



Kristin Timm is the latest recipient of the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District's Distinguished Alumni Award and was the keynote speaker May 23 at the high school graduation ceremony.

GREG SEUBERT

# Kristin Timm returns home from Alaska to address grads

## Summer trip turns into lifelong ambition to address climate change

By GREG SEUBERT  
Correspondent

It's a long way from Wittenberg to Fairbanks, Alaska. For Kristin Timm, that journey was long, unexpected and fulfilling. She returned to her alma mater Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School on May 23 to address the Class of 2025 and accept the school district's Distinguished Alumni Award. Timm graduated from the school in 2000. She eventually went on to receive bachelor's and master's degrees in natural resource management and science com-

munication, respectively, from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where she is a postdoctoral researcher with the Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center at the International Arctic Research Center. She also has a Ph.D. in communication from George Mason University. "When I was where you are now, I didn't have a grand plan," Timm told the 86 graduates, their families and friends. "I sure as hell didn't know what a Ph.D. was or what someone with one would do. I didn't even really know what doors would open for me or which ones I would have to pry open myself." Timm attended the University of

Wisconsin-Stevens Point after graduating from high school, which eventually led to a life-changing opportunity. "A few months into my first semester, I learned about a university-sponsored spring break trip to Mexico, Belize and Guatemala and signed up," she said. "It was amazing. I tried new foods. I slept in a hammock. I saw people living dramatically different lives than my own. I learned how these communities were managing their natural and cultural resources." The professor leading the trip asked Timm if she'd like to work in Alaska for

# Supervisor wants misconduct addressed

## Former employees claim unprofessional, inappropriate and unlawful actions

By KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-Chief

A request to hold an emergency meeting to discuss the conduct of a Shawano County employee was shut down by the county board chairman May 28.

Supervisor Lowel Hammett and Chairman Tom Kautza both raised their voices after Hammett made the request toward the end of the monthly meeting. "I want to talk to the whole county board," said Hammett, who is chair of the county ethics committee. "I've already tried it through the executive committee, and I hit a brick wall." "I informed you and the other individual at the meeting to produce some evidence of the accusations that were made, and you produced nothing," Kautza said.

Hammett wanted to hold an emergency closed session meeting under a state statute that allows for discussion of personnel matters. Kautza, after input from Larenda Maulson, corporation counsel, said the meeting could not be held that same day because of insufficient public notice. He asked Hammett if he wanted it on the agenda for the June board meeting.

Both men's voices rose as they continued talking. "One of these affidavits — Now you spoke; let me speak — One of these affidavits happened back in '21 or '22," Hammett said. "You were here, and it got brushed underneath the rug. Now there's three or four more behind it." "I don't operate on just any accusations," Kautza said. "It's no accusation. You've got a copy of this one," Hammett said, waving papers above his head. The document to which Hammett



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# Legion donates funds to community groups

John Owen American Legion Post 287 led the Mattoon Memorial Day parade. The first float displayed drawings of fallen Mattoon veterans, a military toy tank with the names of local Mattoon veterans who were with a tank command a military construction machine with the name of a local Sea Bee. Also included on the float were the names of two local Air Force women honored with a jet flying over the float. Following this float was another float depicting three colonial marching men with drawings, surrounded by nine Mattoon veteran children honoring the fallen by being dressed up as those they are honoring, including a minute-



Corey Zarda, left, accepts \$2,289 from John Owen American Legion Post 287 Commander Steve Henry. The funds will be used in support of the village's 4th of July fireworks program.

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man, George Washington, famous American women, Native Americans, soldiers and others. At a ceremony at Woodlawn Cemetery, Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy principal Marsha Salzwe-

del spoke, followed by the laying of the wreath on the grave John Owen, the post's namesake. At the town picnic hosted by Mattoon Fire and Rescue, donations were presented to the communi-



Children in Mattoon dressed up to honor a minuteman, George Washington, famous American women, Native Americans, soldiers and others, and marched in the annual Memorial Day parade. They also took part in the ceremony at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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ty by John Owen American Legion. Commander Steve Henry awarded \$1,000 to Corey Resch for the Mat-

toon Fire and Rescue, Salzwe-  
del for the Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy, and Linda and Mike Ollson for the Shepherd's Watch

Food Pantry. Henry awarded \$2,289 to Corey Zarda for the Mattoon Fourth of July fireworks.



Mike and Linda Ollson accept a \$1,000 donation for the Shepherd's Watch Food Pantry from John Owen American Legion Post 287 Commander Steve Henry.

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John Owen American Legion Post 287 Commander Steve Henry, right, presented \$1,000 to Corey Resch for the Mattoon Fire and Rescue at the village's Memorial Day picnic.

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John Owen American Legion Post 287 Commander Steve Henry, right, presented a \$1,000 donation to Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy principal Marsha Salzwedel.

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# Damrau joins Marshfield Clinic in Wittenberg



AMBER DAMRAU

Amber Damrau, family medicine nurse practitioner, is now seeing patients at Marshfield Clinic Wittenberg Center. She joins nurse practitioner Ali Schmutzler, who also has a practice there. Damrau has nearly 20 years of experience in health care. She has worked in emer-

gency medicine, intensive care, cardiology and even on a med flight pediatric/neonatal team. "Throughout those experiences, I have found my passion for providing care for all ages, which led me to family medicine," Damrau said. "I want to share the knowledge

I've gained throughout my career and help others." Damrau now sees patients for things like preventative care, women's health issues, wellness exams, acute illnesses and the management of chronic diseases for everyone from newborns to older adults.

"I look forward to building relationships with my patients in Wittenberg, getting to know them while also empowering them to improve their health," she said. "Health promotion and prevention are key to helping people live healthier lives." Damrau grew up in Ti-

gerton and continues to live there. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, being outdoors, horseback riding and helping on her family's dairy farm. Anyone interested in scheduling an appointment with Damrau can call 715-253-2119.

# Supervisors ask for higher levy limits, more tax revenue

Officials demand state pay its share of promised costs

By KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County supervisors approved a pair of resolutions May 28 that, if approved by state lawmakers, would see more money flowing from Madison to Shawano and other county seats. "The state should be

paying their share of like DHS programs, land conservation," said Tom Kautza, county board chairman. "They agreed to percentages of what their costs were, but they're not paying their full percentage anymore." The first resolution, also aimed at getting support from the Wisconsin Counties Association, asks lawmakers to amend the tax levy cap imposed on counties by permitting a 3% annual tax increase or net new growth, whichever is greater.

Property tax limits were first imposed in 2006. Five years later, the limit requirement was changed to allow for an annual increase in the property tax levy based upon a percentage of the value of net new construction. Many counties continue to experience annual operational cost increases, led primarily by higher fuel, material, supplies, insurance and labor costs, which historically increase at a much higher rate than net new construction.

