, at 17.4 billion pounds, was up 2.9% from February 2023. The February revision represented an increase of 82 million pounds or 0.5% from last month's preliminary production estimate. Adjusting

February production for the additional day due to leap year causes February revised production to be down 0.7% on a per day basis.

Production per cow in the 24 major states averaged 2,115 pounds for March, three pounds below March 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major states was 8.88 million head, 71,000 head less than March 2023, and 7,000 head less than February 2024.

Milk production in the United States during the January-March quarter totaled 56.9 billion pounds, up 0.1% from the January-March quarter last year.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Literacy bags help students



English Language Learning teacher Lori Johns, right, works with Maddie Ward, Juniper Jensen, and Una Jaksic working on rhyming skills at Oconto Falls Elementary School. These students are showing that they are ready to read in kindergarten next fall. The 4-year-old kindergarten students at the school have had a busy year learning reading readiness skills thanks to Literacy Bags and other materials purchased with grant funding from the Bond Foundation and the Dollar General Literacy Program. Students were able to take home a new Literacy Bag each week throughout the school year that focused on reinforcing readiness skills taught in the classroom. Supplemental materials were also purchased to provide intervention and enrichment activities at school. CONTRIBUTED

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Nice day for a parade

Images from the 2024 Oconto Falls Memorial Day main event

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The color guard starts down North Main Street.



Shirley and Butch Vorpahl, grand marshals of the 2024 Oconto Falls Memorial Day parade, ride in style.



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The Oconto Falls High School marching band performs "This is My Country" as it heads south on North Main Street.

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Teaching lodge constructed at CMN

Facility available for college classes, community teaching opportunities

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The College of Menominee Nation is constructing a teaching lodge on its Keshena campus in hopes of reconnecting with the past and using its knowledge to help students move into the future.

During a presentation May 28, CMN President Chris Caldwell described the lodge as a resource to continue the teachings of the Menominee people.

"We need to have this teaching lodge for interns, students and the community," Caldwell said. "We all need to take responsibility for properly putting up this teaching lodge and advance the purpose of the college with this in mind."

The project was taken on through the college's Sustainable Development Institute at the request of faculty members and former SDI director Tom Kenote, according to Rebecca Edler, SDI's sustainability coordinator.

"We needed a place on campus that would be like a cultural space for our faculty and community members, artists, crafters — any individual that wants to do some sort of teaching for our students and the community," Edler said.

Menominee Tribal Enterprises provided to CMN the saplings used to form the framework for the lodge, according to Edler, which is being constructed with the supervision of community member Mary Webster. A number of community members and almost a dozen SDI interns are making the project a reality, Edler said.

"It's really nice because they can bond and they can meet each other over the construction of this teaching lodge," Edler said, noting the lodge will be 20 feet wide by 40 feet long. "It's being made by hand. There are no electric power tools."

The framework is almost complete, but the SDI is working to figure out what the covering will be made from, if it will be canvas or some other material, according to Edler. Covering it will allow the lodge to be used in any weather, even extreme heat or heavy rains, she said.

Edler noted that tribes like the Menominee "have different buildings for different purposes. This lodge would be for teaching. It would not be for ceremonial events. That would be constructed similar to it, but the purposes would be different."

In accordance with cultural teachings, the main door will face east toward the rising sun. Having an elder like Webster advising while the building is going up



Work from the first day on the new teaching lodge frames the interns and community members as they embark on the second day of construction May 30 at the College of Menominee Nation's Keshena campus.

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Interns Shawn Pamoncutt Jr., left, and Kael Weshonoquit eye the stakes as they prepare to set up some saplings for the frame of the teaching lodge May 30 at the College of Menominee Nation.

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also is prescribed in Menominee culture, Edler said.

Webster previously helped with con-

structing a similar teaching lodge years ago with Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center located between Keshena and Neopit. She noted that lodge was used by community members and elders to teach things like gardening.

"We're going to have sessions in here, groups," Webster said. "It's something that our relatives did in the past. It's a part of our culture, so our students are learning, as it's the first time they're constructing a teaching lodge."

Even with the work that's being done, the interns are having fun as they're getting to know each other, Webster said.

"The goal is to learn through experience. It's part of their culture," she said. "It's a whole different feeling when you're out in the elements versus in a building. If someone's going for a walk, they're connecting with nature and everything that's around us. They're learning about what our relatives did in the past."

Interns like Jeremiah Moses were eager to see the lodge completed, but taking part in the process is also fun.

"It's a really good thing bringing back our ancestors' traditions and the way that we're learning with each other," Moses said. "It's honoring our ancestors and honoring ourselves, as well."

This is the fourth summer Moses has interned for SDI, but it's the first time

he's started off an internship like this, he said.

"It really helps build a good sense of community between interns and students and other school workers," Moses said. "I would say there's definitely a learning curve. We had to redo one of the support poles, because this is the first time we're doing anything like this."

Caitlyn Katchenago, another intern, is also enjoying the work going into making something culturally significant for the Menominee.

"I've never done it before," Katchenago said. "It's really calm and peaceful. It's nice to be able to work with my community members, and I feel so connected to the earth and my ancestors. I mean, they had to do this without all the tools that we have, which is amazing."

The work has gone very well, according to Katchenago, and even when challenges and obstacles have come up, she and the rest of the team have found a way to get past it and move forward.

"I feel like all of us are really fast learners, so it's going very well," Katchenago said. "We've had a couple of places that weren't so well because there's rock underneath, but other than that, it's going very well."

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Machickanee Players announce new season

The Machickanee Players has scheduled their 41st season, and it includes two comedies and one drama to be presented at the Park Avenue Theatre, 408 Park Ave., Oconto.

The first, to be presented in October, is the comedy "Escanaba in da Moonlight." Written by Jeff Daniels, it is about hunting and its traditions in Upper Michigan. The Soady family, consisting of father Albert, sons Reuben and Remnar, and friend Jimmy Negamanee, go to their hunting camp, hoping that this is the year that Reuben, now 43, will finally get his first buck. The

show will be directed by Jackie Kapla. Auditions will be held in June or July.

February will see the drama/romance "84 Charing Cross Road." New York City bibliophile Helene Hanff writes to the London Bookshop Marks and Co. in search of some titles she has not been able to turn up locally. Store manager Frank Doel responds politely to her chatty letter, and over the course of two decades, a deep, long-distance friendship evolves. "84 Charing Cross" is based on a true story and will be directed by Cathey Nelson.

The final show of the season will be the comedy "Keep On Laughing." The sequel to the well-received "Exit Laughing," it picks up the story of the original characters, but now Connie's daughter is married to her stripper boyfriend, and they're expecting twins. Connie, Leona and Millie have been touring the world and having the time of their lives, returning to tell hysterical stories of their adventures.

This time, one of those adventures has gotten out of hand. Level-headed Connie has met a man in Paris, and he's proposed to her. Everyone should be happy, but Ra-

chel and Bobby are not, as Connie's new boyfriend is the same age as Bobby. The original cast and director will return.

Performances are held at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with the Sunday matinee starting at 2 p.m. Dates will be announced.

Friday and Saturday shows offer dinner, catered by the Wooden Spoon on Main. For this option, choose Add Ons when ordering tickets.

The Sunday matinee has the Add On option of a piece of pie.

Tickets are available at www.machickaneeplayers.com.



Corn planting is well underway in May in Shawano County, even as the sun sets.

KAY REMINGER

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Farming deeply rooted in Wisconsin life

From little on, because of my farming roots, I've always been mindful of what the sky is doing. Dad gave us kids the job of watching the weather report. Back in the day, we didn't have weather apps on our phone, much less have a mobile phone. We had a telephone attached to the wall with a rotary dial and couldn't even use it until one of our chatty neighbors got off.

Plunking ourselves in front of the TV, we'd tune into Channel 2 at 6:15 p.m. to catch the weather report in real time. One day it was my turn and I missed it. When Dad inquired, I hemmed and hawed and flat-out lied, "Partly cloudy!" figuring there would be a 50-50 chance it very well could be partly cloudy. Did he catch my red-faced lie and call me on it? Nope. Although I'm pretty sure he had a notion. Silent guilt speaks louder than words.

He'd figure when to cut hay depending on the weather. Three or four good sunny days in a row would be perfect for cutting, drying, side-raking and baling small-square baled hay that we'd have to hoist off the wagon onto an elevator and up into the barn. A lot of the hay harvested on our family farm though, was chopped dry hay, blown onto the barn mow floor in huge mounds. To feed cows, we'd fork it out through the hay chute down into the carts below.

One day, my older sister went up to throw hay down and thought she smelled something funny. Sticking her finger deep into the mound of hay she quickly withdrew it. It was so hot her finger burned. Running down to tell Dad set in motion fire trucks who flew out to our farm, lights flashing. Many, many neighbors came to help. Bringing their three-tined forks and rakes, they pitched hot hay out of the barn doors. The fire fighters doused the



Kay Reminger
Columnist

hay, drenching the glowing embers quickly before it festered into a full-blown blaze.

The neighbor ladies brought food and gathered in our kitchen, serving it up to the workers along with plenty of water. There was action all over the place.

My sister's quick thinking — by first of all, knowing something wasn't right and secondly, calling for help — saved our barn that day. I'll never forget the stench of wet, smoldering hay. I can't even imagine my dad's frame of mind; he must have been torn, grateful our barn was salvaged yet sick at heart with all that work for nothing.

The farm I grew up on was on a dead-end road. Whenever anyone came down our driveway it was specifically to see us. We'd have regulars — the milk man, the artificial inseminator (until my dad took classes, then he took over breeding), occasionally the vet would stop and a farm service truck would pull in when we needed repairs on milking equipment.

Us kids would be outside playing and run to the barn when the AI guy came, as with a mischievous grin, he'd sprinkle baby powder across our bare toes. Oh, the simple joys of a kid on the farm.

Marrying a farmer and continuing to watch the sky, I greatly appreciate June Dairy Month, which honors farmers and their inexhaustible efforts, putting in long, grueling hours to bring food to tables across the land. With high-powered tractors and massive machinery, farmers work way past sundown, especially during planting and harvest seasons.

Back in the day, large

equipment wasn't a necessity, because farmers owned and worked small family-owned dairies with land mostly surrounding their farms, so didn't require much road travel.

Most people don't mind the troublesomeness of sharing the road with these monstrosities. I've seen cars pull way over, letting the farmer take up more than his share of the road. Before planting always comes the season of spreading liquid manure. If you want to clean out your sinuses, inhale a good whiff of farm-fresh, country gold as its being spread.

A while back, a farmer friend of ours wanted to sell a parcel of his hunting land. The potential buyers were from the city and requested part of the field attached to the parcel he was considering not be spread with manure so that when he drove to his land and back home he wouldn't smell up his garage. Needless to say, the deal fell through.

