



The Trudell family poses, appropriately enough, on a ball diamond — from left, Gregg, Chad, Pat, Polly (Kopke), Luke and Keith. The Trudells, including Pat's late husband, Tom, are being honored as the 2025 grand marshals of the Oconto Falls Memorial Day Parade.

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Prison time ordered in fatal crash

Probation would depreciate the seriousness of the crime, judge says

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

For more than an hour, the family and friends of Aubrey Williams expressed the pain of her loss with words and tears before Oconto County Judge Michael Judge sent Austin Scott Laakonen to prison for his role in her death.

Judge sentenced Laakonen, 22, of Oconto, to 20 months in prison followed by three years of extended supervision May 12 in a packed courtroom. A television monitor was set up in the jury assembly room to handle the overflow crowd of the defendant's and victim's friends and family.

Laakonen had pleaded guilty Feb. 11 to homicide by the negligent use of a motor vehicle for the June 30, 2023, motorcycle accident that killed Williams, 19, also of Oconto.

The crash occurred on U.S. Highway 41 just south of the intersection with County Road W in the Town of Little River. Williams was a passenger on the motorcycle, and Laakonen was merging into the left lane to negotiate a left turn onto County Road W, when the left side of the motorcycle struck the right side of an SUV driven by Luis A. Soto of Volo, Illinois.

Williams and Laakonen were thrown from the cycle, and she died of her injuries about an hour later at Bellin Health Oconto Hospital.

As is standard in the case of a fatal accident, a blood draw was taken from Laakonen but showed no evidence of alcohol use, but test results that did not arrive until six months later did indicate the presence of THC in his system.

Laakonen was charged Feb. 21, 2024. Counts of vehicular homicide by use of a controlled substance and possession of THC were dismissed in the plea agreement.

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Baseball is in their blood

Trudells are this year's parade grand marshals

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

If there's an organized baseball game happening in Oconto Falls, chances are there's at least one Trudell nearby.

Pat Trudell and her late husband, Tom, along with their five children, have been picked as grand marshals of the annual Oconto Falls Memorial Day Parade, which is scheduled to head through downtown starting at 12:30 p.m. May 26.

They have been active coaching and playing youth baseball for decades and for years have organized the modified-pitch softball tournament that is one of the centerpieces of the four-day Oconto Falls Memorial Weekend Celebration. Once again, 14-16 teams are expected to compete in the tournament starting May 23 at Memorial Field.

"When Chad was young — he's 51 now — Tom started coaching Legion baseball, I think it was around 1990," Pat said at the kitchen table of their Center Avenue

home. "He coached until our youngest son graduated in 2009."

It was a family effort from the start, as Pat was running the concession stands while Tom coached.

"The other day I figured I probably worked more than 250 games in all, trying to raise money to keep the Legion program going," she said. "At one time I joked, I think when I die they're going to bury me in the concession stand. We had a lot of hot dogs and nachos over the years, but it was fun."

All of Tom and Pat's children — Chad, Polly Kopke, Keith, Luke and Gregg — have baseball in their blood. All except Gregg coached at some level of Oconto Falls youth baseball, and Gregg is an assistant baseball coach at Amherst High School.

Polly was the first female to coach Little League in Oconto Falls, at a time when there was no separate softball pro-



Tom Trudell attends a Brewers game in Milwaukee. His own father's love for baseball has been passed down through the generations.

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Contract approved for middle school demolition

School board declines a last-minute suggestion from Oconto Falls Historical Society

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The Oconto Falls School Board voted May 12 to award Peters Concrete the contract for demolishing Washington Middle School later this year, but not before hearing one last wrinkle from the president of the Oconto Falls Historical Society.

Donna Revello appeared during the board's public comment period to ask the school district to consider donating the venerable school building to the society for preservation and upkeep.

The society has been looking for a building to serve as a museum for its growing collection of historical artifacts, Revello said. They had hoped to move the old Oconto Falls Town Hall to its property in the west side of the river, but a grant application was turned down, "so we're looking for something else at this point to get ourselves a building." The school district is about to tear down a building with a lot of history and a lot of room for the various artifacts that the society has collected over



Oconto Falls School District officials hope to salvage the "OF" jump ball circle from the Washington Middle School's old gymnasium, built in the 1920s, to display on a wall of the new Oconto Falls Middle School.

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the years, she said.

"What I'm proposing is maybe you hold off on taking it down, think about what I'm proposing," Revello said. "If we can save a historical building, that's what's important to us. That's our goal for the community and the surrounding area."

But board members said

the community made it clear they are ready to part with the aging structure, parts of which are nearly a century old.

"My concern is more about the overall community sentiment; it seems they continue to echo themselves that they don't want it to be an eyesore, and they would prefer that

it be razed," said board member Emilie Trudell.

She did thank Revello for coming.

And Superintendent Dean Hess said the district decided to pursue a new building after investigating the cost of bringing WMS up to code, which proved prohibitive. The figure was more than \$20 million four

or five years ago, he said.

"If that building wasn't in significant disarray, we wouldn't be building a new building," Hess said.

Peters Concrete submitted the low bid of \$458,000 to tear down the old school and prepare the empty site for future development. The original estimate, which was included in the

November 2022 referendum that enabled a new school, was about \$707,00 for the demolition and \$343,000 for an expected asbestos abatement project.

One piece of the old school is expected to have a place of honor in the new Oconto Falls Middle School, which is nearing completion across County Road I from the high school.

Brent Warren of Nexus Solutions, the consulting and engineering firm that is overseeing construction, told the board that they came up with an idea to cut out the "OF" logo from the center of the small second-story gymnasium, which was opened in January 1928 and remains the oldest section of the aging school.

"We would turn that into like a plaque or herald kind of thing to hang on the wall of the new building," he said. The board approved a \$4,573 change order to pay for the work.

Warren cautioned that the old gym floor might not hold up under surgery.

"It's 100 years old," he said. "It might fall apart. It might not work, but we're going to give it a shot."

McKeefrey hired as Gillett Elementary principal

She has been an intermediate school principal in Seymour

A Seymour principal with 25 years of experience has been named the new principal of Gillett Elementary School.

Amy McKeefry is expected to officially begin her new role on July 1, succeeding Curt Angeli, who is retiring after 35 years in the Gillett School District, the last 11 as elementary principal. Her hiring was approved May 13 during a special meeting of the Gillett School Board.

McKeefry's experience in education includes roles as a first-grade teacher, learning support teacher, and elementary and intermediate school principal. Most recently, she has served as principal of Rock Ledge Intermediate School in Seymour, where she has led efforts to build inclusive, high-achieving school environments centered on student success and staff collaboration.



MCKEEFRY

The news release announcing her new position said her passion for education is rooted in her belief in the transformative power of schools and the importance of creating nurturing, inclusive environments where students can grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

"I am honored to be selected as the next principal of Gillett Elementary," McKeefry said. "I look forward to partnering with our talented staff, engaged families, and incredible students to continue building a positive and inspiring school community."

The district said McKeefry's leadership style emphasizes:

- instructional leadership and coaching, grounded in data-driven decision-making.
- building strong, trust-based relationships with students, staff, and families.
- empowering teachers to differentiate instruction and provide personalized learning experiences.
- promoting social-emotional learning and celebrating student diversity.
- cultivating a safe, inclusive, and collaborative culture of continuous improvement.

The Gillett School District conducted a comprehensive two-month selection process that included input from students, staff, parents, and community members. Stakeholders were first engaged to help define the values and characteristics desired in the next principal.

Final interviews in-

involved students, educators, parents, and community members in an effort to ensure the selected candidate reflects the shared priorities of the Gillett community, said Superintendent Nathan Hanson.

"Amy McKeefry is a proven and passionate leader who understands the power of community, collaboration, and student-centered learning," Hanson said. "Her experience, values, and commitment to educational excellence make her an ideal fit to lead Gillett Elementary School."

McKeefry holds a Master of Educational Leadership and a Master of Arts in reading and learning disabilities, as well as a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Her licenses include principal, director of instruction, reading teacher, and learning disabilities specialist.

One killed, another injured in crash on U.S. Highway 41

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

An Oconto man died May 16 in a two-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 41 north of the city.

Oconto County Sheriff Todd Skarban said in a news release that the Emergency Dispatch Center received a call at 11:03 a.m. regarding a collision between a passenger car and a pickup truck with injuries near the intersection with County Road W in the Town of Little River.

The preliminary investigation indicated that the 64-year-old Oconto man, driving a Cadillac, had just turned south onto the highway when the Ford pickup truck driven by a 39-year-old Denmark man ran into him from the rear, shoving both vehicles into the median. Both vehicles sustained extensive damage, and the pickup overturned.

The Oconto man died at

the scene from his injuries, and the pickup driver was transported to a Green Bay hospital for treatment, Skarban said.

What the sheriff described as an ongoing criminal investigation was being conducted by the Oconto County Sheriff's Office, the Wisconsin State Patrol and the Brown County Medical Examiner's Office.

Skarban said his office was assisted by the Marinette County Sheriff's Office, Peshtigo Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, the Wisconsin DNR, the Oconto Police Department, the Oconto County Highway Department, the Marinette County Highway Department, Town of Grover Fire Department, Town of Little River Fire Department, Bay Area Ambulance Service, Oconto Fire and EMS, and the Brown County Medical Examiner's Office.

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Farmers market returns for fifth year June 3

Weekly event has new home at Memorial Field

By **WARREN BLUHM**
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The Oconto Falls City Council cleared the way May 13 for the Oconto County Farmers Market to relocate to Memorial Field starting this summer.

After four summers next to Highland Plaza along Highland Drive, the weekly market will be staged at the former high school football field behind the new fire station.

“In the future, we’d love to work with the city to make this a permanent home for us,” market organizer Sophie Ford told the council. “It brings in a lot of people to town, and I think we can only get bigger and really make it a great event for the city.”

The market is scheduled to open June 3 and run 4-8 p.m. every Tues-

day through Aug. 26. Parking will be in the Memorial Field lot at the end of Central Avenue.

Ford and the council clarified the license the city now requires for the food trucks that are among the market’s mainstays.

A requirement that the license be approved by the city council ahead of time would make it difficult when changes are needed on short notice, Ford said.

“Sometimes we have people call that morning and say, for example, ‘Our refrigeration unit broke down, our trailer broke down, our truck broke down, we can’t get our trailer there,’” she said.

“Then I have to call in somebody else that I have on speed dial saying, ‘Hey, you applied for this date originally, you couldn’t make it, but if you can

make it now, you can come in.’”

In the past market organizers have made sure that all the food vendors provided the information the city requires on the new licenses, Ford said.

“With my background running the (former Milk and Honey) coffee shop, I know what they have to have according to the state,” she said.

Aldersperson Mat McDermid suggested that food vendors be allowed to submit one application that covers the entire summer. He said the application was created more for one-time or annual events.

“I think as long as you’re collecting the information, Sophie, it’ll be fine,” McDermid said.

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Gillett board picks new officers, shifts meeting date

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Members of the Gillett School Board picked a new president and treasurer May 15.

Longtime Treasurer Cliff Gerbers and former President Jamie Young decided not to run for reelection in April. Trisha Ondik and Lorie Beyer were elected to succeed them on the board.

Board member Jamie Heroux was chosen as the new president in a 4-3 vote

over Robin Banaszynski, who had served as vice president with Young.

Beyer was the unanimous choice to serve as treasurer, and board member Kimberly Schaal was elected vice president.

Ondik was elected school board clerk in another 4-3 vote over veteran board member Nanette Mohr.

The board also voted to move its regular meetings to 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month after gathering on the third

Thursday for many years.

With the sound of musicians tuning their instruments for a spring concert echoing through the Gillett Secondary School corridors, Schaal suggested that the board consider meeting on a night that doesn’t interfere with sports and other school events.

“It would be easier for the community to be a part of these meetings,” Schaal said, and her motion passed on a voice vote.

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Progress seen at former Mobil station

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

At least one of two long-vacant businesses at the Oconto Falls northwest city limits is coming back to life.

Ben Holtger recently bought the former Mobil station and convenience store at 710 County Road B at a sheriff’s sale. He told the Oconto Falls City Council at its May 13 meeting that he’s been busy clearing up liens and judgments on the property.

“I’ve been working on cleaning up,” he said. “I hauled out a couple loads

of junk tires, a couple 20-yard dumpsters of garbage, couple loads of scrap, mowed the lawn — just general cleanup, the place has been in pretty bad disrepair for a long time.”

The interior of the building needs some attention, too, he added.

“We’re making headway on it when I have time,” Holtger said.

The council declared the gas station, and a former Hardee’s restaurant at 782 N. Main St., as blighted property last year. City Administrator Peter Wills said he would refer a resolution removing the blight

declaration from Holger’s property to the June meetings of the plan commission and city council.

Less progress has been visible at the old Hardee’s. After several promising reports about a food processing business moving in, Wills said he hasn’t had contact with the building’s new owner since February.

“He hasn’t been returning my calls,” he said.

Council members asked Wills to put the disposition of the North Main Street property to the June agenda, as well.

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Lakewood library friends hold sale

The Friends of Lakes Country Public Library will host a book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 23 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 24.

Items for sale include paperback and hardcover books, movie DVDs, music

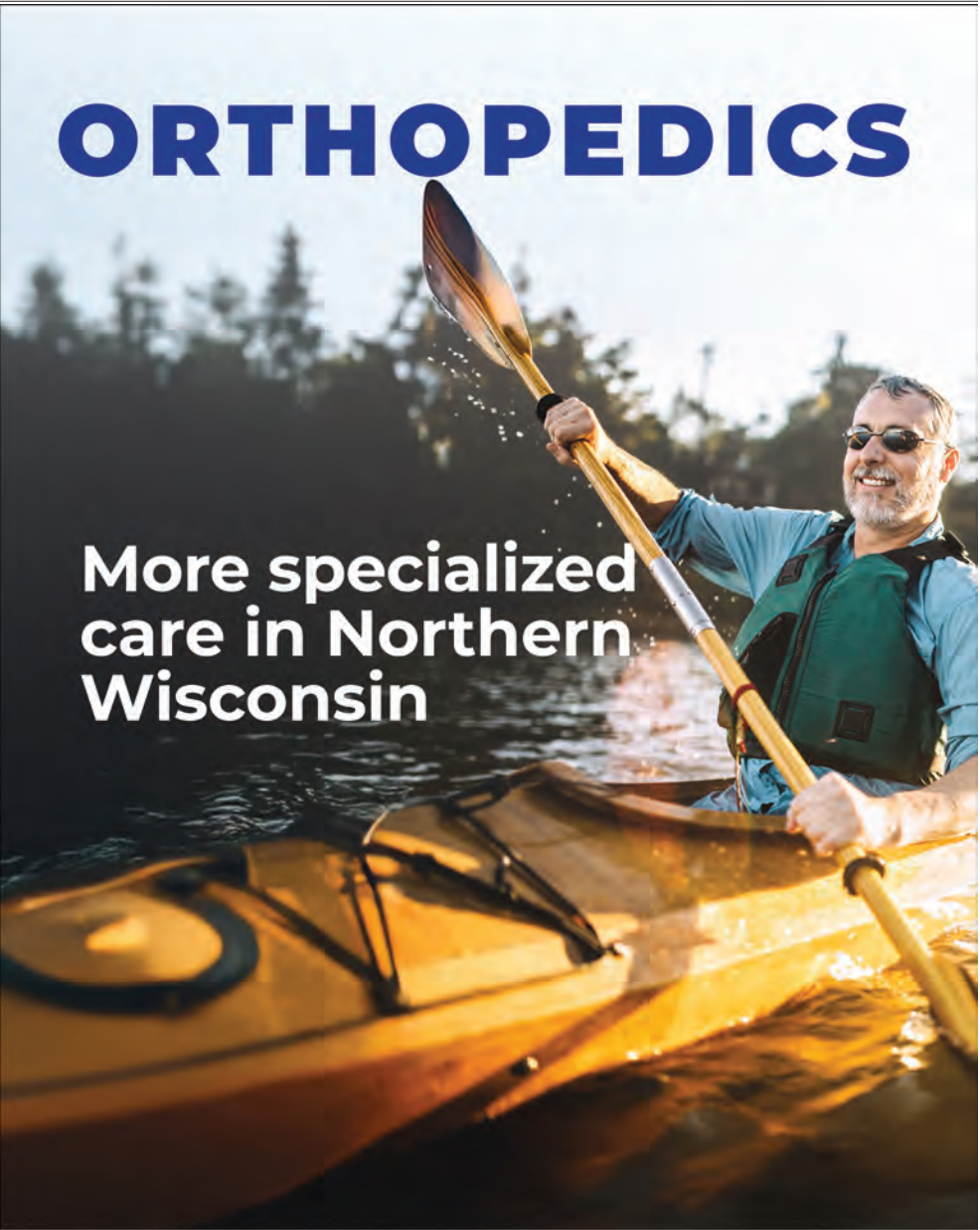
CDs, puzzles, notecards, and book bags.