The resolution noted the state's failure to annually increase all sources of state aid while maintaining the levy limit cap. Based on Shawano County's five-year average tax levy of \$16,164,523 and five-year average net new construction growth rate of 1.54%, the fiscal difference under the proposed change would be as follows:

- Current law allowable increase (1.54%): \$232,779.
- Proposed 3% allowable increase: \$478,987.
- Estimated additional

revenue: \$246,207. The second resolution asks legislators for 0.5% of the state's 5% sales tax. If that isn't granted, the county wants permission to increase the county sales tax 0.5%, the same as is allowed in Milwaukee County. This would essentially double the county's sales tax revenue. The county collected \$3,155,763 in 2020; \$3,601,250 in 2021; \$3,755,688 in 2022; \$3,944,936 in 2023; and \$4,059,751 in 2024. Supervisor Ken Capelle

said the effort should be supported by the Wisconsin Counties Association. "I think that's who should really be involved," he said. "We're all hurting." According to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, 70 Wisconsin counties have adopted a 0.5% county tax. Milwaukee County sales and use tax is 0.9%. The city of Milwaukee is the only municipality that imposes a city sales and use tax, which stands at 2%.

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# City develops 5-year public works plan      Bonduel now part of Connect Communities

Almost \$7.2M in street projects slated between now and 2029

**By LEE PULASKI**  
*City Editor*

The city of Shawano has a five-year public works capital improvement project plan, even though it is subject to change, according to Mike Mahloch, public works director.

The plan lists street projects between now and 2029 that are estimated to total almost \$7.2 million. This year alone includes projects estimated at \$868,500. Major street reconstruction is planned for Lafayette, Cleveland and Ellis streets, while street pulverizing has been recently completed on Lieg Avenue and is planned for McDonald Road, along with new pavement being laid out for Balsam Court.

Mahloch said during a city field committee meeting May 29 that having a five-year plan in place is important for when the city applies for grants like Community Development Block Grants.

“This is what we perceive right now,” Mahloch said.

He pointed out that the plan is a “moving document,” which means some priorities could be moved up and some could be pushed back depending on funding during a given year or if something needs to be done right away in an emergency situation.

“Things do get kicked down the road sometimes, unfortunately, because when \$1 million becomes available, you have to find roads that meet the criteria to be able to utilize that \$1 million,” Mahloch said. “Oftentimes, when you have that \$1 million, we have a half a million we have to meet in order to complete that project.”

Sometimes, that matching amount requires pulling funding earmarked for other projects to receive the grant, Mahloch added.

“Things get moved around and shifted constantly,” he said. “Sometimes you may go into a

project thinking you’re going to do this street, but prior to the project, you do a full evaluation of your underground utilities.”

Mahloch said streets being done in the first two years of the plan are usually firmed up, with projects in the next three to five years most subject to shifting. He noted sometimes bids come in lower than expected for some projects, and occasionally a street needs to be added to get the full funding.

“Even though we have these roads on here five years from now, we’re still assessing these roads to see how they hold up a year ahead of time,” Mahloch said. “We may go out and televise that road six months ahead of time just to make sure we know everything we’re going to do — is it going to be a full replacement, or are we going to do a sewer line project and save the sewer department money?”

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The village of Bonduel has been accepted into the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation’s (WEDC) Connect Communities Program, an initiative that works with communities to advance downtown and historic commercial corridor revitalization efforts.

Bonduel is one of seven communities that will join the program this fall, bringing the total number of participants to 101.

The Connect Communities Program was launched in January 2013. It provides access to resources and training to help communities pursue revitalization and redevelopment efforts. Since its inception, participating communities have reported adding 876 net new businesses, more than 3,385 jobs and \$3.9 billion in private investment.

“WEDC congratulates the village of Bonduel for being accepted into this program,” said Missy Hughes, WEDC secretary and CEO. “A vibrant downtown or neighborhood commercial district is key to the overall economic health of the community, and we applaud Bonduel for taking this step toward making its business district

even stronger.”

“We are honored to be accepted into the Connect Communities Program,” said Jesse Rankin, Bonduel municipal operations director. “This opportunity comes at a pivotal time as we look to build on recent progress and invest in the long-term vitality of our downtown. Being part of this program will provide us with the tools, training and partnerships necessary to support local businesses, attract new investment and enhance the overall experience for residents and visitors alike. We are excited to take this next step forward for Bonduel.”

Connect Communities participants benefit from a variety of assistance and resources as part of a broad-based network of communities with similar objectives. Program services include:

- An online networking and discussion group to get new ideas from staff and other participating Connect Communities.
- Participation in Main Street workshops focused on a downtown revitalization topic.
- An on-site visit from a member of WEDC’s community development

staff to assist in identifying needs and offering assistance to achieve local goals.

- Training for downtown director/program lead, board president or municipal staff.
- Roundtable discussion groups, quarterly webinars and regional training sessions on pertinent topics.
- Access to WEDC’s downtown development online library of resources and tool kits.
- Invitation to the annual Main Street Awards program, plus eligibility to nominate a project for a Connect Communities award.
- Businesses in participating districts are also eligible to access matching loan dollars through the Kiva crowdlending platform and apply for annual makeover and place makeover contests.

In order to be admitted to the program, each applicant community provided an overview of the existing condition of their downtown/commercial district, identified key individuals that will be involved in revitalization efforts and identified near term goals that they hope to achieve within their district.

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**Some students decorated their graduation caps for the Pulaski High School graduation ceremony.**

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**Kathryn Brown directs the choir members as they perform during the Pulaski High School graduation ceremony May 28 in the fieldhouse.**



**Family and friends cheer and take photos from the bleachers as Pulaski High School seniors enter the fieldhouse for the May 28 graduation ceremony.**



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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.

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# ONE BODY, TWO SPIRITS

Firgens fits textbook definition, but believes the term is expansive

By LEE PULASKI  
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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 Stone-wall 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.

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# Turkeys aplenty don't always mean turkey dinner

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



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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)

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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.**

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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, Tigertown 2**  
Tigertown 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.  
Tigertown 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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123 Marsh waders