Talking with our friend that day, he exclaimed, "I wonder how they think food gets on their table?" I gather the inconvenience of what it takes to grow crops is too much for some.

From childhood to adulthood, my farming roots run deep. Want to eat today? Thank a farmer and honor June Dairy Month.

("As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is My word that goes out from My mouth. It will not return to Me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:10-11)

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 Leopold. Writing for quite a few years, she remains focused on the blessings of living the ups and downs of rural life from a farm wife's perspective.

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Trilliums blooming hardcore in northeast Wisconsin

The trilliums are coming. Indeed, these traditional, heirloom wildflowers are beginning to bloom throughout Wisconsin, including large numbers right here in our area.

I enjoyed trilliums at a number of locations recently. Large-flowered trilliums are now in bloom at locations along the Wolf River and rich woodlands throughout Shawano, Oconto, Waupaca, Marinette, Outagamie, Menominee and Brown counties, as well as other locations.

Trilliums can be identified by their three-part leaf structure, as well as their classic, well-known, three-part bloom.

The most common variety of trillium now in bloom is the large-flowered trillium. Large-flowered trillium can be highly variable in size.



Some may only be a few inches tall, while others may reach almost a foot in height. Flowers also vary in size from just a couple of inches to nearly 5 inches across.

Large-flowered trilliums bloom in pure white. As they age and mature, their petals begin to blush in a beautiful shade of rosy pink, becoming almost purple before they fade away to brown and disappear.

Mature clumps of large-flowered trilliums may contain a dozen or more blooms. Left undisturbed, these clumps grow larger and larger.

Trilliums, like many



Trilliums are colonial by nature and, if left undisturbed, will form large masses of blooms. ROB ZIMMER

of our native spring and summer wildflowers, remain in constant danger

as development continues to destroy the woodlands and forests they call home.

Even a small woodlot may be home to thousands of trilliums if undisturbed.

In some locations, massive colonies of large-flowered trilliums can be seen — boasting hundreds, if not thousands of flowers.

Other varieties of trilliums found in Wisconsin include: the prairie trillium, which blooms in rusty red; the wake-robin or upright trillium that blooms in bright, cardinal red; the tiny snow trillium, with blooms barely larger than a quarter; and the nodding trillium that features blooms that are suspended beneath the three-part leaf umbrella in a nodding fashion.

Enjoy the awakening of the trilliums over the next few weeks as they continue to bloom until the canopy flushes out overhead.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- FRIDAY, JUNE 7
- SHAWANO:** School rummage sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 5-10 p.m., American Legion Post 74 Park, 709 Madison St. Vendors, music, food, family activities.

WITTENBERG: Wittenberg Community Days, 5-11 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Carnival rides, vendors 5-9 p.m., music by Night Shift 7-11 p.m.

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

ABRAMS: "Boeing Boeing," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Abrams Spotlight Productions comedy. Tickets \$17, \$15 adults and students, at 920-826-5852 or abramstheater.com
- SATURDAY, JUNE 8
- OCONTO:** Copperfest, 8 a.m.

- to 11 p.m., American Legion Post 74 Park, 709 Madison St. Parade 10 a.m., car show at Holy Trinity Parish 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with registration starting at 8 a.m., vendors, music, food, family activities.
- SHAWANO:** School rummage sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road.
- SHAWANO:** Book and rummage sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Presbyterian St.
- SHAWANO:** Daily Drift Competition Series, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAIR Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. Admission \$15.
- WITTENBERG:** Wittenberg Community Days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Vendors 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., carnival rides noon to 11 p.m., Krafts Kuddly Kritters 3-6 p.m., face painting 3-9 p.m., music by Road Trip 7-11 p.m., fireworks at dusk.
- SHAWANO:** Naberhood Block Party, 5:30-8 p.m., 214

- S. Main St. Music by Toco Beach Steelpan.
- SHAWANO:** Stock car racing, 6-10 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$12 17 and up, \$6 12-16, free 11 and younger with paid adult.
- ABRAMS:** "Boeing Boeing," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Abrams Spotlight Productions comedy. Tickets \$17, \$15 adults and students, at 920-826-5852 or abramstheater.com
- SUNDAY, JUNE 9
- LENA:** Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shallow Acres, 4816 Molitor Road. Breakfast served until noon. \$9 advance, \$10 at the door.

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. \$2 admission.

WITTENBERG: Wittenberg Community Days, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Community Days

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- MONDAY, JUNE 10
- 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, JUNE 11
- SHAWANO:** Community Chat with Superintendent Kurt Krizan, 8-9 a.m., Shawano Cafe, W7389 River Bend Road.

SHAWANO: Shawano Area Waterways Golf Outing, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Golden Sands Golf Course, 300 Nabor Road. Registration 10 a.m., opening ceremony 11 a.m., scramble event 11:30 a.m., dinner 6 p.m.

SHAWANO: Naborhood Block Party, 5:30-7 p.m., 214 S. Main St. Rondini's Magic Show.

KESHENA: Recovery talking

- circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnome-newak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.
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- GRESHAM:** Community Bike Ride with Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail, 5:30 p.m., meet at Long Branch Saloon, W11218 Grunewald St., for ride from Lyndhurst to Bowler.

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- SATURDAY, JUNE 15
- SHAWANO:** School rummage sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road.

SHAWANO: Rhubarb Fest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Heritage Park, 524 N. Franklin St. Hosted by Shawano County Historical Society. Live music, crafts, children's games, pie contest, plant sale.

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GUEST COLUMN

The determination of the American citizen

America is a melting pot of different cultures and individuals. Being a citizen of America can be seen as one of the most desirable things to many people in this world, and there is a good reason for that. Our country is renowned for the freedoms and incredible forms of expression that many other countries do not offer. To me, being an American citizen means being able to have the opportunity to accomplish anything you dream and working hard to better the place we call home.

In America, many think of the core values being freedom, wealth and independence. Although these are the most common ideas of American values, everyone has their own opinion on what America means to them. For the family business owner, it might be wealth and independence, but for the first generation immigrant, it might be equality, freedom and opportunity.

In my life, I see the American values of freedom and opportunity the most. As a young female American citizen, I can see that the opportunities I have in this country are some that I might never experience in other places. I have the ability to go to school, own a home, participate in sports, and even further my education with a bachelor's, doctorate or masters' degree. I benefit every day from my schooling, and it will guarantee me a future that many others are not fortunate enough to have.

In America, people are able to work hard and achieve success. Although success is defined in different ways, everyone is given a chance at theirs. Time and time again, we can see that American values shape the way we achieve our ambitions and define what it means to be an American citizen for each and every individual.

Americans are always striving for a better country. Whether it is the various presidents who have introduced new policies to make our country safer, or the different groups that work to preserve the land, Americans always work to better themselves and their country. So much effort is put into simple tasks like cleaning our highways or passing school referendums. These things have a common theme; progression and teamwork.

During both World Wars, Americans rallied



Makenna Bubolz
Guest columnist

together to conserve materials for the war at their own expense. Even though no one liked rationing food or having to grow their own gardens, they came together to support their country.

Another example of the way American people came together in support was during the Space Race era. Every person in America comes from vastly different backgrounds, but the one thing that was guaranteed to unite everyone was the joint goal of putting a man on the moon. The support of the entire country plus an estimated 400,000 individuals worked to help the moon landing become possible. In the end, an American man took his first steps on the moon.

America had accomplished a goal that everyone else in the world was working toward. We knew that we wanted to be the first country to land on the moon, and by working together, we were able to advance. Progression drives American ideals and fosters the hope of tomorrow. We live in a country where change is possible, and American citizens are the ones who work to make it a reality.

Millions of people around the world would sacrifice so many things to be a citizen of the United States of America. In the words of Gerald Ford, "We are bound together by the most powerful of all ties, our fervent love for freedom and independence."

Our country is not perfect, but we as American citizens see the hard work of many past generations, the determination of the present and the optimism of the future. We are able to see the things we want to be done and work diligently to achieve them. In turn, this fuels our country and is what makes it so desirable.

Ultimately, I believe that no American citizen is identical, but we all share the common prospect of seizing our opportunities and bettering the country we love.

Makenna Bubolz is finishing off her junior year at Shawano Community High School. This essay received an honorable mention and \$500 cash award from the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation 2024 Student Writing Challenge.



GUEST COLUMN

Supporting kids' mental health within our grasp

When people ask me what a major barrier is facing individual Wisconsin students today, I don't have to think hard to come up with an answer — support for their mental health.

On a visit last year to a school in southwest Wisconsin, several students told me their school is doing the best it can to support their mental health needs, but there just was not enough staff to go around. As a result, students who needed help couldn't get immediate access to support unless it was an emergency. Students also spoke about their friends and their own need for supportive mental health services. There wasn't a student in the room who wasn't paying rapt attention to their friends' stories, many nodding along.

It's common sense that if we support kids' health, including their mental health, they will be in a better position to succeed academically. I also want to say this bluntly — schools should only rarely have mental health emergencies to respond to. We can and must prevent these emergencies by investing in positive mental health.

At the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and in school districts all around the state, educators know how much a student's positive mental health can set them up to thrive academically,



Jill Underly
Guest columnist

socially, and societally. We see the impact every day.

Strong students make for a strong Wisconsin.

Students who feel accepted, have strong, positive relationships with classmates and teachers, and those who have the support of their families and communities, can thrive. It's our collective responsibility to make sure that, when something is wrong, we have systems in place to help our students emerge stronger than ever. Otherwise, we all pay the price.

Lately, I'm sure you've heard Wisconsin students are struggling with their mental health, and the numbers have been mounting for years. The pandemic has exacerbated existing challenges, and we see the downstream effects on things like attendance rates. School is much different in 2024 than it was decades ago, and so are the needs of our kids.

It doesn't have to be like this. We have the know-how and the resourcefulness to address students' mental health needs and improve youth mental health outcomes in Wisconsin.

Many Wisconsin com-

munities are already investing in innovative strategies to promote student and staff wellbeing, and the DPI is doing what it can to support students' mental health. In collaboration with other experts, the department developed the Wisconsin School Mental Health Framework, which is helping guide schools in developing comprehensive school mental health systems.

It's simple — our students and our schools need more from us.

Kids are experiencing record highs of anxiety and depression. The data shows it. The kids themselves have told us that they need help, and they need more school resources. Schools are doing what they can with the financial constraints they have. This past biennial budget provided an estimated \$31 per student allocation to school districts and independent charter schools. No, that is not a typo.

This is not a "want." Our schools need investment in comprehensive mental health systems. They need it so learners can thrive both academically and personally, in school and when at home or out in the community.