Proceeds from this sale will provide funding for the summer youth internship program, the summer reading program including new books and activities, adult

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Among the friends and family giving victim impact statements May 12 was Rebecca Pagel, Aubrey Williams’ grandmother. She chided Laakonen for, among other things, inviting Williams to ride even though he did not have a motorcycle license that allowed passengers.

“You had no license. You had no experience. You had a motorcycle with a cheap after-market seat with no backer, no left-hand mirror and the right-hand mirror that was turned upside-down, with a granddaughter who had no motorcycle experience as a passenger on the worst traffic day of the year,” Pagel said.

She remembered Williams as a talented young woman with a lot of promise.

“She was smart and funny and kind and caring and always tried to do her best,” Pagel said. “She made mistakes as we all do, but her biggest mistake was trusting and believing you, Austin. She deserved so very much more.”

Nicole Pagel, Aubrey’s mother, and Chris Froehlich, her stepfather, described the emotional pain and chaos of the day she died, as well as the devastating aftermath.

“I was the first person on Earth to hold her and I was also the last,” Nicole Pagel said. “I put the clothes I was wearing that night with the clothes she was wearing because I lost my life, too.”

William’s mother said she remains “terrified every day” to lose another loved one.

“I have to still find a way to be a mother to my two daughters and son; I have to hold their pain, too,” she said. “I have to stand beside them as they struggle through school, form friendships and learn how to keep living without the sister they looked up to.”

Laakonen’s friends and family submitted letters through his attorney describing him as hard-

working and industrious, someone who might go out of his way to help a neighbor, and Nicole Pagel indicated she didn’t necessarily disagree.

“That’s what makes this tragedy even worse; he’s capable of all these qualities, but they didn’t shine for Aubrey when she needed them to shine the most, and none of them erases the choices he made on the day she lost her life,” she said. “Austin broke every promise he made to me to keep my daughter safe and protect her life.”

Froehlich said this incident might be Laakonen’s first reckless driving conviction but it’s not his first instance of reckless driving, and he cited three or four previous incidents.

“Austin, you owe her the honor of serving your time and coming back as a better human being who is mindful, accountable and responsible,” Froehlich said. “You owe her the honor of becoming the man she deserved.”

The state Department of Corrections agent who prepared the pre-sentence investigation recommended that Laakonen serve three years of probation with conditional jail time, but Assistant District Attorney Richard Zoellner argued for a three-year prison sentence.

“It’s my belief that probation would unduly depreciate the seriousness of this offense and the seriousness of Mr. Laakonen’s actions on that day,” Zoellner said. “I think the proper remedy here, your honor, is confinement in a prison setting.”

Defense attorney Jonas Bednarek submitted a 15-page sentencing memorandum in support of the investigator’s recommendation of probation.

“An awful thing happened on that day in June and he was criminally negligent, and Austin accepted responsibility for that and continues to do that,” Bednarek said.

For his part, Laakonen



Chris Froehlich and Nicole Pagel, stepfather and mother of Aubrey Williams, offer a victim impact statement at the May 12 sentencing hearing for Austin Laakonen, who pleaded guilty to homicide by negligent operation of a motor vehicle in the 19-year-old’s death June 30, 2023.

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said he was “sorry for the poor decisions I made that day” and apologized to her family, friends and the community at large.

“She was an amazing, bright and happy person that left an impression on everyone she came across, including myself,” Laakonen said. “It burdens me to know the people that she loved are now in agony without her. I loved Aubrey, and I mourn the loss of her every day. ... I deeply regret my decisions. I wish I could take them all back or take her place.”

Judge said the crash is “one of the most tragic cases I’ve had to endure over the last few years” but added that nothing he can do will fix it.

“Tragic events like this, being that I have encountered them myself, there is no such thing as closure,”

Judge said. “It’s something that both families will live with for the remainder of their lives.”

In determining a sentence, the judge explained he must first consider whether prison time is necessary to protect the community or to give the defendant a chance at rehabilitation that can only occur in a prison setting.

Neither of those apply in Laakonen’s case, he said.

A third factor, however, is the gravity of the offense, which “is one that cannot be other than the most tragic thing that I can imagine, the loss of a child, the loss of a grandchild,” Judge said. “Would probation unduly depreciate the seriousness of the offense? I believe it would.”

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Austin Laakonen sits alone while attorneys confer prior to his sentencing hearing May 12 in Oconto County Circuit Court. Laakonen was sentenced to 20 months in prison, followed by three years of extended supervision, for the negligent homicide of Aubrey Williams in a motorcycle crash June 30, 2023.

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gram for girls and females played on the boys teams.

“That was a rude awakening for some of the parents,” Chad said about his sister’s role as a coach. “But when they figured out she knew what she was talking about, then they were OK with it.”

Keith Trudell is now active in the operation of Oconto Falls youth baseball and softball programs.

“The city had kind of run the program for the last however many years, and then three years ago myself and a few other involved parents were approached by the city to essentially take over the youth program — this is our third year with it,” Keith said. “I run the baseball side of things,

Mike Hilberg is our club president, Mitch Dakins is vice president for the softball side of things. My wife (Emilie) is following in my mom’s footsteps and doing the concessions, and we have three teams that I’m coaching this summer.”

The family has also sponsored a Trudell Memorial Scholarship for at least 12 years. They award a scholarship to one male and one female Oconto Falls High School senior who has good grades and also participated in the school’s baseball and softball teams.

They were active in the Panther Pride organization that organized the Memorial Weekend Celebration for many years until the

Oconto Falls Sno Jokers took over, but the Trudells still run the double-elimination tournament that runs all four days.

Most of the participating teams are from the Green Bay area, but Wild Rose sends a team every year and one team from Iowa made annual appearances, although the Hawkeye State representatives will not be able to attend this year, Chad said.

It’s one of the longest-running modified-pitch tournaments remaining in the state, Pat said. Most other tourneys play either the fast-pitch or the slow-pitch game.

“Every year, we have multiple teams tell us not to stop this tournament,” Chad said. “They’ll say,

‘We don’t have any other tournaments like this to play in.’”

The teams stay at local hotels or campgrounds, Pat said.

“The tournament brings a lot of people into the community,” she said.

The passion for baseball is multi-generational — both Tom and Pat’s fathers played on their respective city teams and passed down their love of the game.

“We kind of grew up with it. My dad was a big Cubs fan, because there was no team in Milwaukee,” Chad said. “That’s how I got to loving the sport.”

It helped that the family home was almost across the street from the city

ballfields, Pat said

“In those days, the practices and games were during the day, so if I didn’t know where they were, I knew they were at the field,” she said.

In addition to coaching and playing baseball, for many years, Tom had his own business, Tom’s Carpet Service, and then became a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service out of the Oconto Falls office.

He and Pat Stiller were both in the Oconto Falls class of 1969, and they started dating not long after they were elected prom king and queen. They married Jan. 15, 1972, and were together nearly 50 years until Tom died of cancer in August 2021.

The Trudells have been taken by surprise at the number of people who have congratulated them for being selected as parade grand marshals.

“I didn’t realize what it meant, but people are really making a big deal out of it,” Pat admitted.

“I’m getting a lot of congratulations from people who I didn’t know paid attention to it,” Keith said. “It’s kind of fun.”

Tom’s youngest brother and his wife have a Ford Mustang convertible, so if the weather is nice Pat will be riding in that car, she said. The five siblings and their spouses and children plan to ride in a trailer behind her.

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Wolf River Lutheran graduates 6 students

Small school leaders talk of the value of faith in education

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Sometimes small is better. For the six who graduated Wolf River Lutheran High School on May 16, they know this to be true, not only for the necessary learning to get through high school, but to strengthen their faith as well.

Shayla Kroenke, valedictorian, knows that the finish line has been a difficult one as she worked through her autism to be the top student in her class.

"This isn't just about crossing a finish line," Kroenke said. "It's about recognizing the journey that brought us here, and everything we've learned along the way. Let me tell you, I've learned a lot since I first walked through the doors of Wolf River Lutheran High School. Wide-eyed



Wolf River Lutheran High School's choir sings "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" during the school's 2025 graduation on May 16. Six students received their diplomas.

and naive, I had no idea what kind of ride I was in for."

Kroenke knew that being different was something she needed to overcome, but she also knew that she couldn't give up, even though there were days when that seemed preferable to going to school.

"There were days when I struggled just to get out of bed, unsure of what the day would

bring," Kroenke said. "I wrestled with where I fit in, how to connect with others and what it meant to be accepted. Many days, I felt like an outsider, watching everyone else but feeling like I never belonged. I often questioned myself, wondering if I was the problem."

She soon realized that many people with autism feel the same way, with the ability to form con-

nections being difficult and with loneliness hitting hard. However, she realized she was never really alone with Jesus by her side.

"For a long time, I thought that if I just acted a certain way, if I masked my true self, I'd finally fit in," Kroenke said. "I thought I'd find a group, join somewhere and avoid judgment. This just left me more confused, more exhausted and more



Shayla Kroenke, Wolf River Lutheran High School valedictorian, tells her fellow classmates and a group of 150 parents and community members about how transformative high school was and that, even with her autism, she achieved great things.

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alone. Pretending not to be autistic didn't protect me."

Kroenke urged her fellow graduates to remember that fitting in does not always lead to standing. She said that attending Wolf River Lutheran was not just attending a school, but also a gateway to transformation.

"Be mindful who you surround yourself with," Kroenke said. "You are a reflection of those closest to you. Not everyone who claims to share your beliefs will live by them."

Nohelia Cuenca, salu-

torian, said she enjoyed her time at Wolf River Lutheran, with smaller classes allowing her to get whatever help she needed to learn.

"We have been blessed with an opportunity to form an environment of encouragement, love and support showcasing what it means to be a community rooted in Christian values," Cuenca said. "We have walked through these halls together, navigated the challenges and triumphs of high school."

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Rita Trinko walks a 4-mile trek daily through downtown Shawano. No matter the weather, Trinko says: "Every day is beautiful."

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Nothing can break Trinko's stride through Shawano

Red hat, constant movement
common sight in city

By **LYNN ZAFFRANN**
Correspondent

Rita Trinko is an integral part of Shawano's cityscape.

With her red hat and distinctive stroll, she is well-known throughout the community.

Trinko, 81, walks from her home to downtown and back, a 4-mile trek, almost every day. Walking started as simply something for her to do.

"I don't know; I just felt like getting outside," Trinko said.

She said that she likes to keep busy and doesn't like to just sit around.

"When I first started walking, I had my red hat on, and after a while, it started to be a thing," Trinko said. "I used to do 4 miles in the morning and 4 miles at night, but things changed. My work schedule changed, so now I just do my 4-mile night walk. Once in a while, I'll get an extra one in, and I won't take a chance on walking when it's icy."

Trinko walks the same route every time. From her home north of town, she walks south toward Main Street, to the Twig's truck. There she turns around and heads back home.

Trinko is a lifelong Shawano County resident.

"I grew up over by Hermansfort, by Gresham, near County (Road) U," she said. "Then, when I got married, we moved to Shawano."

"I grew up on the farm and proud of it. It's still a farm. I stopped there a while back, just to go through the house."

Trinko's maiden name was Reinke. Her dad was from Pella, and her mother was from Leopold.

"I was the farmer's girl," she said. "I drove tractor, bailing hay — all that good stuff."

Trinko was the baby of the family, with a brother and sister older than herself.

She was 18 when she married Lee



Caught on one of her daily walks, Rita Trinko wears the distinctive red hat for which she is known by Shawano residents.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Trinko. They met in Tilleda, at a dance hall. On Saturday nights in the late 1950s and early 1960s, Trinko's parents would drive her and girlfriends there for polka dancing.

Trinko carries a photo in her purse of herself with her parents on her wedding day. Another photo is a picture of her holding a fish she caught, with her father looking on.

Trinko attended Shawano High School.

"We're the good class, 1961. You turn 1961 upside down, and you still have 1961," Trinko said. "I mentioned that at one of the class reunions, and since that time, it's been a 'thing' for the class."

She has one son, Mark, who lives in Ohio, so she doesn't see him too often.

"It's quite a distance. We drove down there a couple times, but it's a nine-hour drive."

He's a church organist.

"I'm not prejudiced, but he's very good," Trinko said. Two grandsons also live in Ohio.

She's had two major accidents in the past few years.

When describing her last injury, Trinko said: "When you stand on the top of a ladder, you wonder why you fall off."

She said she learned her lesson. She spent a month in a local rehabilitation center, Evergreen Health Services.

"They were wonderful," Trinko said. "This last time, I broke my hip and crushed my ankle."

Three years earlier, she was hit by a car. She has rods in both legs and one arm from that accident.

"Other than that, I'm fine," Trinko said.

"I started back to work about six or seven years ago, at Qualheim's. It felt good going back to work; it's a good place to work. They just are good people."

Trinko also volunteers at Shawano County Historical Society.

"There is the Rhubarb Fest coming up in June, and I'm going to take the brochures to downtown businesses on one of my walks," she said.

Her usual job is on Mondays, and she files clippings of interest to the historical society.

Trinko said that she needs things to pass the day, that she just can't sit without doing something. She enjoys watching football. She keeps busy with embroidery. She always helps out at the potato pancake breakfast in Tilleda but usually doesn't travel out of town. She does most of her home maintenance, including mowing the lawn.

The Trinkos were Green Bay Packers season ticket holders. Her husband inherited his seats from his father.

"We had bad seats," Trinko said, keeping a straight face. "They were 23 rows up on the 50-yard line. Just horrible seats."