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127 Challenge authority

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12 Broadcast breaks

13 Stovetop vessel

14 Brass or bronze

15 Forbidden thing

16 Major muddle

18 Flow gradually

19 Elevated

22 Pride of an MIT VIP

23 \_\_ for tat

27 Gas-line liquid brand

29 Water conduit

30 Many mos.

31 Scroogean shout

32 Go on to say

33 Two-choice question

34 Two-way, as a door

35 Captain Nemo creator

36 Great bargains

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41 Baboon or gorilla

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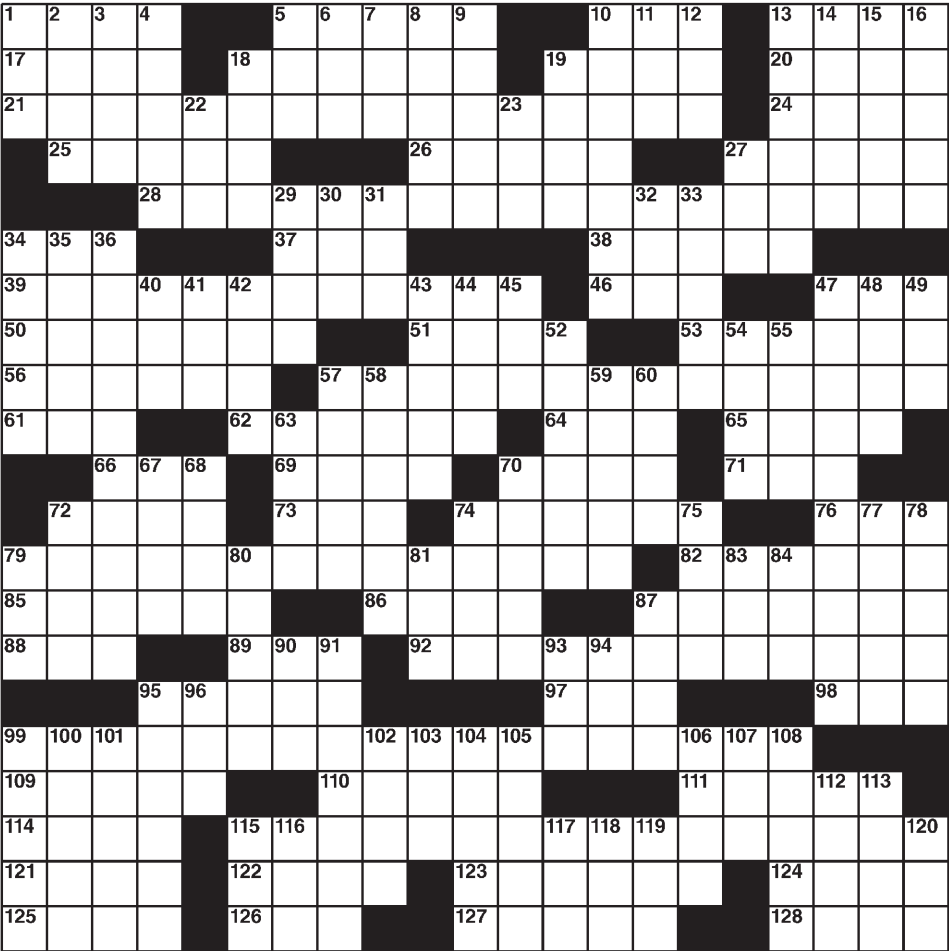
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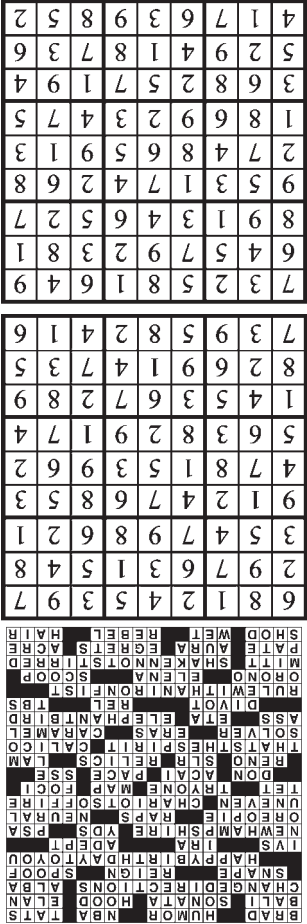
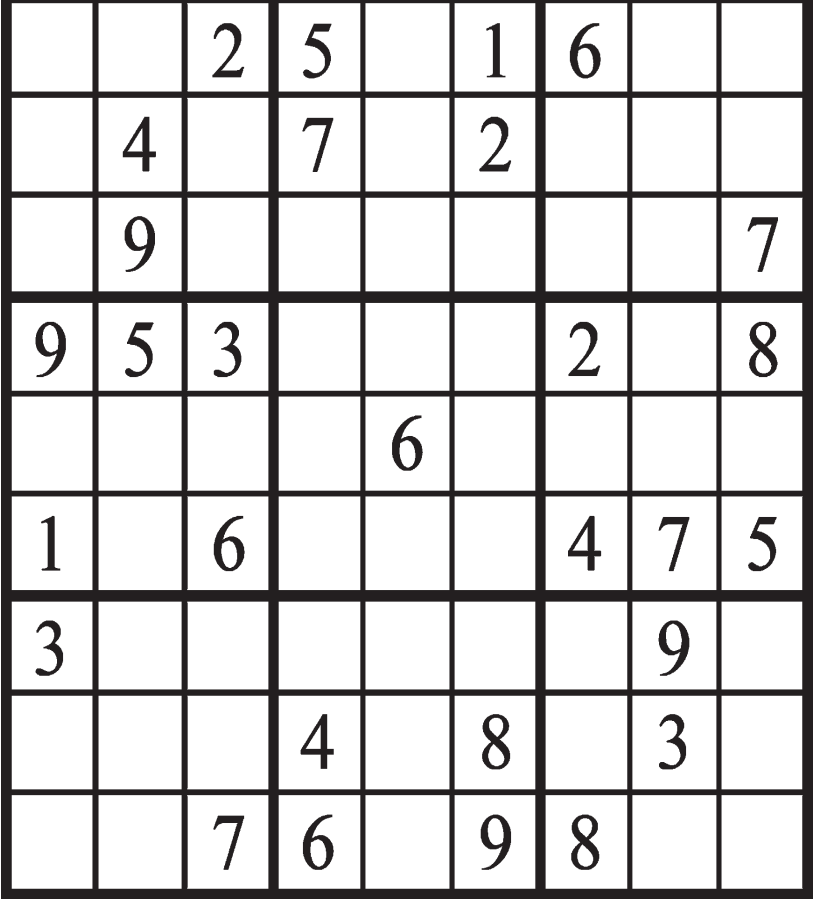
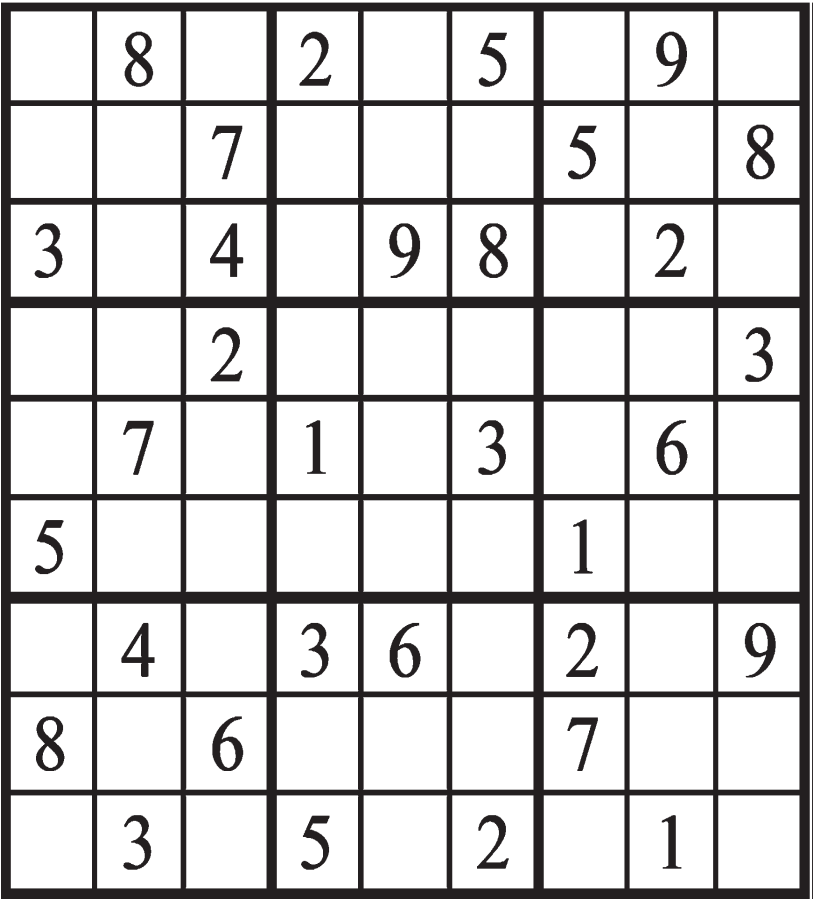
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## Homelessness needs a solution

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.

