

Second driver dies after May 16 crash

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A second driver died after a crash in the Town of Little River the morning of May 16.

On May 30, the Oconto County Sheriff's Department released the traffic report from the crash, a collision between a passenger car and a pickup truck at the intersection of U.S. Highway 41 with County Road W in the Town of Little River.

Michael Curtis La Court,

64, of Oconto, the driver of the pickup, died at the scene shortly after the accident, according to the report. The car driver, Allen Michael Laviolette, 39, of Denmark, was taken by ambulance to Aurora Bay Area Medical Center in Green Bay, where he died May 20.

The report said that Laviolette was southbound on Highway 41 when La Court pulled onto the highway. Witness statements indicated the car was traveling "at an excessive

rate of speed" and both drivers tried to get into the right southbound lane when the car collided with the right passenger side of La Court's truck.

The car caught fire and came to rest in the median, while the truck flipped and overturned into the median. Both drivers were ejected, the report said.

The highway was closed for about five hours after the crash for an accident reconstruction investigation.

Historical Society plans annual pie, ice cream sale

The Oconto County Historical Society will host its annual pie and ice cream social and elegant junque sale from noon to 3 p.m. June 8 at the Beyer Home & Carriage Museum, 915 Park Ave., Oconto. "Elegant junque" means slightly used (or

new) items donated for sale. Items include books, antiques, collectibles, furniture, pictures, glassware, kitchen items and more.

This sale has been held for more than 30 years.

To donate a pie to the event, deliver it to the museum between 10 a.m. and

3:30 p.m. June 7 or from 9-11 a.m. June 8.

To donate items for sale, drop them off between noon and 4 p.m. daily.

For information, contact Lynn Exferd at 920-835-4619 or lynnexferd@hotmail.com.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

- Clarence S. Trepanier, 76, Suring, pleaded no contest March 24 to second-degree recklessly endangering safety. Judge Michael Judge withheld sentencing May 28 and placed him on two years of probation with conditions.
- Brett Joseph Bertrand, 44, Abrams, pleaded no contest March 18 to fleeing an officer in his vehicle and felony bail jumping. Judge imposed and stayed a prison sentence May 28, then placed him on three years of probation with conditions.
- William Luther Sechrist, 28, Keshena, pleaded no contest May 27 to a forfeiture count of operating a commercial vehicle without a license. Two felony bail jumping counts were dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge assessed fines and court costs totaling \$467.50.
- Robby J. Lewis, 31, a Gillett man serving a sentence at Redgranite Correctional Institution, pleaded no contest March 21 to possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. Judge Jay Conley sentenced him May 27 to one additional year in prison, followed by one additional year of extended supervision with conditions.
- Keith D. Lasnowski, 60, Pulaski, pleaded no contest

April 3 to possession of methamphetamine. Judge withheld sentencing May 28 and placed him on two years of probation with conditions.

- Gerald W. Tucker III, 56, Oshkosh, pleaded no contest March 24 to second-degree recklessly endangering safety. Judge withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.
- Adam J. Julius, 25, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest Feb. 3 to misappropriating ID information to avoid penalty and a misdemeanor count of possession of amphetamine/LSD/psilocin. Judge sentenced him May 30 to 18 months in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision with conditions.
- Ricardo Dominguez De La Cruz, 45, Coleman, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense). Judge sentenced him to 12 months in county jail concurrent to any other sentence and revoked his driver's license for 36 months.
- Kelly L. Lucas, 36, Mountain, was charged May 28 with felony bail jumping. Conley set a \$750 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until June 26.
- Monnaleah Margaret Long, 40, Suring, was charged May 28 with felony bail jump-

ing. Conley set a \$250 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until July 8.

- Paige N. Klivickis, 32, Oconto, was charged May 29 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor counts of carrying a concealed knife and possession of drug paraphernalia. Conley set a \$500 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until June 26.
- John T. Bougneit, 26, Green Bay, was charged May 29 with substantial battery intending bodily harm, two counts of felony bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct. Judge set a \$15,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 26.
- John F. Benser, 60, Gillett, was charged May 29 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (seventh, eighth or ninth offense) and felony bail jumping. Judge set a \$20,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until June 2.
- Zachary James Lipp, 33, Gillett, was charged May 30, waived a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to taking and driving a vehicle without consent. Judge set a \$1,500 signature bond and scheduled a plea hearing for June 19.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

May 29
Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including a disturbance on County Road J in the Town of Oconto, fraud on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico, a weapon offense on County Road T in the Town of Townsend, harassment on Harley Street in Lena, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; three 911 hangups and two open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, one involving deer.

May 28
Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including theft at County Park II, 500 Bay Road in the Town of Little River; fraud on County Road B in the Town of Oconto Falls; threatening in the Sheriff's Office lobby, 301 Washington St., Oconto; threatening on Elm Avenue in Oconto Falls; four traffic stops, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; five 911 hangups and three open lines; two crashes, both involving deer.

May 27
Deputies responded to 63 incidents, including suspicious activity on Pioneer Park Road in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity near U.S. 41-141 and Geano Beach Road in the Town of Little Suamico and on West Wheeler Lake Lane in the Town of Lakewood, illegal burning on Harley Street in Lena, a jail incident on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, suspicious activity on East Algoma Street in Suring, 10 traffic stops, three traffic offenses, three citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; four 911 hangups and six open lines; two crashes, one involving a turkey.

May 26
Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including a death investigation in the Town of Stiles, harassment on East Main Street in Suring, suspicious activity near River and North Center streets in Suring, an animal bite on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico, noise disturbances on Casey Lane in the Town of Chase and on Hip Hus Court in the Town of Underhill, an ATV accident near state Highway 64 and Butler Spring Road in the Town of Brazeau, a disturbance on Park Avenue in Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on East Main Street in Lena and near County Roads S and NN in the Town of Oconto, three traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic

offense, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; seven open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; one crash, involving deer.

May 25
Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including an ATV accident on Martha Lane in the Town of Riverview, a disturbance on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, a wanted person on Broadway Avenue in Oconto, suspicious activity on state Highway 22 in the Town of Gillett, a disturbance on Harley Street in Lena, harassment on Geano Beach Road in the Town of Little Suamico, 14 traffic stops, seven traffic offenses, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two 911 hangups; one ambulance call; four crashes, one involving deer.

May 24
Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including a disturbance on County Road W in the Town of Riverview, attempted fraud on Lake Shore Lane in the Town of Mountain, automobile theft on Maple Grove School Road in the Town of Oconto, illegal burning on Melissa Boulevard in the Town of Little Suamico, property damage on Harley Street in Lena, fire on Holtz Road in the Town of Morgan, a disturbance on Linda Lane in the Town of Doty, an ATV accident on Parkway Road in the Town of Brazeau, fireworks near Lee Lake and Marl Lake roads in the Town of Brazeau, suspicious activity near Nelson and Shawano Line roads in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on East Main Street in Suring, 11 traffic stops, four traffic offenses, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; three 911 hangups and four open lines; two ambulance calls; eight crashes, two involving deer.

May 23
Deputies responded to 71 incidents, including a death investigation in the Town of Pensaukee, child abuse in the Town of Little River, a wanted person on Thielen Road in the Town of Riverview, child abuse in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity on Kelly Jo Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, property damage on Hilbert Road in the Town of Chase and on state Highway 32 in the Town of Lakewood, nine traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, six welfare checks; one 911 hangup and five open lines; two crashes, both involving deer.

OBITUARIES

Emmie Barke



Emmie Jean Barke, 97, of Gillett, died peacefully at home on May 30, 2025.

She was born Jan. 27, 1928, to Alfred and Clara (Koll) Barke. She married Arnold Barke on April 22, 1955, in Thomasville, Georgia.

Emmie worked in Green Bay for Dr. Gallagher as a receptionist for 30 years, and she also helped manage her husband's cedar post and lumbar business. She was a longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church in Oconto Falls.

She enjoyed traveling

dogs she had over the years.

Emmie was loved and will be dearly missed by her family and many friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents and infant sister, Mae.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at Grace Lutheran Church in Oconto Falls. Burial followed at Wanderer's Rest Cemetery in Gillett.

A special thank you to Moments Hospice for honoring her last wish.

Ronald W. Britzke

Ronald W. Britzke, 72, of Clintonville, passed away May 27, 2025.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Sonya I. Adams

Sonya I. Adams, 90, of Clintonville, passed away May 23, 2025.

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Marjorie A. Ziereis

Marjorie A. Ziereis, 67, of Embarrass, passed away May 23, 2025.

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Freemasons donate to Gillett services



Shawano Area Freemasons recently donated care toys to the Gillett Police Department. They will be presented to children involved in a stressful or unpleasant situation involving the Gillett Police Department, Gillett Fire Department or Gillett Area Ambulance. From left are Past Master Peter A. Nygaard, Gillett Lodge 344 (now affiliated with Shawano Area Freemasons), and Gillett Police Chief Shane Breitenbach.

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Winter wheat production increases 2% from 2024

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.38 billion bushels, up 2% from 2024. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 53.7 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last year's average yield of 51.7 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.7 million acres, down 1%.

Hard red winter production, at 784 million bushels, is up 2% from a year ago. Soft red winter, at 345 million bushels, is up 1% from

2024. White winter, at 253 million bushels, is up 7% from last year. Of the white winter production, 20.6 million bushels are hard white and 232 million bushels are soft white.

The United States all orange forecast for the 2024-25 season is 2.46 mil-

lion tons, up slightly from the previous forecast but down 8% from the 2023-24 utilization. The Florida all orange forecast, at 11.6 million boxes (523,000 tons), is up less than 1% from the previous forecast and down 36% from last season's utilization.

Joel's Reel Inn showcasing summer outdoor movies

Joel's Reel Inn, 400 Holtwood Way, Oconto, is once again hosting its free outdoor movie series, bringing families, friends and neighbors together under the stars for a season of classic films, themed fun and community spirit.

Organized by Sue Anderson, the series is held in honor of her late son, Joel, as a way to keep his memory alive through laughter, togetherness and community connection.

"This is my way to remember Joel and give

back to a community that's meant so much to our family," Anderson said. "It's about joy, togetherness and creating memories — just like Joel would have wanted."

This year's lineup is packed with family favorites and a couple of laugh-out-loud classics for adults. The season starts June 20 with "Monster Trucks." In July, "Dennis the Menace" will be shown July 4, followed by "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" on July 11 and "The Great Outdoors" on July 25.

"Moana 2" on Aug. 1 kicks off five films for the month, followed by "Pixels" on Aug. 8, "Weekend at Bernie's" on Aug. 15, "Goonies" on Aug. 22 and "Dr. Dolittle" on Aug. 29.

In the event of rain, movies will be shown the following evening. All movies begin at dusk. In case of technical difficulties, Joel's Reel Inn will show "Mrs. Doubtfire," "Heavy Weights" and "Mr. Popper's Penguins."

Fresh popcorn and refreshments will be available for purchase at every showing.

Aviara Boats charts bold new future under Cruiser Yachts

Aviara Boats, among the industry's most forward-thinking luxury sport boat brands, has officially entered a new era of innovation and growth. Following the acquisition of Aviara's assets by Cruisers Yachts in late 2024, the transition is now complete, with all desired assets successfully relocated to Cruisers Yachts' state-of-the-art manufacturing

facility in Oconto.

Cruisers Yachts is a boat builder with more than 70 years of heritage and a division of the MarineMax family.

"Aviara presents an incredible opportunity to leverage the innovation and luxury established by the original Aviara team while accelerating the brand's success under the craftsmanship and proven quality of Cruisers

Yachts," said Mark Pedersen, president of Cruisers Yachts. "With MarineMax's global distribution strength and Cruisers' production excellence, the future is bright for Aviara."

Aviara's transition is built on a foundation of bold design, loyal customers and a shared passion for pushing boundaries in the recreational boating world.

Company announces leadership appointments

Cruisers Yachts, a leading manufacturer of luxury yachts, recently announced key leadership appointments as the company continues to strengthen its position in the marine industry.

Matt VanGrunsven has been named director of business development, while Sarah Long has been appointed director of marketing.

VanGrunsven will focus on expanding dealer and industry relationships, identifying new growth opportunities and driving strategic initiatives. He has a deep understanding of the marine industry and extensive experience in business strategy.

Long brings extensive experience in brand strategy, digital marketing and customer engagement, making her well-equipped to drive impactful campaigns and dealer support programs.

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Best dairy handler in the state



Addison Fischer, of the Gresham FFA, was named the 2025 State FFA Dairy Handlers Activity winner. The objective of the Dairy Handlers Activity is to recognize the handler's ability to set up their assigned animal to its best advantage, maintain the animal in its most advantageous position, exhibit effective restraint and move the animal as requested by the event ringmaster. Additionally, poise, calmness and a positive attitude play a significant role in gaining success in the Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity.

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Rudnick sexual assault sentencing delayed

Another trial moves his hearing to July

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

How long Jacob Rudnick will spend in prison for three counts of sexual assault is a question whose answer has been pushed back two months.

