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School board approves teacher pay hikes

Increases for support staff coming up, with average raise being around \$2,400

By **LEE PULASKI**

City Editor

Future employees of the Shawano School District could be starting out with higher pay, but current employees are likely to get a boost, as well.

The Shawano School Board approved its professional salary schedule for the 2022-23 school year on May 1, and it also discussed the pay scale for support staff with plans to approve later.

The professional salary schedule has a new hire with a bachelor's degree starting at \$43,400, up 6.45% from the \$40,600 starting teacher salary for the 2022-23 school year and well above the proposed 2023-24 salary of \$41,750. For each year of service, an additional \$825 will be added to the salary, except for the fifth year, which would result in a \$1,000 pay bump.

The district has had a compensation committee working on the new pay schedule for two years. Current employees can expect to see a minimum pay bump of \$1,851, but the average increase is expected to be \$2,299. The increase in pay is expected to cost the district an additional \$383,652.

"We're using this as another tool to attract and retain our staff," said Superintendent Kurt Krizan.

He added that teachers in other area schools are starting out around the \$40,000 to \$41,000 range.

The district is also in the process of updating the support staff wage sched-

ule, with the pay rate ranging from \$15 to \$20.32 an hour for library aides and instructional paraprofessionals to \$25.91 to \$35.10 an hour for technical support staff.

"A lot of work has gone into this, and I think we know that this is an issue that needs to be fixed," said Nicole Hartlaben, human resources director. "I feel that this provides a competitive wage and avenue for consistency and fairness in fixing some discrepancies that we have currently."

Hartlaben noted the wages were higher than they were on a draft proposal created months ago that was based off a compensation study done by the district. She said the new proposal added 2.8% to the top of each level, with each pay increase also being 2.8%.

The new wage proposal also separated paraprofessionals based on their skill sets, such as those who are instructional paraprofessionals versus who deal with special education students or speech programs, according to Hartlaben.

"Each staff member was placed on the scale where they would earn at least 25 cents additional, and then after they were placed, I looked at tenure," she said. "If they were here for one to five years, it remained the same. Five to 10 years, they were bumped up one (level), and then 10-plus years, they were bumped up two."

Hartlaben said she wanted to be sure that support staff were compen-

sated enough so they didn't suffer from "wage compression," where newer employees would start out making more than what the current staff members are making.

"With this, the average annual increase is about \$2,400 per year," Hartlaben said, only slightly higher than the professional pay increase. "The average hourly increase is \$1.60 an hour, and it'll add approximately \$173,000 to our payroll annually."

Hartlaben said she'd also like to see a compensation committee form for the support staff, the same as for teachers and other professional staff. She said it was important to make changes now but set up a system where pay gaps don't become a problem.

Board member Karen Smith was concerned about how district office staff were placed in a different category than school office staff.

"My fear is, just where the folks work, they are higher than the people who work in different buildings and have different responsibilities," Smith said.

Krizan noted another area school district was meeting on the same night to increase wages, but that was only \$725 for teachers and a 2% bump for support staff, so he wasn't concerned Shawano would find itself lagging behind at the same time next year.

"Both of these plans are much more lucrative," Krizan said.

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Baba's Cafe in Wittenberg closing

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

A local cafe plans to close its doors before the month is over.

Baba's Cafe, 504 S. Webb St., posted on Facebook on May 2 explaining the closing, citing the rising costs of running a restaurant.

"This post is difficult to put out,"

according to the Facebook post. "After many months of hard decisions and tough times, we here at Baba's have decided to close our doors for good. It has been a great six years, but it is no longer working. The cost of running a restaurant is just too high."

The post said the last day of business will be May 27, unless it runs

out of food before that date.

"Thank you for all of your support these last six years," read the post.

NEW Media reached out to Baba's Cafe for comments but was told that the owners of the restaurant would like the information to come directly from them.

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Mattoon smelt fry raises thousands for area youth



The Mattoon Village Hall is packed with visitors to the 57th annual Mattoon Sportsman's Club smelt fry on May 6. The event is held yearly to raise money for various youth organizations in the area, including the Birnamwood Bowhunters and little league baseball and softball. This year, the event raised close to \$8,000, with most of the money to be used for the Moose Lake fisherie in Antigo this summer.

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Schultz calls 57th smelt fry successful, gratifying

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Smelt was all the rage in Mattoon over the past weekend, as a popular fundraiser once again took place at the Mattoon Village Hall.

The Mattoon Sportsman's Club's 57th smelt fry took place May 6 to allow visitors from Mattoon and surrounding communities to enjoy a lunch of smelt and french fries, catch up with friends and support the community.

"It started out about 50-60 years ago with the Mattoon Sportsman's Club not having any money," said club president Butch Schultz. "We were looking to raise some money for different projects and somebody came up with the idea of catching smelt in Marinette and having a smelt fry to make some money."

Historically, the smelt fry has served anywhere from 600-800 people. Schultz said that this year's attendance fell in line with that number.

"It is sort of gratifying to see everybody — it is like a homecoming to many people," said Schultz. "There are people coming from Ringo, Hatley, Wausau, Appleton and Marinette. There is a lot of times where this is the only opportunity to see all of these people. It is a reunion-type thing."

This year, Schultz estimated that between \$6,000 and \$8,000 was raised from the event.

"About 75% of that goes towards

the youth," said Schultz. "Our big thing that we hold is the fisherie for the kids up on Moose Lake (in Antigo) every year. It takes about \$2,000-\$2,500 to put that on. The kids get major prizes, with prizes for the biggest fish."

Other than the fisherie, the money raised at the smelt fry also goes to little league baseball and softball in the area. On top of that the sportsman's club has also donated to fire safety courses and the Birnamwood Bowhunters club.

"The thing is, we realized that the youth is our future," said Schultz on why the money goes to support local youth organizations. "There is a lot of bad stuff out there that kids can get into. If they can in to sports and outdoor hobbies and stuff like that, it is usually not letting them go the wrong way."

More than just supporting the Mattoon Sportsman's Club, Schultz called it a great feeling to see so many people come together to support the youth in the area.

"When you see 145 kids raising fishing poles, tip-ups and tackle boxes, it really gives you a good feeling of gratification that you have done something right," said Schultz.

Schultz added that the event sees close to 450 lbs of smelt being consumed, which is about half of what was consumed 20 or so years ago.

"There was a time when that hall was packed even until midnight," said Schultz. "With new laws and other people having things to do, the attendance is a little bit down. There were times where we served 900 people."

Wrapping it all up, Schultz said he enjoys getting to be a part of the event every year and hopes that the tradition can continue long into the future.

"The majority of all of the members come out of the woodwork for this, usually the meetings aren't

heavily attended, but when it comes to something like this, they come out," said Schultz. "It is a big thing that we enjoy doing and the community enjoys as well."

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• Shawn V. Barnes, 41, Shawano, was charged May 1 with two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$750 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for May 16.

• Kristen M. Roberts, 41, Shawano, was charged May 1 with one count of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$250 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 17.

• Joseph A. Sullivan, 43, Shawano, was charged May 1 with two counts of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 10.

• Gary L. Hargrove, 62, Emory, Texas, pleaded no contest May 2 to one misdemeanor count of negligent handling of burning material. One count of first degree recklessly endangering safety was dismissed, but read into the record. One count of presenting or causing a fraudulent insurance claim (greater than \$2,500) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion.

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. fined Hargrove \$150.

• Brenda S. Miller, 30, Bowler, pleaded no contest May 2 to one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, two counts of bail jumping, three misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of battery and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Three counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and seven misdemeanor counts of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Miller to one year in jail and four years of probation.

• William C. Robinson, 32, Keshena, was charged May 3 with one count of burglary of a building or dwelling, one count of theft of movable property, greater than \$10,000, and one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property. Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a status conference for June 6.

• Kelly Y. Malone, 43, Keshena, was charged May 3 with one count of second-degree recklessly endangering safety and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a signature bond of

\$1,500 and scheduled a status conference for June 21.

• Jade L. Pecore, 32, Shawano, was charged May 3 with one count of battery by prisoners and two counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a signature bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a status conference for June 5.

• Abby M. Niven, 42, Gresham, pleaded no contest May 3 to one count of attempting to escape criminal arrest, one count of forgery, two counts of misappropriating identification information, two counts of possession of narcotic drugs, two counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of possession of THC.

One count of misappropriating identification information, three counts of bail jumping and four misdemeanor counts of bail jumping were dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Niven to four years in prison and two years of extended supervision.

• Michael D. Gardner, 35, Green Bay, pleaded guilty May 3 to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma sentenced Gardner to 60 days in jail.

• Sharon J. Rockman, 36, Wittenberg,

pleaded no contest May 3 to one count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Three additional misdemeanor counts of bail jumping were dismissed, but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Rockman to nine months in jail.

• Jennifer L. Schoeppe, 36, Marion, pleaded guilty May 3 to one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), three counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. She also pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property, less than or equal to \$2,500. Four counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Schoeppe to 150 days in jail and four years of probation.

• Desma M. Wayka, 31, Appleton, was charged May 4 with five counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Shawano County Judicial Court Commissioner Eric Hendrickson set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 12.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 8

Police report was not provided by press time.

May 7

Officers responded to 22 calls, including multiple disturbance calls at Sharona's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; a drug offense on East Green Bay Street; criminal damage on West Danks Street; child abuse on County Road MMM; property theft on Madison Way; a drug offense on East Green Bay Street; disorderly conduct on East Richmond Street.

May 6

Officers responded to 14 calls, including a disturbance on Prospect Circle; criminal damage at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a drug offense on East Green Bay Street; a fireworks problem on South Humphrey Circle; reckless driving on South Smalley Street.

May 5

Officers responded to 27 calls, including disorderly conduct at Brickstone Inn, 622 E. Green Bay St.; a disturbance on Estates Lane; a hit-and-run on South Main Street.

May 4

Officers responded to 36 calls, including property theft on Main Street; disorderly conduct on South Lincoln Street; a threat on South Maiden Lane; multiple drug offense calls at Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; harassment on East Ridlington Avenue; a car personal injury on East Richmond Street; disorderly conduct at

Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; harassment on East Fifth Street; reckless driving on County Road B.

May 3

Officers responded to 13 calls, including criminal damage at Kuckuk Park, 700 Oak Dr.; property damage on South Washington Street; shop lifting at Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.; a weapons offense at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 302 S. Main St.

May 2

Officers responded to 26 calls, including a threat on Maiden Lane; a theft attempt at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; reckless driving on Lake Drive; property damage at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; child abuse or neglect at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; reckless driving on South Franklin Street; property theft on East Fifth Street.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

May 8

Deputies responded to 38 calls, including harassment on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a disturbance on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; a weapons offense on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Main Street in Birnamwood; two crashes.

May 7

Deputies responded to 26 calls, includ-

ing reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; property theft on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; a disturbance on Railroad Street in Birnamwood; a threat on Stone Avenue in Mattoon; a threat on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; one crash.

May 6

Deputies responded to 32 calls, including harassment on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on Country Road Z in the Town of Aniwa; a disturbance on West Main Street in Bowler; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on Swan Acre Drive in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; an ATV problem on state Highway 22 in the Town of Green Valley; three crashes, one involving a bear.

May 5

Deputies responded to 35 calls, including property damage on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a disturbance on County Road N in the Town of Birnamwood; a computer crime on North Avenue in Mattoon; property theft on Hillview Road in the Town of Hutchins; criminal damage on Resort Road in the Town of Washington; a disturbance on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; a disturbance on Pioneer Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; harassment on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on U.S. Highway

45 in Birnamwood; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; reckless driving on County Road S in the Town of Maple Grove; four crashes, one involving deer.

May 4

Deputies responded to 42 calls, including a disturbance on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; property theft on Division Road in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a drug problem on South Cecil Street in Bonduel; an automobile theft on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; property damage on Fourth Street in Mattoon.

May 3

Deputies responded to 44 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a drug problem on Schabow Street in Gresham; one crash.

May 2

Deputies responded to 24 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; a disturbance on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; harassment on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; a disturbance on state Highway 32 in the Town of Angelica; a disturbance on Maple Avenue in the Town of Richmond; three crashes.

Schairer's Greenhouse kicks off 12th season

Birnamwood business to sell flowers, vegetables, succulents, shrubs as season starts late

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

With warmer weather hitting the area recently, one local greenhouse has just opened its doors to the community again.

Schairer's Greenhouse, 154 U.S. Highway 45, Birnamwood, enters its 12th season of operation under Karen Schairer. Originally opening the greenhouse to share her love of planting and gardening with the community, Schairer said that she is excited to get back for another year. This year, the greenhouse is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The greenhouse will stay open through June 14.

"We are opening the greenhouse for our spring 2023 season," said Schairer. "We have all kinds of products for sale. We have flowers — mostly annuals, succulents, hanging baskets, flower arrangements, trees, shrubs and a few perennials."

Talking about why she operates the greenhouse, Schairer said that planting and gardening has become a large part of who she is.

"I like the flowers and all of the different colors," said Schairer. "It is really beautiful. I like to grow things and run my own business. I kind of got started because I like to garden and grow vegetables. It kind of just turned into flowers too. We have also have vegetables plants for sale too."

Opening on May 2, Schairer said that she has had a slow start, partly due to the rainy and wet weather, but she expects that to pick up with Mother's Day right around the corner.

"The weather just has not been cooperating — too cloudy and not enough sun," said Schairer. "We just need some sun, so hopefully we have sunny days ahead. People are itching to get pots and flowers in the ground, but the weather has not been there. There are a lot of people who are coming into look right now, but there are also people that are just ready to buy, because it is late in the season already."

With this being her 12th year in business, Schairer said that she continues to have fun operating the greenhouse and talking with visitors and customers about the plants and flowers. With the fun of talking to and helping visitors find the perfect plant,



Schairer's Greenhouse owner Karen Schairer organizes hanging baskets of flowers containing different species and colors in the greenhouse on May 6. With the weather not fully cooperating, she said that the greenhouse is off to a late start, but does contain a great selection of plants in time for Mother's Day on May 14.

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Schairer said that some work goes into the greenhouse.

"It is a lot of work, like keeping your flowers looking good, because presentation is everything," said Schairer. "You want to put out a good product and keep the flowers looking good. It is a little bit of work to keep them looking good and with the weather, there has been a little bit of a challenge to do that. With the cloudy weather, it is a lot of cutting back and deadheading and trimming your flowers. For spot watering, you can't water the whole greenhouse when it is cloudy, because they need sun. You don't want to over water, because that

is not good for your plants."

Another enjoyable aspect of the job for Schairer is being able to share her knowledge of gardening with those coming into purchase the plants.

"A lot of people that come in have questions about the plants, so we do the best that we can to inform them about the plants," said Schairer. "We try to grow a lot of the plants through the summer ourselves, so you kind of get a feel of how they do."

In regards to preparing the greenhouse for the spring season, Schairer said that planting and preparation starts in February.

"We start in February getting the

slow-growers going, because there are things that grow slower," said Schairer. "We turn the heat on and then all through March we have orders coming in, so we get plugs started growing. That goes through about the first week of April and after that it is all about maintaining the plants."

Schairer said that she has noticed that the bubble gum petunias are a very popular item among those who come into the greenhouse.

"Right now we have lots of those, so get them before they are gone, because those are popular," said Schairer.

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Shawano holds its second recovery walk

Officials, speakers encourage everyone to join discussion on addiction, recovery

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Dozens of people braved the rainy weather May 6 to walk in celebration of those who have been through or are going through recovery after being addicted to drugs and alcohol.

They also stood in solidarity as local officials and guest speakers talked about the struggle that addicts have of breaking the cycle, but it's always possible when someone is ready to change. The Greater Shawano Area Recovery Celebration and Awareness Walk event is one that has taken months of preparing and planning with the help of Leadership Shawano County, according to Becky Edgren, Shawano County Drug Court coordinator.

"We had a huge group that made this event happen," Edgren said.

Addiction affects all people in all walks of life, and Dennis Kenote, a U.S. Navy veteran from the Menominee tribe, personified it as he gave a blessing at the event, telling the crowd that he is a recovering alcoholic.

"I've been sober now for 33 years," Kenote said.

Shawano County Sheriff George Lenzner pointed out that the problem of addiction is not limited to the people who were present in Franklin Park for the walk. It affects everyone at some point in their lives, whether they become an addict or have a friend or family member who is struggling with addiction.

"Everybody knows somebody that's addicted or struggling with addiction," Lenzner said. "You either have a family member, a friend or a co-worker. That's what this event is all about. It's showing them that the resources are here to help."

Lenzner announced that plans are coming closer to reality for a women's recovery house in Shawano.

"Who would have thought it came this soon?" Lenzner said.

Drug court programs are helping the community. Mayor Bruce Milavitz noted that there are 1.5 mil-



The second annual Greater Shawano Area Recovery Celebration and Awareness Walk goes on May 6 with dozens of people walking around Shawano, even as rain might have kept some from venturing out to Franklin Park to help those who are recovering from drug or alcohol addiction. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Walkers stop to smudge before embarking on the big walk May 6 for the Greater Shawano Area Recovery Celebration and Awareness Walk. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

lion people who have helped through drug court, and it helps government save about \$6,000 per person helped.

"It's interesting how we call come out for different reasons," Milavitz said prior to reading a proclamation designating May as Recovery Month. "It's just amazing how well and how successful this has become."

Anthony Alvarado, one of the founders of Rise Together, an Appleton nonprofit dedicated to fighting substance abuse, talked about his experiences and how he fought his addiction for 15 years. He and his now-fiance, Nadine Machkovech, had been traveling the country since 2013 talking to high schools and

middle schools but had to stop when COVID-19 shut everything down.

"I'm so glad to be back at a recovery event," Alvarado said. "We wanted to come to the community and spread a message of hope. When I first got started, I was sick and tired of being sick and tired. I was tired of losing friends and family members, and I almost lost my own life."

Alvarado pointed out that everyone's path to recovery is different. What works for one alcoholic or drug user isn't the key to saving another, he said.

"Each and every one of us has a story to tell, and I think it's important that we all realize today that we're all part of the solution," Alvarado said.

Machkovech, who has been in recovery herself for 10 years and is the executive director for Rise Together, pointed out that it's important for everybody to be part of the conversation about addiction and recovery, and no one should be ashamed to speak their truth.

"It's your story. You can't mess it up," Machkovech said.

\$500K cash bond set in stabbing case

Larock faces 60 years in prison for attempted first-degree intentional homicide

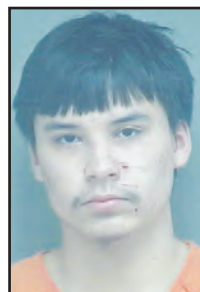
By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A Shawano man was charged May 2 with attempted first-degree intentional homicide in relation to a stabbing on April 25.

Royce E. Larock, 21, Shawano, was charged with one count of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, one count of aggravated battery, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

If convicted, Larock faces 60 years in prison for attempted first-degree intentional homicide, \$50,000 in fines and 15 years in prison for aggravated battery, \$10,000 in fines and nine months in prison for resisting or obstructing an officer and \$1,000 in fines and 90 days in prison for disorderly conduct.

According to the criminal complaint, Shawano police officers were dispatched to 122 Acorn Street in Shawano for a reported stabbing. When officers arrived a victim was allegedly laying at a neighbor's



ROYCE LAROCK

front step with a stab wound to the stomach area, with intestinal protrusion from a stab wound. The victim allegedly stated that Larock was the person who had stabbed him.

Law enforcement located Larock about 30 minutes later on Richmond Street, where he allegedly told officers that he did not recall fighting with the victim, but admitted to drinking alcohol beforehand. The knife of the alleged crime was found in the front yard of the residence.

When searching the scene, law enforcement allegedly saw blood in the kitchen, on the inside of a screen door, on the driveway and also saw a trail of blood leading to the neighbor's residence.

When interviewing Larock, he allegedly had cuts and scrapes on his body that is consistent with running through the woods and being

scraped by branches and bushes. Larock allegedly told law enforcement that nothing had happened and that he was dropping the victim off at the residence and left. Larock allegedly told law enforcement that he had anger issues, but stated that he did not have a fight with the victim.

The victim was transported to ThedaCare in Neenah for surgery. When interviewing the victim, he allegedly told law enforcement that he and Larock were sitting in the kitchen of the residence drinking, when the two started arguing. The victim allegedly left the residence and Larock followed and stabbed him. The victim added that blood was located inside of the residence because he tried to get help inside.

The owner of the residence allegedly stated that he did not know Larock, but was able to identify him through pictures. He told law enforcement that he was doing dishes when the two showed up to the residence, started drinking and started acting rough with each other.

He stated that Larock grabbed

a knife from the sink and added that he thought Larock had put it back in the the sink, when asked to. He stated that nothing was said between the two and Larock pulled the knife out of his waistband and stabbed the victim. When they exited the residence, the homeowner allegedly locked the door and that he did not have any other information to share.

In a second interview with Larock, he stated that the victim was a cousin and that he does not remember fighting with the victim. He allegedly told law enforcement that if he was fighting with the victim, that it would not have been intentional. He stated that he remembers drinking and running away, but could not remember why he was running away.

During Larock's initial appearance in court, Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$500,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 10.

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Kropf charged with child sexual assault

He faces up to 40 years in prison if convicted

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

James M. Kropf, 44, Merrill, was charged May 5 with a felony charge involving the sexual assault of a child in relation to two incidents between September 2021 and April 2022 in Bowler.

If convicted, Kropf faces \$100,000 in fines and 40 years in prison.

According to the criminal complaint, a Shawano County deputy received a call from Child Protective Services regarding a girl in Kropf's care, aged 10. CPS reported that the girl told them that Kropf touched her



JAMES KROPF

in the swimsuit area. The daughter lives with her mother and has visitation with Kropf on weekends.

In an interview with the daughter's mother, the mother was allegedly

surprised and unaware of the circumstances. She told law enforcement that visits with the child's father are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are supervised by Kropf's mother.

In an interview with the child, the child described two instances where Kropf touched her chest in an inappropriate manner. She stated that both of the instances took place at Kropf's mother's home. When wrestling on the ground, the child

said that Kropf touched her chest over her clothes and she told him to stop, which she also said Kropf mimicked. The child also described a similar situation for the second time it happened.