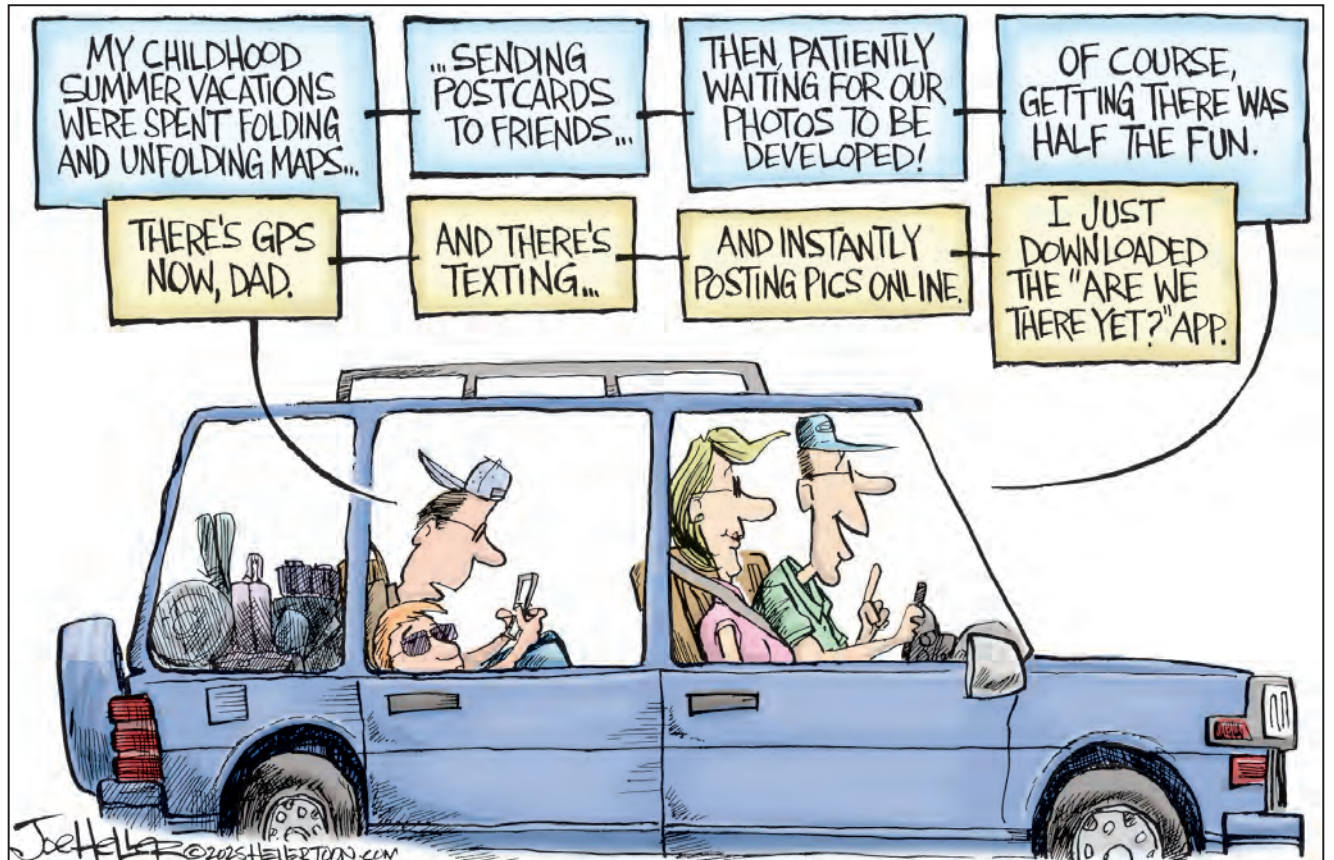
Further discussion in the city will have to look at these variables. Other matters will need to include what SAM25 needs to provide a year-round shelter. Is more funding an issue? More volunteers? Do other entities like United Way need to come into the conversation?

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.

Lee Pulaski is the city editor for NEW Media. Readers can contact him at lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com



## 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.

Bill Barth is the former editor of the Beloit Daily News and a member of the Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame. Readers can contact him at bbarth@beloitdailynews.com.



06/06/2025

CITY OF SHAWANO  
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following has applied for a license in the City of Shawano. The application will be acted upon at the June 11, 2025, City of Shawano Common Council meeting at Shawano City Hall, 127 South Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI.

Name and address of applicant:

COMBO CLASS "B" BEER /"CLASS B" LIQUOR LICENSE  
B2K Restaurant Group, LLC, (dba The Launching Pad Bar & Grill); agent Domenico Badalamenti; 221 Airport Road, Shawano, WI

Lesley Nemetz  
City Clerk  
City of Shawano

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SHAWANO COUNTY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Housing Authority of Shawano County will hold a public hearing regarding its 2025 Capital Funding Award. The Authority will have available information on all projects related to Federal Award ID – WI39P13950125.

The Hearing will be held at the office on July 14, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The Office is located at 1259 Engel Drive in Shawano, Wisconsin. Please call the office 715-526-6960 or 715-584-8227 with any questions.

Jeff Theis  
Executive Director / CEO

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Town of Menominee Liquor License Request 2025-2026

Kenah Mecem – Dory Miller  
N3389 STH 47  
Neopit, WI 54150  
Class "A" Beer and Class "A" Liquor

Standing Cedar LLC – Angel Reiter  
N929 STH 47/55 Keshena, WI  
Class "A" Beer and Class "A" Liquor

Wolf River Express – Joseph Lyons  
N845 STH 47/55 Keshena, WI  
Class "A" Beer and Class "A" Liquor

Menominee Indian Gaming Authority – Thunderbird C-Store –  
W110 CTH VV Keshena, WI  
Class "A" Beer and Class "A" Liquor

Ponfils Grocery LLC – Rebecca Ponfil-Smart  
N3553 STH 47 Neopit, WI  
Class "A" Beer and Class "A" Liquor

Menominee Indian Gaming Authority – Thunderbird Club – Andrew Incha  
W106 CTH VV Keshena, WI  
Class B Beer and Class B Liquor

Menominee Indian Gaming Authority – Menominee Casino Resort –Harley Lyons Jr.  
N277 STH 47/55 Keshena, WI  
Class B Beer and Class B Liquor

Hops and Grains Sports Bar – Anthony Wilber  
N248 STH 47/55 Keshena, WI  
Class B Beer and Class B Liquor

Keshena War Bonnet – Leo Dillenburg  
N626 STH 47/55 Keshena, WI  
Class B Beer and Class B Liquor

Save A Lot – Angel Reiter  
W2818 Warrington Rd Keshena, WI 54135  
Class A Beer

Standing Pines LLC – Angel Reiter  
N209 HWY 47 Keshena, WI 54135  
Class A Beer and Class A Liquor

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May 28, 2025

RE: Project I.D. 9660-01-04/74  
STH 55 and CTH M (E) Intersection Shawano - Langlade  
CTHM  
MenomineeCounty

Dear Stakeholder:  
On behalf of the Menominee County Highway Department, we invite you to attend a public information meeting for the intersection reconstruction project of State Highway 55 and County M. The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at the Menominee Casino & Resort located at N277 WIS 47, Keshena, Wisconsin. The meeting will be conducted as an informal open-house format, with a brief presentation starting at 6 p.m. Stop-by anytime.