She kept the tickets until about three years ago, when she transferred them to her nephew. "They stayed in the Trinko name."

She has a birthday coming up soon. Her elfin smile and positive attitude definitely seem to contribute to her popularity in the community.

"Every day is beautiful," Trinko said.

GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS

Boost outside enjoyment by managing ticks, mosquitoes

Summer is synonymous with fun outdoor activities like barbecuing, playing lawn games, hiking and gardening. It can also mean unwanted pests like mosquitoes and ticks. Employing a few preventative strategies can help minimize the annoyance and reduce the risk of tick- and mosquito-borne diseases.

Start by creating a landscape that is less inviting to mosquitoes and ticks.

Reduce mosquitoes' daytime resting spaces by keeping your garden weeded.



Melinda
Myers
Columnist

Removing weeds and managing neglected garden spaces will make your landscape less inviting to these pests.

Evaluate drainage patterns in your landscape. Improve drainage by amending the soil in garden beds with organic matter. Consider adding a rain garden to capture water run-off from the roof and hard surfaces, putting it to work in a garden filled with beautiful flowers for you and pollinators to enjoy. Water collected in these gardens drains within 24-36 hours and doesn't provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Drain water from toys, buckets or any objects that can hold water and serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Clear debris from gutters so the water flows freely through the gutter and out the downspout.

Change the water in birdbaths at least once a week. Make it part of your routine whenever you water container gardens. You can install a small pump to keep the water moving, which prevents mosquito breeding.

Toss a Mosquito Dunk (www.summitresponsiblesolutions.com) in birdbaths, rain barrels and water features. This certified organic insecticide only kills the larvae of mosquitoes, black flies and fungus gnats. It won't harm bees, butterflies, birds, pets and people.

Help reduce the tick population in your landscape by keeping the grass mowed and removing brush, groundcovers, firewood piles and bird feeders near your home or where your family frequents. Consider creating a tick-safe area where your family frequents, and limit time spent in tick-infested areas.

Widen pathways, properly prune trees to increase light, exclude deer and discourage rodents to reduce the risk of exposure. Place children's swing sets away from the woods, and cover the soil with woodchip mulch. Eliminate invasive barberry, honeysuckle and buckthorn that create a tick-friendly habitat.

Wear light-colored clothing to more easily spot ticks before they move onto your skin. Loose fitting, light-colored clothing is also less attractive to mosquitoes. Wear long pants and tuck them into socks and tuck your shirt into your pants. Ticks often gain access through pant legs or shirttails and crawl up, looking for a place to settle in and feed.

Consider spraying your clothing with an insecticide labeled for repelling and killing ticks and mosquitoes. Select an in-

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Memorial Day important as list of dead grows

Looking for a place to commemorate Memorial Day this year? I recommend you attend Sylvan Post 44 American Legion Ceremony at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park in Wabeno. Jon is a Legionnaire, and I am an Auxiliary member. Join us; we would love to meet you. If you go, be sure to visit the beautiful memorial honoring Wisconsin military killed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Here is the story behind it. With the war in Afghanistan already underway, the Iraq War began with an invasion in March 2003. Jon and I did not support the decision made by the Bush Administration to invade Iraq. However, we unconditionally supported the men and women of the U.S. military called upon to do the fighting.

Reports of casualties repeatedly appeared in the media, as we knew they would. We grieved, heartbroken over each, knowing every single one had a family, friends, schoolmates, co-workers, military comrades — a life. Fearing, as so often happens, that these precious war dead would be quickly forgotten, we wanted to make sure this time it did not. We searched for ways to accomplish our goal, finally deciding to establish Lester Marsh Memorial Island on a tiny island we own in the Townsend



Kathleen Marsh

Columnist

Flowage. At first, the goal was to recognize the sacrifice of every soldier, sailor, Marine and airman killed in action in Afghanistan and Iraq. As the KIAs quickly mounted, we knew that was impossible. Instead, we decided to honor those who had deep ties to Wisconsin. With the help of Bruce Beno, we cleared the center of the island and enclosed it with a white picket fence.

Each of the heroes was memorialized with a cross that included name and hometown. Bruce made the crosses from composite lumber. I ordered the nameplates from a business in Antigo. Jon fastened them to the crosses. We installed a large aluminum flagpole, and Old Glory was easily visible from all around the Southern part of the Flowage. A small dock was added to facilitate access.

Much to our dismay, the memorial grew and grew and grew. Each time we added a cross, we recited aloud all the names that preceded it, then lovingly placed the new one amid its brethren. We always

said a solemn prayer of gratitude while standing near a 4-foot white cross that stood guard over the site. That special cross memorialized Jon's uncle, Lester Marsh, an Army sergeant killed in New Guinea in 1943.

Word spread. Kayakers, jet skiers and boaters stopped to pay tribute to the fallen; families and friends of those honored came from all over the state. We took scores of loved ones out on our pontoon to visit the island. It was emotionally draining as we cried and hugged and agreed on the futility of war to solve human problems. I will never forget the time a little girl ran up the path and searched until she found her father's cross. "Look, Mommy," she cried out. "Somebody loves my daddy as much as I do."

The wars dragged on; more and more crosses were added. Each time a new cross, a new nameplate, a new tragic loss occurred, we were more determined than ever to preserve their memory. We lovingly tended the memorial for a decade until it proved too much. Our children live far away; we wondered what would happen when we could no longer keep it up. Then, from out of nowhere, the answer came.

Gerry LaFont, Boy



Phyllis Marsh and Jon Marsh stand next to the 4-foot cross commemorating their uncle, Lester Marsh, who was an Army sergeant in World War II, as other crosses remembering dead members of the U.S. Armed Forces sprout up in front of them on Memorial Island in Townsend.

KATHLEEN MARSH

Scout Troop 1048 Lake-wood approached Post 44, looking for an endeavor to earn his Eagle Badge. The project he chose was to move the crosses from Marsh Memorial Island to Legion Memorial Park. The post's involvement was critical in completing the mission, as was Blackwell Job Corps. Today, we are pleased that what we like to call a "Mini-Arlington" is easily accessible from Highway 32.

Of all those honored there, the only one we knew was Jesse Thiry. Jesse was a Marine corpo-

ral from Casco, killed in 2004 in Anbar Province. Jesse had worked at Mike's Supermarket in Townsend one summer before he enlisted. I'd walk to the store each morning to get a newspaper, and I began conversing with him. I'll never forget how his face lit up as he shared his dream of becoming a Marine. How could either of us know his dream would send him thousands of miles from home to die for his country? Jesse's gold star mother still lives here.

Life is a series of small moments that create mon-

umental memories. Who would have thought at the time that Jesse, Jon and I would be forever linked by our determination that his life, and the lives of all those honored there, will never be forgotten? Isn't that what Memorial Day is all about — to remember and pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice? In my opinion, that's the least we can do.

Kathleen Marsh is a lifelong educator, writer and community advocate. She has published eight books, four on the history of Townsend, where she and husband Jon are happily retired on the beautiful Townsend Flowage.

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It's May 10 as I write this, World Migratory Bird Day, and this morning we are out scouting for birds. We feel a bit of urgency, as we realize that it won't be long before the trees — now newly green and just starting to leaf out — will be fully decked out in their summer foliage, blocking our view of the birds singing in their branching arms.

We drive a hybrid car. We call it our stealth machine when birding as it is quiet and acts as a great blind. We do not want to disturb the birds so we bird from the car with binoculars, a field guide, a camera and the Merlin app on our phones to help us with identification.

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Early morning is the best time to bird while the birds are more active and singing, but then, anytime is a good time to bird. You just see more in the mornings. We



A male chestnut-sided warbler sports his spring colors.

JOEL TRICK



Cathy Carnes

Columnist

are hoping to see warblers today, those small colorful neotropical migrants that travel to or through Wisconsin during migration. Many of them breed to the north of us, so now is the time to look for them before they move on.

We creep along the roads (in our stealth machine) near the bay, scanning the trees. We like to target the newly budding willows, as many birds like this type of habitat, picking off buds or insects as they forage for food. Merlin "hears" five species of

warblers about. We focus in on a couple of colorful birds flitting about the willows — warblers never sit still for long, so we track them, calling out the colors and patterns we see to help identify them.

Birds have distinguishing features such as white eye rings, colorful or streaked breasts, sides or bellies, wing bars, black "masks," crests, etc. Learning some of these features helps with their identification.

After some study, we are thrilled to have identified a chestnut-sided warbler. It has chestnut colored patches on its sides, a yellow patch atop its head, white belly and yellow wing bars. Wow, a first for us.

Then we track a second colorful bird with our binoculars. It sports a striking



A male magnolia warbler with his jaunty black mask and bold black stripes sings his spring song.

JOEL TRICK

black necklace and has bold black streaks on a yellow breast, white wing bars, a jaunty black mask and a white patch above its eye. We learn this is a magnolia warbler, another first.

We also make out the yellow warbler, a more familiar species with its bright yellow coloring, reddish streaks on the breast, black wing bars and a splash of rusty red on top of its head. The palm warbler is here too. This is another yellowish colored warbler with a rusty red patch atop its head, a black streak through the eye, yellow "eyebrows," and olive-brown back. The palm warbler wags its tail a lot, a giveaway characteristic for this species.

Merlin also picked up

the song of the common yellowthroat warbler, one we'd loved to have seen but did not. This is another warbler with yellow coloring that cuts a dashing figure with its broad black mask.

Getting to observe four of the five species of warblers on our morning "hunt" was rewarding. The hope of seeing a common yellowthroat gives us a reason to come back; maybe tomorrow will be our lucky day. As my husband has so aptly stated, birding is a treasure hunt.

May is a great month to look for birds and remind ourselves what amazing creatures they are. They've evolved to be great aviators, to inhabit all corners

of the world, sport beautiful colors and patterns, sing to us, spread cheer and even navigate by the stars and "feel" the magnetic pull of the poles.

Officially, World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated the second Saturday in May (May 10) as migratory birds journey north to their nesting grounds and again on the second Saturday in October (Oct. 11 this year) as they return to their wintering grounds. This year's theme revolves around helping to build bird friendly environments. Go to www.migratorybirdday.org to learn more.

Celebrate birds by finding ways to help them and take time to enjoy their very existence. Catch their song and notice them as you go about your day. Download the free Merlin app to help you identify some of these small lively treasures. They will expand your world and brighten it with delight, color and song.

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Field Office and, prior to that, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch in Buffalo, New York. As endangered species coordinator for the USFWS, she helped conserve and recover federally listed threatened and endangered species in Wisconsin.

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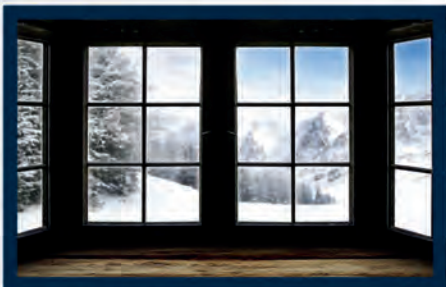
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OCONTO FALLS: Memorial Weekend Celebration, 6-10 p.m., Memorial Field. Modified Pitch Softball Tournament, Christman Amusement Carnival, music by Steve Peterson, food, beer stand.

SHAWANO: Graduation, 6 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B.

WITTENBERG: Graduation, 6 p.m., Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, 400 W. Grand Ave.

BOWLER: Graduation, 7 p.m., Bowler School, 500 S. Almon St.

GRESHAM: Graduation, 7 p.m., Gresham Community School, 501 Schabow St.

MARION: Graduation, 7 p.m., Marion High School, 105 School St.

BONDUEL: Graduation, 7:30 p.m., Bonduel High School, 400 W. Green Bay St.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 24

SHAWANO: Zurko's Midwest Promotions Special Holiday Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. \$2 admission, 12 and under free with adult.

OCONTO FALLS: Dash O.F. Color 5K Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Memorial Field.

LAKEWOOD: Friends of Lakes Country Public Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 15235 State Highway 32.

OCONTO FALLS: Memorial Weekend Celebration, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Memorial Field. Modified Pitch Softball Tournament, Christman Amusement Carnival, music by Adam Trask 7-11 p.m., fireworks at dusk, food, beer stand.

SURING: Frostville Cemetery Association meeting, 10 a.m., Ruth Christensen home, 8409 State Highway 32. Public welcome.

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway, 6 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. \$12, ages 12-16 \$6, and under 11 free.

BOWLER: America in Concert, 8 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Doors open 7

p.m. Tickets at <https://ticket-star.eventue.net/events/MNS>.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

SHAWANO: Zurko's Midwest Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. \$2 admission, 12 and under free with adult.

OCONTO FALLS: Memorial Weekend Celebration, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Memorial Field. Modified Pitch Softball Tournament, Christman Amusement Carnival, Show and Shine Car Show 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with music by Beachfront Avenue, food, beer stand.

GILLET: Graduation, 1:30 p.m., Gillett Secondary School, 208 W. Main St.

OCONTO FALLS: Graduation, 2 p.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road.

MONDAY, MAY 26

ABRAMS: American Legion Post 523 Memorial Day programs, 9 a.m., Stiles Cemetery; 9:45 a.m., Brookside Cemetery; 10:30 a.m., Riverview Cemetery, Little Suamico; 11:15 a.m., Sobieski cemetery.

SURING: American Legion Post 283 military honors and

programs, 9 a.m., Breed Union; 9:30 a.m., St. Michael's; 10 a.m., St. John's of Hayes; 10:30 a.m., Pleasant Hill; 11 a.m., The Bay Nursing Home, Suring; 11:30 a.m., Trinity; 12:45 p.m., Hickory.

SHAWANO: Allied Vets Council parade, 9:20 a.m., Huckleberry Harbor down Fifth Street to Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial Day service 10 a.m. at the cemetery, 1115 E. Green Bay St.

OCONTO FALLS: American Legion Post 302 Memorial Day program, 10 a.m., Woodlawn Cemetery, 828 S. Main St. Guest speaker Chuck Wellens. Oconto Falls Area Veterans Monument program, 11 a.m., North Farm Road.

LENA: American Legion Post 342 Memorial Day parade, 10 a.m., services to follow at St. Charles and Pine Hill cemeteries.

OCONTO: American Legion Post 74 Memorial Day parade, 10 a.m., City Hall to Evergreen Cemetery. Service at the cemetery at approximately 11 a.m.

OCONTO: Memorial Day Picnic, noon to 5 p.m., Copperfest and American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Music, food and beverages, bucket

raffles, kids games and activities.

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, MAY 27

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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

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.

LENA: Graduation, 7 p.m., Lena High School, 304 E. Main St.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

SHAWANO: God's Little Wonders: Parent/Tot Hour, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Hands-on activities and crafts, songs and stories,

faith nurturing.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 30

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

SATURDAY, MAY 31

SHAWANO: Fun For Kids Sake, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Games, raffles, prizes, food, in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shawano County. Rain date June 21.

SURING: Graduation, 1 p.m., Suring High School, 411 E. Green Bay St.

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway, 6 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. \$12, ages 12-16 \$6, and under 11 free.

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SHAWANO: Zurko's Midwest Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. \$2 admission, 12 and under free with adult.