In getting into contact with Kropf, he stated that after talking with his parole officer, the decision was made to turn himself in. He allegedly admitted to wrestling with the child in the living room and said that the child never expressed that she was uncomfortable. He stated several times that he does not touch her inappropriately. He added that his mother was allegedly in the room at the same that these wrestling matches occurred.

He stated that he tickles the child on the rib and and rubs the center of her chest with his knuckle to give her a "nuggy." He stated that there is no sexual intention with these actions.

In an interview with Kropf's mother, she stated that the two do wrestle and that the only thing she has been concerned about is the roughness at times and that she has never seen Kropf inappropriately touch the child. She added that there hasn't been a time where the child walked away upset and that she did not believe that any touching was intentional.

According to Wisconsin Circuit Court Access, Kropf pleaded guilty in 2015 in Marathon County to one count of child enticement (sexual contact) and one count of intentionally contributing to the delinquency of a child.

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$50,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 15.

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Anglers take over inland waterways

New fishing season brings renewed hope in catching the big one

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

The kids showed up and the trout cooperated.

Several families headed to Fireman's Park in the Town of Mountain May 6 for the first day of Wisconsin's inland fishing season.

While others headed to their favorite trout stream or launched their boat in a lake in search of walleye, the park's small pond off of state Highway 32 also had its share of anglers.

Dan Derks, of Stevensville, brought his 9-year-old grandson, Porter Derks, of Shiocton, to fish for brook trout that the Mountain Fire Department stocks in the pond.

It didn't take Porter long to catch his limit before the pair headed out in search of panfish on a nearby lake.

"We go around from place to place," Dan Derks said. "We were on the Wolf River a couple of weeks ago for the walleye run. He's learning."

He said the pond, which is only open to youth anglers, is a good way to introduce kids to fishing.

"I brought his dad here years ago and when I was younger, I used to fish the North Branch of the Oconto (River) out of Lakewood," he said. "I've been coming up here since '73. I told him, 'Let's go there and maybe there'll be some trout.' I never dreamed there'd be this many people here. When I brought my son here, there were two people here."

"I like reeling in a fish and seeing how big they are," Porter Derks said.

Meanwhile, 13 miles up Highway 32 in Lakewood, Derek Soletske helped customers at his store, Mighty Fine Sport Shop and Fireworks.

The inland fishing opener is a big deal in the Lakewood area, according to Soletske.

"A lot of people look forward to this and why not?" he said. "You've been waiting all winter and now's the time to get out there and experience whatever happens. A lot of people are coming up this weekend for trout. You come in next weekend and it might be different. It might be walleye. Yesterday and today, we've

been selling licenses like crazy. You can get them online if you want, but a lot of people like to come in and get a nice paper copy."

Soletske said anglers have choices in the Lakewood area, which also includes the communities of Townsend to the north and Mountain to the south.

"We're surrounded by 30 lakes in a 10-mile radius," he said. "There are so many options."

One of those options is the South Branch Barrier-Free Fishing Trail west of Mountain. The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest operates the trail, which provides access to 11 fishing sites on the South Branch of the Oconto River, as well as rustic campsites.

Aiden Bell and his grandfather, Mike Lewis, drove 60 miles from their Embarrass home and arrived at the trail at about 6 a.m. for a day of trout fishing.

Bell, a freshman at Shawano Community High School, waded in the stream while Lewis watched from one of the trail's wooden piers that extend over the river.

"I like working for what I get," Bell said. "Here, you can go out in the middle of nowhere and fish. I think it's pretty cool. I can't believe how clear the water is."

Opening day is part of one of Soletske's busiest weekends of the year.

"This is the definite kickstart to the season," he said. "We've been waiting for this for a couple of months now. This is that first little start to the beginning of summer."

Operating a business in a small northern Wisconsin community has its challenges, Soletske said.

"It slowed down the couple of years we dealt with the pandemic," he said. "Your summer months are definitely what you look forward to. You expect the winter months to be a little slower. You do have ice fishing, but it's not as popular as summer fishing and other outdoors sports."

Soletske has high hopes for the summer.

"We're hoping for a great one," he said. "We're due. It's been a long winter and people are motivated. Even yesterday when it was raining, it didn't slow down in here. People didn't care if they got rained on. They just wanted to get out there and enjoy the fishing."



Aiden Bell fishes for trout May 6 in the South Branch of the Oconto River. Bell and his grandfather, Mike Lewis, came from their Embarrass home and spent part of the opening day of Wisconsin's inland fishing season at the South Branch Barrier-Free Fishing Trail near Mountain.

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Porter Derks of Shiocton holds the brook trout he caught while fishing at a small pond in Mountain. The Mountain Fire Department stocks the pond, located just off of Highway 32, with fish each year.

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Mark Wood continues to play as he makes his way across the stage to help direct students May 5 at the Shawano Community High School auditorium. Wood and his wife, Laura Kaye, spent two days working with SCHS and Shawano Community Middle School preparing for a rock concert.

Students rock on with Mark Wood, Laura Kaye



ABOVE: A.J. York takes the cue to perform some dance moves while rehearsing "Carry On, My Wayward Son" May 5 in the Shawano Community High School library with the rest of the singers from Shawano Community High School and Shawano Community Middle School.

LEFT: Laura Kaye, left, instructs a pair of students about how to be more animated in their singing May 5 at the Shawano Community High School library.

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ABC WAOW WBAY	Good Morning America (N)		Good Morning America (N) Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		Wildlife Good Morn. oh baby! "Icons on Ice" (N)		Hearts of Wildlife		Vets-Pets (N) oh baby! (N)		Sports Pitch It		Cherry Blossom The Memorial Day Salute to Sacrifice		Paid Programming		Sports Paid Prog.		Paid Programming		UFC Fight Night: Rozenstruik vs. Almeida (N) (Live)				Paid Prog. Inside Ed. (N)		ABC World News (N)															
CBS WFRV WSAW	Mission (6:00) CBS Sat		Hope in the Wild (N)		CBS Sat Lucky Dog		Innovation (N)		Mission Unstoppable (N)		Hope in the Wild (N)		Lucky Dog "Boomer"		Did I Mention "Pony Play"		Outdoors Paid..		Paid Programming		SailGP Racing Grand Final From May 5 & 6, 2023 in San Francisco. (N)		Golf Journeys: A Celebration of PGA Professionals (N)		PGA Tour Golf AT&T Byron Nelson, Third Round From TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas. (N) (Live)				Paid Programming		CBS Weekend News (N)											
FOX WZAW WLUK	Planet (6:00) News (N)		Xploration Outer Space		Life 2.0		Sci Q		Paid Programming Life..		Paid Programming Sci Q		Paid Programming Grill..		Paid Programming		Paid Programming		NASCAR RaceDay (N) (Live)		NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Shriners Children's 200 From Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C. (N) (Live)				USFL Football Houston Gamblers vs. Birmingham Stallions From Protective Stadium in Birmingham, Ala. (N) (Live)																	
NBC WGBA WJFW	Today (6:00) Today		906 Outdoors		Today's Homeowner (N)		News-Kids Ro..		Earth Odyssey (N)		Wild Child (N)		Play It "Welcome Home" (N)		One Team Sports (N)		MyPillow News..		Paid Prog. TBA		Paid Programming		Paid Programming		Paid Programming		Equestrian U.S. Championships (N) (Live)		IndyCar Racing GMR Grand Prix From Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. (N) (Live)				IndyCar Series (N) (Live)		Paid Programming		NBC Nightly News (N)					
PBS WHRM WLEF WPNE	Wild Kratts "Groundhog Wake Up Call"		Curious George		Work It Out Wombats!		Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood		Best of Sewing With Nancy		Quilting Arts "Artful Imagery"		Garden Smart "A Wonderful Oregon Garden"		Woodsmith "The Ultimate Bookcase, part 2"		Essential Pépin "Fine Finishes"		Lidia's Kitchen "Start the Day"		Project Fire "Fusion Q"		Cook's Country "Cajun Country"		Kitchen "Chocolate Tart and Ice Cream"		Milk Street "Best Beef Stews"		Sara's "Snacks for Dinner"		Mexican "History of Oaxaca Cuisine"		This Old House		Ask This Old House		John McGovern's Main Streets		Weekends With Yankee David Leite		The Lawrence Welk Show "Mother's Day"	
WACY WTPX	Hearts of Bones		oh baby!		PaidPro..		Makeov..		PaidPro..		Outdoo..		PaidPro..		Bensi..		World's		World's		SOS		SailKin..		Saltwat..		SaltWat..		Fishing		Heartland		ModFam		ModFam		Goldb..		Goldb..			
CW WCWF WYOW	Out-door Pop-star!		Trans-form My..		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild		Into Wild "Rolling Dog Ranch"		Into Wild "Singapore Zoo"		Into Wild "Zulu Nation"		Pet Vet "Babies and Braces"		Tails of Valor		Science Live Life		Paid Prog. MyPillow		LIV Golf League Tulsa, Day 2 From Cedar Ridge Country Club in Broken Arrow, Okla. (N) (Live)										Last Man Burgers		Last Man Burgers									

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ABC 1 WAOW 2 WBAY			1 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	1 Financially Sp 2 Paid Program- ming	XFL Football Arlington Renegades vs. D.C. Defenders Championship. (N) (Live)					1 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	1 (.35) Weird Earth 2 (.35) Investi- gate TV	2 (.05) The Song "Julio Iglesias Jr." Guests Julio Igle- sias Jr.	1 (.35) Storm of 2 (.35) Opry (N)			
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW			1 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 2 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	1 Discover Wis- consin (N) 2 Home Enhance- ment	FBI: International "Someone She Knew" The team races to find a kidnapped Ameri- can teen in Austria.		NCIS: Hawai'i "Shields Up" An elite special forces Marine captain is murdered.		48 Hours		1 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 2 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	1 (.35) Paid Pro- gramming 2 (.35) Big Deal "It's Elkfest in Wy.."	1 (.05) Friends 2 (.05) The Song Julio Iglesias Jr.	1 (.35) Friends 2 (.35) Opry (N)		
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK			11 MLB Baseball (N) (Live) 11 MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. (N) (Live)					11 Big Bang "The Monetary Insuffi- ciency" News (N)		11 The Big Bang Theory "The Sibling Realignment.."	Farmer Wants a Wife The farmers continue the home visits with their ladies.	11 S.W.A.T. "Pay- back" 11 Seinfeld "The Truth"	11 The King of Queens "Fat City"			
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW			26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Elite Money Market Update	26 MyPillow Bed 12 Wheel of For- tune "Great Ameri- can Cities"	The Wall "Turner and Shelby" Engaged cou- ple Turner and Shelby take on the wall.		Weakest Link "Who Thinks K-Pop Is a Breakfast Cereal?" Contestants play trivia and vote each other off one by one.		Saturday Night Live Oscar Isaac; Charli XCX From March 5, 2022: Host Oscar Isaac; Charli XCX performs. (N)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 (N)	26 To Be Announced 12 Saturday Night Live		26 Saturday Night Live		
PBS 29 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE			The Carol Burnett Show Guests include Ken Berry and Kay Medford.		Shakespeare "Reputation, Reputation, Reputation" Frank and Lu find themselves combing through a tangled web of back- stabbing and deceit.		Maggie Murders on Masterpiece The missing chapter is discovered, leading to revelations.		The Fall "Dark Descent" DSI Stella Gibson is called in to review a murder case left unsolved for 28 days.		Midsomer Murders "Death of the Small Coppers: Part 1"	(40) Midsomer Murders "Death of the Small Coppers: Part 2" A butterfly collector is found murdered and pinned to a wall like one of his treasured specimens.		World's Greatest Cemeteries "St. Louis Cemetery No. 1, New Orleans"		
32 WACY 46 WTPX			Family Feud	Two Men	Chi. Fire "Nobody Touches Anything"		Chicago P.D. "My Way"		Housewife	Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	S.W.A.T.		
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW			14 Big Bang 34 Good Dr		14 The Big Bang Theory "The Comet Polarization"		Masters of Illusion Eric Eaton, Chipper Lowell (N)	Masters of Illusion "Science, Oracles, and a Twist on Houdini"	Totally Weird and Funny (N)	Weird "Flaming Bag- pipes, Superheroes & Floor Sandwiches"	14 The Rookie "Hand-Off" 34 Liquidator "Phone a Friend"	34 ★★ The 6th Day Tony Goldwyn, Arnold Schwarzeneg- ger.	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)		14 TMZ (N)	34 To the Rescue "On the Road"

SUNDAY			MORNING / AFTERNOON																		MAY 14	
	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
ABC WAOW WBAY	Good Morning America (N)		1 This Week (N) 2 Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		1 Capitol 2 This Week	1 Up-Front	1 Financial 2 Up-Front	1 Walk-Fit! 2 Hearts of	1 Coldwell 2 Vets-Pets (N)	1 Discover Wisconsin (N)..	1 Outdoors 2 Hom..	1 Flambeau Parade 2 Paid..	2 Paid Programming	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA All the latest basketball action from the NBA. (N) (Live)					ABC World News (N)	1 News 9 (N) 2 News (N)	
CBS WFRV WSAW	1 (5:30) News (N) 2 Sunrise	1 News-maker Sunday	CBS News Sunday Morning News, features, weather and commentary. (N)			Face the Nation (N)		1 Mass 2 Retirement	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	PBR Bull Riding World Finals Top 15 (N)	PGA Championship Preview (N)		PGA Tour Golf AT&T Byron Nelson, Final Round From TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas. (N) (Live)					CBS Weekend News (N)	1 Retire 2 News-Channel 7		
FOX WZAW WLUK	11 Paid Prog. (6:00) News (N)	11 Mountain Faith Living	11 FOX News Sunday (N)	11 Sharyl Attkisson	11 Invest. 11 Fox News (N)	11 Paid Programming	11 Paid Prog. 11 G..	Paid Programming	11 Big Bang 11 Paid Prog.	11 The Big Bang Theory..	PBA Bowling Players Championship, Finals Action from the PBA bowling tour. (N) (Live)			USFL Football Memphis Showboats vs. New Orleans Breakers From Protective Stadium in Birmingham, Ala. (N) (Live)					11 Sheldon 11 Jeopa..	11 Sheldon 11 Wheel		
NBC WGBA WJFW	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N)		21 Meet Press 12 Athlete	12 Paid Programming	21 Know 12 Meet Press	21 Paint Like A	21 Wisconsin 12 R..	21 Re-modeler 12 TBA	USFL Football New Jersey Generals vs. Philadelphia Stars From Ford Field in Detroit. (N) (Live)			IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship Monterey From WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, Calif. (N) (Live)							21 News (N) 12 Paid Prog.	NBC Nightly News (N)		
PBS WHRM WLEF WPNE	Wild Kratt "Rocket Jaw: Rescue.."	Curious George	Work It "Special Delivery; Campout Confus.."	Tiger "Daniel Likes to Be With Dad; Da.."	Washington Week	Firing Line With Margaret Hoover	Here and Now	Market to Market	Midsomer Murders	(.40) Midsomer Murders "Death of the Small Coppers: Part 2"		World's Greatest Cemeteries	Shakespeare "Reputation, Reputation, Reputation!"	Maggie Murders The missing chapter is discovered, leading to revelations.			Great Performances "Celebrating 50 Years of Broadway's Best"			One Voice "Broadway"	Wisconsin Foodie	John McGivie "De Pere, Wisconsin"
WACY WTPX	Pets.TV	Wonde..	PaidPro..	Jeffress	Outback	Wildlife	Rock..	Ocean..	Midwes..	Know	The List	Broadw..	Kickin It: Byron		The Good Doctor		The Good Doctor		ModFam	ModFam	FamFe..	FamFe..
CW WCWF WYOW	Bones		Bones		NCIS		NCIS "After Hours"		NCIS "Scope"		NCIS		NCIS "Charade"		NCIS		NCIS "Homefront"		NCIS "Dead Letter"		NCIS "Family First"	
	11 Worship 11 Tomorr..	11 Daily 11 In Touch (N)	11 Catholic Mass	11 Shalom 11 Key of David	11 Outdoor 11 Cath. Mass	11 Mt. Faith 11 Perry Stone	11 Paid Prog. 11 Mad Dog & M	Paid Programming	11 Polka 11 Paid Prog.	11 Paid Programming	LIV Golf League Tulsa, Day 3 From Cedar Ridge Country Club in Broken Arrow, Okla. (N) (Live)										11 Sheldon 11 Family..	11 Sheldon 11 Family..

TUESDAY				EVENING				MAY 16				
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 8 WBAY		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Jeopardy! Masters "Games 11 & 12" (N)	Judge Steve Harvey "Even Though My Aunt Is Dead, I Need My Bread!" Family members sue over cremation services; a ruined dress. (N)	Celebrity Family Feud "Boyz II Men vs. Amber Ruffin and Joe Lo Truglio vs. Thomas Lennon" Boyz II Men, Amber Ruffin	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	(35) Nightline (N)			
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW		6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	FBI "Torn" Teens are found dead from a drug overdose.	FBI: International "Fed to the Sharks" The team jets off to Portugal to solve a murder. (N)	FBI: Most Wanted "Clean House" The team searches for a missing migrant teen. (N)	6 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 Celebration Experimentation" (N) 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	9-1-1: Lone Star "Best of Men; In Sickness and in Health" Owen is conflicted when his brother Robert asks him for help; Judd and Grace face a family crisis. (N) (SF)	55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Library"	55 Seinfeld "The Label Maker" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man Standing "Boyd Will Be Boyd" 11 (05) King "P."	55 Goldbergs 11 (35) King		
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 FamFeud 12 Wheel (N)	Night Court "Two Peas on a Pod"	Night Court "Marathon-thon-thon-thon"	The Wall "Travis and Kelsey" Veteran Travis and his wife, Kelsey, face the wall. (N)	Weakest Link "Let's Keep Up the Good Backstabbing" 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 29 WHRM 33 WLEF 33 WPNE		PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Things We Don't Discuss" Pamela Adlon and Kathryn Hahn explore their family histories. Guests Pamela Adlon, Kathryn Hahn		American Masters "Nam June Paik: Moon Is the Oldest TV" The evolution of Korean artist Nam June Paik, the father of video art. (N)		Help! We Bought a Village Francesca and Carl welcome guests to their holiday complex; cottages are rescued from overgrowth.		NOVA "Hidden Volcano Abyss" The January 2022 volcanic eruption that rocked Tonga and sent shockwaves around the world.		
WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud (N)	Two Men	Dateline "Manson"	Chicago P.D. "A Beautiful Friendship"	My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		14 Big Bang 34 Divorce (N)	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce	Superman & Lois "Of Sound Mind" Superman pays Bruno Mannheim a surprise visit.	Gotham Knights "More Money, More Problems" Carrie and Stephanie prepare for the parents luncheon.	14 Last Man 34 Liquidator	14 Seinfeld 34 Chicago	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 National (N) 34 black-ish "Under the Influence"	14 Last Man 34 black-ish	14 Sheldon 34 Family Guy	

WEDNESDAY				EVENING						MAY 17			
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 8 WBAY		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Jeopardy! Masters "Games 13 & 14" (N)		Celebrity Wheel of Fortune "Jaime Camil, Michael Rapaport and June Diane Raphael" Jaime Camil		The Game Show Show "Show Me the Money" Vanna White, Drew Carey, Chris Connelly (N)		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	(35) Nightline (N)	
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW		6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	Survivor (N)		True Lies "Lying Truths; Waking Dreams" A van full of computer software containing confidential information about operatives gets hijacked. (N) (SF)		6 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 Application Deterioration" 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	The Masked Singer "Finale" The final two contestants each perform two songs. (N) (SF)		Farmer Wants a Wife "The Final Decisions" The farmers declare who have won their hearts. (N) (SF)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Pen"	55 Seinfeld "The Race" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man "Trick or Treat" 11 (05) King "The Rock"	55 Goldbergs 11 (35) King
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 FamFeud 12 Wheel (N)	Chicago Med "Might Feel Like It's Time for a Change" Marcel looks for data that may hinder Jack Dayton's plans. (N)		Chicago Fire "Change of Plans" Carver deals with the fallout of his arrest. (N)		Chicago P.D. "New Life" Torres struggles to reconcile his old life with his new 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 29 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE		PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Wild Scandinavia "Heartlands" Exploring the Scandinavian forest and its animals, including wolves, lynx, osprey and reindeer. (N)		NOVA "Your Brain: Perception Deception" Understanding how the brain shapes reality and the shortcuts the brain takes to keep a person alive. (N)		Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories With David Rubenstein "The Cowboy" The myths and realities of the American cowboy. (N)		American Masters "Waterman -- Duke: Ambassador of Aloha" The legacy of Olympic medalist Duke Kahanamoku, who broke swimming records and popularized surfing.		John McGivern's Main Streets "De Pere, Wisconsin"	
WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud (N)	Two Men	Dateline "Good & Evil"		Chicago P.D. "Call It Macaroni"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		14 Big Bang 34 Divorce (N)	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce	The Flash "A New World, Part Three" Team Flash must figure out how to protect Barry. (N)		Riverdale "Chapter One Hundred Twenty-Five: Hoop Dreams" Frank and Archie recruit a new player to the team. (N)		14 Last Man 34 Liquidator	14 Seinfeld "The Race" 34 Chicago P.D. "Call It Macaroni"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 National (N) 34 black-ish "FriDre Night Lights"	14 Last Man 34 black-ish	14 Sheldon 34 Family Guy

THURSDAY				EVENING								MAY 18			
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 8 WBAY		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Station 19 "Glamorous Life" The Firefighters Ball is cut short when disaster strikes. (N) (SF)	Grey's Anatomy "Wedding Bell Blues; Happily Ever After?" Simone's wedding day arrives; the attending surgeons fly to Boston. (N) (SF)				9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(35) Nightline (N)			
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW		6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Young Sheldon (N) (SF)	So Help Me Todd "Are You There Todd? It's Me, Margaret" Todd impersonate a lawyer while Margaret uses her skills. (N) (SF)	CSI: Vegas "Dying Words" Investigating a case that hits close to home for Folsom. (N) (SF)		6 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 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	Alert: Missing Persons Unit "Chloe" The MPU investigates the abduction of a young child.	Animal Control "Weasels and Os-triches"	Animal Control "Rabbits and Py-thons"	55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Parking Garage"	55 Seinfeld "The Scofflaw" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man "My Father the Car" 11 (05) King "Road Rayge"	55 The Goldbergs "I Coulda Been a Lawyer.."			
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 FamFeud 12 Wheel (N)	Law & Order "Open Wounds" A senator is gunned down at his daughter's wedding. (N) (SF)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "All Pain Is One Malady" Benson and Stabler work together on a revenge-for-hire case. (N) (SF)		Law & Order: Organized Crime "With Many Names" OCCB and SVU close in on a callous and desperate suspect. (N) (SF)		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 29 WHRM 33 WLEF 33 WPNE		PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Help! We Bought a Village A delivery causes chaos at a medieval French village; Francesca and Carl start a new project.	Midsomer Murders "Drawing Dead: Part 1"	(45) Midsomer Murders "Drawing Dead: Part 2" Barnaby and Winter investigate the murder of a former super model during the comic festival.	World's Greatest Cemeteries "Laurel Hill Cemetery"		Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories With David Rubenstein "The Cowboy" The myths and realities of the American cowboy.		Wild Scandinavia "Heartlands" Exploring the Scandinavian forest and its animals, including wolves, lynx, osprey and reindeer.				
WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud (N)	Two Men	Dateline "Deadly Trust"	Chicago P.D. "Get My Cigarettes"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom			
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		14 Big Bang 34 Divorce (N)	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce	Walker "Past Is Prologue" Trey is presented with a new opportunity.	100 Days to Indy Stay on Track Will Power's quest for his second win is in question. (N)		14 Last Man 34 Liquidator	14 Seinfeld "The Scofflaw" 34 Chicago "Get My Cigarettes"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 National (N) 34 black-ish "Rela-tively Grown Man"	14 Last Man "My Father the Car" 34 black-ish "Pilot"	14 Sheldon 34 Family Guy			

Emotional eating not a digestible solution

Do you experience food cravings, and do they come on suddenly or are they singularly focused on one type of food, such as carbohydrates or sugar?