Rudnick, 31, pleaded guilty in January to a felony count of third-degree sexual assault and two counts of misdemeanor fourth-degree sexual assault. His sentencing hearing was scheduled for May 28 but had to be re-scheduled for 1:30 p.m. July 30 in Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse after a court trial scheduled for one day spilled into a second day.

The recommendation from the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's Office in January was five years in prison followed by five years of probation on the third-degree charge. For the fourth-degree charges, the recommendation was staying a nine-month jail sentence on each of the counts but putting Rudnick on probation. If probation is violated, he would serve the jail time.

Rudnick had originally been charged with two felony counts of third-degree sexual assault and one count of second-degree sexual assault for an attack that allegedly took place in a park in Lessor on Halloween in 2022. The Seymour Police Department initially took the victim's statement and collected evidence from her before handing it over to the Shawano County Sheriff's Department.

The second case involved a sexual assault that reportedly took place in July 2023 in Lessor. In that case, he faced two counts of second-degree sexual assault.

Criminal complaints reported that both incidents occurred after Rudnick first encountered the victims online via Snapchat. The first victim told law enforcement a friend had been messaging a guy who "became freaky." She said she talked with the guy whose screen name was "ccuddlebug" and that he "wanted to be friends."

The victim told law enforcement that she rode with Rudnick to the park at 1 p.m. Oct. 31, 2022, according to the criminal complaint. She said that Rudnick forcibly attempted intercourse on a park trail, in a vehicle and in the women's restroom at the park. The complaint states that the victim, who has disabilities, allegedly stayed with Rudnick at his home for a couple of days before going to the park.

The second victim reported the sexual assault on the same day it happened and told law enforcement she initially met Rudnick on the dating site Hily on July 17, 2023. After a day, the two switched to communicating on Snapchat, and this time Rudnick went by the screen name "nightrider165."

The victim's in-person encounter with Rudnick took place two days later at a park in Black Creek. The victim had a female friend who drove her to the park.

After chatting and walking around for a bit, Rudnick suggested going to another park and that the victim should ride with him, with the friend following.

On the way, the two vehicles were separated by distance, and the friend tried to text the victim, but Rudnick had taken the phone away and started to grope the victim. Rudnick drove the victim to Moeller Ridge Nature Park and assaulted her before taking her to her mother's house and dropping her off.

If the case had gone to trial, Rudnick would have faced up to 40 years in prison for each of the second-degree assaults, along with \$100,000 in fines, as well as 10-year prison sentences and \$25,000 in fines for the third-degree assault charges.

Rudnick's legal troubles are not finished with this case, though. A case has been filed in Outagamie County, and Rudnick is being charged with three more counts of third-degree sexual assault, two more counts of fourth-degree sexual assault and a count of third-degree sexual assault involving the bodily fluids of the defendant.

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In rem property sales put on hold

Board chairman claims process not followed correctly

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-Chief

The sale of properties acquired by Shawano County have been halted, following a decision by the county's executive committee May 28.

County Board Chairman Tom Kautza asked for the delay after a closer examination of state statute revealed the county did not follow the correct process in its attempts to sell the buildings and land.

"If we're going to do everything the way it is in the statutes, you're not going to establish a minimum bid," he said. "You're supposed to establish all the costs summed up and put together of what is owed against the property, and we're supposed to establish an appraised value, because the first time around when you take bids ... you cannot accept a bid less

than the appraised value."

The properties were seized by the county after more than four years of delinquent taxes went unpaid.

Sealed bids for several properties were due to the county treasurer's office June 17. Each property was advertised as having a minimum bid amount.

Properties include:

- 23.5-acre lot on North Airport Drive and Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott.
- 8.26-acre lot at W18776 County Road Z in Aniwa.
- Lot and building at 519 Flint Ave., Mattoon.
- Lot and building at 502 S. Andrews St., Shawano.
- Lot on Weed Street in Shawano.

Larenda Maulson, corporation counsel, agreed with Kautza.

"The committee needs to set an appraised value for the properties," she

said. "At the time of those bids, if they come in less than that appraised value, it must be rejected. Then, at the second attempt, you may allow the property to be sold for an amount less than the appraised value if the county board has reviewed and approved that sale."

Appraisals are to be completed by the county.

Kautza cited the property in Aniwa. It was advertised with a minimum bid of \$8,000, while he said the appraised value should be 10 times that amount.

"That one should have one more like \$80,000, because them special assessments and all that would be on there," he said. "In the past, this is the way it's always been done. I don't know if it was necessarily being done completely right."

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Rhubarb the star at Heritage Park festival

The Shawano County Historical Society will hold its 17th annual Rhubarb Fest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 21 at Heritage Park, 524 N. Franklin St., Shawano.

On this day, the main attraction is rhubarb. Participants will get to taste it in a variety of bake sale items, including pies, tortes, cakes, muffins, cookies and breads — all homemade by dedicated volunteers. To wash it down, there will be homemade rhubarb lemonade and sangria, Twigs Rhu-berry slushies, Hammen Family wine or a specially brewed rhubarb beer from Stubborn Brother's Brewery. There will be other things to enjoy, including brats, hamburgers and even Culver's custard served with a homemade

rhubarb sauce.

Community members can put their baking skills to the test in the pie baking contest, explore seven distinct museum buildings and step back in time to experience the life of a fur trader. There will be expert artisans demonstrating basket making and wood carving, and the Civil War Reenactment by Company E, 2nd Wisconsin, will bring history to life. For the little ones, a special scavenger hunt will lead them on an exciting adventure through the museum buildings.

The historical society's gift shop will have rhubarb cookbooks, rhubarb jam, fresh rhubarb and rhubarb wine. The Shawano Woman's Club will hold a plant sale, offering a vari-

ety of perennials, including rhubarb plants, along with advice from master gardeners. Local vendors will showcase everything from maple syrup and handmade soaps to jewelry, wood and fabric crafts, plus original artwork.

There will be live music under a big tent, with The Burdocks performing from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by the Scott Buettner Bluegrass Combo from 1-4 p.m. In the Old Tabor Church, Kurt Gunn will perform in the morning and John Rouk in the afternoon.

Admission is free, and free parking is available in the open lot behind Old Tabor Church and in the city parking lots on Washington Street and Second Street.

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ONE BODY, TWO SPIRITS

Firgens fits textbook definition, but believes the term is expansive

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

For Patrick Firgens, being a gay man living on the Menominee Reservation was something he's always known.

However, there is another aspect to his life: being two-spirit.

The term two-spirit did not exist when Firgens was born 52 years ago. According to Wikipedia, it was developed and finalized at the third annual Intertribal Native American, First Nations, Gay and Lesbian American Conference in 1990, mainly as a way to distance themselves from non-Indigenous gays and lesbians.

Firgens, however, doesn't see two-spirit as something that is necessarily limited to Indigenous culture or to particular sexualities. While he feels the description fits him, he feels the neologism applies to anyone who can teach cultural things to both males and females.

"The new kids have so many different terms that I ain't aware of," Firgens said. "When I grew up, it was just gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans. Now there's a million other things like non-binary. We didn't have that then. Two-spirit is new to me, as well."

Firgens noted that two-spirit, for many people, means that someone is Indigenous and gay; the symbol for two-spirit is a pair of feathers in front of the colors of the rainbow flag. He only half believes it.

"Two-spirit could be a straight person. A straight person could have two spirits," Firgens said. "A male could. A female could."

There are different roles that a person can play within a culture. For Firgens, he had difficulty embracing his Indigenous culture because he grew up in the boarding school system through the Catholic church. He was one of the lucky ones never to have been taken advantage of, abused or beaten, but growing up in a system where being told his cultural ways were wrong required him to search for who he was going to be in life.

"I didn't learn about my Menominee culture, much less Native culture, from anywhere in America," Firgens said. "We didn't learn about the Siouxs. We didn't learn about the Apaches."

The term two-spirit can be confusing at times to Firgens, but he believes being gay gives him two spirits. He is able to contribute something to future generations, no matter their gender, and he feels that's a two-spirit's main role.

"I can teach my nieces how to cook, how to sew and how to bead," Firgens said. "I can teach my nephews how to hunt, how to gather, how to fight and protect and serve. I can teach them both. Not a lot of people can."

While being two-spirit can confuse Firgens, he had no problem figuring out he was gay, even if he didn't understand the term in childhood.

"I was told by everyone that that's what I am," he said. "I never looked at it as a derogatory term. I never had to come out of the closet, because I've just been skipping and prancing and sprinkling glitter the entire time."

Firgens also believes it's important for members of the LGBT community to come together and support one another. Besides



Patrick Firgens, of South Branch, stands proudly with his two-spirit flag in front of Keshena Falls. While Firgens fits the generalized definition — being Indigenous and gay — he feels that anyone who can teach or contribute to the full gender spectrum can be considered two-spirit.

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his Menominee culture, it's important to continue the tradition of standing strong against oppression against gay people, he said.

"I wasn't the first one to throw the brick," Firgens said, referencing the Stonewall Riots that took place in 1969, three years before he was born. "There were a lot before us that paved the way for us. I have many to look up to."

A few years ago, the Menominee started a two-spirit pride festival to support its LGBT tribal members. Firgens has enjoyed seeing that the tribe supports all of its members, especially those deemed different, noting it hit him in "the heart and soul."

"We needed Pride Month 30 years ago," Firgens said. "It's so important to spread the awareness and the knowledge and to share that with everyone in the world."

Despite the strides that American culture has made in accepting and supporting the LGBT community, Firgens feels the fight has not ended, especially with the current presidential administration.

"I think we're only halfway there," Firgens said. "It's changed 100% for the better, but I still think we're only halfway there."

He currently runs a talking circle for those in recovery from drugs and alcohol in South Branch, but he hopes to eventually start a talking circle for the LGBT community and anyone who identifies as two-spirit.

"Sometimes they're not comfortable going to a women's circle. Sometimes they're not comfortable going to a men's circle," Firgens said. "They can come to my circle. It's a safe space, and I will hold space for anybody in them initials — or even not. If you feel like a weirdo or a freak, you don't have to have an initial, and you can come to the talking circle."

In the end, the term two-spirit is fluid, in Firgens' view, and it's up to each person to seek their true identity.

"People will have to look up their own definition of two-spirit," Firgens said. "I'm glad that I'm two-spirited."

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

In the country, neighbors lend a hand

Farmers and country neighbors pitch in, noticing when there's something amiss — sometimes without even asking, stop and offer help. It's heartwarming and appreciated beyond words.

Mowing lawn, I glanced down at my cell and noticed a call from my husband,

who was chisel plowing in a field about a mile from the farm. My heart sunk. He doesn't

call me in the middle of the day to say, "Hey, how's it going, my better half?" No, 10 out of 10 he's got some sort of trouble.

"Come down here and get me. Tractor tire fell off."

We have detailed conversations on road trips or if we run errands together or as we meander along county roads in our side-by-side. Phone calls with an urgency include clipped, minimal words and it goes without saying: Don't ask any questions and just get here.

My lawn mower got parked right where I left off and away I went. I normally mow one hour at a time, tackling our lawn in segments. I purposefully get off and weed whack or go in the house for a drink of water, just move. If I don't, by the end of the hours and hours it takes to mow everything out here, I'm trashed — back, hip, you name it, it hurts.

So getting the call, while unfortunate, it at least got me off the lawn mower.

"Ugh," he huffed in annoyance when I got to the field. "I had three more paths left when the front tire just fell off. I saw it and felt it and the tractor shut right off. Front spindle dug down into the dirt."

Glancing back, I saw the tire lying in the field, the tractor tilted comically to one side. Lifting up a silent prayer of thanks that it happened in the field and not on the road coming back home, I listened intently for his how to handle it.

He explained he'd have to put the fork attachment on the skidder and driving it down there, raise the front axle with a chain — putting blocks under it to stabi-

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When planting season is in full swing, but the tractor needed to help with the planting is not, it's always good to get a helping hand from one's neighbors.

KAY REMINGER

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Hunters know this best: Seeing quarry and killing it are vastly different things.

Non-hunting friends constantly tell me how many turkeys they see during the spring season, and it always makes me smile. They mean well and maybe want to lend me encouragement, but I gently remind them that seeing turkeys in a field or even in the backyard is not the same as calling one in to within gun range.

This was one of my most exciting turkey seasons ever. I got to share the excitement with a fellow hunter and also a neighbor friend, which made it even better. Spoiler alert: We didn't bag a bird, but once I set up a blind in the right spot, there was not a single morning I didn't see birds.

This strange and action-packed season started out weird when I went to print out the turkey tag on my patron license — and there wasn't one. Patron license buyers always apply for their tags the spring before, but according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources phone receptionist, I never applied for one. I know my memory's not as good as it once was, but how did I do that?

