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Visitors pack the dining hall at Chet and Emil's in Birnamwood to enjoy spaghetti, garlic bread and chicken during the April 23 Birnamwood Lions Club fundraiser. For \$10, visitors were treated to lunch; cash raffles and a 50/50 raffle were also available.

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Witt-Birn schools to add 1 kindergarten section

Projected higher enrollment causes school district to manage student-to-teacher ratio

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board approved the addition of a fifth kindergarten section for the upcoming school year during its April 24 meeting.

Superintendent Garrett Rogowski said that this is a proactive response to a higher projected enrollment for the upcoming school year.

“Right now, what we are doing is just having an initial discussion with the board about some anticipated enrollment inflation and possibly some grades that will be receiving maybe some additional students, due to some community growth that is expected,” said Rogowski.

With the addition of apartments in the village of Wittenberg from S.C. Swiderski, Rogowski projected that families will be coming to the school district to send their children to school.

“We are watching that closely in

terms of our birth to 3 and our census data,” said Rogowski. “We are adding a fifth kindergarten section — we feel like our sections are getting to be too large for just four sections, so we need to add a fifth to make sure that our class sizes are staying manageable with respect to the student-to-teacher ratio.”

Rogowski said that the plan is to have that fifth section in Wittenberg, due to Wittenberg projecting to have a higher student population at the kindergarten level than Birnamwood, with 48 students projected in Wittenberg and 36 students projected in Birnamwood, for the upcoming school year.

“We want to tell that new hire that it is their position moving forward,” said Rogowski on whether this kindergarten section would need to be revisited in the future.

At the primary-grade level, Rogowski said that he is seeing the enrollment raising to a level where the school district is seeing more kids than it has sections to offer.

“It is a good problem to have,” said Rogowski. “We need to be creative and proactive with respect to that — we need to inform the community about the anticipated enrollment increases and just make sure that we are being more proactive than reactive.”

In regards to a projected fiscal impact on the school district, a budgeted fifth kindergarten section would be \$80,000.

“We are trying to be proactive so those students have what we consider acceptable student-to-teacher conditions,” said Rogowski. “Now that we have got permission from the board to add the fifth section of kindergarten, we have to plan for the room and furnishing the room and those kinds of things. I am budgeting approximately \$50,000 for the salary. If that person takes family benefits, then you are looking at upper-20s to another \$30,000.”

In regards to enrollment for 4K next year, the school district already has 35 students registered in Wittenberg and 17 students registered in Birnamwood. Those numbers project to be 46 in Wittenberg and 26 in Birnamwood.

“If we break those down, we have a Monday and Wednesday class and a Tuesday and Thursday class for 4K,” said Rogowski. “If you break that down, you are looking at 23 in Wittenberg and you are looking at 13 in Birnamwood, so we have a decent section size in Birnamwood and we have 23 already in Wittenberg.”

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School board OKs purchase of 2 buses

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board approved the purchase of two school buses at a cost of \$96,339 during its April 24 meeting.

The two buses will come from Midstate Truck Service that were used in the Stevens Point School District and have 48,000 miles on them each.

“They are 2018 and contain storage below and storage above and are in great shape,” said Rogowski.

Rogowski said that the money for the buses would come from the

following year’s budget, using this as next fiscal year’s bus purchase.

“Also we would like to add the install of camera systems for both buses,” said Rogowski. “It would be five cameras inside and outside, which would be beneficial to us in respect to safety.”

Those camera systems would cost another \$5,000-\$6,000.

“They are similar to our current camera systems,” said Rogowski.

“They are easy to access and you can take what every snippet that you want.”

In talks with Witt-Birn transportation director Paul Yaeger, Rogowski

said that a concern for bus drivers is other vehicles failing to yield to and stop for the school buses.

“It happens quite a bit actually — we (use the cameras to) send that to the county and then those drivers get cited,” said Rogowski.

Rogowski reiterated that the school district will not have a bus purchase in the next fiscal year, due to this purchase.

“This has allowed us to improve our bus fleet,” added Witt-Birn School Board President Chuck Wendler.

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Shawano landfill discussions causes friction

Steinke walks out of Shawano County Board after Kautza's thoughts on lack of funds to close landfill

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Tensions rose and Shawano County Supervisor Sandy Steinke walked out of the April 18 county board meeting after a disagreement with Shawano County Chairman Tom Kautza over the Shawano landfill.

With the city of Shawano being projected to come in with half the \$2.6 million needed to close the landfill in 2024, a discussion arose on whether the county would give an advance of \$1.3 million to supplement that. The city would continue to establish rates through the solid waste board for the transfer system to generate revenue and repay the advance from the county.

"My suggestion was that it is time to wrap it up and close it," said Kautza. "It was supposed to be closed in 2015, but there was not enough money then. It was going to be closed in 2022 — 2022 has passed and there is not enough money yet. It is a money pit and there is other things that need to be ironed out by the solid waste board, and these discussions will come in the future."

Kautza added that originally, there were users of a cell at the landfill, whose waste was moved into a line cell, but that owner paid no compensation for the building of the line cell.

"That provided a massive hole in the funding — that is why we don't have the money to cap the landfill," said Kautza. "If that would have been paid at a reasonable rate, that \$1.3 million would be there and the county wouldn't be asked to bond for it."

He said that he does not believe that this is the county's responsibility.

"It is a problem, but it is not one that (Shawano City Administrator) Eddie (Sheppard) made or that (Shawano Public Works Director) Scott (Kroening)," said Kautza. "That was done by the decisions by the solid waste board in the past and by the city when that all happened."

Kautza said he feels that the space that was used should be compensated for.

"It is the only fair way, because right now there is an inflated rate

that is being charged for tipping fees at the landfill to try and generate the money that is needed for capping it," said Kautza. "Everything would have been paid for over time by past tipping fees. You can't build a cell, fill it up and cap it without collecting revenue for that cell. The math does not come out and apparently that is what happened in the past."

Steinke said that with her experience on the county board and on the Shawano City Council, she has noticed an increase of head-butting between the city and the county.

"Sometimes it gets out of hand," said Steinke. "It is not a blame of who was it — the county or the city — we should be working together. If there was a shortfall or if something went wrong, then we should sit down and try to figure it out. I give all the credit I can to the administrator that we have now in the city. When he realized the problem, we had to meet and he had to meet with people who were putting stuff in the landfill to raise their rates. It wasn't an easy conversation, because it could have went both ways."

Kautza replied that that was done because the solid waste board had no responsibility for the original cell.

"For the small municipalities — is that fair to them that the city no longer has the landfill to deal with?" said Kautza.

"It is not anyone's fault, it just needs to be dealt with and not blamed," said Steinke.

"How else do you find out what got you to the problem?" asked Kautza. "I always like to look back and see what I feel causes the problem, and the problem was the revenue wasn't paid for that amount of materials that went in there — it was always figured that it would be done in future tipping fees, and now is it the responsibility of all of the townships that are using the landfill to pay that bill — I don't feel that it is."

Steinke replied saying that she did not believe that it was the municipalities' responsibility or problem.

"What I am saying is that I wish that this would be able to be worked out in a nice manner, because the city does provide a lot of services for the county and the

county does a lot of things for the city. It is a hand-in-hand, together proposition," said Steinke.

Kautza continued to push back, saying that it is not up to the county to compensate for what was the city's responsibility.

"It was for Shawano, the Town of Washington, the village of Cecil and Belle Plaine, so is the entire county responsible for what was their bills to pay?" said Kautza. "Should everybody in the county be responsible to pay for a bill that was their responsibility?"

Steinke ended her conversation and walked out of the meeting shortly after, saying that she left, due to Kautza's blaming city officials.

"Yesterday's fiasco with the county board chair and administrative coordinator with the blaming of things on the city just shows the lack of leadership that we need and when I walked out of the meeting, I was defending the city constituents

that he was saying more-or-less that they weren't doing their job, which in my opinion is top notch," Steinke said April 19 on why she walked out. "He was giving them his opinion, without even having the board know all of the facts — so the board is getting whatever Mr. Kautza is selling them."

Kautza reiterated his point after the meeting saying it is not a full county issue and that taxpayers in the county should not be burdened from this.

"It was a benefit of a few communities and the city — certainly they won't agree, because it is their benefit to leave it the way that it is," said Kautza. "The information that we got came from the city. I am not trying to blame anyone, I am just trying to explain what got us to this point. I would think the city should step forward and take their responsibility."

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Historical society volunteer finishes book about Mattoon's early history

Collins' 'From Rocks to Riches' to include rare pictures, information

By LUKE REIMER
Reporter

A local writer has done her part to help keep the history of Mattoon alive.

Mattoon resident Laurel Collins recently received her book, "From Rocks to Riches," back from a printer and is ready to sell copies to the public. According to Collins, the book is centered around the early history of the Village of Mattoon, back when the name of the village was Rockville.

"The book includes lots of information, some of it new to even those who grew up in Mattoon," said Collins. "There are loads of pictures too, some of which few residents have ever seen before."

Oftentimes, those who work with the Mattoon Area Historical Society would receive questions about the area and the history of it, said Collins. This, in part, helped inspire her to write this book.

"Visitors will come into the Mattoon Area Museum with questions about the history of the village," said Collins. "If the information was known, verbal answers were offered, but a single source of a more comprehensive written history of Mattoon did not exist. A lot of pictures were available, but they weren't organized into groupings by topics or themes either."

Collins said that the compilation of information for the book has been a 10-year process that started when she put together a DVD of the history of Mattoon.

"The purpose of the DVD was to generate interest in establishing a museum in Mattoon," said Collins. "As a result, some of the research, gathering of information and acqui-



Mattoon resident Laurel Collins recently finished a book, "From Rocks to Riches," centered on the early history of Mattoon, formerly called Rockville. Collins said there are a lot of pictures, history and information about the village that many residents may not have seen or read before. CONTRIBUTED

sition of pictures had already been accomplished. After the historical society and museum became operational, additional information and pictures essential to the book became available."

She added that personal interviews were conducted and frequent trips to libraries, courthouses and

other museums took place to fill in the blanks on the information needed.

As may be the case with others who purchase and read the book, Collins said that she learned a few things about the history of the village that she hadn't known before, including information about schools in the area.

"One thing I learned was discovering that the history of the one-room schools in the Hutchins Township went years further back than had previously been known in recent days," said Collins. "This discovery has led to yet another project, which is to write a book on the history of schools in Mattoon and Hutchins."

As a longtime Mattoon resident, Collins called the formation and production of this book gratifying.

"Hours were spent on just the layout of each chapter in the book, but when finished there was a sense of accomplishment," said Collins. "One of our historical society members, Bill Beversdorf, did the big job editing. Many of the society members helped with various tasks, so truthfully, it took all of us for this book to come to fruition."

With Mattoon being a small village in northern Shawano County, it can often be overlooked. But Collins said that visitors should visit, because of its rich history.

"Many people are unaware of what a great little community Mattoon really is," said Collins. "A 'can-do' attitude was born many years ago when Mattoon was a little more than a pile of rocks and towering trees. That 'can-do' attitude can be seen yet today in the establishing of a first-class museum that is must-see, the 150-foot historical wall mural that is second to none, a bustling community center called Shepherd's Watch and a private school to be opened this fall. Coming from a village of 400 residents, that is a lot to be proud of and not be shy of sharing."

Those who are interested in purchasing the book can do so in Mattoon at Jim's Barbershop, 719 Fourth St., and at the Mattoon Market grocery store, 1017 Fourth St., for \$20.

It can also be ordered by sending a check (\$20 for the book and \$5 for shipping) to the Mattoon Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 23, Mattoon, WI 54450.

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LAUREL COLLINS, volunteer with the Mattoon Area Historical Society and author of "From Rocks to Riches"

COURT NEWS

• Jeramy Gschwind, 52, Shawano, was charged April 17 with one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a status conference for May 19.

• Dorothy R. Neosh, 56, Keshena, was charged April 17 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a signature bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a status conference for June 20.

• Kyle M. Thyron, 31, Shawano, was charged April 17 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a signature bond of \$3,000 and scheduled a status

conference for June 14.

• Jordan D. Riley-Steele, 35, Milwaukee, pleaded no contest April 18 to one count of misappropriating identification information. One misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer was dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Riley-Steele to 60 days in jail.

• Samuel P. Hyzer, 18, Bonduel, pleaded no contest April 19 to three counts of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer, two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced Hyzer to two years in state prison and three years of extended

supervision.

• Anthony L. DeQuaine, 38, Green Bay, pleaded no contest April 19 to one count of operating while intoxicated (fourth offense). One count of operating with prohibited alcohol content was dismissed on a prosecutor's motion. Sloma sentenced DeQuaine to one year in jail.

• Marcus D. Thompson, 38, Milwaukee, pleaded no contest April 19 to one count of possession of amphetamine/methamphetamine (greater than 50 grams) and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. One count of possession of THC, with intent (less than or equal to 200 grams), was dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Thompson to five years in prison, three years of extended supervision and five years of probation.

• Cheri D. Hoffman, 61, Watertown, pleaded no contest April 20 to two counts of forgery - uttering, two counts of misappropriating identification information, one count of simulating a legal process and four counts of bail jumping. Two counts of misappropriating identification information, one count of simulating a legal process and four counts of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Hoffman to 18 months in prison and three years of extended supervision.

• Brian L. St. Louis, 58, Mattoon, was charged April 21 with one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense). Kussel set a signature bond of \$500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for June 20.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

April 24

Deputies responded to 48 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; property theft on North Washington Street in the Town of Wescott; an ATV Problem on Tomahawk Lane in the Town of Washington; a threat on Spaulding Street in Tigerton.

April 23

Deputies responded to 29 calls, including trespassing on East State Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; an ATV Problem on County Road M in the Town of Richmond; a threat on Porter Road in the Town of Waukechon; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; bail jumping on West Walker Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor.

April 22

Deputies responded to 26 calls, including a domestic disturbance on South Ellms Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; bail jumping on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; a burglary attempt on Shady Lane in the Town of Washington; a disturbance on Pine Drive in the Town of Red Springs.

April 21

Deputies responded to 28 calls, including criminal damage on Weasel Dam Road in the Town of Grant; reckless driving on Main Street in Birnamwood; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a disturbance on state Highway 32 in the Town of Angelica; trespassing on Cedar Street in Tigerton; two crashes, one involving deer.

April 20

Deputies responded to 44 calls, including property theft on U.S. Highway 45 in Aniwa; a drug problem on Spaulding Street in Tigerton; a threat on Webb Street in Wittenberg; trespassing on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; a drug problem on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; a drug problem on South Schmidt Road in the Town of Red Springs; a disturbance on High Street in Birnamwood; one crash.

April 19

Deputies responded to 41 calls, including operating while intoxicated on state Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; a utility problem on Spruce Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; a fight in progress on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Valley Road in the Town of Hutchins; a weapons offense on Union Cemetery Road in the Town of Lessor; three crashes.

April 18

Deputies responded to 33 calls, including multiple gas drive-offs on South Cecil Street in Bonduel; harassment on Maple Leaf Circle in the Town of Belle Plaine; bail jumping on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a disturbance on County Road Z in Aniwa; three crashes, one involving a dog.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 24

Officers responded to 21 calls, including property theft on North Franklin Street; property theft at Amerivu Inn and Suites, 211 Waukechon St.; a drug offense on East Fifth Street; shoplifting at Goodwill Industries, 300 Lakeland Road.

April 23

Report was not provided by press time.

April 22

Officers responded to 22 calls, including disorderly conduct on South River Street; car property damage on East Randall Street.

April 21

Report was not provided by press time.

April 20

Officers responded to 17 calls, including a restraining order violation on West Picnic Street; a disturbance at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.

April 19

Officers responded to 23 calls, including property theft on South Lafayette Street; harassment at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; a fight in progress at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; multiple disorderly conduct calls at Shawano Community Middle School,

1050 S. Union St.; car property damage on South Cleveland Street; property theft on South Lincoln Street; a drug offense at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; a threat on Prospect Circle.

April 18

Officers responded to 28 calls, including disorderly conduct on South Hamlin Street; an assault at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; a disturbance at Coop Park, 1001 E. Richmond Street; a DNR violation at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; a disturbance on South Andrews Street; a disturbance on County Road B; harassment on South Franklin Street.

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County to purchase property in Shawano

\$105K expense to come from county's general fund

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Shawano County Board of Supervisors approved purchasing property in Shawano during its meeting on April 18.

The cost for the property, located at 205 W. Fourth St., is up to \$105,000. The money to be used for the purchase was recommended to come from the capital improvements program fund, but was later amended to use the money from the general fund.

"This is a future-ahead policy that this county needs to keep up with, because eventually, we are going to need additional property to use for expansion or whatever," said Supervisor Jerry Erdmann. "Let's not fall further behind than we already are."

Supervisor Ken Capelle, who is a part of the capital improvement projects committee, questioned why this issue was not presented to that committee at previous meetings.

"It was not part of the budget for 2023," said Finance Director Carrie Buntjer. "There is money set aside in the capital improvement program.

What we have done in years past is take 10% of all of the sales tax that comes in and move it into a fund that is needed for capital improvement program projects, so right now that fund has over \$1,000,000 in it without anything earmarked for future use."

Buntjer said that with that fund being used for capital improvement projects, money can be used for this purchase.

"We could pull the money out of that fund, which is for future capital projects — which this would be a capital purchase and that fits the definition of the fund," said Buntjer.

Erdmann said that years ago, the county board allocated so much money in the budget every year for land acquisition. Buntjer said that as she is looking back at past finances and that she did not see the fund that Erdmann was referring to.

"I do see notes from years past that there was \$250,000, but as I am putting out all of the funds and reconciling the balances, I do not see those funds anywhere for use," said Buntjer.

Administrative Coordinator Jim Davel said that the county had to put together a proposal for a purchase in five days. He added that if the county waits to purchase properties that come for sale, the expanded footprint of the county becomes restricted.

"One of the things that came up with the facilities assessment is

space to make some adjustments going forward," said Davel. "We talked about a library, we have talked about possible renovations, we have talked about the jail, the sheriff's department and some other things — what I would say is that (the capital improvements program fund) is our best recommendation in terms of where we believe the funding should come from."

Supervisor Randy Young said that, even though he agreed that the county needed to work quickly on this, the information should have still went through the CIP committee. Kautza agreed with Young on this.

"In general, we should not bypass committees that have involvement in this kind of thing," said Young.

Davel agreed, but said that he needed to make a recommendation for the county going forward quickly without making the purchase.

"We can disagree where the funding is coming from, but I am adamant that you should purchase this property," said Davel.

In reference to the account that Erdmann had mentioned for capital improvements, Davel said that that account does not exist anymore and could have been cut up and moved across the checkbook register years ago.

"The accounts are not clearly labeled, so we have to go into the system and piece together the puzzle," said Davel. "Especially with

the executive committee, we are honest brokers about where we are at with the money — this was our best recommendation and we found it appropriate."

Kautza made a motion to withdraw the funding needed from the general fund as opposed to the capital improvements program fund.

Supervisor Kathy Luebke questioned why the money has to come from the general fund when Buntjer said that more than \$1 million was available to use.