The Menominee County Highway Department with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is proposing an intersection realignment and reconstruction for the State Highway 55 and County M intersection. The project is located north of Keshena in Section 18, T29N, R16E, Menominee County Wisconsin. The project, which is being designed by Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc., will convert the "Y" intersection into a modern "T" intersection with turning tapers and a left turn lane on State Highway 55. The project will improve intersection safety, sight distances, substandard horizontal and vertical curves, and address pavement distresses. Additional improvements include ditching, grading, culvert placement, and curb and gutter placement for enhanced surface water drainage. The project is scheduled for 2027 construction. The intersection will remain open during the project utilizing staged construction with single lane closures and temporary traffic signals. Drivers should expect minor delays when passing this area during construction. Access to properties within the project limits will be maintained throughout construction.

A comment form is included with this letter. Persons with concerns regarding the project, or knowledge about historic buildings and structures and archaeological sites are encouraged to provide comments to Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. by returning the comment form no later than July 18, 2025.

We look forward to meeting with you. If you have any questions or if you prefer to provide comments by phone or e-mail, please contact Nick Pehler, P. E., at Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc., 1210 Parkwood Drive, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. Email: [nick.pehler@jewellassoc.com](mailto:nick.pehler@jewellassoc.com). Phone: (715) 424-2424.

Sincerely,

Nick Pehler, P. E.  
Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc.  
cc: James Horton, Menominee County Highway Department  
Nathan Waite, WisDOT, Local Program Project Manager, North Central Region

PublicNotice

Public Information Meeting for the STH 55 and CTH M Intersection Reconstruction Project, Menominee County

Proposed Transportation Improvements  
The Menominee County Highway Department with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is proposing an intersection reconstruction project for the State Highway 55 and County M intersection. The project is located north of Keshena in Section 18, T29N, R16E, Menominee County, Wisconsin.

Please Attend  
All persons interested in the State Highway 55 and County M intersection reconstruction project are encouraged to attend a Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. The meeting will be held from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the Menominee Casino & Resort located at N277 WIS 47, Keshena, Wisconsin. The meeting will be conducted as an informal open-house format, with a brief presentation starting at 6 p.m. Stop in any time during the meeting to see exhibits and ask questions.

Information Available  
Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. and Menominee County Highway Department staff members will be on hand during the scheduled meeting to discuss the proposed intersection reconstruction project. Project plans, location maps, and other exhibits will be on display to illustrate the work in detail.

Your Involvement  
If there are issues you would like to discuss, please attend the Public Information Meeting. If you are not able to attend in person on Wednesday, June 18th, call the Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. staff member listed below to share your comments.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter may contact Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. through the Wis. Telecommunication Relay System (1-800-WI-Relay) by June 11, 2025.

Project Contact  
For additional information about the State Highway 55 and County M intersection reconstruction project, please contact Nick Pehler at:  
Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. 1210 Parkwood Drive  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 Phone: (715) 424-2424  
Email: [nick.pehler@jewellassoc.com](mailto:nick.pehler@jewellassoc.com)PublicNotice

Project Location Map

PROJECT LOCATION  
PROJECT ID 9660-01-04  
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STH 55 AND CTH M (E) INTERSECTION  
CTH M  
MENOMINEE COUNTY

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▪ Bart R. Boivin, 54, Rochester, Minnesota, pleaded no contest May 28 to misdemeanor count of possession of THC. The charge was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Judge Katherine Sloma levied fines and costs totaling \$894.

▪ Mark A. Kaufert, 40, Milwaukee, pleaded guilty May 30 to possession with intent to deliver cocaine. Sloma sentenced him to three years in prison, followed by four years of extended supervision with conditions.

▪ Paul C. Malone, 37, Shawano, pleaded no contest May 28 to felony bail jumping and three misdemeanor counts of negligent operation of a motor vehicle. Judge Leon Stenz levied fines and sentenced him to 180 days in county jail.

▪ Mekele D. Labelle, 28, Milwaukee, pleaded no contest May 28 to felony bail jumping, two misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and a misdemeanor count of battery.

Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on three years of probation with conditions.

▪ John J. Greer, 46, Shawano, pleaded no contest May 27 to 15 counts of felony bail jumping, five misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and misdemeanor counts of hit-and-run, resisting or obstructing an officer, two counts of violating an ignition interlock device order and possession of THC. Sloma levied fines and costs and sentenced him to nine months in county jail.

▪ Christy R. Boyd, 35, Neopit, was charged May 27 with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of retail theft and bail jumping. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for June 23.

▪ Warren B. Kaquatosh, 57, Neopit, was charged May 27 with five counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third

offense) and three counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for June 16.

▪ John L. Christenson, 35, Neopit, was charged May 27 with battery or threat to a law officer, two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of THC. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for July 1.

▪ Brandon E. Hull, 23, Shawano, was charged May 27 with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of battery, disorderly conduct and bail jumping. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond but did not immediately schedule further proceedings.

▪ Mary K. Krueger, 57, Shawano, was charged May 27 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (seventh, eighth or ninth offense). Sloma set a \$1,500 cash bond and

scheduled a status conference for July 10.

▪ Marissa M. Coppersmith, 19, Manitowoc, was charged May 27 with misappropriating ID information to avoid penalty, possession of narcotic drugs and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for July 22.

▪ Victoria V. Gonzales, 19, Green Bay, was charged May 27 with possession of narcotic drugs and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for July 15.

▪ Steven J. Moll, 70, Milwaukee, was charged May 27 with six counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for July 1.

▪ Willie D. Hayes, 33, Keshena, was charged May 28 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 6.

▪ Shaylea Hernandez, 25, Green Bay, was charged May 29 with possession of narcotic drugs, two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for July 7.

▪ Blain M. Pritchard, 31, Shawano, was charged May 29 with felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 9.

▪ Caitlynn J. Testolin, 32, Gresham, was charged May 29 with possession of methamphetamine, four counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug parapher-

nalia. Sloma set a \$3,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for July 14.

▪ Felicia L. Genz, 31, Greenleaf, was charged May 30 with possession of methamphetamine and two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for July 15.

▪ Cory J. Phillips, 42, Shawano, was charged May 30 with possession of cocaine (second or subsequent offense). Sloma set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for July 7.

▪ Vernon C. Bessette, 63, Tigerton, was charged May 30 with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for June 23.