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Remove and check your clothing for ticks anytime you have been

outdoors. Showering within two hours of spending time outdoors can greatly reduce your risk of Lyme and possibly other tick-borne diseases. Always conduct a tick check, paying special attention to your underarms, belly button, in and

around your ears, hair, behind your knees and around your waist.

Keep mosquitoes away when hosting a party, gardening or relaxing outdoors. Use a fan to create a gentle breeze that keeps weak-flying mosquitoes away from you and your

guests. Some gardeners even take a small fan into the garden while weeding.

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for some short-term relief.

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Melinda Myers has written over 20

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Three Bonduel athletes sign letters of intent

Bears to
continue
academics,
sports
competition

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Audrey Weier, Madalyn Sokolski and Cade Johnson announced in early May they will each continue their chosen sports and academic careers at the college level in the fall.

A ceremony was held in the school gym, where each announced their college plans and signed letters of intent.

Weier will attend Lawrence University to study business management and play volleyball.

"My parents have always had my back, pushing me to stay focused and work hard — even when multiple things were going on, even doing two sports at the same time," she said. "Even when I wasn't sure volleyball was my sport, my mom made sure I stuck it out, and it worked out in the end," she said.

"I'm also really thankful for my coaches who have taught me everything I know about the sport," Weier continued. "Their dedication and time should not go unthanked because putting up with moody teenage girls every day is not easy."

In volleyball, Weier was named MVP three



Earlier this month, three Bonduel High School athletes signed letters of intent to play college sports in the fall. From left, are Madalyn Sokolski (UW-Stevens Point), Cade Johnson (Ripon College) and Audrey Weier (Lawrence University).
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times, earned first-team all-conference and was selected for first-team all-state.

Sokolski will attend UW-Stevens Point to continue her wrestling career and study nursing.

"My family has had the largest impact on me, not only in wrestling, but in every aspect of my life," she said. "My mother has taught me to be strong and kind to everyone no matter what, and my father has taught me to never take things too seriously. My brothers made me into the athlete — more specifi-

cally, the wrestler — I am today. They coached me and pushed me my entire career to achieve the goals I set for myself."

Sokolski also thanked her many coaches over the years.

At Bonduel, she played at the varsity levels for four sports, played in band, joined many clubs and managed the football team.

She earned her certified nursing assistant license at 16 and began working as a CNA at 17.

Sokolski received the academic all-state award

three times, achieved 100 varsity wrestling wins and placed at the state tournament all four years.

Johnson will attend Ripon College to study physical education and health while also playing baseball.

At Bonduel, he earned first-team all-conference football honors as a defensive back and quarterback, was conference champion and sectional champion; was part of the first basketball team to compete at the state tournament, winning a regional and sectional championships

along the way; and was part of the first Bears team to play at the state tournament, again winning regional and sectional titles.

He thanked his coaches and parents for their support.

"These coaches have taught me more than just playing a sport; they have taught me what it means to be a leader and to hold my head high when things don't go well and stay humble when things go well," Johnson said. "Also, my parents and family — the biggest supporters I have — I just want to

thank them for pushing me to be my best self and helping me accomplish this goal."

Chris Rank, BHS activities director, told family, friends and coaches at the May 7 event that everyone had a great time watching the three athletes compete over the past four years.

"I know they're very dedicated, disciplined and that whatever they do, whether it be sports or in the classroom, this will not change once they move on the college level," he said.

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Shawano baseball team falls twice to De Pere

May 17
West De Pere 10, Shawano 1

West De Pere 5, Shawano 0

Shawano lost both ends of a doubleheader, 10-1 and 5-0, against West De Pere.

The Hawks dropped to 9-7 in the Bay Conference and 10-8 overall.

Bonduel 12, Norway 6
Kaukauna 12, Pulaski 1

May 16
Gillett/Suring 9, Marion 0

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 20, Amherst 3

May 15
Bonduel 10, Menominee Nation 6

Bonduel started hot in Keshena scoring five times in the first inning and two more in the second to open a 7-0 lead against the Eagles. The Bears would go on to win 10-6.

The Bears took advantage of several Eagle miscues and singles by Joe Felhofer, Carter Moesch and Kody Schroeder to

score in the first. Felhofer singled in the second to score two more.

Menominee Nation answered with four in the third on three Bonduel errors and a 2-run single by Ryan Corn. The Bears answered with back-to-back doubles by Cade Johnson and Race Anvelink to score two more in the fourth making it 9-4 Bonduel.

Mikey Chapman doubled and scored in the fifth for Menominee Nation as the Eagles put two more on the board. Bonduel added a solo run in the seventh for the final score.

Johnson had two doubles and scored three runs, and Felhofer had three hits and three RBIs to lead Bonduel.

Brooks Hartlaben earned the win in relief for the Bears.

Izayah Peters had two hits and Corn had three RBIs to lead the Eagles. Chapman took the loss.

Bonduel is now 9-8

and 7-4 in CWC East. The Eagles are 3-13 overall and 1-10 in conference play.

Little Chute 2, Oconto Falls 1

It was a quiet night for the Oconto Falls hitters, losing a 2-1 game to Little Chute.

Jack Adler hit 1-for-3 with a run scored and a double.

Carter Heroux took the loss on the mound. In six innings, he gave up six hits, two runs, walked three and struck out five.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 9, Iola-Scandinavia 2

The Chargers extended their winning streak to 11 games with a 9-2 win over Iola-Scandinavia.

They sit alone in first place in the CWC East at 10-1, while holding an 18-2 overall record.

Crivitz 4, Lena 3
Coleman 9, Gillett/Suring 1

Tigerton 22, White Lake 4

Tigerton 30, White Lake 0

May 13
Oconto Falls 3, Denmark 2

Oconto Falls' Jack Adler and Denmark's Cade Delarwelle fought it out on the mound, but the Panthers emerged with a 3-2 win.

Adler pitched six innings and gave up two hits and two runs while striking out nine. Delarwelle lasted five innings, gave up four hits and run while striking out 10.

Luke Gilbertson hit 2-for-3 with an RBI, and Carter Heroux was 1-for-2 with a walk and a run scored.

De Pere 7, Pulaski 4
Seymour 8, Shawano 2

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 6, Tomahawk 2

May 12
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 6, Bonduel 4

Bonduel wasted no time in getting to starting Wittenberg-Birnhamwood

pitcher Chris Sippl.

Cade Johnson, Race Anvelink and Beckett Hartlaben all got hits and scored to give the Bears a 3-0 lead after one inning.

The Chargers pulled within two with a single run in the fourth, but the Bears got that run back in the bottom of the inning.

Witt-Birn added a run in the sixth and broke it open with four in the seventh with the big blow being a two-run home run by Hayden Miller.

Bonduel managed to load the bases in the seventh but couldn't get the hit to tie the game.

Johnson started on the mound for the Bears and only gave up two hits and one run while walking five and striking out eight. Anvelink relieved in the fifth as Johnson got to the magic pitch No. 100. Anvelink took the loss.

Hartlaben and Carter Moesch led the Bears with two hits each.

For the Chargers, Hugh and Hayden Miller had two hits each with Hayden Miller adding three RBIs.

Oconto Falls 9, Oconto 1

Oconto Falls cruised to a 9-1 nonconference win over Oconto.

Easton Engel hit 2-for-3 with three runs scored, an RBI and a walk. Wyatt Laughrin was 1-for-2 with two walks and two runs scored. Grayson Clark hit 1-for-3 with three RBIs.

Trace Brehmer was the winning pitcher. In three innings, he gave up two hits and a run while walking five and striking out three.

Lena 9, Wausaukee 6
Manawa 13, Menominee Nation 8

Gresham 7, Northland Lutheran 0

Seymour 13, Shawano 3

St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 6, Gillett/Suring 3

Tigerton 11, Marion 1

Shawano tennis team wins again

May 13
Shawano 7, Green Bay East 0

The Hawks won their third match in a row, a 7-0 shutout over Green Bay East. Shawano is 3-9.

Pulaski 6, Sheboygan South 1

Pulaski turned the tables from the day before, winning this time 6-1 over Sheboygan South.

Nathan Maroszek shut out his opponent at No. 2 singles. Mikel Iglesias-Mino won 6-0, 6-2 in the No. 3 slot, and Jonah Dreves won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4.

In the No. 1 position, Justin Fraedrich lost 6-4, 6-3.

The Red Raiders had little trouble in the doubles matches.

At No. 1, Ryan Symons and Henry Piczkowski, won 6-1, 6-0. Donovan Holderness and Oscar Delmarcelle won 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2, while Jeffrey Sanders and William Gosse defeated their opponents 6-0, 6-1 in the No. 3 match.

May 12
Bay Port 6, Pulaski 1

Pulaski's tennis players didn't let up, but most couldn't break through to earn match wins against Bay Port in a 6-1 loss.

Mikel Iglesias-Mino pulled out Pulaski's only win, a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Carson Tilkens at No. 3 singles.

Aryaman Bhatia defeated Justin Fraedrich 6-2, 6-3 at No. 1 singles, with Sam Stimpson beating Nathan Maroszek 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2 and Jorden Allen topping Jonah Dreves 6-3, 6-4 at No. 4.

In No. 1 doubles, Ryan Symons and Henry Piczkowski lost 6-4, 6-1. By the same scores, Donovan Holderness and Oscar Delmarcelle lost at No. 2. At No. 3, Jeffrey Sanders and William Gosse were defeated 6-2, 6-3.

Pulaski lacrosse teams each fall twice

May 17
Sauk Prairie 12, Pulaski 2 (boys)

La Crosse 17, Pulaski 4 (boys)

Pulaski's boys lost both games at the Sauk Prairie Triangular. First, the Red Raiders lost 17-4 to La Crosse and then 12-2 to their hosts.

Janesville 11, Pulaski 6 (girls)

De Pere 5, Pulaski 1 (girls)

The Pulaski girls lost both games at the De Pere Invite, and 11-6 loss at the hands of Janesville, then a 5-1 defeat against De Pere.



Madisyn Weinig, a track and field competitor at Shawano Community High School, signs her letter of intent May 14 to compete for St. Cloud State University in the fall.

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Shawano Community High School senior Adalyn Barkley on May 14 signs her letter of intent to attend Winona State University in the fall. A cross country and track and field runner in Shawano, she will continue her athletic and academic careers at the Minnesota college. Her mother watched her sign.

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Hawks announce college intentions

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano Community High School seniors Adalyn Barkley and Madisyn Weinig announced to family, friends and coaches their college intentions at a May 14 ceremony at the high school.

Barkley will be a part of the track and field team at Winona State University, where she will pursue a degree in nursing.

Steve Stomberg, Shawano's head cross country

coach, shared a few words about Barkley from her first day of practice four years ago.

"I didn't know who she was then, but it didn't take long to recognize that she was a diamond in the rough, someone who could soon make a lasting impact on our team," he said. "Her accomplishments speak volumes."

Barkley has been part of a cross country team with four straight appearances at the state meet. Along the way, she helped win

the Bay Conference championship and sectional titles, and earn first-team all-conference honors.

"She does not accept defeat easily and strives for excellence, not just for herself but for her teammates as well," Stomberg said.

Track and field head coach Joel Guenther praised both athletes.

"She's (Barkley) going to graduate holding school records in the 400, as part of the 4x200 relay, the 4x400 relay and the

4x800 relay and the triple jump," Guenther said. "I think she's only scratched the surface of what she's capable of."

Weinig committed to attend St. Cloud State University to compete on its track and field team. She intends to major in elementary education.

"Shot putters, discus throwers are kind of on their own island sometimes," Guenther said. "It's been nice having someone who's dependable."

Coach Jim Heinz

praised the athletes' parents for sacrificing and supporting the girls.

"She's (Weinig) done a lot of out-of-year practicing, going to camps, separate instruction, which I promote heavily, because I don't know everything," he said. "She will excel. I'm very excited for her."

The girls will continue their 2025 seasons, with regionals and sectionals this week and the state meet June 6-7.

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Charger athletes set new conference marks

May 17
CWC Large Conference Meet

Several local athletes earned all-conference honors at Rosholt, with Wittenberg-Birnamwood leading the way. Six new conference records were set along the way.

Faith Resch earned four gold medals, including the 100-meter hurdles, the 300-meter hurdles, the high jump and the triple jump. New conference records were set in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles.

Nora Bushman won the 800-meter run, and the 4x800-meter relay team also placed first.

Landen Schmidt won the boys discus event with a new conference record.

Three relay teams also set new conference records.

The 4x100 team of Aydream McGeshick, Jett Rogowski, Bryson Schmid and Kaden Yaeger broke the record set in 1998.

The 4x200 team of Logan Gibson, Rogowski, Schmid and Yaeger broke their own record set earlier this season.

And the 4x400 team of Alex Sanderson, Rogowski, Schmid and Yaeger set a new record.

For Bonduel, Mariah Wondra won the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs for the girls. The best finish

for the boys was second place by the 4x400 relay team.

Menominee Nation's Mikey Chapman placed second in the boys high jump, and Urijah Reevis was second in the girls high jump.

NEC Championship
The Oconto Falls boys placed fourth at the NEC Championship in Marinette, while the girls placed sixth.

The team of Brady Bursa, Isaac Bramer, Croix Gardebrecht and Elijah White won gold in the 4x400-meter relay.

Griffin Kopke was fastest in the 3,200-meter run.

For the girls, the team of Emery Pagel, Hailyn St. Louis, Gracie Miller and Rylie Shallow won the 4x400 relay.

Bay Conference Championships

Shawano's girls finished second at De Pere, with the boys taking third.

Adalyn Barkley won the 800-meter run and the 1,600-meter run. Bailey Hendricks won the girls 3,200-meter run.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Barkley, Maci Beyer, Hendricks and Mikalah Powers also won gold.

Beyer won the high jump.

On the boys side, Bryce Lammers, Aiden Rasmussen, Maverick Theis and

Cambren Zeuske were fastest in the 4x200-meter relay.

May 13
Algoma Invite

Oconto Falls track and field competitors won several events against eight other schools in Algoma.

Elijah White won the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. In the 200-meter dash, he was followed by Evan Yuma in second and Isaac Bramer in third.

Yuma won the 400-meter dash, and Brady Bursa won the long jump.

The Panthers won three of the four relays.

The foursome of Bursa, Bramer, Croix Gardebrecht and White were fastest in the 4x100-meter relay. Yuma, Gardebrecht, Brant Laluzerne and Emerson Rice won the 4x400. Winning the 4x800 were Rice, Laluzerne, Griffin Kopke and Ben Adams.

Hailey Delzer won the girls 3,200-meter run and the triple jump.

In the 4x200, it was Emery Pagel, Brooke Fenton, Ashlynn Vanderboss and Rylie Shallow finishing first. The fastest in the 4x800 were Delzer, Emma Meissner, Ava Hodkiewicz and Brooke Hodkiewicz.

Gwen Maggio won the high jump.

May 12
Oconto Invite

Menominee Nation won five boys events and one girls event in Oconto.

Barron Waupoose was fastest in the 400-meter dash, with Bryant Waupoose winning the 1,600-meter run.

Anthony Silas was best in the high jump. Miklo Guzman won the discus, and Mitchell Waukau finished first in the shot put. Rayshawn Madosh was second in the shot put, just 3 inches less than Waukau.

