



Tracey Meyer, of Gillett, sets up some pancake batter on the grill in the food area early in the morning on June 8 at the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm at Hodkiewicz Harvesting and Trucking in the Town of Lena. This is Meyer's second year volunteering at the breakfast.

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DPI offers free summer meals at area schools

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has announced that it is working with area organizations to serve free meals and snacks to children across the state through the Summer Food Service Program.

- The area sites include:
- Gillett Secondary School, 208 W. Main St., Gillett (onsite)
 - Suring Elementary School, 411 Algoma St., Suring (onsite)
 - Oconto Elementary School, 810 Scherer Ave., Oconto (onsite)

Each summer, SFSP sponsors and sites across Wisconsin serve more than 3 million nutritious meals at over 900 locations, helping ensure children and teens in low-income areas maintain access to healthy food even when school is out.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the SFSP is a critical summer extension of the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. It offers free meals to all children and teens 18 and younger in eligible areas. Individuals over 18 who are enrolled in school programs for students with disabilities may also qualify.

Local organizations eligible to sponsor SFSP meal sites include public and private school food authorities, residential public and private nonprofit summer camps, colleges and universities and private nonprofit organizations, such as Boys & Girls Clubs and YMCAs.

To qualify, meal sites must be located in areas where at least 50% or more of households with children are at or below 185% of the federal poverty guidelines. Sponsors are reimbursed at USDA-established rates and must follow federal nutrition guidelines, and meals must comply with federal nutrition standards. Individuals over 18 years of age who are determined by state or local public educational agencies to be mentally or physically disabled and who also participate in a public or private nonprofit school program during the regular school year are also eligible to receive free meals.

Those seeking access to summer meals at a SFSP sponsor location can search sponsor locations by contacting 211 of Wisconsin. For information, contact Wisconsin DPI Nutrition Program Consultant Amy Kolano at Amy.Kolano@dpi.wi.gov or 608-266-7124.

Fun and learning in Lena for Breakfast on the Farm

Hodkiewicz Harvesting shows off how it grows crops for animals

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Thousands of people got to enjoy open-air dining June 8 at Hodkiewicz Harvesting and Trucking in Lena for the annual Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm.

Most county breakfasts and brunches in northern Wisconsin take place on dairy farms, but Hodkiewicz Harvesting was a dairy farm in the past before current owner Mitch Hodkiewicz took over for



A trio of cows enjoy a different breakfast from what humans consumed June 8 at the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm at Hodkiewicz Harvesting and Trucking in the Town of Lena.

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Stephanie Meyer named Nurse of the Year at St. Clare.

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his great-uncle, Ervin Rosera, and shifted the farm's focus from milk to cash cropping. Hodkiewicz and his son, Jason, crop 4,300 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat, a tradition that has gone on for more than 25 years just off of U.S. Highway 141.

The farm can store 400,000 bushels of the crops, and at 18-20% moisture, Hodkiewicz and his crew can dry about 1,500 bushels an hour. Almost 50% of the corn grown goes into ethanol, while most of the soybean crops are sold to make dairy feed. Five full-time employees and four part-timers make up the team for Hodkiewicz Harvesting.

Many visitors got to enjoy a tour of the farm after breakfast to witness operations first-hand. A Catholic Mass took place to start the day, while FFA and 4-H members hosted a petting zoo and other activities entertained both farm folks and those who don't have a background in agriculture.

Of course, the first step of the day is to cook thousands of pounds of food for the public to enjoy, and many times, a small but loyal group of volunteers slaves away on grills to cook scrambled eggs, sausages, pancakes and more for people to consume.

Tracey Meyer, of Gillett, was one of those volunteers, doing it for her second year after enjoying it last year. Meyer is part of the Gillett FFA alumni.

"They had mentioned it (the breakfast), and I love to volunteer, so it seemed like a fun thing to do," Meyer said. "Last year, I



A family grabs something to drink to go with breakfast June 8 at the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm at Hodkiewicz Harvesting and Trucking in the Town of Lena.

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was flipping pancakes, as well."

Surrounded by aromas, sights and sounds of food, it could be tempting to sample the merchandise, but Meyer said she refrains from doing so.

"That's why I ate before I started flipping pancakes," Meyer said.

Near Meyer's pancake station, Jeff Behnke, of Lena, had a grill full of sausage browning and getting ready to serve the growing line of people in the first hour of the breakfast. While it was difficult to determine how many links

were on his grill alone, Behnke estimated it would be enough to serve 40-50 people.

"We give two of them to a person, but I don't know how many are in the bag," Behnke said. "They didn't tell me."

Oconto County is home to 762 farms, with 97% of them being family farms, according to Oconto County Friends of Agriculture. However, fewer than 25% of the 638,720 acres of land in the county is utilized for pastures or cropland, which means there are plenty of people in the area that only

have a passing knowledge of farming, and the Breakfast on the Farm attracts plenty of folks from neighboring counties, to boot.

For Kate Pytleski, a summer intern for the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension out of the Oconto County office, having Breakfast on the Farm is a good event for the county and especially the host community.

"I think it's great to incorporate the youth," Pytleski said. "They like showing their animals and projects. I really think families like to come enjoy

breakfast together and meet new people and see what dairy and farming looks like in our county."

Pytleski said it seems to be an interesting twist celebrating National Dairy Month in June with the focus on a farm that creates feed that powers the cows.

"I think we're going to learn a little bit more about farming this year than in previous years, so that's exciting," Pytleski said. "It's not just about the dairy cows, but the crops and other things as well."

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Jeff Behnke, of Lena, turns over some sausage links on a large grill in the food area June 8 at the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm at Hodkiewicz Harvesting and Trucking in the Town of Lena. Just on Behnke's grill alone is enough sausage to feed dozens of the thousands of visitors to the farm.

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Ayla Frievalt, 3, of the Town of Pound enjoys riding a toy cow in a children's area June 8 at the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm at Hodkiewicz Harvesting and Trucking in the Town of Lena.

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HSHS Nurse of the Year announced

Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) announces the 2024 Nurse of the Year award winners from its hospital in Oconto Falls.

Nurse of the Year award recipients are honored for demonstrating passion, quality and excellence in nursing and carrying out the core values of HSHS: respect, care, competence and joy. They are nominated by nursing colleagues and chosen by nursing leadership and the hospitals' Professional Nurse Practice Council.

Stephanie Meyer is the Nurse of the Year at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, Oconto Falls. She works in surgical services.

"Being a nurse has given me the opportunity to make a meaningful difference," Meyer said. "By consistently demonstrating compassion and trust, I show my patients that I genuinely care. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to do what I'm passionate about and to make a positive impact every day."

Nurse of the Year awards for the previous year are typically announced in spring of summer of the current year.

To learn about nursing careers at HSHS, visit www.hshs.org/careers/areas/nursing.

Suring Historical Society to meet June 17

The Suring Area Historical Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 17 at the Suring Market and Agriculture Center on Main Street in Suring.

The speaker will be Mary Smith, giving information on the center, and visitors can attend and enjoy an onsite learning experience. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Also, the museum will be open for viewing from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 21.

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Celebrating June Dairy Month are Peshtigo National Bank employees, from left, Danielle Johnson, Hailey Carlson, Danielle Miller, Janelle Rymer and Alyssa Hoida. CONTRIBUTED

Peshtigo National Bank takes part in June Dairy Month

There's something timeless about waking up before dawn to milk the cows, walking fence lines at sunset or tending to fields that have fed families for generations.

With deep roots in agricultural communities, Peshtigo National Bank supports farmers, growers and producers with a full suite of agribusiness banking accounts and services tailored for rural life — including checking, savings, loans and cash management.

This June, the bank is turning up the hometown charm with branchwide

events that highlight the hard work of Wisconsin's dairy industry, all while serving up a little something sweet (and cheesy).

Coleman Branch: Free ice cream through June 13.

Oconto Falls Branch: Free ice cream through June 23.

Gillett Branch: Free ice cream from June 17-30.

Marinette Branch: Daily cheese platters through June 13.

Antigo Branch: Giving out string cheese the entire month of June.

Peshtigo Branch: serving up free, fresh cheese curds from June 16-20.

"In our communities, farming isn't just a job — it's a legacy," said Kelly Heroux, president and CEO of Peshtigo National Bank.