You can't fix problems by ignoring them, doing nothing or trying to wish them away. Our students know this. Our educators know this. At heart,

Wisconsiners, inspired by the values of fairness and progress, know we can do better.

Every person in every school community must be equipped with the knowledge and resources to support students' positive mental health. That means not just school professionals, but parents, community members, family and friends, and even students themselves.

We all have a pivotal role in understanding the importance of positive mental health, and knowing what we can do to support kids. We need to move from crisis mode to prevention mode, creating the positive change our learners and our state deserve.

The upcoming biennial budget process presents a crucial opportunity for our state to get it right. I will continue advocating for more state support to address the urgent needs of our kids, and I encourage you to join me.

Wisconsin's most important resource is the potential of its children. When we support healthy child development and promote positive mental health, we invest in their ability to contribute fully to our communities.

Jill Underly is Wisconsin's superintendent of public instruction. She took office in 2021 and has more than 25 years of experience as a local superintendent principal, and teacher.

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Lena's Seefeldt wins gold at state meet

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy senior Anthony Seefeldt was crowned the Division 3 state champion in the shot put at the WIAA Track and Field State Championships at UW-La Crosse on May 31 and June 1.

He earned the title with a throw of 51 feet, 9.25 inches.

Junior Eva Brooks placed second in the high jump, notching a height of

5 feet 5 inches.

Zander Thomson competed but didn't record a height in the high jump.

Shawano

Season bests and personal records were the order of the day for the Shawano track and field members at state.

In the 400-meter dash, Adalyn Barkley finished 10th with a personal record of 58.84 that tied the school record set in 1989.

Lily Guenther ran the 3,200 meters and finished 16th with a season-best time of

11:32.42. Grace Chelberg ran the 800 and placed 17th with a season-best time of 2:21.07.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Barkley, Chelberg, Guenther and Bailey Hendricks finished in 16th place, while Barkley, Chelberg, Tesa Hopfensperger and Maci Beyer placed 17th in the 4x400. Barkley placed 22nd in the triple jump, and Beyer competed but didn't record a height in the high jump.

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Bonduel's Mariah Wondra, sophomore, ran in two races. She completed the 1600 in 5:19.35 and the 3200 in 11:29.53. Both of these times took 11th place and shattered Bonduel's school records, held be her.

BELLA ROBERTS



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BELLA ROBERTS



Shawano tennis duo competes at state

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano's No. 1 doubles team of George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon headed to the Nielsen Tennis Center on the UW-Madison campus May 30-31 to compete in the WIAA State Tennis Tournament. The Hawks were looking to improve on last year's results.

Buerman and Sheldon had a first-round matchup with Quinton Maddox and Mouneth Venigalla of Sun Prairie United. The Hawks notched an impressive win of 6-2, 6-2 against a challenging Sun Prairie team.

This punched their ticket to May 31 and the second round, in which the Hawks had to face the No. 2 seeded Plymouth doubles

team of Owen Plate and Jaren Baltus, who were 29-0.

Shawano came out hot and took the first game only allowing on score by a talented Plymouth team. The Hawks won one more game in the first set before getting overpowered by a very talented doubles team.

In the second set, the

Hawks battled to 3-2 and had a chance to pull even. The strong serving and power of the Plymouth team were too much, and the senior season came to an end for Buerman and Sheldon.

The Hawks had one of the best performances of the tournament against Plymouth, coach Matt Zoll said.

Shawano's doubles team of George Buerman, left, and Tristan Sheldon won their opening round match of the WIAA state tennis meet at Nielsen Stadium on the UW-Madison campus. Their season ended with a loss in the second round May 31.

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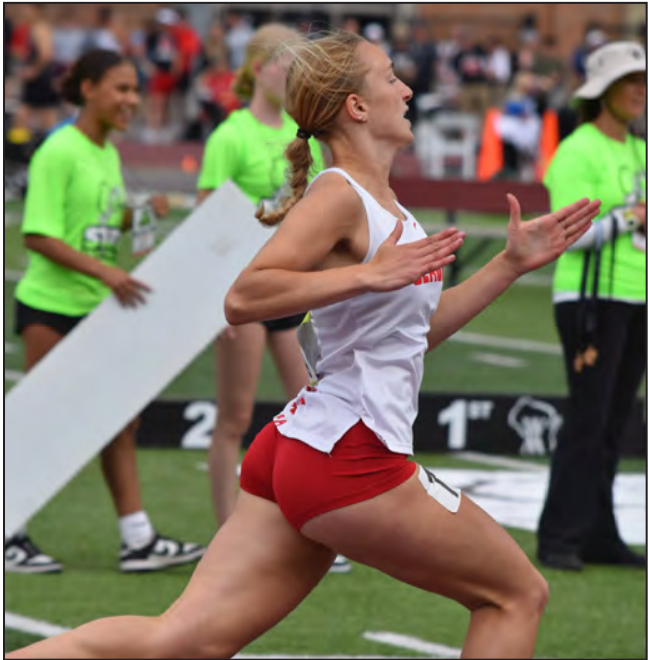
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Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff competes in the 800-meter run, above, and Pulaski's Olivia Sprangers runs in the 200-meter dash at the state meet.

BELLA ROBERTS



Bonduel golfers win sectional Lena golfers place second, join Bears at state

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

May 28 Division 3 Wabeno/ Laona Sectional

Bonduel's golfers won the sectional championship and Lena placed second as both teams advanced to the state tournament following their top play at McCauslin Brook Golf Course in Lakewood.

The Bears scored 313, and the Wildcats scored 317. Gillett scored a 409 and finished in 12th place out of 12 teams.

For Bonduel, Colin Margelofsky and Jake Dreyer each scored 77. Colin Fischer had a 79, and Jaxon Bogacz was at 80. Reed Luepke scored 90.

Lena's Braden McVane, a senior, was the medalist with a 75. He was joined by Mason Spice with 77, Drake Dionne with 81 and Mason Belongia with 84. Evan VanderZanden

scored 85.

Gillett's four scores came from Thomas Carmody at 95, Aydin Franti at 99, Mats Harden at 102 and Tyler Frank at 113. Katelyn Sturm hit 131.

The state meet will be held June 3-4 at Blackwolf Run - Meadows Course in Kohler.

Division 1 Notre Dame (Green Bay) Sectional

Pulaski's season ended after golfers placed fifth out of eight teams with a 327 at Thornberry Creek at Oneida Golf Course in Hobart.

Dixon Holewinski scored a 77 and tied with Appleton West's Collin Evers and Bay Port's Karsen Kruse. Holewinski lost to Evers on the first playoff hole in the tie-breaker, as Evers advanced to the state meet.

Joining Holewinski were Colin Schultz with an 81, Brady Hayward with

an 83 and Zachary Valeria with an 86. Connor Burant scored 88.

Shawano junior Blake Knope scored a 94 to end his season.

Division 2 Luxemburg-Casco Sectional

Oconto Falls golfers placed ninth out of 12 teams to end their season at Northbrook Golf and Grill in Luxembourg.

The Panthers scored 368.

Kadyn Riel led Oconto Falls with a 79 in a six-way tie for 12th place. Joining him for the overall team score were Carson McDermid with a 93, Isaiah Hirst with 97 and Austin Anderson at 99. Jackson McDonald scored an even 100.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood senior Joey Seegmiller scored an 84 and finished in a four-way tie for 26th.

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Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy junior Eva Brooks placed second in the high jump, notching a height of 5 feet 5 inches.

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For the boys, Will Chelberg ran the 3,200 and finished 23rd with a time of 10:07.86.

"After a long season, it was exciting to have this many athletes qualify for the state meet at the D1 level," coach Joe Guenther said. "It was great to see Lily in the 3,200 and Grace in the 800 finish out their high school careers with strong finishes. Our relays ran times that were not quite as fast as they ran at sectionals in order to reach the state meet but still were the second-fastest times ever run by teams from Shawano Community High School."

Bonduel
Senior Ashlyn Kurey jumped 33-11.25 to secure 13th place in the triple jump. Sophomore Ryan Westrich threw 49-0.75 in the shot put to earn a spot

on the podium with a fifth-place finish. This was his second year competing in the shot put at state.

Mariah Wondra, a sophomore, ran in two races. She completed the 1,600 in 5:19.35 and the 3,200 in 11:29.53. Both of these times took 11th place and shattered Bonduel's school records, held by her.

Pulaski
In the 200, Olivia Sprangers placed 10th in 25.94. She was 16th in the 100.

Emerson Fabry placed 18th with a time of 2:21.25 in the 800.

In the 4x200, Addison Krueger, Lily Urben, Faye Brunke and Sprangers

placed seventh in 1:44. In the 4x400, Ella Hasser, Rachael Allen, Fabry and Urben were 19th in 4:07.

Hallie Morz was 14th in the pole vault.

Urben was 16th in the 200 hurdles.

For the boys, Madden Skenadore placed 10th in the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.36.

Dylan Dorn did not record a height in the high jump.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood

Faith Resch represented the Chargers in three events.

She captured third place in the triple jump at 35-07.25 and fourth in the 300 hurdles in 45.07.

Resch was 16th in the long jump at 15-02.

Gillett
Sophomore Bradyn Wendorff placed 14th in the 800 in 2:02.52.

Suring
Competing in the pole vault, Trent VanDenElzen placed 13th at 11-06.

Oconto Falls
Rylie Shallow placed 15th in the 100 with a time of 13.12.

The 4x100 team of Anna Spaulding, Abby Budz, Gracie Miller and Shallow were 13th in 50.95.

The 4x200 team of Ashlyn Vanderboss, Budz, Hailyn St. Louis and Shallow were 14th in 1:48.8.

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Bears top Chargers, move on to sectionals

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

May 30
Bay Port 4, Pulaski 1
Bay Port defeated Pulaski 4-1 to claim the WIAA regional crown. Pulaski was seeded No. 6, and Bay Port was the No. 3 seed.

The Red Raiders, who were 11-7 and finished in fifth place in the Fox River Valley Conference, ended the season with a 14-12 overall record.

May 29
Bonduel 1, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 0
For the second day in a row, Bonduel waited until its last at bat to score the only run of the game.

This time, Easton Reinke led off the bottom of the seventh inning with a double. Then, after an intentional walk to Brodie Hartmann, Karson Stoss stepped up to the plate to get the game-winning hit. Stoss smacked a single to right center and scored Reinke from second with the only run of the game, a 1-0 regional title win over Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

Cade Johnson and Chris Sippl both threw outstanding games and matched zeroes unto the seventh.

Johnson pitched all seven innings, giving up three hits. He walked two and struck out 10.

Sippl pitched 6 1/3 innings, giving up one run and three hits. He walked two and struck out six.

Johnson struck out the side in the top of seventh to set up the Bonduel rally in the bottom half of the inning.