"I am not saying that we should take it away from there, I am just saying that we should follow up front with the committees," said Young.

Buntjer reiterated that the county should take the money from the capital improvement program fund, due to this purchase fitting the bill of what that funding is used for.

Supervisor Rick Giese said that the county should take the money from the general fund, then have the capital improvements committee meet and decide if they should replenish the general fund with that money.

The board agreed to amend the resolution to take money from the general fund by a 19-2 vote with Luebke and Capelle dissenting. The board also agreed to pass the resolution as amended by a unanimous vote.

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JAMES DAVEL, Shawano County administrative coordinator

Another status conference scheduled for Bahr

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A Cecil man who allegedly led police on a chase through woods in Shawano County was back in court April 21 for a scheduling conference.

Tracy A. Bahr, 39, was charged Aug. 10, 2022, with one count of failing to comply with an officer's attempt to take him into custody, two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of THC (greater than 1,000 grams), 22 counts of bail



TRACY BAHR

jumping, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, three misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and seven misdemeanor counts of bail jumping.

Those charges came after Bahr allegedly fled police on an ATV with a firearm at a residence in Pulaski. Law enforcement was allegedly trying to bring him into custody on a previous case.

During his scheduling conference, Bahr appeared in person, with attorney Chris Froelich appearing over Zoom.

"I am not sure if the matter was going to be set for a preliminary hearing," said Froelich. "I can tell you that I talked to Mr. Bahr this morning before court — I have been sending him letters and they have come back, so I am not sure if he has received my correspondence."

Bahr confirmed his address with Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr., before realizing that Froelich has not been including Bahr's apartment number when sending letters.

"I haven't (gotten any letters) — there is multiple apartments at that address, as it is an apartment complex," said Bahr.

Bahr continued on and updated his address and phone number with Kussel, before asking Froelich what he wants the next step to be.

"I would like to have another status (conference), so I can talk further with Mr. Bahr," said Froelich. "I am coming to Shawano on Monday so I can make it a little easier for him."

Kussel scheduled a status conference for June 9 at 1:30 p.m.

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Barnyard Estates plan needs volunteers

Promote Pulaski hoping to build community facility with family farm values

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Most barns house animals, but the proposed Barnyard Estates has other plans for its barn building that could provide some vibrancy to the village of Pulaski.

However, to make the concept a reality requires volunteers with a vision, and Promote Pulaski is looking for volunteers from Pulaski and surrounding communities to help with that goal. Barnyard Estates has been in the development phase since the end of 2020, but it's going to require more people to move the idea forward, according to Tammy Brzezowski.

Although the village has its special activities that bring in tourism — Pulaski Polka Days being one of the big ones — Brzezowski said that Pulaski is, by and large, a bedroom community, and the Barnyard Estates is something that could really make it stand out. Barnyard Estates, when completed, will be a place where community, businesses and families can come together under one roof, she said, much like the barn on a family farm does.

"I have a little sketch that I made 17 years ago, so I've always had this on the back of my mind," Brzezowski said. "Basically, what prompted it is that I came from a family farm, and I'm very involved in Pulaski and the history over here with the historical society. I love the concept of a family farm, and these farms, we're losing a lot of them."

With family farms, all members of the family come together to do the work, Brzezowski noted, and often the farm's neighbors come in to lend a helping hand. Her goal for Barnyard Estates is to do something similar, even without the animals and farm tools.

"This will be self-supporting everybody that's in there," Brzezowski said. "There would be (space) for community and for non-profits. One of the things we talked about was a shared kitchen for hosting educational (activities) and also Polish (events), because we're in Pulaski and want to promote tourism."

Many people conduct business out of their homes, according to Brzezowski, which does not



A concept drawing for Barnyard Estates shows what the building could look like once it's completed. Promote Pulaski has developed the idea, but more community-minded volunteers are needed to bring it from concept to reality.

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always produce the ideal environment for when they want to meet their clients face-to-face. Barnyard Estates would provide space for those business owners to meet people in a place that looks professional, she said.

"Even for safety reasons, people don't like to do (business) things in their house," Brzezowski said. "That was one thing that was important to the (Promote Pulaski) committee."

Barnyard Estates would also serve as a recreation center for the community. Brzezowski said that miniature bowling lanes are something that is being discussed, but there will be a variety of activities for both adults and children.

"There will be a commons area where we can bring in vendors or have a pop-up store where people can go to these little food places that we have in there," Brzezowski said. "It's bringing people together."

Another need that Barnyard Estates will provide is indoor rental space for community activities such as wedding receptions and birthday parties, according to Brzezowski.

"That's a community thing and a family thing," she said, noting that Promote Pulaski is also working with Pulaski Area Community Edu-

cation to host classes at Barnyard Estates, taking some pressure off the schools.

Promote Pulaski already has one food vendor, the Prince of Pierogi based in Ephraim, which wants to expand the Polish-themed eatery to Pulaski. Even with the village being named after a famous Polish general who fought and died during the Revolutionary War, Brzezowski pointed out that there are no Polish-themed restaurants in Pulaski.

"That would bring people in" with the same enthusiasm that Pulaski Polka Days does in the summer and Casimir Pulaski Days does in March, according to Brzezowski.

Currently, Promote Pulaski is looking at space behind Pulaski Village Hall to build Barnyard Estates, but nothing has been firmed up beyond concept drawings. Final plans and cost estimates are something that the new committee would need to determine, and that, according to Brzezowski, is why volunteers are needed.

"We have a board of directors for Promote Pulaski, but one of things that we know is that this project is going to take some time, and it's going to take some energy," Brzezowski said. "Not everybody

on the board wants to be on the steering committee, so we are looking for some energetic people who could help us with the fundraising and project awareness to businesses as far as sponsorships and their stake in this community project."

Brzezowski is eager to see the Barnyard Estates go from concept to reality, believing it will help Pulaski shed the image of being a suburb of Green Bay and help the village come into its own as a community.

"I think it's going to keep businesses in Pulaski," Brzezowski said. "It's going to help businesses grow. It's going to help the small businesses, and our focus really is on the small businesses with the family farm. Right now, it's difficult to own a business. Leases are going up. I think this will help the small businesses and people who want to start up a business — caterers that have no place to go, food trucks that need to have a base location."

Anyone who would like to volunteer or get details on Barnyard Estates can contact Brzezowski at 920-822-4450 or promotepulaski@gmail.com. A video with more detailed information can be found at www.thebarnyardestates.com.

SAVVY SENIOR

Online dating has options for elders

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you recommend some good online dating apps or sites for retirees? I'm a 66-year-old widow and would like to find a new friend to spend time with, but don't know where to turn.

Cautious Carol

Dear Carol:

Whether you're interested in dating again or just looking for a friend to spend time with, online dating sites and apps have become an easy and convenient way for older adults to meet new single people without ever having to leave home.

To make things even easier, most sites today use matchmaking algorithms that factor in your interests and preferences so they can steer you to matches that are best suited for you. Here are some other tips to help you get started:

- Choose a site: There are dozens of different matchmaking websites and apps available today, so choosing can be a bit confusing. While many



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sites offer free trials or watered-down free content, finding out the price can be difficult until you register and provide some information. In general, viewing complete profiles and messaging potential dates will require a monthly fee, which can range anywhere between \$10 and \$40 per month.

Some top mainstream sites/apps that are popular among older adults are eHarmony.com, Match.com and OKCupid.com. If, however, you're interested in more age specific sites, some great options are OurTime.com or SilverSingles.com.

If you have a specific kind of person you'd like to meet, there are dozens of niche sites like: EliteSingles.com for educated professionals; ChristianMingle.com

for Christian singles; BLK-app.com for black singles; JSwipeApp.com for Jewish singles; and Facebook.com/dating for people who love Facebook.

- Create a profile: When you join a matchmaking site, you'll need to create a personality profile that reflects who you are, including recent photos, hobbies, interests, favorite activities and more. If you need some help, sites like ProfileHelper.com can write one for you for a fee.

- Practice caution: When you register with a site, you remain anonymous. No one gets access to your personal contact information until you decide to give it out, so be prudent to whom you give it. Before meeting, you should chat on the phone or video chat a few times, and when you do meet in person for the first time, meet in a public place or bring a friend along. If someone asks for money or your financial information, don't give it out. Online dating/sweetheart scams are rampant so be very cautious.

- Be skeptical: In an effort to get more responses, many people will exaggerate or flat out lie in their profiles, or post pictures that are 10 years old or 20 pounds lighter. So, don't believe everything you see or read.

- Make an effort: A lot of times, people — especially women — sit back and let others come to them. Don't be afraid to make the first move. When you find someone you like, send a short note that says, "I really enjoyed your profile. I think we have some things in common." Keep it simple.

- Don't get discouraged: If you don't get a response from someone, don't let it bother you. Just move on. There are many others that will be interested in you and it only takes one person to make online dating worthwhile.

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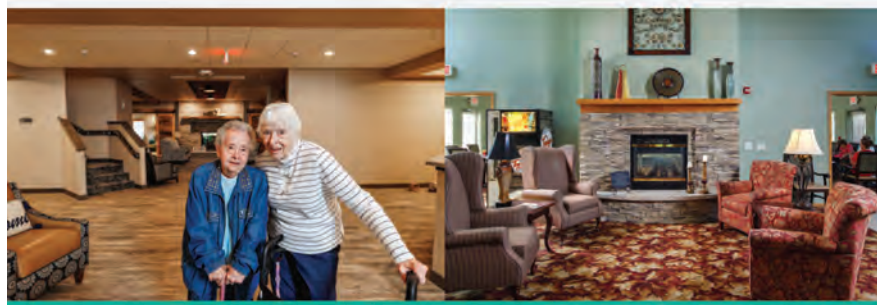

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St. James cleans parks for 150th anniversary

Volunteers help to prepare Shawano facilities for warmer months

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The St. James Lutheran Church continued its program of community events to celebrate its 150th anniversary on April 22.

Throughout 2023, the church has a variety of events involving the Shawano community to not only celebrate the anniversary, but to also stay involved in the community and share the history of St. James. On April 22, that continued at Woodlawn Cemetery and Franklin Park. Many volunteers joined in to help clean the area up and prepare them for the coming spring and summer months.

"Today, we are having what we call Mission Shawano, and that is our 150th anniversary at St. James — it is kind of our way of giving back to the community," said St. James Lutheran School Principal David Kaiser. "For me it is all about service and letting Shawano know that nothing has changed in 150 years."

Out of the various events that will occur through the year, led by St. James officials, this was the event that Kaiser wanted to head.

"We are a part of this community, we love this community and I wanted to make sure that we had something organized that the smallest, little one-year-olds all the way up to the seasoned, older Lutherans could take part in," said Kaiser. "Today is clean up — today is anything from sticks to branches to mulching — we just want to make sure that this all gets cleaned up for when spring and summer hit."

Kaiser said encouraging and including volunteers of all different ages is a sign of thriving church.

"Everyone can take part," said Kaiser. "Everyone has a part of ministry and anybody can come out here and pick up sticks. It helps us with the idea of continuing to be a family in Christ."



Volunteers help to lay fresh mulch around landscaping and plants at Franklin Park on April 22. These volunteers were just one group who joined St. James Lutheran Church in helping to clean up and make public areas ready for the upcoming warmer months.

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Former Shawano County Fair Board President Dale Hodkiewicz was one of the volunteers at Woodlawn Cemetery who helped to rake leaves and pick up sticks.

"Someday I might be living here," joked Hodkiewicz, on why he is helping out. "No, it is just a community thing and I said why not. It needs to be done and I wanted to help out for the respect of the people that are here. People want to come and visit their loved ones and you don't want the place looking like a pigsty."

Now that Hodkiewicz is no longer working with the fair or the race-track, he said that he enjoys having more time to get out into the community and help with projects like this.

"This is something that I would like to do in the future," said Hodkiewicz. "You had 50 people show up today to help out at different parks, so you can't beat that. It is just a couple hours on a Saturday morning."

Tim Bierbaum, who is on the St. James Board of Directors and helped to clean Woodlawn Cemetery, called it an awesome feeling to see 50 people volunteer their time to assist in this initiative.

"We weren't expecting quite that many and we would obviously love to have more — it really is an awesome thing to see this many people out here," said Bierbaum. "Doing hands-on stuff is part of what I really like to do and yes I want to be out in the community, so that the community can see us as a church being active in the community and really caring about everyone."

Even though Woodlawn Cemetery and parks around Shawano aren't specifically St. James', Bierbaum said that does not matter, because he wants to stick with the theme of being active in the community.

"These parks are for the whole community," said Bierbaum. "It is a really good feeling. I love being out-

side — it is just wonderful being outside. I would recommend that people come out and do something like this. It is one of the easiest ways for people to step out and get involved in service, without having to commit to a whole bunch of time."

In terms of other events that fit into St. James' 150th year anniversary, Kaiser said that the church has hosted a kickoff Sunday service in January and an Octogenarian Dinner on April 15.

"We honored some very special people who are 80 years or older and they were proud enough to claim that," said Kaiser. "They had a great presentation about the church's history and our theme for the whole entire anniversary is telling generations. That is what we want to do. We want to make sure that future generations know that these are things that we do around here."

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"These parks are for the whole community. It is a really good feeling."

TIM BIERBAUM, member of St. James Lutheran Church Board of Directors

SATURDAY				MORNING / AFTERNOON																		APRIL 29	
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ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	Good Morning America (N)		8 Good Morning America (N) 2 Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		9 Wildlife 2 Good Morn.	9 oh baby! (N)	9 Hearts of 2 Wildlife	9 Vets-Pets (N) 2 oh baby! (N)	2023 NFL Draft Rounds 4-7 A panel of analysts who break down teams' picks in the 2023 draft. (N) (Live)														
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	9 Mission 7 (6:00) CBS Sat	9 Hope in the Wild (N)	9 CBS Sat (N) 7 Lucky Dog (N)	7 Innovation (N)	7 Mission Unstop-able (N)	7 Hope in the Wild (N)	Lucky Dog	Did I Mention Invention? (N)	9 Outdoors 7 Paid..	Paid Programming	Rodeo The American Rodeo and Western Weekend Highlights (N)				PGA Tour Golf Mexico Open at Vidanta, Third Round From Vidanta Vallarta in Vallarta, Mexico. (N) (Live)				Paid Programming	CBS Weekend News (N)			
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Planet 11 (6:00) News (N)	55 Space "Space Firsts"	55 Life 2.0	55 Sci Q	55 Paid Prog. 11 Life 2.0	55 Paid Programming 11 Sci Q	55 Paid Prog. 11 Health	55 Paid Programming	Paid Programming	55 Paid Prog. 11 Sports	55 Big Bang 11 Greatest	MLS Soccer Atlanta United FC at Nashville SC From GEODIS Park in Nashville, Tenn. (N) (Live)				MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Miami Marlins From loanDepot Park in Miami. (N) (Live)							
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 Today 12 (6:00) Today	12 906 Outdoors	12 Today's Homeowner (N)	26 Paid-Prog. 12 Ro..	Earth Odyssey (N)	Wild Child (N)	Play It "New Team-mates" (N)	One Team "A Parent's Love" (N)	26 Paid Prog. 12 Voyager	26 Premier League Soccer 12 To Be Announced			DRL Drone Racing		Motorcycle Racing Monster Energy Supercross: Nashville From Nissan Stadium in Nashville, Tenn. (N) (Live)				Paid Programming	NBC Nightly News (N)			
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	Wild Kratts "Let the Rhinos Roll!"	Curious George	Work It Out Wombats!	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Best of Sewing With Nancy	Quilting Arts "Paint and Dye"	Garden "Choosing the Correct Plant"	Woodsmith "Two Clever Router Jigs"	Essential Pépin "Sweets for My Sweet"	Lidia's Kitchen "Update the Classics"	Project Fire "The Pac-Rim Grill"	Cook "Never Enough Chocolate"	America's Test Kitchen "French Pastries"	Milk Street "Pasta Secrets"	Sara's "Mouth of the South"	Pati's Mexican Table José Andrés	This Old House	Ask This Old House	John McGive "Escanaba, Michigan"	Weekends "The Enthusiasts"	The Lawrence Welk Show "200 Years of American Music -- Part II"		
32 WACY 46 WTPX	Hearts of Bones	oh baby!	Building Bones	Makeov..	Relief	Outdoo..	Theft	Bensi..	World's	World's	SOS		SailKin..	Saltwat..	SaltWat..	Fishing	Heartland		ModFam	ModFam	Goldb..	Goldb..	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Outdoor 34 Pop-star!	14 Paid Prog. 34 MyPil-low	Jack Hanna's Into the Wild	Jack Hanna's Into the Wild	Jack Hanna's Into the Wild	Jack Hanna's Into the Wild	Pet Vet Dream Team	Tails of Valor	14 Science 34 Live Life	14 Paid Prog. 34 MyPil-low	LIV Golf League Singapore, Day 2 From Sentosa Golf Club in , Central Singapore, Singapore. (N) (Live)										14 Last Man 34 Burgers	14 Last Man 34 Burgers	

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ABC 8 WAOW 2 WBAY		8 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	8 Paid Prog. 2 Free Ent. "Forest Tee's Up Success"	NHL Hockey First Round: Teams TBA The latest hockey action from across the NHL. (N) (Live)						8 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	9 (35) Weird Earth 2 (35) Investigate TV	2 (05) The Song "Darius Rucker - Part 1" Guests Darius Rucker	8 (35) Storm of 2 (35) Opry (N)		
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW		6 Local 5 News at 6:00 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Discover Wisconsin (N) 7 Inside Edition Weekend (N)	True Lies		CSI: Vegas "The Painted Man" A mannequin prop turns out to be a real dead body.		48 Hours		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	6 (35) H2O X5 Steam Cleaner 7 (35) Project Pitchlt	6 (05) Friends 7 (05) The Song Darius Rucker	6 (35) Friends 7 (35) Opry (N)		
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK		USFL Football Memphis Showboats vs. Houston Gamblers From Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium in Memphis, Tenn. (N) (Live)						55 Big Bang "The Separation Triangulation" 11 News (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Seinfeld	Farmer Wants a Wife "Is There Room for One More?" One lady decides to leave right after her date.		55 S.W.A.T. "Contamination" 11 Jeopardy!	11 Wheel of Fortune		
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Elite Money Market Update	26 MyPillow Bed 12 Wheel of Fortune	★★ The Fate of the Furious ("17) Dwayne Johnson, Charlize Theron, Vin Diesel. Members of the crew spring into action when a mysterious woman forces Dom to betray them all.						26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 (N)	Saturday Night Live				
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE		The Carol Burnett Show Guests: Tim Conway and "Mama" Cass Elliott.		Shakespeare and Hathaway – Private Investigators "A Serpent's Tooth" Frank and Lu investigate a fatal accident in a carpet warehouse.		Maggie Murders on Masterpiece As Alan Conway is buried, Susan Ryeland gets help from an unexpected source.		Unforgotten on Masterpiece Cassie and Sunny decide to interview Peter, Chris, James and Tim about the rented holiday cottage.		Unforgotten on Masterpiece Cassie and Sunny get closer to the truth about Hayley's disappearance.		Midsomer Murders "The Curse of the Ninth: Part 1"	(45) Midsomer Murders "The Curse of the Ninth: Part 2"		
32 WACY		Family Feud	Two Men	Chicago Fire "A Heavy Weight"		Chicago "Wrong Side of the Bars"		Housewife	Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	S.W.A.T.		
46 WTPX		Law & Order: SVU "Service"		Law-SVU "Sunk Cost Fallacy"		Law-SVU "The Book of Esther"		Law & Order: SVU "Guardian"		Law & Order: SVU "Mama"		Law & Order: SVU "Remember Me"			
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		14 Big Bang 34 Good Dr	14 The Big Bang Theory "The Solo Oscillation"	Masters of "Bubbly Pop, Magic Tech, and the Impaler" (N)		Masters of Illusion		Totally Weird and Funny (N)	Totally Weird and Funny	14 The Rookie "Follow-Up Day" 34 Liquidator "Size Matters"	34 ★★★ Identity '03 Ray Liotta, Amanda Peet, John Cusack.	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 TMZ (N)	34 To the Rescue "Land of the Strays"	