"June Dairy Month gives us the chance to say thank you to the families, workers and producers who keep our dairy traditions alive. And we're proud to support them through specialized banking services and year-round relationships built on trust."

Follow along on social media as the bank shares farm stories, local ag highlights and behind-the-scenes fun from each branch.

OBITUARIES

Peter Aiken 'Pete' Nygaard

Peter Aiken "Pete" Nygaard, 81, passed away peacefully May 30, 2025. He was born Sept. 4, 1943, in New London to the late Lee and Doris (Haight) Nygaard.

Pete, at the age of 17, entered into the United States Army and trained mainly as a sharpshooter while stationed in Germany. There he earned his GED and experienced many adventures. One accident in particular almost got him into serious trouble when he accidentally fell asleep in transport and ended up in Czechoslovakia during its communist era.

Pete was united in marriage to Carol Thompson on July 6, 1991, in Gillett. He went on to work at numerous places such as the construction team that worked on the demolition of the free-ways in Milwaukee, and cut and deconstructed ships in Green Bay. Pete also owned the Irishman's Shanty in Mosling. His longest career, however, was school bus driving for over 30 years for



numerous companies like Smith's and Lamers.

When he wasn't working, he volunteered for the Underhill Fire Department, helped start the Underhill smelt fry and sponsored many softball teams. He deeply loved his community and was proud to be a Freemason and a member of the American Legion Post 300.

He was known for being a jack of all trades and could fix anything he could get his hands on. His storytelling was unmatched, and he was always willing to hear about the local gossip.

Pete spent his free time playing cards and drinking Sun Drop. His son will always remember their weekends participating in the races, which had started in 1999 and continued into adulthood.

Pete is survived by his wife of 34 years, Carol; his children, Traci (Scott Paris) Nygaard, Carl (Kathy) Huff and Brandon (Rose) Nygaard; his grandchildren, Tristan Huff, Annabella Huff, Maverick Nygaard and Astrid Nygaard; his sister, Becky (Ben) Ling; his former wife, Betty DeKelver. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Doris; his son, Todd Robert; his brother, Robert Nygaard.

A Masonic memorial service was held Friday, June 6, 2025, at the Shawano Masonic Lodge. Burial will be held at a later date at Wanderers Rest Cemetery in Gillett.

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On the lookout for severe weather



Ominous looking clouds filled the skies over Shawano the afternoon of June 3, while the National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for Langlade, Menominee and Oconto counties. Specifically, the warning covered north-eastern Menominee County, central Oconto County and southeastern Langlade County. At 4:52 p.m., a severe thunderstorm capable of producing a tornado was located near Big Smokey Falls, or 21 miles north of Shawano, moving northeast at 35 mph.

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Civic center expands its offerings

The Shawano Civic Center, 225 S. Main St., Shawano, is looking for community members interested in playing cards, cribbage, dice games and board games — all of which are supplied at no charge. Organizers said the games offer a chance to socialize, make new friends, enjoy a cup of coffee and have some fun. Currently, the civic

center offers the Silver Foxes exercise group from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Bingo at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Card games are set to be offered from 1-3 p.m. or 2-4 p.m. Monday, Thursday or Friday, depending on the schedules of the players. The civic center is also on the lookout for musicians who want to volun-

tarily share their talent. Singalongs or presentations (mornings or afternoons) are welcome. There is a piano at the civic center. Anyone from beginners to experts interested in joining a painting group are welcome to stop in from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday. For more information, visit the civic center, call 715-526-9311 or email lpas-son@cityofshawano.com.

AbbyBank Foundation donates to Shawano Area United Way

The AbbyBank Foundation Inc. donated \$2,020 to the Shawano Area United Way for the purchase of laptops, wireless mice and a printer. These technology up-grades will enhance the organization’s ability to serve the community and further their mission to improve lives by mobilizing the car-ing power of individuals

to create positive changes in the areas of education, income and health. “These tools will help increase efficiency and impact as they support families and individuals throughout the Shawano County area,” said Mike Morse, vice president-commercial banking at AbbyBank. The AbbyBank Founda-

tion was formed in 1986 as a private charitable foundation of AbbyBank, which has contributed more than \$1,826,300 to the foundation. Since 1986, the foundation has made donations to Abbotsford, Appleton, Gresham, Med-ford, Shawano, Wausau, Weston and neighboring area organizations totaling more than \$1,413,830.91.



The AbbyBank Foundation Inc. donated \$2,020 to the Shawano Area United Way for the purchase of laptops, wire-less mice and a printer. From left, are Michael Morse, vice president-commercial banking, Shawano AbbyBank; and Uriah Williams, executive director for Shawano Area United Way.

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Golden Boy, Golden Girl selected for 2025

Pair will represent
Twig's Beverage
under Lee's tutelage

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Grayson Engel and Ava Herrmann are the new youth spokespeople for Twig's Beverage for the next year after being announced as the big winners of the Golden Boy and Girl Contest during Sun Drop Dayz on June 7.

This is the second year of the contest, where students in the fourth grade are invited to send essays about why they'd be the best representatives for Shawano's signature soda pop and how they embody the family and community values that Twig's holds so dear. The contest was started by social media influencer Jaime Lee, who



Jaime Lee, spokesmodel for Twig's Beverage, brings in Ava Herrmann, left, and Grayson Engel for a hug June 7 on the main stage at Sun Drop Dayz after the formal announcement that the children are the new Golden Girl and Boy for the soda bottling company.

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also serves as a spokesmodel for the company.

Grayson is a student at Sacred Heart Catholic

School who enjoys 4-H and farming. He shows pigs and cows during the Shawano County Fair. His parents

are Jim and Jessica Engel. "He is a kind, young man and loves to serve in his church," Lee said. "He is a

sweet family member, and we're looking forward to getting to know him."

Ava, a student with St. James Lutheran School, is also part of 4-H, where she raises rabbits. Reading, crafts and fashions are also a part of her life. Lee noted that she and Ava are going to make an appearance this summer at Embarrass Fun Days, as her parents, Rachel and Travis Herrmann, are from the area.

"Looking forward to working with and mentoring these two young people," Lee said. "They won because of their sweetness, their kindness. They live by the Golden Rule, and they exemplify Twig's hometown values."

Grayson is proud to be taking on the mantle of Golden Boy.

"It feels really good to do it," Grayson said. "It feels good because I accomplished something."

Ava said she was looking forward to having fun and doing videos around town.

"I'm looking forward to showing off my community when we do the fun days," Ava said.

During their reign, Grayson and Ava will learn from Lee about public service, communication skills and how to be a representative for a business. They also get a year's supply of Sun Drop.

"I'm so excited to be following along to showcase their unique gifts and talents," Lee said.

Lee would not say how many students entered this year's contest, but she said that all the students who entered would be honored in some way.

"Maybe these two kids are winners. However, all these kids are winners in some way," Lee said.

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Student scribes earn awards from Shawano Area Writers

The Shawano Area Writers handed out certificates of achievement, cash prizes and Writer's Digest magazines to 37 student writers May 18 at the Mielke Arts Center.

This year, the George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest yielded 177 entries.

Winners in the 2025 contest are:

Fiction

- Grades 1-2: Briella LaRock, first place; Alayah Lyles, second; Ellie Cumberland, third; Emily Nguyen, honorable mention.
- Grades 3-4: Brielle Arndt, first; Marciana Beauprey, second; William Schlais, third; Brielle Arndt, honorable mention.
- Grades 5-8: Skewnik Waukechon-Reiter, first; Bailey Wild, second; Ellie Ford, third; Kynzlee Arndt and Cora Flaig (two), honorable mention.
- Grades 9-12: Camille Gourley, first, second and

third; Willow White and Sera Hyzer, honorable mention.

Poetry

- Grades 1-2: Opal Kaminski, first; Milo Gill- ing, second; Cole Schlais, third; Opal Kaminski, honorable mention.

- Grades 3-4: Xander John, first; Will Schlais, second; Aaliyah Church, third; Logan Jensen and Maddux Mathews, honorable mention.
- Grades 5-8: Elizabeth Schlais, first and second; Grace Ford, third; Elizabeth Schlais and Grace

Ford, honorable mention.

- Grades 9-12: Noah Suehring, first; Alana Estrada-House, second; Alexis Verg, third; Jack Schoen, honorable mention.