The win for the girls was by Urijah Reevis in the high jump.

The best finish for the Oconto Falls girls team came from Vera Deneys-Ondik, who placed second in the 300-meter hurdles.

For the boys, the 4x400 team placed second.

Wittenberg Lions Invitational

Wittenberg-Birnamwood boys and girls track teams each won their home invitational, besting six other teams in the process.

The girls tallied 172 points, with Bonduel in second with 123, Marion/Tigerton in fourth with 48 and Bowler/Gresham in sixth with 31.

For the boys, the Chargers scored 146. Bonduel was third with 114, Marion/Tigerton was fourth with 47, and Bowler/Gresham was fifth with 36.

Winning for the Witt-Birn girls were Kylee Beversdorf in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash, Nora Bushman in the 1,600-meter run, Gabrielle Timm in the 3,200-meter run, Faith Resch in the 100-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles, Resch also in the triple jump, and the 4x400-meter relay.

For the boys, Marty Nowinsky won the 1,600-meter run, Alex Sanderson in the 110-meter and the 300-meter hurdles, the 4x100 team, the 4x200 team, the 4x400 team, Jett Rogowski in the long jump, Logan Gibson in the triple jump and Landen Schmidt in both shot put and discus.

Bonduel's event winners were Mariah Wondra in the girls 800-meter run, the girls 4x100 team, the girls 4x800 team, Josie Pawlak in the girls long jump, Joah Dworniczak in the boys 3,200-meter run and the boys 4x800 team.

For Marion/Tigerton, Presley Stewart-Rolfs won the girls discus, and Tristan Herro won the boys high jump.

Bowler/Gresham's best finisher was Addison Fischer placing second in the girls 400-meter dash. For the boys, there were a trio of third-place finishes - the 4x400 team, the 4x800 team and Mason Martin in the high jump.

Panthers golfers place second at home

**May 15
Oconto Falls
Invitational**

Oconto Falls fielded two teams at its home invite at River Island Golf Course, placing second (323) and ninth (397) among 10 teams. Pulaski was eighth (387).

Dylan Clark was the medalist with a 71 for the second-place Panthers team. He was joined by Kadyr Riel with 77, Carson McDermid with 83 and Brock McDermid with 92. Nick Trepanier also carded a 98.

Pulaski was led by Ethan Berger's 93. Also scoring were Benny Shaw with 95, Steven Winter with 97 and Ethan Frechman with 102. Cody Satterburg also carded a 108.

The Oconto Falls 2 team was led by Landon Magnin's 98. Also scoring were Carter Teller and Braden Hill with 99 each, and Will Allen with 101. Austin Anderson also carded a 107, Jacob Trepanier had a 110 and Sullivan O'Harrow carded a 114.

Marion Invitational

Marion placed fourth at its home invitational at Perry's Landing Golf Course.

The Mustangs scored a 355. Menominee Nation/Gresham and Wittenberg-Birnamwood tied for sixth at 365.

Menominee Nation/Gresham freshman Allex Mahl carded a 79, the best among the three local teams. Also scoring were Gabe Boivin with 87, King

Lyons with 99 and Elliott Penass with 100. Savannah Reno also carded a 127.

Leading the Mustangs was Collin Grogan with 83. He was joined by Elijah Scheef with 86, Brady Malueg with 90 and Jarren Faehling with 96. James Nolan also carded a 109.

For Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Jaden Clark carded an 84, followed by George Seegmiller with 88, Roman Johnson with 91 and Nicholas Flak with 102. Luca Pelusi also carded a 106.

**May 14
FRCC Mini-Meet No. 4**

Pulaski's Dixon Holewinski carded a 38, two strokes off the lead and one of six golfers at that score.

The Red Raiders placed fifth with 171.

Joining Holewinski on the course were Brady Hayward with 39, Brady Schultz with 46 and Casey Madlem with 48.

Christian Weinberger also carded a 52.

**May 13
CWC Mini-Meet No. 4**

Bonduel's Jaxon Bogacz carded the second-best score of 79 at Greenwood Hills Country Club in Wausau, while teammate Colin Fischer was right behind him at 81.

The Bears finished second with a 350 total. Marion was third with 364, followed by Wittenberg-Birnamwood in seventh at 396 and Menominee Nation/Gresham in 10th

at 418. Joining Bogacz and Fischer for Bonduel were Cameron Schroeder at 92 and Sam Roberts at 98. Cory Wussow also carded a 118.

Scores for Marion were Collin Grogan with 88, Jarren Faehling with 90, and Brady Malueg and Elijah Scheef each at 93.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood was led by Jaden Clark at 95, followed by George Seegmiller at 97, and Luca Pelusi and Roman Johnson each at 102.

For Menominee Nation/Gresham, it was Elliott Penass with 97, Anikohsah Corn with 98, Gabe Boivin with 105 and Holly Brady at 118.

Bay Conference Mini-Meet No. 6

Blake Knope's 42 was the best score for Shawano, when the Hawks placed fifth at Butts de Morts Country Club in Appleton.

The Hawks totaled a 183.

Also scoring for Shawano were Brayden Mead, Collin Dieck and T.J. Smith, all with identical 47 scores.

**May 12
William Hearnden Memorial Invitational**

Bradin Schultz's 80 was the best for the Pulaski golf team when the Raiders finished fourth out of nine teams at Northbrook Golf & Grill in Luxemburg

Pulaski's 333 also included Dixon Holewinski's 81, Brady Hayward's 82 and Casey Madlem's 90.

Pulaski softball win streak ended by Jaguars

**May 17
Bonduel 14, Norway, Michigan 2**

Jayla Reinke hit 2-for-4 with three RBIs and Maddy Sokolski was 2o-for-4 with two RBIs as Bonduel defeated Norway, Michigan, 14-2.

Marlie Hartmann and Tatum Sporisky each had an RBI. Sporisky was also 2-for-5.

Kallie Wilcox pitched five innings and earned the win.

**May 16
Shiocton 13, Menominee Nation 2
Shiocton 19, Menominee Nation 2
Wrightstown 2,**

**Oconto Falls 1
Pulaski 9, West De Pere 0**

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 8, Almond-Bancroft 6

**May 15
Ashwaubenon 5, Pulaski 1**

Pulaski's seven-game winning streak ended with a 5-1 loss to Ashwaubenon.

During the winning streak, Pulaski outscored its opponents 106-7.

Bonduel 16, Menominee Nation 0

Bonduel scored early and often in a 16-0 shut-out win over Menominee Nation.

For the Bears, Jayla

Reinke hit 2-for-3 with a double, two runs scored and three RBIs. Marlie Hartman was 3-for-3 with two RBIs.

Gracyn Wudtke hit 2-for-3 with a triple and two runs scored.

Taylor Rank was 2-for-3 with a pair of runs scored and an RBI. Emery Thompson hit 2-for-2 with one run scored and one RBI. Maddy Sokolski also had an RBI.

Kallie Wilcox was the winning pitcher.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 7, Iola-Scandinavia 2

West De Pere 10, Shawano 5

Coleman 11, Gillett/Suring 2

Crivitz 5, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 2

**May 13
Pulaski 23, Sheboygan South 0
Pulaski 17, Sheboygan South 0**

The Red Raiders crossed the plate 40 times in two huge wins over Sheboygan South.

With the doubleheader, Pulaski improved to 10-5 in the Fox River Classic Conference and 12-9 overall.

Wild Rose 15, Marion 1

Wild Rose had little

trouble dispatching Marion in a 15-1 nonconference game. The Mustangs dropped to 4-8 overall.

**Bonduel 9, Amherst 0
Oconto Falls 13, Little Chute 0**

Tigerton 11, Bowler/Gresham 4

Shawano 2, Winneconne 1

**Northland Lutheran 15, Menominee Nation 8
May 12**

Tigerton 9, Marion 8

Tigerton increased its

lead over Marion in the CWC North following a 9-8 win.

The Tigers remain unbeaten at 4-0 in the conference, while the Mustangs fell to 3-2.

Pulaski 15, Sheboygan North 0

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 8, Wausaukee 4

Manawa 15, Menominee Nation 0

Bonduel 6, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 2

Shawano soccer team to host benefit game

**May 17
Kiel 5, Shawano 0**

Shawano dropped to 4-8-2 overall with a 5-0 loss to Kiel.

The final regular season game will be home at 6:30 p.m. May 29 against Marinette.

This will also be the team's fourth annual benefit game.

Each year, the girls choose an organization to raise funds for. They sell Benefit Game Day

shirts and 100% of the profit goes toward that organization.

The team started with a Pink Out game in 2022, Forget Me Not in 2023, Veterans in 2024, and this year, the team will support Bridge the Gap.

"We decided to specifically choose autism as a section to focus on, because our school has extreme love for our all our students at Shawano High," according to a

press release from the team. "Our school does very well making sure that they are all feel involved."

Pulaski 2, Green Bay East 0

**May 15
Shawano 11, Green Bay West 0**

The Hawks picked up their second Bay Conference win with an 11-0 shutout over Green Bay West.

Shawano improved to 2-4-1 in the Bay Confer-

ence and 4-7-2 overall.

**May 13
Pulaski 5, Manitowoc Lincoln 1**

**May 12
Shawano 5, New London 0**

Shawano won its first Bay Conference game of the season, a 5-0 shutout over New London.

The Hawks are now 1-4-1 in the conference and 3-7-2 overall.

West De Pere 3, Pulaski 1



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Clintonville's Lucas Lamberies started in ninth and worked his way to the front to take the checkered flag in the modified division at the Shawano Speedway on May 17.

Trevor Spaulding of Greenville won the first heat, Konnor Wilinski of Seymour won the second heat, and Marion's Adam Abbey won the third heat.

In the sport modifieds, Oconto Falls' Cole Magnin won after starting in the No. 2 spot. Pulaski's Cole Sleszewski, Magnin and Clintonville's Max Oreskovich were heat winners.

Lukas Postl of Shawano started second and finished first int he dirt late models. Shawano's Brett Swedberg won the heat race.

Jeremy Christians of Horicon won the stock cars division after starting in 11th. Shawano's Trent Nolan started 10th and finished in second. Nolan, Christians and Manitowoc's Brett Wenzel were heat winners.

In the Mighty 4's, Shawano's Dalton Nelson placed first after starting in fifth. He was followed by Shawano racers Scott Blanke in second, Andrew Yaeger in third and Taylor Junk in fourth.

Blanke and Luxemburg's Nathan Lisowe were heat winners.

Marion defeats Shawano in BABA action

The Badger Amateur Baseball Association South Central Division began its league season this past weekend.

South Central Division May 18 Scandinavia 6 at New London 1

WP: Cyle Zblewski, complete game, 4 hits, 5 strikeouts

LP: Noah Hanson, 5 in-

nings, 4 hits

Scandy: Landon Moe

2x5, Caleb Bembenek

WeyMont and Plover begin with a BYE

East-West Division Marion 15, Shawano 3

WP: Joe Weyenberg

LP: Mike Korth

Marion: Mitch Elandt and Kaden Jueds each had their first BABA home runs.

Neopit 17, Gresham 2

WP: Walker Moller

LP: Josh Foeman

Neopit: Bob Peters 3x5;

Walker Miller 3x3; Ray

White 3x4 w/2B; Tess

Grignon 3x5 w/HR; Sam

Tourtilott 3x4 w/HR;

Mequon Corn 2x3 w2.2B;

Mach Corn 2x2 w/2B

Gresham: Cody Riemer

1x2 w/2B; Josh Foeman 1x2;

Joe Ejnik 1x2

Clintonville 10, Menominee 2

WP: Jaden Doornink 9

IP CG, 2R, 9 K's

LP: Ray Lemieux 4 2/3

IP, 7R, 2 K's

Clintonville: Colton Kluth 3x5 w/ (2) 2Bs, 2 RBIs; Aaron Hoffman 3x4 w/ 1 RBI; Brock Smejkal 2x5 w/ 1 RBI; Keenan Doornink 1x3 w/ RBI 2B; Jaden Doornink 1x4 w/ RBI 2B

Menominee: George Bruette 2x3; Pearson Denny 2x4 w/ 1 RBI; Derrick Grignon 2x4; Austin Peters 2x5

Tigerton 8, Tilleda 4

WP: Hayden Harris

LP: Zack Fuhrman

Tigerton: Tyler Steen-

bock 2x4 w/HR 5 RBI

Tilleda: Adin Brei 2x3;

Joel Brei 2x3 w/2B

Little Falls 12, Leopolis 2

WP: Parker Gullixon

6IP, 6K, 7H

LP: Jaden Stuhr 6IP, 6K.

7H, 4R

Little Falls: Kal Fischer 2x4, 2RBI; Cam Gruenwald 2x5 RBI; Parker Gullixon 2x4 w/2B; Kyle Finger 2x3 RBI; Spencer Strebe 1x2 3R, RBI; Sawyer Strebe 1x1 RBI; Drew Radies 1x4, walk off single

Leopolis: Andrew Kristof 2x3; Dylan Hodkiewicz 2x4; Riley Nietzer 1x4 2RBI

Crandon at Caroline moved to Friday, July 18 Northern Division

May 16 Birnawood 9, Wittenberg 1

WP: Mason Meverden

LP: Nate Waupekenay

Birnawood: Chase Re-

inke 3x5; Garrett Engel 2x3

w/ 2B; Noah Beilfuss 2x5 w/ 2B; Logan Thiex 2x5; Connor Meverden had a 2B

Wittenberg: Pierson Potrykus, Zach Urquahart, Nate Waupekenay, Erik Steigerwald, Dominik Anderson, and Seth Steliga each had hits.

May 18 Eland 12, Antigo/Polar 2

WP: Tyler Nelson

LP: AJ Kirsch

Eland: Tyler Nelson 3x6;

Jacob Ligenza 2x4 w/2B;

Ryan Richter had a 2B; Pey-

ton Fless 4x5 with a Home

Run; Shane Larson 2x4

Antigo/Polar: Mason

Gray had home run

Aniwa 11, Hatley 5 Elderon BYE

Nitros rally defeats Marinette in Dairyland league

Nichols 9, Marinette 6
Nichols Nitros rallied to top Marinette Redbirds 9-6 on May 18.

Javon Leisgang collected three hits in six at-bats in the win. Leisgang singled in the second, third and eighth innings.

Marinette was the first to get on the board in the first when Rylie Nelson homered to left field, scoring three runs.

An error extended the Redbirds lead to 5-1 in the bottom of the second inning.

Lucas Leisgang singled

down the left field line, which helped Nichols tie the game at 5-5 in the top of the sixth.

A single by Joey Olsen gave Marinette the lead, 6-5, in the bottom of the sixth.

The Nitros captured the lead, 9-6, in the top of the eighth when Leisgang singled, scoring two runs, Dawson Biese drew a walk, scoring one run, and a passed ball scored one run.

Leisgang began the game for Nichols Nitros. The right-handed pitcher surrendered nine hits and

six runs (four earned) over nine innings, striking out three and walking three.

Pulaski 5, Bonduel 3

Bonduel could not keep pace with Pulaski, losing 5-3.

Pulaski opened the scoring in the bottom of the first thanks to two doubles. The Reds first got on the board when Reese Berg doubled, scoring one run.