SUNDAY			MORNING / AFTERNOON																		APRIL 30		
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ABC 8 WAOW 2 WBAY	Good Morning America (N)		8 This Week (N) 2 Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		9 Capitol 2 This Week	9 UpFront	8 Financial 2 UpFront	8 Coldwell 2 Hearts of	9 Wisconsin 2 Vets...	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams TBA All the latest basketball action from the NBA. (N) (Live)				NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams TBA All the latest basketball action from the NBA. (N) (Live)				ABC World News (N)	8 News 9 (N) 2 News (N)			
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	6 (5:30) News (N) 7 Sunrise	6 News-maker Sunday	CBS News Sunday Morning News, features, weather and commentary. (N)			Face the Nation (N)		6 Mass 7 Retirement	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	2023 Arnold Strongman Classic (N)		PBR Bull Riding Cooper Tires Invitational From Louisville, Ky. (N)		PGA Tour Golf Mexico Open at Vidanta, Final Round From Vidanta Vallarta in Vallarta, Mexico. (N) (Live)				CBS Weekend News (N)	6 Retire 7 News-Channel 7			
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Paid Prog. 11 (6:00) News (N)	55 Mountain Faith Living	55 FOX News Sunday (N)	11 Sharyl Attkisson	55 Invest. 11 Fox News (N)	55 Paid Programming	55 Paid Prog. 11 Retire	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	55 Sheldon 11 Paid Prog.	55 Sheldon 11 Paid Prog.	55 The Big Bang Theory...	55 Carcass	55 Music City Trucks	55 Power Nation Builds	USFL Football New Jersey Generals vs. Michigan Panthers From Ford Field in Detroit. (N) (Live)						
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N)		26 Meet Press 12 Athlete	12 Paid Programming	26 Know 12 Meet Press	26 Paid Programming	26 Wisconsin 12 R.	Paid Programming	USFL Football Pittsburgh Maulers vs. Philadelphia Stars From Ford Field in Detroit. (N) (Live)				IndyCar Series Pre-Race (N) (Live)		IndyCar Racing Children's Of Alabama Indy Grand Prix From Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Ala. (N) (Live)			IndyCar Series (N) (Live)	26 News (N) 12 Paid Prog.	NBC Nightly News (N)			
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	Wild Kratts "The Blue and the Gray"	Curious George	Work It Out Wombats!	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Washington Week	Firing Line With Margaret Hoover	Here and Now	Market to Market	Midsomer "The Curse of the Ninth: Part 1"	(45) Midsomer Murders "The Curse of the Ninth: Part 2"	World's Greatest Cemeteries	Shakespeare and Hathaway -- Private Investigators "A Serpent's Tooth"		Magpie Murders on Masterpiece		Perform. "Now Hear This : Albeniz: Portraits of Spain" David Russell		International Jazz Day From the United Nations		Wisconsin Home Town Stories: Appleton			
32 WACY 46 WTPX	Pets.TV	Wonde..	PaidPro..	Jeffress	Outback	Wildlife	Rock..	Ocean..	Midwes..	Know	The List	Broadw..	Kickin It: Byron		The Good Doctor		Good Dr "Believe"		ModFam	ModFam	FamFe..	FamFe..	
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ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Rookie "Under Siege" The team suffers a series of close calls. (N) (SF)		The Rookie: Feds "Red One" An internal investigation unit agent is buried alive. (N) (SF)		Will Trent "A Bad Temper and a Hard Heart" Will realizes the answers he seeks are in front of him. (N) (SF)		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(35) Nightline (N)
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	FBI "Fortunate Son" Nina goes to Scola with a proposal he is hesitant to accept.		FBI: International		FBI: Most Wanted "Appeal" Three prosecutors are assassinated outside a bar.		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		(35) The Late Late Show With James Corden
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang "The Helium Insufficiency" 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	9-1-1: Lone Star "Donors" Owen's brother Robert comes to visit and meet T.K. (N)		Accused "Jessie's Story" A teenager is desperate to find her biological father. (N)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Old Man"	55 Seinfeld "The Chaperone" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man 11 (:05) King	55 Goldbergs 11 (35) King
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	28 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Wheel of Fortune" (N)	Night Court "The Honorable Dan Fielding" (N)	Lopez vs Lopez "Lopez vs Bucket Crabs" (N)	The Wall "Bria and Matt" Married couple Matt and Bria go head-to-head with the wall. (N)		Weakest Link "You Two Are So Cute, It Makes Me Sick" Contestants play trivia and vote each other off one by one. (N)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(35) Late Night With Seth Meyers
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Finding Your Roots "Against All Odds" Andy Cohen and Nina Totenberg learn about their ancestors who had to fight to survive. Guests Andy Cohen, Nina Totenberg		My Grandparents' War "Emeli Sandé" Award-winning musician Emeli Sandé explores her grandparents' war stories. (N) (SF)		American Experience "Plague at the Golden Gate" The bubonic plague outbreak in San Francisco's Chinatown in 1900 and the hunt to find the source.				NOVA "Chasing Carbon Zero" Technologies that could help the U.S. achieve the goal of 100 percent zero carbon pollution by 2035.	
32 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud (N)	Two Men	Dateline "Dark Valley"		Chicago "Now Is Always Temporary"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
14 CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce (N)	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce	Superman & Lois "Forever and Always" Lois and Clark dig deeper on Bruno Mannheim. (N)		Gotham Knights "Bad to Be Good" Duella and Carrie seek answers about The Talon. (N)		14 Last Man 34 Liquidator	14 Seinfeld 34 Chicago	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish "R-E-S-P-E-C-T"	14 Last Man 34 black-ish	14 Sheldon 34 Family Guy	

WEDNESDAY												MAY 3
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Conners "The Grad Finale" (N) (SF)	The Goldbergs "Bev to the Future" (N) (F)	Not Dead Yet "Not a Fairytale Yet" (N)	Not Dead Yet "Not Just Yet" (N) (SF)	A Million Little Things "One Big Thing" Friends are reminded friendship is a million little things. (N) (F)		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(35) Nightline (N)
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	Survivor (N)		FBI "Family First" A shooting leads the team to an ex-Marine.		True Lies "Friendly Enemies" (N)		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		(35) The Late Late Show With James Corden
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang "The Spock Resonance" 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	The Masked Singer "Quarter Finals" The final four perform British Invasion-themed songs. (N)		Farmer Wants a Wife "Meet the Families" The guys visit the cities of the final ladies. (N)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Implant"	55 Seinfeld "The Big Salad" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man "Hal-loween" 11 (35) Seinfeld "The Implant"	55 Last Man 11 (:05) King	55 Goldbergs "Bill/Murray" 11 (35) King "Work Related"
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	28 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Wheel of Fortune" (N)	Chicago Med "Look Closely and You Might Hear the Truth" (N)		Chicago Fire "Take a Shot at the King" Boden, Kidd and more work to take down a local politician. (N)		Chicago P.D. "The Bleed Valve" Atwater's worlds collide after a shooting at his building. (N)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(35) Late Night With Seth Meyers
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Nature "Attenborough's Wonder of Song" Exploring seven animal songs found in nature and their significance in the lives of their species. (N)		NOVA "Saving the Right Whale" Specialists discover new secrets about the life of the North Atlantic right whale. (N)		Iconic America: Our Symbols & Stories "The Hollywood Sign" A real estate advertisement erected in 1923 becomes an international symbol of fame. (N)		Finding Your Roots "Against All Odds" Andy Cohen and Nina Totenberg learn about their ancestors who had to fight to survive. Guests Andy Cohen, Nina Totenberg		Rising Against Asian Hate: One Day in March	
32 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud (N)	Two Men	Dateline "Out There in the Dark"		Chicago P.D. "Thirty Balloons"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
14 CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce (N)	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce	The Flash "A New World, Part One" Khione continues to figure out her powers. (N)		Riverdale "Chapter One Hundred Twenty-Three: Peep Show" Mary turns to Uncle Frank to get Archie back on track. (N)		14 Last Man "Hal-loween" 34 Liquidator "Risky Business"	14 Seinfeld "The Big Salad" 34 Chicago P.D. "Thirty Balloons"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 National (N) 34 black-ish "Things Were Different Then"	14 Last Man "Ping-pong" 34 black-ish "North Star"	14 Sheldon 34 Family Guy "Meg and Quagmire"

THURSDAY												MAY 4
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Station 19 "Dirty Laundry" (N)		Grey's Anatomy "Come Fly With Me" Teddy calls a meeting to discuss the intern program. (N)		20/20		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(35) Nightline (N)
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Home Enhancement (N)	Sheldon "A New Weather Girl and a Stay-at-Home Coddler" (N)	Ghosts "Whodunnit" (N)	So Help Me Todd (N)		CSI: Vegas "Dead Memories" A man tells a story about a party with a fatal ending. (N)		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		(35) The Late Late Show With James Corden
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N) 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	Next Level Chef "Surf and Turf" The chefs must reimagine an old classic -- surf and turf. (N)		Animal Control (N) (SF)	Call Me Kat (N) (SF)	55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Pilot"	55 Seinfeld "The Pledge Drive" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man "Educating Boyd" 11 (35) Seinfeld "The Pilot"	55 Last Man 11 (:05) King	55 Goldbergs 11 (35) King
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	28 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Wheel of Fortune" (N)	Law & Order "Class Retreat" Cosgrove has a surprising connection to a murder victim. (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Debatable" Benson helps a student who is assaulted on a field trip. (N)		Law & Order: Organized Crime "Pareto Principle" The Feds call in Bell and Stabler to help with a murder. (N)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(35) Late Night With Seth Meyers
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Help! We Bought a Village A couple reopens their Italian hamlet for business; a restored medieval village is damaged.		Midsomer Murders "The Ghost of Causton Abbey: Part 1"	(45) Midsomer Murders "The Ghost of Causton Abbey: Part 2" Barnaby and Winter investigate the death of a man, found boiled to death at a new brewery.	World Greatest Cem "Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati"		Iconic America: Our Symbols & Stories "The Hollywood Sign" A real estate advertisement erected in 1923 becomes an international symbol of fame.		Nature "Attenborough's Wonder of Song" Exploring seven animal songs found in nature and their significance in the lives of their species.	
32 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud (N)	Two Men	Dateline "The Women & Dirty John"		Chicago P.D. "Conventions"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
14 CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce (N)	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce	Walker "It Writes Itself" The boys take a camping trip; the ladies plan a spa day. (N)		100 Days to Indy Predictably Unpredictable Andretti Autosport and Arrow McLaren come on strong. (N)		14 Last Man 34 Liquidator	14 Seinfeld "The Pledge Drive" 34 Chicago P.D. "Conventions"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish "Black Math"	14 Last Man 34 black-ish	14 Sheldon 34 Family Guy

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

SHAWANO: Dollars for Scholars "How Sweet It Is" Event, 6-8 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Dessert buffet and beverages. Tickets \$10 per person. Children 10 and under \$2. Tickets can be purchased at Charlie's County Market and the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce (cash only).

SHAWANO: "Twelve Angry Jurors," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Adults \$15, 18 and under \$10. Purchase tickets at shawanoarts.com.

OCONTO FALLS: "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, 7 p.m., Falls Area Performing Arts Center, 210 N. Farm Road. \$8 adults, \$5 students. Presented by Oconto Falls High School Drama Club.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

GILLET: Electronics Recycling Day and Car Wash, 9 a.m. to noon, Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22 West. Most items free to recycle; small fee for monitors, TVs, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, and AC units. Suggested car wash donation \$12. Hosted by Hillside Royal Rangers Boys'

Ministry with B3 Recycling Solutions of De Pere.

WITTENBERG: Spring Art Show Artists' Free Play X Show, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Juried art show. Photography, painting, printmaking, textiles, mixed media, etc.

SHAWANO: Big Brothers Big Sisters Fun for Kids Sake, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Franklin Park, 253 S. Washington St. Games and activities: cornhole toss, Plinko, yard dice toss, soda bowling, dizzy tee ball bat and more; raffle prizes and food and beverage trucks.

SHAWANO: American Legion Post 117 Nine-Pin Tournament, noon and 3 p.m., Lakeshore Lanes, 210 Airport Road. \$100 entry fee per five-person team. 50/50 raffles, bucket raffles and paddle wheel. Bowling Hotline 715-526-9300 or Phil Nelson 715-851-7552.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 30

SHAWANO: Zurko Outdoor Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$2.

WITTENBERG: Spring Art Show Artists' Free Play X Show, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Juried art show. Photography, painting, printmaking, textiles, mixed media, etc.

SHAWANO: "Twelve Angry Jurors," 2 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Adults \$15, 18 and under \$10. Purchase tickets at shawanoarts.com.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

SPRUCE: Pine Hill Cemetery Association annual meeting, 8 p.m., Town Hall, 9097 County Road B.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connections, 8-9 a.m., Beans and Books Espresso, 215 N. Main St.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

SHAWANO: Second annual Recovery

Celebration and Awareness Walk, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Family-friendly activities, live music, guest speakers, a Recovery Resource Fair, and a 1.25-mile Awareness Walk down Main Street. \$25 registration fee. Hosted by Leadership Shawano County Class of 2023, the Shawano County Drug Treatment Court Program and the Northwoods Recovery Center. www.leadershipshawanocounty.com/recoverywalk

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County Health and Safety Fair, 9 a.m. to noon, Oconto Falls Elementary School, 415 Marie Volk Drive. Demonstrations, exhibits, and hands-on activities.

CLINTONVILLE: Pre-Mother's Day Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aster Assisted Living, 38 N. Main St. Twenty local artisans and bake table.

SHAWANO: Mark Wood Breakout Tour, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Wood, from Trans-Siberian Orchestra, with Laura Kaye and Nathan Blake. Also featuring Shawano Middle and High Schools Choir and Orchestra. Tickets \$15 at shawanotheater.ludus.com

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FRIDAY						EVENING						MAY 5	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC 8 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Shark Tank (N)		20/20				9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(35) Nightline (N)	
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	5 Hometown Heroes (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	S.W.A.T. (N)		Fire Country "At the End of My Rope" Bode faces a hard decision that could have dire results. (N)		Blue Bloods "Fire Drill" (N)		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		(35) The Late Late Show With James Corden	
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N) 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown The Superstars of World Wrestling Entertainment do battle in elaborate, long-running rivalries. (N) (Live)				55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Pilot"	55 Seinfeld "The Chinese Woman" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man "The Dad Hat" 11 (05) King "Black List"	55 Goldbergs "Sixteen Candles" 11 (35) King "Better Camera"	
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Wheel of Fortune" (N) at 6 (N)	That's My Jam		Dateline NBC (N)				26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(35) Late Night With Seth Meyers	
PBS 20 WHRM 35 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Washington Week (N)	Here and Now (N)	Rebus "The First Stone" Rebus is drawn into church politics when the body of the moderate-elect is found.		(10) What to Do When Someone Dies After her husband dies under strange circumstances, a woman sets out to find the truth.	Independent Lens "Matter of Mind: My ALS" Three people face different paths as they live with ALS -- amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.		Mavis Staples 'I'll Take You There: An All-Star Concert Celebration			
32 WACY	Family Feud (N)	Two Men	Dateline "Trouble at the 7-11 Ranch"		Chicago P.D. "The Price We Pay"	My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)		Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom	
46 WTPX	Hawaii Five-0 "Wawahi moe'uhane"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ua'aihue"		Hawaii Five-0 "Poina'ole"	Hawaii Five-0 "La Po'ino"			Hawaii Five-0 "Powehiwehi"	Hawaii Five-0 "E'Imi Pono"			
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce (N)	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Magic Socks Big Time" Gabriella Lester; Howard Blackwell; Horret Wu.		Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Rachel Bloom 2" (N)	The Great American Joke Off Joe List, Luke Mones (N)	14 Last Man 34 Liquidator	14 Seinfeld "The Chinese Woman" 34 Chicago "The Price We Pay"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish "Gap Year"	14 Last Man 34 black-ish	14 Sheldon 34 Family Guy	

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Hoffman named Shawano council president

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Aldерwoman Lisa Hoffman is the new president for the Shawano Common Council.

The council held its reorganization meeting April 18, where the council swore in its members and determined who would serve on committees and commissions. The vote to make Hoffman president was unanimous, and she replaces Aldерwoman Sandy Steinke.

Hoffman's status as council president puts her in charge of council meetings whenever Mayor Bruce Milavitz cannot attend, and she will chair the key finance and personnel committees. Hoffman will also be a member of the city's plan commission and will represent the city of the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce board.

Steinke will remain on the finance and personnel committees for the city, as well as the industrial and commercial development committee and the city representative for the Wolf River Treatment Plant.

Alderman Brad Keuschel will serve on the field committee, the third key committee for the city. He will also serve on the board for the Business Improvement District board and the Shawano Municipal Utility commission.

Alderman Jim Hauer will serve on the joint city-county transportation board, the Shawano County Arts Council and the board for Shawano



Shawano City Clerk Lesley Nemetz, left, gives the oath of office to council members, from left, Brad Keuschel, Kevin Barkow and Sandy Steinke during the council's annual meeting on April 18.

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Alderman Kevin Barkow will serve on the finance committee, the personnel committee and the park and recreation commission.

Alderman John Hoeffs will serve on the field committee, the Shawano Municipal Utility commission, the city's senior citizens commission, and the board for the Shawano

City Housing Authority.

Keuschel, Barkow and Steinke were sworn in for a new term, with each running unopposed for election earlier in the year.

Shawano County supports Pelican River Forest

Located in three counties, the Pelican River Forest contains Wolf River headwaters

By LUKE REIMER
Reporter

The Shawano County Board unanimously voted in favor of calling for the establishment of the Pelican River Forest.

The Pelican River Forest is a 70,000-acre working forest in Oneida, Langlade and Forest counties and is at the headwaters of the Wolf River. Establishing the Pelican River Forest would protect the area to preserve outdoor recreational space and working forest for economic growth in the future.