Reinke and Hartmann had doubles for the Bears, and Stoss had the game-winning single.

Nate Waupekenay had two hits for the Chargers, and Ian Salvesen had a single.

The Bears advance to sectional play June 4 with a 21-3 record.

Three Lakes/Phelps 7, Lena 3

Lena was defeated 7-3 by Three Lakes/Phelps in the WIAA regional final.

The Wildcats were in fifth place with a 5-7 mark

in the Marinette & Oconto Conference and were 9-9 overall.

May 28
Bonduel 1, Oconto 0
Brodie Hartmann tripled to lead off the bottom of the sixth inning and scored on a sacrifice fly by Karson Stoss, and that was all Bonduel needed to pull out a win in their WIAA regional opening game.

Noah Weier and Devon Bostwick matched scoreless innings through three innings, and then Bostwick left with an injury. Riley Susa joined in the fun and held the Bears scoreless until the sixth when Bonduel got on the board.

Weier threw a great game and gave way to Cade Johnson to finish the seventh inning for a save.

Kyle Bowman and Joey Bailey had Oconto's two hits.

Bonduel had five hits and three were for extra bases. Colin Margelofsky and Beckett Hartlaben doubled and Brodie Hartmann tripled for the Bears.

Bonduel (20-3) advances to play Wittenberg-Birnamwood on May 29.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 5, Coleman 0

The Chargers shut out Coleman 5-0 to advance in regional action.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood started with a 2-0 lead after the first inning, then scored one in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Owen Dickman and Zandyr Barke each hit 2-for-3. Dickman and Ian Salvesen each had a double in the game.

Nathan Waupekenay had two RBIs, and Connor Mevenden had one.

Waupekenay was the winning pitcher, giving up only two hits in seven innings while walking two and striking out six.

Lena 10, Wausaukee 8

Lena scored four runs in the top of the seventh, and then held on as Wausaukee scored one in the bottom of the inning, to win 10-8 and advance in WIAA regional play.

It was a back-and-forth game from the beginning.

Lena led 1-0 after the first half inning, but



Bonduel's Beckett Hartlaben waits for the pitch before taking off for second base as Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Owen Dickman is anxious for the ball. The Bears won the regional title with a 1-0 victory, with the run coming at the last at bat.

TINA BACON



Chris Sippl, a junior at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, lets loose another pitch against Bonduel in the regional title game May 29. Sippl pitched 6 1/3 innings, giving up one run and three hits. He walked two and struck out six.

TINA BACON

Wausaukee took the lead 2-1 in their half of the in-

ning. Lena bounced back with two runs in the sec-

ond inning to lead 3-2, but then Wausaukee scored three in their half of the inning and led 5-3.

Neither team scored in the third, but Lena added a pair of runs in the fourth to tie the game at 5-5.

Wausaukee's two runs in the fifth put them on top 7-5, while Lena's run in the sixth made it 7-6.

That's when Lena opened up for four runs in the seventh inning to lead 10-7. Lena's final run in the bottom of the inning ended the scoring at 10-8.

Lena will travel to Three Lakes/Phelps on May 29 for a sectional matchup.

Pulaski 2, Green Bay Southwest 1

Pulaski improved to 14-11 overall with a 2-1 victory over Green Bay Southwest in regional action.

The Red Raiders will play at Bay Port on May 30 for the regional title.

Notre Dame 11, Shawano 5

Shawano's baseball season ended with an 11-5 loss to Notre Dame in regional action.

The Hawks finished the season at 9-7 in the Bay Conference (fourth place) and 13-8 overall.

Pacelli 8, Marion 4
Marion was doubled up on by Pacelli, losing 8-4 in regional play.

The Mustangs ended with an 8-9 overall record and placed second in the Central Wisconsin North Conference with a 6-2 mark.

Gibraltar 1, Tigerton 0

Tigerton was shut out 1-0 by Gibraltar in regional play to end the season at 7-11.

The Tigers placed third in the Central Wisconsin North Conference with a 5-4 mark.

Scoreboard

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Sophia Lemieux dives for the ball in the Chargers 7-6 loss to Peshtigo on May 28 as the two teams battled it out in the first round of WIAA sectionals. The Chargers ended their season with a 16-11 overall record

TINA BACON

Chargers' softball season ends in sectional round

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's softball team came to a disappointing end May 28 with a 7-6 loss to

Peshtigo in the first round of WIAA sectional action. The Chargers end their season at 9-5 in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Conference and 16-11

overall. Rory Salvesen led the team in hitting this season, batting .466. Alexis Traut hit .429. Salvesen and Brieleigh

Ladika each had 22 RBIs. Ella Eichman recorded 12 wins on the mound, and Kendall Lex had four.



Jayda Moenke pulls down a fly ball for Wittenberg-Birnamwood in the team's 7-6 loss to Peshtigo in WIAA sectional action May 28.

TINA BACON



Rory Salvesen yells words of encouragement to her teammates in Wittenberg-Birnamwood's sectional matchup against Peshtigo. Salvesen led the team in hitting this season, batting .466.

TINA BACON

Pulaski wins regional soccer title

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Veronica Decker scored three goals as Pulaski shut out Watertown 5-0 to win the WIAA regional title June 1.

Sarah Johnson and Ellie Mangold each scored a goal for the Red Raiders, who now post a 14-4 overall record. All five goals came in the second half.

Sydney Hakes was the goalkeeper, and she made seven saves for Pulaski.

Pulaski is scheduled to play at Nicolet on June 6.

May 30

Rhineland 3, Shawano 1

The Hawks traveled to Rhineland full of confidence and ready to battle but came up short in a 3-1 loss in the regional game.

Rhineland had an own goal off a shot from Maddie Moesch, and the Hawks led 1-0 until the last minute of the first half. The Hodags tied the game at 1-1 going into halftime.

Rhineland put in two more goals in the second half to finish the game. Senior goalkeeper Brynlie

Boyles had 16 saves for Shawano.

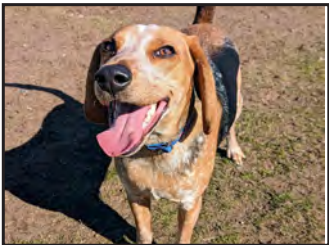
Coach Emily Stepanek notably thanked seniors Caitlyn Moede and Boyles, and foreign exchange student Laia Jimenez.

Shawano ended its season with a 6-15 mark.

May 28
Pulaski 3, Hortonville 0

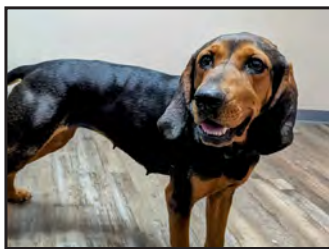
In the first round of regional action, Pulaski defeated Hortonville 3-0.

The Red Raiders scored twice in the first half and once more in the second half.



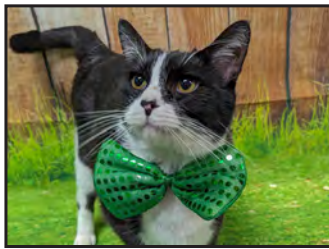
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BOTH SIDES NOW: With equal time for each

by Steve Faiella

ACROSS

1 Nuclear energy source

5 Catches some rays

10 Pop group from Stockholm

14 Many stroller users

19 Japanese noodles

20 Loosen, as laces

21 Chunk of concrete

22 Expunge

23 Lutheran, for one

25 Tinkers (with)

26 Started the day

27 Girder metal

28 Yolk holder

29 River through Florence

30 Needing a break

31 "How silly of me!"

33 Worker efficiency measure

36 Acorn bearer

39 Blueprint, for instance

43 Busy as __

44 Undertaken for gain

47 Lead performer

48 Omelet option

51 Citrus hybrid

52 USSR's CIA

53 Evenings, on marquees

55 Prepare for takeoff

56 Shrewd swindler

59 "Consider it done"

61 Tweak, as text

62 Flooding protection

66 70-Down measuring device

68 Radio noise

71 In the manner of

72 Go astray

73 At your residence

74 Handyperson for hire

76 Lose altitude

78 *Bus Stop* playwright

79 Prestigious prizes

81 Basic nature

85 Keep in a folder

86 Celist's accessory

87 Latin eggs

89 Pepper grinder

90 Skating surface

91 Playstation maker

93 Like a "tell all" biography

97 Close attention

98 Roof timbers

99 Hurricane center

100 Electrical-channeling power

106 Hispanic cheer

108 Add decorations to

109 Wine category

110 Tint

113 Borden bovine

117 Give access to

118 Author Austen

119 Game show participant

121 Strong suit

122 Color of the ocean

123 Share views

124 Grumpy Hanks role of '23

125 Scornful look

126 Fail to notice

127 Bit of a blossom

128 Gas for store signs

DOWN

1 Egyptian cobras

2 Wrongful act, in law

3 Woodwind instrument

4 Beat at chess

5 Urban transportation

6 Starting poker stake

7 Father of a fawn

8 Large bed size

9 Complete collection

10 Prefix for physics

11 Guy with golden hair

12 Louisiana wetland

13 Tummy muscles

14 More substantial

15 Show up

16 New Zealand native

17 Strong point

18 Dilapidated

24 Avoid artfully

29 High fashion suit brand

32 __ Majesty Charles III

33 Bad review

34 Watch a friend's feline

35 Open-slot abbr.

36 Musical work

37 Sound like "Grrr!"

38 Tropical nut tree

40 Queried

41 Band's booking

42 Burglarize

45 Where a golf round starts

46 Walked unsteadily

47 Spanish gentlemen

48 Couldn't help it

49 Self-evident truth

50 Anglican bishop's hat

54 Former Yankee manager Joe

55 Video game prototype, e.g.

57 Twosome

58 Ancient Peruvian

60 Has a nibble of

63 Dugout equipment kid

64 Spiny succulents

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67 Raggedy dolls

68 Futuristic stories

69 Bar mixer

70 Polygon corner

75 Trumpet cousin

77 Discontinue

80 Sounds of contempt

82 Prime time hour

83 Potter's medium

84 She, in Paris

87 Not quite right

88 Former soldier

91 Walk slowly

92 Tolkien brute

94 Thumbs-down vote

95 "Sold Out" sign

96 Oahu and Maui

97 Stat on S&L windows

100 __ liver (iron-rich dish)

101 " __ a Grecian Urn"

102 University of __ Dame

103 Baghdadi, for one

104 Williams of tennis

105 Creative thoughts

107 Sir __ John

110 Optimistic emotion

111 Military group

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114 Fill to excess

115 Very keen on

116 School that Shelley went to

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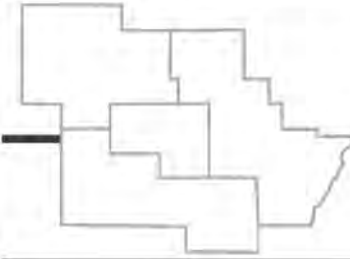
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NOTICE OF STORAGE UNITS AUCTION

Gresham Self Storage located at W10129 Cherry Rd / W10711 Upper Lake Dr, Gresham, WI 54128 is holding a public auction for the contents of Kerr M. Wilber, Carla Bessert and Ashley Kallin storage unit to satisfy the owner's lien at public auction to the highest bidder. The auction will be located at www.StorageTreasures.com. Bidding ends on 6/22/24 at 12:00pm CST. Contents of the units are general household and personal items. Tenants may satisfy their indebtedness any time prior to the auction.