Bonduel scored three runs in the top of the eighth on a home run to center field by Adam Frost.

Chase Reinke took the

loss for Bonduel Broncos.

Hofa Park 10, Navarino 8

Mason Dingeldein led off the game with a double and would later score on a single by Hunter Larson.

Hofa Park added three runs in the bottom half of the inning as the scored remained 3-1 until the fourth. Navarino added a second run in the fourth inning on a sacrifice fly by James Mutchie scoring Dawson Schmidt. The Rangers took the lead in the fifth inning on RBI singles from Schmidt and

Ryan Boettcher.

A leadoff double by Brett Krull started the sixth inning rally as he'd score on an Ethan Bemowski sacrifice fly. Bailey Dingeldein added another sacrifice fly, scoring Larson, followed by RBI singles from Nick Dagneau and Spencer Dauphinee to make it 8-3.

The Panthers answered in the bottom half putting in seven runs recapturing the lead 10-8. Navarino loaded the bases with 2 outs in the ninth but failed to score a run.

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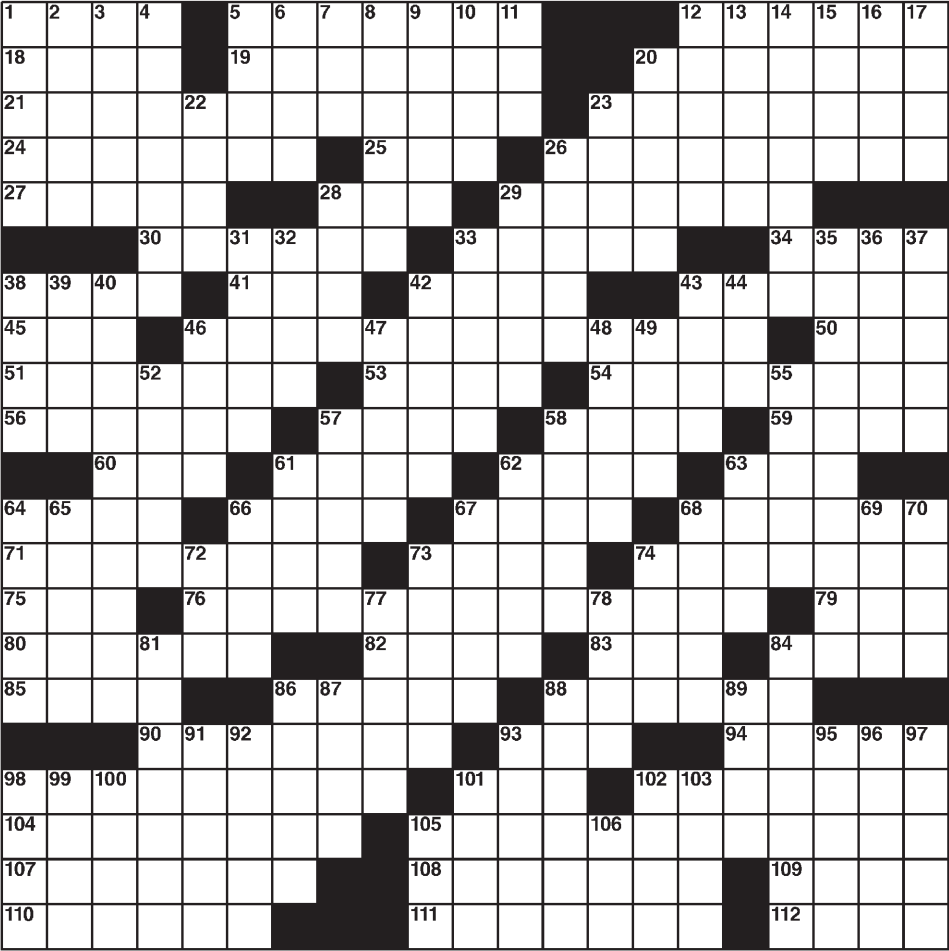
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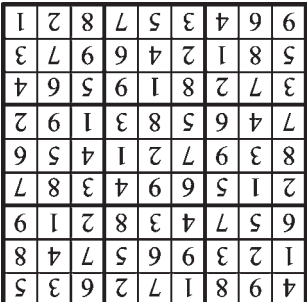
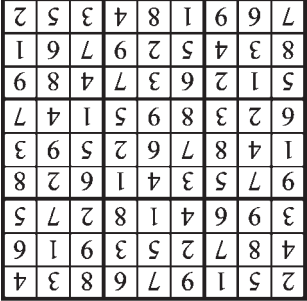
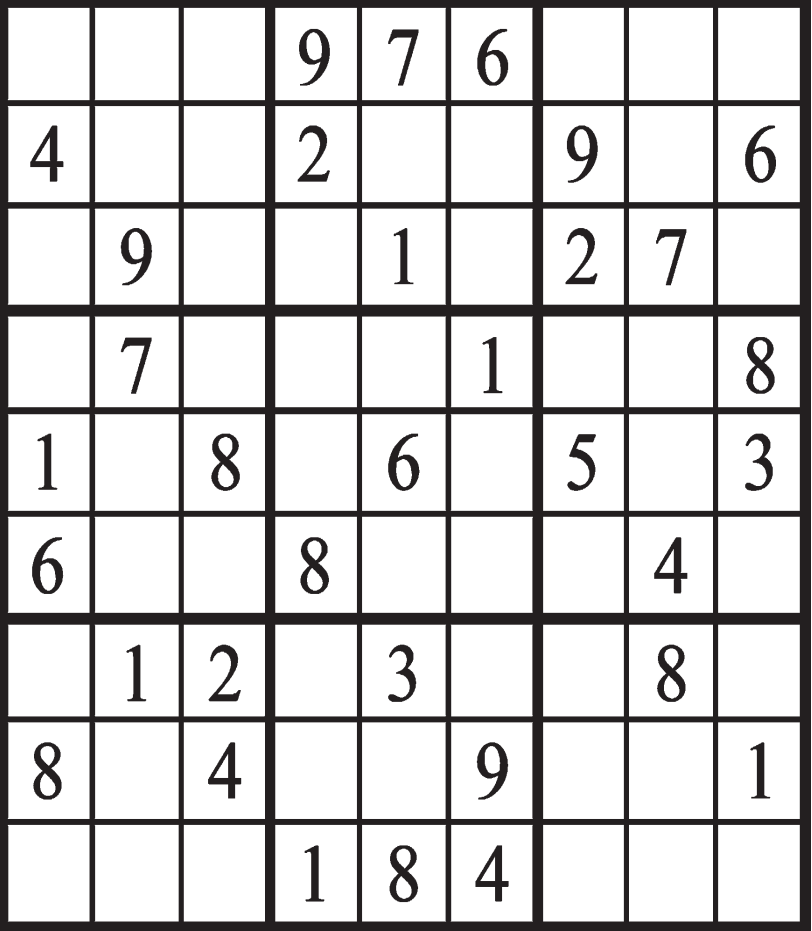
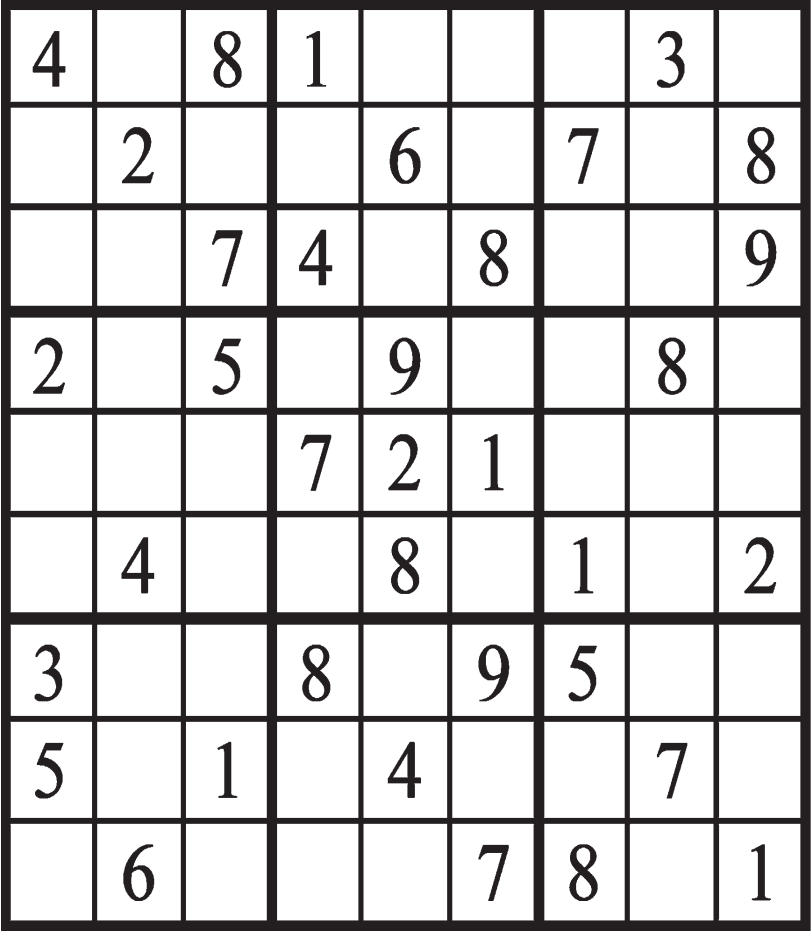
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John ‘Jack’ J. Dingeldein

John “Jack” J. Dingeldein, 80, of Gillett, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. He passed away peacefully at home, with family by his side, following a lengthy battle with Parkinson’s disease.

Jack was born on April 10, 1945, son of the late Jim and Edna (Pues) Dingeldein. He grew up on a farm near Navarino and graduated from Bonduel High School in 1963. He married Sharon Lotto of Green Valley on Nov. 27, 1965. They spent the first seven years of their marriage living in the Town of Navarino, while Jack worked for Western Electric. They built a home in the Town of Lessor and moved to the perfect “Forty-Six Acre Wood” where together they raised their three sons



on venison and squirrels. If it had fur, feathers or fins, it got hunted, fished and eaten.

In 1978, Jack left Western Electric to take over his father’s business, Jim’s Paneling. The business grew and changed much over the years becoming Jack’s Lumber and later Oconto County Lum-

ber. His greatest joy was working with his three boys until his retirement in 2019. They continued to live in the Bonduel School District until the boys graduated from high school, before building a home outside of Gillett. This property became their haven, their heaven on earth.

Jack loved fishing, hunting, pitching fastpitch softball and playing baseball for the Navarino Rangers starting at the age of 14. His goal was to continue to play until he could share the field with one of his sons, which would bring to fruition the countless hours of practice he and Scott did on the front lawn.

At the age of 42, Jack’s goal was accomplished as he was able to catch Scott’s pitches on a game day for

the Navarino Rangers. Jack also coached the Navarino Rangers for several years; there has now been a Dingeldein on the roster for 67 years, starting with Jack followed by his sons and now grandsons currently playing. He was also the Dairyland League president for 10 years.

For a number of years, Jack and Sharon enjoying spending time at the home they built in New Mexico. They made many wonderful friends there, including Pastor Ted and his wife, Marian, as well as Cuerno Moreno, hunting guide and dear friend.

As a child, Jack attended Ascension Lutheran Church in Navarino. He continued to attend there through the early years of his marriage. Later, he was an active member at Faith

United Lutheran Church in Gillett.

Jack is survived by his wife, Sharon; sons, Scott (Dawn) Dingeldein, Joe (Lisa) Dingeldein and Mike (Bridgett) Dingeldein; five grandchildren, Kodi (Ross) Jensen, Brianna (Dave Armstrong) Dingeldein, Bailey Dingeldein, Mackenzie (Kaden) Richards and Mason (Morgan Pecore) Dingeldein. He is further survived by “Uncle” Arlie Pues, many nieces, nephews, and his faithful canine companion, Barney.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Shirley LaRue, Betty Tischer and Barbara (Howie) VanDen Elzen.

Visitation was held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Faith United Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. until

the funeral service at noon with Pastor John Laatsch officiating. Jack will be interred at Union Cemetery in Navarino at a later date.

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

Special thanks to the staff of Bellin Home Health and Unity Hospice for their compassionate care, along with Pastor John Laatsch and his wife, Kathy, for the many visits.

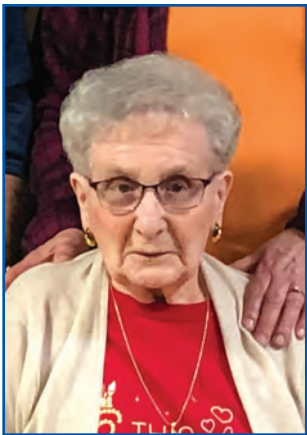


Joan Delzer

Joan Ruth Delzer, 91, passed away Thursday, May 15, 2025. She was born Oct. 8, 1933, to Max and Augusta (Jahnke) Brendemehl in Green Bay.

She graduated from Oconto Falls High School with the class of 1952. Joan married George Delzer on Oct. 9, 1954, and together they ran a farm and homestead for the next 53 years in Town of Morgan. Joan and George raised two children, Phyllis and Paul. George and Joan enjoyed family visits from George’s four brothers and two sisters, and both Phyllis and Paul’s families dropping grandchildren off for extended stays learning farming chores over many summers.

For her entire adult life, Joan was a proud member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Morgan. She especially enjoyed serving with the Women of the ELCA. For a few years, she also taught Sunday School.



Her favorite pastimes include baking, gardening and spending time with family.

She is survived by both her children, Phyllis (Glen) Peebles and Paul (Jenny) Delzer; grandsons, Eric (Anne) Peebles and Adam (Katie) Peebles; granddaughters, Sabrina (Kevin) Delzer and Amber Delzer; great-grandchildren, Vincent, Lucia, Thomas, Margaret, Michael, Dominic, Noah, Logan (Morgan), Maggie, Addison and So-

phia; and one great-great-grandchild on the way. She is further survived by two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Petka and Anita Hansen, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Max and Augusta; husband, George; daughter-in-law, Anita Delzer; siblings, Haven Brendemehl and Lois Delzer.

Family is invited and welcome to gather after 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Morgan. A service will begin at noon with Pastor Katy Tomlanovich officiating. Burial will follow at Morgan Cemetery.

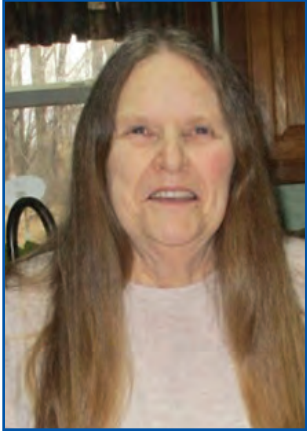
A special thank you to all staff at Woodside Lutheran Home, Unity Hospice, and Jones Funeral Service for all of their care given to Joan and the special friendships nurtured over the last few years of Joan’s life.

Nancy Thomson

Nancy L. Thomson, 71, of Mountain, passed away on Tuesday May 13, 2025, in Shawano after fighting valiantly against health issues over the past few years.

Nancy was born in Appleton on Dec. 21, 1953, daughter of the late Reinhart and Leova (Cavert) Kamine. On June 15, 1974, Nancy was united in marriage to Harold “Bud” Thomson in Appleton. They lived, worked and raised their family in Appleton before moving to Mountain in 1998.