Nonfiction

- Grades 1-2: Thomas

Ullmer, first and second; Jordi Wild, third; Lainey Grignon, honorable mention.

- Grades 3-4: Huck Goes, first; Brock Reedy, second; Aaliyah Church, third; Maddux Mathews, honorable mention.
- Grades 5-8: Elizabeth

Schlais, first; Timothy Ullmer, second; Cadence Wildenberg, third; Edward Ullmer, honorable mention.

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Bands, more entertain at Sun Drop Dayz



ABOVE: Whiskey and Lace, a band hailing from Stevens Point, kicked off the beginning of Sun Drop Dayz on June 6 on East Elizabeth Street, firing off a mix of rock and country tunes for the crowd. Later in the night, Wet Possum kept people dancing as the first day headliner band.
LEFT: Dancers for the Ntxhais Dej Laim from Nkauj Zaj Dance Academy in Green Bay show off some of their Hmong dancing at one of the baseball fields at Memorial Park as part of the second day of Sun Drop Dayz on June 7.
RIGHT: Less than an hour in the first day of Sun Drop Dayz, the line was lengthy to get Sun Drop slushies in the food area.
BELOW: A 3-on-3 basketball tournament kept Elizabeth Street full of activity June 7 for the second day of Sun Drop Dayz.
BELOW RIGHT: Jaylyn Traxler, left, of Shawano, tries to pull away a lifesize jenga piece June 6 in Memorial Park as her friend, Kenna Radomski, of Shawano, watches. This and more made up the kid zone area for Sun Drop Dayz.



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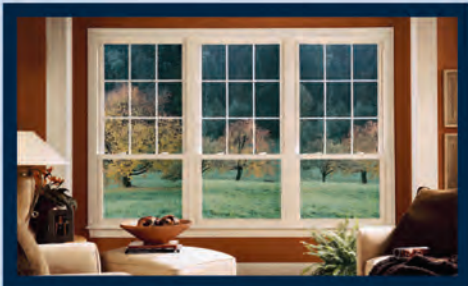
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Plant sunflowers for season of enjoyment

Sunflowers are one of those happy plants many gardeners can't resist planting. Kids love to watch the plants reach for the sky, and everyone enjoys all the visitors. You are likely to see hummingbirds, bees and other pollinators on the flowers, songbirds munching on the seeds, and squirrels practicing acrobatic contortions as they try to gain their fair share of the harvest.

What we call the "flower" is made of 1,000 to 2,000 individual flowers. The large petals are, in fact, infertile ray flowers that do not develop into seeds. The center consists of fertile disk flowers that develop into seeds after pollination occurs.

These versatile flowers tolerate a wide range of soils around the world and are drought tolerant. It is not surprising they have been used by people



for more than 4,000 years. Native Americans used the flowers for pigments, the seeds for food, the dried stems for construction and fuel. Today, millions of acres of sunflowers are grown for the edible seeds, oil and birdseed.

There is still time to plant sunflowers. Just check the seed packet for the number of days from planting seed until bloom. You'll find varieties that mature in as few as 55 days while others need as many as 120 days to flower. Start planting sunflower seeds directly in the garden after the danger of frost has passed and soil is about 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Extend



Concert Bells produce multiple flower heads along the stem for a ready-made bouquet from a single stem. ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS

the bloom time by making additional plantings, allowing enough time for the plants to flower before the first fall frost.

Protect seeds and seedlings from birds and other critters. Cover the area

with a floating row cover, a spun fabric that lets air, light and water through to the plants, or some type of netting or screen. Plant the seeds 1 to 2 inches deep and 6 inches apart in rows 2 to 3 feet apart. Remove every

other seedling once they are several inches tall.

Protect young plants from deer, if needed. These critters can quickly destroy young plants, so consider using a repellent or fencing if deer are a problem in your area.

Water often enough to keep the soil moist around the seeds and young seedlings. Gradually extend the time between watering to encourage the plants to grow a robust root system. Continue to water thoroughly as needed throughout the growing season. Fertilize at planting and make a second application mid-summer, if needed. Follow the fertilizer label directions for proper timing and rates.

Staking isn't usually needed to support even the taller varieties unless you are growing sunflowers in a windy location or they are overcrowded. Use a metal

or wood stake placed close to the stem if you need to stake the plants. Secure the plant to the stake using twine or soft ties made from cloth.

As the flowers appear, watch them track the sun from east to west and return facing east each morning. Scientists recently discovered the young plant's sun-tracking, also called heliotropism, is tied to the plant's circadian rhythms. One side of the stem elongates during the day and the other side at night, directing the flower toward the sun. As the flowers mature, they stay facing east, helping to attract pollinators like bees to the warmer flower surface.

Enjoy watching your sunflowers sprout, grow and flower. Take time to observe the many visitors to the blooms, and be sure to harvest a few seeds for snacking.

Birds, bees showcase their summer splendor

As a tweener, I heard the phrase "the birds and the bees" quite a few times. Being a sheltered farm kid, I couldn't help but wonder: What are they talking about? Alas, I knew little about reproduction at the time, but when I began my education on the topic, I approached my mother with a simple question. "So where do babies come from? And don't tell me the stork. That's ridiculous."

Seeing my younger sister standing nearby, Mom said we'd discuss it later. The next day we had her version of "the talk." It was a 10-minute, one-sided conversation short on details. Her response to my questions might be summed up in four words: romance (wait) and procreation (don't).

A recent bird-watching experience brought back this memory, and I wondered where the phrase "birds and bees" originated. I learned it was in the 20th century, most likely based



on natural behavior: birds laying eggs (female ovulation) and bees pollinating (male fertilization). And the famous poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge, best known for Rime of the Ancient Mariner, referenced both birds and bees in "Work Without Hope."

*Nature seems at work.
Slugs leave their lair —
The bees are stirring —
birds are on the wing —
And Winter slumbering
in the open air,
Wears on his smiling face
a dream of Spring!
And I the while, the sole
unbusy thing,
Nor honey make, nor
pair, nor build, nor sing.*

I bring this up because summers up north provide nonstop free entertainment if you like interacting with

nature. Fortunately, we have all the usual woodland creatures here at Otter Run. I've even bonded with some of them. My pet doe Sedona, who looks very pregnant right now, came out of the woods this morning when I called her name, and my buddy Sneaky Snake is back to keep the crickets and ticks under control.

As we are launching the pontoon today, Jon and I will enjoy the antics of muskrats, beavers and, of course, otters. We'll cruise alongside super swimmers that summer here: herons, swans, ducks and loons. Ah, geese? Not so much. They make a god-awful racket and cover the lawn with "landmines." As far as bees go, I did see a honeybee last year, but evidently it couldn't coexist with the ginormous bumblebees feasting on my hibiscus.

Our human offspring like to tease us that only old people like to watch birds. Guilty on both

counts. Luckily, the Northwoods provides a virtual aviary of beautiful flying feathered friends. We watch via the patio door as they empty the feeders on our deck, then rudely peck at the glass to request refills. After years of observing them, I conclude that bird behavior closely mirrors that of humans. Case in point: rose-breasted grosbeaks.

Each spring, soon to be dressed to the nines in their tuxedos, males arrive first to check out the place. They test the footing on the feeder and sample the seeds, aggressively pushing rivals away. When females come, males strut their stuff, but the girls ignore them, concentrating on fueling up for the birthing process.

Once females have eggs in their increasingly rounded tummies, male behavior changes. The previously self-absorbed pretty boys take on the role of husband and father. After

the eggs are laid, both sexes take turns incubating them, singing quietly to each other as they exchange places, but only the males sing at full volume from the nest. Sing? Wow. Jon says grosbeaks sound like robins that went to voice school. After the eggs hatch, unlike many birds, male grosbeaks help with feeding and protecting their young.

The fun continues when fledglings come to the feeder. At this stage, youngsters resemble adult females. They perch on the deck rail, shivering, shaking and begging plaintively. Daddies respond by feeding them to stop the crying. As modifying feathers reveal gender, juveniles adopt adult behaviors. Males spar and taunt one another, attaining dominance or slinking off only to return for more mistreatment. The females wait until the fireworks end, then peacefully share space at the feeder.