"Resolutions are a point of view," said Supervisor Joe Miller. "Sha-

wano County wants to support that project to see that Pelican River Forest and all those acres set aside for public use."

If the forest were to be established, it would become public land, keeping it protected from outside companies using and contaminating the land. With the the area containing the headwaters of the Wolf River, establishing this should protect Shawano County, which runs down stream, from anything artificial in the water.

"There is stewardship for clean water and protections that come available that are not available if it is not protected," said Miller. "In es-

sence it becomes state, public land."

Miller said opposition to establishing the Pelican River Forest is coming from mining companies and those with mining interests.

"They can sugarcoat it all they want, saying it is individuals, townships, but that can all be mitigated," said Miller. "Those townships can sit down and are afforded the opportunity to meet with and have their concerns vetted. The Department of Natural Resources in Wisconsin can see that and those concerns now could be mitigated and we could be garnering more support."

Miller said that he thought it was in Shawano County's best interest to

show support for this.

"I think we want to protect anything that we can, because the Wolf River is our main artery," said Miller. "If the mining industry is successful in obtaining a permit for an open pit mine in those geographics, there is a potential environmental hazard with that industry."

He said that environmental impact would be devastating should there be a leak or an environmental disaster.

"It can happen at a moments notice, like a severe storm, which can effect us as we are downstream of the Wolf River," said Miller.

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Shawano schools looking at bus proposals

District also considers returning to double routes as cost saving measure

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano School Board will soon be deciding if it wants to keep Kobussen Buses as its transportation company for the next few years or if it wants to chart a new road with Lamers Bus Lines.

Kobussen's proposal submitted to the district offers the district a base rate of \$234.58 per bus for the first run of the day, with additional runs or shuttles being \$41.40. The proposal also provides a \$1.40 cost per mile for miles over 60 miles per day per route.

Midday routes with Kobussen would cost the district \$63.11 per bus per day, plus the \$1.40 cost per mile if the routes go over 30 miles.

The proposal also is asking the district to pay \$24.07 per hour for an attendant on the bus, with a minimum of 1½ hours. When it comes to busing teams to events or classrooms on field trips, Kobussen is asking for \$25.65 per hour and an additional \$1.40 per mile with an \$80 minimum charge and \$80 for any cancellations.

The prices are expected to change annually based on the National Consumer Price Index, with adjustments being no less than 2%.

Lamers' proposal asks for an annual base cost of \$41,000 for up to 173 days

of service, along with a surcharge of \$1.95 to \$2.20 per mile depending on the number of routes established. The base cost would increase to \$43,077 in the 2024-25 school year and \$45,240 in 2025-26, with the mile surcharges also increasing.

Summer school routes would be \$237 per day plus \$1.50 per mile, and after school late runs and midday routes would cost \$69 per day per route plus \$1.50 per mile.

For extracurriculars and athletics, Lamers is proposing \$24 per hour per driver, with a minimum trip charge of \$88 during non-peak times and \$149 for peak times.

Lamers' fee for bus attendants would be \$22 per hour, with a 2-hour minimum charge.

Superintendent Kurt Krizan told the board at its April 17 meeting that Lamers was looking to be the bus vendor for the next seven years, while Kobussen is seeking a five-year term. Lamers is offering up to 20 routes, he said, while Kobussen is currently providing 17 routes to the district, plus two special education routes.

"Lamers is offering pricing for fuel into their bid, whereas we've always contracted separately with Kobussen," Krizan said. "Right now, we're at \$43.64 per bus per day (for fuel)."

With the new contract, the district is also looking at returning to double routes, according to Krizan, where the elementary schools would start at one time and the middle and high schools at another time instead of having all grades ride the same bus and all of the

schools starting and ending at similar times.

"For both of those proposals, if we went back to that, we would see a reduction in the number of routes," Krizan said, noting the district pays about \$320 per day per route. "We would be saving about six routes."

The double-route system would require almost an hour difference between the start times of the elementary and secondary schools, Krizan said, with a recommendation that the higher grades start school at 7:30 a.m. and the lower grades starting at 8:20 or 8:30 a.m. The single-route system was established in 2018 after scientific research was presented showing that older students need more sleep in the mornings to perform better in school.

Krizan noted that some of the high school students are complaining about the loss of school time with a later schedule, especially those who must travel to athletic events or other activities before the school day is done.

"We really need to figure out what the impact's going to be on our families and take a look at the options for us," Krizan said.

Board member Mart Grams noted that having the older students in school early could mean the younger siblings are home alone if parents have to be at work. He also cited the research that a later start time is better for older student performance.

"Little kids handle very well that 7:30 or 8 o'clock (start time)," Grams said. "That research has been out there for decades, but schools ignore it because sports are more important than children."

Krizan noted the timing of double routes would be dicey either way, because if the elementary students started school first, they would also end first and potentially be home alone after school because the middle and high school students are in school for another hour.

The district plans to survey parents on their preferences before bringing the proposals back to the board for a final vote.

Krizan said that Lamers currently offers wi-fi on its buses while Kobussen currently does not but is looking into it.

"I think we have two good proposals here," Krizan said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Smurfs' help Janet win Supreme Court election

To the editor:

Do you know what a "Smurf" is? (Hint: I'm not talking about little cartoon characters.)

"Smurfs" is the term being applied to older Democrats whose names are being attached to high numbers of small donations to Democratic fundraisers, especially ActBlue.

Though individual donations are about the size of currency exchange differences, the sheer number of donations (a man in Wisconsin allegedly made 8,000 donations, and another 11,000 over seven years) from each "Smurf" results in election contributions of several thousand to

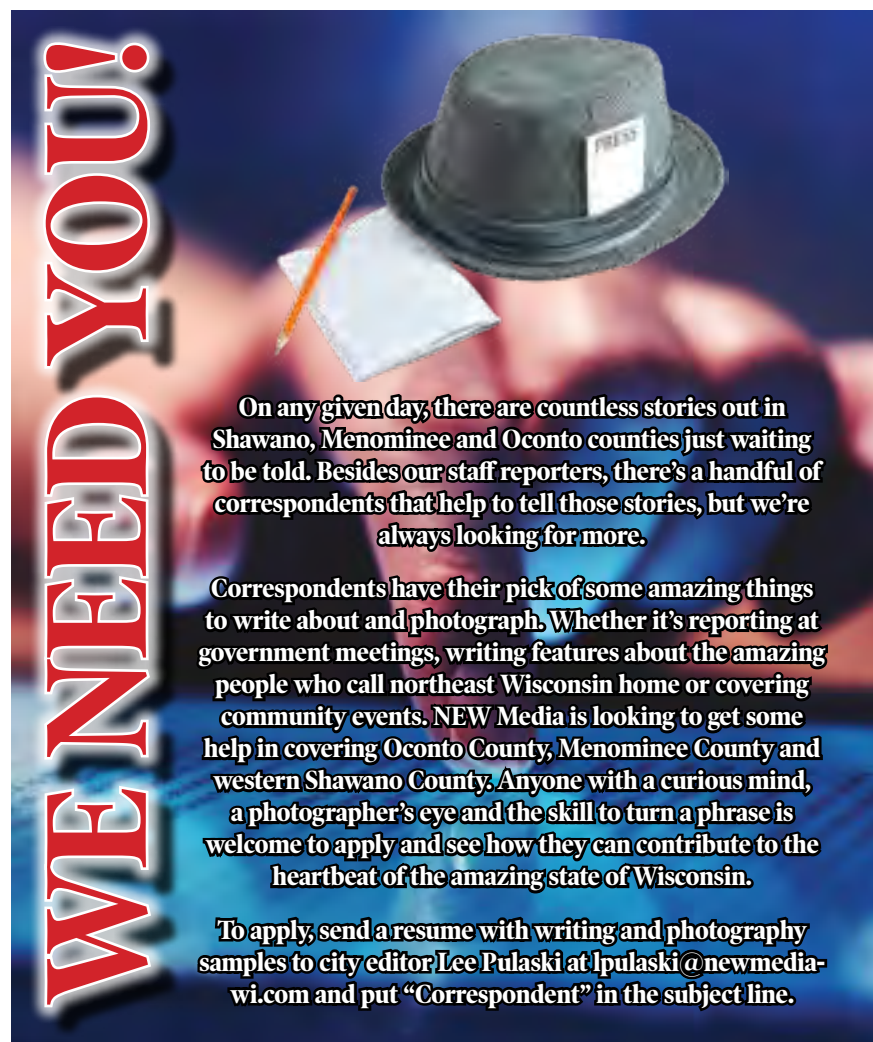
over \$200,000 from each "Smurf."

Most of these "Smurfs" are retired and unemployed, so where are they getting six figures to donate to political causes? In fact, over half of the contributors to ActBlue (around \$346 million) in 2019 were found to allegedly be from people claiming to be unemployed — and who denied that they sent more than a dozen contributions a year.

If you're wondering why this is important, then here's another trivia question for you: Guess who was one of the biggest recipients of this "Smurf money" (to the tune of \$4.7 million)? "Janet for Justice," Janet Protasiewicz's campaign.

One more question: Anybody still think we have "fair" elections in Wisconsin?

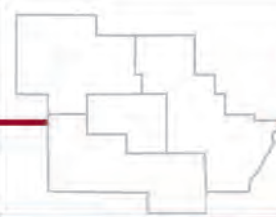
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Spaghetti served for a good cause



Visitors to Chet and Emil's, 388 Main Street in Birnamwood, were treated to a spaghetti dinner on April 23 to help raise funds for the Birnamwood Lions Club.

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Boy Scouts Roman Johnson, left, and Dustin Yaeger fill up their plates with spaghetti, marinara sauce and salad as they take a break from bussing tables to enjoy lunch at Chet and Emil's on April 23.

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Boy scout members walk through the aisles in the dining hall at Chet and Emil's in Birnamwood to clean away plates of food and silverware during the Birnamwood Lions Club spaghetti dinner fundraiser on April 23.

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Birnamwood Lions Club member John Rew, right, hands out raffle and 50/50 tickets to those sitting down to eat during the club's spaghetti dinner at Chet and Emil's on April 23.

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BOOKS AND STUFF

'Lives Apart' opens a sprawling Irish saga

Anne M. McLoughlin's "Lives Apart" is the first book in her An Irish Family Saga. In the years following the potato famine, Patrick and Mary Ann MacNamara made a successful farm in County Kerry.

Life wasn't easy with 10 children to feed and care for, but they had no complaints. But things changed when Patrick died suddenly leaving the oldest son, Art, to run the farm.

That tragedy gave the second oldest, Hugh, the courage to leave for America to seek his fortune. It didn't take him long to establish a successful grocery store in Boston, marry the beautiful Margaret and have two sons.

At 16 Johanna emigrates and joins her much older brother. She is immediately welcomed by the very pregnant Margaret and hired as the live-in nanny. She quickly adjusts to her new life and loves caring for the boys.

Sadly, Margaret passes away soon after giving birth to twins. Johanna does her best to care for the children but often feels overwhelmed. It breaks her heart to see the way grief completely shuts down her already quiet brother. Instead of showering his children with attention, Hugh



JAN JONES

retreats into work.

About that time Johanna gets to know one of the store employees, Matthew Clarey. Mattie is sweet, funny, and caring and soon they make

plans to marry. Their courting and impending marriage finally forces Hugh to spend more time with the children.

The Clarey family quickly includes three little girls. Mattie adores his girls and Johanna has never been happier. Johanna enjoys working Saturdays at the store, but knows they need to hire.

She convinces Hugh to bring one of their brothers from Ireland. DeClan was an angry, difficult child who has grown to be a sneering, demanding young man. He resents working in the warehouse and staying in the Clarey's spare room.

It doesn't take him long to fall in with some local toughs who hang around the warehouse and ask

AT A GLANCE

Book: Lives Apart (An Irish Family Saga, Book 1)

Author: Anne M. McLoughlin

Publisher: Poolbeg Press

Year published: 2020

Number of pages: 330

questions about how Hugh does his banking. One morning they try to rob Hugh and Mattie. Mattie is killed in the melee. Johanna's grief is multiplied because she just knows that DeClan must have been involved.

The killers are convicted and DeClan sentenced as an accomplice. He serves his sentence silently blaming everyone else for his dilemma. The only thing that saves him is the visits from Father Larry. The priest sees some promise in the angry young man and works hard to get DeClan to take responsibility for all that has happened.

When he does, Father Larry sends DeClan to work in a huge homeless shelter in San Francisco. The city is in shambles following the recent earthquake. Seeing the hopelessness and loss firsthand triggers DeClan to not just feed them, but find other ways to help those shattered people.

Unbeknownst to Johanna, Hugh visits DeClan and is amazed at the change in the man. The visit also opens something in Hugh. His children are all on their own. He realizes that he misses Ireland and his family. All 10 MacNamara children are long grown. Some live close by while others have gone off into the wider world.

His decision is made when he learns of his mother's death. Soon he and Johanna arrive in Kerry. They both realize that while much has changed, the bond of family is as strong as ever. They also begin to understand the importance of forgiveness – for others and for themselves. They return to Boston with renewed determination to love and be loved. That love can then be shared in many worthy places and in many ways.

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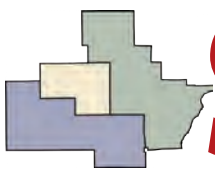
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Shawano's Macey Krueger makes a throw to first base during a doubleheader against Menasha on April 22 in Shawano.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Hawks come up short in doubleheader

Shawano swept by Menasha

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School softball team dropped a pair of Bay Conference games to Menasha during a doubleheader on April 22 in Shawano.

Shawano dropped game one 10-5 and game two 7-3 on a cold day where snow and sleet pelted players throughout.

“Even though we lost both, I think our team learned that in order to beat a tough team like that, we need to play a complete game,” said Shawano’s Abby Bystol. “So far this year, we haven’t played one complete game when it comes to errors and just stringing hits together when needed. We need to come out strong from the beginning and take control right away.”

“We can learn many things from our past losses,” said Marissa Tomashek. “We need to take initiative to be able to score when it counts — also be able to be consistent throughout the whole game, without having any innings putting us at a disadvantage.”

The Hawks fell behind 4-0 in game one before scoring a pair of runs in the bottom of the third inning. Menasha got the runs back across the next couple innings before Shawano scored three runs in the sixth to make it a one-run game. Menasha pulled away for good with a four-run seventh frame.

Shawano got on the scoreboard in the third when Ella Stuber hit a flyball to right field. The right fielder wasn’t able to catch the ball, and the error allowed Macey Krueger and Tomashek to score. The only downside of the play was that Stuber was called out trying to

advance to third on the play.

Outside of the third inning, Shawano was only saw three baserunners reach against the Menasha starting pitcher. When the visiting Bluejays changed pitchers in the sixth, the Hawks took advantage.

Bystol doubled with one out and then moved to third on a passed ball. Abby Wachtel walked and then moved up to second on a passed ball. Bystol scored and Wachtel moved to third on a groundout by Braylyn Babino.

Aubrey Holsten followed with a double to plate Wachtel. Holsten moved over to third on a wild pitch before Krueger was hit by a pitch. Alli Johnson put the ball in play and reached on an error, with Holsten scoring to make it a one-run game.

The third out of the inning was made in between third and home on a delayed steal attempt.

Shawano looked like it was going to put up a zero in the top of the seventh, but Menasha came through with two big two-out hits to score four runs. The Hawks only had one runner reach in the bottom of the inning.

Bystol was tagged with the loss after starting in the circle and pitching the first five innings. She struck out three batters, and two of the six runs she allowed were unearned. Babino got the final six outs.

“Menasha is a very good hitting team, so it was very hard to figure out what pitches they could not hit,” said Babino. “Personally, I needed to locate my pitches better and make it hard for them to see the ball.”

“Menasha put the ball in play almost every inning and executed today’s games very well,” said Bys-



Shawano's Aubrey Holsten looks on after hitting the ball during a doubleheader against Menasha on April 22 in Shawano.

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tol. “They took control of the game from the start.”

In the second game, Shawano served as the away team and put up two runs in the first. Menasha answered back with six runs in the bottom of the frame and then tacked on its final run in the third. After the first inning, Shawano scored just once more in the fourth.

In the top of the first, Shawano loaded the bases after a single from Tomashek, and walks from Bystol and Wachtel. A Babino single plated Tomashek and Bystol, but Wachtel was thrown out at third on the play.

Menasha’s six-run inning was aided by a pair of Shawano errors.

Babino sparked Shawano’s of-

fense in the fourth with a double to start the inning. She moved up to third on a wild pitch and then score on a Krueger groundout.

After the inning came to a close, Shawano was only able to reach base one more time in the game.

Babino pitched all six innings for the Hawks, and two of the runs she allowed were unearned.

“Some things that we learned today is not to give up and always focus on the next play,” said Babino. “We do, however, need to start hitting the ball at the start of games and continue through out the whole game and through the whole batting order.”

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Oconto Falls teams 3rd at conference meet

Hodkiewicz, St. Louis lead Panthers with 2 top finishes

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Oconto Falls High School track and field teams both came in third at a North Eastern Conference Pentangular on April 18 in Oconto Falls.

The girls team scored 78 points, trailing only Little Chute (126) and Luxemburg-Casco (109). The boys team tallied 59½ points, also behind Little Chute (150½) and Luxemburg-Casco (85).

Brooke Hodkiewicz helped lead the Oconto Falls girls team with two first-place individual finishes. She won the 800-meter run (2 minutes, 31.1 seconds) and 1,600 (5:35.4.).

"In both races I focused on pacing myself and sticking with the girl in front of me," said Hodkiewicz. "When the time felt right, I would pass whoever was in front of me and not slow down. As well with focusing and pacing myself, being positive whether I'm having a bad day or not keeps me looking on the bright side of things.

"These top finishes get me excited for what the rest of the season has to offer, especially since we are only a couple meets into our outdoor season. I know I need to keep working hard toward my goals and keep striving to better myself along with my team."

Brailyn St. Louis placed first in the 100 hurdles (17.1) and high jump (4 feet, 11 inches). Her high jump mark was 3 inches higher than any other competitor.

"I've been working very hard these past few years to get to the place that I am," said St. Louis. "These finishes bring my confidence way higher and prepare me even more for the next meet. I have high aspirations for the rest of this season and can't wait to see what it brings."

The girls 4x800 relay team grabbed first place with a time of 11:10.4. Brynn Hodkiewicz, Mackenzie Lotto, Ava Hodkiewicz and Maddy Przybylski formed the relay team.

Grace Molitor had the other top finish on the girls side, winning the



Oconto Falls' Mitch Kallies competes in the discus during an NEC Pentangular on April 18 in Oconto Falls.

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shot put with a top toss of 30-10¼.

"I believe that I had a good mindset coming into the meet and spent a good amount of time preparing myself for this event," said Molitor. "I definitely feel more confident in this event because we are in a difficult conference, and a lot of these girls are very hardworking."

The Oconto Falls boys team had two first-place finishes on the night, and Ben Adams was a part of both.

Adams won the 3,200 in 10:19.3.