In her free time, Nancy enjoyed gardening, baking, boating, fishing, deer hunting and scrapbooking for her grandchildren. She enjoyed watching the birds, especially the hum-



mingbirds and blue jays, which were her favorites. She loved animals and had many pets throughout the years. Nancy was a kind and generous woman, always willing to lend a helping hand. She was a wonderful wife, mom and grandma and will be

deeply missed by those she leaves behind.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Harold “Bud” Thomson; daughter, Lisa (son-in-law Azael) Meza; grandchildren, Sylvia Meza, Stella Meza and Kyler Rettler; and several siblings. She is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

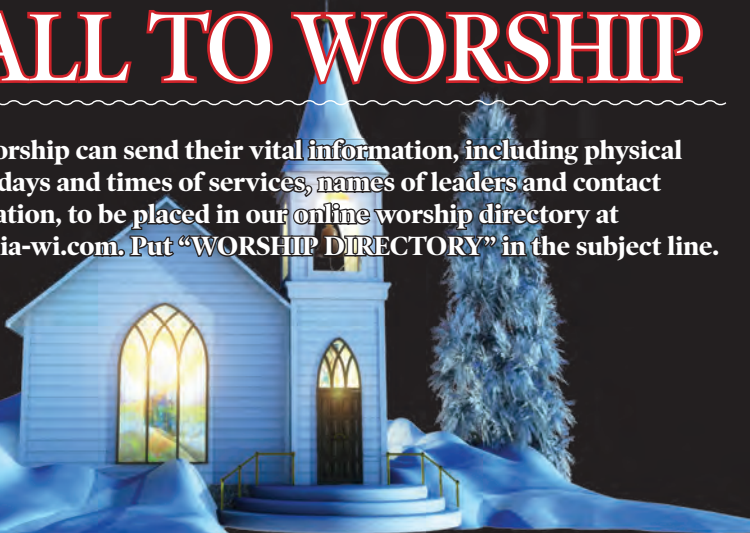
Nancy was preceded in death by her son, Jeff Thomson; a grandson, Carson; her parents; and siblings, Pete Kamine, Dave Kamine, Jane Ann Kamine and Raymond Kamine.

In accordance with Nancy’s wishes, private family services will be held.

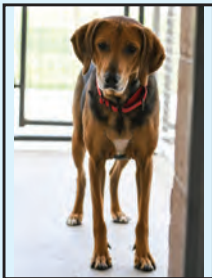
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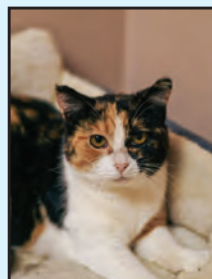
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Ribbon cutting at NorthLakes



NorthLakes Community Clinic staff and community members gathered on May 14 to celebrate the ribbon cutting ceremony at their new Oconto facility, 155 Memorial Drive. The expanded clinic offers dental services, counseling, chiropractic care and patient support, with optometry services coming soon. The clinic serves Medicaid, Medicare and most private insurance patients. There is a sliding fee scale for those who qualify. The new location, serving Oconto County, represents a significant expansion of health care services available to area residents.

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Noxious Weed/Grass Notice

State of WI
Village of Lena
Oconto County

Every person is required by law to destroy all the following noxious weeds growing on land in the Village of Lena, Oconto County, Wisconsin, owned, operated, or controlled by that person:

1. Canada thistle

2. Leafy spurge

3. Field bindweed (Creeping Jenny)

4. Any other weeds that have been declared noxious by the Village Board or County Board by resolution or ordinance, naming them.

5. Per Village Ordinance 134 lawns need to be maintained. This includes the area along sidewalk and curb and trimming around buildings, trees, etc.

This above stated notifications constitute the entire obligation of the Village of Lena to notify property owners.

Jodi A. Marquardt/Clerk-Treasurer
Week of May 23 and May 30, 2025

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Oconto Falls School Board officers reelected

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Oconto Falls Board of Education reelected its officers during its annual reorganization meeting May 12.

Clint Gardebrecht will serve as president for another year, along with Bryan Bauml, vice president; Sarah Schindel,

clerk/secretary; and Ginny O'Harrow, treasurer.

The board again scheduled its regular meetings as the second Monday of the month, except for the third Monday on three upcoming dates:

- July 21, because of a conflict with Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators training for new superintendent Stuart Russ.

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- Sept. 15, so that the regular meeting may follow the school district's annual meeting.

- Oct. 20, to accommodate the timeline for establishing the district's annual budget for 2025-26. State aid information is usually not released until Oct. 15.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM
FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS

The Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services Board is responsible for advising the County on service needs and priorities for persons with disabilities, mental illness, alcohol and other drug abuse, frail elderly, public health issues, Medicaid, Foodshare, child daycare, child protection, juvenile out-of-home care, and juvenile justice needs.

The Board would like to hear from the public regarding community needs and priorities, the quality of programs, accessibility to services, suggestions for program improvements, and to hear any concerns of the public regarding Health and Human Services programs. **AN OPEN FORUM IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025, AT NEW HEIGHTS, 228 W. PARK STREET, GILLET, AT 5:00 P.M.**

The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments and information from Oconto County residents for the 2025 budget process for the Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services. The public is encouraged to attend. If unable to attend the Public Participation Forum and would like your comments read, please contact Wendy Dey either by mail at Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services, 501 Park Avenue, Oconto, WI 54153-1612; by telephone at (920) 834-7000; or by e-mail at: wendy.dey@ocontocountywi.gov by May 30, 2025.

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Lakewood woman receives volunteer award

Julie Roznowski-Olson, of Lakewood, was recently awarded the 2025 Care and Support Volunteer of the Year award from the Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter.

Roznowski-Olson was presented this award on May 6 at the Alzheimer's Association's 2025 Wisconsin State Conference.

As a geriatric nurse practitioner, Roznowski-Olson brings exceptional

care, compassion and expertise to her volunteer work with individuals and families impacted by dementia. She is always ready to help, whether delivering in-person or virtual education programs or assisting at health fairs and conferences. She willingly travels across Wisconsin to meet these needs.

Roznowski-Olson's passion for dementia care continued after retirement, leading her to the Alzheimer's Association. She believes that it takes a village to care for those living with dementia and that better educated caregivers improve quality of life for all involved.

Roznowski-Olson's presentations reach a wide range of audiences, from one-on-one conversations to groups of more than 100. For her, making a meaningful impact matters more than audience size. She takes time to answer every question and guides them on how to advocate for care and services. As a volunteer community educator, Roznowski-Olson has delivered more than 70 programs across Wisconsin, reaching more than



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1,300 people. This number does not include the many families she has also supported at conferences and local health fairs.

Roznowski-Olson is active in statewide networks and coalitions, staying current on resources like local ADRCs and dementia care specialists to ensure families are well-equipped to care for loved ones. Before volunteering, she referred families to the association through its direct connect referral program.

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No applications received for beach supervisor

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Faced with a lack of applications for a new beach supervisor, the city of Oconto Falls will probably maintain its beaches without lifeguards this summer

with increased signage that people swim at their own risk.

City Administrator Peter Wills told the city council they have been advertising for a beach supervisor since December in various venues. The city

was pleased with last year’s supervisor, but she took a full-time job and won’t be available this summer.

“We’ve gotten two more applications for regular lifeguards, but we have not gotten any applications for beach supervisor,” Wills

said.

The city’s legal counsel did some research and found a case where a city was found to be immune from liability in a drowning case.

“Even with lifeguards, that doesn’t protect you

from someone trying to sue you,” Wills said.

The attorney believed as long as the city has signage and buoys clearly marking the swimming areas at East Side Beach and West Side Beach, it will probably be OK.

The council approved Alderperson Mat McDermid’s motion to set up the swimming areas and raft with additional signage.

“We’ve tried and tried and tried, and every year we’re here in this spot,” McDermid said.

Husband charged with wife’s murder

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Shawano County Sheriff’s Department has closed a 9-year death investigation with charges of murder being posed to the husband of the victim.

James C. Radford, 39, is being charged with first-degree reckless homicide in the death of his wife, Sabrina Radford.

Deputies responded April 11, 2016, to a residence on County Road J in the Town of Fairbanks for a report of a woman who had sustained a gunshot wound. The caller, identified as her husband, reported that his wife had shot herself.

At the time of the initial response, investigators were unable to conclusively determine the cause of death. However, due to the suspicious circumstances surrounding the incident, a formal investigation was initiated.

Over the course of nine years, investigators dedicated significant time and effort to this case, according to a sheriff’s department press release. Numerous interviews

were conducted with James Radford and other individuals connected to the case, and previously collected evidence was reexamined. With the aid of advanced investigative tools, evolving forensic technology and the involvement of expert witnesses, investigators determined that the death of Sabrina Radford was not the result of suicide.

On April 15 of this year, James Radford was taken into custody in Waukesha County. He

was subsequently transported back to Shawano County, where he was booked into the Shawano County Jail and held on a

cash bond of \$800,000. “Our deepest condolences go out to Sabrina’s family,” Sheriff George Lenzner said in a press

release. A status conference has been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. June 9 on Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

▪ Sara J. Scimemi, 38, Lena, pleaded no contest May 13 to misstating facts in a food stamp application. Under the terms of a deferred judgment agreement, Judge Jay Conley accepted the plea and withheld any sentence or any finding of guilt, suspending the case for a period not to exceed two years.

▪ Ronnie R. Collins, 52, Oconto Falls, was charged May 13 with child abuse intentionally causing harm, strangulation and suffocation and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Conley set a \$5,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until May 22.

▪ Chris K. Van Der Steen, 58, Gillett, was charged May 13 with possession of a firearm by a person committed for treatment with an order not to possess firearms. Conley set a \$2,500 signature bond and adjourned his initial appearance until May 22.

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE APPROVAL**
The following Ordinances were passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls on May 13, 2025. A full text of said Ordinances may be obtained from the Oconto Falls Clerk’s Office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.

1. ORD 25-004 Amend Ch 455 Utility Sewer Water Compulsory Connection to Sewer and Water
2. ORD 25-005 Amend Ch 465-13 Weight Limits and Heavy Traffic
3. ORD 25-006 Amend Ch 382 Rental Property Article II Short Term Rentals
Jenny Friedman Deputy Clerk

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS ALCOHOL
LICENSE APPLICATIONS**
The following have applied for alcohol license renewals with the City of Oconto Falls for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
Said renewals will be presented to the City Council on June 10, 2025 for consideration:
Class A Fermented Malt Beverage & Class A Liquor
Applicant: Iverson Foods LLC; 409 E Highland Dr, Oconto Falls, WI / Location: Iverson’s Piggly Wiggly; 409 E Highland Dr, Oconto Falls, WI.
Applicant: Merciers Fastop of Oconto Falls, LLC; 195 W Highland Dr, Oconto Falls, WI / Location: 221 N. Chestnut Ave, Oconto Falls, WI.
Applicant: Krist Oil Co; 303 Selden Rd, Iron River, MI / Location: d/b/a Krist Food Mart #82; 531 N Chestnut Ave, Oconto Falls, WI.
Applicant: Dollar General Corporation 100 Mission Ridge Goodlettsville, TN 37072, 607 E Highland Drive, Oconto Falls, WI. 54154
Applicant: Five Rivers Wis LLC, 513 Sheridan Street Oconto Falls WI. 54154 Agent: Aman Deep Singh; - d/b/a Five River Wis LLC 418 North Main St., Oconto Falls WI.
Class B Fermented Malt Beverage & Class B Liquor
Applicant: The Corner Pocket LLC; 915 N. Locust St Green Bay, WI / Location: 203 Green Bay Avenue, Oconto Falls, WI.
Applicant: Barbara Salscheider; 126 N Main St, Oconto Falls, WI / Location: d/b/a Salscheider’s Antique Bar; 126 N Main St, Oconto Falls, WI.
Applicant: Oconto Falls Golf Club Inc; PO Box 143, Oconto Falls, WI / Location: d/b/a River Island Golf Course; 100 River Island Dr, Oconto Falls, WI
Applicant: The Penguin Again LLC; 418 Union Ave, Oconto Falls, WI / Location: 418 Union Ave, Oconto Falls, WI.
Applicant: S & S Hometown Bar & Restaurant LLC owned by Russell Strom; 211 King St, Oconto Falls, WI / Location: 211 S. Maple Ave, Oconto Falls, WI.
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Marinette County Elderly Services
P.O. Box 456 Crivitz, WI 54114
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Suring Public School District HELP WANTED

Full-Time Custodian/Maintenance

- Full-time Maintenance/Custodian
- 40 hours/week (6a.m.-2:30p.m.)

Suring Public School District has an opening for a full-time custodian/maintenance worker. This position includes full benefits including medical, dental and retirement.

Please apply by completing a Support Staff Application. This form is available at the Suring Public School District Office at 411 E Algoma Street, Suring, WI or on the school website at www.suring.k12.wi.us Please select the “Employment” link at the bottom of the homepage.

The deadline for applications will be **Monday, June 6, 2025, at 4:00 pm.** Drop off or mail completed application to Suring Public School District, PO Box 158, Suring, WI 54174.

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN
AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCON-
SIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMI-
NATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMITNO.
WI-0067202-01-1**

Permittee: Valley Line Dairy LLC, 8976
Sellen Ln, Oconto Falls, WI, 54154

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Valley
Line Dairy LLC, 8976 Sellen Lane Oconto
Falls

Receiving Water And Location: Surface
water and groundwater within the Little
River Watersheds

Brief Facility Description: Valley Line
Dairy LLC is a proposed Concentrated
Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Valley
Line Dairy LLC is owned and operated by
members of the Sellen family. It currently
has 1,247 (805 milking & dry cows, 161
heifers, and 118 calves) animal units
and is proposing to expand to 2,200
(1,400 milking & dry cows, 322 heifers,
and 236 calves) animal units during
the permit term. Based on current herd
size, Valley Line Dairy LLC currently
has approximately 298 days of available
liquid waste storage and generates ap-
proximately 11,107,063 gallons of manure
and process wastewater annually. Valley
Line Dairy LLC has a total of 2,131 acres
available for land application of manure
and process wastewater. Of this acreage,
472 acres are owned and 1,659 acres are
controlled through contracts, rental agree-
ments, leases, or manure agreements.
Of this acreage, 2,113 are considered
spreadable acres.