All of this is training for the mating cycle, which

brings us back to where we started. For the first time ever, we had a ringside seat this morning to grosbeak mating ritual. Jon noticed a male and female acting weird. The dude kept blowing up his chest, gyrating his wings, prancing and dancing around. He tried to cozy up, but she repeatedly spurned his advances until suddenly flying off. He followed her to a nearby maple tree where I assume nature took its course. It's all part of the Creator's plan, or as Coleridge wrote in lines I include for my favorite columnist Kay Reminger:

*He prayeth best, who
loveth best
All things both great and
small;
For the dear God who
loveth us,
He made and loveth all.*

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

Does your child suffer from obstructive sleep apnea?

Have you ever thought about your child's sleep quality?

Questions to consider: Does your child's breathing pause when they are asleep? Does your child breathe through their mouth at night? Do you hear any choking noises or gasping for air during their sleep? Are they having difficulty concentrating at school or have been diagnosed with ADD/ADHD?

If you answered yes to one or more of these ques-



tions, your child may be suffering from undiagnosed obstructive sleep apnea.

OSA occurs when there is an airway blockage in the back of the throat. This airway blockage can be caused by factors such as large tonsils, adenoids

or excess fatty tissue. By blocking the movement of air in and out of the lungs, oxygen levels sink significantly. These abnormal breathing events are called apneas or hypopneas and can appear as choking, snorts or gasps.

While adults and children may snore during sleep, it is important to note that not all children affected with OSA will snore. The following are other physical indicators of OSA: pauses in breath-

ing during sleep, wheezing or squealing, mouth breathing during sleep, snoring, tossing and turning, night sweats, head tilted back during sleep, bedwetting, sleepwalking or stunted growth.

There may also be cognitive and behavioral challenges displayed from a child suffering from OSA: aggression, mood swings, hyperactivity, problems focusing, short attention span or learning disabilities. Sleep allows

for the release of growth hormones that regulate mood, appetite, cardiovascular health and cognitive abilities.

If your child is not getting enough proper, good quality sleep, they can be affected both physically and emotionally.

OSA is less prevalent in children than adults, which is why it can be overlooked and misdiagnosed. The good news is that there is treatment. Some dentists are able to work

alongside a sleep physician or an ENT to make the proper sleep device for your child.

If you have any concerns about your child, feel free to reach out to your pediatrician, or ask your dentist to look for signs within the oral cavity.

Dr. Rebecca Stevens, a general dentist and owner of Shawano Family Dentistry, received her training at Marquette University and is an active member of the Wisconsin Dental Association and the American Dental Association, with a focus on evaluating the overall health of her patients.



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It adds up for CMN faculty member of the year

Math has been called many things, some of which can't be printed in this column. Yet, CMN's faculty of the year awardee Audra Castonia sees the subject as an attractive means to enrich her students' lives.

"I believe in the beauty of mathematics that surrounds us and the power of numbers to shape our everyday lives," she said. "My goal is to help all students appreciate and understand math by fostering curiosity, using songs and analogies to build strong, relatable connections to the material, and inspiring them to grow, learn and strive for their best."

Teaching at the college since January 2020, Castonia completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and her master's degree at the UW-Oshkosh. CMN is not her first teach-



Ryan Winn
Columnist

ing gig, thereby giving her a depth of experience to draw from.

"I taught high school math for six years but yearned for a more mature audience," she said. "I started teaching as an adjunct for a couple of the post-secondary institutions in the Green Bay area. The schools were not looking to hire full-time instructors so a couple schools became several schools. One semester, I taught at five different schools."

While her work history proves her commitment to education, she explained how the complexity of part-time employment caused her to keep searching for



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a more permanent position.

"Having to rely on several schools to have enough classes fit into a schedule to pay the bills was stressful," she said. "I was looking for a place to call 'home' while at work."

At CMN, Castonia found a place where she could thrive.

"There are many ways that I am growing with the experiences at CMN," she said. "My teaching style has adjusted along with my approach to students and to adult learning. I want the students to improve their skills and their attitudes toward difficult situations in life so I need to do the same."

Castonia wears multiple

hats beyond teaching at CMN. She is the chair of the math and sciences department, vice president of the faculty committee and a member of the committee of academic quality, which upholds the college's curriculum standards.

At CMN's May commencement, Chief Academic Officer Geraldine Sanapaw listed the additional honors that garnered Castonia this year's award.

"Audra has also served as the CMN faculty representative implementing Carnegie Math Pathways as an initiative within Project Success and Achieving the Dream," Sanapaw said. "She has also assisted the full-time faculty in creating the Regular and Substantive Interaction Training for in-person and online faculty at CMN and has participated in the Quality Matters training to adapt and teach our college

algebra course in the online format."

Still, Castonia did not expect to win this year's award.

"I was very surprised," she said. "Honestly, one doesn't dream of receiving accolades for teaching the subject most students love to hate."

Castonia did share her best advice to faculty, regardless of which subject they teach.

"Make a checklist of everything that needs to be done," she said. "Do your best when completing each step. Review and change 10% of any lesson plan every term."

Her advice to incoming students followed a similar pattern.

"Make a checklist for everything that needs to get done," she said. "Make a schedule and stick to it. Do your best when completing each step. Review and

study 10% of the material each week."

Castonia offered how she plans to take her own advice on both creating task lists and striving for continuous improvement over the next academic year.

"I'm looking forward to tweaking lesson plans so students continue to gain confidence in their abstract problem-solving skills," Castonia said.

Considering the rationale for this accolade, it's easy to see why Castonia was selected for CMN's most distinguished faculty award. Her dedication to her teaching and her students' success makes for a winning formula. One might even call it a thing of beauty.

Ryan Winn, Ph.D., teaches communications, English, history and theater at the College of Menominee Nation. Visit www.menominee.edu for more information about the school.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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.

BIRNAMWOOD: Polka Days, 4 p.m. to midnight, Chet and Emil's, 388 Main St. Live music, food and refreshments.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

LEOPOLIS: Booster Club Annual Kids Free Fishing Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Leopold Pond, Fourth and Water streets. Must be accompanied by an adult.

GILLET: Roy Hubbard Memorial Truck Show, 10 a.m. to midnight, Zippel Park. Craft and Vendor Show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Kids Choice Judging 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., light parade 8:30 p.m., live music, food and refreshments.

SHAWANO: Shawano Area Freemasons Car Show, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 2324

E. Richmond St. Registration 8-11 a.m. Raffles, brats and burgers.

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.

BIRNAMWOOD: Polka Days, noon to 11 p.m., Chet and Emil's, 388 Main St. Live music, craft and vendor sale, food and refreshments.

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

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.

BOWLER: Jay Mohr, comedian and author, 8 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Doors open 7 p.m., tickets at <https://ticketstar.eventvenue.net/events/MNS>

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

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.

BIRNAMWOOD: Polka Days, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Chet and Emil's, 388 Main St. Church service 9:30 a.m., parade at noon, live music, food and refreshments.

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: Music in the Park at Arlington, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. Live music with Mike Daley and Bill Hurley.

MONDAY, JUNE 16

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 17

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. Mischief and Magic Show.

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 18

SHAWANO: Friends of the Library Read In, 11 a.m. to noon, The Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. An event that gets everyone outside with their favorite reading material, to quietly engage in many people's favorite pastime.

WITTENBERG: Drive Up Resource Day, 3-6 p.m., Wittenberg Food Pantry, 702 S. Webb St. Hosted by Shawano

Area Early Childhood Partnership. Organizations such as WIC, Forward Service Corporation, Parent Connection, etc., will be available to give resources to area families.

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

BONDUEL: Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m., corner of Cecil and Green Bay streets.

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 19

NAVARINO: Pirate 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 Taylor and the Anti-Heroes.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

GRESHAM: Swing Through the Decades Inaugural Golf Outing for SAM 25, 8:30 a.m., Pine Hill Golf Course, N9499 Pine Hills Drive. Registration

8:30 a.m., shotgun start 10 a.m., \$100 per player covers 18 holes with cart, lunch and family style dinner. Register at 715-916-3045 or mail/drop off an order form to SAM25, 105 E. Richmond St.