"In the 2 mile, I contribute the outcome to the continued hard work in practice and me continuing to push myself in the meets. Tonight was a good night to run at home," said Adams. "There is great competition in our conference, and being able to finish well helps me feel like I can run with the best."

Adams teamed up with Brant Laluzerne, Griffin Kopke and Emerson Rice for a first-place finish in the 4x800 relay (9:13.2).

The boys 4x100 team of Devon

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Full results from the meet can be found at www.athletic.net.

Dorn, Isaac Bramer, Conner Wilquet and Nick Allen earned second in 47.4 seconds. Mitch Kallies claimed second in the shot put (41-2) and third in the discus (118-8).

Also taking third for the boys team was Wilquet in the 100 (10.8) and 200 (23.3) and Rice in the 800 (2:17.1).

Back on the girls side of things, Przybylski was second in the 800 (2:45.6), while Hailey Delzer was second in the 3,200 (13:23). Anna Spaulding, Hailyn St. Louis, Hailey Kopke and Abby Budz teamed up for a second-place finish in the 4x100 relay (54.9).

Przybylski, Hannah Ludemann, Brynn Hodkiewicz and Brooke Hodkiewicz formed the third-place finishing 4x400 relay (4:35.8).



Oconto Falls' Mackenzie Lotto completes her leg of a relay during an NEC Pentangular on April 18 in Oconto Falls.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



Oconto Falls' Kyndra Staidl, left, waits for the ball to arrive during a North Eastern Conference game against Wrightstown on April 18 in Oconto Falls.

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Oconto Falls outlasts Wrightstown in thriller

Panthers win in extras

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Oconto Falls High School softball team prevailed in a North Eastern Conference battle with Wrightstown on April 18 in Oconto Falls.

Amelia Danielczak drove in Madeline Maloney in the bottom of the 11th inning to give Oconto Falls a 5-4 win.

Maloney doubled to open the 11th before moving to third on a single from Kyndra Staidl. Danielczak wasted no time when she got to the plate, taking a rip at the first pitch.

"I looked at the last at-bat as if it was any other at-bat," said Danielczak. "I knew that I could get my teammates home, so I tried not think about it too much. I had confidence in myself and was glad to be in a posi-

tion to help my team out."

Oconto Falls pounded out 22 hits in the contest, but the team had to rally twice just to force extra innings.

Wrightstown took the lead with a run in the top of the first inning, but Oconto Falls avoided further damage when Staidl caught a popup that turned into a double play to end the inning. The bases had been loaded after two walks and two errors.

Oconto Falls surged ahead in the second when Keira Cole singled home Maloney and Danielczak.

Wrightstown tied the game in the third and then scored twice in the fifth to make it 4-2. Oconto Falls got back within one when Hanna Krejcarek scored on a double play ball in the bottom of the fifth. Ashlyn Allen delivered a single to score Staidl and tie the game in the sixth.

From that point on, each team had chances to score, but pitching and defense prevailed until the bottom of the 11th.

Lily Kurek was a workhorse for

Oconto Falls, pitching all 11 innings. She struck out four batters and worked around six hits, two walks and seven errors. Kurek threw 131 pitches in the contest.

"I knew that I wasn't going to allow any more runs to score, and I was building off of the team's energy to keep going through all 11 innings," said Kurek.

"We stayed strong through well over nine innings, and we are going to bring our energy from tonight's game into our future games."

When all was said and done, Maloney led the Panthers at the plate with four hits. She doubled once and singled three times.

"My team and I had very hot bats coming out, and that helped us carry it throughout the game," said Maloney. "We all have confidence in each other, which helps us be successful both at the plate and in the field."

"This kind of win helps us stay together as a team because we know how good we can be when we work

together. It keeps us motivated to work hard not only for our individual successes but most importantly the team's success."

Sydney Bell doubled, singled twice, walked once and stole a base for Oconto Falls.

Danielczak, Cole and Allen also had three hits each. Randi Metzler, Staidl and Krejcarek posted two hits each. Danielczak also stole a base.

Despite coming to the plate a whopping 51 times in the game, Oconto Falls batters struck out just five times.

"We never gave up; it was a team effort all the way," said Danielczak. "This will keep us moving forward because we have seen that we can lean on each other and have each other's backs. Through the highs and lows in our upcoming season, we know we can dig deep and count on our teammates to make plays when they are needed."



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ATHLETE PROFILE: GIANNA LOGUE

Pulaski senior one of area's top soccer players

Gianna Logue doesn't always fill up a stat sheet, but she's an unquestioned leader for the Pulaski High School girls soccer team and is one of the better players in the entire area.

Logue was named to the Fox River Classic Conference first team last spring as a defender, and still led the team in goals and assists. She was an honorable mention selection in her sophomore season, her first high school season after her freshman season was wiped out by the pandemic.

In some matches this spring, Logue scored twice in the team's win over Wrightstown on April 11. She had an assist in the team's victory over Kaukauna on April 4.

Q: When did your interest in soccer begin?

A: From as young as I can remember, my mother (Kelly) always played so I think that sparked an interest within me.

Q: What has soccer taught you over the years?

A: Soccer has taught me countless life lessons I hope to carry on throughout my entire life. One main thing is learning it is OK to struggle knowing you can accomplish hard things. Another thing I learned is how important teamwork is in order to succeed — everyone has a role and even though there are different roles or perspectives, all those different aspects are so crucial to the goal of success.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on the soccer field, and why?

A: Executing the game how it should be, passing with a purpose, engaging all players, defending well, and of course scoring.

Q: You already had turned in a strong high school career before this season started. With some big seasons already behind you, what kind of individual goals have you set for your senior year, and what will it take to achieve those?

A: Contributing to the success of



Pulaski's Gianna Logue kicks the ball during the team's sectional semifinal match against Green Bay Southwest on June 9, 2022, in Green Bay.

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the team in any way even if that means switching positions throughout the year. Also, making sure I am the best version of myself every time I step on the field.

Q: Talk about some of the work you've put in to become the soccer player you are today.

A: Well as a program here Pulaski girls soccer emphasizes the importance of offseason work, which is one of the most crucial aspects of soccer. Some things I have done include playing on a high-level club team throughout the entire fall and winter season, continuously improving my strength

and conditioning in the weight room, and weekly private training sessions.

Q: What kind of goals does your team have this spring, and what will it take to accomplish those goals?

A: As a team and program we aspire to have success in conference along with our standing in conference. Not only that but we hope we can make a state run this year. With some pretty high goals, it will take a tremendous amount of effort from everyone, cohesiveness, and teamwork.

Q: As a senior, how do you try to lead the rest of the team?

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Gianna Logue

Sport: Girls soccer

Positions: Several, but typically center back, center midfield

School: Pulaski High School

Year: Senior

A: There are many ways as a senior and captain I try to lead the team. On and off the field demand every different approach. On the field trying to always lead by example but then being vocal with all my teammates encouraging them while holding them accountable. Off the field leading to me is being someone any of the girls can talk to if they ever need anything.

Q: Before a game starts, do you have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: Not really a superstitious person but usually just entails drinking a grape Pedialyte.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Pulaski girls soccer team?

A: My junior year, the day after school got out for summer vacation we had a regional final game against West DePere — after losing (to them) in the regular season, then going on to beat them 1-0 in a very competitive game.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Gossip Girl." Movie — "Crazy Rich Asians." Musical artist — Variety of artists.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: I was a competitive gymnast for 15 years of my life.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: A couple of things I look to accomplish include, not only pursuing my academic career but also continuing to play soccer at that next level. After the next four years, I aspire to go to law school.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: MASON MEVERDEN

Senior stars on mound, at plate for Chargers

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School baseball team enjoyed a strong spring season in 2022 and carried that into the summer, ending the season competing at state. Mason Meverden was a big part of the two team's success, and he's off to a strong start this spring.

Meverden earned the win on the mound in the team's conference win over Iola-Scandinavia on April 10, striking out 10 batters over five innings while surrendering just one hit and two walks. At the plate in that game, Meverden drove in a run, walked once and scored a run.

Meverden drove in a run and scored once in a game against Adams-Friendship on April 6. He pitched 3 2/3 innings and struck out six batters while allowing just one earned run. In another game against Adams-Friendship that day, he walked and scored a run.

The senior delivered a hit, walked and scored a run in a loss against Shiocton on April 11.

Meverden made the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division first team as a junior.

Q: When did your interest in baseball begin?

A: My interest in baseball began when I started playing at 5 years old.

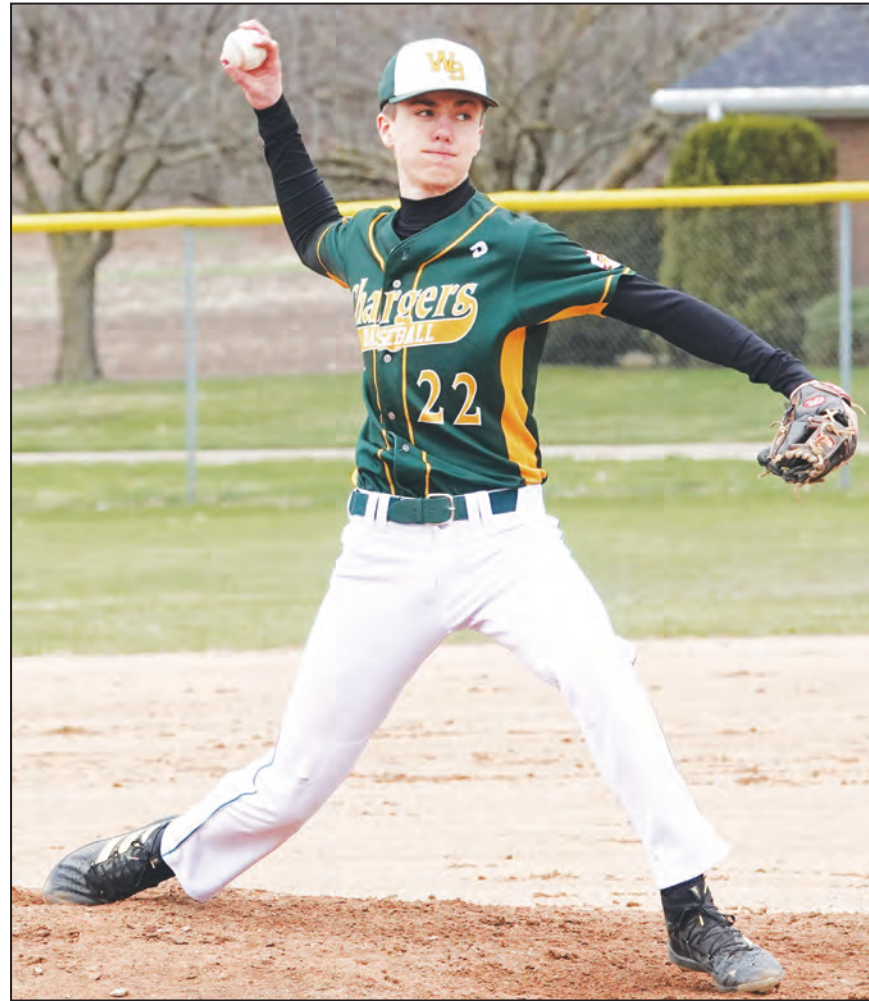
Q: What has baseball taught you over the years?

A: Baseball has taught me many things over the years, but something that stands out is to have a good attention to detail and take note of many things going on at one time.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do out on the baseball field, and why?

A: My favorite thing to do in baseball is pitch because you are involved in the game at all times.

Q: Talk about some of the work you've put in to become the player you are today.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Mason Meverden delivers a pitch during a CWC-East game against Bonduel on May 2, 2022, in Bonduel.

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A: In order to become the best player I can be, I have worked hard to improve every little thing about the game that I can. Another thing that helped me is to watch a lot of baseball, watching to see what things college or pro players do that makes them the best they can be.

Q: After a big junior season, do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish by the end of this season, and what will it take to achieve those?

A: I would like to be a first-team

all-conference selection again this year and feel that I can accomplish that by staying focused and becoming better every day.

Q: Your team had a strong spring and then went to state in Legion ball last summer. What kind of goals does the team have this spring, and how can the team accomplish those?

A: As a team our goals are to be conference champs and make a deep run into the playoffs. We can accomplish these goals by staying

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Mason Meverden

Sport: Baseball

Positions: First base, shortstop, pitcher

School: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Year: Senior

together and everyone doing their job in order to win.

Q: As a senior, how do you try to lead the rest of the team?

A: I try to lead by example as much as I can. I also try to be a role model for the younger kids and show them that if you work hard, success will come.

Q: Before a game starts, do you have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: I don't have any pregame routines or anything that I do aside from the stuff we do as a team to prepare for a game.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Wittenberg-Birnamwood baseball team?

A: My favorite memory playing Witt-Birn baseball has to be making the State Legion Tournament last summer.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "SportsCenter." Movie — "Moneyball." Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: One thing people may not know about me is that I have three younger brothers (Evan, Carson, and Connor).

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: Some things I plan to accomplish after high school is to graduate from college and strive to be successful in anything that I set my mind to.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Oconto Falls drops pair to Freedom

Panthers fall run short in game 2

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Oconto Falls High School baseball team dropped a pair of North Eastern Conference games to Freedom on April 18 in Oconto Falls.

The Panthers dropped game one 12-4 before falling 3-2 in game two.

"Today's doubleheader was very educational for us as a team," said Oconto Falls' Braden Vandermoss. "We didn't really put all the pieces together in the first game and ended up losing 12-4. Then we made some adjustments and played extremely well as a team and kept it a close game, giving ourselves a chance to win it at the end. It will definitely be beneficial to our team to use this as momentum moving forward."

In the 12-4 loss, Vandermoss and Grant Bouche each posted two hits for Oconto Falls, which had six total hits as a team.

Bouche and Easton Engel each drove in a run, while Engel, Bouche, Logan Kramer and Cole Bozile scored the team's runs.

The Panthers were haunted by seven errors, allowing Freedom to score six unearned runs in the contest.

Carter Heroux started on the mound for the Panthers and worked the first 5¹/₂ innings. He struck out four batters along the way. Bouche got the final four outs in the game, including one strikeout.

Freedom scored a run in the first, second and third innings to go ahead 3-0. Oconto Falls scored once in the fourth when Bouche drove in Engel, but Freedom got the run back in the fifth before erupting for eight runs in the sixth.

Oconto Falls continued to battle and avoided the 10-run rule after scoring twice in the sixth. Bouche and Kramer scored on a Freedom error. In the seventh, Engel drove in Bozile on a sacrifice flyout.

Vandermoss said that even though the team lost both ends of the doubleheader that it should give the team confidence to play with anybody. Freedom was second in the conference last spring and



Oconto Falls' Easton Engel makes a throw to first base during the team's doubleheader against Freedom on April 18 in Oconto Falls.

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is near the top again to start this season.

"There are still some adjustments we need to make in order to do that (play with anybody). We have to minimize the mental errors both in the field and running the bases," said Vandermoss. "Make

smart decisions and execute them to the best of our ability.

"Then we also need to focus on attacking pitches earlier in the counts. Falling behind in counts has gotten us in trouble so far and attacking the ball earlier will allow us to set the tone better for the game."

In game two, Oconto Falls served as the road team and fell behind 2-0 after Freedom scored a run in the first and third innings. The Panthers tied things in the fifth, but Freedom scored in the bottom half to pull back ahead and held on from there.

Vandermoss and Bouche led the Panthers with two hits and a RBI each. Hunter Ingram, who was courtesy running for Grayson Cahak, and Engel scored the runs.

Jack Adler was dealt the loss after pitching all six innings. He struck out five batters and worked around five hits and four walks. After committing several errors in game one, the Panthers had just one in game two.

"I felt really good on the mound today, but the big thing was our defense," said Adler. "There was a good improvement on the defense, there was a lot of double plays and the only error was on my pickoff to first base. My fastball was on today so I was able to challenge hitters and then throw a curveball and create a groundball."

Oconto Falls had a chance to score its first run of the game in the fourth, but had a runner thrown out at home after a double by Adler.

The Panthers broke through in the fifth when Vandermoss singled in Ingram. Bouche doubled in Engel to tie the game.

After stranding a couple runners to end that inning, a Panthers' baserunner was picked off with the bases loaded and two down in the sixth. Oconto Falls also loaded the bases in the seventh, but a ground-out ended the threat.

The loss dropped Oconto Falls to 0-4 on the season.

"The slow start is a factor of a few things," said Bouche. "First is that we've only had two outside practices so far and it's definitely different hitting outside, as well as fielding outside.

"Another thing is that we got a lot of talented young guys stepping up and earning varsity spots and they will settle in here pretty soon. In order to get the results we are looking for we are going to have to start stacking hits like we did in the second game then results will follow."

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Bonduel girls 2nd at conference meet

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Bonduel High School girls track and field team scored 97 points to place second at the CWC Pre-Conference Meet on April 18 in Wittenberg. Shiocton was first with 102 points.

The Witt-Birn girls scored 26 points to take eighth, while Menominee Indian was ninth with 29 points.

On the boys side, Bonduel came in fifth with 65½ points. Menominee Indian tied for eighth with 39 points, while Witt-Birn was 10th with 37 points. Shiocton claimed first with 106 points.

Bonduel

Kendra Troxel led the Bonduel

girls with a first-place finish in the long jump, posting a top leap of 15 feet, 10¾ inches.

Ashlyn Kurey was second in the triple jump (31-7½), while Karlee Ziemer was second in the 300-meter hurdles (55.79 seconds).

Mariah Wondra was third in the 1,600 (5:52.57). Josie Anvelink earned third in the shot put (32-10).

The girls 4x400 relay team of Troxel, Kurey, Wondra and Cierra Schnell took third in 4:34.81.

Karter Schroeder led the Bonduel boys with a top finish in the high jump (5-8).

Taking third was Owen Springborn in the long jump (18-7), Ryan Westrich in the discus (128-11½) and Willis Bloedorn in the shot put (41-1).

Witt-Birn

The Witt-Birn girls 4x200 relay team of Allison Linke, Faith Resch, Reese Rogowski and Jayden Zeinert teamed up for first in 1:52.91. The same four took first in the 4x400 relay (4:22.63).

Individually, Linke claimed third in the 100 hurdles (17.84).

Alex Centeno led the boys team with a first-place finish in the 400 (53.55). Craig Wendel was third in the 400 (55.61).

Centeno, Wendel, Taras Guk and Will Peters formed the third-place finishing 4x400 relay (3:54.87). Guk, Wendel, Peters and David Fons were on the third-place finishing 4x800 relay (9:53.75).

Menominee Indian

Barron Waupoose set a new school record in the triple jump with a mark of 40-4¼. He placed second in that event and also was second in the 200 (24.04).

Also on the boys side, Ali Davenport claimed third in the 200 (24.22) and 100 (12.04).

Davenport, Waupoose, Kenew Awonohopay and Francis Delabrau teamed up for a second-place finish in the 4x100 (47.47).

Emma Komanekin led the girls with third-place finishes in the long jump (14-10) and triple jump (29-0½).