The solution was to simply buy two surplus tags available online for the D (May 7-13) and E (May 14-20) seasons. The DNR is considering new ways to award tags after learning that up to 26% of all



Ross Bielema
Columnist

hunters drawing tags in the initial winter drawing do not purchase them. I've always thought it was crazy to have a Dec. 10 application deadline when the season doesn't start until April (with today's computerized world, the drawing could be held in March).

Speculation by the DNR says many hunters awarded tags may not buy them because their work or personal schedules change after the January tag awards.

I typically apply for the third or C season, guessing like the other hunters at what the weather will be like in mid-April and whether the gobblers will be hot — or not. I made sure to apply for Season C 2026 this time with my new patron license.

I had been seeing birds almost daily as I drove by my hunting spot, a nice farm about 2 miles from my front door. The landowner had torn down a rickety wooden deer blind and replaced it with a smaller but nicer wooden ground blind that I used for a couple days. I heard gobblers but saw nothing.

Probably the most exciting turkey hunt I have had in decades happened May



This trio of gobblers that refused to come to calls or decoys was one of the highlights of columnist Ross Bielema's May turkey season. He saw more turkeys this year than any other (he's hunted turkeys in two states since the mid-1980s) but didn't manage to bag a tom.

ROSS BIELEMA

18 when I brought neighbor Andy Beals, a friend who loves sitting in the blind and soaking it all up. Around 7 a.m., I saw three birds poking around in the cornfield on the north side of the field. Because of the sun, they were difficult to see, but I soon saw one strutting.

As they got a little closer, I could all three sported decent beards. It was a bachelor group and they seemed ready to find love in all the wrong places. I continued to focus on the blind's left

window, just above Beals' chair. At some point, they all vanished into the timber.

Andy then said in a calm voice, "There's another one over there." He was looking out the window on my side. I turned my head to see a gobbler in full strut about 45 yards away. Had I cocked my 20 gauge Savage single-shot and let fly a load of No. 7 and 9 tungsten, this story would probably have a happy ending. I thought for sure I could call him a bit closer.

The bird was already jittery when I cocked the shotgun and put the safety on. A safety on a single-shot? Sadly, yes. The tom turned away from me and started slowly walking. Shooting a turkey in the tail side is never a good idea, so I said, "Hey." His head came up for the shot and my shotgun went "click." D'oh. By the time I cocked the gun and took the safety off, he was running and then launched himself. Boom. My Hail Mary shot didn't graze him.

Beals, 20, had an ear-to-ear grin about the day and an even bigger grin sitting before a plate of tacos at the local diner a few minutes later.

Every hunt is a lesson. Next year, the blind will be in a slightly different spot. Krebs and I will have earlier seasons. I will not use that unnecessary safety, no matter what.

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lize, lifting it out of the dirt to work on it and installing new bearings.

My mind jumped ahead (my usual reaction) and wondered if I'd have the strength to hoist wooden blocks under the front axle after he raised it with the skidder. (My muscles had gone down the road with trailers full of our cows back in May 2016.)

Getting back to the farm, my husband threw the blocks in the back of the wheeler along with a sturdy chain. Away I went, following him down the road and into the field.

He strung the chain

around the axle, fashioning it to the front of the slats of the skidder. I was in position to hoist wooden blocks under when what I saw stopped me in my tracks. The skidder's back end went airborne. It was not sturdy or heavy enough to handle raising the tractor.

Plan B. Our neighbor. Pulling into his driveway, we found him taking a break on his back deck. He listened intently to our plight.

"You need help right now?"

"Yes. Can you?"
"Sure. The front end

loader on my tractor has the fork attachment on it yet."

Immediately, he made ready to go.

Meeting at the field, the first wrap around the axle didn't budge the tractor one bit. So he wrapped it around the front end of the tractor instead. This time our neighbor's tractor lifted the axle high enough. Husband placed the wooden blocks in just the right place to balance the front end of the tractor. There was enough room to be able to fix the bearing and replace the tire later. Thankfully, all I needed to

do then was watch.

We were just hashing over details when another neighbor pulled up in his four-wheeler. He noticed all the activity out in the middle of the field and pulled in to see if he could help. He ended up hoisting the very heavy tire onto the back of my four-wheeler, which was appreciated.

All finally departed the scene as my husband then had to run for parts. A good buddy of his offered to help put it all together later, and presently my husband was up and running.

That early evening, I

heard a knock on our door.

"Hey, do you like asparagus?" It was the neighbor who'd hoisted the tire onto our four-wheeler bed, handing me a gallon bag filled with tender, fresh-cut asparagus spears.

"We sure do, but I should be the one bringing asparagus to you. You helped us."

We laughed, and he went on his way.

The whole episode reminded me that farmers have each other's backs. Good neighbors and friends' offers of help make farming — even supposedly retired farmers — a

bit less stressful.

Especially during June Dairy Month, thanks to all the farmers who work tirelessly to put food on our tables. Did you eat today? Thank a farmer.

("We are coworkers with God and you are God's cultivated garden, the house He is building." 1 Corinthians 3:9, The Passion Translation)

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



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

KESHENA: Kehtekaewak Farmers Market, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 4:30-11 p.m., Copperfest/American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Details at Oconto Copper Fest page on Facebook. Admission \$4, \$2 for ages 6-17 and 60-plus, 5 and younger and veterans free.

SHAWANO: Sun Drop Dayz, 4-10 p.m., East Elizabeth Street between Main and Lincoln streets. Live entertainment, children's activities, food and beverages. Information at sundropdayz.com.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

SHAWANO: Sun Drop Dayz, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., East Elizabeth Street between Main and Lincoln streets. 5k walk/run, lumberjack competition, 3x3 basketball tournament, live entertainment, children's activities, craft vendors, flea market, food and beverages. Information at sundropdayz.com.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Copperfest/American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Parade 10 a.m. Details at Oconto Copper Fest page on Facebook. Admission \$6, \$2 for ages 6-17 and 60-plus, 5 and younger and veterans free.

WITTENBERG: Emerging Talent XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. An exhibit celebrating the creativity and imagination of student artists in kindergarten through 12th grade.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6-8 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Live music with The Cheese Doodles.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

LENA: Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Hodkiewicz Harvesting and Trucking, 5634 McCarthy Road. \$9 advance, \$10 at the door. Catholic Mass 7 a.m., Breakfast 7 a.m. to noon, activities until 1 p.m.

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: Copperfest, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Copperfest/American Legion Park, 709 Madison St. Details at Oconto Copper Fest page on Facebook. Admission \$4, \$2 for ages 6-17 and 60-plus, 5 and younger and veterans free.

WITTENBERG: Emerging Talent XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. An exhibit celebrating the creativity and imagination of student artists in kindergarten through 12th grade.

OCONTO: Oconto County Historical Society Pie and Ice Cream Social and Elegant Junque Sale, noon to 3 p.m., Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 915 Park Ave. Pie, ice cream, books, antiques,

collectibles, furniture, pictures, glassware, kitchen items and more.

SHAWANO: Music in the Park at Arlington, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. Live music with Randy Bruce and Joel Kroenke.

MONDAY, JUNE 9

SHAWANO: American Legion flag burning ceremony, 6 p.m., Legion Hall, 850 S. Lincoln St.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

WABENO: Free Veterans Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., American Legion Hall, 4494 N. Branch St. Coffee ready 9 a.m. Chef's choice, hosted by Donna and Vicki, 715-889-3731.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m., Memorial Field. Vendors, live music, food trucks.

SHAWANO: Naberhood Block Party, 6 p.m., The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Improv with Comedy City.

WITTENBERG: Concert in the Art Park, 6-8 p.m., 114 Vinal St. Live music with Sloppy Joe.

SHAWANO: Shawano Pathways meeting, 6-8 p.m., Shawano Civic Center, 225 S. Main St. Use the entrance off Washington Street.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

SHAWANO: Ski Sharks, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wolf River Beach at Smalley Park, 211 Riverside Park; enter ski site from Third Street.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

NAVARINO: Woodland Fairy Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Information at navarino.org; \$40 members, \$50 non-members.

SHAWANO: Thursdayz at Franklin, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Live music with 8 Second Ride.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

NAVARINO: Woodland Fairy Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Information at navarino.org; \$40 members, \$50 non-members.

KESHENA: Kehtekaewak Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47-55.

GILLET: Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Zippel Park. Registration starts 10 a.m., Craft and Vendor Show 3-8 p.m., opening ceremony 5:45 p.m., light show and fireworks at dusk, live music, food and refreshments.

IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA



Pistachio bread can be a very tasty dessert, especially with using a cake mix.

FRANCESCA ULLMER

Pistachio bread great to quickly create

Pistachio bread is one of my favorite quick breads. As it uses a cake mix, it mixes up quickly and always turns out. It is very sweet, and as such does not need the cinnamon and sugar layers; however, they make the bread much more pretty.

Pistachio bread makes a really delicious dessert. It is simple, quick, easy to transport, and does not require any sort of frosting, making it a great option for a bake sale or a party. This recipe also makes delicious muffins, and generally, when I make muffins, I omit the cinnamon-sugar layer.

Although you can mix the ingredients in any order you wish, I find that the order in which I wrote the recipe works best for me. Mixing the eggs slightly ensures an even distribution, as does mixing in the sour cream before the cake and pudding mixes. Using a smaller pudding mix is OK but not recommended, as the pistachio flavor will be reduced and the green color will be lighter.

Pistachio bread, since it uses a cake mix, is incredibly moist. Yellow cake mix is the one most generally used, but white cake mix will also work.

As I wrote in a pre-



vious column, I have had some trouble with biscuits. I usually make drop biscuits as they are quicker and easier. Also, any time I made cut-out biscuits, they never rose. They would bake into little, flat biscuits, perfectly cooked — but flat. While they would still taste good with butter and honey spread on top, it was nearly impossible to cut them in half as there was nothing to them.

I avoided cut-out biscuits for years until a recipe popped up recently on the Firefox search engine home page. The article stated that the recipe included was originally from the magazine Southern Living. I decided to give cut-out biscuits another try.

I tried to follow the recipe as exactly as possible since I was hoping for good results. The recipe was very exact. Freeze the butter, chill the butter-flour, chill the buttermilk and so on. It was very particular on stirring only 15 times.



Cut-out biscuits can have some difficulty rising, unless you're following the recipe from Southern Living magazine.

FRANCESCA ULLMER

Since I like having a little more freedom while baking, this was definitely a different experience. However, it went well.

The dough is sticky, so add the flour as needed while folding and rolling (while being careful not to add too much) to the sticky parts so that the dough doesn't stick to the table. This is important as the dough needs to be folded and rolled so many times. It is important to remember that the dough is rather delicate and is not meant to become completely smooth like a cinnamon roll dough, for example.

Long story short, the biscuits turned out well and actually rose. Although they didn't rise

very high, they still rose. I considered that a victory, and as the biscuits tasted great as well, I also considered them well worth my time and energy. If you are looking for a fancier biscuit than the average, these biscuits are the way to go.

To make 1 cup of self-rising flour, combine 1 cup of flour, 1½ tsp. baking powder and ½ tsp. salt.

To make the amount needed for this recipe, combine 2½ cups of flour, 3¾ tsp. baking powder and 1¼ tsp. salt.

Francesca Ullmer, the second child of a large homeschooled family, is from the Krakow area. She enjoys baking, reading, knitting, raising goats, and entering numerous items in the Oconto County Fair.

PISTACHIO BREAD

4 eggs	1/4 cup oil
1/4 cup water	1 cup sour cream
1 box yellow cake mix	Cinnamon and sugar
1 box instant pistachio pudding (3.5 oz)	

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two loaf pans. Beat the eggs slightly; add the oil, water and sour cream and mix well. Add the pudding mix and cake mix. Mix until combined. Scoop 1/4 of the batter into one pan, and 1/4 into the other pan. Spread evenly. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Divide the remaining batter between each pan; spread evenly. Sprinkle with more cinnamon and sugar. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pans for 10 minutes on a wire rack. Then remove bread from pans and allow to cool completely.

CUT-OUT BISCUITS

2 1/2 cups self-rising flour	1 stick butter, frozen
1 cup buttermilk, cold	

Place the self-rising flour in a bowl. Grate the frozen butter on top and toss gently to combine. Freeze for 10 minutes. Preheat the oven to 435 degrees. Make a well in the center of the flour-butter mixture and pour in the cold buttermilk. Stir exactly 15 times. Dump onto a lightly floured surface and sprinkle with flour. Lightly flour a rolling pin and roll dough into a 3/4-inch-thick slab. Fold in half and roll flat again. Repeat, adding flour as needed to prevent sticking, until dough has been folded and rolled six times. The last time, roll the dough to a 1/2-inch thickness. Using a 2 1/2-inch circular biscuit cutter, press down firmly, straight down, into the dough, and then remove without twisting the cutter. Transfer the dough circles to a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake for about 15 minutes, or until bottom of biscuit is golden brown.

Athletes gear up for state track meet

Several local athletes will compete at the WIAA state track meet June 6-7, following successful performances at sectionals.

Division 1

Pulaski's Olivia Sprangers will run in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, as well as the long jump.