▪ Robert J. Vanmeerbeck, 37, Shawano, was charged May 30 with felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for July 1.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**June 1**  
Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near County Road M and Elm Road in the Town of Wittenberg; trespassing on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; suspicious activity on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; burglary on North Warrington Avenue in the Town of Cecil; suspicious activity on East Town Hall Road in the Town of Red

Springs; three 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two crashes, one involving deer.

**May 31**  
Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including suspicious activity on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington and on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; theft on Konheiser Court in Tigerton; a fight in progress at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. in Shawano; illegal burning on Moh He Con Nuck Road in the Town of Bartelme; three 911 calls; six reckless driving in-

cidents; three traffic hazards; two welfare checks.

**May 30**  
Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including bail jumping near East Green Bay Street and North Airport Road in Shawano; a disturbance on Birch Street in Birnamwood; suspicious activity on North Shore Drive in the Town of Wescott; a fight in progress on Julius Street in Krakow; a suspicious vehicle on Old W Road in the Town of Lessor; five 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks;

four crashes.

**May 29**  
Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including suspicious activity on West Oak Lane in the Town of Belle Plaine; trespassing on East Richmond Street in Shawano; fraud on Maple Street in Birnamwood; trespassing on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a suspicious vehicle on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; suspicious activity on West Line Road in the Town of Almon; pedestrians in the roadway near County Road BE in the Town of Hartland; suspicious activity on U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood; a noise complaint on Shady Road in the Town of Lessor; suspicious activity on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; four welfare checks; two crashes, one involving deer.

**May 28**  
Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including a disturbance on Freeborn Street in Cecil; criminal damage on County Road BE in the Town of

Wescott; harassment on East Grand Avenue in Wittenberg; drugs at an undisclosed location; trespassing on North Beech Street in Tigerton; a suspicious vehicle on Frailing Road in the Town of Wescott; a death investigation on Cloverleaf Lake Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; one 911 call; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; four welfare checks.

**May 27**  
Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including trespassing on Cedar Street in Tigerton; suspicious activity on Oakcrest Drive in the Town of Washington; an animal bite on Willow Road in the Town of Angelica; suspicious activity on River Road in Bowler; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; three crashes, one involving deer.

**May 26**  
Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including suspicious activity on North Meyer Street in Cecil; an animal bite on Rustic Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine; one reckless

driving incident; two traffic hazards; one welfare check.

**SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**June 1**  
Officers responded to 17 incidents, including a noise complaint near North Washington and West Green Bay streets; an intoxicated person outside Off the Rails Pub; 622 E. Green Bay St.; disorderly conduct on South Water Street; suspicious activity on South Washington Street; assisting the fire department for a Dumpster fire outside Dairy Queen, 1005 E. Green Bay St.; four welfare checks; one crash.

**May 31**  
Officers responded to 17 incidents, including a fight in progress at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on South Union Street; theft on South Lincoln Street; suspicious activity near South Hamlin and East Randall streets; two welfare checks.

**May 30**  
Report not received by press time.

06/06/2025

At the May 28th, 2025 Shawano County Board of Supervisors meeting, the following ordinances were adopted. A summary of the ordinances are as follows:

Ordinance No. 9-25 To Amend Chapter 32 Text of the Shawano County Code of Ordinances Regarding the Sale and Repurchase of Tax-Deeded Lands

Ordinance No. 10-25 To Amend Chapter 40 of County Code of Ordinances – Zoning

Ordinance No. 11-25 Zone Change - Town of Washington - Kauffman

Ordinance No. 12-25 Zone Change - Town of Washington – Coel & Stevens

All of the ordinances in their entirety can be viewed at the County Clerk's office and are available on the Shawano County Government website at [www.co.shawano.wi.us](http://www.co.shawano.wi.us)

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06/06/2025

Notice is hereby given that the following has applied for an Alcohol Beverage License in the Village of Cecil, this application will be acted upon at the Village Board Meeting, June 17<sup>th</sup> 2025, at the Community Hall, 111 E Hofman St, Cecil, WI 54111

Liquor Licenses from - July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

“Class B” Combination

|                                          |                            |                          |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Cecil Fireside Inn, LLC               | Sharon A. Rzentkowski      | 400 N. Lake Drive        |
| 2. Mike Wallrich & Sons Inc.             | d/b/a Golden Sands G.C     | 300 Nabor Road           |
| 3. Washington Inn Supper Club Inc.       | Darwin J. Olsen            | 101 S. Warrington Avenue |
| 4. Emily Dahlke                          | d/b/a Shipwreck'd          | 110 S Warrington Avenue  |
| 5. Robert Davis                          | d/b/a Remi's Reel Em Inn   | 205 S Warrington Avenue  |
| 6. L and S Enterprises of Green Bay, LLC | d/b/a Landsharks           | 102 N Warrington Avenue  |
| 7. Sevenine Inc.                         | d/b/a Lakeview Convenience | 417 S Warrington Avenue  |
| 8. Cecil Investment LLC                  | d/b/a Cecil Elbow Room     | 201 S Warrington Avenue  |

“Class A”

|                       |                              |                         |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Welsing & Son, LLC | d/b/a/ Lakeside Amoco        | 205 N Warrington Avenue |
| 2. Dolgencorp. LLC    | d/b/a/ Dollar General #24987 | 410 N Hwy 22            |

Class “B” Beer

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|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Cecil Baseball Club, Inc. | M Mitchell, Agent | 212 N. Lemke Street |
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OBITUARIES

**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. Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

**Marjorie A. Ziereis**  
Marjorie A. Ziereis, 67, of Embarrass, passed away May 23, 2025. Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

06/06/2025

Town Of Richmond Notice Of Application For Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following applications for “Class B” Liquor and Class “B” Fermented Licenses have been filed with the Town Clerk for the licensing period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 at 7:00 pm on June 9, 2025 at the Richmond Town Hall, N5170 Co Rd MM, Shawano, WI 54166.

1. A. Buntrock Taverns LLC, dba Red River Tavern, W9150 Co Rd A, Shawano; agent Austin J. Buntrock.

2. Amy's Roadhouse LLC, dba Amy's Roadhouse, W8916 Oak Avenue, Shawano; agent Amy M Gretzinger.

3. BJ's Salty Saloon LLC, dba Salty's Saloon, W8599 Broadway Rd, Shawano; agent William W. Lehman.

4. Bartelt's JEM Shack LLC, dba The Shack, W7601 Poplar Rd, Shawano; agent Jonathan R. Bartelt.

5. Cassidy's Studio Lounge & Dining LLC, dba Cassidy's Studio Lounge & Dining, W7703 Co Rd MMM, Shawano; agent Michael S. Andrus.

6. Red River Sportsmen's Club Inc, W8955 Beech Rd Shawano; agent Elizabeth A. Buettner.

7. Yaeger's Leaky Roof LLC, dba Oak Ave Pub & Grill, W8903 Oak Ave Shawano; agent Steven L. Yaeger.

Julie Schoenike

Town of Richmond - Town Clerk

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the summer, and she could scarcely believe she could do that.