If so, you may be experiencing emotional or “head” hunger.

“There are different kinds of hunger,” said Lori Knapp, a ThedaCare registered dietitian. “There’s physical hunger when our body signals the need for fuel and nutrients, and then there’s head or stress hunger when we think we’re hungry because we’re emotional about something.”

Knapp said it's important to pay attention to both types of hunger.

“When our bodies tell us we’re hungry, it’s important to listen to that stomach growl and make sure we’re providing healthy fuel to our body,” she said. “A healthy lifestyle means we’re aware of what foods our body needs and we practice mindful eating. That is, we think about what our bodies need as we prepare menus, shop for our food, prepare it and eat it.”

Head hunger is also a real feeling, Knapp said, but if people stop and evaluate what's going on, they may recognize it as an emotional reaction.

“Normal hunger comes on gradually whereas head hunger starts suddenly, or at a specific time such as every evening, and typically focuses on a sharp craving for a particular type of food,” she said. “That’s the kind of hunger that causes us to eat a bag of chips or a carton of ice cream without thinking, which we often later regret.”

Knapp suggested asking questions before eating, like “Am I truly hungry?” “When did I last eat?” “Am I thirsty?” “Am I angry, tired or upset?” or “Am I bored?”

“The answers to these questions will help you determine if you’re experiencing physical hunger or head hunger and help you figure out whether you really need to eat,” she said. “Sometimes we’re just thirsty, and it manifests as hunger. Drinking a

glass of water might help the urge to eat pass and save you from taking in unnecessary calories.”

Health experts provide these tips to curb emotional eating:

- **Keep a food diary.** Write down what you eat, how much you eat, when you eat, how you're feeling when you eat and how hungry you are. Your eating patterns may reveal the connection between mood and food.

- Tame your stress. If stress contributes to your emotional eating, try practicing a stress management technique, such as yoga, meditation or deep breathing.

- Have a hunger reality check. Is your hunger physical or emotional? If you ate just a few hours ago and don't have a rumbling stomach, you're probably not hungry. Give the craving time to pass.

- **Get support.** You're more likely to give in to emotional eating if you lack a good support network. Lean on family and friends, or consider

joining a support group to address life problems.

- **Fight boredom.** Instead of snacking when you're not hungry, distract yourself and substitute a healthier behavior. Take a walk, work on a crossword or jigsaw puzzle, play with your pet or call a friend.

- Take away temptation. Don't keep hard-to-resist comfort foods in your home. Don't grocery shop when you're angry or upset.

- Don't deprive yourself. Eat satisfying amounts of healthier foods, enjoy an occasional treat and get plenty of variety to help curb cravings.

- **Snack healthy.** If you feel the urge to eat between meals, choose a healthy snack, such as fresh fruit, vegetables with low-fat dip, nuts or unbuttered popcorn.

- **Learn from setbacks.** If you have an episode of emotional eating, forgive yourself and start fresh the next day. Plan for how you can prevent it in the future.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MAY 12

SHAWANO: SayPro Cosmic Bingo, 7-10 p.m., The Gathering, 2600 E. Richmond St. Ten rounds of Bingo, taco bar, multiple prizes and raffles.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

SHAWANO: 2023 Shawano Bassmasters Spring Open, 6 a.m., Huckleberry Harbor, 220 N. Sawyer St.

SHAWANO: Optimists Bike Rodeo, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St.

SHAWANO: Big Brothers Big Sisters Fun for Kids Sake, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Games and activities: cornhole toss, Plinko, yard dice toss, soda bowling, dizzy T-ball bat, more; raffle prizes and food and beverage trucks. (Postponed from April 29.)

MOUNTAIN: Gunless Poultry Shoot, 1 p.m., O'Neil's Halfway Bar, 15409 State Highway 32. Meat and 50/50 raffles hosted by American Legion Post 44.

BOWLER: Fireworks, 9-10 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180

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SUNDAY, MAY 14

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

SATURDAY, MAY 20

LENA: Mayhem at the Motorplex, 11 a.m., Dirt City Motorplex, 416 E. Main St. Off-road racing. Opening ceremony 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

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

LENA: Mayhem at the Motorplex, 10 a.m., Dirt City Motorplex, 416 E. Main St. Off-road racing. Opening ceremony 9:30 a.m.

SHAWANO: George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest awards program, 1 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Hosted by Shawano Area Writers.

FRIDAY				EVENING								MAY 19		
		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 3 WAOW 2 WBAY		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Shark Tank A social media star's board game; innovative eyewear design. (N) (SF)		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		6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	S.W.A.T. "Legacy" A cartel boss wages war on the streets of Los Angeles. (N) (SF)		Fire Country "I Know It Feels Impossible" Bode's freedom is on the line at his parole hearing. (N) (SF)		Blue Bloods "Forgive Us Our Trespasses" Danny and Baez team up with Danny's old partner. (N) (SF)		6 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		65 The Big Bang Theory "The Big Bear Precipitation" 11 Jeopardy! (N)	65 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown The Superstars of World Wrestling Entertainment do battle in elaborate, long-running rivalries. (N) (Live)				65 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	65 Seinfeld "The Cafe"	65 Seinfeld "The Kiss Hello" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	65 Last Man 11 (35) Seinfeld	65 Last Man "Help Wanted" 11 (05) King "Educating Doug"	65 Goldbergs "Major League" 11 (35) King "Departure Time"	
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 FamFeud 12 Wheel (N)	That's My Jam "Taraji P. Henson & John Stamos vs. Quinta Brunson & Craig Robinson" John Stamos, Taraji P. Henson		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 36 WLEF 38 WPNE		PBS NewsHour Anna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Washington Week (N)	Here and Now (N)	Rebus "Knots and Crosses" Rebus is investigated when a trial against two drug-dealing brothers accused of murder collapses.		(10) What to Do When Someone Dies Milena's husband turns up to offer a clue about what happened on the night of Greg's death.		Independent Lens "Silent Beauty" A family's journey through generational trauma, discovery, loss and bonding.			Songs at the Center "Part One: Becky Buller, Tim Easton, The Dinalos"	
32 WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud (N)	Two Men	Dateline "Secrets From the Grave"		Chicago P.D. "The Weigh Station"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom	
14 CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		Hawaii Five-0 "Waiau"		Hawaii Five-0 "Kānaka Hahaione"		Hawaii Five-0 "Malama Ka Po'e"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Haunaele"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Pono Ku'oko'a"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ike Ke Ao"		
		14 Big Bang 34 Divorce (N)	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Tic Tac Time Travel" Dustin Dean, Alan Hudson, Dr. Kruti Parekh and Kyle Purnell.		Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Special 4" (N)		The Great American Joke Off Joe List, Luke Mones (N)		14 Last Man 34 Liquidator	14 Seinfeld "The Kiss Hello" 34 Chicago "The Weigh Station"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish "The Talk"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish "The Nod"	14 Last Man "Help Wanted" 34 black-ish "The Giggly Wife"



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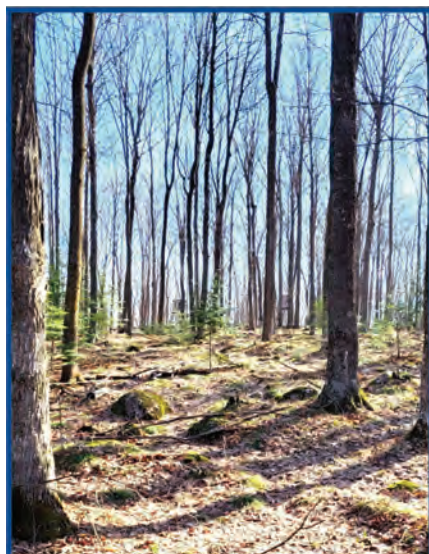
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fentanyl crisis needs attention in Wisconsin

To the editor:

Fentanyl looks to be the deadliest drug that our country has ever faced. In Wisconsin, 1,280 people died of an overdose in 2021.

As a comparison, fentanyl is 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more powerful than Heroin, both of which are plant-based opioids. And while heroin is typically processed in crude laboratories close to the opium poppy fields from which it is produced, fentanyl is a synthetic opioid manufactured from raw chemicals, making it much easier and cheaper to produce.

From 2019 to 2021, fentanyl overdoses nearly doubled in the United States. In 2021, more than 90% of all opioid overdose deaths involved fentanyl or other synthetic opioids. Shockingly, many individuals were only casual users.

Ruthless cartels in Mexico acquire the chemicals to make fentanyl from China, then export the finished product throughout the United States and elsewhere. Fentanyl is smuggled into the states via aircraft, submarines, container ships, fishing vessels, buses, and rail cars, as well as the myriad of trucks and automobiles passing through our southern border.

Over the last two years, the Biden-Harris Administration has prioritized a government-wide strategy to dismantle the fentanyl supply chain, its production and its trafficking. This effort involves the Department of Justice, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the FBI, the State Department, and the Department of Homeland Security. In addition, the Treasury Department has announced sanctions against two companies in China where these chemicals are sourced. However, our nation's global financial power could be interrupted by the debt limit debate.

The Biden-Harris Administration

also has strategies to address untreated addiction and prevent drug deaths. Wisconsin expects to receive \$8 million for this program (\$4 million for overdose-reversal agents such as naloxone, \$1 million to implement substance abuse prevention classes in our schools, and \$3 million to support expanded drug treatment and recovery projects statewide). Despite the state's skyrocketing drug use, Wisconsin's GOP-controlled Joint Finance Committee has yet to approve any of these plans set forth by Gov. Tony Evers' administration.

Partisanship has no place when it comes to the health and well-being of our communities and those we love. The threat of opioid deaths in our community is real, and our elected officials need to do all they can to help divert this growing crisis. Enough talk about "woke." Let's all "wake up" and effectively deal with the real issues like opioids that face our state and nation.

Jan Koch, Shawano

Take time to appreciate teachers this week

To the editor:

The week of May 8-12, the School District of Bonduel is joining with our community to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week.

This annual event gives us an opportunity to recognize and express our gratitude for the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our outstanding educators. It's also a time to reflect on everything our teachers have done and continue to do to support our students throughout the 2022-23 school year.

Teaching is a challenging and demanding profession, requiring patience, dedication, and a deep commitment to students' growth and well-being. Teachers serve all students, no matter their background, socioeconomic status, or ability, providing a level playing field for children from all walks of life. They show up every day with enthusiasm and passion for helping

our students succeed.

We also must remember the critical role teachers play in shaping the future of our society. They are actively preparing the leaders, innovators, and thinkers of tomorrow for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

While teachers may not always receive the attention or appreciation they deserve, they make our schools places of hope and joy. They make our community and our world a better place.

With this in mind, we ask our community to join the school district in celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week. Take a moment to thank a teacher who has made a positive impact on your life or the life of your child. Write a heartfelt note, send an email, or make a post on social media expressing your gratitude. Every small gesture of appreciation can make a big difference.

This week, let's make sure our teachers and all of our staff members know just how much we value and appreciate all they do.

Brad Grayvold, Bonduel

Bill would kill advisory referenda in Wisconsin

To the editor:

Peter Schmidt, Calvin Callahan and Jeffrey Mursau represent various portions of Shawano County in the state Assembly. Mr. Schmidt co-authored Assembly Bill 245, which was introduced on May 3 by 49 Assembly Republicans (including the three Shawano County representatives), and co-sponsored by 4 Senate Republicans.

The bill covers much of the stuff that the vast majority of us citizens don't understand and/or don't want to deal with — which is the beauty of our American representative form of government, right?

Bill 245 covers a lot of ground (dry ground), such as: county and municipal aid; imposing a city and additional county sales tax to pay the unfunded actuarial accrued li-

ability of city and county retirement systems; fire and police commissions of first-class cities; local regulation of certain quarry operations — and on and on and on for a total of 84,328 words. In comparison, the US Constitution is 4,543 words.

Buried inconspicuously in the middle of all that text are a mere 14 words which simply read: "Advisory referenda: The bill prohibits a county or municipality from holding an advisory referendum."

What? Why?

Let me guess. First off, local and county advisory referenda probably fall outside the Republican supermajority control at the state level. Secondly, the bill outlaws only advisory referenda, not binding referenda such as school building projects.

Advisory referenda are basically a community yea or nay "show of hands" to an idea or issue. So, why outlaw the process that lets our state and federal officials know what "the locals" are thinking on a given issue?

In Shawano County, the towns of Wescott, Red Springs and Bartelme, and the village of Wittenberg have passed advisory referenda urging the Wisconsin State Legislature to call for a U.S. constitutional amendment to eliminate special-interest money influences on our elections — particularly the unlimited dark money legitimized by the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court 5-4 decision in Citizens United.

Almost 60% of Wisconsinites live in communities that have voted on this referendum question, or had their city or county board vote on it. To date, every single referendum and board vote has passed with a 80% favorability for the amendment. It takes 34 states to amend the constitution. Wisconsin is poised to become #23.

Evidently, these bipartisan numbers are not what the 63-36 Republican Assembly majority and the 22-11 Republican Senate majority want to hear. So, they are passing a law so they won't have to listen.

Steve Parks, Bowler

OPINION PAGE POLICY

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Screening, healthy lifestyle help prevent cancer

More than 153,000 people in the United States will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and more than 50,000 will die from it this year, according to the American Cancer Society.

Colorectal cancer is a term that includes colon cancer and rectal cancer. It is the second deadliest and fourth most common form of cancer in the U.S. Most colorectal cancers develop in people above age 50, but more than one in 10 diagnoses are in younger people. In fact, cases of young-onset colorectal cancer are rising.

There are steps to take for protection.

"Colorectal cancer can be prevented with regular screenings and healthy lifestyle choices," said Sherry Hughes, Aspirus physician



SHERRY HUGHES

assistant. "If you do develop cancer, a screening can help detect it early, when it's much easier to treat effectively."

Most colorectal cancers start as abnormal growths, called polyps, on the lining of the intestines. These polyps can be removed before they develop into cancer. Many early colorectal cancers can also be treated successfully. According to the American Cancer Society, survival rates drop dramatically after cancer spreads to other parts of the body.

Screening is the best tool for finding polyps or colorectal cancer ear-

ly. Primary care providers can help decide which screening program is right. If there are risk factors, such as a family history of colorectal cancer, polyps or inflammatory bowel disease, doctors may recommend to start screening earlier, such as age 40 instead of 45. Doctors can help determine if a colonoscopy, Fecal Immunochemical Test or Fecal Occult Blood Test is right.

Steps can be taken to lower risk by making healthy lifestyle choices. The American Institute for Cancer Research recommends the following:

- Limit intake of red meat, such as beef and lamb, to no more than 18 ounces (cooked weight) a week.
- Avoid processed meat, such as hot dogs, ham, bacon and sausage.
- Know the risks of alcohol.

Colorectal cancer has been linked to drinking alcohol.

- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Don't smoke.
- Be physically active for at least a half hour a day.
- Don't ignore symptoms.

Some colorectal cancer can't be prevented, but it can be treated. The American Cancer Society says to check with a provider if there is diarrhea, constipation or another change in bowel habits for more than a few days; cramping or steady stomach pain; or blood in stool or from rectum.

"Having symptoms doesn't necessarily mean that it's cancer, but it's worth investigating. Getting screened could save your life or, at the very least, give you some peace of mind," said Hughes.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Official Minutes of the Board of Education March 27, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Chuck Wendler, pursuant to WI.STATS.1984 (1). Superintendent Rogowski verified that this meeting was posted and published as required by law.

Roll Call of the Board: All 5 Board members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Minutes: (Stewart-Schmidt) moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2023 Regular Meeting as circulated. Roll Call: 9 yes, Motion carried.

Communications & Delegations: In attendance along with Board Members were: Garrett Rogowski, Cole Irish, Stuart Russ, Nick Firari, Megan Marcks, Nikki Steigerwald, Luke Reimer, Nikki Steigerwald, Jill Mevarden, Erin Tuskowski, Trevor Szutkowski and Taylor Bergner.

Public Comments: Erin Tuskowski, district resident, expressed her concerns with the district's Math and Reading proficiency rates. She also asked questions and voiced her concerns with the SEL program that concentrates on social and emotional learning. She asked questions about the current budget for SEL compared to the current budget for academics.

Board Concerns or Reports: Meredith has been going to the Cesa 8 meetings. She reported that there is nothing really concerning our district at the moment.

Student Representative: Student Senate member, Taylor Bergner, talked about doing a fundraiser to help with the end of year activities and to be able to start out the next year good financially. Ms. Bergner said the applications are out for next year's Student Representatives. On May 21 Student Senate will have an end of year banquet where they will recognize students and staff.

Financial Report: (Magee-Schmidt) made a motion to pay the following as of March 27, 2023: Budgetary checks numbering 1082252-108415 in the amount of \$216,122.67, payroll checks numbering 1422610-142610 in the amount of \$28,929.34, direct deposit advances in the amount of \$457,239.86, ACH payments in the amount of \$457,239.86, and credit card payments in the amount of \$50,143.21 Roll Call: 9 yes. Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of January 31, 2023 of \$4,058,799.48. Cash on Deposit as of February 28, 2023 of \$3,148,848.33 and LGIP Account balance as of February 28, 2023 of \$1,305.30.

Approve Agenda: (Olson-Magee) moved to approve the agenda including a closed session item for purpose of considering employment status of School District employees over which the Board of Education exercises jurisdiction, including discussion regarding possible nonrenewal of employment contract of support staff due to financial and students aging out reasons.

Administrative Reports:

-Cole Irish, Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School Principal, told about their Spirit Week which included penny wars, hallway decorating and a dodgeball tournament. Changers of the Month were able to have lunch with parents at school and the 4k classes did a restaurant theme that ended with a tour and waffles at Truck's Restaurant.

-Nick Firari, Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School Principal, talked about parenting classes that are being held on Tuesdays through the middle of May. They will host a 4K Registration night on March 4. Wittenberg School also participated in Read Across America. Mr. Firari said that there are 7 education students coming to the building to get practicum hours.

-Stuart Russ, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Principal, said students will be taking ACTs and Pre ACTs in the near future. The high school will hold a Junior Night Tuesday on April 4 for parents and students to learn about and post-secondary planning and setting up for senior year. Planning is underway for graduation on May 26 at 6pm.

-Megan Marcks, Director of Pupil Services, said the weekend food program has 62 students participating. Last year at this time there were only 37. There are plans for 8th grade Special Ed students to tour the high school, eat lunch and meet teachers. Superintendent Rogowski gave a presentation on budget changes between 22-23 and 23-24 and talked about the process of hiring a new high school principal.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A. (Olson-Stewart) moved to approve the resignation of Stuart Russ, High School Principal, at the end of the 22-23 school year. Motion carried. The Board would like to thank Stuart for his time here at WB.

B. (Stewart-Hanson) moved to approve the retirement of Cathy Easker, Wittenberg School Phy. Ed Teacher. Mrs. Easker will continue as HS cross country coach. Motion carried. The Board would like to thank her for her 34 years of service and for all that she has done for students.

C. (Schmidt-Magee) moved to approve the hiring of Brad McKay as Middle School Golf Coach. Motion carried. 1 Abstain

D. (Magee-Schmidt) Moved to approve the 23-24 Staffing and Transfers as presented. Motion carried.

E. (Stewart-Olson) moved to approve the drivers education changes to include AJ's Driving for behind the wheel beginning with the 23-24 school year.

F. (Olson-Hanson) moved to approve the following out of state trips: Student Senate to Capstone in Minnesota and Senior Trip to Illinois for six flags.

(G. Magee-Schmidt) moved to approve repairs to the aquatic center in the amount of \$32,375. The cost of repairs will be covered by the Helping Foundation. The Board would like to thank the Helping Foundation for their generous support.

H. There was discussion about the Shawano County Consolidated Library System Lease Agreement Terms. This item will be moved to a future agenda.

I. The following Board members will serve as Canvassers for the 2023 School Board Spring Election: Chuck Wendler, Chris Pietz and Corey Schairer.