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

SHAWANO: Walk to End Alzheimer's, 3-5 p.m., The Cottages on Golden Pond Memory Care, 103 Madison Way. Walk around the pond to support residents and their families affected by the disease; ice cream sundaes, baked goods, Sun Drop shlushies and crafts. All proceeds donated to the Alzheimer's Association.

WITTENBERG: Community Days, 5-11 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Carnival rides and midway games, food, live music, crafts, vendors.

OCONTO FALLS: Music by the River, 6-9 p.m., East Side Beach, North Main Street. Live music by Carbon Road.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

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



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Brooks wins state title in high jump

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Division 3
Eva Brooks of Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy is a state champion in the high jump after competing in the WIAA State Track and Field Meet on June 6-7 at UW-La Crosse.

Brooks won the high jump at 5 feet, 7 inches. Three other girls tied for second at 5-4. Bonduel's Audrey Weier placed sixth at 5-2.

Bonduel teammate Josie Pawlak was fifth in the triple jump, with Suring Aliya Cox placing eighth.

In the long jump, Pawlak placed 13th with Cox in 14th.

Bonduel's Mariah Wondra was seventh in the 3,200-meter run and 10th in the 1,600-meter run.

Peyton Westrich placed eighth in the 400-meter dash.

Placing ninth in the 4x800 were Wondra, Teagan Engel, Amelia Wilcox and Westrich.

Cox finished in ninth in the 100-meter hurdles and ninth in the 300-meter hurdles.

For the boys, Bonduel's team of Malachi Gray, Sam Roberts, Griffin Uelmen and Mason Ballwahn finished in eighth place in the 4x200-meter relay.

Bonduel's Ryan Westrich was 12th in the



Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy junior Eva Brooks clears the high jump during a June 2024 indoor meet. Brooks, now a senior, won the state championship in high jump at the WIAA state meet in La Crosse.

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shot put.

Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff placed 12th in the 800-meter run.

Division 2

The Oconto Falls foursome of Emery Pagel,

Abby Budz, Gracie Miller and Rylie Shallow finished second in the 4x100 in 49.21 seconds, with the winner's time at 48.96.

Shawano's Adalyn Barkley placed fourth in the

400-meter dash and fifth in the triple jump.

Maci Beyer was eighth in the high jump.

In the 4x400, Shawano's team of Maci Beyer, Tela Hopfensperger, Mikelah

Powers and Barkley placed seventh. Witt-Birn's team of Kylee Beversdorf, Nora Bushman, Harper Rogowski and Faith Resch were 10th.

In the 4x800, it was

Shawano's Bailey Hendricks, Beyer, Powers and Barkley placing 11th, and Witt-Birn's Bushman, Harper Krull, Rogowski and Beversdorf finishing 17th.

Resch placed 11th in the triple jump and 17th in the long jump.

In the boys high jump, Menominee Nation's Mikey (Aiden) Chapman finished in seventh place, and Witt-Birn's Landen Schmidt was seventh in the discus.

In the 4x200, Oconto Falls' Brady Bursa, Isaac Bramer, Evan Yuma and Elijah White placed sixth. Bursa was also 13th in the long jump.

Division 1

The Pulaski quartet of Addison Krueger, Lily Urben, Faye Brunke and Olivia Sprangers finished in third place in the 4x200, fewer than two seconds off the leader.

Emerson Fabry finished fifth in the 800-meter run.

In the 200-meter dash, Sprangers placed sixth. She was eighth in the 100-meter dash.

Olivia Stedl was 23rd in the 1,600-meter run.

For the boys, Keaton Dauk placed second in the 300-meter hurdles.

Mitchell Pilon placed 18th in the 800-meter run, and Bennett Vanschynel was 20th in the high jump.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood pitcher Zandyr Barke prepares for another inning against Bonduel in the regional title game June 5. The Chargers beat the Bonduel Bears 1-0.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Lena capture regional titles

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

June 5
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1, Bonduel 0

Bonduel traveled to Wittenberg for a regional championship game that ended up being an old-fashioned pitchers duel.

Bonduel's Cade Johnson and Witt-Birn's Zander Barke each threw six shut-out innings. In the seventh, Race Anvelink doubled to lead off the Bonduel half of the inning. However, he would not advance as Barke shut down the next three hitters.

In the bottom half, Connor Meverden singled to lead off the inning. After Meverden was sacrificed to second, Hudson Miller singled to left field to score Meverden with the only run of the game.

Anvelink, Beckett Hartlaben and Kody Schroeder had the only hits for the Bears. Barke had two hits to lead the Chargers.

Bonduel end their season at 15-9 overall. The team was third in the CWC East at 10-4.

According to season-



Bonduel first baseman Mason Zuleger tags the bag for an out against Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Hayden Miller. Witt-Birn won the June 5 regional championship 1-0.

TINA BACON

ending stats by wissports.net, the Bears were led by Hartlaben hitting .500 and Kody Schroeder hitting .333.

Joe Felhofer had 22 RBIs, and Schroeder had 16. Cade Johnson had five wins on the mound, and Hartlaben collected three.

Lena 4, Phelps/Three Lakes 1

Lena captured the regional title with a 4-1 win over Phelps/Three Lakes. The Wildcats advance to the sectional games, just two wins away from competing at the state tournament.

Hortonville 5, Pulaski 1

The 2025 campaign for the Red Raiders came to an end with a 5-1 loss to Hortonville in the regional title game.



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Bonduel golf team returns to state tourney

Pulaski, Lena individual golfers qualify

Division 1, Notre Dame

Pulaski's Brady Hayward qualified for the state golf meet as an individual after carding a 76 (tied for third best score) at Thornberry Creek in Hobart for

the WIAA golf sectionals. Hayward led his team to a third-place finish with a 318, just three strokes behind Bay Port, which advanced to the state meet along with sectional champion De Pere. Also scoring for the Red Raiders were Dixon Holewinski and Bradin Schultz, each with an 80, and Casey Medlam with an 82. Nathan Jossie also carded a 90.

Shawano's Blake Knope, who competed at sectionals as an individual, scored an 80. He was among six golfers to hit the mark. Shawano's TJ Smith scored a 102. **Division 2, Seymour** Oconto Falls tied for seventh place with a 361 at Crystal Springs in Seymour. Kadyr Riel led the Panthers with an 82. He was followed by Dylan Clark

with an 87, Carson McDermid with a 94 and Brock McDermid with a 98. Playing as an individual, Menominee Nation/Gresham's Anik Corn carded a 97. **Division 3, Bonduel** Bonduel's golf team advanced to the state meet after winning the sectional championship at Golden Sands in Cecil. The Bears won with a 353. Marathon and Oconto

tied for second with a 354, but Marathon won the tie-breaker and also advanced to state as a team. Lena placed fifth with a 359, and Marion was sixth at 366. Jaxon Bogacz led the Bears with an 83. He was joined by Colin Fischer's 85, Cole Westphal's 87 and Griffin Uelmen's 98. Cory Wussow carded a 100. Lena's Mason Belongia was an individual qualifier

for state with his 81. Also scoring for the Wildcats were Cooper Demmith with a 90, Mason Spice and Tanner Behnke each with a 94. Vance Turecek had a 100. Marion's scores were Elijah Scheef with 89, Brady Malueg with 90, Collin Grogan with 91 and James Nolan with 96. Jarren Faehling ceded a 105. Gillett's Parker Jenerou scored a 111.

BASEBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

Pulaski finished the regular season at 11-7 in the Fox River Classic Conference (fourth place) and was 17-10 over the course of the regular and playoff seasons.

June 4 Seymour 3, Shawano 1

Shawano lost 3-1 to Seymour in a WIAA Division 2 regional playoff game postponed one day due to rain. The Hawks, 13-9 overall, ended the season in third place in the Bay Conference with an 11-7 record.

Bonduel 6, Coleman 2

Bonduel started its Division 3 regional game with back-to-back singles by Cade Johnson and Race Anvelink. They both scored on ground balls and so did Beckett Hartlaben as the Bears scored three runs in the first inning.

Bonduel added a run in the second on a single by Jack Zernicke. Coleman scored one in the second on a hit by Alex Meyer. The Cougars cut the deficit to 4-2 on a single

by Gavin Pusick in the sixth. The Bears got two big insurance runs in the seventh inning on a single by Aiden Hillsberg. Cade Johnson shut the Cougars down in the seventh for the 6-2 final.