“Weeks later, I had an interview and was buying a plane ticket to Alaska,” she said. “When I arrived, I got a crash course on the plants and animals, glaciers, geology and the history of Alaska. I shared that new knowledge with thousands of visitors from around the world. My small world opened wide open that summer. It was as if I’d been walking in a hallway and all of a sudden, I was in a cathedral.”

Timm’s first visit to Alaska only lasted one summer, but it turned out to be a life-altering experience.

“I saw how Alaska’s glaciers had been incredibly melting and became very curious about our changing climate,” she said. “I loved the mountains, and I knew from that moment that I would call Alaska home someday. Most importantly, I found that this world offers unparalleled opportunities to those who are brave enough to take them.”

Timm eventually settled into a job as a researcher at Fairbanks.

“I was in my 30s when I started dreaming of going back to school for my Ph.D.,” she said. “I started talking to a professor on the East Coast whose work I admired, and we exchanged emails for years. When we finally met in person,

he asked me outright, ‘So, when are you going to start a Ph.D. with me?’”

Timm said that it would be impossible, living 3,000 miles away and her husband having a business in Alaska.

“I already had a decent job, so why leave it?” she said. “He worked with me; he believed in me, and we made it work. My boss at the time also believed in doors, saying ‘You have good ideas. This degree will help you open doors, and I’ll definitely try to hire you when you come back.’”

Timm’s message to Witt-Birn graduates focused on doors that they will encounter on their journey.

“Even if the door is only cracked open, muster the courage to kick it open,” she said. “Once you’re on the other side of that door, own that decision. Because the world needs you in those spaces, even if it feels unfamiliar or if you don’t feel like you fit in at first.”

Timm, who specializes in climate change, now helps her students in Alaska open doors in front of them.

“There is no bigger reward than helping my students see the opportunities that are just outside their field of vision,” she said. “The opportunities you might seize, they might just change the world. When something or someone calls you, when it scares you a little and excites you a lot,

consider that a signal. May you walk through doors you never expected and find yourself exactly where you’re meant to be.”

Timm said she doesn’t remember much about the day she graduated from high school.

“I do remember the night before, driving around in an old RV, laughing with my friends,” she said. “I remember a lot of tears, mourning a chapter of my life that was inevitably coming to an end. For the most part, I loved my time in high school. I had good friends; I loved most of my classes. I had excellent teachers, and I had incredible experiences from cheering for the state football champions to competing in state extemporaneous speaking in FFA and many things in between.”

Timm also advised students to not take high school graduation for granted.

“Not a single one of us has done this alone,” she said. “We are each a tapestry of everyone who has loved us, believed in us, taught us and encouraged us even when there was no proof we’d be successful. Maybe they didn’t do it perfectly because no one ever can. Maybe they’re not with us today, or maybe they’re here tonight. Regardless, I hope you find a way to express your gratitude to them for leading you to this destination.”

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referred was a formal complaint by a former department head claiming unprofessional, inappropriate and unlawful actions by a county staff member. The complaint included specific examples of the alleged misconduct.

Hammett said there are other complaints as well.

Kautza continued, saying Hammett needed to provide proper information.

“We were told all these nasty things were going on about one individual in the county, and they (Hammett and others) were told they should bring us back some information,” Kautza said, referring to previous committee meetings. “They claimed they have all this information and all this stuff,

and they’re going to present it to me by the next meeting. Never happened.”

There was also a brief discussion of whether to have a meeting 24 hours later, which would meet state statute requirements.

“I’m not going to call an emergency meeting because you’re upset that you and another individual didn’t provide any information, and I’m not going to call an emergency meeting over some hearsay,” Kautza said.

“I don’t like you calling me a liar,” Hammett said.

After the meeting, Hammett said the work culture for Shawano County is causing significant issues with employee turnover.

“Nobody wants to work here,” he said. “Husbands

don’t want their wives to work here.”

In the past few years, the county has faced significant turnover in the Department of Human Services, the public library, the treasurer’s office, and the planning and development office. Not all of the turnover was due to workplace culture. Other reasons included retirement, relocation, personal reasons, health matters and more.

Hammett said the situation is getting worse.

“We’ve been doing this for over seven months now,” he said of the latest complaint. “I know other things. If we get this taken care of, we’ll go to the next thing.”