Adjournment: (Stewart-Hanson) moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Resch
School Board Secretary

BOOKS AND STUFF

Adventure, intrigue and Helen of Troy

Over the years I have enjoyed Iris Johansen's many books featuring forensic sculpture Eve Duncan. This week I grabbed "A Face to Die For." This was her 28th in the series, and it probably would have been better if I had read number 27 first. It took a while to figure out the back story.

Eve and Joe helped scientist Diane Conner escape U.S. president Mattlock and he's hunting for all three. Joe and their son Michael are living in Scotland, and Eve is in a remote African village reconstructing children killed by an especially cruel poacher/tomb raider named Dakar.

Enter Riley Smith. Riley's unconventional childhood was spent accompanying her parents as they searched for the tomb of Helen of Troy. According to their research, Helen was a real woman who escaped Troy, traveled the known-world, and settled in Azerbaijan.

Most of her life Riley has held conversations with a long-dead woman named Elen. Between her mother's stories and what Eleni says, Riley is convinced she is speaking the ghost of Helen of Troy. Now grown, the fearless young woman is determined to find the tomb, recover the remains, and convince Eve Duncan to do a facial reconstruction.

Eve is just as determined to remain hidden from Mattlock and his henchmen. If found, she knows she'll be tortured to disclose the location of her scientist friend Diane. But as a precaution, Eve and Joe weren't told where Diane went.

The majority of the story revolves around Riley and Eve forging a friendship and Eve agreeing to reconstruct the face of "Helen."



JAN JONES

When she finishes Eve is transfixed by the beauty of the woman she's brought back to life. There is no way to prove she is the mythical Helen of Troy, but something about

her convinces all who see her.

Meanwhile, Joe, their friend Kevin, Riley's Uncle Dan, and an enigmatic billionaire named Michael Cade work to create a trap. Cade spends his time and millions fighting to save endangered species. Dakar is one of the most ruthless poachers and on Cade's short list of targets. The intricate plan would topple a crime empire that includes human traffickers, poachers, and tomb raiders.

At the top of the list is Mattlock. He not only pulls the strings on those cartels but will do anything to get his hands on Diane and her "silver bullet" drug. The plan uses Eve as bait to lure Mattlock to a yacht close to the coast of Africa. I know it sounds far-fetched, but Cade manages to sneak onto the yacht and plant a small box on a high table in the main salon. Then the captive Eve maneuvers Mattlock into position near the box.

When she presses a button on an amulet, the box opens and an angry, venomous viper emerges and strikes Mattlock. As he writhes in agony, Joe offers him anti-venom and medical care if he signs a complete confession. Mattlock agrees.

Months later, Mattlock dies of a massive heart attack. Finally, Joe and Eve feel safe again. Riley has

committed to a relationship with Michael Cade and lives with him on his estate in England. The beautiful reconstruction resides in a specially designed room there. Riley no longer sees Helen's ghost, but she 'feels' conversations and Helen seems to hint that Riley should continue to explore the many mysteries the ancient world still offers. Never settle. Never quit.

AT A GLANCE

Book: A Face to Die For (Eve Duncan, Book 28)

Author: Iris Johansen

Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

Year published: 2023

Number of pages: 384

I agree, we should never settle and never quit. Life is full of adventures, large and small, just waiting to be explored.

NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the assessment roll for the Village of Wittenberg will be open for examination between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at the office of the Village Clerk.

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Respectfully submitted,
Traci Matsche, Village Clerk

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Village of Wittenberg NOTICE OF NEWLY ENACTED ORDINANCE

Please take notice that the Village of Wittenberg, County of Shawano enacted Ordinance No. 2023-02, with regards to chapter 9.10 Keeping of Animals and Poultry Regulated.

The ordinance was to change the number of chickens allowed from 6 to 10. No other changes were made to the above referenced chapter.

Any questions regarding this new ordinance can be directed to the Village Clerk's office, 208 W. Vinal Street, Wittenberg, WI 54499. Clerk's phone number 715-253-6063.
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Class of 2023 grows up, ready to move on

As we prepare for the graduating Class of 2023's commencement ceremony, it is with awe and disbelief how they only have less than four weeks remaining of school.

With a daughter of my own graduating this year, it seems like only yesterday that I was visiting this group in their elementary classrooms as they were learning to read and write, building leprechaun traps, and presenting their science research on the tables of



GARRETT ROGOWSKI

comings, proms and college visits were

the commons.

I recall days of lunch with their grandparents, field trips to the Capitol, and uniforms so baggy they could barely run. They grew up and, boy, did they do so quickly. Home-

here before we knew what hit us.

Now, in less than four short weeks, our sons and daughters will be moving on. I'm confident that we did it right. I'm confident that we prepared them to handle the failures and challenges life presents at some of the most unpredictable of times and the success that their preparation and persistence will inevitably earn them.

I will miss the conversations we have, the energy and excitement

they share when they think about their futures, and the appreciation they express when they reminisce about their time as a Wittenberg-Birnamwood student. I'm confident and I know they'll be OK, because we did it right.

Thank you Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Class of 2023. It has been a true pleasure.

Garrett Rogowski is superintendent for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District.

OBITUARIES

Glenda J. Hegewald

Glenda J. (Davis) Hegewald, of Stevens Point, formerly of Menomonee Falls, passed away on April 29, 2023, at Willow Brook Pointe, at the age of 87.

Glenda was born March 28, 1936, and grew up in the Wittenberg area, graduating from Wittenberg High School. Following high school, she met Kenneth "Kenny" Hegewald and the two were married on May 4, 1957, in Iowa. Glenda dedicated over 30 years to Helwig Carbon Technology in the Milwaukee area, working



solitude. A favorite fishing spot was at their cottage in Wild Rose. When she

as a manager/supervisor.

Glenda's favorite pastime was fishing. She loved to go fishing with her husband, Kenny, but would also take her own little boat out and fish in quiet

couldn't go fishing, Glenda enjoyed trips to the casino.

Glenda is survived by her beloved nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Glenda was preceded in death by her husband, Kenny, three sisters and one brother.

For those wishing to express their sympathy, the family kindly suggests, in lieu of flowers, that memorials be designated in Glenda's honor to a charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank Willow Brook Pointe, ProMedica Hospice, and all the wonderful caregivers for the compassion and support provided to Glenda and her family.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date at Forest Cemetery in Birnamwood.

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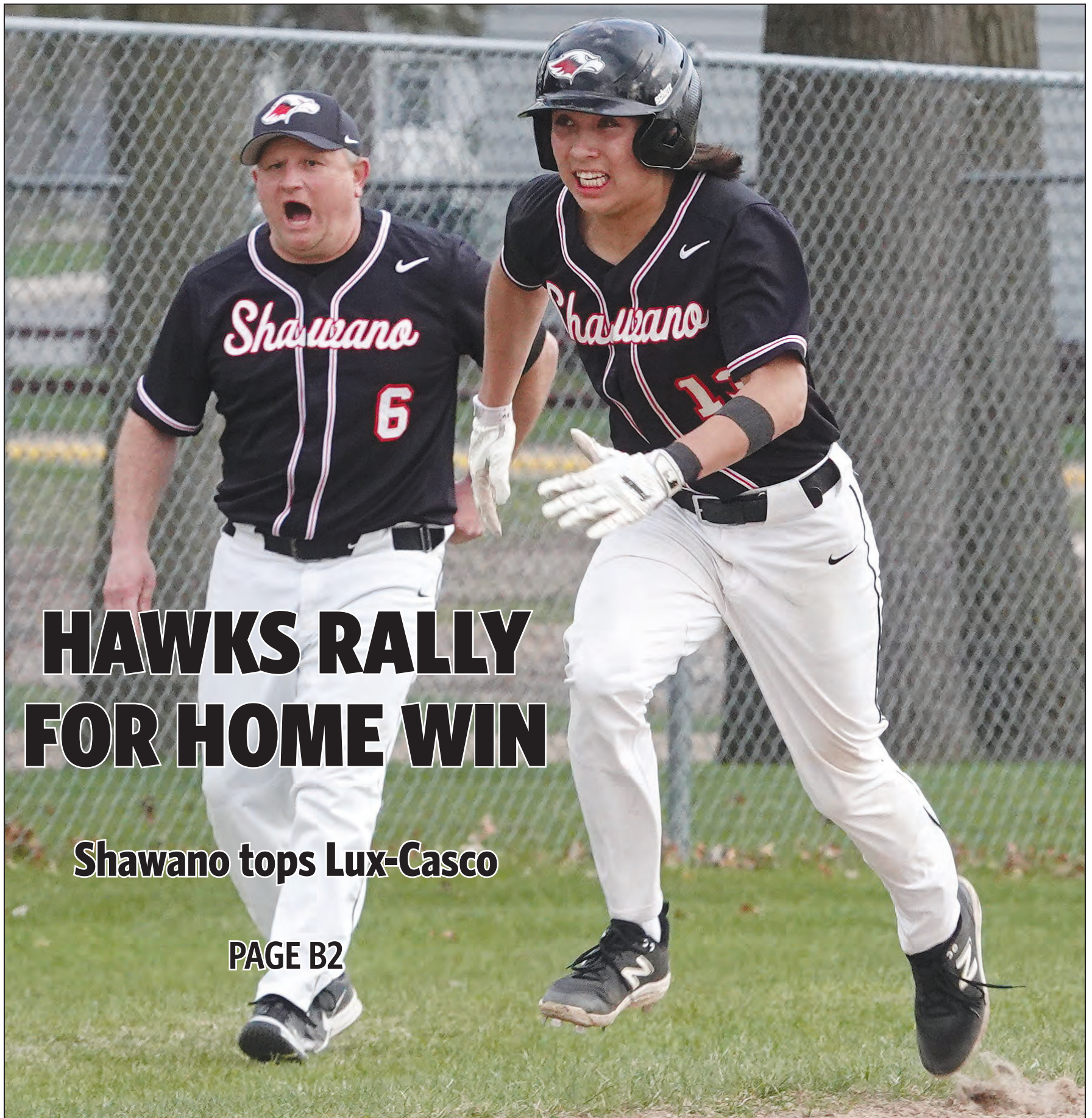
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HAWKS RALLY FOR HOME WIN

Shawano tops Lux-Casco

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Shawano's Pete Bruette, right, sprints toward home plate as coach Dustin Beyer instructs him during a nonconference game against Luxemburg-Casco on May 4 in Shawano.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Shawano earns wild win over Lux-Casco

Hawks rally from early 6-1 hole

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School baseball team earned a comeback 9-8 nonconference win over Luxemburg-Casco on May 4 in Shawano.

The start and finish to the game weren't the prettiest innings for the Hawks, but the hosts dominated the middle innings to come out on top.

Brady Glysch was a big reason why Shawano was able to rally, as he came on in relief and pitched four clean innings. When he first stepped on the mound, the Hawks trailed 6-1, but by the time he left, the hosts led 9-6.

Glysch faced the minimum 12 batters in his first four frames of work before Lux-Casco finally chased him in the seventh.

"Well, it's all about throwing strikes; that's my main thing," said Glysch. "My arm was hurt at the start of the year, so it's nice to come back out there. I really enjoy pitching, so I'm doing what I love and that's the bottom line."

Shawano got back into the game with a pair of runs in the third inning.

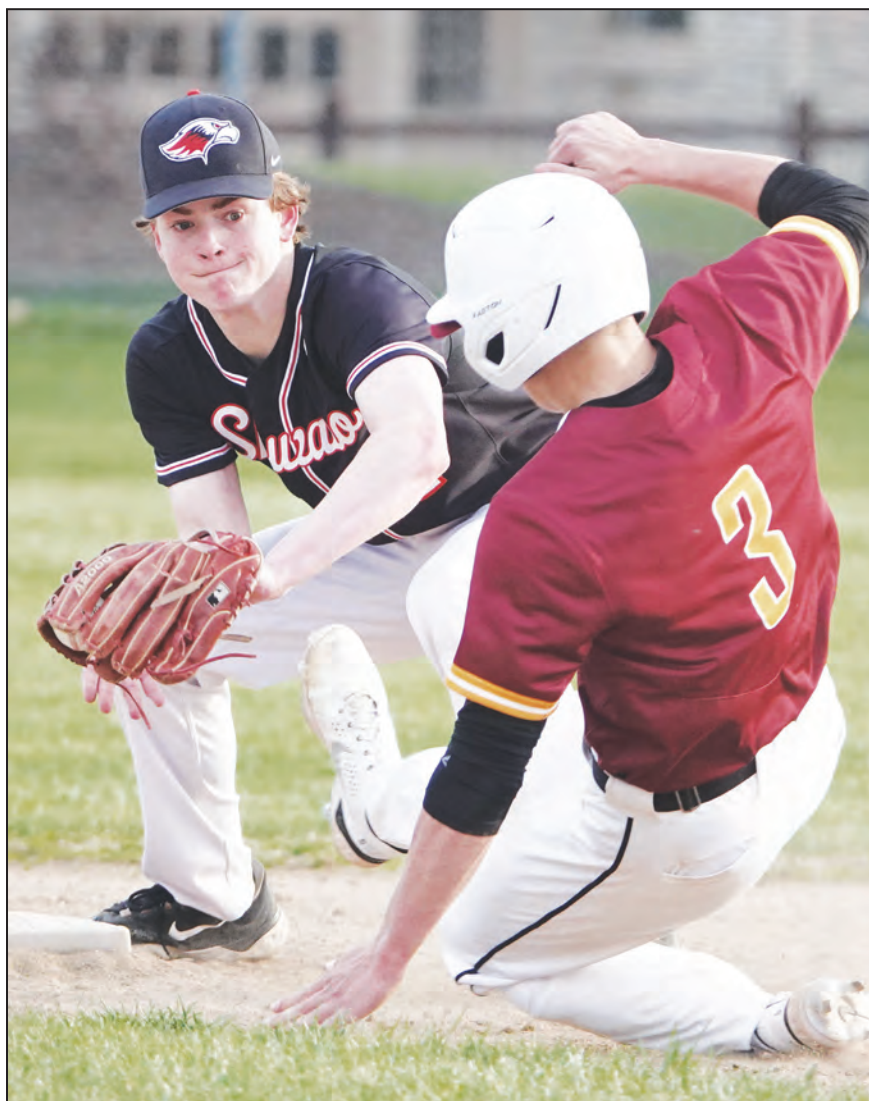
Ashton Henning tripled to open the frame before scoring on a Bryce Popp groundout. Michael Metcalf-Grassman then walked before he stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch and then scored on a Jacob Landon single.

The Hawks put together a four-run fourth to take their first lead of the contest.

The frame started with Crew Weisnicht being plunked by a pitch. He moved over to third as Carsen Herm ended up on second after an error.

Pete Bruette then reached on a fielder's choice, as Lux-Casco tried unsuccessfully to throw out Weisnicht at home. Jerzy Brocker then plated courtesy runner Austin Peters with a sacrifice fly that also moved Bruette over third after he had previously swiped second.

Henning walked before a passed ball allowed him to move to second and Bruette to score. Popp singled in Henning to give the Hawks the lead.



Shawano's Bryce Popp, left, holds the ball and prepares to tag out a Luxemburg-Casco baserunner during a nonconference game on May 4 in Shawano.

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Shawano loaded the bases later in the frame but weren't able to capitalize any further.

After Glysch worked another quick inning, Shawano tacked on its final two runs in the fifth.

Herm, who threw out a baserunner from behind the plate in the previous half inning, opened the frame with a triple. Brady Hannes came through with a sacrifice fly to score Peters, who was again courtesy running.

After a Henning double and Popp walk later in the frame, Metcalf-Grassman singled to score Henning.

After neither team scored in the sixth, Lux-Casco singled and doubled to open the seventh and chase Glysch. Popp replaced him and immediately got a flyout for the first out, although a run did score on the play.

Popp got the second out on a strikeout and then induced a grounder that looked to end the game, but an error allowed a run to score and the inning to continue. Popp got another strikeout to strand the game-tying run on third.

Despite it being a nonconference win, it was a confidence-boosting victory for the Hawks, who have some big conference games looming in the weeks ahead.

"It just shows that we can hit the ball. We had good, big innings that we can use later on," said Glysch. "Say we get down in one of those conference games; we know we can get back and out of that."

"I think it's a good boost of momentum," said Henning. "We have a big week next week. So I think getting a win at the end of this week here, it will help boost us and be confident for the games ahead



Shawano's Brady Glysch follows through after pitching the ball during a nonconference win over Luxemburg-Casco on May 4 in Shawano.

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of us."

The first two innings were less than memorable for Shawano, as Lux-Casco seemed to find a hole in the Hawks' defense with every batted ball.

The visitors opened the game with four straight singles off Tom Keszo, but a sacrifice bunt led to the first out before Keszo induced a liner that had double play written all over it. Unfortunately, the ball was dropped on the throw to third, allowing the inning to continue and two more runs to be plated.

Shawano got a run back in the bottom half after Keszo singled in Popp, but a double play groundout wiped out a potentially big inning and erased the team's momentum.

An error with two outs in the second allowed Lux-Casco to score twice more and go ahead 6-1.

"I think we're definitely used to it and that we trust in our players," said Henning of the team overcoming the early deficit. "We've been in that situation before so we stayed calm, and we knew what we had the ability to do. We stayed calm, and it turned out in our favor."

Oconto Falls duo recognized at signing event

Kallies to play football, while Haines cheers

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Seniors Mitch Kallies and Amber Haines were celebrated and honored during Oconto Falls signing night event on May 1 inside the high school's Falls Area Performing Arts Center.

Kallies is headed to UW-River Falls, where he will join the football team. Haines is going to be attending Winona State, where she will cheer.

The event began with athletic director Jerry Moynihan sharing a few words about the senior duo, speaking to their time at Oconto Falls and what lies ahead.

Following that, a slideshow of each athlete was shown, with photos of them in their sports from as early as elementary school and through their senior seasons.

Kallies

Kallies served as a lineman for the football team during his time at Oconto Falls.

He was thrust into action as a freshman and continued to improve each season until he became one of the better linemen in the area by his junior and senior seasons.

As a junior, Kallies was named the Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year in the Northwoods Conference. Along with his unanimous selection to the first team on offense, he was a unanimous pick on defense.

Kallies' senior season didn't go quite as planned, as he sustained an injury, but he still was a first-team selection on both sides of the ball, doing so unanimously on offense again.

"All the hard work that I put into this, all the dedication that went throughout all the years of football, it finally paid off," said Kallies. "I was able to do what I wanted to do

and keep moving forward. It's just fun; I have a lot of fun playing."

Kallies recalled being called upon to play varsity as a freshman due to some injuries. The senior singled out Elijah Zielinski for helping him along.

"He was extremely nice and helped me become the way I am. He helped me push harder and into working harder and to make sure I was doing good in school and all that stuff," said Kallies.

Another person Kallies highlighted was his dad, Mike, who was a coach and person to bounce ideas off of from elementary school all the way through high school.

Kallies said that UWRF was the first school to reach out to him. He attended one of their summer camps as a junior.

"Right away, they were extremely nice and everything was organized. They basically already welcomed me into their family, and it was just a really good first impression," said Kallies.

He added that UWRF was the only school that sought him out, having to contact other schools about potentially playing there.

UWRF is still undecided on what side of the football they'd like Kallies to line up on. They did tell Kallies he'd likely be grayshirted, like many of the incoming freshmen do at the college level.

Kallies said that decision makes a lot of sense to him as he's coming off an injury.

"Obviously, it sucked," said Kallies of the injury. "It was no fun. It was a lot of hard work getting to where I am now. Just being able to play again and knowing that I'll be able to play again, it's great."

"I love this (sport), everything about it. I love the family; I love the sport, all the hard work that's put into it, it makes me so happy being able to play again."



Oconto Falls' Amber Haines, left, and Mitch Kallies pose for a photo during the school's signing night event on May 1 in Oconto Falls.

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Haines

Haines helped make school history when she was one of two Oconto Falls athletes to be named to the Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches all-state team in the non-tumble division in her junior year. That was the first time any Oconto Falls athletes had made an all-state team.

Haines made the all-state team again as a senior, while helping the cheer team to a pair of top-10 finishes at the cheer finals back in late February.

"I'm really excited to do it at the next level because I've been dreaming about it since I was a little kid," said Haines. "I'm just really excited for the next chapter."

Haines said she really enjoyed cheering coming into her freshman year. As she improved, the thought of continuing on in college became more and more attainable.

She wanted to attend Winona State for their nursing program, and then made the decision that she'd

also enjoy cheering there.

Haines had a two-day tryout in early April at Winona State and found out about 30 minutes later that she'd made the team.

She hopes to cheer for the football, basketball and competition teams.

"I have to tryout again in the fall for the basketball and competition team, but as they made it sound, I have a pretty good chance on making it," said Haines.

She thanked her coaches, including Kim Kruse, who has been with Haines since seventh grade. "She's kind of like my second mom," said Haines.

She also mentioned friends Jenna Wilquet and Molly Haines, whom she has been cheering with for several years. "I've kind of gotten to grow with them and experience high school cheer, middle school cheer and even elementary school cheer with them," said Haines.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Shawano finishes 5th at Bay tour stop

Bonduel wins another CWC meet

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Several area boys golf teams were in action last week, with teams and individuals turning in strong showings.

Shawano hosted a Bay Conference tour stop at Shawano Lake Golf Course on May 2 in Shawano.

Bonduel, Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Marion and Menominee Indian/Gresham all participated in a Central Wisconsin Conference meet on May 2 at Foxfire Golf Club in Waupaca.

Witt-Birn also competed in the Adams-Friendship Green Devils North Bay Invitational on May 4 at Northern Bay Golf Course in Arkdale, while Lena and Gillett were in action that day at the St. Thomas Aquinas Academy Invitational at Riverside Golf Club in Menominee, Michigan.

Pulaski participated in a Fox River Classic Conference meet on May 5 at Brown County Golf Course in Hobart.

Bay

Shawano placed fifth at the Bay tour stop with a team score of 175. West De Pere (154) was first, with Xavier (165) in second. Seymour (168) took third and New London (170) was fourth.

Luke Guenther and Tucker Pyatskowitz led the Hawks on the course with nine-hole rounds of 40.