Bonduel, seeded No. 5, runs its record to 15-8 and will play at No. 1 seed Wittenberg-Birnamwood at 4:30 p.m. June 5. **Wittenberg-Birnamwood 8, St. Mary Catholic 3**

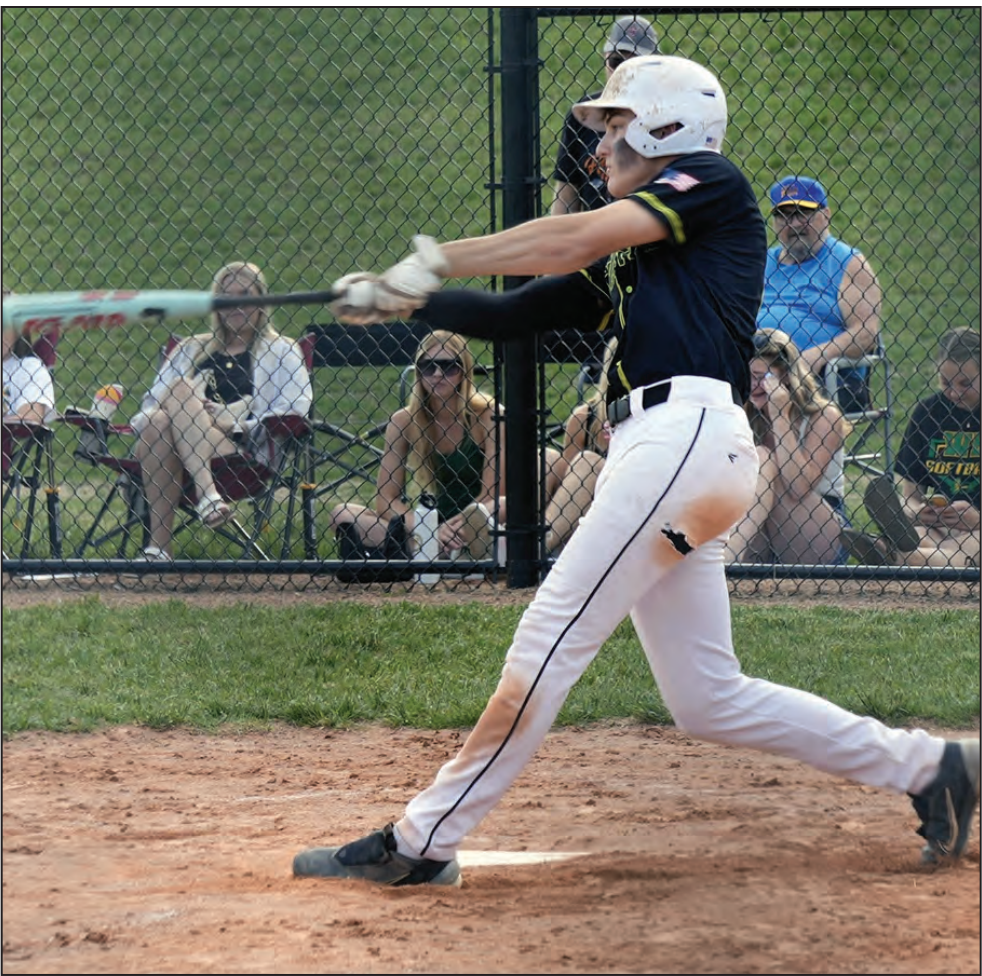
Wittenberg-Birnamwood advanced to the regional final with an 8-3 win over St. Mary Catholic in Division 3 action.

Waupaca 6, Oconto Falls 4

The Panthers lost to Waupaca 6-4 in eight innings as the Oconto Falls team's season came to an end.

Oconto Falls ended the season at 17-7 overall. The team placed third in the North Eastern Conference with a 12-6 record.

Lena 10, Gresham 0 Lena, the No. 1 seed in its Division 4 sectional, shut out Gresham 10-0 in



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Connor Meverden takes a big swing against Bonduel in the WIAA regional championship game June 5. The Chargers advanced to sectional play with a 1-0 shutout victory. TINA BACON

six innings to advance to the regional final.

Gresham ended the season at 10-6 overall

while tying for second at 6-4 in the CWC North.

Florence 10, Bowler 0 Like Gresham, its neighboring school district, Bowler, was shut out 10-0 to end its season.

Bowler lost in five innings to Florence, which advanced to the regional final.

Bowler ended the season at 8-6 overall. The Panthers tied Gresham at 6-4 for third place in the CWC North.

Pacelli 8, Tigerton 1 Tigerton's season came to an end with an 8-1 loss to No. 1 seed Pacelli.

At 15-3 overall, the Tigers won the CWC North with a 10-1 record.

Pulaski 9, Green Bay Southwest 2

Pulaski, seeded No. 6, defeated No.11 seed Green Bay Southwest 9-2 in the opening round of Division 1 regional games.

The Red Raiders will play June 5 at Hortonville for the regional championship.

June 3 Tigerton 8, Rosholt 1 Tigerton advanced to the regional final game after an 8-1 win over Rosholt.

Pulaski soccer team wins regional crown

June 7 Pulaski 6, Menasha 0

Pulaski's girls soccer team won the regional title in championship fashion, defeating Menasha 6-0 in a shutout. Ruth Krause scored a pair of the Red Raiders'

goals, while Sydney Kunstman, Estalla Vieaux, Any Hasser and Leah Kapla each had one. At 15-5-1 overall, Pulaski's advanced to the sectionals, with the first game being June 12 at Plymouth. Regardless of which team

wins, the sectional final will be played at 1 p.m. June 14 against either Nicolet or Brookfield Central, with the sectional champion moving on to the state tournament. **June 5 Sheboygan Falls 9,**

Shawano 1 Shawano's soccer team watched their playoff chances slowly fall by the wayside as Sheboygan Falls worked its way to a 9-1 victory in a WIAA Division 3 regional game. Sheboygan Falls held a

5-1 lead after the first half and scored another four goals after the intermission. Shawano ended the regular season at 4-4-2 for fifth place in the Bay Conference and 7-11-3 overall. **June 3 Pulaski 6, Menasha 0**

The No. 4 seed Red Raiders shut out No. 13 seed Menasha 6-0 in the opening round of WIAA regional soccer action. Pulaski advanced to the June 7 regional title game and will host No. 5 seed West De Pere at 1 p.m.

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'Covey' left his mark on Navarino Rangers baseball team

Field named in honor of longtime supporter Kevin Conradt



KEVIN "COVEY" CONRADT

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

His name was Kevin Conradt, but most people who knew the Navarino resident called him Covey.

Besides serving as the Shawano County town's chairman for nearly 40 years, he was also a big supporter of the Navarino Rangers, the community's Dairyland League baseball team.

The team returned the favor June 8 by naming its home field in memory of Conradt, who passed away in January at age 67.

The field on State Highway 156 is now known as Kevin "Covey" Conradt Memorial Field. The Rangers were scheduled to play their first game on the newly named field by hosting their long-time Dairyland rival, the Bonduel Broncos, but wet field conditions caused the game to be postponed and rescheduled for a later date.

More than 100 of Conradt's family and friends showed up for a dedication ceremony before the scheduled game. They included his brothers, Steve and Terry, and their sister, Joy.

"I want to thank the Navarino Town Board, the Navarino Athletic Association and all the powers that be that made this day possible," Steve Conradt said. "Naming this field in memory of Covey is as fitting a tribute as his family could have ever imagined. It's an honor that we'll forever be proud of and be grateful for."

"As I look around this beautiful ballpark, my mind can't help but go back to days gone by, playing pickup games here with my friends, watching softball games and, of course, games played by the Rangers. This ballpark has always been



Although he never suited up for the Navarino Rangers, the team renamed its home baseball field in honor of Kevin "Covey" Conradt.

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a great place to spend a sunny summer afternoon, whether playing a game or watching one."

The Rangers were an important part of Covey's life. Terry Conradt played for the Rangers, but Steve and Covey didn't.

"We were always fans," Steve said. "These were our neighbors, these were our friends. We watched them grow up. In some cases, those guys who we watched, their grandchildren are playing."