Emerson Fabry will compete in the 800-meter run, and Olivia Stedl will compete in the 1,600-meter run.

Lily Urben is in the 300-meter hurdles. Running in the 4x200-meter relay will be Addison Krueger, Urben, Faye Brunke and Sprangers.

Keaton Dauk will compete in the boys 200-meter dash, and the 110- and 300-meter hurdles.

Mitchell Pilon will compete in the 800-meter run, and Bennett Vanschynel will compete in the high jump.

Division 2

Shawano's Adalyn Barkley will compete in the 400-meter dash and triple jump, and Maci Beyer will compete in the high jump.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood's Faith Resch is a state qualifier in the 300-meter hurdles, long jump and triple jump.

In the 4x400 are Witt-Birn's Kylee Beversdorf, Nora Bushman, Harper Rogowski and Resch, as well as Shawano's Barkley, Beyer, Tela Hopfensperger and Bailey Hendricks.

The 4x800 will feature Bushman, Harper Krull, Rogowski and Beversdorf for Wittenberg-Birnhamwood, and Barkley, Beyer, Mikelah Powers and Hendricks for Shawano.

Competing in the 4x100 will be Oconto Falls' Emery Pagel, Abby Budz, Gracie Miller and Rylie Shallow. In the 4x200 will be Pagel, Budz, Ashlynn Vandermoss and Shallow.

For the boys 4x100 and 4x200, Oconto Falls' Brady Bursa, Evan Yuma, Isaac Bramer and Elijah White will compete.

Bursa will also compete in the long jump.

In the 4x400, Witt-Birn's Jett Rogowski, Alex Sanderson, Bryson Schmid and Kaden Yeager qualified.

Landen Schmidt will throw the discus.

Division 3

Bonduel's Peyton Westrich will travel to UW-La Crosse to be in the 400-meter dash. Mari-



Bonduel's girls track and field won the regional competition May 27 with 153 points, followed by host Suring in second with 89. Front row, from left, are Morgan Staszak, Josie Pawlak, Peyton Westrich, Cierra Schnell, Amelia Wilcox, Hailey Berg and Mariah Wondra. Back row, from left, are Addison Raymakers, Caroline Richter, Seidy Blandon, Rachyl Hutter, Teagan Engel, Kember Frome and Arika Doxtator.

CONTRIBUTED

ah Wondra will compete in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs.

Running in the 4x100 will be Josie Pawlak, Audrey Weier, Paige Niquette and Audrey Jacobs. The 4x800 will feature Wondra, Teagan Engel, Westrich and Amelia Wilcox.

Weier will be in the high jump competition, along with Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy's Eva Brooks.

Suring's Aliya Cox will race in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles.

In the long jump will be Bonduel's Pawlak and Suring's Cox. Pawlak, Cox and Lena/St. Thomas' Della Kostreva will be in the triple jump.

For the boys, Gillett's Braydn Wendorff will return to state in the 800-meter run. Lena/St. Thomas' Zander Thomson is in the 110-meter hurdles and the high jump.

Bonduel's Malachi Gray, Sam Roberts, Griffin Uelmen and Mason Ballwahn will race in the 4x200, while Roberts, Gage Scholl, Uelmen and Ballwahn will compete in the 4x400.

Teammate Ryan Westrich will throw in the shot put.

May 27

Division 1, Green Bay Preble

Pulaski's track teams will be represented in more than two dozen events at sectionals, following their strong performance at regionals.

The girls, with 157 points, won among the eight teams. The boys scored 110 points and placed second.

Winning for the girls were Olivia Sprangers in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and the long jump; Olivia Stedl in the 800- and 1,600-meter runs; the 4x200-meter relay team of Addison Krueger, Lily Urben, Faye Brunke and Sprangers; the 4x400 team of Anna Friedman, Krueger, Katelyn Jossie and Brunke; and Urben in the 300-meter hurdles.

Winning for the boys were Keaton Dauk in the 300-meter hurdles and the 200-meter dash, and Bennett Vanschynel in the high jump.

Also advancing for the girls were the 4x800 team of Mikaela Moore, Adelaide Bruckert, Cameran Reiss and Ellie Murphy; 100-meter hurdles, Jossie; 100-meter dash, Brunke; 1,600-meter run, Emerson Fabry; 800-meter run, Fabry; the 4x400 team of Friedman, Stedl, Fabry and Urben; long jump, Lydia Gwidt; discus, Noelle Manning; and shot put, Manning.

Also advancing for the boys were the 4x800 team of Dayne Groth, Thomas Murphy, Arden Gillen and Parker Marshall; 100-meter dash, Spencer Hakes; 110-meter hurdles, Dauk; 100-meter dash, Hakes, and Max Fredrickson; 4x200 team of Aiden McGinn, Kam McKeefry, Sawyer Goodness and Hakes; the 4x100 team of Hakes, Goodness, Fredrickson and McKeefry; 800-meter run, Mitchell Pilon; 200-meter dash, McKeefry; the 4x400 team of Jacob Betley, Pilon, Thomas Murphy and Daniel Augustine; and high jump, Isaac Lom.

Division 2, Waupaca

Shawano and Oconto Falls' girls teams tied for first place with 122 points each, followed by Wittenberg-Birnhamwood in fourth with 89 and Menominee Nation in eighth with 19.

For the boys, Shawano was second with 104 points, followed by Oconto Falls in third with 99.5, Wittenberg-Birnhamwood in fifth with 82 and Menominee Nation in eighth with 33.5.

Winning for the girls were Shawano's 4x800-meter relay team of Adalyn Barkley, Maci Beyer, Mikelah Powers and Bailey Hendricks; Barkley in the 400-meter dash; Beyer in the high jump; and Tela

Hopfensperger in the pole vault.

Oconto Falls' Gracie Miller won the 100-meter dash, as did the 4x200 team of Emery Pagel, Abby Budz, Ashlyn Vandermoss and Rylie Shallow. The 4x100 team of Pagel, Budz, Miller and Shallow also finished first.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood's Faith Resch won the 300-meter hurdles, the long jump and the triple jump; and the 4x400 team of Kylee Beversdorf, Nora Bushman, Harper Rogowski and Resch won as well.

Also advancing to sectionals were:

4x800: Bushman, Harper Krull, Rogowski, Beversdorf, WB; Emma Meissner, Hailey Delzer, Ava Hodkiewicz and Brooke Hodkiewicz, OF. 100-meter dash: Shallow, OF; Page, OF. 1,600-meter run: Hendricks, S; Meissner, OF. 4x200: Powers, Macey Nelson, Zoe Sipple and Izabella Tupper, S; Addison Schmid, Kaitlin Tukowski, Ela Vincent and Jayden Zeinert, WB.

400-meter dash: Hopfensperger, S; Brooke Hodkiewicz, OF; Beyer, S.

4x100: Rikki Latender, Madeline Tomow, Urijah Reeves and Lena Waukau, MN.

300-meter hurdles: Krull, WB.

800-meter run: Brooke Hodkiewicz, OF.

200-meter run: Budz, OF.

3,200-meter run: Delzer, OF.

4x400: Barkley, Beyer, Hopfensperger, Hendricks, S; Annabelle Maciejewski, Ava Hodkiewicz, Mackenzie Lotto, Chloe Anastasopoulos, OF.

Shot put: Madisyn Weinig, S.

Discus: Kelsie Davis, WB, second; Bailey Defere, S.

High jump: Reeves, MN, second; Gwen Maggio, OF.

Pole vault: Nelson, S.

Long jump: Krull, WB.

Triple jump: Barkley, S, second; Nelson, S; Bushman, WB.

First-place finishes for the boys were Shawano's Francesco Curto in the 100-meter hurdles; the Oconto Falls 4x200 team of Brady Bursa, Isaac Bramer, Evan Yuma and Elijah White; Wittenberg-Birnhamwood's Alex Sanderson in the 300-meter hurdles; Witt-Birn's 4x400 team of Jett Rogowski, Sanderson, Bryson Schmid and Kaden Yaeger; Witt-Birn's Landen Schmidt in the discus; Menominee Nation's Mikey (Aiden) Chapman in the high jump; and Witt-Birn's Yaeger in the long jump.

Also advancing were:

4x800: Griffin Kopke, Brant Laluzerne, Emerson Rice, Ben Adams, OF; Josiah Kuehl, Nolan Kleinschmidt, Joshua Lesperance, Teagan Harkey, S.

110-meter hurdles: Emerich Skarban, OF; Sanderson, WB.

100-meter dash: White, OF; Croix Gardebrecht, OF.

1,600-meter run: Trevor Schwartz, S; Bryant Wau-poose, MN.

4x200: Logan Gibson, Rogowski, Schmid, Yaeger, WB, Maverick Theis, Bryce Lammers, Ryan Schwitzer, Aiden Rasmussen, S.

400-meter dash: Barron Wau-poose, MN; Lesperance, S.

4x100: Bursa, Yuma, Bramer, White, OF; Aydrean McGeshick, Rogowski, Schmid, Yaeger, WB; Rasmussen, Lammers, Schwitzer, Joseph Kleinschmidt, S.

300-meter hurdles: Skarban, OF.

800-meter run:

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Tennis seasons end for Pulaski, Shawano

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

May 29

Notre Dame Sectionals

Pulaski placed sixth with 17 team points, and Shawano tied for ninth place with six points in WIAA sectional action.

All local competitors lost in the first round.

At No. 1 singles, Pulaski's Justin Fraedrich lost 6-0, 6-0.

At No. 2 singles, teammate Nathan Maroszek lost 6-0, 6-1.

At No. 3 singles, Mikel Iglesias-Mino came up short 6-4, 6-3.

In the No. 1 doubles competition, Ryan Symons and Henry Piczkowski lost 6-0, 6-0.

Shawano's Kiernan Sheldon and Charlie Grieves lost 6-0, 6-2.

May 27

Notre Dame Subsectionals

Pulaski tennis players col-

lected 16 points and placed third at subsectionals, while Shawano tallied six points and tied two other teams for fourth place.

Pulaski's Mikel Iglesias-Mino won at No. 3 singles.

Justin Fraedrich finished fourth at No. 1 singles, and

teammate Nathan Maroszek was second at No. 2 singles.

Ryan Symons and Henry Piczkowski placed fourth at No. 1 doubles.

Placing second at No. 2 doubles were Shawano's Kiernan Sheldon and Charlie Grieves.

3 baseball teams knocked out as WIAA regional action gets underway

May 29 Bonduel 11, Menominee Nation 1

Bonduel, seeded No. 5, defeated No. 12 seed Menominee Nation 11-1 in the opening round of WIAA baseball regional action.

The Eagles end the season at 3-17 overall. They were 1-13 in the CWC East, in which Bonduel placed third at 10-4.

Coleman 11, Gillett/Suring 4

Coleman, the Marinette & Oconto Conference champion, defeated conference foe Gillett/Suring 11-4 in regional action.

Gillett/Suring was 2-10 in the conference and ended the season at 4-15.

Assumption 10, Marion 1

Marion's season ended with a 10-1 loss to Assumption in regional action.

The Mustangs, 5-14 overall, finished 5-5 in the CWC North, trailing Tigerton at 10-1, and Bowler and Gresham at 6-4 each.

Manitowoc Lincoln 6, Pulaski 2

Pulaski's regular season came to an end with a 6-2 loss to Manitowoc Lincoln, which knocked the Red Raiders down a notch in the Fox River Classic Conference. Bay Port and Manitowoc Lincoln tied for third at 11-6, while Pulaski was next at 11-7.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 5, Edgar 0

The Chargers closed the regular season with a 5-0 shutout win over Edgar in nonconference action.

The Chargers improved to 24-2 overall.

WIAA Regionals Shawano 3, Fox Valley Lutheran 1

Tigerton 3, Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy 2

Oconto Falls 6, New Lisbon 2

Gresham 8, Wausaukee 7

Bowler 7, Newman Catholic 2

May 27 Bonduel 7, Iola-Scandinavia 1

Bonduel won the completion of a suspended

game against Iola-Scandinavia 7-1.

Cade Johnson threw a complete game victory scattering four hits and allowing one run while walking two and striking out 11.

The Bears scored in all but one inning and were led at the plate by Joe Felhofer with two hits and two RBIs. Jackson Rudzinski added two RBI.

Chase Timdal had two hits for the T-Birds.

Bonduel ends the regular season at 13-8 overall and 10-4 in CWC East play, good for third in the conference.

Lena 15, Peshtigo 5

Lena closed out its regular season with a 15-5 nonconference win over Peshtigo.

The Wildcats finished 11-6 overall and 9-3 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference. Lena tied with Crivitz for second place.

Oconto Falls 15, New Holstein 1

A 15-1 nonconference win over New Holstein propelled Oconto Falls to



Bonduel's Mason Zuleger is safe at home in the Bears 11-1 win Menominee Nation on May 29 in the opening round of WIAA regional baseball action.

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finish 16-6 in the regular season.

Wyatt Laughrin scored twice and had two hits, three RBIs and a home run. Chase Cariveau also had two hits, scored three times and had one RBI.