Alexis Zhuckkahosee was third in the 100 (14.16).

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Shawano boys take 2nd, girls 3rd at Bay Relays

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Community High School boys and girls track and field teams turned in strong finishes at the Bay Conference Relays on April 18 in Seymour.

The boys team accumulated 96 points and placed second behind West De Pere (126). The Shawano girls scored 96½ points, behind West De Pere (141½) and Xavier (102).

The boys distance medley relay

quartet of Brandon Reed, Jaymin Boivin, Will Chelberg and Ethan Onesti took first in 11 minutes, 23.62 seconds.

The boys 4x200 team of Drake Herm, Logan Korth, Austin Peterson and Reed was first in 1:38.48.

The freshman 4x400 boys team of Drew Chelberg, Ryan Schwitzer, Joshua Lesperance and Andre Kakwicz grabbed first in 4:08.76.

The 4x800 team of Boivin, Onesti, Aidan Preston and Will Chelberg took

first in 8:53.53.

The boys 3x100 throwers shuttle trio of Mason Theis, Lane Bode-Duquaine and Andrew Herrmann was second in 37.33 seconds.

The girls 4x800 team of Adalyn Barkley, Bailey Hendricks, Grace Chelberg and Lily Guenther teamed up for first in 10:14.7. The same four also formed the top-finishing distance medley (13:20.36).

Macey Nelson was the top finisher in the triple jump (33 feet, 11 inches).

Hatty Fritz won the shot put (31-2¼). Natalie Bystol tied for second in the high jump (4-6).

Nelson helped the team's triple jump relay take second, while Fritz and the shot put relay grabbed first. Bystol and the high jump relay came in second.

The girls 4x200 team of Bystol, Maci Beyer, Tela Hopfensperger and Onna Hermann claimed second in 1:55.97.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Gresham/Bowler teams each place 3rd at CWC-Small meet

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Gresham/Bowler track and field teams each placed third at the Central Wisconsin Conference-Small Division Meet on April 18 in Plainfield.

The girls co-op scored 83½ points, while the boys team accumulated 73 points.

The Marion boys scored 32½ points to earn sixth. The Marion girls tallied 28 points and came in eighth.

Gresham/Bowler

Emmitt Kietlinski powered the Gresham/Bowler boys team with

first-place finishes in the high jump, long jump and triple jump.

Kietlinski cleared 6 feet, 3 inches in the high jump. He had a top leap of 19-5 in the long jump and 41-8 in the triple jump.

Kellen Pingel was second in the boys discus (107-4). Bryson Nelson earned second in the 3,200-meter race (11 minutes, 29.21 seconds) and was third in the 1,600 (5:16.26) and triple jump (32-8½).

Adin Pranke, John Pyke, Jackson Pingel and Kellen Pingel teamed up for a third-place finish in the 4x100 relay (57.75).

Jemy Reedy and Tia Terrio led the girls co-op. Terrio was second

in the 200 (31.67), while Reedy took second in the triple jump (25-3¾).

Terrio and Reedy teamed up with Emily Jensen and Alivia Perez on the second-place finishing 4x100 relay team (1:02.52). Terrio also was third in the triple jump (23-2½).

Danica Peters finished third in the 100 hurdles (23.28). Kayena Kimble-Tomow, Camille Gourley, Chloe Wescott and Perez were on the third-place finishing 4x200 relay team (2:34.21).

Marion

Landon Marquardt led the Marion boys with a second-place finish in the 110 hurdles (22.28).

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Marquardt teamed up with Tristan Herro, Liam Thomas and Jesse Trebus on the second-place finishing 4x100 relay (56.6).

Individually, Herro placed third in the high jump (4-11).

Bridget Much claimed second in the girls 100 hurdles (22.82) and was third in the 400 (1:22.72).

Much joined Peytra Bailey, Lily Wudstrack and Jorja Karst on the third-place finishing 4x100 relay (1:09.33).

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BASEBALL

Marion 8

Elcho 6

Marion knocked off Elcho in a nonconference matchup on April 22 in Elcho.

Jay Brei drove in three runs to lead Marion at the plate. Andy Faehling drove in a pair of runs, while Jaden Stuhr scored three times and stole three bases. Ryan Malueg scored two runs.

Ryan Malueg worked 2 2/3 innings on the mound, striking out a pair. Brei got 10 outs, five of which came by strikeouts. Jackson Krohn and Nick Malueg also pitched for the Mustangs, with Malueg striking out three in an inning of work.

Bonduel 10

Norway 0

Bonduel cruised to a nonconference win over Norway on April 22 in Norway, Michigan. The Bears had eight hits, drew 10 walks and took advantage of six Norway errors.

Easton Reinke drove in three runs on three hits to lead Bonduel at the plate. Cooper Salerno and Cade Johnson each chipped in two hits.

Brodie Hartmann started for Bonduel and struck out seven batters over four innings. Charlie Tauchen struck out three batters while covering the final three innings.

Gillett/Suring 11

Goodman Pembine 3

Gillett/Suring eased past Goodman/Pembine in a nonconference clash on April 22 in Gillett.

Ethan Lally earned the win on the mound, allowing no earned runs and striking out five batters over six innings.

Alex Kirshner, Michael Bailey and Cody Schrank all had two hits and scored two runs. Brady Kristof also scored twice for the hosts.

Pulaski 1

De Pere 0 (9 inn.)

Kyle Olson singled home Michael Molthen in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift Pulaski past De Pere in a FRCC showdown on April 18 in Pulaski.

Olson finished the game with three hits, while Molthen had the

only other two hits.

Olson pitched 5 2/3 innings and struck out three batters. Braeden Eron worked 2 1/3 innings before Michael Wyent got the final three outs and win.

SOFTBALL

Bonduel wins a pair

Bonduel topped Norway 14-3 in six innings and 11-0 in five innings during a nonconference doubleheader on April 22 in Norway, Michigan.

Nakiyah Henning earned the win in the circle in game one, while Tatum Sporisky got the win in game two. Each pitcher worked a complete game and allowed three hits. The Bears did not commit an error in either contest.

At the plate, Hailee Thompson delivered five hits on the day, while Abby Stoltenow and Audrey Weier had four each and Hailey Zernicke three. Thompson finished with six RBIs, while Zernicke had five and Weier three.

Thompson, Weier, Sporisky and Maddy Sokolski all homered on the day.

Tigerton 17

Lena/STAA 7 (5 inn.)

Tigerton scored 10 runs in the fifth inning to break open a tight nonconference game against Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy on April 21 in Tigerton.

Maycee Carlson drove in four runs and scored twice to lead Tigerton at the plate. Jade Selle drove in three runs on three hits, while Lillian Welch had three RBIs on two hits. Abby Swartz scored three runs, while Jessalyn Zimdars tallied three hits.

Skyler Hauser earned the win in the circle after striking out five batters over five innings.

Menominee Indian 23

Marion 15

Menominee Indian claimed a high-scoring Central Wisconsin Conference crossover matchup against Marion on April 18 in Marion.

Gabrielle Wayka and Natalie Peters each drove in four runs for Menominee Indian. Lyneesa Mendez drove in three runs, while Aniya Peters, Danica Sanapaw, Shaye Sanapaw and Mylee Dixon each drove in two.

Aniya Peters, Ashlee Corn and Natalie Peters all pitched for the

Eagles. Aniya Peters struck out six batters over 5 1/3 innings.

Karli Robinson and Caitlin Keller each scored three runs for Marion. Nora Wiesman took the loss in the circle.

GIRLS SOCCER

Pulaski 8

Shawano 0

Pulaski defeated Shawano in a nonconference match on April 22 in Pulaski.

Veronica Decker and Brianna Kapla netted two goals each for Pulaski, while Josie Steeno, Payton Heise, Isabella Logue and Lilly Berndt all had one goal. Laci Lemke assisted on two goals, while Brynlee Sturdivant had one assist.

BOYS GOLF

Bonduel 1st at Whistling Straits

Bonduel posted a team score of 368 to win an invitational on April 21 at Whistling Straits Golf Course in Sheboygan.

Jake Dreyer led the Bears with an 18-hole round of 88, while Charlie Tauchen carded an 89.

Colin Margelofsky fired a round of 93 for Bonduel. Reed Luepke tallied a 98, while Noah Weier had a 101.

Witt-Birn 2nd at invitational

Wittenberg-Birnamwood recorded a team score of 396 to finish second at the April 21 invitational at Whistling Straits Golf Course in Sheboygan.

Dylan Resch and August Barke each posted rounds of 94 for the Chargers. Joey Seegmiller posted a round of 98.

Owen Schultz (110) and George Seegmiller (111) rounded out the five-golfer team.

Marion takes 10th in Sheboygan

Marion earned a team score of 466 to finish 10th at the April 21 invitational at Whistling Straits Golf Course in Sheboygan.

Sam Gueths posted a round of 101 to lead Marion on the day. Kasey Roethle tallied a 110.

Cameron Buss (127), Gracie Grogan (128) and Owen Spiegel (129) capped the team.

Bennett paces co-op

at Whistling Straits

Fynn Bennett carded a round

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of 118 to lead Menominee Indian/Gresham at the invitational on April 21 at Whistling Straits Golf Course in Sheboygan.

Trentyn Harrison (127), Ayanna Smith (134), Kaidyen Zaitz (137) and River Whellock (141) helped round out the team.

Pulaski wins Sheboygan

North Invitational

Pulaski posted a team score of 334 to win the Sheboygan North Invitational on April 20 at Black Wolf Run Golf Course in Kohler. Pulaski finished nine shots ahead of any other team.

Dixon Holewinski led Pulaski with an 18-hole round of 80. Brady Hayward carded an 82. Holewinski tied for third as an individual, while Hayward was seventh.

Connor Burant posted a round of 85, while Dylan Carley shot an 87. Zachary Valeria rounded out the five-golfer team with a 91.

Lena 1st at M&O meet

Lena turned in a team score of 173 to win the first Marinette & Oconto Conference meet of the spring on April 18 at Parkway Golf Course in Pound. The Wildcats finished 30 shots better than second-place finishing Crivitz.

Braden McVane tied for medalist honors with a nine-hole round of 39.

Drake Dionne fired a round of 43 for the Wildcats. Mason Spice posted a 45, while Evan VanderZanden and Mason Belongia each posted 46s.

Franti leads Gillett in Pound

Aydin Franti posted a nine-hole round of 64 to lead a three-golfer Gillett team at the M&O meet on April 18 at Parkway Golf Course in Pound.

Katelyn Sturm shot a round of 67, while Tyler Frank had a round of 76.

Shawano 5th at conference meet

Shawano turned in a team score of 181 to place fifth at a Bay Conference tour stop on April 18 at Mid Vallee Golf Course in De Pere.

Luke Guenther, Noah Davids and Tucker Pyatskowit each fired rounds of 45 to lead Shawano.

Braden Barkley was a shot back at 46, while Tristan Miller shot a 53.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

UW-Stevens Point

Menominee Indian High School graduate Guadalupe Corn and Oconto Falls graduate Joe Adams each competed in meets while representing the UW-Stevens Point track and field teams this past weekend.

Adams placed fourth in the men's 1,500-meter run with a time of 4 minutes, 18.3 seconds during the Green Knight Viking Duel on April 21.

Corn took part in three events during the Phil Esten Challenge on April 21-22. She placed 14th in the women's shot put (11.45 meters) and 29th in the discus (28.11 meters). She did not record a distance in the hammer throw.

Bay College

Oconto Falls graduate Jake Sager played in three games against Alpena while representing the Bay College baseball team on April 21-22.

Sager scored a run in a win on April 21 and then had a walk, stolen base and run scored in another win that day. He got three at-bats in a setback on April 22.

UW-Platteville

Pulaski graduates Eian Ziemer and Kayla Lipsey each competed in the Meet of Champions on April 21-22 for the UW-Platteville's track and field teams.

Ziemer placed 42nd in the men's 400 (55.92 seconds) and 53rd in the 200 (24.13 seconds).

Lipsey placed fifth in the women's heptathlon. She earned third in the 200 (27.53 seconds), fourth in

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the 100 hurdles (16.9 seconds), fifth in the 800 (2:54.93), seventh in the high jump (1.31 meters) and shot put (7.77 meters), eighth in the javelin throw (22.08 meters) and ninth in the long jump (4.04 meters).

Concordia University

Bonduel grad Kalleigh Thorne represented the Concordia women's track and field team at the Marquette Invitational on April 22.

Thorne came in sixth in the triple jump (9.49 meters) and was eighth in the long jump (4.58 meters).

UW-Milwaukee

Shawano grad Isabel Roloff placed 25th in the women's 200 dash while competing for the UW-Milwaukee track and field team at the Gary Weineke Memorial on April 21-22.

Roloff posted a time of 26.91 seconds to place 25th. She also competed in the pole vault, but did not post a height.

UW-River Falls

Shawano graduate Jewel Waupekenay played in a pair of UW-River Falls softball games against UW-Platteville on April 22.

Waupekenay doubled in a game one loss and then had two at-bats in a game two loss.

UW-La Crosse

Oconto Falls grad Tucker Bouche pitched an inning for the UW-La Crosse baseball team in a loss to Gustavus Adolphus on April 19.

Bouche hit a batter and allowed a hit but got out of the inning without a run scoring.

College of Lake Country

Pulaski graduate Logan Hochevar played for the Lake Country baseball team in a game against Milwaukee Area on April 19.

Hochevar got two at-bats in the five-inning contest.

UW-Eau Claire

Oconto Falls' grad Autumn Canavera and Suring grad Mitch Stegeman represented the UW-Eau Claire track and field team at the Phil Esten Challenge on April 21-22.

Canavera placed 30th in the women's 1,500 (5:09.21).

Stegeman competed in three men's decathlon events. He earned third in the shot put (11.49 meters), seventh in the long jump (6.22 meters) and 16th in the 100 (11.86 seconds).

UW-Whitewater

Bonduel graduate Jessie La-Berge golfed for the UW-Whitewater women's team during the UW-Whitewater Spring Fling on April

21-22.

LaBerge posted a total score of 181, with a 91 on day one and 90 on day two. She tied for 37th as an individual.

St. Norbert College

Lena grad Kennedy Marquardt and Oconto Falls' grad Emily Gonnering each competed in multiple events for the St. Norbert women's track and field team at the Green Knight Viking Duel on April 21.

Marquardt placed second in the 100 (13.15 seconds) and was on the top-finishing 4x100 relay (51.16 seconds).

Gonnering took fourth in the hammer throw (37.05 meters), fifth in the javelin throw (27.1 meters) and 10th in the discus (31.37 meters).

Bowler graduate Logan Thiex recorded four outs while pitching for the St. Norbert baseball team in a loss to Benedictine on April 21.

He allowed one run on one hit.



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Bamboo	92	84
Pin Pricks	68 1/2	107 1/2
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Rosie's Railway	65 1/2	113 1/2
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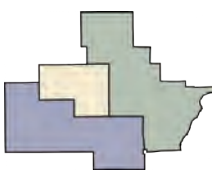
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Lighting fixtures designed like candies seem to float in the air in the children's room at Sweet Memories Candy Shoppe.

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There's plenty of color in the main candy room at Sweet Memories Candy Shoppe, with 50 flavors of Jelly Belly jelly beans among the variety of bulk candies available to satisfy any sweet tooth.

How sweet it is to stop in Lakewood

Candy shop awash in sugary goodness, but also place for families to make memories

When thinking of where the sweetest place in Wisconsin might be, Oconto County's Lakewood might not immediately spring to people's minds.

Five minutes after setting foot inside Sweet Memories Candy Shoppe, however, it might be difficult for those people to come up with any alternatives. After all, a facility that's home to 52 flavors of taffy, 50 flavors of Jelly Belly jelly beans and 36 flavors of fudge would be enough to mesmerize anyone with a sweet tooth.

That's just for starters, though. Owner Wendy Wimberger has spent the last 34 years shaping and growing her candy empire so that, even at age 73, she has no intention of going into retirement.

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Sweet Memories Candy Shoppe

WHERE: 15381 State Highway 32, Lakewood

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays. Beginning Memorial Day, hours will be 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays through Mondays.

"I just wanted this to be a place where families would make traditions," Wimberger said. "When they would come up north, they could visit the candy store. I've got the third generation of kids in here now. They bring their babies in, and I watch them grow up. I've always said to the kids that we don't sell candy here — we sell an experience, and we sell a fun time. The candy just happens to be there."

The store started in a home that

currently holds the honor of being the second oldest building in the town, according to Wimberger. Prior to Sweet Memories setting up shop, it was the home of Helen Isaacson, who lived in the home until she was 95. When Isaacson moved to a nursing home, the property was sold to Wimberger. Isaacson lived to be 103.

"Helen raised her granddaughter and a couple of nieces and nephews here," Wimberger said. "The story is that Helen did not allow candy in her house. She allowed cookies and cakes, but not candy."

It wasn't long before Sweet Memories expanded to a nearby barn, but when customers weren't making the trek up the hill to the barn, Wimberger had the two build-

ings connected together to make an impressive, two-story facility full of candy, gifts and, perhaps most importantly, memories.

"I said, 'We need to connect this,' and my husband said, 'No, it can't be done,'" Wimberger said. "I drew a picture, and we got it done."

There have also been expansions since then, with the kitchen where the fudge is made being built in 2000, according to Wimberger.

A two-story children's room filled with stuffed toys and other goodies was built in 2007 and opened in 2008. The room is lit up with fixtures that look like floating chocolate candies that she got from gift shows she went to, and shelves that look like the old tinker toys filled with goodies. A new addition this

year is the Zoltar fortune-telling machine, a replica of the one used to turn a young boy into Tom Hanks in the movie "Big."

"You can get your sweet memories, and then you can get your fortune told," Wimberger said.

Also in 2007, an ice cream parlor was added to the business to make Sweet Memories even sweeter. Besides the addition of dairy products to one of Dairyland's businesses, the parlor also has an old-fashioned player piano where a visitor drops in a quarter and listens to a tune played without anyone stroking the ivories.

If even a virtual river of sweets is not enough to convince people to make a stop when traveling north, perhaps some ghost tales might encourage them to check out Sweet Memories. Wimberger believes there are at least two spirits that haunt the business, one of them the home's former occupant. She recalled one employee telling her of a time she saw a woman wearing an old-fashioned blue dress.

"After she (Helen Isaacson) died, strange things started happening in the candy store," Wimberger said. "Spinners would spin, and when I came in the morning, the paper would fall down in the kitchen. There's thumping on steps. There's all kinds of strange things. We think that Helen's telling us, 'I told you, no candy in this house.'"

There was also at least one instance where a cup that was stacked on other cups went flying to the other side of the room, Wimberger said, and another instance where a little girl who inadvertently got locked in the bathroom claims she saw the ghost of a little boy in the bathroom with her.

"The bathroom used to have an old-fashioned lock with a key and a toggle switch," Wimberger said. "She couldn't get out, and we tried to explain to her how to turn things, but she couldn't. We were just about to go break down the window in the bathroom to try and get her out, and the door opened. A lot of sassy things happen around here, and we blame it on the little boy spirit."