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

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Moving Sale June 20 & 21 76 years of collecting! 9AM-5PM 421 Fourth ST Oconto, WI 920 834 2521 Many Items Microwave with Storage, Stove, Chairs, Lamps, Dishes, China, Two 8 place settings, Antique Dresser ... Too Much to List!

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Phone: 715-526-2121
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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of May 31

• Bond was set at \$7,500 cash for John J. McDonald, 43, Oconto, after he was charged with child abuse intentionally causing harm, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 20. Judge Jay Conley adjourned his initial appearance until June 13.

Proceedings of May 30

• Bond was set at \$30,000 cash for Christopher W. Woodliff, 39, Oconto, after he was charged with possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, possession with intent to deliver fentanyl, maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of methamphetamine, possession of

narcotic drugs, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), possession of amphetamine/LSD/psilocin (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked, resisting or obstructing an officer, and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 25. Judge Jay Conley adjourned his initial appearance until June 13.

• Bond was set at \$15,000 cash for Emilio G. Garcia, 34, Oconto, after he was charged with possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, possession with intent to deliver fentanyl, maintaining

a drug trafficking place, possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, misdemeanor possession of THC, possession of amphetamine/LSD/psilocin, possession of drug paraphernalia, May 25. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until June 13.

• Bond was set at \$15,000 cash for Richard Frank Rau, 65, Lakewood, after he was charged with two counts of battery or threat to a law officer, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct, two counts of bail jumping, and criminal damage to property, in connection

with an incident that allegedly occurred May 25. Court Commissioner Peggy Miller adjourned his initial appearance until June 13.

Proceedings of May 29

• A \$2,500 signature bond was set for Nathan Edward Mocco, 39, Coleman, after he was charged with strangulation and suffocation, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 27.

Proceedings of May 28

• Andrew R. Krueger, 37, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to manufacture with intent to deliver methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that allegedly

occurred Aug. 6, 2023. Conley scheduled sentencing for July 17 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

• An Oct. 15-16 jury trial was scheduled for Frank M. Calvert, 61, Oconto, on two counts of recklessly endangering safety, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 23. Judge Jeffrey Wisnicky scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Sept. 20, with any motions to be reviewed or heard by the court to be filed by June 20.

• Rebecca A. Krueger, 41, Oconto Falls, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to theft

of movable property-special facts, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 14. Conley scheduled a pre-trial conference for July 18.

Proceedings of May 24

• Cody A. Pratt, 30, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to child abuse intentionally causing harm and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 30, 2023. Conley scheduled sentencing for July 22 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of May 23

• Bond was set at \$15,000 cash for Brad M. Breuninger, 49, Pound, after he was charged with second-degree sexual assault with the use of force and second-degree sexual assault of an intoxicated victim, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 2. Conley scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 4.

Proceedings of May 21

• Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Mark A. Gerow, 61, Kaukauna, after he was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, two counts of felony bail jumping, a misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 18. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until June 13.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
OCONTO FALLS, WI
COLUMBIA STREET LIFT STATION

General Notice
CITY OF OCONTO FALLS is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
COLUMBIA STREET LIFT STATION
PROJECT #16374007

The City of Oconto Falls will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (QuestvBid) for the construction of Columbia Street Lift Station until 2 PM on June 19, 2024. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud during a virtual public bid opening that will be held at the day and time of the bid closing. All plan holders will receive information via Quest on how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid opening.

The Project includes the following Work:

New pre-fabricated lift station, raw wastewater pumps, electrical, instrumentation, controls, SCADA telemetry, process piping and valves, connections to existing sanitary sewer and new force main, new sanitary manhole demolition of existing lift stations and abandonment of gravity sewer, and portable generator.

The anticipated substantial completion date is August 29, 2025 and final completion date is December 8, 2025.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:
www.questcdn.com

Bidding Documents are available for download from QuestCDN at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$45 by inputting Quest eBidDoc #9147716 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or contact by email at info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with QuestCDN as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. QuestCDN requires the bidding documents to be downloaded from the site in order to submit a bid in the Vbid system. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through QuestCDN. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than QuestCDN.

Instructions to Bidders.

No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the Owner as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the award of the contract. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder as soon as the contract is signed, and if after 15 days the bidder shall fail to do so, the certified check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the Owner as liquidated damages.

No bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The minimum wages to be paid on the project shall be in accordance with the wage rate scale established by Federal Davis Bacon Wage Rates. Federal wage rates can be found at <https://sam.gov/content/wage-determinations>. Be aware that project Administrators, Bidders, and Contractors are required to use the latest federal wage rate available at the time of bid opening.

This project anticipates the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding. Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

This project anticipates use of Wisconsin DNR Clean Water Fund Program funding. We encourage Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), including Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs), and Small Businesses in Rural Areas (SBRAs) to submit bid proposals. A municipality, in awarding prime contracts, and primary contractor, in awarding subcontracts, are required to make a good faith effort to achieve a combined minimum goal of 15% participation for MBE/WBE utilization in accordance with s.NR 162.09(3), s.NR 166.12(4), and s.NR 167.18(4) Wis. Admin. Code. If a subcontractor awards subcontracts, these requirements shall apply to the subcontractor.

This project anticipates use of funds related to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The Contractor shall conform to the statutory requirements known as "Build America, Buy America" which applies to all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project. Bid Proposals may be denied if the requirements of this section are not met and waivers are required.

Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

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COURT
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OCONTO COUNTY
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR
ABS
LOAN TRUST VI
Plaintiff,
vs.
LINDA D. ROSE,
Case Code No. 30404
Foreclosure of Mortgage

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of
a judgment of foreclosure entered on
December 5, 2023, in the amount of
\$20,764.74, the Sheriff of Oconto County
will sell the described premises at public
auction as follows:
DATE/TIME: June 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM
TERMS: By bidding at the Sheriff's Sale,
the prospective buyer is consenting to be
bound
by the following terms: 1) 10% down in
cash, cashier's check, or bank-certified
funds made payable to the Oconto
County Clerk of Court; 2) Sold "as is" and
subject to all legal liens and
encumbrances; 3) Buyer to pay
applicable Wisconsin
Real Estate Transfer Tax, costs of deed
recording and all costs of sale within 10
days of confirmation of sheriff's sale.
Failure to pay balance due will result in
forfeiture of bid deposit to Plaintiff; and 4)
Bidders not a party to this action are
subject to the requirements of Wisconsin
Statute Section 846.155.
PLACE: Oconto County Courthouse,
Building A, Lobby of the Treasurer's
Office, 301
Washington Street, in the City of Oconto
and Oconto County
PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
Lot One (1), Volume 12 Certified Survey
Maps, Page 23, Map No. 1934, Doc. No.
408128, said map being located on parts
of the Southwest Quarter of the
Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4 of SW 1/4),
Section Twenty-six (26) and the
Northwest Quarter of the Northwest
Quarter (NW 1/4 of NW 1/4)
a/k/a Government Lot One (1), Section
Thirty-2 1/2 12five (35), all in Township
Twenty-eight (28) North, Range Twenty
(20) East, in the Town of Stiles, Oconto
County, Wisconsin.
TAX KEY NO.: 0402626018334
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5578 Stiles
Road, Lena, WI 54139
Sara Schmeling
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Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
16535 W. Bluemound Rd., Suite 333
Brookfield, WI 53005
Telephone: (414) 831-9729
Facsimile: (920) 221-7719
MLGWisconsin-ALL@mlg-defaultlaw.com
Dated this ____ day of _____,
2024.

Oconto County Sheriff's Department

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06/07/24
Town of Stiles
Snow Plow Operator
The Town of Stiles is seeking a Snow
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season and beyond. Applicants must
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part-time/seasonal hours to clear town
roads, parking lots and turn-arounds/cul
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manner. Pay range is \$18-22/hr.
Interested applicants may contact
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or chairman@townofstiles.org
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06/07/24
Town of Stiles
Announce of Closed Bid for
Equipment Sale
The Town of Stiles is selling old
equipment via a closed bid process. Bids
will be opened and awarded at the town
meeting on June 12th, 2024 at 6 pm. The
Town of Stiles is selling it's
Case International 695 Diesel tractor with
6 foot hydraulic mower deck, tractor and
mower sold as is. Bids can be sent to
Terrah Patton, Town Clerk at 5718
Watercrest Rd Lena, WI 54139,
or brought to the town meeting at 6pm on
June 12th at the town hall. All bids will be
opened at the meeting, highest bid will be
awarded. Minimum bid required \$300.
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06/07/24
PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF SPRUCE
The following individuals have made application for alcoholic beverage licenses for July
1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 from the Town of Spruce which will be acted upon on
Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at the regular monthly meeting.
Class "B" Beer & Class "B" Liquor:
-Jeanette Cifaldi; The Little Bar at Kelly Lake, LLC, 9388 County Rd G, Suring, WI
-Gregory F. Ebben; Blue Spruce Tavern and Hall, 8096 County A West, Lena, WI 54139
-Roman T. Wiegele; Holiday Inn Resurant, 9660 Hwy G, Suring, WI 54174
-James F. Sohr and Debra A. Sohr; Circle Back, LLC., 9407 St. Bernadette Rd, Suring,
WI 54174
Class "A" Beer & Class "A" Liquor:
-James F. Sohr and Debra A. Sohr; Kelly Lake Country Store, LLC., 9407 St. Bernadette
Rd, Suring, WI 54174

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05/24/24, 05/31/24, 06/07/24
City of Oconto Falls
Job Opening
Street Superintendent
The City of Oconto Falls is accepting applications for a full time Street Superintendent.
Requirements include: a high school diploma or GED, a minimum of 7 years of public
works experience with supervisory and financial management background. Knowledge of
Street Department Equipment and Street Maintenance is desired.