Trace Brehmer hit 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI. Hunter Bozile collected two hits,

scored once and had a pair of RBIs. Easton Engel had one hit, a home run.

Cole Bozile was the winning pitcher.

The Panthers placed third in the North Eastern Conference with a 12-6 record.

Shawano 4, New London 1

The Hawks beat New

London 4-1 to finish 11-7 in the Bay Conference, a third-place finish for the season.

Shawano was 12-8 overall.

Pulaski 11, Green Bay East/West 1

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 9, Waupaca 2

Weyauwega-Fremont 11, Marion 6



Bonduel's boys golf team placed second at regionals at Thornberry Creek in Hobart on May 27. Colin Fischer, left, and Jaxon Bogacz tied for first overall with an 81 each. St. Mary Catholic's Charlie Whaley also carded an 81.

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Panthers advance to golf sectionals

May 28 Division 2, New London

Two Oconto Falls golfers finished in the top four as the team advanced to sectional action after regional play at Shamrock Heights Golf Course in New London.

Oconto Falls placed second overall with a team score of 341.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood was sixth with 376, and Menominee Nation/Gresham was eighth with 380.

Kadyn Riel led the Panthers with 76, and Dylan Clark had 81. Carson McDermid carded 89, and Brock McDermid had 95.

Menominee Nation/Gresham's Anik Corn scored an 89 and qualified for sectionals as an individual competitor. Also scoring were Alex Mahl with

95, Gabe Boivin with 96 and Eliott Penass with 100.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood was led by Nick Flak with 93. He was joined by Jaden Clark and George Seegmiller with 94 each and Carson Klinner had 95.

May 27 Division 1 Green Bay Preble Regional

Pulaski senior Dixon Holewinski carded a 74, four strokes off the lead at the Royal Scot Golf Course in New Franken, to pace the Red Raiders and lead them to sectional competition.

Team scores were Notre Dame 298, Bay Port 307, Pulaski 327, Green Bay Preble 331, Shawano 355 and Ashwaubenon 357.

Also scoring for Pulaski were Bradin Schultz with 82, Brady Hayward with 85 and Casey

Medlam with 86. Nathan Jossie also scored a 90.

Scoring for Shawano were Blake Knope with 83, T.J. Smith with 89, Brayden Mead with 91 and Jakob Stuhr with 92.

Duane Gristeau-Blanche also carded a 162.

Knope and Smith qualified for sectionals as individuals.

Division 3 Oneida Nation Regional

Bonduel and Lena golf teams advanced to sectional action after finishing in the top four at Thornberry Creek in Hobart.

Team scores were St. Mary Catholic 351, Bonduel 358, Lena 362, Oconto 382, Coleman 402, Gillett 416 and Oneida Nation 417.

Bonduel's Jaxon Bogacz and

Colin Fischer, and St. Mary Catholic's Charlie Whaley each carded an 81.

Also scoring for the Bears were Cole Westphal with 92 and Cory Wussow with 104. Cameron Schroeder also carded a 119.

Lena's scores were Cooper Demmith with 86, Mason Belongia with 89, Mason Spice with 89 and Tanner Behnke with 98.

Vande Turecek also carded a 99.

Gillett was led by Parker Jenerou with 100. He was joined by Katelyn Sturm with 101, Jesse DeBauch with 103 and Brady Holla with 112.

Brandon Slatky also carded a 130.

Jenerou also qualified as an individual.



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Pulaski, Preble tie in season closer

May 30
Pulaski 1, Green Bay Preble 1
Pulaski ended its regular season with a 1-1 tie at Green Bay Preble.
The Red Raiders, 14-5-1 overall, finished third in the Fox River Classic Conference with a 6-2-1 mark.
May 29
Marinette 8, Shawano 2
Shawano's regular season ended with an 8-2 loss to visiting Marinette.
The Hawks placed fifth in the Bay Conference at 4-4-2 and now have a 7-10-3 overall mark.
May 27
Shawano 2, Green Bay East 2
For the third time this season, Shawano's soccer team played to a tie, this time a 2-2 score with Green Bay East.
The tie edged Green Bay East ahead of Shawano in the Bay Conference. Green Bay East is 4-3-3, and Shawano is 4-4-2.
Sheboygan North 2, Pulaski 0
Pulaski's second four-game winning streak of the season was snapped with a 2-0 loss to Sheboygan North.

Lacrosse seasons end in first round

May 27
Janesville Craig 20, Pulaski 1 (boys)
Pulaski's boys lacrosse team was defeated 20-1 in the opening round of WIAA playoff action.
The Red Raiders went into the game as a No. 21 seed against No. 12 Janesville Craig.
Kimberly 15, Pulaski 9 (girls)
Pulaski's ended its second lacrosse season with a 15-9 loss to Kimberly in the first round of regional play.
Pulaski was seeded No. 18, and Kimberly was No. 15.

Bonduel wins regional softball title

May 29
Bonduel 2, Oconto 0
Bonduel won the regional title in a pitchers duel between a pair of freshmen with a 2-0 win over Oconto.
Maya Bruckner for Oconto and Emery Thompson of Bonduel each pitched outstanding games, retiring the first nine batters.
Bonduel broke through for a run in the fourth inning as Tatum Sporisky singled, advanced to second on an error, third on a wild pitch and scored on a bunt single by Jayla Reinke.
Oconto recorded its first runner of the game with a two-out walk in the sixth, followed by Oconto's only hit, but Thompson got out of the inning with a pop up to first.
Bonduel tallied again in the bottom of sixth as Taylor Rank ripped a two-out double to score Gracyn Wudtke from first.
Thompson gave up only two baserunners and struck out seven to get the win.
Clintonville 2, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1
The Chargers ended their 18-10 season with a 2-1 loss to Clintonville in the Division 2 regional title game.
In the regular season, Wittenberg-Birnamwood placed third in the CWC East with a 10-4 record.



Bonduel won the regional title in a pitchers duel between a pair of freshmen with a 2-0 win over Oconto on May 27. Maya Bruckner for Oconto and Emery Thompson of Bonduel, above, each pitched outstanding games, retiring the first nine batters. Thompson gave up only two baserunners and struck out seven to get the win.

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May 28
Bonduel 10, Shiocton 0
Bonduel defeated Shiocton 10-0 in six innings to advance in WIAA regional action.
Bonduel scored two runs in the first inning and one more in the third to take a 3-0 lead. A four-run fifth inning and three runs in sixth inning broke the game open.

Tatum Sporisky was 4-for-4, scored four runs and drove in another. Jayla Reinke was 2-for-3 with 4 RBIs. Julianna Jacobs, Taylor Rank and Emery Thompson all had two hits as well.
Thompson was the winning pitcher and scattered seven hits and was supported by some nice defensive plays to shut out the Chiefs.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 5, Amherst 3
The Chargers advanced in regional action with a 5-3 win over Amherst.
Bay Port 2, Pulaski 0
Pulaski was shut out 2-0 by Bay Port in its first playoff game of the 2025 season.
The Red Raiders end the season 15-11.
Lakeland 1, Shawano 0
In a WIAA regional game that showcased grit, heart, and endurance, the Shawano Hawks fell to the Lakeland Thunderbirds in a 1-0 loss.
Tied at 0-0 in the bottom of the 13th inning, Lakeland sealed the win with a single from Karlin Williams, scoring the only run of the night.
Kadence Meyers was unstoppable in the circle, pitching 12 1/3 innings, allowing just four hits and no earned runs while striking out 15.
Lakeland's Saylor Timmerman was equally dominant, recording 29 strikeouts across 13 innings.
Meyers also led the offense, going 3-for-5 at the plate. Despite outhitting Lakeland 6-4, the Hawks couldn't push one across.
Shawano's season ended with a 12-12 overall record. The Hawks placed third in the Bay Conference with a 7-5 record.
Niagara 7, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Acad-

emy 3
Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy ended its 2025 softball season after losing 7-3 to Niagara in regional action.
At 6-11 overall and 3-7 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference, Lena/STAA tied for fourth place with Gillett/Suring.
Tri-County 9, Tigerton 2
Tigerton was upset 9-2 by Tri-County in regional softball action.
The Tigers had a seven-game winning streak going back to the end of April. They were also unbeaten at 6-0 to win the CWC North Conference.
Tigerton ended the season at 10-3 overall.
Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy 10, Marion 0
Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy scored three times in the first inning and added five more in the fourth to walk away with a 10-0 shutout over Marion in regional action.
The Mustangs, 4-10 overall, ended the season at 3-3, tying Northland Lutheran for second place in the CWC North.
Peshtigo 11, Gillett/Suring 0
Gillett/Suring was shut out 11-0 as its season drew to a close.
The team was 5-15 overall.

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Rindt wins sport modifieds at Speedway

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Shawano's Tommy Rindt started in 11th and took the checkered flag in the sport modifieds May 31 at the Shawano Speedway. Michael Springborn of Shawano placed third, and

Bryce Clements of Suring was third. Travis Rhoades of Shawano was fourth, and Charles Hoffman of Gresham was fifth. Shawano's AJ Spring-born Michael Springborn won the heat races. Marcus Yarie of

Wausau won the stock car feature race. He also started at the pole. Embarrass' Nate Michonski started in the 11th spot and finished second, while Marion Dan Michonski started eighth and placed third. Kayle Frederick of Oconto Falls

was fourth. Winning the heat races were Jeff Nowak of Angeltown, Texas, and Devin Snellenberger of Pulaski. Wausau's Kevin Feck won the modifieds, with Shawano's Mike Schmidt in second and Jordan Bartz

in third. Greenville's Trevor Spaulding and New London's Tanner Janke won the heat races. Clintonville's Tanner Westphal won the Mighty 4's feature race after starting in seventh. Shawano's

Taylor Junk was second, followed by Scott Blanke in third. Heats were won by Blanke, Westphal and Clint Hattermann of Bear Creek. The late models did not run.

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Schwartz, S; Kopke, OF. 3,200-meter run: Kuehl, S. 4x400: Gardebrecht, Laluzerne, Rice, Yuma, OF. Shot put: Schmidt, WB; Jack Dietz, S. Discus: Drew Chelberg, S. Pole vault: Schweitzer, S. Long jump: Bursa, OF; Rogowski, WB. Triple jump: Barron Waupoose, MN. **Division 3, Suring** Bonduel's girls won the regional competition with 153 points, followed by host Suring in second with 89. Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy placed sixth with 57 points, Gillett was seventh with 50, Gresham/Bowler was 10th with 18; and Wolf River Lutheran in Shawano was 12th with

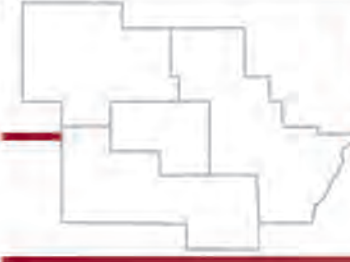
seven. For the boys, Bonduel was third with 75, Lena/STAA was fourth with 70, Suring was seventh with 54, Gillett was 11th with 20, Gresham/Bowler was 12th with nine and Wolf River Lutheran was 13th with seven. Winning gold for the girls were Bonduel's Peyton Westrich in the 200- and 400-meter dashes; Mariah Wondra in the 3,200-meter run; the 4x200 team of Paige Niquette, Audrey Weier, Audrey Jacobs and Josie Pawlak; the 4x400 team of Wondra, Teagan Engel, Westrich and Amelia Wilcox; Weier in the high jump; and Pawlak in the long jump and triple jump. Gillett's Audrey Pate won the discus.

Capturing gold for the Bonduel's boys were the 4x200 team of Malachi Gray, Sam Roberts, Griffin Uelmen and Mason Ballwahn; and the 4x400 team of Roberts, Gage Scholl, Uelmen and Ballwahn. Roberts also won the triple jump. Lena/STAA's Zander Thomson won the high jump. Other girls advancing to sectionals were: 800-meter run: Hope Soper, G; Hailey Berg, B. 1,600-meter run: Wondra, B; Engel, B. 3,200-meter run: Engel, B; Kemnber Frome, B. 100-meter hurdles: Aliya Cox, S; Eva Brooks, L/STAA; Soper, G. 100-meter hurdles: Cox, S; Brooks, L/STAA; Soper, G.