The Department has tentatively decided
that the above specified WPDES permit
should be modified.
Permit Drafter’s Name, Address, Phone
and Email: Makayla Jacobs, DNR, 101
N Ogden Rd, Peshtigo, WI, 54157-1734,
(920) 573-8033, makayla.jacobs@
wisconsin.gov
Persons wishing to comment on or object
to the proposed permit action, the terms
of the nutrient management plan, or
the application, or to request a public
informational hearing may write to the
Department of Natural Resources at the
permit drafter’s address. All comments
or suggestions received no later than
30 days after the publication date of this
public notice will be considered along with
other information on file in making a final
decision regarding the permit. Anyone
providing comments in response to this
public notice will receive a notification of
the Department’s final decision when the
permit is re-issued. Where designated
as a reviewable surface water discharge
permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit
comments or objections regarding this
permit determination. If no comments are
received on the proposed permit from
anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit
will be re-issued as proposed.
The Department may schedule a public
informational hearing if within 30 days of
the public date of this notice, a request
for a hearing is filed by any person. The
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mational hearing if a petition requesting a
hearing is received from USEPA or from
5 or more persons or if the Department
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tional hearing shall state the following:
the name and address of the person(s)
requesting the hearing; the interest in
the proposed permit of the person(s)
requesting the hearing; the reasons for
the request; and the issues proposed to
be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action,
including the draft permit and fact sheet
(if required), the operation’s nutrient
management plan and application may
be inspected and copied at the permit
drafter’s office, Monday through Friday
(except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and
3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter
for directions to their office location, if
necessary. Information on this permit
action may also be obtained by calling
the permit drafter at (920) 573-8033 or by
writing to the Department. Reasonable
costs (15 cents per page for copies and
7 cents per page for scanning) will be
charged for information in the file other
than the public notice and fact sheet.
Permit information is also available on
the internet at: [http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/
wastewater/PublicNotices.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html). Pursuant
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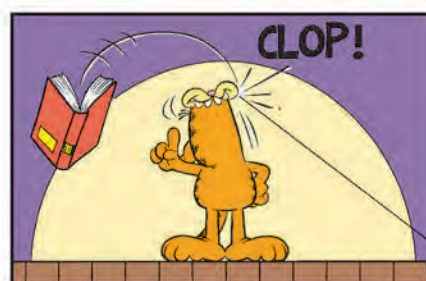
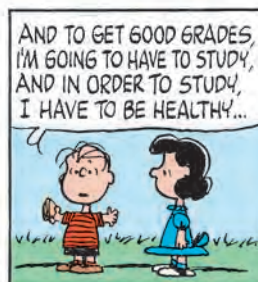
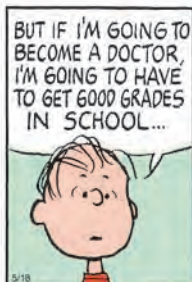
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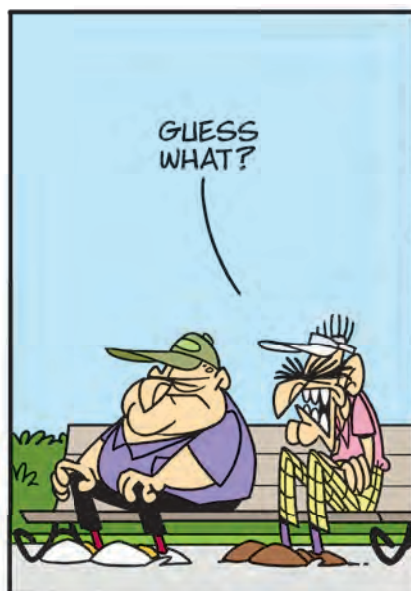
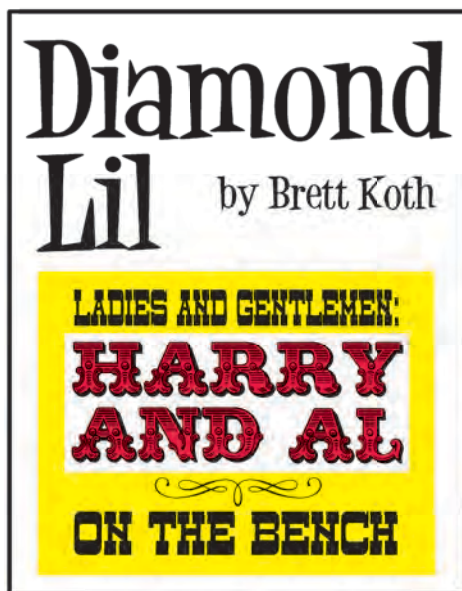
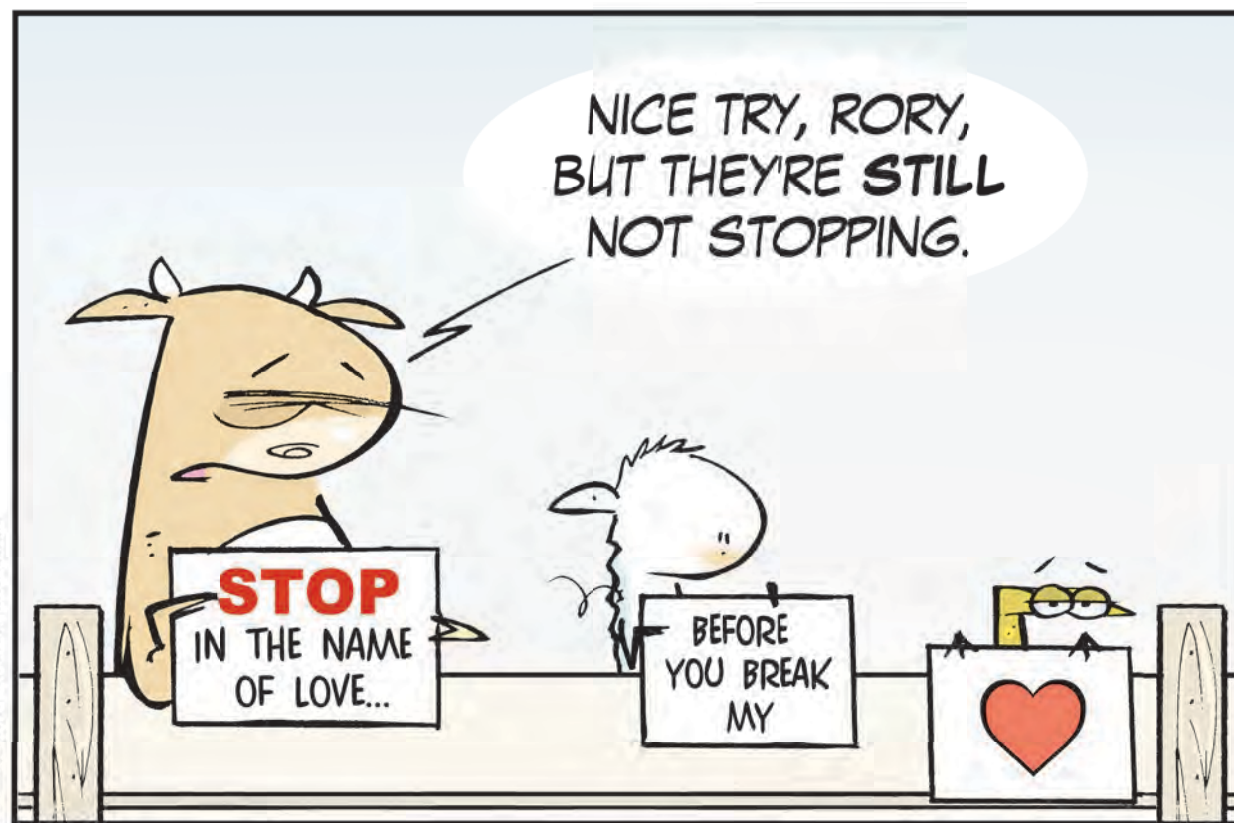
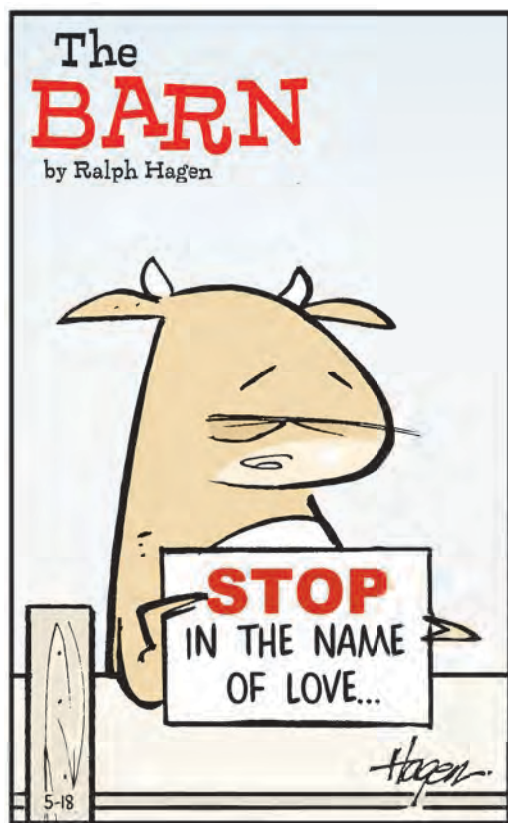
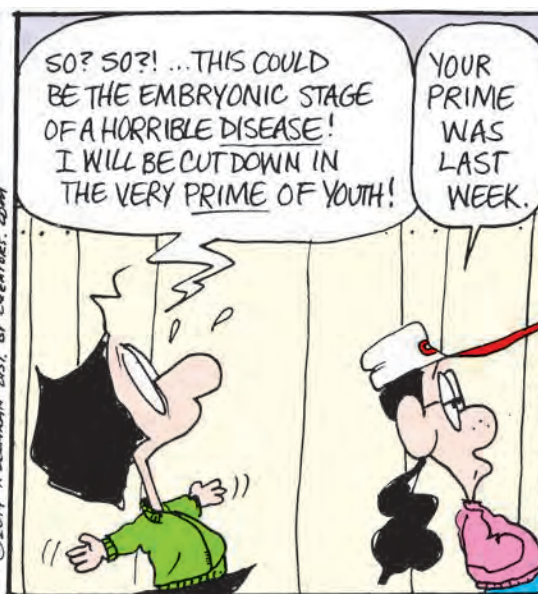
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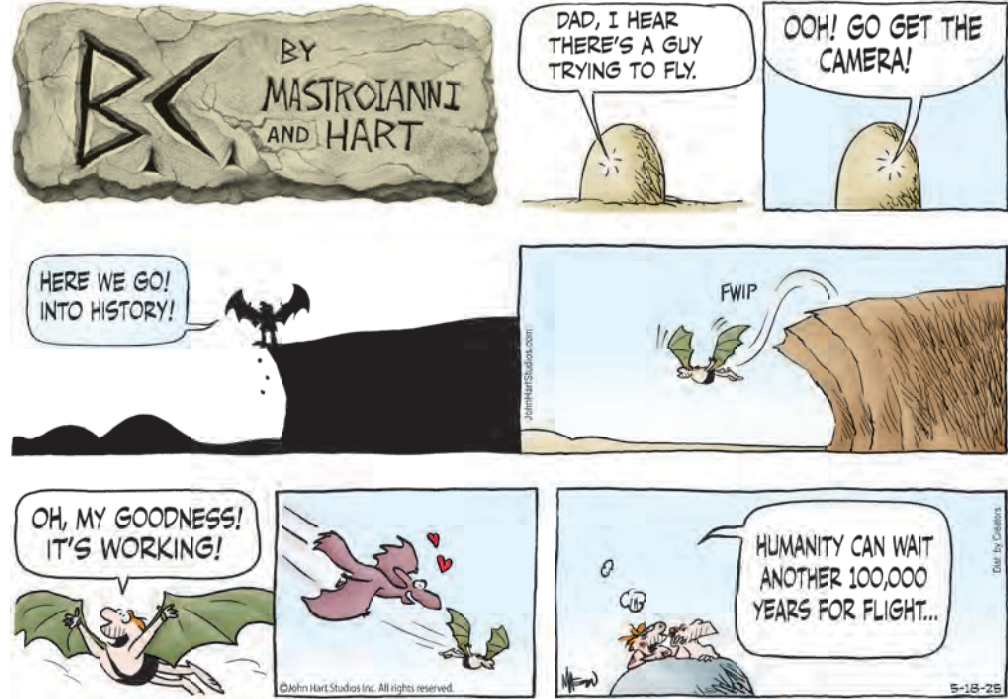
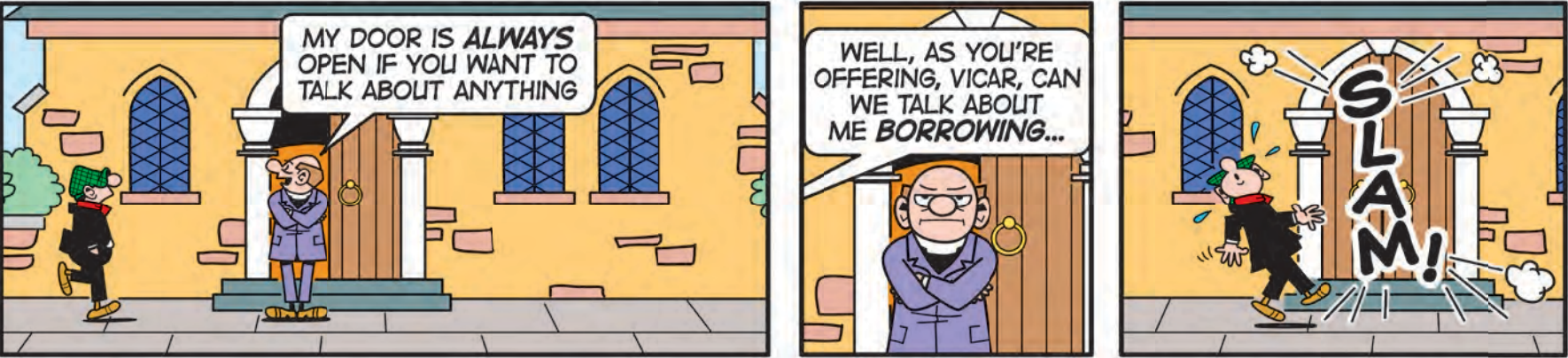
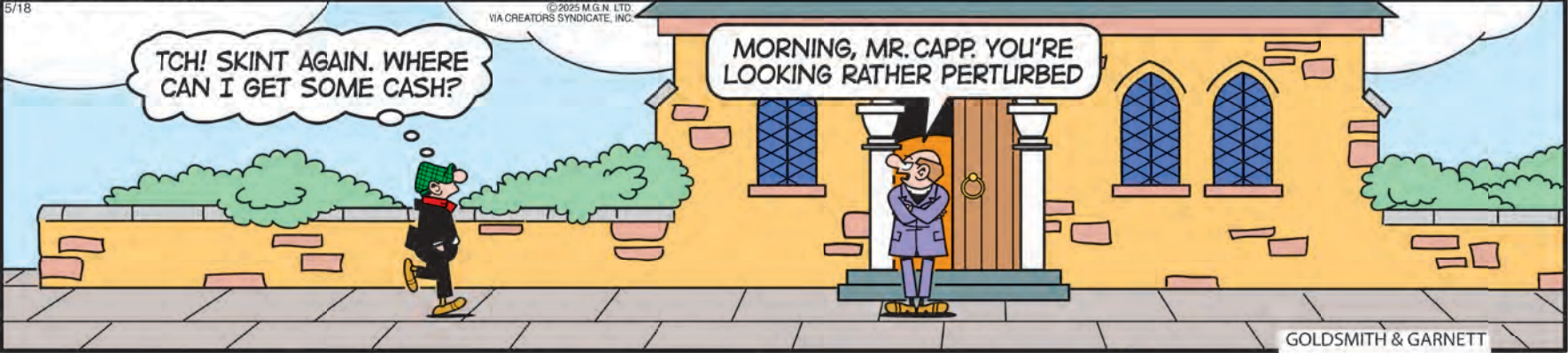
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