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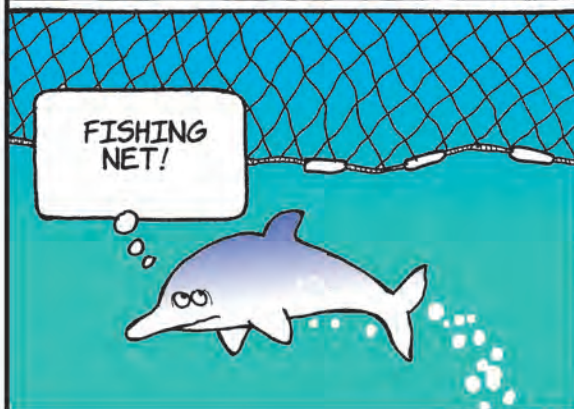
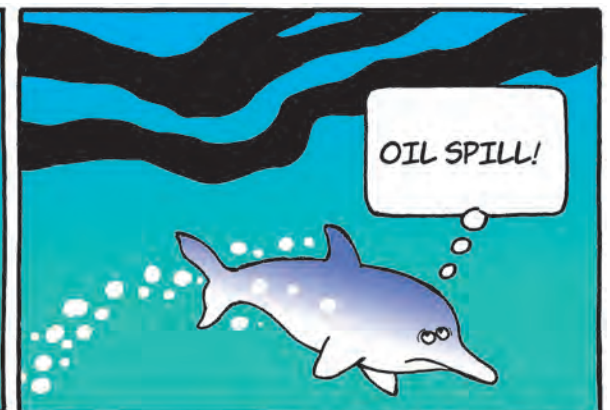
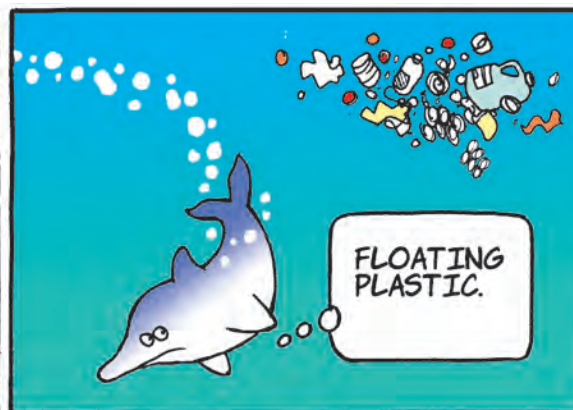
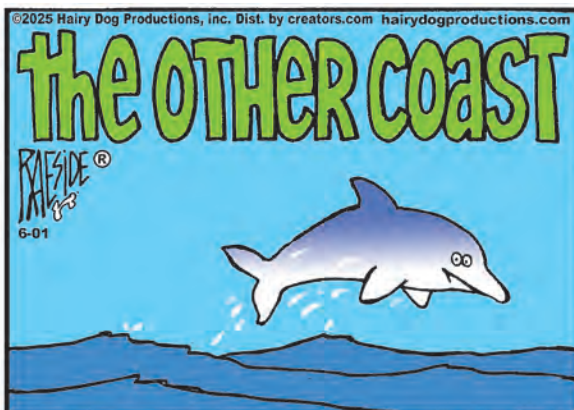
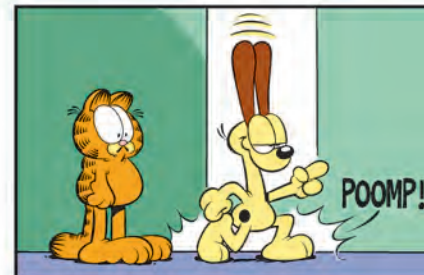
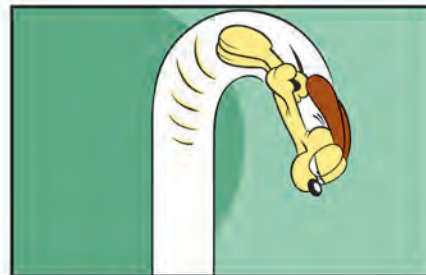
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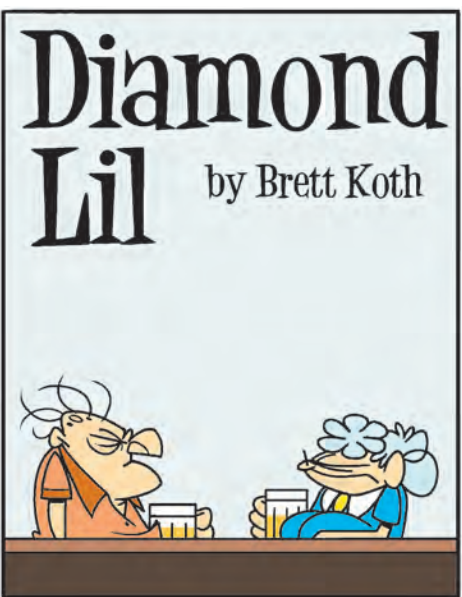
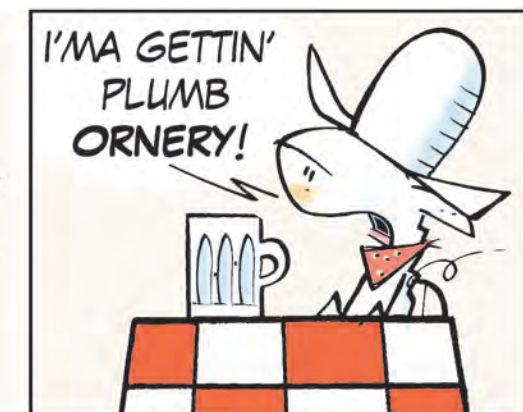
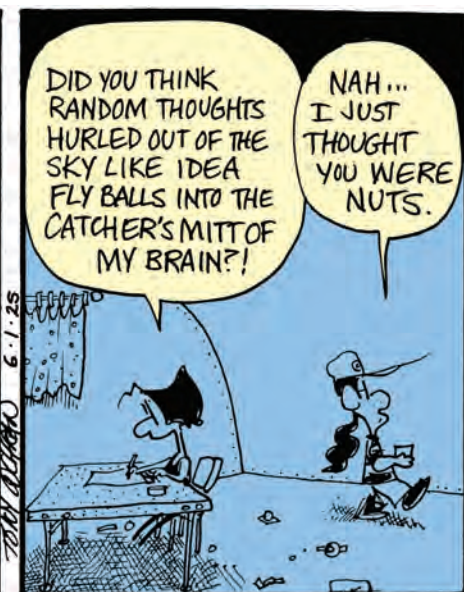
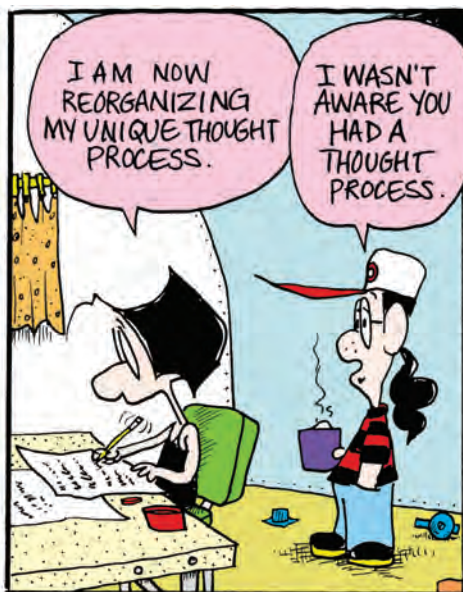
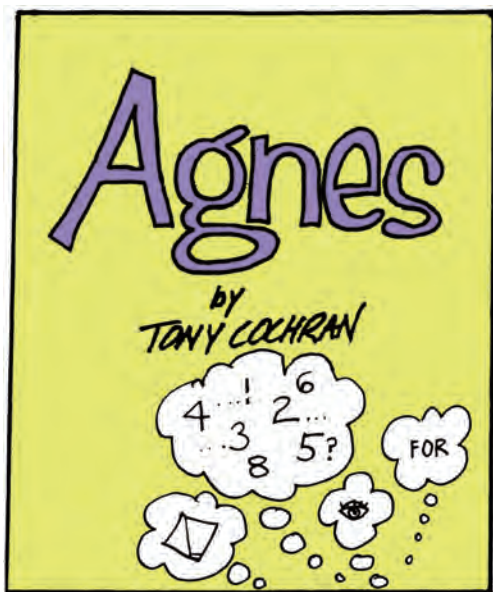
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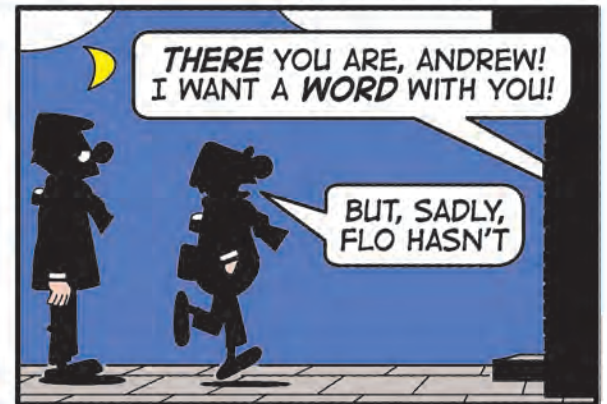
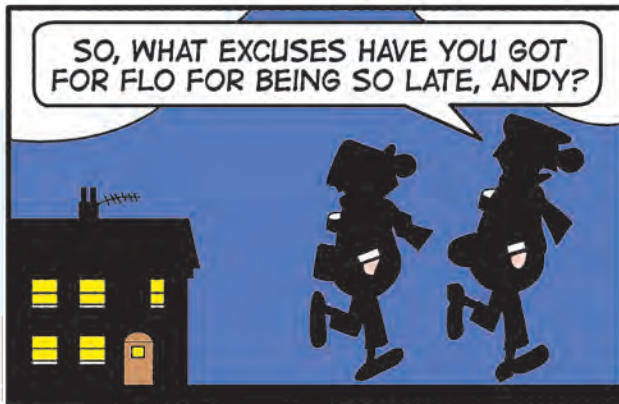






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