300-meter hurdles: Cox, S; Wilcox, B; Sierra Schnell, B. 4x100: Pawlak, Weier, Niquette, Jacobs, B. 4x200: Ginger Gerndt, Tessa Losurdo, Paige Pommerich, Lexi Remic, S. 4x400: Bunny Cramer, Gerndt, Remic, Losurdo, S; Abby Kostreva, Della Kostreva, Kate Peters, Miriam Alberts, L/STAA. 4x800: Cramer, Pommerich, Ellayna Skarban, Morgan Suring, S; Alberts, Peters, Alexis Maloney, Della Kostreva, L/STAA; Addison Fischer, Cami Gourley, Hannah Long, Alivia Perez, G.B. High jump: Brooks, L/STAA; Skarban, S. Pole vault: Losurdo, S; Gerndt, S. Long jump: Cox, S. Triple jump: Cox, S;

Della Kostreva, L/STAA; Soper, G. Shot put: Emily Jensen, G/B; Rachyl Hunter, B. Discus: Karissa Hischke, S. Other boys advancing to sectionals were: 800-meter run: Bradyn Wendorff, G; Gage Anderson, B. 110-meter hurdles: Thomson, L/STAA; Blake DeGrave, S. 300-meter hurdles: Erik Kosch, L/STAA; DeGrave, S. 4x100: Gray, Roberts, Uelmen, Ballwahn, B. 4x200: Dayne Ermis, Kroix Kempka, Garret Peters, CJ Richard, S. 4x400: Max Peterson, Thomson, Lucas Heimke, Kosch, L/STAA. 4x800: Gage Anderson, Oliver Chitwood, Joah

Dworniczak, Garrett Anderson, B. High jump: Ermis, S. Pole vault: Isaac Peterson, L/STAA. Long jump: Thomson, L/STAA, second; Heimke, L/STAA. Triple jump: Heimke, L/STAA; Peters, S. Shot put: Ryan Westrich, B. Discus: Westrich, B. **Division 3, Stratford** Marion/Tigerton's girls collected 41 points and placed ninth out of 12 teams. The boys collected 16 points and placed 11th. Madiline Wudstruck won the gold in the girls 100-meter hurdles, and Presley Stewart-Rolfs placed second in the shot put. For the boys, Tristan Herro had the top spot in the high jump.



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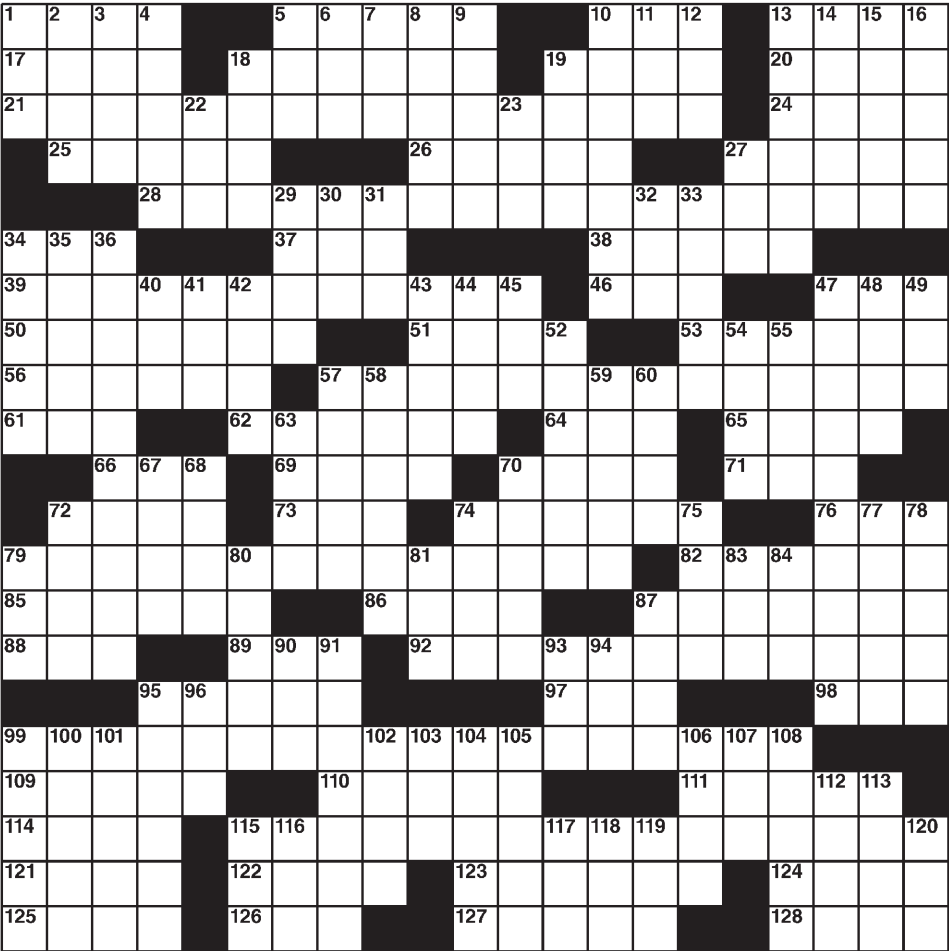
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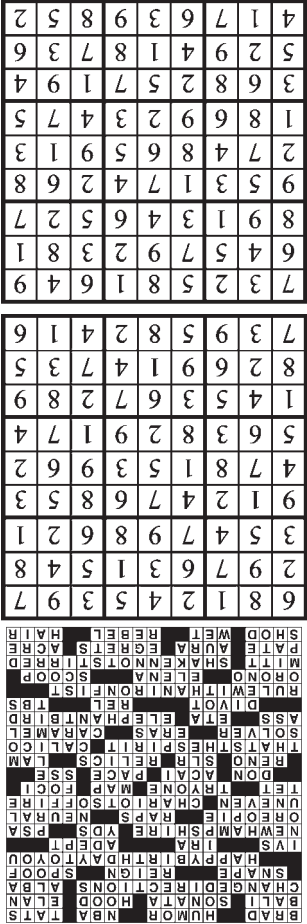
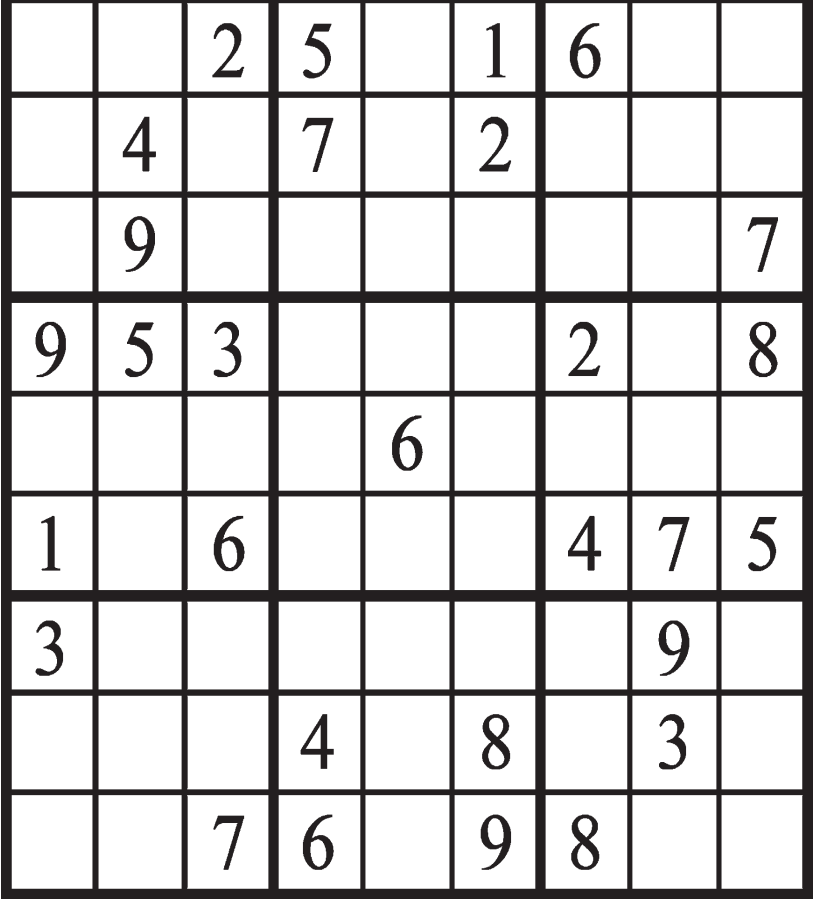
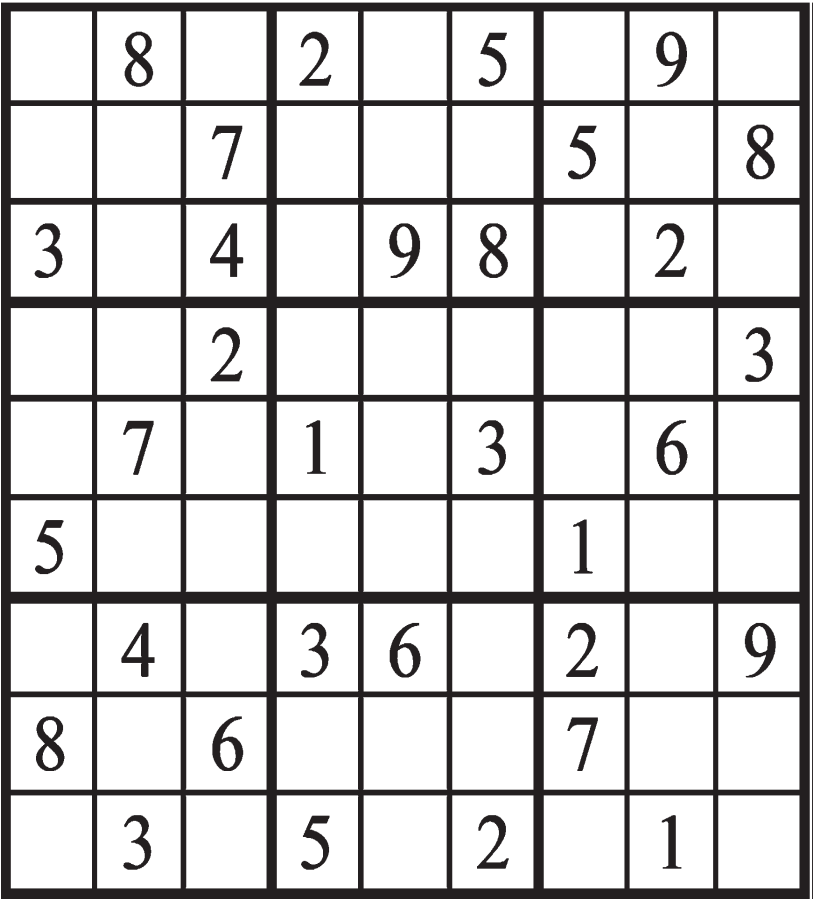
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Homelessness needs a solution

Homelessness is a crisis in Shawano. That's not surprising, considering it's a crisis everywhere.

The issue came into focus in May when a pair of speakers went before the Shawano Common Council to ask city officials to do something about the matter. The timing was significant because SAM's House was closing its doors for the season. While the building still provides daytime services during the off months, folks with everything they own in a backpack, shopping cart or some other container are stuck figuring out where they're going to sleep overnight.

One of the speakers was himself homeless, telling the council about how he can't sleep in any of the parks without getting a trespassing citation — city parks are closed shortly after the sun goes down. Questions were raised about what could be done.

What can be done always seems to be the question. Finding answers is like finding a needle in a haystack.

The good news is that the city's not just letting people have their say and then letting the issue disappear. There's talk about doing something about it.

That's a good thing — because something needs to be done.

During that council meeting, Alderman Kevin Barkow said he was "bothered" about what he was hearing and that the issue should be discussed further, even suggesting that a committee be formed to look into the homeless situation. Alderman Jack Young suggested bringing in someone from Shawano Area Matthew 25, the organization running SAM's House, to develop solutions.

Both ideas have merit. Barkow's suggestion would bring out people who are concerned about the situation to discuss and brainstorm. Bringing in an expert, not to mention someone who is currently dealing with Shawano's homeless situation, like Young suggested, would make the discussions even stronger.

What is the situation, though? Homelessness is more than just some bums wandering the streets. Given the state of the economy, many of us are one paycheck away from losing our homes. A lot of people are holding off on starting families because of the uncer-



Lee Pulaski
City editor

tainty whether their jobs will be enough to support their children and all the needs that come with the cherubs. It's bad enough having to live alone on the streets, but to have your children being miserable on those streets is demoralizing.

Then there are the proud heroes who defend our country and come home with post-traumatic stress disorder, which can develop into mental health and substance abuse issues. According to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, about 13% of the homeless population is comprised of veterans, a disturbing number considering only 7% of the overall population puts on the uniforms of our armed forces.