Braden Barkley was third on the team with a round of 47. Tristan Miller carded a 48, while Noah Davids shot a 50.

CWC

Bonduel took first at a second straight CWC meet after posting a team score of 352.

Bonduel's Jake Dreyer was the meet medalist after an 18-hole round of 83. Reed Luepke came in second with an 84.

Colin Margelofsky (88), Jaxon Bogacz (97) and Charlie Tauchen (99) rounded out the five-golfer team for the Bears.

After two CWC meets, Bonduel holds a 35-shot lead over Amherst (740). Dreyer has the top individual score so far.

Witt-Birn placed third as a team at

the second CWC meet with a score of 386. The Chargers are also third through two meets.

Dylan Resch led Witt-Birn with a round of 86. George Seegmiller fired a 99.

August Barke (100), Owen Schultz (101) and Joey Seegmiller (114) rounded out Witt-Birn's team.

Marion turned in a team score of 443 and sits in ninth through two meets.

Sam Gueths (102) had Marion's top score, while Kasey Roethle (105) was second on the team. Gracie Grogan (114), Owen Spiegel (122) and Cameron Buss (131) filled out the team.

Menominee Indian/Gresham had a team score of 516 on the day.

Jefferson Hoffman (118) led the cop, while Trentyn Harrison (120) was second. Kaidyen Zaitz (129), Porter Hoffman (149) and River Wheelock (151) capped off the team.

Witt-Birn claims 5th at invitational

Witt-Birn turned in a team score of 368 to place fifth at the Adams-Friendship Green Devils North Bay Invitational.

George Seegmiller and Barke led the Chargers with 18-hole rounds of 87 and 88, respectively.

Joey Seegmiller (94), Schultz (99) and Resch (100) capped the five-golfer team.

Lena wins invitational, Gillett takes 7th

Lena placed first with a team score of 347 during the St. Thomas Aquinas Academy Invitational. Gillett placed seventh with a score of 488.

Braden McVane led Lena with an 18-hole round of 80. Mason Belongia fired a round of 85. Mason Spice and Drake Dionne each carded 91s, while Vance Terecek posted a 97.

Tyler Frank (111) led Gillett on the course, with Aydin Franti (117) and Elsa Limberg (120) not too far behind. Laney DeBauch (140) and Katelyn Sturm (150) rounded out the team.

Pulaski 4th at FRCC meet

Pulaski turned in a fourth-place finish after tallying a team score of 165 at the FRCC meet.



Shawano's Luke Guenther takes a shot during the team's Bay Conference tour stop May 2 at Shawano Lake Golf Course in Shawano.

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Brady Hayward tied for the fifth-best individual score overall and led the Red Raiders with a nine-hole round of 39.

Dylan Carley, Colin Schultz and

Connor Burant each fired rounds of 42 for Pulaski. Dixon Holewinski carded a 43.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Little mistakes add up in Red Raiders' loss

Pulaski falls to Ashwaubenon at home

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

A couple little things cost the Pulaski High School baseball team during a 5-2 Fox River Classic Conference loss to Ashwaubenon on May 3 in Pulaski.

All five of Ashwaubenon's runs came after errors or misplays in the field. Pulaski had five hits, drew six walks and had a runner reach on an error, but ended up stranding 10 runners on base.

"Us as a team, we got to do better — when we make an error, we got to pick each other up and make the next play," said Pulaski starting pitcher Kyle Olson. "I think we actually did a good job of that because if we didn't pick each other up, it could have led to way more than what they got, but yeah, a few misplays and at the end of the day they scored them and made it count, but I like how we battled, we didn't give up."

Olson worked a 1-2-3- top of the first inning. In the bottom half, Michael Molthen drew a two-out walk, but was stranded there.

In the second inning, Ashwaubenon loaded the bases with no outs, starting with a bloop single down the right-field line before a double and walk.

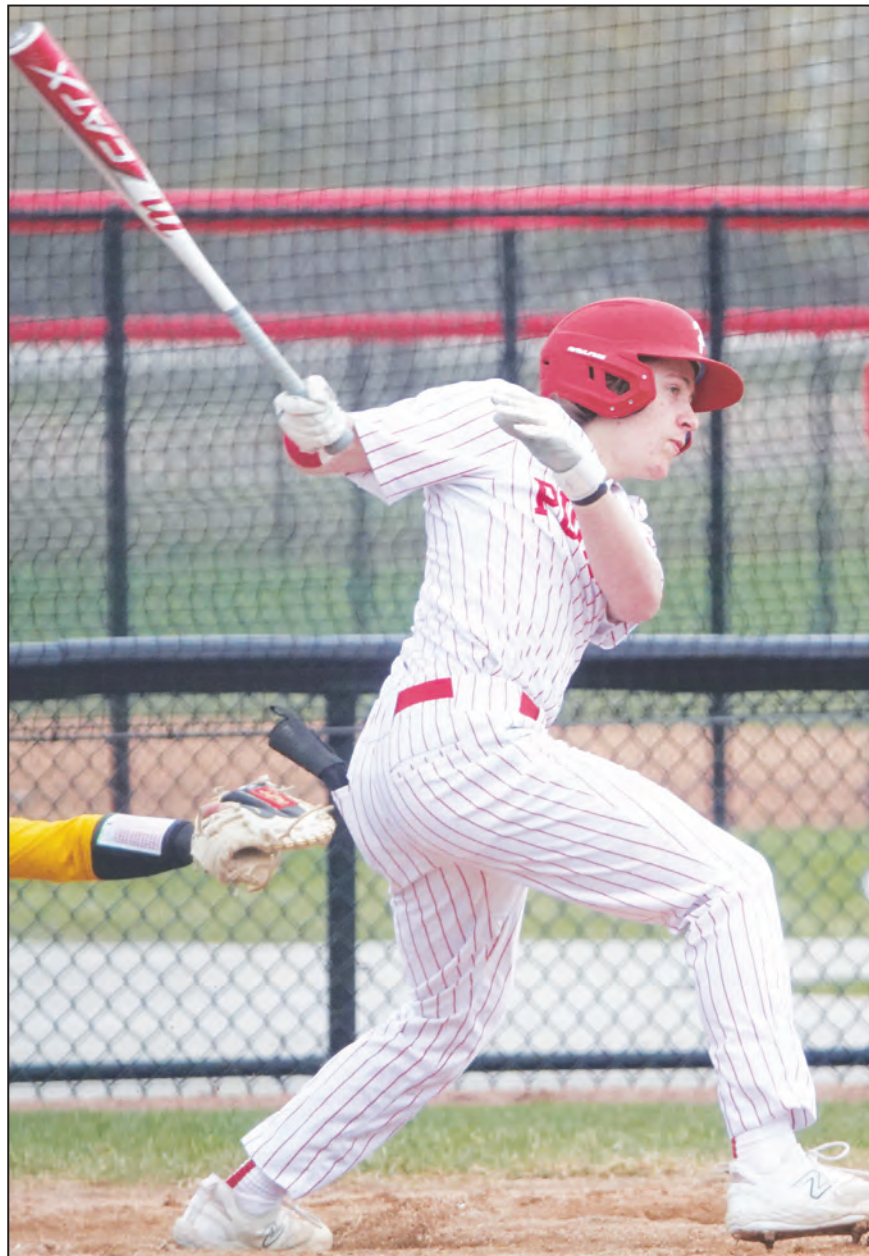
Olson did a good job of limiting the visitors to just one run in the frame by striking out the next three batters. The run scored on a wild pitch after the first strikeout.

In Pulaski's half of the second, the team put two runners on with two outs after a Brayden Otto walk and Lincoln Simons single, but they were stranded after a strikeout.

Ashwaubenon scored twice in the third inning, with all the baserunners in the inning coming after an error with two down.

The bottom of the third saw another Pulaski baserunner reach with two down, as Molthen walked again, but he was again unable to advance any further.

Ashwaubenon got a runner to third with just one out in the fourth, but Olson induced a popup before striking out a batter for the



Pulaski's Michael Molthen looks on after hitting the ball during a conference game against Ashwaubenon on May 3 in Pulaski.

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third out to end the threat.

Neither team got a baserunner on in the next two half innings. Pulaski was finally able to break through in the fifth with a couple runs to tighten the game back up.

Simons led off the inning with a single and then moved to second on a Bryce Wotruba single. Ashwaubenon eliminated the lead runner on a bunt attempt before Olson singled to load the bases.

Molthen put the ball in play and reached on an error that allowed each baserunner to advance and Bryce Wotruba to score. Brady Wotruba then scored on a Jacob McDonald groundout.

Pulaski's rally ended there after a flyout.

Ashwaubenon got the runs right back in the top of the sixth.

A one-out walk and single signaled the end of the pitching outing for Olson, who was replaced by Simons.

The lefty struck out the first batter he faced and looked like he was about to get out of the inning after the Ashwaubenon batter lined a ball to center. The liner ended up carrying further and over the outstretched glove of the center fielder for a two-RBI triple.

"I mean, we thought we played well. Hit the ball a lot better than

we had been in the past," said Simons. "They hit the ball well too. Just a couple plays away from the score being a little bit different."

Two walks, the first being intentional, loaded the bases for Ashwaubenon, but Simons induced a groundout to end the threat and keep Pulaski in the game.

Otto walked with one down in the sixth, but wasn't able to advance any further.

The visiting Jaguars looked poised to put the game away in the top of the seventh after two walks started the inning. A sacrifice bunt moved the runners to second and third.

Simons then induced a groundout, with Pulaski's Bryce Wotruba throwing out the batter at first, and then Otto throwing to the plate, where McDonald tagged out the lead baserunner for the final out.

It looked like the type of play that could spark a team, and it did just that as Pulaski ended up bringing the go-ahead run to the plate in the bottom half.

Brady Wotruba doubled to get the inning going before moving to third on an Olson groundout. Molthen walked before a popout for the second out.

Logan Brabant walked to load the bases, but it was all for naught as the final batter struck out.

Even though the loss was tough to swallow for Pulaski, it was a much better showing than the first times the teams squared off on April 4, when Ashwaubenon won 6-0.

"From the beginning of the season, first game with all the snow and being freezing, that game nothing really felt like it went our way," said Simons. "This game felt a lot better. A lot of energy, boys feel good and I hope it leads into more wins to come the rest of the week with three more big conference games later."

"If we play as a team, we can hang with anybody," said Olson. "We're right there in the conference. Get a couple wins and maybe we're one at the end of the year. We just got to be ourselves, play our game, not worry about anybody else and just start winning some games as a team."

ATHLETE PROFILE: EVAN PETERSON

Gillett senior winding down big high school career

Gillett Secondary School has produced several talented long-distance runners over the past few years. Evan Peterson is part of that talented group and is hoping to make more memories as his senior year winds down.

Peterson, who has been to state in each cross-country and track season he could have, has several strong finishes to his name this spring — including a first-place finish in the 1,600-meter run at the Peshtigo Invitational on May 4. He was second in the 1,600 at the Oshkosh Invitational on March 16.

Q: When did your interest in track and field, and more specifically running, begin?

A: Ever since I was introduced to the sport by my middle school coach (Greg Zeitler), I've been in love with it. I didn't even know what cross country and track were until he told me, but he's guided me and strengthened me through my middle school career and helped me throughout my running career.

Q: What has track and field taught you over the years?

A: It has taught me that hard work doesn't go unnoticed. If you stay consistent in practicing, you'll see results, and I think that's evident in the success we've had not just with me but all the athletes that have come through Gillett within the past few years.

Track has also taught me that you can't just go through the motions. You should have fun with it because that is where you gain the most, whether it be being more successful or making awesome memories.

Q: What is your favorite event to compete in, and why?

A: I really love the 800 because it's so competitive. Sure, it's still a distance event, but having to grind through the race is what makes it so rewarding. Like they always say, it's a two-lap sprint.

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



Gillett's Evan Peterson runs his leg of the 4x800-meter relay at the State Track and Field Championships on June 4, 2022, at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

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A: I feel like staying consistent is key in growing in running, and that is what my coach (Bill DeJung) always talks about. He's always been there for me and the team on the back stretch giving me the motivation I need to power through to the end. And not just in meets, but every day he creates a winning atmosphere that helps me through the season.

Gillett has been blessed with wonderful coaches over the years, and they've helped me to get stronger. I've learned to push through those mental barriers when I get fatigued, whether I'm at practice or when the season is on the line.

Q: You've been a part of some great teams and accomplishments while in high school. So far, which memory sticks out most to you?

A: My sophomore year at state track was probably the coolest thing to witness and be a part of because

of how incredible the atmosphere was. All you could hear was a wall of screaming while we were racing our eventual second-place 4x800 relay. It was so exciting to bring home a state medal that day along with around 15 other state medals from the whole team, especially the first year in high school track.

Q: 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: Overall I just want to end the season strong. It would be awesome to three-peat as sectional champs in the 4x800 relay and make it to state in that, and I hope to make it in the open 800, too. I and the team just have to stay dedicated and know what we can accomplish if we put the work in.

Q: You help form a 4x800-meter relay team that's gotten to state multiple times. What's the key

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Evan Peterson

Sport: Track and field

Events: 800, 1,600, 3,200, 4x400 and 4x800 relays

School: Gillett Secondary School

Year: Senior

going to be this year to get back to state again?

A: I think we know we can run fast because we've seen it done before. At the St. Norbert meet we ran an 8:22.10, so we have it in us to get back to state. We just have to stay focused, trust our training and leave it all out on the track. The cards will fall as they may, but as long as we do our part we can accomplish great things. And who knows? Maybe this year's the year.

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

A: I want to set a good example for the underclassmen because they're the future of the Gillett program, whether that be in practice or at meets. And I want to make sure they're dedicated and know that anybody can grab success; you just have to be willing to reach for it first.

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

A: I always make sure I ask God for help and to give me strength to run a smart and fast race.

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

A: I've been to 33 of the 50 states. We have babydoll sheep, and they're really small and cute!

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school and moving on to UW-Oshkosh?

A: I want to just have fun with the whole college experience. It'll be cool to start diving into my career. And I hope to make the most of my running career after high school and make some awesome memories with my future teammates.



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ATHLETE PROFILE: JAMI WENDLER

Witt-Birn senior enjoying leadership role

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School softball team is under the direction of a new coach this spring. Change, especially during senior seasons, isn't always easy for seniors to accommodate, but Jami Wendler is relishing the chance to lead the Chargers during their new era.

Wendler was a second-team all-conference finisher in her junior season, when Witt-Birn went just 2-12 in conference play. As of May 7, Wendler had helped the team to three conference wins already.

The senior pitcher earned the win in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division clash against Shiocton on April 27, striking out eight batters and surrendering no earned runs. Wendler also was the winning pitcher against Shiocton on April 14, fanning 13 batters in a seven-inning effort.

Wendler drove in three runs on three hits in the team's conference win over Menominee Indian on April 13. She also pitched an inning in the victory, striking out three batters.

Q: When did your interest in softball begin?

A: My interest in softball has been strong for as long as I can remember. My older sisters (Danica, Erica) and cousins (Brittany Zblewski) always played so I was inspired by them, and then as soon as I could play, I absolutely fell in love with this sport.

Q: What has softball taught you over the years?

A: Over the years, softball has taught me a lot of patience, teamwork and mental toughness. It has also taught me that you can have fun while pushing yourself outside of your physical and mental comfort zone.

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

A: My favorite thing on the softball field is when I get a strikeout and my middle infielders come to congratulate



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Jami Wendler pitches during a CWC-East game against Menominee Indian on April 19, 2022, in Wittenberg.

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me. I also really get excited when one of my teammates makes a great defensive play.

Q: You also played basketball during high school. How did basketball prepare you for the softball season?

A: Our basketball team was pretty successful this season, so coming off of that high prepared me because I want the same for our softball team. Another thing is basketball is such a conditioning sport that it's great to come into softball season conditioned and ready to go.

Q: What kind of individual goals have you set for your senior season, and what will it take to achieve

those goals?

A: We have a new coaching staff this season, so I really want to take a leadership role and be able to leave a positive impact on the future of our program. I feel I can do this by being the type of player younger athletes can look up to and coaches can rely on. Individually as a pitcher, I am striving for 100 strikeouts.

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

A: The kind of goals we have as a team is to work together and build each other up for a more successful season. To accomplish this goal we need to keep working hard at practice to be-

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Jami Wendler

Sport: Softball

Positions: Pitcher, first base

School: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Year: Senior

come the best at each of our positions, and keep good attitudes both on and off the field.

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

A: I try to lead by example of being positive and making sure that I am always doing my job to the best of my ability. I always encourage my teammates and celebrate their successes however big or small they are.

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

A: I drink a Bubblr and eat a Snickers bar.

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

A: I don't know if I have just one. As my senior season progresses I am taking it all in. I love the overall feeling of confidence and teamwork, starting from coach Joe (Ladika) and throughout the whole team. OK, the HRs (home runs) from Sophia (Lemieux) and Rory (Salvesen) were pretty cool!

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Keeping up with the Kardashians." Movie — "Mean Girls." Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

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

A: I don't know, I am pretty much an open book. What you see is what you get.

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

A: I am going to UWSP for elementary education.



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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Shawano drops dual to FVL

Pulaski falls in FRCC match

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Community High School boys tennis team dropped a Bay Conference dual against Fox Valley Lutheran on May 2 in Shawano.

Shawano's No. 1 and 2 doubles teams both picked up wins in the team's 5-2 setback.

George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon earned the win at No. 1 doubles for the Hawks, topping FVL's Jonah Uhlenbrauk and Aidan Mattek in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1.

Tristan Tetting and Isaac Welander got the win at No. 2 doubles for Shawano, but they needed to rally to do so. They won 4-6, 6-2, 10-2 over Jack Breiland and Owen Olsen.

The No. 3 doubles match was also a back-and-forth battle. Shawano's Seth Williams and Andrew Vandenheuvel lost 6-4, 5-7, 10-8 to FVL's Peter Wolfram and Carson Motowski.

Shawano's four singles players all lost in straight sets.

Ben Langlois fell 6-0, 6-1 in No. 1 singles action to Eli Stern. Ryan Buerman was topped 6-0, 6-0 by Christian Monigal in No. 2 action.

At No. 3 singles, Shawano's Tybault Tousch dropped a 6-2, 6-0 match to Will Olson. Christian Hernandez lost 6-1, 6-1 to Ben Haupt at No. 4 singles.

Pulaski

Pulaski also hosted a conference match last week, falling 7-0 to Bay Port on May 4 in a Fox River Classic Conference matchup.

Pulaski dropped to 0-5 in conference matches after the setback.

Pulaski's Sam Mead lost 2-6, 6-2, 10-7 to Bay Port's Aryaman Bhatia in No. 1 singles action. Justin Freadrich fell 6-0, 7-6 (3) at No. 2 singles to Will Schluetter.

Ryan Symons dropped a 6-0, 6-2 No. 3 singles match to Sam Erickson, while Donovan Holderness lost 6-4, 6-0 at No. 4 singles to Collin Marquardt.

Pulaski's Eric Sperduto and Jacob Ebent lost 6-3, 6-2 in No. 1 doubles action to Alex Sedlacek and Carson Spindler.

Alex Kouzov and Raymond Johnson fell 6-1, 6-3 at No. 2 doubles to Braydon Hanson and Nathan Pawlak.

William Gosse and Jonah Dreves were defeated 6-3, 6-0 at No. 3 doubles by Peyton Garcia and Derrick Rehn.

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Shawano's Isaac Welander serves the ball during a Bay Conference dual against Fox Valley Lutheran on May 2 in Shawano.

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A fun journey is coming to an end

In late April of 2018, I began serving as the sports editor. Here we are nearly exactly five years later to the day and I'm writing to tell you that this spring season will be my last couple months in the position.

What started as just a job to give me my first full-time position out of college quickly turned into a passion. The expectation was to fill the position for a couple years, but I've since had the chance to watch some athletes go through the entire high school process, from freshmen year to graduation and even into college for some.

With anything I do in life, I try and give 100% to it. With this job, I think I gave closer to 110%, but I didn't necessarily start the position expecting that.

Actually, I moved here with little to no history of the area or its sports teams, venues and events. I was pretty intimidated by that fact, but I quickly settled in, thanks in large part to our audience and co-workers who gave me pretty much



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free reign.

I can still remember being introduced to coaches for the first time and remarks saying something along the theme of "so you're the next sports editor?" referring

encing the several sports editors who preceded me, with a hint of them expecting me to also only last a few months or a year or two at most.

Since that point, I believe, and have been told, that we together have created a sports section and coverage that many other areas of the state and country couldn't fathom.

Covering 14 high schools pretty much on my own isn't an easy feat, but thanks to schools, athletic directors, coaches, athletes and fans, it's become achievable.

It started with the lone people

conversing with me at sporting events being the athletes or coaches I interviewed, but has turned into a rare occurrence now, instead having fans, players, coaches and ADs striking up conversations most times before I can even make it from my vehicle to the place where the event is taking place. Those little interactions mean a lot to me, and are part of what inspired me to keep trying to improve the coverage and keep growing our audience.

Unfortunately, I don't know how to tone down the effort level, especially wanting to always keep improving. That's led to me being worn me down and introduced headaches and stress into my life. For those reasons, along with wanting to explore some other interests in life, among other things, I've decided that this spring will be my last days in the position.

I plan to be here through June, which will cover the rest of the spring season and all the end-of-the-season recaps, like all-confer-

ence stories and the All-Region sections.

Luckily, with the amount of talent both individually and as teams the area boasts this spring, it's a perfect way to cap off this job for me.

Coverage won't change from past years and seasons, and hopefully we can make several more memories in the next several weeks. I'll also be working on setting things up so there's a smooth transition after I depart, and hopefully the sports section can continue growing and reach new heights.

I'm looking forward to what the rest of the spring season holds and will certainly stay in the loop in the years to come.

Writing this column is not only a way to let you all know what the future holds, but I also hopes serves as a thank you of sorts to you all for making this such an enjoyable experience.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

UW-Eau Claire



MITCH STEGEMAN

Suring High School graduate Mitch Stegeman and Oconto Falls' graduate Autumn Canavera represented the UW-Eau Claire track and field team at the WIAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 5-6.