Finalists will be required to undergo a detailed background check, interview and physical
exam. Successful candidate must possess a current valid commercial drivers license
(CDL) with A, B, C endorsements or have the ability to obtain within 6 months of
hire. Pay rate is \$58,000 to \$66,000 depending upon experience plus excellent fringe
benefits. Interested candidates may apply on-line or send their resume to
info@ci.ocontofalls.wi.us.
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06/07/24, 06/14/24
REVISED INVITATION TO BID LRIP ROAD
PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF SPRUCE
Sealed bids for the road repairs needed to Holiday Inn Road in the Town of Spruce will
be accepted until 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 18th, 2024. NO EXCEPTIONS! Bids will be
opened publicly and read on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 by the Spruce Town Board
during their regular meeting. This project will follow state specifications with the work
being approximately 3900 feet in length and 21' wide starting at County Road M North
3900'. Remove shoulders on both sides of road to a depth of 1 foot by 3 foot and install
breaker rock. Install 2 18" culvert x 60 HDPE. Remove trees in right of way, reshape
ditches where needed and seed and mulch. Pulverize and install 4 inches of gravel over
entire roadway. Finish work should include mulch, seed and staking, and then finish
grade, compact and water. This project DOES NOT include asphalt paving. Weight
tickets for all materials must be provided. All bidders must have a Surety Insurance bond
for \$1,000,000 in order to be considered for the project must be included with the bid.
The Town of Spruce reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Please contact the
Spruce Town Chairman, Terry Brazeau with any questions at 920-842-2703. Please
return bids to TOWN OF SPRUCE, PO BOX 52, OCONTO FALLS, WI 54154.



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Hormel Party Snack Trays

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28oz

Boneless Pork Sirloin Chops or Roasts



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JIF Peanut Butter

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Asst Variety

Smucker's Grape Jelly

2/\$5 32oz

Bi-Color Sweet Corn



39¢ each

New Crop Baby Red Potatoes



\$3³⁹ 3lb Bag

Bolthouse Peeled Baby Carrots



99¢ 1lb Bag

Lemons



2/\$1

Sweet Success Strawberries



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Kretschmar Smoked Turkey Breast



\$6²⁹ lb
Shaved or Sliced

Hostess Mini Bagged Donuts



2/\$4
Asst Variety
9.5-11.25oz

Daisy Cottage Cheese



\$3²⁹
24oz
2% or 4%

Pillsbury Crescent or Cinnamon Rolls



2/\$6
Asst Variety
8-12.4oz

Mr. Dee's Hash Brown Patties



\$3⁹⁹
31.7 oz

Tombstone Original Pizza



2/\$8
Asst Variety
19.3-21.3oz

Juicy Juice



2/\$6
Asst Variety
64oz

Betty Crocker Delights Premium Brownie Mix



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Asst Variety
16-19.1oz

Dutch Farms Bagels



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Asst Variety
5pk

Prairie Farms Chocolate Milk



\$1⁹⁹
64oz
1% or Whole

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06/07/24
Town of Breed Alcohol License
Applications

The following businesses have applied for liquor licenses within the Town of Breed for the time period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Applications will be reviewed at the June 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting at 7:00pm for approval/denial.

Class B Beer & Liquor
3B Gun Club LLC- 13298 Logan Rd, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Stewart Schaal
Pipeline Bar and Grill LLC-11306 State Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: David C. Thompson
Arrowhead Saloon LLC- 13488 County Hwy AA, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Jamie L. House
Water's Edge on Anderson Lake- 12058 State Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Doreen Thompson
Class A Beer
Rhode's Oasis- 10779 State Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Alex Rhode
Kristen Telford, Clerk
Town of Breed
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ST. PATRICK PARISH
PART TIME HELP WANTED
RUMMAGE HALL MANAGER

St. Patrick's Parish will have a position open in May 2025 for a Rummage Hall Manager.

Rummage Hall is located at 5760 County I, Stiles, Wisconsin. This is a paid position. Job shadow this year and take over next year!

Rummage Hall is open May thru September.

If interested or for more details, please call the Tammy or Lori in the parish office at 920-846-2276. We look forward to talking with you regarding this great opportunity!

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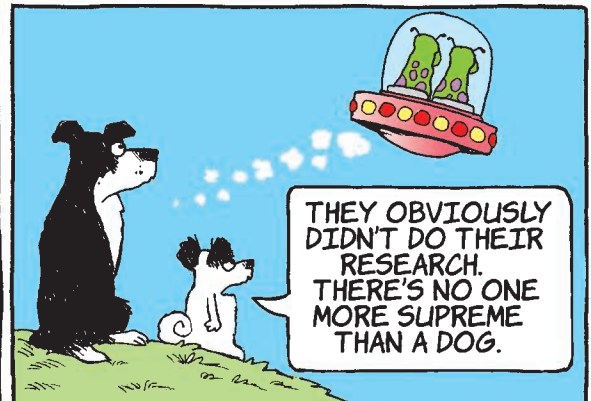
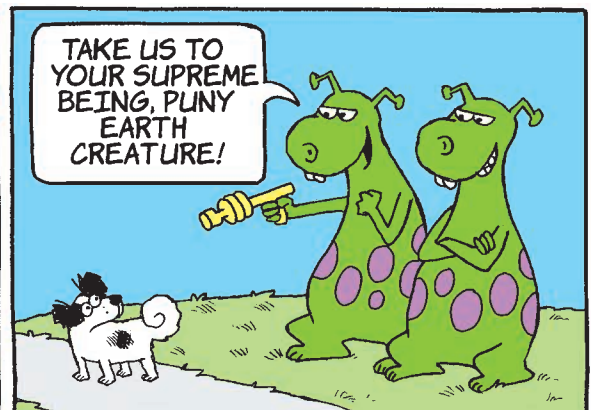
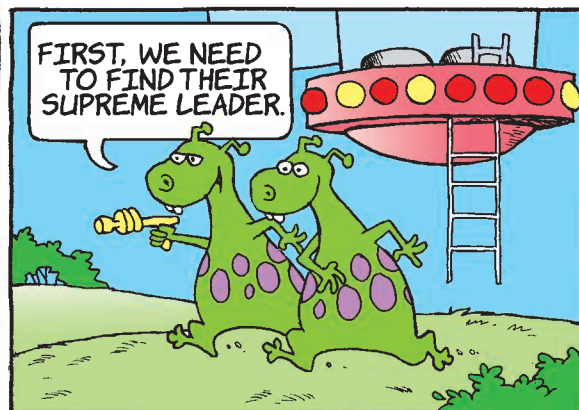
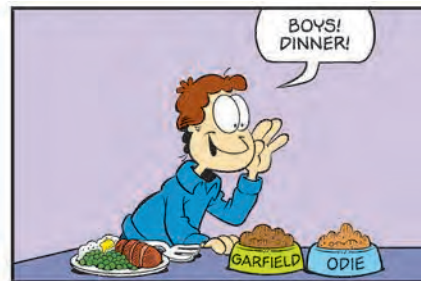
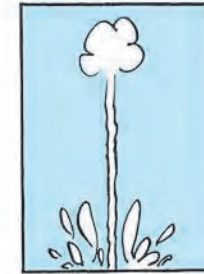