Some area communities lost their amateur baseball team over the years due to lack of interest or for other reasons, but that was never the case with the Rangers. The team is a charter member of the Dairyland League, which was founded in 1959 and currently consists of Navarino, Bonduel and eight other teams: Cecil, Hofa Park, Hortonville, Marinette, Nichols, Pulaski, Shawano and Waupaca.

"We've always had a strong - not only a fan following, but a strong ability to get guys who want to play here," Conradt said. "It's a fun place to play,



Kevin "Covey" Conradt's brother, Steve, spoke June 8 at a ceremony in Navarino to rename the community's baseball field in Kevin Conradt's honor.

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and the fans are great. It's no fun going when there's so few fans in the stands. Here, it's always been a happening every Sunday or Friday with the lights."

Covey was elected town chairman at age 29 and

remained chairman until he died.

"When Kevin passed, I think we all hoped something like this would happen," Conradt said. "Of course, it wasn't our place to push for anything

like that. We were notified toward the end of March to attend a meeting and there was some news they wanted to share with us. This was it."

Conradt admitted details are sketchy about how Covey got his nickname.

"I asked that same question while giving remarks at his funeral," he said. "Apparently, it was an after-hour discussion over a case of beer with myself, Kevin and a few other guys. I guess I was the one who laid it on him. I don't recall it, but there were a couple guys who were present and said, 'No, you're the one that gave him that name.' Most people know him as Covey."

Having the field named in his brother's honor is a big deal for his family, and there's a reason the Rangers decided to honor Covey on the day the team faced Bonduel.

"Bonduel has always been kind of the archrival," Conradt said. "A lot of us living in Navarino, that's where we went to high school. 'Don't get me wrong, there are other

great rivalries, Nichols and Hofa Park are rivals. There's just a real community between all the Dairyland League teams, but Bonduel has always been the one that you wanted to beat."

Conradt said the field has changed over the years, thanks in part to the efforts of his brother.

"A broken-down snow fence in the outfield is now a sturdy chain link fence," he said. "The floodlights of years past have been replaced by a new, modern lighting system. The scoreboard, improved dugouts and a press box are a few more changes. Aluminum bleachers, a protected kids' play area, a basketball court, new washrooms and some of Covey's personal touches like the old railroad sign are a few more. I mention all of these as a gentle reminder to those here today that the man was in some ways the driving force behind many of these improvements. This ballpark was a big part of his life in this special little town that he so dearly loved. After today, this field will carry his name."

Conradt said he and his family will look forward to seeing Covey's name on the top of the scoreboard in right field.

"I know there were attempts to rename this place in Covey's honor while he was still with us, but Covey didn't want any part of that," he said. "That's not surprising to those of us who knew him. He may not be physically present with us today, but rest assured, he's here with us today, and as long as the Navarino Rangers take this field, his presence will be felt. I hope his name on the scoreboard serves as a reminder to each of you of Covey and all the good he did and a reminder as well of all the good times we had with him."



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All-star softball player



Shawano's Ella Stuber has been selected by high school coaches to play in the North-South all-star softball game to be held in the Wisconsin Dells on June 17. She is going to pursue her softball career at UW-River Falls, with plans to major in speech pathology. She is the daughter of Jenny and Tony Stuber.

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Bears get shut out in softball sectional final

June 4
Manawa 3, Bonduel 0
In a game delayed a day due to rain, Bonduel's softball team was shut out 3-0 by Manawa in the Division 3 sectional final. Manawa earned a trip to state with the win.
The Bears finished the season in second place in the CWC East with an 11-3 record, a game behind Manawa at 12-2. Overall,

Bonduel was 19-9 in the 2025 season.
Leading the Bears this year was Lizzie Delzer with a .500 batting average, followed by Emery Thompson with a .440 average.
Jayla Reinke notched 25 RBIs, and Tatum Sporisky had 22.
Thompson led on the mound with 10 wins, and Kallie Wilcox tallied eight.

Rain postpones four BABA games

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

East/West Division
June 8
Gresham 12, Menominee 11
Jerzy Brocker, Cody Riemer and Crew Weisnicht each had two hits to help lead the Gophers to a one-run win over the Indians.
Mitch Vande Walle and Austin Peters led Menominee at the plate with three and two hits, respectively.
Luke Pecore picked up the win on the mound.
Neopit 14, Marion 6
Tass Grignon had three of the Chiefs' hits in the win, including a pair of doubles, while Mike Pecore and Wendell Waukau added two hits each.
Bobby Brunker and Jared Sonnenberg led the Meisters with two hits each.

June 6
Little Falls 10, Caroline 0 (8 inn.)
Parker Gullixon, Kal Fischer and Cam Gruenwald hit home runs for Little Falls as the Loggers stayed undefeated in division play.
Carter Kurki struck out 13 batters and held the Cougars to two hits over eight innings to get the win on the mound.
Jack Yeager took the loss after giving up six runs over five innings.
Klay Barkow and Jared Cartwright had Caroline's two hits.
Tigerton 7, Leopoldis 4

Jayden Sivertson had two hits to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Hayden Harris got the pitching win.
Anderson Schmidt homered for Leopoldis but also took the loss on the mound. Andrew Kristof had three hits for the Bulldogs.
North Division
June 8
Antigo/Polar 15, Aniwa 0 (7 inn.)
Antigo/Polar needed only seven innings to score 15 runs while holding the Orioles scoreless.
Winning pitcher AJ Kirsch held Aniwa to one hit.
Six of Antigo/Polar's runs came on a pair of three-run homers from Logan Doering.
Eli Fleischman added three hits and Walker Winkleman, Ben Robrecht, Mason Gray and Jake Hanus had two each.
Kody Szews took the loss for Aniwa, and Chris Wiseman had the Orioles' only hit.
Elderon 15, Hatley 2
Ian Zeinert had three of Elderon's 12 hits, while Mike Lehman and Justin Meronk added two each.
Elderon's pitchers held the Braves to three hits.
Nathan Lemanczyk picked up the win and Braxton Olson took the loss.
June 6
Eland 4, Wittenberg 3
No results were available.
South-Central Division
June 8
Scandinavia at Plover was rained out.
Weymont at New London was also rained out.

Waupaca hands Pulaski first Dairyland League loss

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

First place in the Dairyland League standings was on the line June 8, as Waupaca hosted Pulaski.
Both teams headed into the game with identical 5-0 records in league play, but Pulaski ended up on the short end of a 2-0 score.
June 8
Waupaca 2, Pulaski 0
Waupaca pitchers held the Reds to three hits in the shutout win.
Marinette 4, Hofa Park 3
The Redbirds held on for a one-run win over the Panthers.
Both teams scored a run in the opening inning.
The score remained 1-1 until Marinette regained

the lead in the top of the eighth after Adam Lemery hit into a run-scoring fielder's choice.
Hofa Park scored two more runs late in the game, but it wasn't enough.
The Panthers outhit the Redbirds 12-11. Mason Dorn led Hofa Park with two hits each, while Rylie Nelson and Ashton Lebach had three to lead Marinette.
Hortonville vs. Cecil
No results were available from the Stars' win over the Mudhens in Hortonville.
Two other Dairyland matchups - Bonduel at Navarino and Nichols at Shawano - were rained out.
June 6
Cecil 14, Marinette 3 (7 inn.)

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ACROSS

1 Brazilian soccer great

5 Baker's gadget

11 Brown who wrote *The Da Vinci Code*

14 Individually, slangily

18 Poetic green land

19 RN's drip device

20 Ponder (over)

21 Business note

22 Have a large influence on others

25 Disappearing Asian sea

26 Embassy official

27 Alaskan wooden souvenir

28 Actress Woodard

29 Soldier's denial

30 Arabic greeting

34 *Othello* assistant

36 Teapot topper

38 31 gallons of beer

40 Musical dramas

43 CS/ network

46 Do an city cop's job

50 Juilliard deg.

51 "Say again?"

52 French heads

53 Regional flora and fauna

54 Yoga accessory

55 "Without further ____"

56 Knee tissue, for short

57 African adventure

59 Boggy ground

60 "Leave it to me"

63 Gait rates

64 Rise sharply

66 Nostalgic fashion

67 Settle accounts with coded paper

70 Tequila source

73 Exclusion worry, in texts

75 Bête ____ (bugaboo)

76 Nostrils, for instance

78 Go separate ways

80 Tune out

82 Places using a 19-Across

83 Garland of flowers

84 Ages ____ (time long past)

85 Aerodynamically designed

86 Lava, before its exit

89 Measure of energy

90 "Dee-lish!"