During the interview with NEW Media, Wimberger found a sucker in the mouth of a stuffed toy fish in the kids room. While it could have been stuck there by a living juvenile prankster, she believes it could also have been left there by one of the dearly departed.

"He's such a little stinker," Wimberger said of the little boy spirit.

At one point, Sweet Memories was open seven days a week during



Wendy Wimberger, left, helps a customer look for something in the children's room at Sweet Memories Candy Shoppe.



The outside of Sweet Memories Candy Shoppe looks just as whimsical as the inside, with a giant Jelly Belly mascot sitting on a bench under the sign and additional signs in candy cane colors to indicate the names of the brick streets in front of the shop.

the peak tourist season from May through October. However, the place is currently open Friday through Sunday due a lack of available employees, according to Wimberger, but the shop will be open on Mondays after Memorial Day. She estimated she receives as many as 1,000 visitors per day.

When Wimberger first opened Sweet Memories in 1989, she had no idea how to run her own business, she said. She took out \$750 from the bank, and that is how she got her start.

"When I first started this business, I was a teacher," Wimberger said.

"When this came along, we were going home from our cabin one Sunday, and I said to my husband, 'Lakewood needs a candy shop.' He said that his horoscope said to go along with any business ventures that your spouse proposes."

Wimberger said she didn't even have any idea where to purchase candy to sell when she made the decision to open the shop.

"When a broker came by my house, and I asked him how much



A new addition to the children's room this year is the Zoltar fortune-telling machine, seen in the 1980s film "Big" starring Tom Hanks.

I needed to buy, he said \$75," she said. "I thought, 'Oh, my God. How am I ever going to sell \$75 worth of candy?'"

Wimberger's most recent shipment of taffy was about 2,000 pounds, worth a lot more than the \$75 she spent on her first order of candy.

"I've gotten over that," she said with a laugh.



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Braun makes it 'big' as volunteer educator

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

(Editor's note: The Shawano Area Community Foundation, in conjunction with NEW Media, has staged a Celebration of Giving Volunteer of the Year promotion for more than 10 years. Each year, select area volunteers are presented \$1,000 cash grants for their efforts to improve the quality of life in the Wolf River Region. The awards, sponsored by area businesses, are then reinvested back into area nonprofit organizations at the direction of the award winners. This is the first in a series profiling outstanding volunteers in the community.)

Karen Braun is this year's winner of the Bill Mielke Volunteer Educator Award.

Sponsored by the Mielke Family Foundation, the award recognizes an individual or group for dedication and passion for education and whose impact can be documented in a measurable way.

The winner is awarded \$1,000 to be given to an organization of their choice. Braun designated her \$1,000 award to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin in Shawano County.

Braun, a 34-year veteran elementary teacher in the Shawano and Gresham schools, took on a mentoring role with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin (BBBS) about six years ago. After hearing a faculty meeting presentation by Jennifer Bisterfeldt, who was then the Shawano program coordinator for BBBS, Braun started thinking about volunteering as a Big Sister. She met with Bisterfeldt after the meeting and asked if she could pick who she would like to mentor.

As fate would have it, Braun was able to become the "Big," as volunteer mentors are called by BBBS, to a student who had been in her fourth-grade classroom the previous year. The student had recently lost his mother and was very distraught. His grandmother worked in the same school as Braun and she kept Braun updated with his life issues. Braun recommended the BBBS mentoring program to her and to the student's father. Braun completed the application process, became her student's "Big" and has been his mentor since then. He is now a junior in high school.

Receiving the award has made Braun very humble.

"I'm feeling pretty awkward about



Karen Braun mentors youth like Nelson through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and she has made a difference in the six years she has been with the Shawano program.

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this," Braun said. "I didn't even know I was being nominated."

The nomination was submitted to the Shawano Area Community Foundation by Braun's BBBS supervisor, Monica McClure, executive director of BBBS in Northeastern Wisconsin.

In the nomination, McClure wrote: "Karen Braun came to Big Brothers Big Sisters because she loves helping children in need. Through her job as an elementary teacher, she sees the need for a consistent adult in children's lives daily."

Braun's husband, Marc, also felt the same about wanting to help a child in need, so he enrolled with her. Braun said that they have done numerous things as a couple with their "Little" (as BBBS refers to the child).

In her case, Braun started meeting with her Little almost daily. He would come to her classroom at the end of each day and they would spend time working on homework or just talking. She took him to supper, they baked

cookies, attended sporting events. He went to his first Packers game with Braun and recently met Randall Cobb. They now see each other less frequently, but the connection is still strong.

"A little over a year ago," Braun said, "I became part of the BBBS organization."

She is the program/match specialist for the Shawano area and is responsible for interviewing both prospective Littles and their parents, plus prospective Bigs.

"I've been recruiting people to come into the program. Most of the recent Bigs are ones I've talked into doing it," Braun said. "I do all of the interviewing. The main office does the background checks. Once a Big is approved, I do a 'Match' meeting between the Big and the Little. Then, I check in with them. For the first year, it's once a month."

"I really believe in the program. I know so many people in Shawano

and I want to grow BBBS. There are so many kids in need of mentors. It's very rewarding. I would really love to see an increase in the interest for Bigs, especially. So many people feel like they don't have the time."

According to Braun, being a Big usually means getting together with the Little only once or twice a month for a couple of hours.

"It's not that big of a commitment. It's not what people think it's going to be," she said. "We have a whole group of kids right now that just need a role model. They need another adult in their corner supporting them, rooting for them, maybe give them some experiences that they wouldn't have otherwise. It's all about the kids."

Fun for Kids' Sake is a fundraising event for BBBS scheduled for April 29 in Franklin Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free and food is available for purchase. Games, such as cornhole and ring toss, are available, as well as a chance to win prizes and raffles.

Rough waters may be ahead for wake boat users

Balancing the interests of the state's lakes and rivers users is a never-ending challenge, but the state's wake boat users hit an unseen obstacle earlier this month when the public weighed in on these specialized watercraft.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources held its usual spring hearings on a variety of conservation-related topics, with more than 11,000 residents and non-residents voting online April



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10-13 on 76 questions. The DNR included non-resident input this year because some out-of-staters own land here or hunt, fish, trap and otherwise enjoy Wisconsin's outdoors.

There was public support, by a more than 2-1 margin, for six questions that would bring more restrictions on wake boats, an expensive watercraft designed to create larger waves for wakeboarders, surfboarders and water skiers.

A Shawano boat dealer who sells two top brands of wake boats says restrictions on these boats is largely unnecessary and could cause financial hardships not only to the dealers who sell them but also the owners who could find themselves unable to use their boats on their favorite waters.

"They've been trying to do this for quite a few years," said Jake Drakenburg, fiberglass boat specialist at American Marine and Motorsports. "I prefer nothing to happen. As long as people respect other people, there's no problem. A 21-foot walleye boat makes the same wake as a wake boat."

Wake boats, sold by Wisconsin dealers since about 2005, are high-ticket watercraft that range in price from \$130,000 to \$280,000, with the average around \$180,000. American Marine sells Malibu and Axis, two of the top-selling brands.

American Marine sells about 50 wake boats a year, with the state's dealers selling 5,000 to 7,000 a year. Drakenburg owns a 22-foot Malibu Wakesetter 22 LSV and enjoys wakeboarding and tubing with his wife, Maggie, and sons Sheldon, 17, and Marshal, 12, two or three times



Jake Drakenburg, fiberglass boat specialist at American Marine and Motorsports in Shawano, takes his Malibu Wakesetter 22 LSV wake boat out for a ride. Wake boaters are facing possible restrictions if some residents and non-residents get their way, based on survey results at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources spring online hearings.

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a week on Shawano Lake.

"Are you going to tell them (wake boat owners) that they can't use them?" Drakenburg said. The secret to keeping shoreline property owners and fishermen happy is to "go to the middle of the lake. Shawano Lake is a big lake to fish."

While enjoying one outing there, an angler dropped anchor right where his family was using their wake boat. Slow-water users can avoid such conflicts by staying away from powerboaters. Some smaller lakes like Legend and Loon have no-wake policies after 6 p.m., which further benefits anglers, kayakers and canoeists, Drakenburg noted.

Fellow American Marine boat salesman Rick Coello noted that Legend and Cloverleaf lakes and the Wolf River are other popular areas for wake boats.

Wake boats generate larger waves through the use of water ballast tanks in the rear of the boat so the boat rides lower in the water, Drakenburg explained. His Malibu has four ballast tanks that can hold a total of 2,200 pounds of water.

A 2020 study by the University of Minnesota's St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, conducted on Lake Independence, Maple Plain, Minnesota, used two Malibu wake boats and two conventional power boats. The study indicated that full vs. empty ballasts had little impact on the

wave height, total wave energy and maximum wave power at distances greater than 100 feet.

It took about 500 feet for the waves to "attenuate" or dissipate from a wake boat vs. 425 feet from a conventional boat, the study summarized. An aftermarket "wave shaper" that can be attached to any boat had the most wave impact.

The six Conservation Congress questions on the annual DNR spring survey related to wake boats included two from Dane County (written by George Meyer of Madison) and four from Vilas County, two from Jeff Meessmann and two from Yvonne Meessmann, both of Boulder Junction, according to a DNR link to the individual questions.

According to an introduction to the six questions, "unregulated wake surfacing" has the potential to erode shoreline, destroy fish spawning beds, swamp loon nests and otherwise cause environmental damage. All of these proposals would require legislation to be implemented.

You can read all the questions at https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/About/WCC/2023/SpringHearing/2023_WCC_SpringHearing_Questions.pdf

The first wake boat question seeks to restrict such boats more than 700 feet from shore "or other water users" on lakes larger than

1,500 acres. The overall vote was 6,062-3,019 in favor (5,768-2,770 in favor by Wisconsin residents).

The second would prohibit "wake boats causing hazardous wakes" on lakes less than 1,500 acres. The vote was 6,292-2,879 in favor (5,989-2,632).

The third question would prohibit wake boats from operating within 700 feet "of any dock, raft, pier, buoyed restricted area, shoreline and any other watercraft." Votes were 5,999-3,020 (5,712-2,769).

The fourth seeks to create a state law that would prohibit wake boats on lakes of an as yet undefined size, depth, length and width. Voting was 6,179-2,874 (5,874-2,632) in favor.

The fifth would prohibit methods used to intentionally magnifying wakes on lakes less than 1,500 acres. Voting was 6,207-2,856 (5,900-2,616) in favor.

The final question seeks to prohibit intentionally magnifying wakes on Presque Isle Township, Vilas County. Voting was 5,688-2,743 (5,409-2,504) in favor.

All results can be seen at https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/About/WCC/2023/SpringHearing/2023_StatewideResults.pdf

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American woodcock mesmerizes with sky dance

Although I didn't know it at the time, my love affair with the American woodcock began the summer of my 17th year.

My summer job was working for the Youth Conservation Core (YCC) in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. One of my projects was to clear a quarter acre along the edge of the forest for the American woodcock to perform his mating ritual they called the Sky Dance. I had no idea what an American woodcock looked like or what this sky dance was about. Nonetheless, I thought it was sweet that this bird needed a "dance floor" to impress the ladies, so I enjoyed helping to clear this area.



LISA JANSEN

Fast forward four decades, and the American woodcock has entered my life once again. I became a member of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin and have been participating in their field trips. They are all very wonderful but this one trip, this one night, has become my favorite.

This field trip took place in Door County. We gathered at The Ridges Sanctuary where we were given a short educational presentation about the American woodcock. Among the many interesting things I learned was that it had other colorful names such as timberdoodle, Labrador twister, bogsucker, night partridge, and mudsnipe.

The presenter said: "If you think the names are funny, you should see the bird!"

The thought of finally getting to see one after all these years felt like I had come full circle with my YCC days.

After the presentation, the tour leader guided us through the woods to where the American woodcock would hopefully make an appearance. Golden light speckled the ground as the sun slowly descended behind the horizon. The air was thick with anticipation.

"We'll sit here," the guide declared pointing to a row of oak stumps two feet high and cut straight across the top. "It is vital that we sit very still and refrain from speaking. That will give us the best chance of not spooking him."



An American woodcock is easier to spot against the snow.

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We followed her instructions for what seemed like forever. Words were replaced with an ever-increasing sense of yearning. The stillness and silence made it hard to tell just how fast time was passing, but no doubt my anxiousness made any estimation far too hopeful. Just as it seemed too much time had passed and our hopes started to fade, we heard it, a nasal, buzzing-like sound, "peent, peent." We jumped for joy but then quickly composed ourselves so as not to scare him, this elusive, American woodcock.

Twenty yards away and barely visible in the twilight, I spotted this funny-looking yet adorable creature. He is the size of a robin with a stout little body, a short tail, short legs, and short neck. His very long, thin beak and big head with large

eyes high on each side add to his quirky looks. With camouflage coloring, he is used to hiding in plain sight, but tonight he demands to be seen and heard.

Full of confidence, he turned a quarter turn, pushed out his chest and called again, "peent, peent." Two more times, he rotated a quarter turn, declaring to females in all directions to pay attention, "peent, peent," he is about to put on a show. Having completed a full circle of announcing his presence, he began his sky dance.

Without warning, he shot up off the ground. I quickly lost sight of him but then I heard him flying fast and feverishly behind us, then around and around as he ascended circling high into the sky. An undulating flight with bursts of wingbeats produced pulses of twittering. It was remarkable. It was miraculous. Left, right, in, out, up and down spinning circles for all to see. Then, just as quickly as he had made his way up,

he descended at high speed swerving back and forth, down and around until landing in the exact same spot he had begun, ready to start his performance once more.

He repeated his mating display for any and all onlooking female woodcocks until it was pitch dark. You couldn't see the smile on our faces, but you could feel our collective awe. I was so full of wonder I was ready to burst. As we made our way back to our cars, I said a little prayer that this woodcock, in all of his glory, had successfully captured a female woodcock's heart, for he had surely captured mine.

I hope that you will have a chance to witness this remarkable display. Perhaps like me, you, too, will find it to be one of those wonders that never cease to amaze you and always live on in your heart.

Lisa Jansen is a conservationist, nature writer, and award-winning photographer. She specializes in raising awareness of birds and butterflies of the Midwest.

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Garbage cleanup cure for foul moods

When the weather warms up, I store my boring treadmill and head outside to exercise. I try to walk at least 3 miles five days a week. My favorite route goes past a yard where kids play outside like children used to (rare sight in Townsend these days), the Radish yak farm, Sleepy Hollow Mini-Golf, Horn Lake and lovely neighbors who occasionally take a moment to talk.

So it's all good — except for one thing. Every single spring for the past 20 years, I've hoped that when the snow melts I won't be met with the disgusting sight of garbage lying in the roadside ditches. No such luck. You may wonder why anyone would want to clean up after scumbags. Simple: I cannot fully enjoy my beautiful outdoor surroundings when my eyes are assaulted by ugly trash. I wish I could ignore it, but I can't.

For two decades, I've spent hours cleaning up those 3 miles, but I considered the time free therapy. I'd schedule the job on a day when the weather was fair and my attitude foul. It always brightened my mood to restore order to my little corner of the world. I'm pretty confident Mother Nature appreciated what I was doing.

I had my routine down to a science. Jon hitched up the trailer behind



KATHLEEN MARSH

the ATV, and I hopped on and headed off to the scene of the crime. Of course, I dressed for the task in quasi-hazmat gear — long-sleeved sweatshirt, old blue jeans, wide-brimmed hat, sturdy hiking boots and thick leather gloves. I always picked up a trailer full of garbage and a heart full of satisfaction, knowing my walks would be so much more enjoyable.

If you're enjoying your morning coffee or eating anything, you might want to come back and finish reading this later. OK. Ready?

Certain repulsive items I've found every year deal with bodily functions. Luckily, these special treats are usually encased in plastic. If you are thinking that just reading this is disgusting, try picking it up for proper disposal. I did find a \$20 bill once. That was a lovely surprise.

Another positive aspect of doing this dirty duty is learning things about people who freely fling their filth. First, some tobacco users do not mind trash-ing the environment as well as their

bodies. Second, unless carbonated beverage fans have suddenly become environmentally responsible, people are drinking a lot less soda. Problem is I'm picking up way more plastic bottles. At least I could take the aluminum cans to the fire department recycling station.

Third, judging from the discarded bags, scrunched food wrappers and broken Styrofoam containers, litter-lovers are scarfing down a huge quantity of packaged snacks, fast food sandwiches and pizzas to go. Here I do cut offenders a tiny bit of slack; they probably purchased their junk food in town, so there's a bit of redemption in that they support local merchants.

However, there is absolutely no excuse for one particular behavior — traveling Nicolet to Valley View to Horn Lake Road and drinking while driving. At least one such lawbreaker favors those little bottles of booze; the rest prefer beer, chiefly Miller and Budweiser products. Searching vainly for an upside, Miller drinkers are supporting the effort to build a championship baseball team in Milwaukee. On the other hand, more and more discarded cans are the 24-ounce size. Yikes! Holy Tragic Accident Waiting to Happen.

I always thought if I found out who the (expletive deleted) are who defile

our Northwoods Paradise, I'd not so politely ask why they expect others to pick up their rubbish. Things being what they are in my neck of the woods, that would probably not be a good idea. No way am I going to run the risk of inviting violence upon my person or property.

Speaking of minimizing risk, I'm not doing the spring purge this year and probably never will again. I'm going to have to learn to ignore the ugly stuff until the weeds grow high enough to hide it. It's not because I'm not up to the task, or even because I've come way too close to (purposely?) being run over. It's that I've been told addicts are discarding fentanyl-laced trash in ditches and just touching that stuff can be fatal.

Ironic, isn't it? I could get dead doing my part to keep my aging body and the planet healthy. Sad for me, but more so for the environment. How I wish litterers would remember we all share the same planet. Judging by the weather here the past decade, Mother Nature has taken notice and gone bonkers. Can't say that I blame her.

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

Nurse practitioner comes to Oconto County clinics

Prevea Health is pleased to welcome Kaitlyn Sharboneau, to the team of primary care physicians and providers at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital Prevea Health Centers in Oconto Falls, Suring, Gillett, Mountain and Lena.

As a family nurse practitioner, Sharboneau specializes in routine

care for children and adults, preventive medicine, health maintenance, medication management, and acute and chronic disease management. She earned a Master of Science in nursing from Bellin College and is certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

"My approach to providing quality patient care is to personalize care for each of my patients to treat the whole person, not just their medical diagnoses," said Sharboneau. "I strive to develop strong patient-provider relationships with each individual to work together to manage their health."

The HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital Prevea Health Centers are rural health clinics with medical teams dedicated to serving the community with high quality care, close to home. Appointments with Sharboneau can be made by calling 920-496-4700 or online at www.prevea.com

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Over ice cream sodas, George, played by Tim Cornette, and Emily, played by Addison Borst, discuss their true feelings in a scene for "Our Town." CONTRIBUTED

'Our Town' rescheduled at Oconto Falls High School

Many weeks of practice involving about 30 students will come to a head this weekend with the performance of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" in the Falls Area Performing Arts Center at Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

Showings will be at 7 p.m. April 28-29. This is a date change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Our Town is a play that has received hundreds of revivals. The cast and crew have worked hard to honor the requests of the playwright while adding some surprises to make the production "their own."