Stegeman won the men's decathlon, accumulating 6,351 points.

Stegeman placed first in the discus (39.67 meters) and pole vault (4.45 meters), second in the high jump (1.9 meters) and third in the shot put (11.98 meters), 110-meter hurdles (15.56 seconds) and javelin throw (48.51 meters).

He took fourth in the long jump (6.58 meters), sixth in the 100 dash (11.12 seconds) and ninth in the 400 (51.93 seconds) and 1,500 (4:56.29).

Canavera placed 11th in the women's 1,500 with a time of 4:58.95.

Shawano grad Jacob Lacy played in 10 UWEC baseball games last week.

Lacy drove in a run on a hit during a loss to UW-Stevens Point on May 1. He doubled in a run in a second setback to UWSP that day.

The Shawano grad drove in another run on a hit, and also stole a base, during a win over UW-Stout on May 3. He tripled and drove in a run in a loss to Stout later that day.

Lacy came through with a hit, stolen base and run scored in a win over Saint Mary's on May 4. He walked in a game two loss to Saint Mary's that day.

Lacy walked in a loss to UW-La Crosse on May 5. He then drove in a run on a hit in a game two win over UWL. Lacy posted a hit in a setback to UWL on May 6.

UW-Platteville

Pulaski grad Kayla Lipsey competed in a pair of events at the WIAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 5-6 while representing the UW-Platteville women's track and field team.

Lipsey placed 13th in the 100 hurdles (16.65 seconds). She took 14th in the 400 hurdles (1:09.58).

Concordia University

Bonduel graduate Kalleigh Thorne participated in two events for the Concordia women's track and field

team at the NACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 5-6.

Thorne claimed 14th in the triple jump (9.57 meters) and 17th in the long jump (4.65 meters).

Oconto Falls grad Katelyn Albrecht appeared in two Concordia softball games last week.

Albrecht got two at-bats and played third base in the team's win over Alverno on May 7. She had one at-bat and played first base in another victory that day.

Bryant and Stratton College

Menominee Indian grad Wendell Waukau Jr. appeared in three Bryant and Stratton baseball games last week.

Waukau homered in the team's loss to Morton on May 7.

Waukau had an at-bat in a loss to College of Lake County on May 2 and another at-bat in a setback to McHenry County on May 5.

St. Norbert College

Lena graduate Kennedy Marquardt and Oconto Falls' graduate Emily Gonnering each competed at the NACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 5-6 while representing the St. Norbert women's track and field team.

Marquardt placed ninth in the 200 (26.95 seconds) and 12th in the 100 (13.45 seconds). She was on the first-place finishing 4x100 relay (50.52 seconds) and second-place finishing 4x400 relay (4:07.59).

Gonnering grabbed eighth place in the javelin throw (29.01 meters) and hammer throw (38 meters).

Pulaski graduate Emma Wiese pitched in the St. Norbert softball team's loss to the Milwaukee School of Engineering on May 6.

Wiese allowed three runs on four hits over 1 1/3 innings, while striking out one batter.



LOGAN THIEX

Bowler graduate Logan Thiex pitched in four St. Norbert baseball games last week.

Thiex worked a scoreless inning with a pair of strikeouts in a loss to Marian on May 2. He allowed two runs on a hit and walk while striking out one batter over two innings in the team's win over Edgewood on May 3.

Thiex tossed a scoreless inning with a strikeout in a win over Wisconsin Lutheran on May 4. He was tagged with the loss after allowing an

unearned run over an inning against the Milwaukee School of Engineering on May 6.

UW-River Falls

Shawano grad Jewel Waupekenay played in four UW-River Falls softball games last week.

Waupekenay was hit by a pitch in the team's loss to UW-Eau Claire on May 3. She was hit by another pitch in a second loss to UWEC that day.

She played in both ends of a doubleheader against UW-Whitewater on May 4. In the second game, she singled, was hit by a pitch, stole two bases and scored a run.

UW-La Crosse

Oconto Falls graduate Tucker Bouche pitched in two contests for the UW-La Crosse baseball team last week.

Bouche worked a scoreless inning in the team's win over Luther on May 2, retiring all three batters he faced. He then got an out to finish off an inning in a setback to UW-Eau Claire on May 5.

UW-Stevens Point

Menominee Indian grad Gualupe Corn represented the UW-Stevens Point women's track and field team at the WIAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 5-6.

Corn placed 10th in the shot put (11.97 meters) and 19th in the hammer throw (42.79 meters).

Pulaski grad Gabrielle DeCleene appeared in three UWSP softball

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games last week.

DeCleene walked in the team's win over UW-Oshkosh on May 3. She walked in the team's win over UW-Stout on May 7 and got another at-bat in another win over Stout that day.

Ripon College

Gillett graduate Angela Mosconi won the women's 5,000-meter run while representing the Ripon women's track and field team during the Ripon Spring Showdown on May 6.

Mosconi turned in a time of 19:52.58, over two minutes faster than the other runner in the race.

UW-Milwaukee

Shawano grad Isabel Roloff competed in a pair of events for the UW-Milwaukee women's track and field team at the Horizon League Championship on May 5-7.

Roloff took seventh in the pole vault after clearing 3.63 meters. She finished 14th in the 100 dash (12.36 seconds).

Bay College

Oconto Falls graduate Jake Sager played in three Bay College baseball games against Minnesota Post Grad last week.

Sager pinch-ran in the team's 4-1 win on May 4. He received three at-bats in a 6-3 win on May 6. He pinch-ran again in a 6-2 victory on May 6.

DAIRYLAND LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Waupaca 6

Cecil 2

Waupaca opened Dairyland League play up with a win over Cecil on May 7 in Waupaca.

Jake Pankratz homered, drove in three runs and scored twice for Waupaca. Luke Behm tallied four hits for the Lakemen.

Cam Seidl got the win on the mound after pitching five innings and striking out eight batters. Jim Nighbor pitched two frames, while Jack Eagan and Luke Behm tossed an inning each.

Braden Uelmen homered for Cecil, while Kenny Casper drove in a run on two hits. Noah Beilfuss took the loss after striking out six over four innings. Mason Bohm worked two innings, while Uelmen and Jor-

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More details on Dairyland games can be found by visiting teams' Facebook pages.

dan Boldt worked an inning each.

Hortonville 8

Bonduel 2

Hortonville defeated Bonduel on May 7 in Hortonville.

Hortonville moved to 1-0 and will next face head to Nichols on May 21. Shawano fell to 0-1 and will next host Pulaski on May 14.

Nichols 7

Shawano 2

Nichols knocked off Shawano on May 7 in Nichols.

The Nitros improved to 1-0 and will host next host Waupaca on May 14. Shawano dropped to 0-1 and will next head to Navarino on May 14.

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Bucks fire Budenholzer after early playoff exit

Milwaukee was upset by Miami in first round

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
The Associated Press

The Milwaukee Bucks have fired coach Mike Budenholzer just over a week after their stunning first-round playoff loss to the Miami Heat spoiled a season in which they owned the NBA's best record.

Budenholzer's ouster comes just two years after he directed the Bucks to their first NBA title in half a century. The move also comes three weeks after the NBA finalized Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam's purchase of a 25% stake in the team.

"The decision to make this change was very difficult," Bucks general manager Jon Horst said May 4 in a statement announcing the move. "Bud helped lead our team for five incredible seasons, to the Bucks' first title in 50 years, and into an era of sustained success. We are grateful for the culture of winning and leadership that Bud helped create in Milwaukee."

"This is an opportunity for us to refocus and re-energize our efforts as we continue building toward our next championship season."

The Bucks posted the most combined regular-season and playoff wins of any team during Budenholzer's tenure and had the league's best regular-season record in three of his five seasons on the job. He posted a 271-120 regular-season record and 39-26 playoff mark in Milwaukee.

With a roster featuring two-time MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo, Budenholzer's Bucks soared to heights the franchise hadn't reached since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was wearing a Milwaukee uniform in the early 1970s.

But with the notable exception of that 2021 championship season, the Bucks couldn't match their regular-season success in the postseason.

The Bucks didn't reach the NBA Finals during any of the three seasons in which they had the league's No. 1 playoff seed. They had a 2-0 lead over Toronto in the 2019 Eastern Conference Finals before losing four straight. They lost 4-1 in the second round to the Miami Heat in the 2020 East semifinals at the Walt Disney World playoff bubble.



Milwaukee Bucks head coach Mike Budenholzer reacts during the first half of an game on April 7 in Milwaukee. Budenholzer was fired on May 4.

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This year's playoff exit was particularly devastating.

The Bucks suffered fourth-quarter collapses in each of their last two games and lost 4-1 to the eighth-seeded Heat. They were just the sixth No. 1 seed to lose to a No. 8 seed in the opening round, and the only No. 1 seed that failed to win more than one playoff game.

"There's a ton of disappointment when your season ends, no matter how it happens," Budenholzer said afterward. "It's a hard feeling. It's a disappointing feeling."

Milwaukee owned a 12-point lead

at Miami in game four before getting outscored 30-13 over the last six minutes of a 119-114 loss in which the Heat's Jimmy Butler scored 56 points. They were up 16 at home to start the fourth quarter of game five, but lost 128-126 in overtime after Butler made a tying basket with half a second left in regulation.

Budenholzer, 53, acknowledged the Bucks should have called a timeout after Butler's tying basket, giving them a chance to make a buzzer beater that could have prevented overtime. The Bucks also declined to call a timeout when they got the ball back while

trailing by two points in the closing seconds of overtime, and they weren't able to attempt a shot before the game ended.

Antetokounmpo said after the game the Bucks didn't make enough adjustments in how they defended Butler, who averaged 37.6 points in the series.

Antetokounmpo, who was playing with a bruised lower back, said he would have liked more opportunities to guard Butler.

The removal of Budenholzer comes as the Bucks enter a critical offseason. Brook Lopez, a finalist for the NBA Defensive Player of the Year award this season, is a free agent. Three-time All-Star Khris Middleton could become a free agent as well if he doesn't pick up his \$40.4 million player option for 2023-24.

Budenholzer's teams had some bad luck with injuries during the postseason.

Middleton sprained his left medial collateral ligament in game two of an opening-round series with the Chicago Bulls last year and missed the rest of the playoffs as the Bucks ended up losing their second-round matchup with the Boston Celtics in seven games.

Antetokounmpo sprained his ankle in game four against Miami in 2020 and missed the rest of that series, though the Bucks already trailed 3-0 when he got hurt. Antetokounmpo exited game one of this year's Heat series with the back issue that caused him to miss games two and three. The Bucks won the 2021 title even though a hyperextended knee prevented Antetokounmpo from playing the final two games of the Eastern Conference Finals with the Atlanta Hawks.

It's worth noting the Bucks also benefited from injuries to opponents during their 2021 title run.

James Harden missed nearly all of the first three games and Kyrie Irving sat out the last three games of the Brooklyn Nets' second-round loss to Milwaukee that year. Atlanta's Trae Young missed two games of the 2021 East finals with a bone bruise in his right foot.

Budenholzer came to Milwaukee after going 213-197 in five seasons with Atlanta. He was an assistant coach with the San Antonio Spurs from 1996-2013 and was on Gregg Popovich's staff for four championship seasons (1999, 2003, 2005, 2007).

WIAA membership approves competitive balance initiative

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association approved a much-deliberated competitive balance proposal and conducted other membership business at the 127th Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Stevens Point on April 26.

After a presentation by Jordan Sinz and Michelle Guyant-Holloway, co-chairs of the Competitive Balance Task Force, the membership voted 265-115 to approve the Competitive Balance Plan intended to help ensure all members feel their school has an opportunity to be competitive in the tournament series.

The plan, to be implemented in 2024-25, promotes school programs that reach a threshold of tournament success based on a performance point system allocated over a three-year period. School programs will be placed in the division with the next largest enrollments from where the schools' enrollment would typically place them for each respective sport — other than track and field and swimming and diving.

Schools will be restricted to moving up only one division from the previous year's placement. The plan affords schools the process to appeal their placement if they are moved up a division as well as an option to petition to be placed in a lower divi-

sion in all sports except football and the sports not impacted by the point system.

Complete details of the Competitive Balance Plan are available on the Competitive Balance homepage of the WIAA website (www.wiaawi.org/Schools/Competitive-Balance).

Three other amendments were approved by the assembly, effective in 2023-24. An amendment to the bylaws will permit the most-recently-defeated opponent to return to the tournament series to replace a team that advances but is unable to continue participation in the tournament for any reason. The amendment passed by a 371-10 vote.

The two other amendments passed affect the membership's Rules of Eligibility. The first affords a senior, who transfers without a full family move, the opportunity to participate at the nonvarsity level. The members approved it by a 354-27 count.

The second permits a coach at any level to have coaching contact with incoming ninth graders until the first day of fall practices or the first day of school, whichever comes first. The membership supported the rule change with a 373-8 vote.

In the Director's Report, Executive Director Stephanie Hauser emphasized celebrating the accomplishments of the membership in the past year as

well as the executive office's commitment to serving the entire membership and the student-athletes in their athletic programs.

Hauser also identified a number of other areas to address moving forward, including trends in legal challenges; education for Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) compliance in high school sports; season start dates and lengths; coaching contact; impact of club programming on school-based programs; turnover of sport coaches in member schools; student leadership programming; and the exploration of establishing a WIAA Foundation.

The executive staff responded to three pre-submitted open forum questions, including inquiries about competitive equity, consideration of a football playoff model with all schools qualifying and the possibility to delay the start of spring sports.

Kenzie Koppenhaver of Kiel High School was recognized as the Wisconsin Spirit of Sport Award recipient, sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin. Also recognized were the representatives of the 39 schools that received the WIAA Award of Excellence in 2021-22.

In the 2022-23 Board of Control elections, Greg Doverspike, district administrator at Durand-Arkansas and current member of the Advisory Council was elected for a three-year

term on the board as the District 3 representative. Dan Retzki, activities director at Green Bay Preble, was re-elected to serve a three-year term representing District 4. Karl Morrin, the current president of the board and district administrator at Florence, was re-elected to serve another three-year term as the ethnic at-large position. He will assume the district administrator role at Northwestern in 2023-24.

In the 2022-23 Advisory Council elections, Craig Olson, superintendent at Hayward, was re-elected to a three-year term as a large school representative. Todd Willems, the principal at Greenfield, was elected to serve a two-year term as a large school representative.

Ty Breitlow, district administrator at Lomira, was elected for a three-year term as one of the medium-sized school representatives. He formerly served on the council from 2014-19 and again in 2021-22. Jeff Koenig, district administrator at Stanley-Boyd, was elected to a three-year term representing medium-sized schools.

Brian Nadeau, district administrator and principal at Plum City, was elected to a three-year term representing small schools, and Tremayne Clardy, district administrator at Verona was elected to serve the ethnic at-large representative on the Advisory Council.

BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

South Central Division

New London 8

Green Lake 2

New London topped Green Lake on May 7 in Green Lake.

Evan Muskeurs led New London with three hits, while Austin Waller

had two. Miles Parker earned the win on the mound.

Cole Boge posted two hits for Green Lake, while Derek Zamzow suffered the loss on the hill.

Scandinavia 11

Weymont 1 (7 inn.)

Scandinavia rolled past Weymont on May 7 in Weyauwega.

Marcus Jaworski picked up the win for Scandinavia, while Trevor Wetzel was dealt the loss.

Northern Division

Eland 13

Elderon 3

Eland cruised past Elderon on May 7 in Eland to open the season.

Tyler Nelson tallied three hits and

got the win on the mound for Eland. Jeremy Jensen homered among his two hits, while Ryan Hubachek, Jacob Ligenza and Joe Buss had two hits each.

Bryce Zorowski powered Elderon at the plate with five hits. Brandon Groshek and Nathan Lemanczyk chipped in two hits each. Casey Kerstner took the loss on the hill.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BASEBALL

Oconto Falls splits with FVL

Oconto Falls won 5-2 and lost 11-2 during a North Eastern Conference doubleheader against Fox Valley Lutheran on May 4 in Appleton.

Easton Engel and Wyatt Laughrin each drove in two runs for Oconto Falls in the win. Carter Heroux worked 2 2/3 innings for the Panthers, while Engel got four outs and Jack Adler worked three frames. Heroux struck out five batters, while Adler fanned four.

In the second game, FVL scored six times in the seventh to run away with the game. The hosts also scored five times in the first inning.

Braden Vandermoss tallied two hits for Oconto Falls. He also struck out seven batters over five innings on the mound. Logan Kramer got five outs, while Grant Bouche got the other out.

Witt-Birn 1

Iola-Scandinavia 0

Evan Meverden singled home Owen Dickman to lift Witt-Birn to a walk-off win over Iola-Scandinavia in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division clash on May 4 in Wittenberg.

Dickman tallied two of the Chargers' five hits in the contest. Iola-Scandinavia tallied just one hit.

Mason Meverden started on the mound, striking out nine batters over six innings. Nathan Waupekenay got the win after tossing a scoreless seventh with a pair of strikeouts.

Pulaski 4

Sheboygan North 3 (11 inn.)

Brady Wotruba plated Bryce Wotruba in the 11th inning to give Pulaski a thrilling Fox River Classic Conference victory over Sheboygan North on May 4 in Pulaski.

Jacob McDonald posted three hits for the Red Raiders, while Kyle Olson had two.

Brady Wotruba earned the win after striking out eight batters over five scoreless innings. Michael Molthen also had eight strikeouts over five innings, while Michael Wyent tossed an inning.

Bonduel 7

Amherst 1

Bonduel picked up a big CWC-East win over Amherst on May 4 in Bonduel.

Noah Weier got the win on the



Pulaski's Brady Wotruba looks on after delivering a hit during the team's conference game against Ashwaubenon on May 3 in Pulaski.

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mound, striking out nine batters over six strong innings.

Bonduel scored four runs in the second inning, with a Beckett Hartlaben double sparking the inning. He finished with two hits and three RBIs.

Colin Margelofsky added two hits for the Bears.

Marion 11

Tigerton 2

Marion picked up a CWC-North win over Tigerton on May 4 in Tigerton.

Ryan Malueg worked all seven innings on the mound for Marion, striking out six batters along the way. Jaden Stuhr had two hits, three stolen bases and three RBIs to lead the Mustangs at the plate.

Marion's Jay Brei drove in three runs on two hits, while Nick Malueg had three hits, four stolen bases and four runs scored. Ryan Malueg scored twice and had two hits, while

Braxton Genskow also scored twice.

Colby Wanta and Asher Michaelis scored Tigerton's runs. Both players got on base three times.

Niagara 7

Lena 5

Lena lost a Marinette and Oconto Conference game to Niagara on May 4 in Niagara.

Josh Kristof homered among his two hits, walked twice and drove in three runs to power Lena at the plate. Bryce Kittredge also had two hits, while Tyler Shallow scored twice.

Shallow worked five innings on the hill, while Kristof tossed an inning.

SOFTBALL

Oconto Falls sweeps Waupaca

Oconto Falls earned 6-0 and 13-4 NEC wins over Waupaca on May 5 in Waupaca.

Madeline Maloney drove in two runs to lead Oconto Falls in its 6-0 win. Amelia Danielczak scored two runs.

Lily Kurek earned the win in the

circle, striking out seven batters over seven innings while surrendering just three hits and a walk. Randi Metzler got the win in game two, striking out nine in a complete game effort.

Danielczak homered among her three hits and drove in three runs to lead the way at the plate in game two. Keira Cole and Madison Uelmen drove in three runs each, while Uelmen also scored twice. Hanna Krejcarek chipped in four hits and scored three runs, while Metzler had three hits, two runs scored and two RBIs.

Gillett/Suring 3

Wausaukee 1

Gillett/Suring fended off Wausaukee in a M&O battle on May 4 in Gillett.

Autumn Dryja earned the win in the circle, striking out four batters and allowing just one unearned run.

Emma Kristof, Claire Pommerich and Dryja scored the team's three runs.

Bonduel 6

Amherst 3

Bonduel doubled up Amherst in a CWC-East matchup on May 4 in Bonduel.

Hailey Zernicke drove in two runs on two hits for the Bears, while Abby Stoltenow, Audrey Weier, Macy Niles and Hailee Thompson also had two hits each. Thompson scored two runs.

Zernicke got the win in the circle, pitching the first 5 2/3 innings. Nakiyah Henning got the final four outs to earn the save.

Tigerton, Marion split doubleheader

Marion won 10-6 in game one, while Tigerton prevailed 9-5 in game two of a CWC-North doubleheader on May 4 in Tigerton.

Tigerton's Skyler Hauser drove in two runs on two hits and also pitched all five innings in the team's game one loss. Angel Welch and Maycee Carlson stole three bases each, with Carlson also scoring twice.

Hauser pitched all four innings in game two to get the win. She also scored twice and led the team with two hits. Abby Swartz and Jade Selle drove in two runs each, while Welch stole three more bases.

Shawano 15

Green Bay East/West 2 (5 inn.)

Shawano routed Green Bay East/West in a Bay Conference clash on May 2 in Green Bay. Shawano scored 14 runs across the first two innings.

Marissa Tomashek, Braylyn

no and Ella Stuber each posted two hits for Shawano. Abby Bystol and Babino drove in two runs each, while Tomashek, Bystol, Babino, Stuber, Abby Wachtel, Macey Krueger and Aubrey Holsten scored two runs each.

Babino earned the win in the circle, pitching all five innings.

Wey-Fre 5

Witt-Birn 1

Wittenberg-Birnamwood dropped a CWC-East game to Weyauwega-Fremont on May 2 in Weyauwega.

Witt-Birn did not record a hit in the contest. Rory Salvesen drew three of the team's four walks and scored the team's lone run. Salvesen also stole four bases.

Jami Wendler took the loss, striking out six batters over six innings. Only two of the runs she allowed were earned.

TRACK AND FIELD

2 Shawano records

broken at invitational

A pair of Shawano girls school records were broken during the Freedom Irish Invitational on May 5 in Freedom. The girls team ended up scoring 98 points to place second, while the boys took fifth with 56 points.

Lily Guenther set a new school record in the 3,200-meter run after placing first in 11 minutes, 48.02 seconds. Grace Chelberg completed the 1,600 in 5:20.75 to place second and set another school record.