91 Emulate Diana and Charles in '82

95 IRS ID

96 Zen enlightenment

98 Respectful

99 Hasty escape

101 Philly-area hero

104 Bright fires

106 Supercharged engine

110 Prone to bungling

112 Emergency kit light

114 Pittsburgh-based metal maker

116 Mineral hardness scale

117 Allow aggressive pursuit

121 Others, in Latin

122 Filmmaker from India

123 Biblical dancer

124 To ____ (perfectly)

125 Act sulky

126 Tense of "to be"

127 Engraved deeply

128 Croquet venue

6 "Poison" plants

7 Where St. Pete is

8 Metal in pewter

9 Suffix for absorb

10 Boot up again

11 Hex- doubled

12 Fragrance

13 Without precedent

14 Charlotte ___. VI

15 Do seemingly impossible things

16 Poet Khayyám

17 Gondolier's propeller

20 Encouraging touch

23 Bitter-smelling

24 Ballpark big hit

28 Pet protection org.

31 Help feloniously

32 Doily fabric

33 Portion of 50-Across

35 "Yes, indeed"

37 Waterless moat

39 Chem class cost

41 A long way off

42 Fill to excess

43 Orchestral furniture

44 Move a little

45 Speak impulsively

47 Historic souvenir

48 Total flop

49 In favor of

56 Minimal magnesium

57 Henri's "holy"

58 Dull discomfort

59 Nativity trio

61 Equestrian gait

62 Soaked up rays

63 Slacks purchase

65 Clumsy people

68 Began studying

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69 Krispy ____ (Dunkin' competitor)

71 Takes a sudden turn

72 Endorse digitally

74 Offshore drilling structure

77 Train track beam

78 Proves worthwhile

79 Mexican water

81 Prefix for thermal

85 Nursery rhyme dieter

86 Mother of Hermes

87 Insect-filled animated film

88 Butter of India

92 Hooded snake

93 Italian sportswear brand

94 ____ Rizzo (Dustin Hoffman role)

97 "My mistake!"

100 Two-way, as affection

102 "It's my concern..."

103 Kemper of *The Office*

105 Defiant challenge

107 Oscar de la ____

108 Moisten lightly

109 TV twins' surname

110 Muslim cleric

111 ____ contendere

113 Prefix like atm-

115 Toolhouse

117 Basis of recent vaccines

118 Snack or sup

119 Pampering treatment, for short

120 Water, to chemists

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The Gillett Public Library opened a “Little Free Pantry” inside the library last fall. It was such a success, it was expanded to the current setup. The Gillett Area Chamber of Commerce and Bellin Health Community Ambassadors provided funding. An anonymous donor used their time and talent to build the stand.

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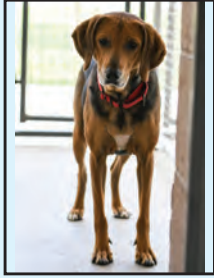
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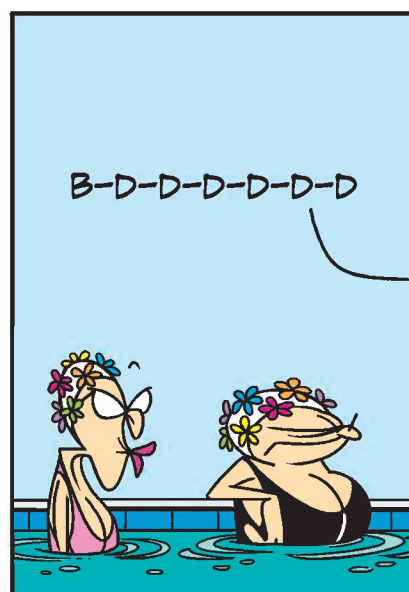
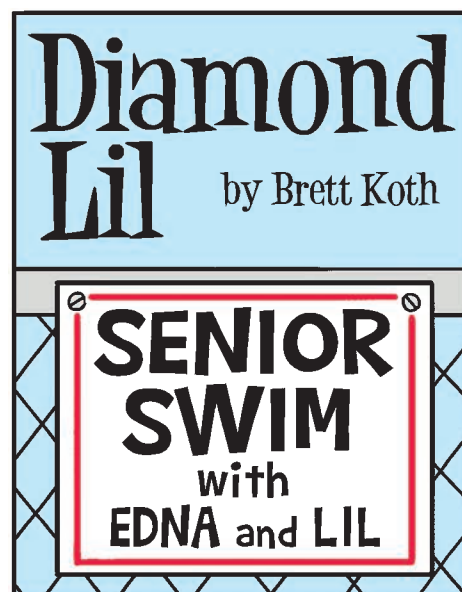
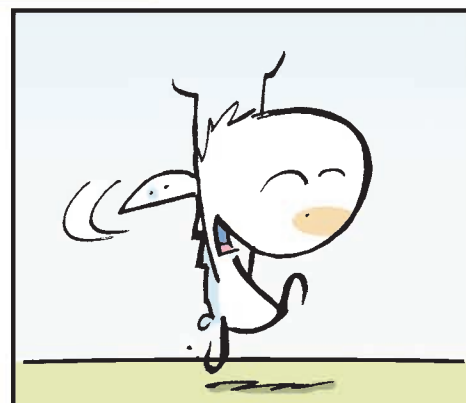
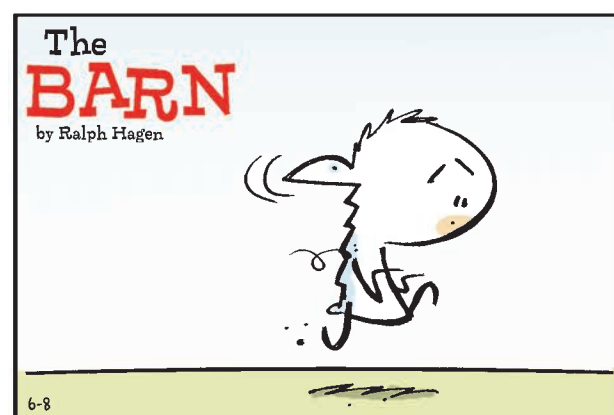
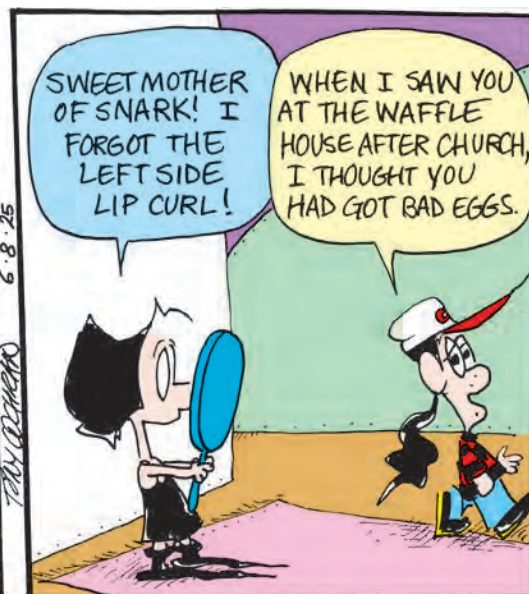
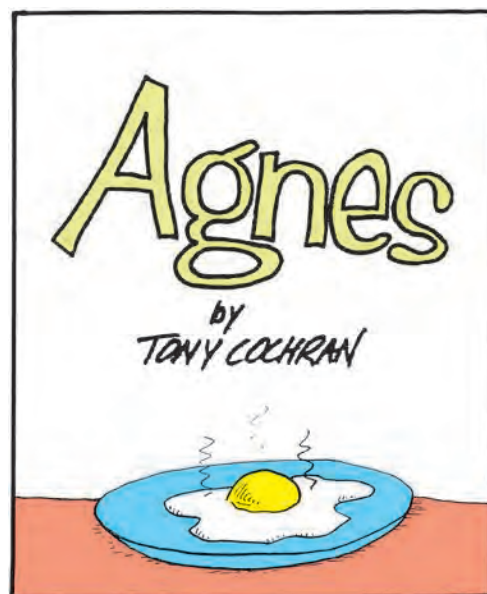
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