Not only presenting challenges and lessons to the students involved, but this production of "Our Town" will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of drama at the high school under the direction of teacher Gayle Gander, who will be stepping out from behind the curtain to assume the role of the all-knowing stage manager.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased online through the district's selling platform, <https://ofps.revtrak.net/pac-ticket-boxoffice/#/list> to place. A few tickets will be available at the door for an extra \$1. There will also be a reception following the Saturday performance.

St. Paul finishes 2nd at Wisconsin Bible Bowl

St. Paul Lutheran School took home second place at the 13th annual Wisconsin State-Wide Bible Bowl on

March 25 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Athens.

Gage Anderson, Garrett Anderson and Vincent Peebles competed in the event, which focused on the book of Exodus. Gage Anderson also finished second individually for the written competition, while Peebles finished fourth and Garrett Anderson rounded out the top 10.

The St. Paul team was coached by Dave Doell.

Design specialist joins Packerland Websites

Alexa Haferkorn has joined the Packerland Websites team as a WordPress web developer and design specialist. Oconto County-based Packerland Websites specializes in website design, search engine optimization, and digital marketing strategies.

A Little Chute native, Haferkorn earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in



ALEXA HAFERKORN

graphic communications at Northern Michigan University in 2016. She previously worked as a website and brand designer at 906 Technologies and a graphic designer and marketing assistant at Beth Millner Jewelry. Additionally, Haferkorn worked at Packerland as a WordPress web developer for one year.

Bill Koehne, owner of Packerland Websites, said Haferkorn understands what businesses and nonprofits need to maintain a dynamic online presence.

"With her background in graphic



St. Paul Lutheran School finished second in the Wisconsin Bible Bowl, with, from left, Vincent Peeble, Gage Anderson and Garrett Anderson representing the school. CONTRIBUTED

design and website development, Alexa brings a combination of talents to Packerland Websites," he said. "Aside from her technical and artistic skills, she has a knack for communicating with customers to help them create websites that meet their business goals."

"I'm a creative web designer inspired by bold voices and great passions," Haferkorn said. "I want to take my client's business goals and create an environment for them to come to life and connect with the world. I love learning how people think about media and react to visual experiences, which helps me design compelling websites for specific audiences."

In addition to her work at Packerland, Haferkorn enjoys spending time in the outdoors, especially hiking, biking, and skiing. She also enjoys all things artsy and crafty, so she spends time creating artwork and visiting local art fairs and shows.

Youth group recycling electronics, washing cars

Hillside Royal Rangers Boys' Ministry is teaming with B3 Recycling Solutions of De Pere for an electronics recycling day and car wash from 9 a.m. to noon April 29 at the church, 5890 State Highway 22, Gillett.

Most items are free to recycle. There is a small fee for monitors, televisions, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioning units. For a complete list, go to www.hillsideassembly.com/recycle.

The boys are also having a car wash with a suggested donation of \$12 per vehicle.

The event will take place rain or

shine.

For information, call 920-855-2962 or go to www.hillsideassembly.com.

The Cottages Senior Living and Memory Care has announced Philip Anderson as its new director of safety and security.

Cottages promotes man to direct safety, security

Anderson will manage safety protocols, training, and oversee all building security. He will conduct routine risk assessments, review safety policy, and ensure staff are informed, trained, and prepared in the event of an emergency.

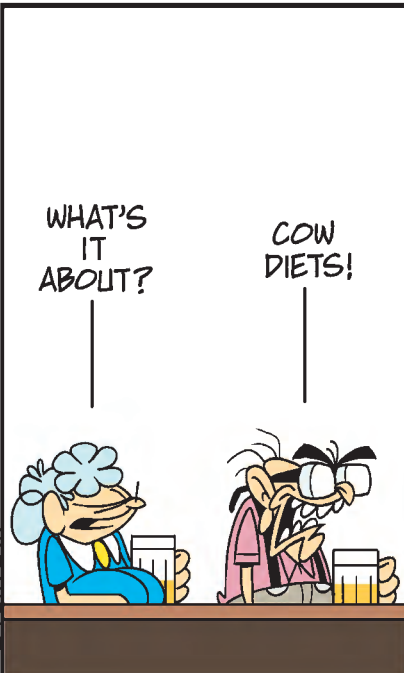
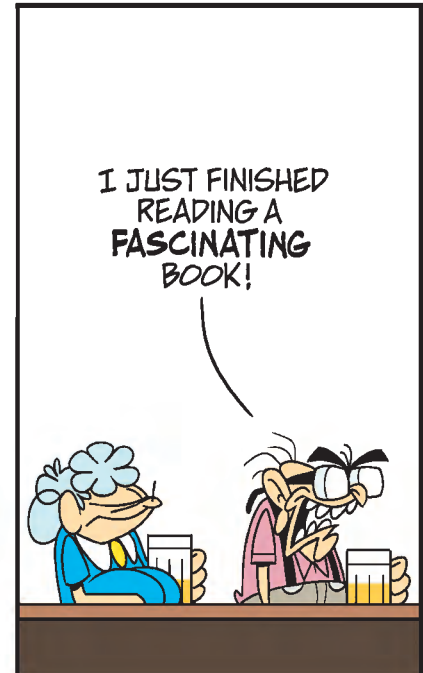
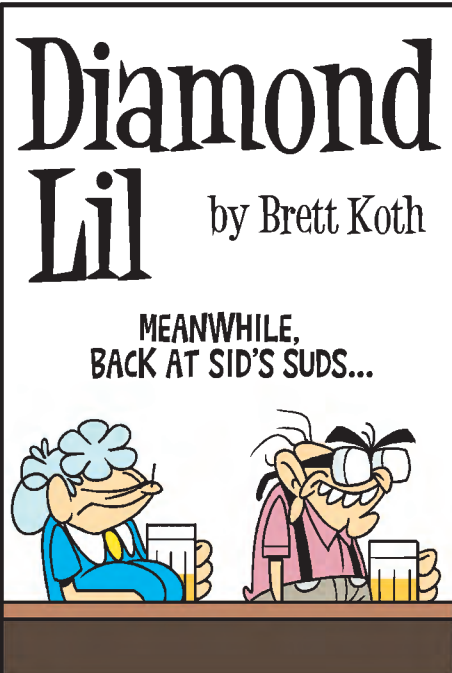
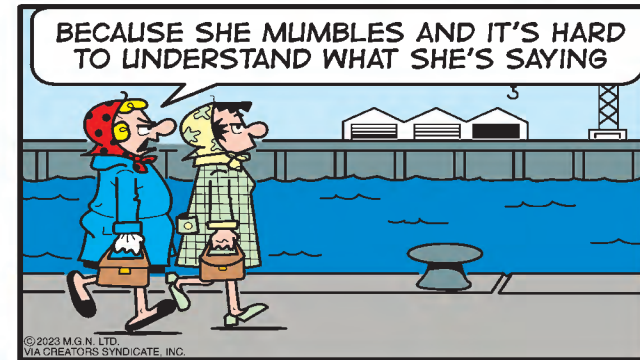
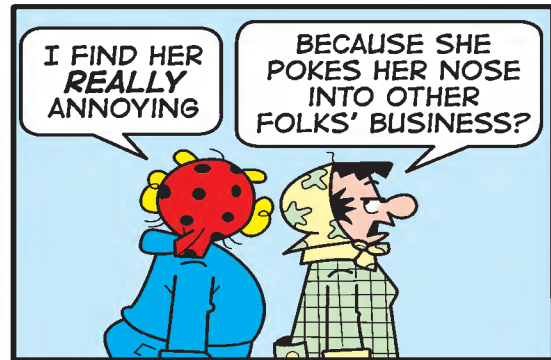
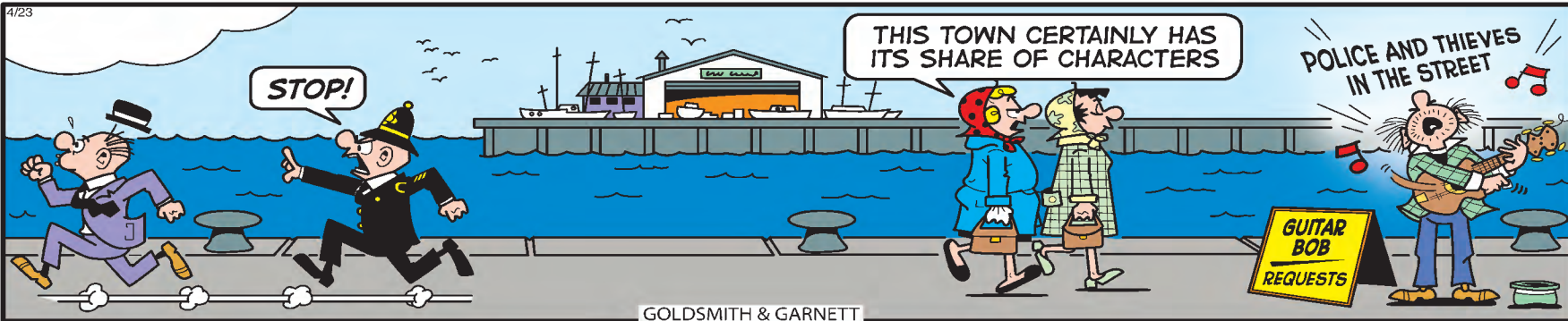
Anderson's wealth of knowledge includes time with AmeriCorps in the office of emergency management for Shawano County. He participated in public outreach and training, as well as the planning and implementation of countywide drills, such as active shooter and mass casualty drills.

During his eight years with The Cottages, Anderson served as the director of maintenance, in which he trained staff in emergency procedures and preparedness. He was also a part of a COVID-19 response team, helping develop protocols to deal with a major pandemic and ensuring the facility adhered to regulations.

"My priority is to give our staff the information they need to keep our residents safe and to feel confident that they can calmly follow the correct path to safety in case of an emergency," said Anderson. "I look forward to providing more one-on-one training to our staff and dedicating building-specific instruction to ensure that our care staff and management team can address any situation together."

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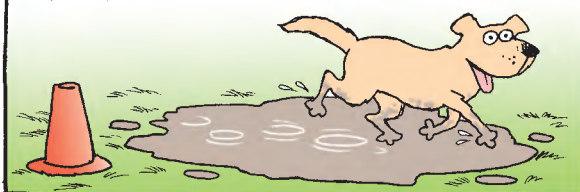
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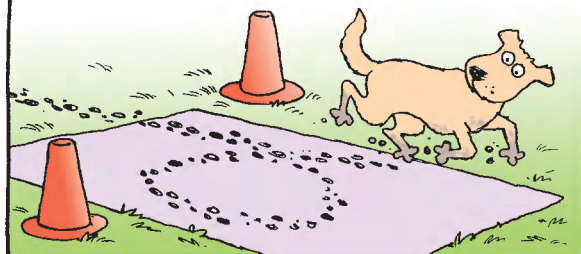
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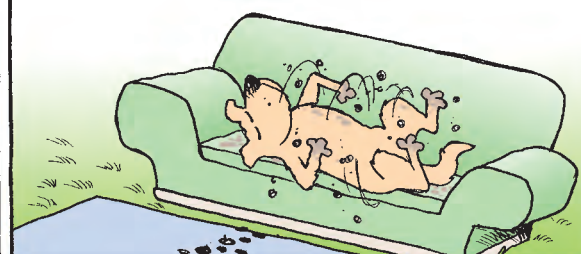
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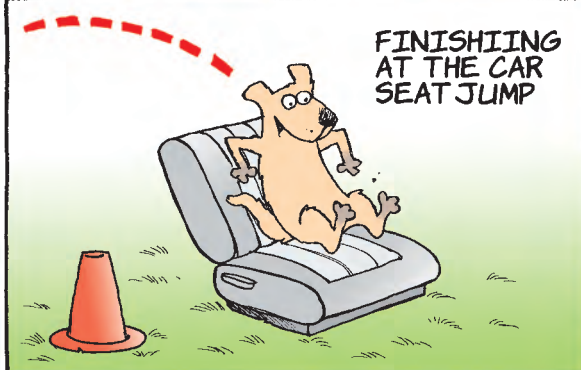
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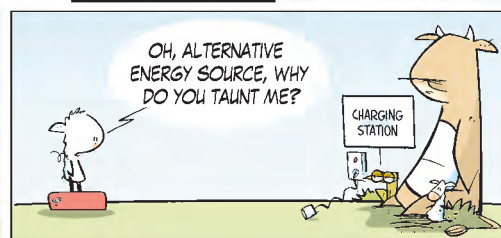
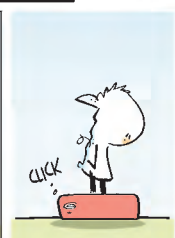
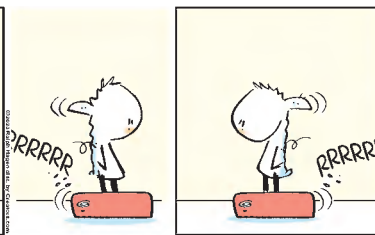
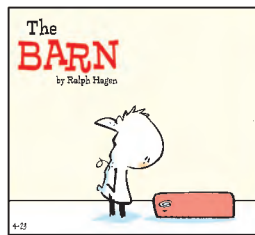
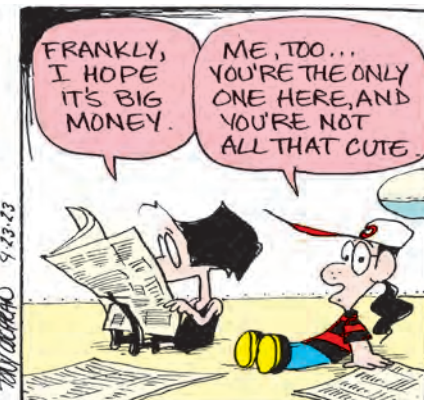
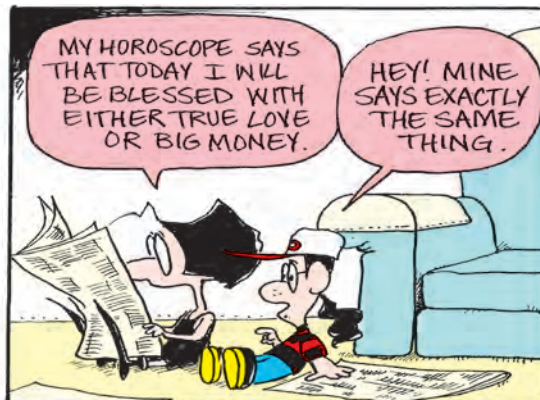
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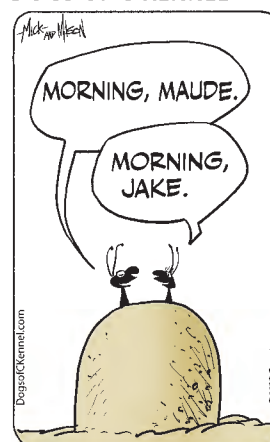


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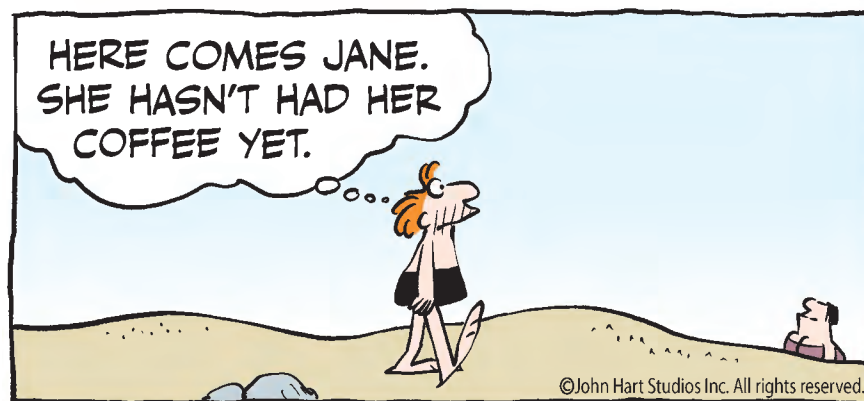
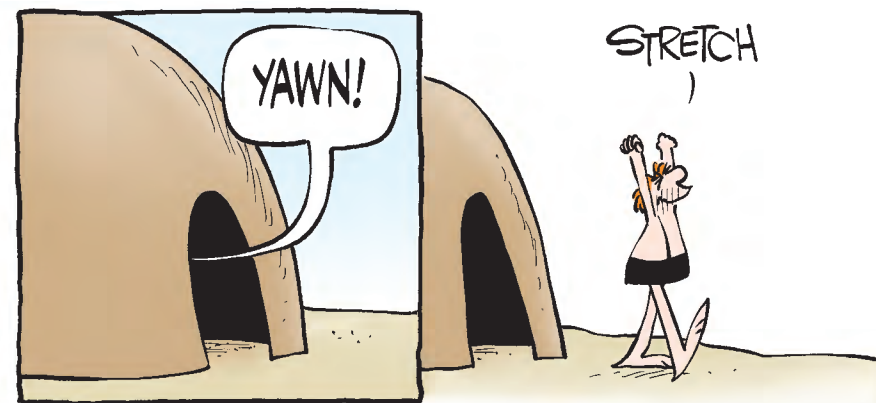
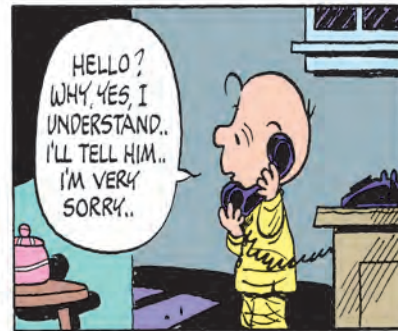


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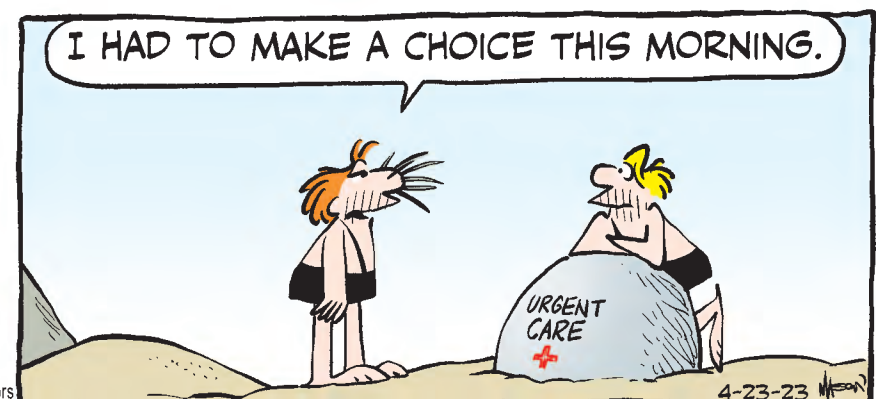
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