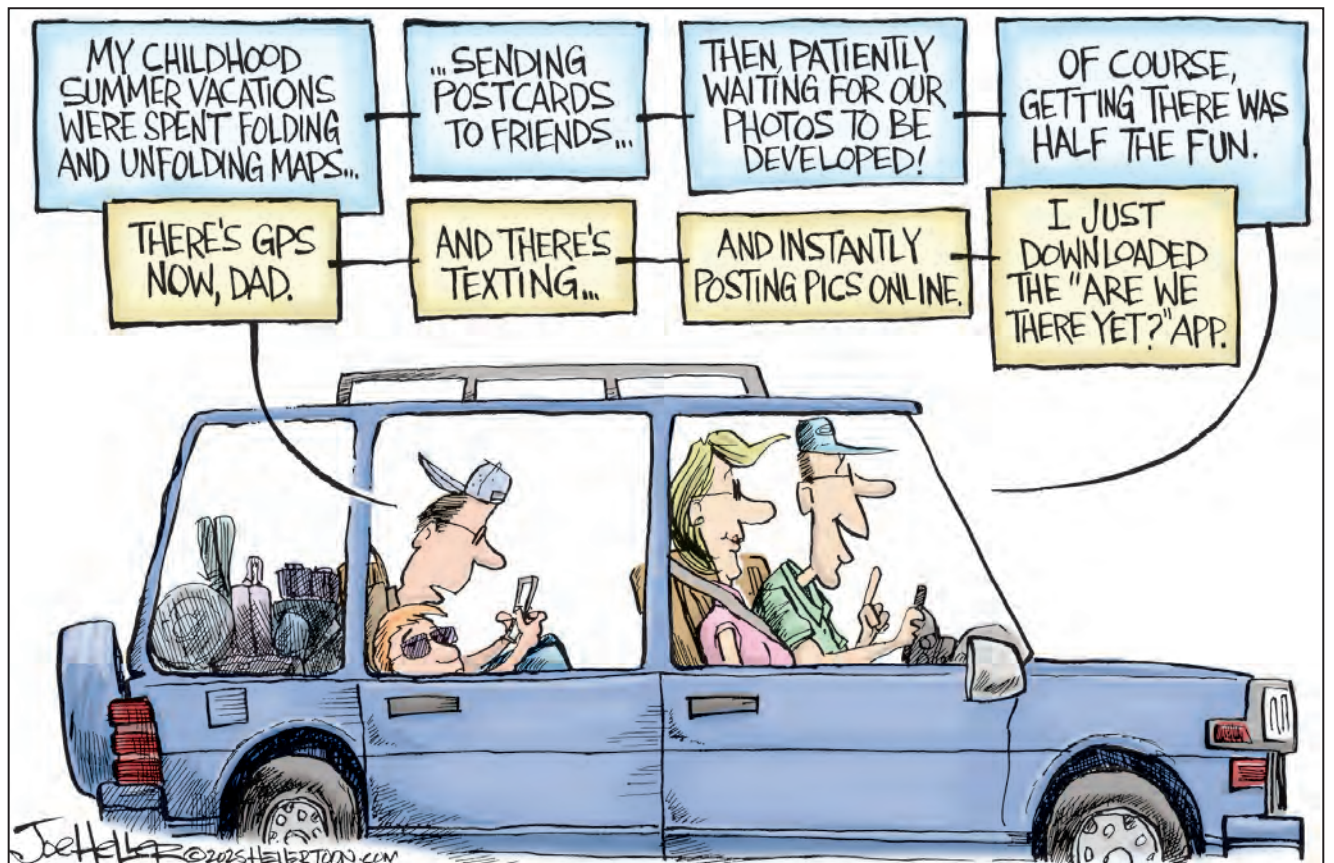
Further discussion in the city will have to look at these variables. Other matters will need to include what SAM25 needs to provide a year-round shelter. Is more funding an issue? More volunteers? Do other entities like United Way need to come into the conversation?

If a committee does form, I would recommend holding one or more town hall meetings on the issue. There are likely many in the community who want to help but find the idea of joining a committee difficult. However, if they have a chance to express their feelings, and all those points of view are put together to find a solution, then it'll truly be a community solution.

One thing is certain — we cannot ignore the problem. Over a decade ago, the issue of homelessness dying during winter months prompted the formation of SAM25, which came up with a solution for six months out of the year. However, homelessness is not a part-time situation, and finding a way for everyone to have a home should be a goal all of us share.

The council is supposed to meet next week. Now we'll just have to wait and see what steps the city takes to help those who are down on their luck find their way back to being proud members of society.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Education budget cuts will be catastrophic

To the editor:

As a retired public school teacher, I am alarmed by proposals in the budgets at the federal and state levels. Layoffs, budget cuts and attacks on vital programs will make it more difficult to educate our youth. Over 25% of our state budget comes from federal dollars. Cuts to the Department of Education threaten critical funding for over 886,000 students in K-12 schools in Wisconsin. Rural areas will be hit especially hard.

Wisconsin has made some progress in funding public school funding. However, we are still short \$3,340 per pupil (compared to 2009) to provide adequate funding. This is a sad statement. With Wisconsin's projected \$4 billion surplus, this could be the moment we invest in the strong public education system that our children deserve.

On the chopping block now is the Medicaid program, which provides health care coverage for 38 million children across America. Slashing Medicaid will hurt every student. It provides services of professionals like nurses, counselors, psychologists and audiologists. School meals and the SNAP program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance) are being threatened. SNAP helps to feed 42 million people, 40% are children and 80% are households with a child, senior adult or a disabled person.

Alarming, Congress is pushing a budget reconciliation bill that devastates our schools and communities. If they succeed, the domino effects won't just be harmful — they'll be catastrophic. It is a blueprint for a long-term collapse: sick children, hungry students, broken futures — and a society that pays the price for generations.

Now is the time to contact your federal and state representatives to show your outrage. Participating in protest events also shows you care. Our children are our future.

Mary Arnold, Shawano

GUEST COLUMN

Why is America's postal service struggling?

I have visited Benjamin Franklin's grave at the Christ Church Burial Ground in Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love.

Old Ben must be spinning in it right now, his supply of brotherly love seriously tested.

The U.S. Postal Service he founded has become — let's try to say this without profanity — a stumbling mess.

Per his will, the inscription he directed for the gravesite read simply, "Benjamin and Deborah Franklin." Maybe this thoroughly American original was far-sighted enough to limit his eternal exposure to the post office's reputation.

Obviously, there's a story behind the hot blood I'm feeling toward the mail service. Multiple stories, in fact.

Several are personal. Another — and the most egregious — comes from a close acquaintance. All are recent, from 2025. The maddening tale ranges from the merely annoying to the outrageous, with potential for serious consequences. Taken as a whole, it paints a picture of the proud service Franklin fathered drifting toward failure.



Bill Barth
Guest columnist

By the way, allow me to make something clear. The men and women doing the everyday work of delivering mail locally seemed reasonable and caring when approached about my bad experiences. Don't blame them.

It takes overeducated and overpaid higher-ups — no doubt tied to Washington's dysfunctional politics — to engineer this kind of incompetence and indifference.

On to the stories:

• First, let's start small, with erratic delivery times. Not all that long ago, one could set a watch by when the mail would come. Even neighborhood dogs knew when to stand watch at the window for the mailman. Not this year. The mail might show up early

afternoon or supper time, maybe 7:30. What happened? Don't know, but the rumor mill suggests the service is chronically understaffed and looking for help.

• Moving on from the merely annoying to the infuriating. I manage the business side of our family farm in downstate Illinois. That means I pay quarterly income taxes to the Illinois Department of Revenue. I use tracking numbers to monitor delivery. The January payment envelope I mailed was returned to me, weeks later, claiming it was undeliverable because of a wrong address. It wasn't wrong.

Left with no other choice, I re-mailed the payment to the exact same Springfield, Illinois, address and it went through just fine. Fortunately, the Illinois taxman accepted the late payment.

• Well, one mistake can happen with anybody, right? So when April rolled around and it was time to send both yearly and quarterly federal and state tax payments, once again I obtained tracking numbers

and mailed envelopes to the feds and the states of Wisconsin and Illinois. No problems with the states. But through the tracking I watched two envelopes for the feds — one for yearly taxes, the other for a quarterly payment — bounce around the postal system day after day after day.

The system let me know delivery would be late. The notice should have read really, really late. Eventually, the envelopes arrived, so that's something, but I could have walked them to Louisville faster.

What's the right fix? No idea, but this level of postal disservice is not sustainable.

Logic suggests, with this much failure in my personal experience, there must be millions of other stories out there. That is truly alarming.

America needs our old, efficient post office back. Fix it.

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Prevea, HSHS push for colorectal cancer screenings

Prevea Health and HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital are urging adults 45 and older to schedule their colonoscopies to help prevent, detect and treat one of the most common and deadly types of cancers — colorectal cancer.

With the American Cancer Society reporting colorectal cancer as the second most common cause of cancer death for Americans, Prevea gastroenterologists are committed to increasing aware-

ness and timely access to life-saving screenings.

“A colonoscopy screening doesn’t just detect cancer, it can prevent it,” said Dr. Chaitanya Pant, Prevea gastroenterologist, who performs colonoscopies at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls. “When we remove precancerous polyps early, we can stop cancer before it starts. That’s why it’s so important for people to get screened at the age of 45, or even sooner if they have

a family history of colon cancer.”

Prevea follows national screening guidelines, recommending adults begin screening at age 45. However, for those with a family history of colorectal cancer or other risk factors, screening may need to begin earlier.

“It’s estimated nearly one-third of colorectal cancer cases in adults under 50 occur in people with a family history of the disease,” said Pant. “If a close

relative has had colorectal cancer, don’t wait — talk to your Prevea primary care provider about scheduling a screening sooner. Regular checkups and early detection remain key to prevention and improving colon cancer survival rates.”

Prevea and HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital make it easier than ever to schedule and complete a colon cancer screening, by providing colonoscopies in Oconto County, close to their neighbors’ homes.

“We understand some people may feel hesitant about scheduling a colonoscopy, but it’s a simple procedure that can save your life,” said Pant. “Our team is here to make the process as comfortable and stress-free as possible.”

For information about colonoscopies and the value of screenings, visit <https://www.prevea.com/resources/4-5-reasons-to-be-screened-for-colon-cancer>.

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Town of Oconto Falls

Liquor License Applications

Class B Beer and Class B Liquor

Applications:

Timothy Thompson d/b/a Club 32, 5506 Hwy 32 South, Gillett, WI 54124.

Amanda Boucher d/b/a Sandy Corners Bar & Grill, 5494 Hwy 32 South, Gillett, WI 54124.

These applications are for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Susan Mogged, Clerk

Town of Oconto Falls

May 30, 2025

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Town of Oconto Falls

NOTICE

Members of the Town Board will be inspecting Town Roads on

Monday June 23, 2025

And on Tuesday June 24, 2025

From 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Susan L Mogged, Clerk

06/06/2025

The following businesses have applied for liquor licenses within the Town of Breed for the time period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Applications will be reviewed at the June 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting at 7:00pm for approval/denial.

Class B Beer & Class B Liquor

3B Gun Club LLC- 13298 Logan Rd, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Stewart Schaal

Pipeline Bar and Grill LLC-11306 State Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: David C. Thompson

Arrowhead Saloon LLC- 13486 County Hwy AA, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Jamie L. House

Water's Edge on Anderson Lake- 12058 State Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Doreen Thompson

Class A Beer

Rhode's Oasis- 10779 State Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174 Agent: Alex Rhode

Kristen Telford, Clerk

Town of Breed

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Town of How, Oconto County

Notice of Bid for Road Work

The Town of How Board is seeking bids for the following two road projects.

Elm Road, from County Road R west, for a maximum of 6870 feet.

Hill Road, from Spruce Road, east 5600 feet.

The existing roadbed will be covered with 2 additional inches of ¾" road gravel and then pulverized 6-8 inches deep, regraded, rolled and resurfaced with 2 inches of asphalt, 21 feet wide. The 1.5 foot shoulders shall be ¾" road gravel, graded and rolled.

Bidders are required to provide certificate of insurance for \$1,000,000.00 limit of liability, provide a certificate of workers compensation coverage, and performance bond in the amount of the bid. The **deadline** for submitting is **4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2025**. Please send sealed bids to:

Town of How

Ken Holmes, Chairman

PO Box 187

Suring, WI 54174

The Town of How Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Becky Dickson, Clerk

Town of How, Oconto County

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NOW HIRING

The Town of Breed is looking to hire a PART-TIME ROAD MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE

The Town of Breed is looking to hire a part-time Road Maintenance employee. The Town of Breed Community Center is located at 11155 State Highway 32 Suring, WI 54174. This position has a flexible schedule and can work up to 32 hours per week. The wage ranges from \$20.00 per hour for general road maintenance: for large equipment operation wage depending on experience. A Class B CDL and experience operating heavy equipment desired. The ideal candidate is someone who can work independently with minimum supervision, mechanically inclined, and able to perform routine maintenance/repairs on town equipment.

GENERAL ROAD MAINTENANCE DUTIES

Operate town's 1 ton truck with dump box (standard transmission)

Fill potholes with cold patch

Replace/repair road/street signs

Operate chainsaws for removing trees from the road right of way

EQUIPMENT OPERATION

Operate John Deere 770BH road grader

- 23 miles of gravel roads
- New Holland TS110 tractor with 20-foot boom mower
- Mow grass along ditches and cut brush 57 miles of total roadway
- 2010 International CDL single axle patrol/ dump truck with automatic transmission.
- Haul gravel and other materials.

The lists above are not inclusive. Employees would report to and be under the supervision of the town board.