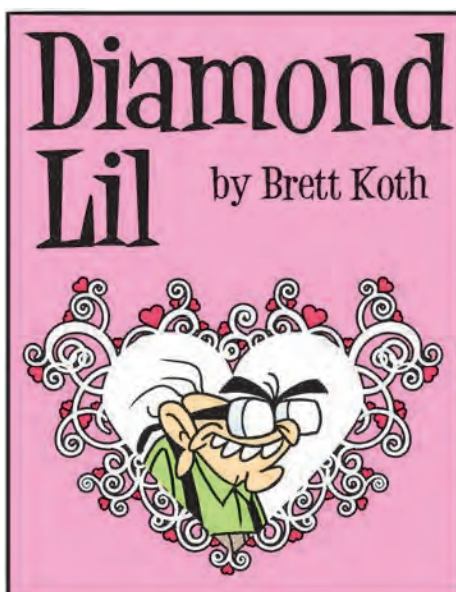
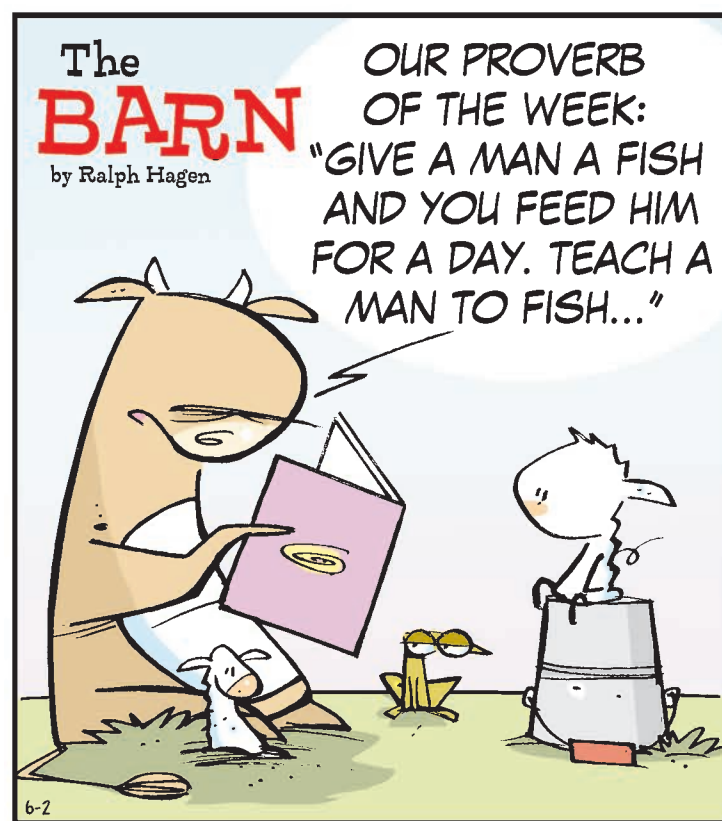
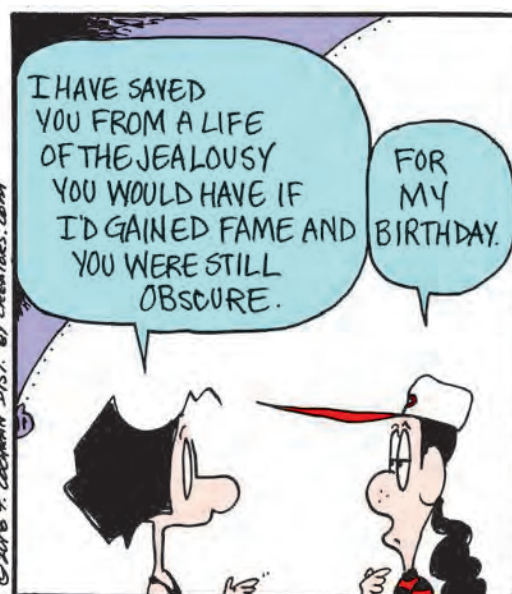
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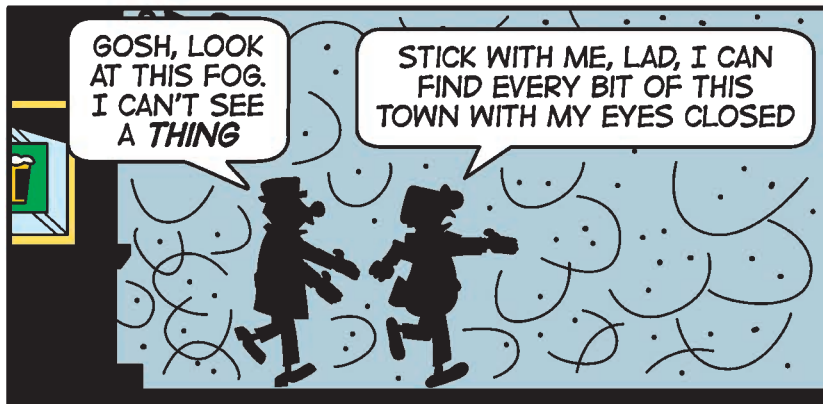
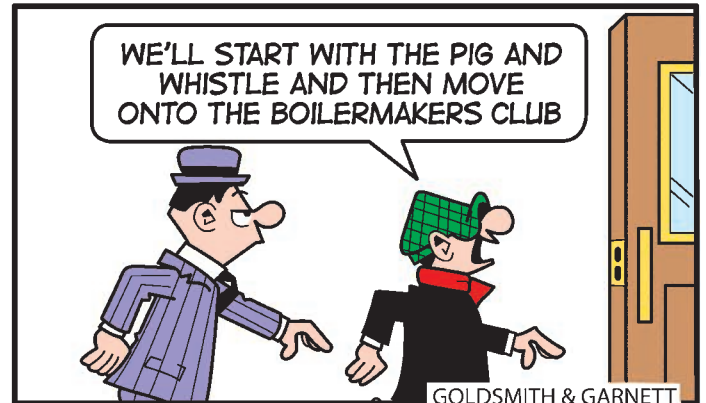
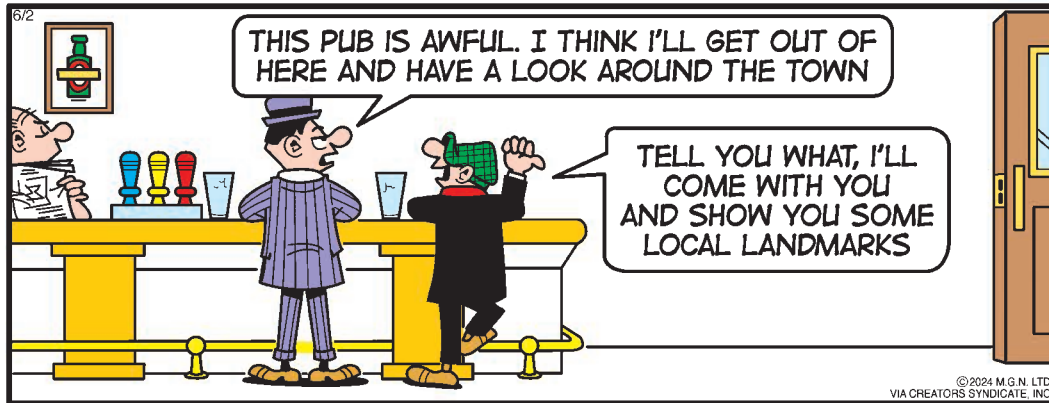
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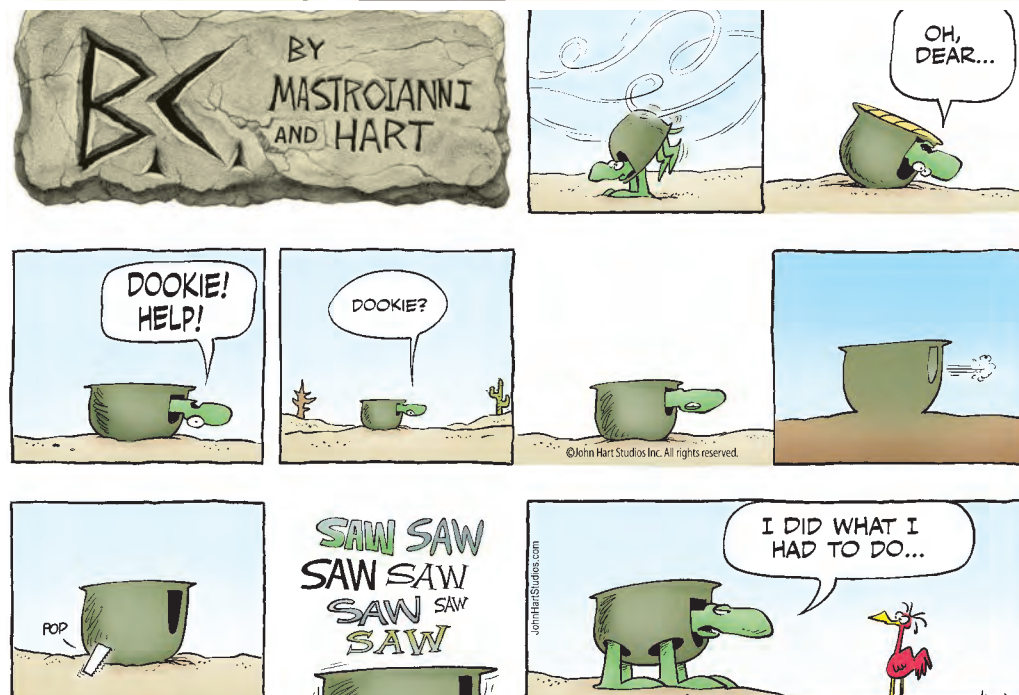
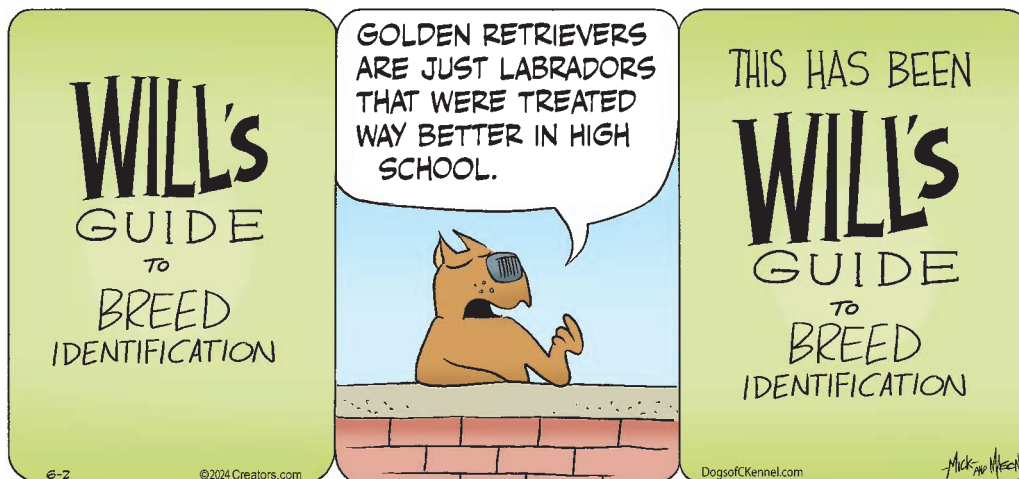
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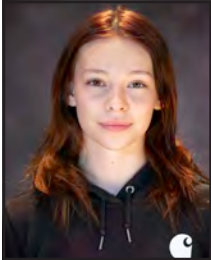
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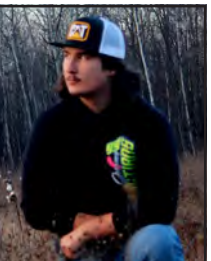
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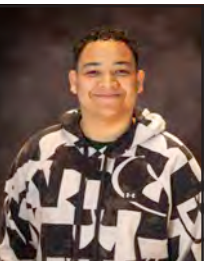
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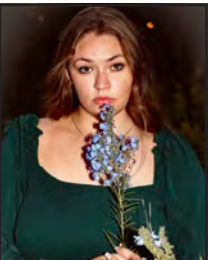
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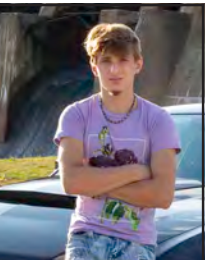
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Not Pictured:
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Wednesday, May 29, 2024
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Suring High School Gymnasium

Class Flower: Crocus

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Class Motto: "I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring"

- David Bowie



Front row from left to right: Jessica Heckl, Samantha Seibert, Claire Madison, Alyssa Schowalter, Austin Ritter, Ellieana Block, Rebecca Peeters, Gracelyn Fuchs; **2nd row:** Birdee Cramer, Bailey Stuart, Hailey Huguet, Joshua Reinke, Lillie Taylor, Claire Pommerich, Parker Zahn, Precilla Otradovec; **3rd row:** Trent Thomson, Brenna Garrett, Brady Kristof, Hunter Luebeck, Georgia Gerndt, Autumn Dryja, Adrian Huncosky, Ashleigh Zilkoske; **4th row:** Charles Elliott, Carter Whisman, Mason Micoley, Devin Joachim, Trent Van Den Elzen, Seth Scrivens, Hailey VanRens, Quinn Thomson; Missing: Shylah Hisey

Suring High School

Valedictorian: Bailey Stuart

Bailey Stuart is the valedictorian and is the daughter of Ken and Rhonda Stuart. Bailey has been involved in volleyball, club volleyball, softball, FBLA, Student Council, National Honor Society, and church youth group. She also has been awarded MVP and best offensive player in volleyball and has received the Outstanding Student Award for her junior year. Bailey plans to attend UW- Eau Claire to study Microbiology, from there she will advance to another university to pursue a Doctorate Degree in Pathology. She wishes to work in a hospital lab to work with microscopes and to identify/ create new cures for diseases.

Salutatorian: Hailey VanRens

The salutatorian is Hailey VanRens, daughter of Chuck and Jodi Fetterly and Jon VanRens and Karie Broderick. Hailey has been involved in Girls Basketball, was the manager for football and softball, an active member in FBLA, FFA, Forensics, Hi-Q, National Honor Society, Student Council, Class President and Oconto County Teen Court. Hailey was also a class officer for Wisconsin FBLA, which enabled Suring to host Regionals with the Suring FBLA Chapter. Hailey plans to attend UW-Green Bay, then Michigan State University to finish her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science with a Minor in Criminal Justice. She then plans to receive her Juris Doctor Degree at Michigan State University College of Law and start working as a Criminal Lawyer. Later on she plans to pursue politics.