Guenther, Chelberg, Maci Beyer and Bailey Hendricks formed the first-place finishing 4x800 relay (9:46.79).

Will Chelberg placed first in the 3,200 (10:06.93) to lead the boys team. Full results can be found online at www.athletic.net.

Oconto Falls teams

both 5th at invitational

The Oconto Falls girls team scored 64 points, while the boys tallied 62 to each place second at the Two Rivers Invitational on May 6 in Two Rivers.

Brailyn St. Louis won the girls high jump (5 feet, 2 inches) and 100-meter hurdles (17.11) to lead the team. Maddy Przybylski, Brynn Hodkiewicz, Ava Hodkiewicz and Hailey Delzer teamed up on the first-place finishing girls 4x800 relay (10:50.76).

Ben Adams placed second in the boys 3,200 (10:10.25) and joined Griffin Kopke, Brant Laluzerne and Emerson Rice on the second-place finishing 4x800 relay (8:55.36).

Full results from the invitational



Pulaski's Jacob McDonald follows through on a swing during the team's conference game against Ashwaubenon on May 3 in Pulaski.

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can be found at www.athletic.net.

Gresham/Bowler teams 2nd at meet

Gresham/Bowler's boys and girls teams each scored 82 points to earn second-place finishes at the Weyauwega-Fremont Meet on May 4 in Weyauwega.

Emmitt Kietlinski led the boys team with first-place finishes in the high jump (6 feet, 7 inches), long jump (19-6) and triple jump (42-6).

Jackson Pingel won the boys shot put (37-7¼) and discus (118), while Bryson Nelson was the top finisher in the 1,600 (5:21.31) and 3,200 (12:03.9).

Camille Gourley led the girls team with a first-place finish in the 800 (3:23.76). Full results from the meet can be found at www.athletic.net.

Marion boys 5th, girls 6th at meet

The Marion boys scored 25 points to place fifth, while the girls team tallied 14 points to come in sixth at the Weyauwega-Fremont Meet on May 4 in Weyauwega.

Tristan Herro took fifth in the boys long jump (17-4½), while Jesse Trebus was fifth in the 1,600 (5:52.93).

Lily Wudstrack took sixth in the girls long jump (10-11½), while Alexis Roe (10-10½) was seventh. Bridget Much placed sixth in the

triple jump (23-11½).

Pulaski boys, girls 2nd at invite

The Pulaski girls scored 173 points, while the boys team tallied 121 to each place second at the Seymour Invite on May 4 in Seymour.

Ella Ficarrri won the girls large schools 100 hurdles (17.2). Rachael Allen, Lily Urben, Grace Goodness and Olivia Sprangers teamed up for first in the 4x200 relay (1:49.74). Sprangers, Allen, Ava Vieaux and Faye Brunke were first in the 4x100 relay (51.92).

Urben was the top finisher in the 300 hurdles (50.08), with Sprangers grabbing first in the 200 (27.11). Hallie Morz won the pole vault (10-0).

Rylan Rodal led the boys team with a first-place finish in the 200 (23.81). Full results from the invite can be found at pttiming.com.

Bonduel girls take 6th, boys 10th in Seymour

The Bonduel girls scored 89 points to place sixth, while the boys earned 94½ points to grab 10th at the Seymour Invite on May 4 in Seymour.

The Bonduel boys quartet of Owen Springborn, Sam Roberts, Lou-

is Hrabik and Ryan Westrich took first in the small schools 4x200 relay (1:40.6). Westrich also was first in the discus (120-0) and shot put (43-3).

Cierra Schnell won the girls long jump (15-2).

Lena/STAA teams 4th at invitational

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy track and field teams each placed fourth at the Peshtigo Invitational on May 4 in Peshtigo. The girls had 80 points, while the boys had 60.

Emily Peters won the pole vault (7-6), while Eva Brooks was first in the 100 hurdles (17.77) to lead the girls team.

Sam Marquardt led the boys team with a first-place finish in the 100 (11.65).

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

Gillett boys 5th, girls 8th in Peshtigo

The Gillett boys scored 57 points to finish fifth, while the girls had 33 points to come in eighth at the Peshtigo Invitational on May 4 in Peshtigo.

Alex Peterson won the boys 800 in 2:00.79, while Evan Peterson was first in the 1,600 in 4:44.8.

Lexi Grzeskowiak was third in the 400 (1:08.66) to lead the girls team.

Menominee Indian girls take 7th, boys 8th at invitational

The Menominee Indian girls squad accumulated 39 points to place seventh, while the boys scored 37 points to grab eighth at the Peshtigo Invitational on May 4 in Peshtigo.

Ali Davenport had first-place finishes in the 200 (23.42) and long jump (18-1) for the boys team.

The girls 4x100 team of Madeline Tomow, Lena Waukau, Emma Komanekin and Alexis Zhuckkaho-see teamed up for a second-place finish in 54.75 seconds, a new school record.

GIRLS SOCCER

Shawano 5

New London 1

Shawano earned a Bay Conference win over New London on May 2 in Shawano.

Caitlyn Moede scored Shawano's first goal off a corner kick less than 10 minutes into play. Trinity Popelka scored the next two goals for the Hawks. One goal came on a penalty kick, with the other off an assist from Moede.

Evony Perez pushed the lead to 4-1 with an unassisted goal at the 56:39 mark. Popelka then capped a hat trick with a goal at 76:16.

Goalie Brynlie Boyles made five saves while defending the net for the Hawks.

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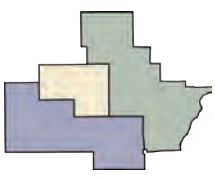
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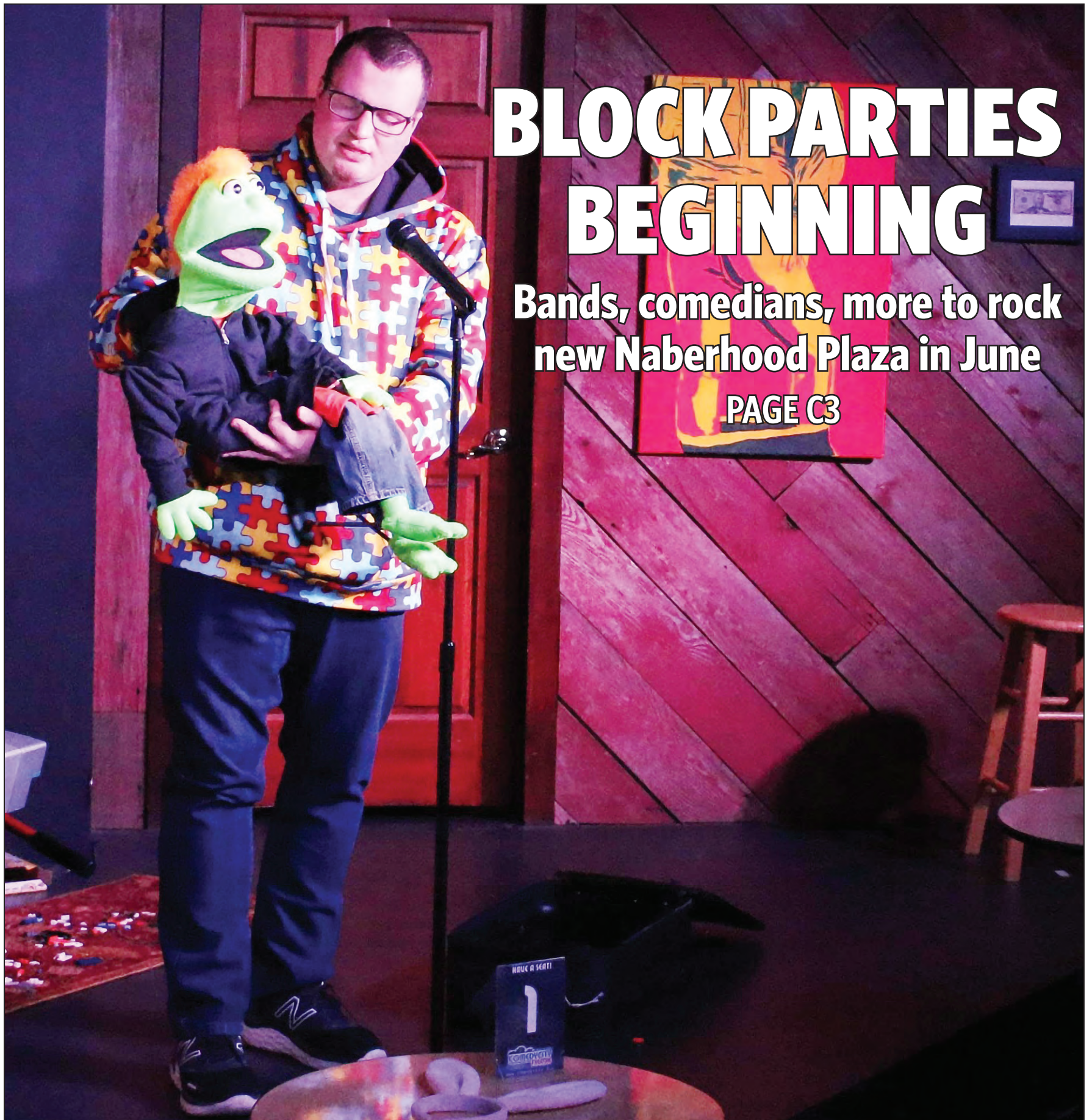
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BLOCK PARTIES BEGINNING

Bands, comedians, more to rock
new Naberhood Plaza in June

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Comedy City Improv, based in De Pere, will be coming to Shawano on July 25 for the Naberhood block parties.

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Naberhood starts block parties in June

Music and other entertainment to fill new downtown plaza

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The new Naberhood Plaza in downtown Shawano is relatively quiet as the month of May arrives, but come June, the joint is definitely going to be jumping as the inaugural Naberhood block parties kick off.

For most of the Tuesday nights and Saturday afternoons during the summer months, entertainment will bring downtown alive, as city officials hope to bring out residents and visitors alike to enjoy the season. The block parties are expected to add to the city's burgeoning entertainment portfolio, which includes Thursdayz at Franklin that take place at Franklin Park and

the Sunday night music series that will be moving to Arlington Park from Memorial Park this year.

All of the events are free, with funding coming from the city of Shawano, the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce, the Shawano County Library and Stubborn Brothers Brewery. The brewery will have its outdoor facility up and running just in case someone is thirsty or comes down with a case of the munchies.

"It took a little time, but it was a fun process," said Maddie Stuewer, who handles special projects for the Shawano Parks and Recreation Department, as she talked about getting enough entertainment for the first year. "We wanted to focus more on community so whenever possible, we had local bands. We'll be utilizing different businesses, just as much community as we can."

Tuesday events will be a hodge-podge of activities ranging from petting zoos to movie nights to hypnotists to magic shows. There will be a little something for everyone, according to Stuewer.

One of the events taking place for Tuesdays is Arts in the Park on June 27. Stuewer said the event is a mixture of different things, including crafts and theatrical performances from the Shawano County Arts Council, as well as performances from Shawano Community High School.

"It's a celebration of the arts," Stuewer said.

Comedy City Improv will be hitting the Naberhood on July 25, causing folks to roll on the new astroturf with laughter as the audience has no idea what the performers will do next.

"I saw them last year, and they were on my list for bringing them here," Stuewer said. "They're very funny and very good at what they do."

The Shawano County Library will hold two movie nights at the plaza. On July 11, "Top Gun: Maverick" will be shown and will also include family yoga with Jaime Lee prior, according to Stuewer. The other movie night is Aug. 1, and the film will be "Super Pets."

Saturday afternoons will be mostly bands, but Stuewer noted the tone of the block party bands will be different from the ones who perform at Franklin Park.

"We wanted to get more acoustic style, and see some of the local talents and abilities of people right next door," Stuewer said.



Speako Chords will perform at the Naberhood block parties on July 22 and Aug. 12.

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Cardboard Honey will be the first band in the lineup on June 10 and will be back again on June 24. According to Stuewer, Jacob Grignon and Marcus Whitehouse, two regular performers with Box in the Wood Theatre Guild, are part of the band.

Central Standard will feature Shawano alum Hunter Krolow. Currently in New York, he'll be flying back to perform with band on July 1.

The last Saturday in the block party series, Aug. 26, will be an open mic event. Stuewer said that some of the bands performing on the other Saturdays might stop by for a song or two, but she's hoping other aspiring musicians take advantage of the platform.

"This will be giving people a chance to share their talents and abilities," Stuewer said.

The city of Shawano hopes that the events will continue to bring people out to enjoy what the community has to offer, according to Stuewer.

"The goal with the Naberhood was to carry on what Thursdayz started, which is family-friendly events," Stuewer said. "Every Tuesday and every Saturday, you'll have something to do."

AT A GLANCE

Naberhood block parties
(Tuesday events begin at 5:30 p.m., Saturday events at 1:30 p.m.):

June 6: Jeff Michaels, hypnotist
June 10: Cardboard Honey
June 13: Weird Science
June 17: Meet the Seavers
June 20: Petting zoo
June 24: Cardboard Honey
June 27: Arts in the Park
July 1: Central Standard
July 8: ShawanoFest
July 11: Family yoga and movie

July 15: Cousin Arthur
July 18: Mischief and Magic
July 22: Speako Chords
July 25: Comedy City Improv
July 29: Meet the Seavers
Aug. 1: Movie night
Aug. 5: Amelia Ford
Aug. 8: National Night Out
Aug. 12: Speako Chords
Aug. 15: Petting zoo
Aug. 19: Hannah Rose
Aug. 22: Downtown Bash
Aug. 26: Open mic

Jeff Michaels will be the first to kick off the Naberhood block parties in downtown Shawano as he brings his hypnotist act to Shawano on June 6.

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CELEBRATION OF GIVING

Otto spreads her time with area nonprofits

By GREG SEUBERT
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(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 third in a series profiling outstanding volunteers in the community.)

Nine years ago, Jeannie Otto participated in the Leadership Shawano County program.

That experience helped point the director of Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's Shawano and Oconto Falls regional learning centers in a direction to make a difference.

That direction is paying off, as Otto is one of five volunteers that will receive a Shawano Community Service Award from the Shawano Area Community Foundation.

Among Otto's accomplishments is helping form 100+ Women Who Care Shawano County in 2019, an organization that awards funds to area nonprofit organizations.

Members attend four meetings each year where three nonprofit organizations present their need. Members vote and one organization receives the collective group donation.

"We give \$100 four times a year to the nonprofit that has won the collective vote of the women after they've competed and shared their cause of what they need the money for," Otto said. "In May, we'll be exceeding \$150,000 of giving in less than four years."

"When I think about Shawano, I immediately think of Jeannie Otto," NWTC Regional Learning Dean Jan Scoville wrote in her award nomination letter. "She has been involved in bringing several nonprofit service organizations to the county. Jeannie gives her all to everything she takes on for the betterment of Shawano and the people living there. Whether she is encouraging someone to come back to college, to submit for consideration of fund-



Jeannie Otto, when she's not directing two Northeast Wisconsin Technical College campuses, gives a lot of time to various groups around Shawano, including the 100+ Shawano Women Who Care.

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ing from 100+ Women Who Care or organizing a fundraiser for a good cause, Jeannie puts her heart and soul into it."

"I was involved with Leadership Shawano County in 2014 and that really changed my life because it kind of pushed me in a direction of helping to start Big Brothers Big Sisters and be part of a Boys and Girls Club needs assessment," Otto said. "When the opportunity came up to bring in the 100+ Women Who Care, I had made enough connections and understood the needs of our community to say yes to that opportunity of helping create that organization."

Otto will receive a \$1,000 award, which she said will go toward a new NWTC scholarship endowment.

"We have started an NWTC endowment for the greater Shawano area," she said. "This endowment is a \$2 million drive which will provide us with scholarships for adults

that are returning to college to obtain a credential so that they can have a better opportunity for their career in our community. There are a lot of returning adults and there is not a lot of scholarship assistance for them. There are some programs where there is no financial aid. We will have scholarship money each year to help our returning adult population. It's an NWTC endowment specifically for the greater Shawano area, so all funds stay within our community and will be given to students within our community."

"Jeannie has recently begun raising funds for a scholarship endowment for anyone wanting to come to college," Scoville wrote. "She is meeting with many people to promote the endowment with a goal of raising \$2 million. It is her hope to leave a legacy in Shawano County and I know she will do it because whatever Jeannie touches turns to gold."

"Jeannie gives her heart and soul when volunteering," Kris Bahr, an administrative support specialist at NWTC's Shawano Regional Learning Center, wrote in her award nomination letter. "She has been instrumental to the success of startup and continuity of several organizations in our town. In addition to volunteering, her selflessness shines through her development and lifting up of others without hesitation or expectation of anything in return."

Otto said she enjoys giving back to the community.

"It gives you such a sense of joy and happiness and a sense of belonging in your community," she said. "It's very easy to underestimate the value of giving back until you really get involved in a community and see the difference that you're making. Those are things I couldn't understand maybe 10 years ago, but now I have a deeper understanding of my community and the needs."

Clark uses writing as cleansing source

The Oneida word for stories is okala'shúha. One of the tribe's most prolific contemporary storytellers is Louis V. Clark III (Two Shoes). This spring, he shared his work with the College of Menominee Nation.

Clark was born on the Oneida reservation of Wisconsin where he



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was introduced to the art of storytelling by his elders. Frequently a target of racist reductionism, Clark admitted he "used writing to cleanse myself." Now retired from blue-collar

work, Clark's persistence at putting works on the page led to his impressive second act as a man of letters.

In 2016, the Wisconsin Historical Society Press published his "memoir in poetry and prose" titled, "How to be an Indian in the 21st Century." This book received the 2017 Midwest Booksellers Choice Award as well as a Wisconsin Arts Board Award. His 2018 book, "Rebel Poet," received a Midwest Independent Publishers Book Award.

This year marked Clark's foray into theatre. In April, CMN and the Oneida Nation Arts released their joint production of Clark's radio play "Little Boy Lost (Stupid Indian)." The show traces David Smith's journey from youth to retirement; from the reservation to what is called "civilized society." It offers a fictionalized account of the struggle of always being different while always attempting to "fit in."

Upon reading the script, it was obvious that Clark was the ideal person to play the lead role. The story draws upon his own experiences of "reaching for the American Dream, only to realize that it seems to be a carrot on a stick that is always out of reach." Clark lent weight to both the humorous and painful scenes, projecting the passion he exerts during his poetry readings and into his performance.

Streaming on CMN's YouTube channel, the show confronts bigotry with humor, and "the protagonist persists against the odds almost like an alien that was sent to Wisconsin to fight for truth, justice, and the American way."

To celebrate the launch of the recorded production, CMN invited



Louis V. Clark III performs one of his poems at the College of Menominee Nation's S. Verna Fowler Academic and Community Library.

RYAN WINN

Clark to present his work at the S. Verna Fowler Academic and Community Library on its Keshena campus. Weaving autobiographical narration, poems, and references to the scenes in his play, Clark took patrons on a trip through some of the memorable moments in his life.

Beginning with the words of the Oneida nation's "Thanksgiving Address," Clark shared how he tries to keep a spirit of gratitude. While that theme often emerges within his work, Clark paused his reading to specifically say, "By the way, I want to thank the Menominee for teaching us how to dance years ago. You're the reason we have a powwow now, so thanks for that."

The sounds of Oneida's reclamation of a powwow culture made an indelible impression on Clark as a child. He heard the beat of the drum through his bedroom window, providing him with a rhythmic sound that sets the meter for his work. He demonstrated as much when he pounded the podium in sync with his

reading of the lines from his poem "4th of July in Oneida."

The evening took the audience through Clark's lifetime of memories. A favorite was the anecdotes of his grandmother who, in his formative years, told him to "be nice to the Indians." Clark dutifully endeavored to do so, despite not realizing that he was one. "I thought we were humans," Clark explained.

Clark discussed how his race and lot in life shaped his maturation. He discussed how growing up as a child of alcoholic parents left an impression upon him, as well as how spats with playground bullies led him to learn how to fight. Still, it was a "sympathy date" with his future wife Debbie that shaped the trajectory of his life. With Mrs. Clark beaming from the back of the room, Clark boasted that despite his future mother-in-law forcing her daughter to go out with him, the date was a success. The couple now have six children and 16 grandchildren and counting.

Clark's later reflections showcased both his joyful times as a little league coach and father, as well as the challenges of being a minority worker in a discriminating society. Still, Clark endured, sharing how he'd ascended to the role of former foreman. From the perch, he would read verses aloud to end his crew's lunch breaks. Clark stated, "You wouldn't believe how anxious they all are to get back to work once I started reading poetry."

Clark concluded his presentation by noting, "When I started college, I was told by a poetry professor that my poems weren't poetry." Still, Clark persisted and no matter how you classify his powerful works, English courses across Wisconsin are better for having access to them.

Yaw'kó Louis for sharing your okala'shúha.

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Mother worked to make home better place

On this Mother's Day weekend, I want to wish all moms a happy Mother's Day by remembering my mother, RoseMary Brantmeier. The consummate lady, Mom was a talented teacher, successful farm wife, exceptional mother, and cherished grandmother. Like most women of her generation, Mom spent her life working, not making money, but making a life for her family and the world a better place. She never had the finer things, but she made things finer for everyone she met.

Mom was born and raised on a farm in Hollandtown. She graduated from elementary teachers college in Kaukauna and took a position in the one-room Harrison School before marrying Dad. Forced to quit teaching upon becoming pregnant with my brother, John, she and Dad settled down to make a living on his family's 80-acre dairy farm where she lived for 60 years. Life revolved around family, farming, and faith, with a heavy emphasis on education and community service.

When things got tough, Mom didn't complain. She'd straighten her spine, set her jaw, put one foot in front of the other, and make it through. She didn't live the good life, but she made life good by making things — babies, meals, clothes, a difference. Her guid-



KATHLEEN MARSH

helping people will.