Please send resume to Town of Breed 11155 State Highway 32 Suring, WI 54174 or email to chairman@townofbreed.wi.gov

Resume due by June 27, 2025

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Notice that the Assessment Roll is Open for Examination and Open Book

Town of Lena, Oconto County, Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 70.45, the assessment roll for the Year 2025 assessment will be open for examination on the 17th day of June 2025 from 9:00am. until 11:00am. Additionally, the assessor shall be available at the Town Hall at 6087 Goatsville Road, Lena from 9:00am to 11:00 am. Instructional material will be provided at the open book to persons who wish to object to valuations under Wis. Stat. § 70.47.

Notice is hereby given this 6th day of June, 2025 by:
Dawn VanArk
Town Clerk

Notice of Meeting to Adjourn Board of Review to Later Date

Town of Lena, Oconto County

The Board of Review will meet on the 11th day of June, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at 6087 Goatsville Road, Lena for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session during the 45 day period beginning on the 4th Monday of April, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 70.47(1). Due to the fact the assessment roll is not completed at this time, the Board of Review will be adjourned until the 24th day of June 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board of Review:
After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board of Review's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact or provide information to a member of the Board of Review about the person's objection, except at a session of the Board of Review. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the Board of Review.

The Board of Review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the Board of Review's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the Board of Review Clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the Board of Review shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the Board of Review's first scheduled meeting, and the Board of Review may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session, or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days, with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the Board of Review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.

Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the Board of Review Clerk within the first 2 hours of the Board of Review's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the Board of Review may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session, or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The Board of Review may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, and the Board of Review shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the Board of Review in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the Board of Review, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the Board. When appearing before the Board of Review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information used to arrive at that estimate. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the Board of Review, the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses that the assessor requests, as specified in the Assessor's Manual under Wis. Stat. § 73.03(2a). The Town of Lena has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided in this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1).

The Board of Review shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse prescriber certified under Wis. Stat. § 441.16(2) that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board of Review, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board of Review, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under Wis. Stat. § 70.47(3)(a), that person provides notice to the Board of Review Clerk as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the Board of Review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take. No person shall be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of the real or personal property being assessed.

Notice is hereby given this 6th day of June, 2025 by:
Dawn VanArk
Town Clerk
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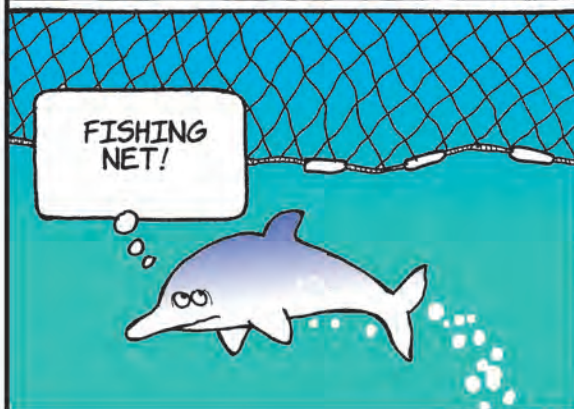
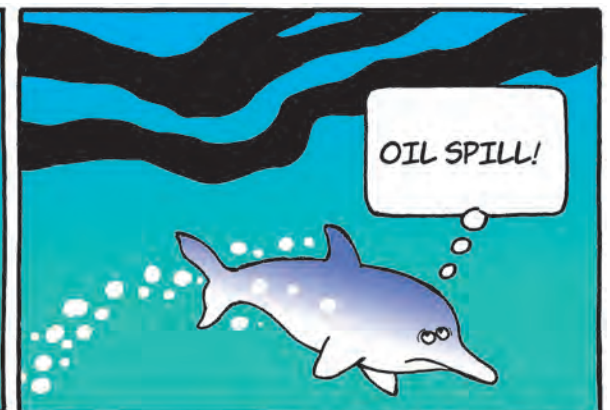
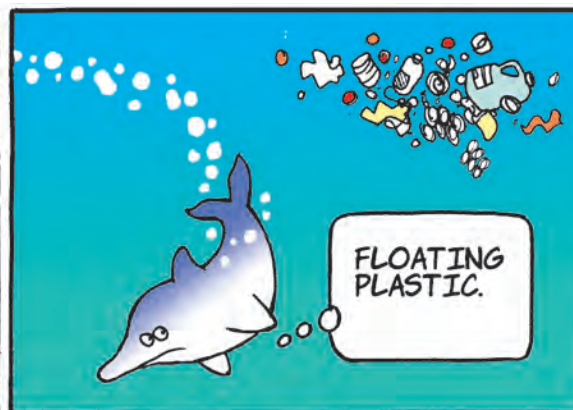
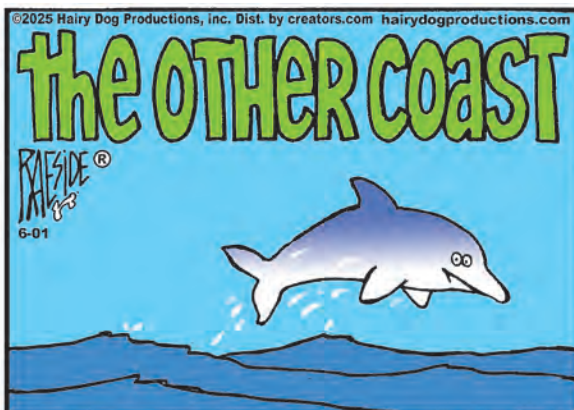
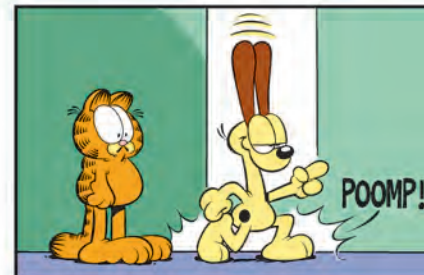
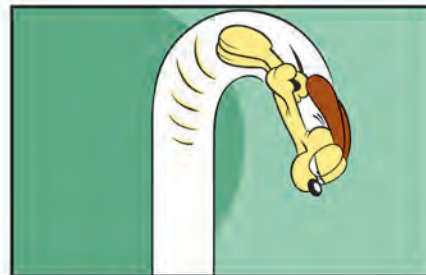
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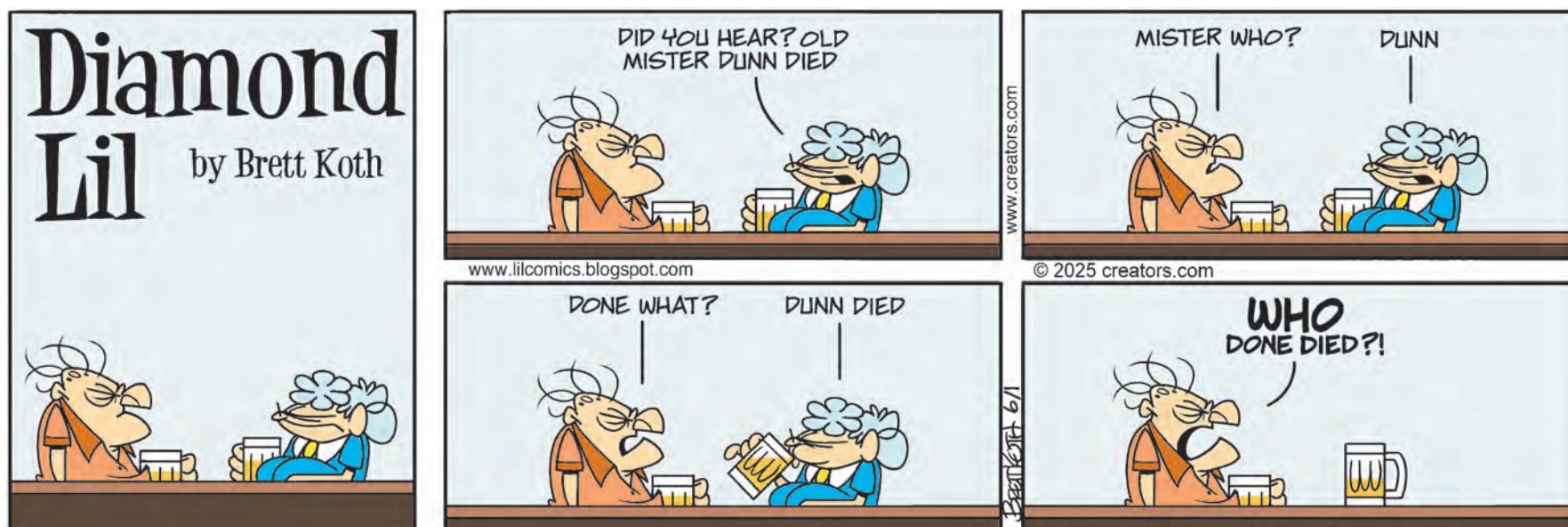
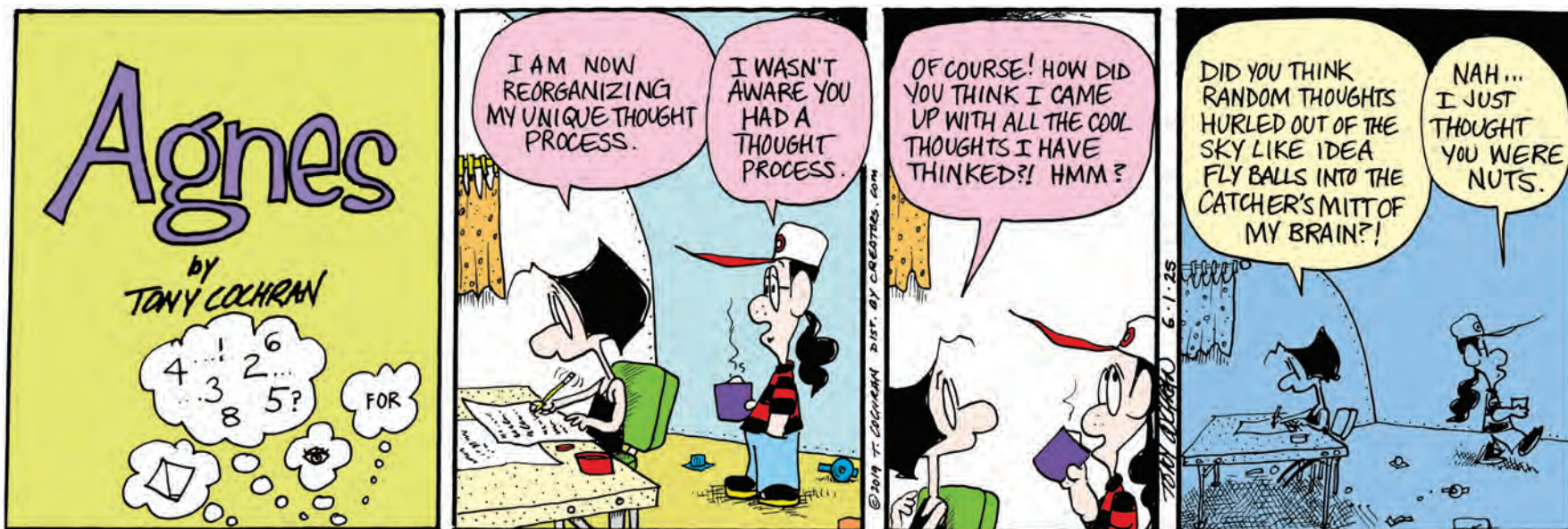
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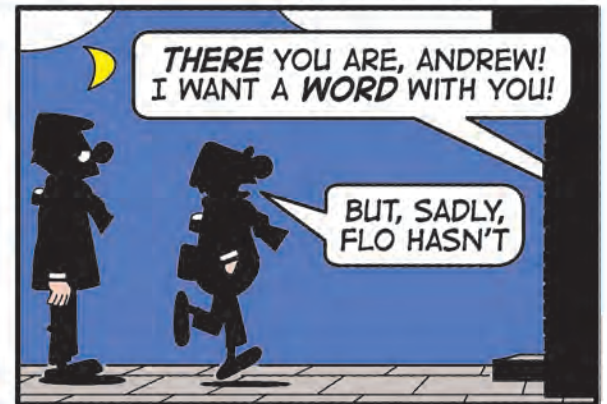
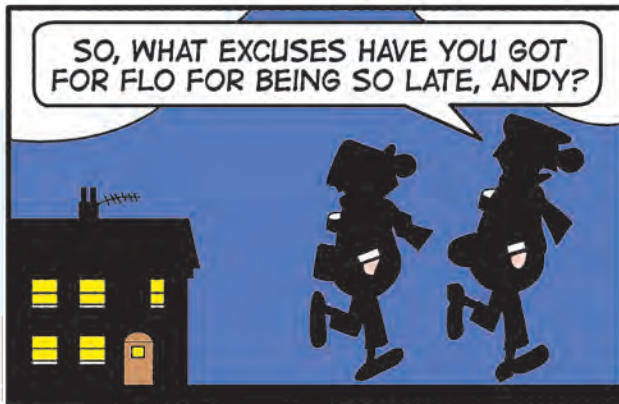
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