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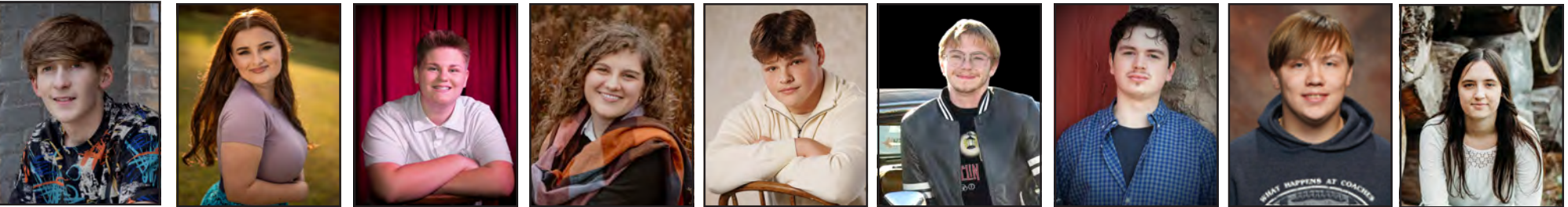
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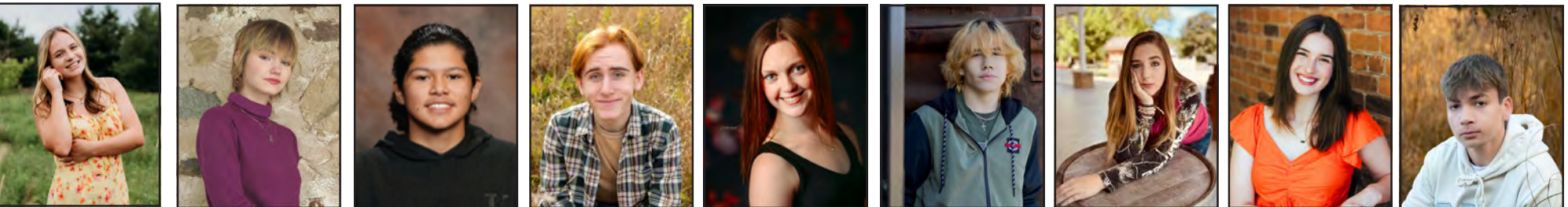
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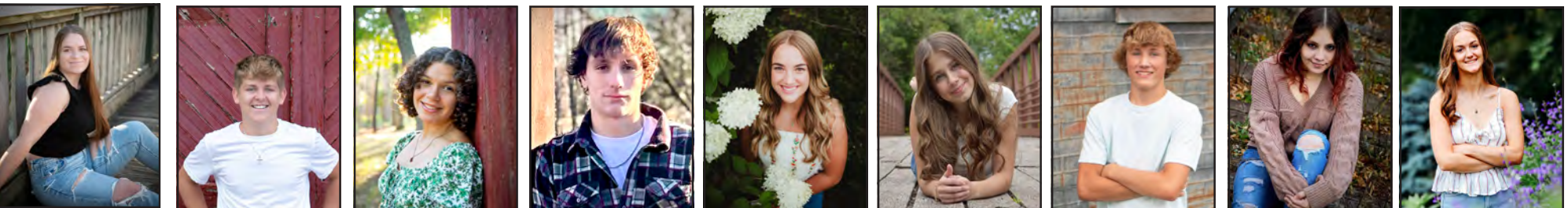
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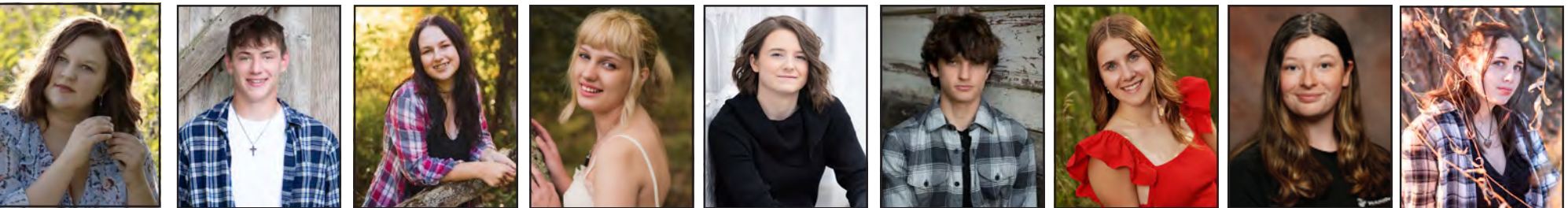
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Class Flower: Orange Gerbera Daisy

Class Colors: Orange and Black

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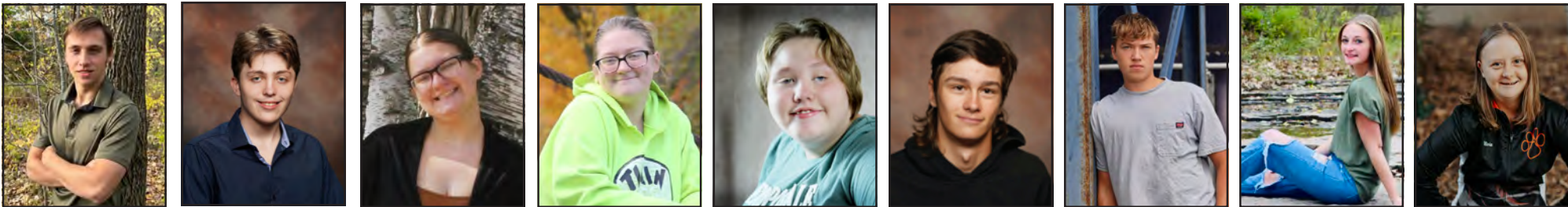
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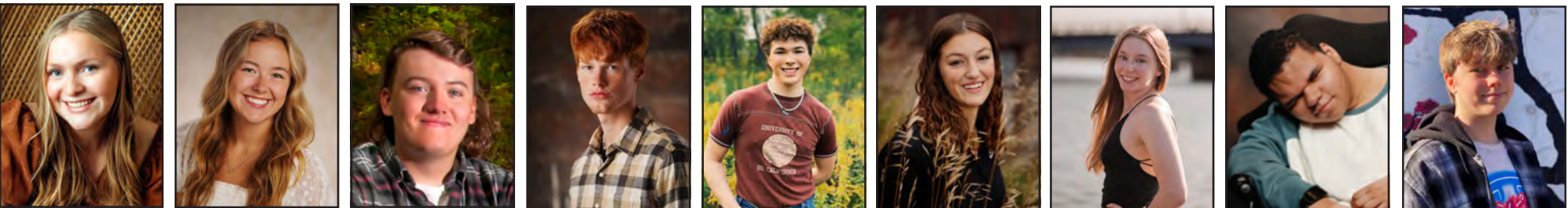
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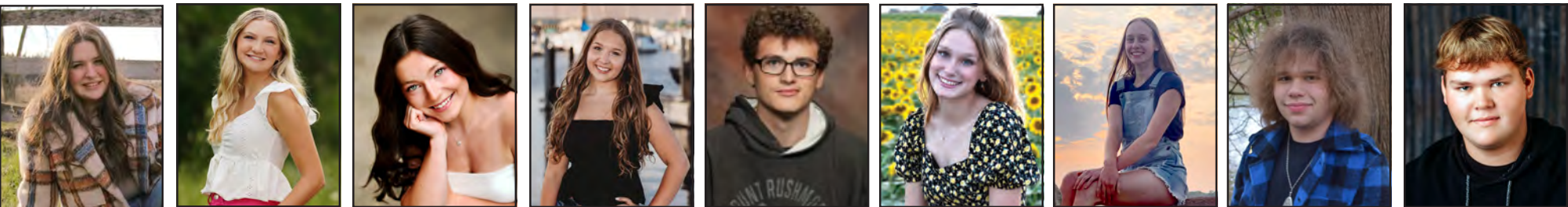
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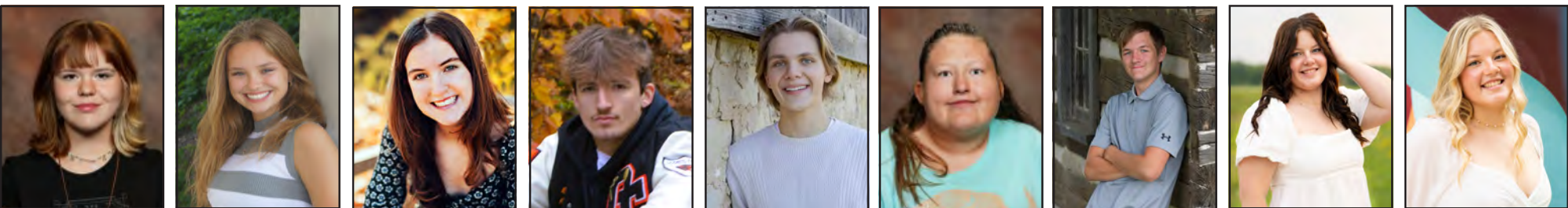
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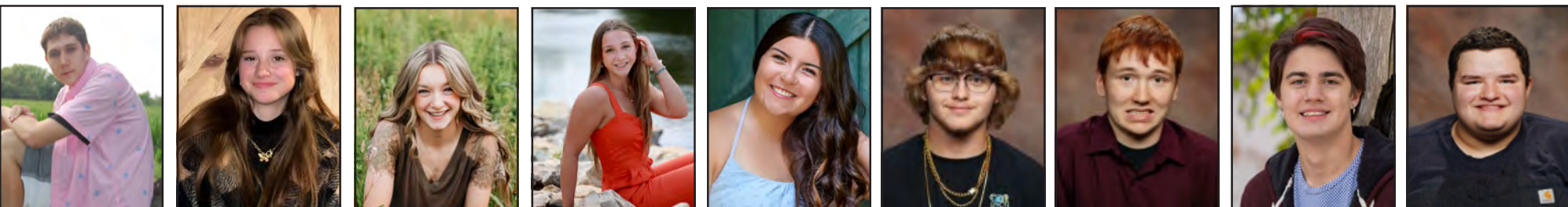
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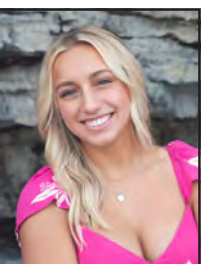
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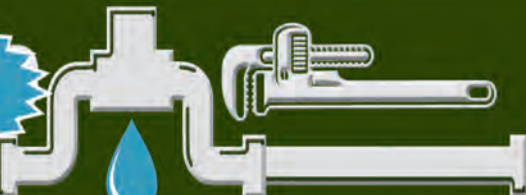
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