If I had to describe my mother in one word, it would be stoic, which is not how anyone would ever describe me. I never saw her rattled, even when Dad died suddenly from a heart attack. Mom was only 66. She must have been devastated, but I don't remember her wailing, despondent, or feeling sorry for herself. She straightened her spine, set her jaw, put one foot in front of the other, and made a new life without him. How she did it is beyond me, as is how she handled her father's prolonged and painful struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Determined not to let that happen to her, Mom read everything she could find about dementia. She made a plan — exercise faithfully; do the daily crossword; keep busy tending the garden, singing in the church choir, volunteering at the school library,

ing principles were profoundly practical: life isn't fair; God helps those who help themselves; save your money; you are who you go with; do it right the first time; things won't bring you joy,

traveling with friends, staying in touch with an ever-expanding family, enjoying her precious grandchildren.

Mom almost made it, entering her 80s before it became obvious she had inherited the dreaded Alzheimer's gene. When we siblings faced the fact she couldn't make it on her own anymore, the eight of us and our spouses gathered to find a place for Mom. We were strongly advised to make arrangements without telling her.

Did you ever wake up and know this would be the absolutely worst day of your life? I did the day Jon and I had the assigned the task of picking up Mom at the farm in Sherwood and getting her to Prairie Home Assisted Living in Menasha. We went out to lunch and drove around to familiar places. At the appointed time, we pulled up to Prairie Home. She seemed confused. "Who lives here?" My voice cracked. "You do now, Mom."

Mom pieced together what was happening and wouldn't get out of the car. Jon saved the day by opening her door and gallantly offering his arm. "Come with me, RoseMary." As if on cue and her dignity intact, Mom got out and took his arm. She straightened her spine, set her jaw, put one foot in front of the other, and stoically walked into her new life.

My sisters and sisters-in-law were waiting in her room which they'd furnished with familiar, favorite things. We got her comfortable and stayed until an attendant arrived to take her to dinner, the prearranged signal for us to leave. He offered his arm and tenderly escorted her to the dining room where on her plate were her favorite foods. Mom somewhat cheerfully waved goodbye as we left in tears.

After valiantly fighting a slow but steady descent into oblivion, Mom suffered a severe stroke. As she lay dying, I sat by her bedside and told her what a wonderful mother she was, how her lasting legacy was expanding like circles in a pond, how I regretted not being a better daughter, visiting more often, or sending her flowers.

Regret is such a useless emotion unless you learn from it. So if you still have your mother, visit, call, send a card, or better yet, flowers. Like the Tanya Tucker song says, "We all think we got the time until we don't. Bring my flowers while I'm livin' ... I won't need 'em when I'm gone. If your heart is in them flowers, bring 'em on."

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

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This sandhill crane family found a safe field to forage in May 3, next to an Algoma Boulevard business on Oshkosh's northern border. Cranes return to Wisconsin by the thousands in spring and are easy to identify by their large size and distinctive rusty-gate call.

ROSS BIELEMA

Spring exciting time for wildlife lovers, animals

As the brown, dry landscape recently freckled with snow yields to the ever-spreading greenery, hope for life and renewal swells in all of us.



ROSS BIELEMA

After my recent column on hunting turkeys in the snow, I was surprised (as we all were) to see a few days in the 80s. That's one of the dangers of a two-week lag time on columns. But it wasn't too many days later that snow returned to Shawano County and areas north. I hope my column didn't get blamed for that.

As much as I enjoy hunting and even hiking in the snow, I'm rapidly losing my love for cold. Maybe it's my slightly poor circulation that makes it harder and harder to keep my fingers and toes warm, or maybe it's the early onset of neuropathy in a couple toes (I blame my type 2 diabetes, although I've lost at least 30 pounds, thanks to Oh-oh-oh Ozempic. Face it, this ol' fart is getting old (63 isn't that bad, is it?))

I didn't get drawn for a turkey permit this year, for the first time in 22 years, so I had to buy a surplus Season 4 tag (May 10-16). That should put me in the mosquito- and

tick-infested woods about the time you read this. The gobblers have been teasing me on my commutes to work. One morning, I saw three toms in full strut on the 30-mile drive. Today (May 4) I saw a nice gobbler in full strut on my hunting field. When I came home, he was strutting again even closer to one of the permanent deer blinds I hunt from. Will he be there in a week? I'll let you know.

The most amazing thing amid spring's budding trees, bursting flowers and popping Mayapples are the magically appearing deer. Farm fields greening with alfalfa and grasses are suddenly filled with deer that just a month or two ago were hidden in the gray brush. I counted more than 40 deer in one small New London farm field in late April. Hunters complain about the lack of deer for the few days they are in the woods, but here's real proof that the deer were there all along. The smaller ones were born last year.

We are fortunate to live in a backwater area of the Wolf River, where a slough, backwater lake and marsh surround our house. The cacophony of spring peepers, American toads and other amphibians is an amazing sound, and helped my real estate agent make a quick sale one spring night in 2000. We've already had several tiny painted

turtles on our blacktop driveway and we often walk across the road to get them safely to the slough.

During spring rainstorms, the leopard and other frogs gather in the puddles of our road, and it's almost impossible to miss them all when driving, no matter how slow you go. Warmer weather brings adult painted turtles to our backyard, where the soft sand becomes a nesting site. We typically get four or five mama turtles laying their eggs after digging holes. Later we find the remnants of turtle egg shells, and I'm never certain whether the baby turtles hatched successfully or if a raccoon had a tasty meal.

Brush piles provide hiding places for the cottontail rabbits, Eastern chipmunks, mice and occasional snakes on our 2-acre paradise. Brush piles also bring ticks, and sometimes I feel like torching them all, but maybe it's the fond memories of bouncing on brush piles to flush bunnies during childhood rabbit hunts that stops me.

My older brother, Brian, who did his master's thesis on massasauga rattlesnakes, taught me to protect snakes, since they do more good than harm. Venomous snakes are largely confined to the Mississippi River bluffs, so a painful bite from a bull snake or a stinky arm from the poo of an angry garter snake (if

you know how to catch them) are the worst things spring snakes will deal out.

As a child, I had a pet hognose snake for a few weeks. Their self-defense tactics are striking without opening their mouth, hissing, rattling their tails in the leaves (most snakes do this; if you have ever heard a real rattlesnake buzzing, the two sound nothing alike) and eventually playing dead like an opossum. Devious grade-school boys can have so much fun unnerving pigtailed girls with hognose snakes! Do kids really go outside and look for critters these days? Probably not.

I'm also a birdwatcher and the migrating birds are always a welcome sight. The sandhill cranes are everywhere, with their rusty gate call second only to the sound of tundra (formerly called whistling) swans for my nature-starved ears. As I drove into Oshkosh one morning this week, I was shocked to see a sandhill crane pair with a chick in the grass of a business on Algoma Boulevard. I made a U-turn and snapped a few photos and a short video of the unafraid trio.

Welcome to springtime in Wisconsin. There's a reason it's called God's Country. I call it home.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Sacred Heart students visit Camp Tekakwitha

Fifth grade students from Sacred Heart Catholic School went to Camp Tekakwitha for an overnight adventure on April 25 to focus on outdoor education and team building.

Throughout the two-day adventure they focused on team building by participating in a magic carpet activity and a spider web activity. Both activities focused on trust and working as one team. They also enjoyed a canoeing trip on Loon Lake, followed by archery, shaving cream wiffle ball, a rosary meditation, delicious s'mores, and even a night hike into the woods to learn how their eyes work in the dark.

Their outdoor lessons kicked off with reflective time around the camp where students wrote down what they were hearing and seeing. They then turned their observations into poetry. Students had the opportunity to walk around in groups to identify food chain producers and consumers, then put that information into energy webs. They were challenged to use GPS devices to find food around camp before cooking a pudgie pie lunch.

"What I really enjoyed about this trip is that students made real life connections to the classroom," said Kaitlynn Kupsky, fifth grade teacher. "They experienced how people use latitude and longitude. They saw energy webs in action."

They wrapped up their trip with an activity where students recognized their peers for their kindness and leadership.

BID coordinator tapped to run awards ceremony

Lindsay Johnson, coordinator for the Shawano Business Improvement District, will serve as the master of ceremonies for the Shawano Area Writers 2023 George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest awards program on May 21 at the Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano.

Johnson coordinates events, promotes local shopping, and serves as a resource to Shawano's downtown businesses in her role as coordinator. She and her husband, Brad, along with their two children also operate Johnson Family Cattle where they raise angus and red angus cattle. They market their beef direct to customers throughout the year. Johnson also helps her children raise chickens and grow pumpkins. She graduated from



Sacred Heart Catholic School fifth grade student Madilyn Powers is helped April 25 through the spider web at Camp Tekakwitha by her classmates.

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University of Wisconsin-River Falls with a degree in agricultural marketing communications.

The 17th annual awards program will recognize more than 40 young writers from Shawano and Menominee counties for their skills in writing poetry, fiction, and nonfiction. The program begins at 1 p.m. and will feature Larry Wilson, author of *Catching Chickens*, as the keynote speaker. Admission is free. Rosin Woodworks of Bonduel is a corporate sponsor of the 2023 program.

For more information, visit www.shawanoareawriters.org or call John J. Mutter Jr. at 715-524-4520.

Tibetan terrier brings home dog show awards

Nikkie Kinziger, of Oconto Falls, has announced that her canine companion Grand Champion Ri Lee's Diamond of Faith, better known as Ivy, has won two Bests in Show in the National Owner Handler Series at the annual Northeast Wisconsin Dog Show Classic, held March 30 through April 2.

Ivy is a top-ranked 2-year-old Tibetan terrier. Ivy won Best of Breed each day. Those wins allowed her to compete in the regular non-sporting group competition, where she earned a group second, third and fourth.

With a total entry of 3,293 over four days, dogs from all over the United States came to participate.

For information, visit www.rileekennels.com or find Ri Lee Kennels on facebook.

Bike rides Wednesdays on Mountain Bay Trail

Shawano County Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail is hosting weekly bike rides of varying distances this year on Wednesdays.

The Friends will put out monthly schedules, but except for just a few Wednesdays, rides are planned for every week. Riders will meet at 5:30 p.m. Plans include going for a cold beverage and food afterward. These are casual rides for all ability levels. Check out the Friends' Facebook page for updates at <https://www.facebook.com/MountainBayTrailShawanoCounty>.

Libraries have Wisconsin State Park passes to give

Shawano County Library has a limited supply of state park passes at all of its branches available to checkout to patrons on a first come, first served basis.

Library cardholders are eligible to check out a one-day vehicle pass good at all Wisconsin state parks and forests at no cost. The pass can be used through Dec. 31. At the time of checkout, the patron will need to specify the date that the pass will be used.

For information, call 715-526-3829.

Mountain bar to host gunless poultry shoot

The next American Legion gunless poultry shoot will be at 1 p.m. May 13, at O'Neil Halfway Bar, 15409 State Highway 32, Mountain.

The Legion will be raffling off packages of meat, poultry, sausages, bacon, beverages and items donated by local businesses. There will also be 50/50 raffles.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Ripon College

The Ripon College Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo performed April 21.

Angela Mosconi, of Gillett, performed in the jazz ensemble. Mosconi is majoring in chemistry and mathematics with a minor in physics at Ripon College.

The jazz ensemble performed "Sweet Time Suite: Opening," by Kenny Wheeler; "Light," by Paul Dietrich; "Cute," by Neal Hefti; "How High the Moon," arranged by Dave Wolpe; "Moanin'," by Charles Mingus, arranged by Sy Johnson; "Prairie Dance," by Maria Schneider; "A Place in the World," by Pat Metheny and Lyle Mays, arranged by Bob Curnow; and "Hubble," by Matt Ulery.

Ripon College

The Ripon College Chamber Singers performed repertoire from their spring tour April 20.

Carly Stefl, of Shawano, participated in the performance.

Ripon College

Ripon College held its spring 2023 Catalyst Day April 19. Held each fall and spring, Catalyst Day is designed to showcase Ripon College's Catalyst curriculum and celebrate the achievements of the students who are completing the junior-level collaborative capstone. Throughout the day, attendees had the opportunity to watch teams of students present problem solving projects that tackle worldwide issues.

Calysta Kurz, of Oconto, participated in a catalyst presentation titled "Reducing Agricultural Water Use in Oklahoma through Plant Engineering and Targeted Evaporation Prevention."

Lauren Bahr, of Wittenberg, participated in a catalyst presentation titled "Reconnecting Ripon: Certification Program for the Ripon Community (Credit Karma)."

Ava Zamzow, of Eland, also presented, but the college provided no details on her topic.

St. Norbert College

Elizabeth Weatherwax, of Clintonville, was initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the

nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

They are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership.

Ripon College

Every year, Ripon College holds an Awards Convocation to recognize outstanding merit and achievement among students and faculty members.

Lauren Bahr, a student from Wittenberg, received an award. Bahr is majoring in history with a minor in educational studies at the college.

Ripon College

The Ripon College choirs and orchestra performed April 23, in Demmer Recital Hall, C.J. Rodman Center for the Arts.

Carly Stefl, of Shawano, and Calysta Kurz, of Oconto, performed in the choir and orchestra concert. Stefl is a class of 2026 undeclared major, and Kurz is a class of 2024 psychology major with a minor in communication.

UW-Green Bay

Amanda Baddmoccasin-Barnes, of Wittenberg, was initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

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Ripon College

The Ripon College Symphonic Wind Ensemble performed on April 16.

Angela Mosconi, a class of 2026 chemistry and mathematics major with a minor in physics from Gillett, performed in the ensemble.



Freemasons give flags to AmVets

Bill Momarts, not pictured, and Mike Peterson, left, worshipful masters of the Shawano area Freemason lodges, present Don Anderson of Shawano AmVets Post 10 with a dozen American flags. Veterans of Post 10 are provided flags to keep with them, to replace those they might see that need to be retired.

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New dock at Upper Red Lake

The Gresham Lions Club has recently upgraded its landing on the Upper Red Lake, located north of Gresham on Upper Red Lake Road. The dock has been busy enough to justify upgrading to a new larger dock for the 2023 boating and fishing season. Fundraising through the local community has been successful and with the cooperation of All Season Repair of Shawano, a new aluminum dock has been installed. The older dock was about half the new dock's length of 24 feet.

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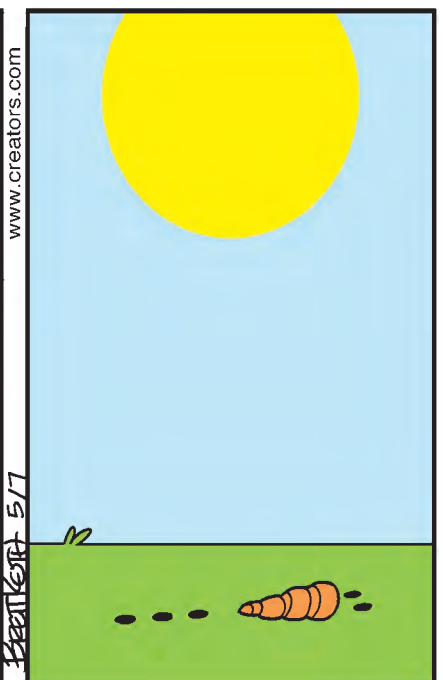
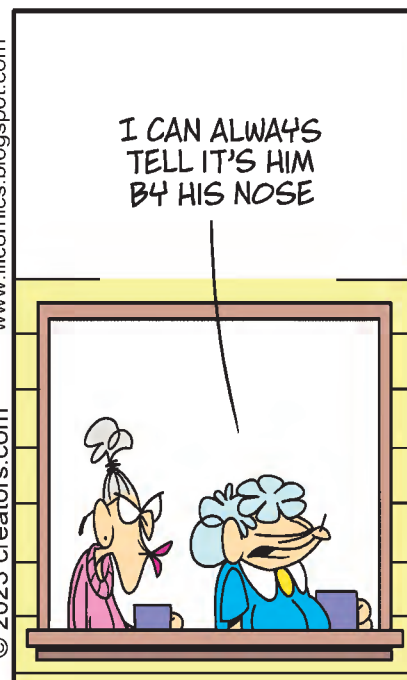
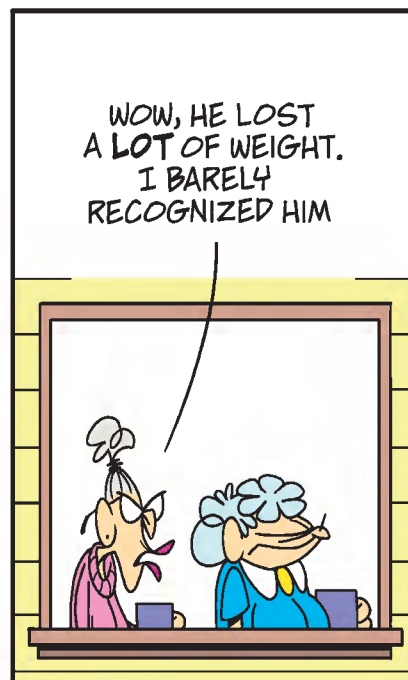
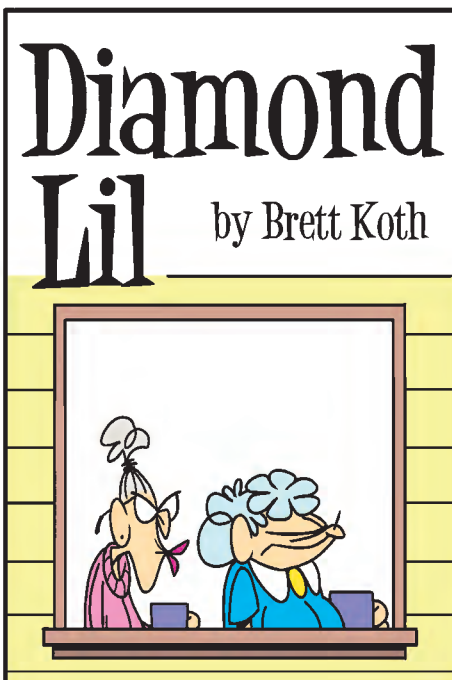
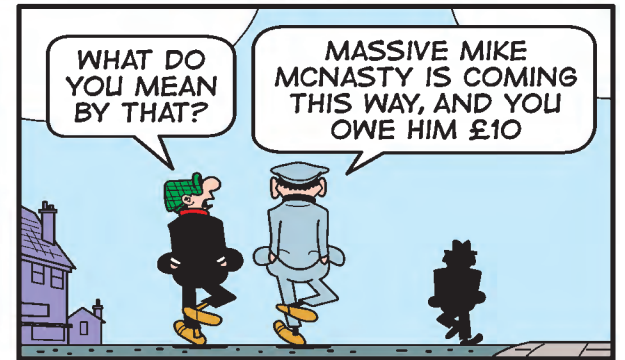
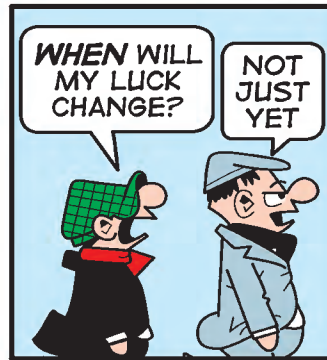
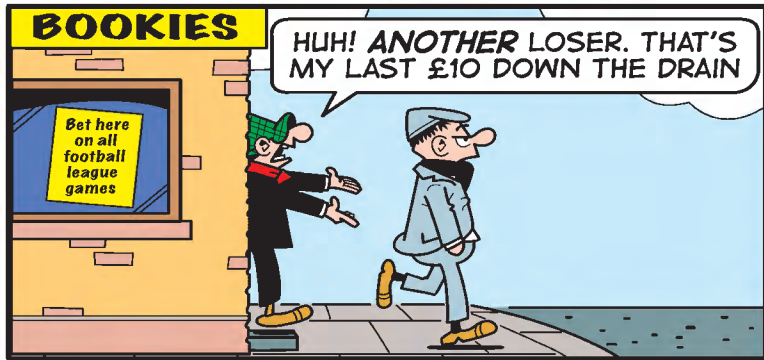
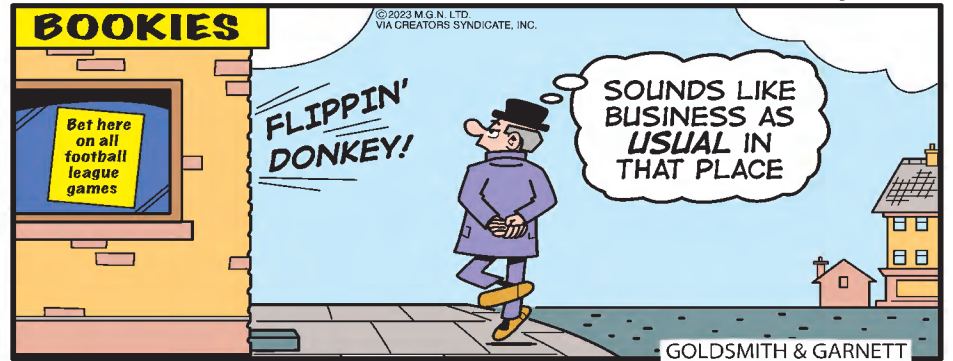
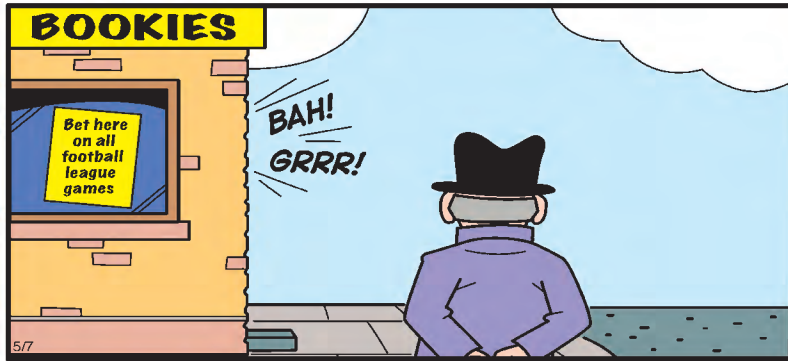
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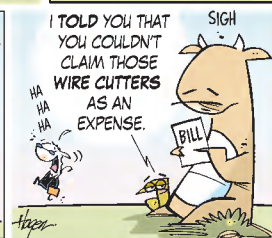
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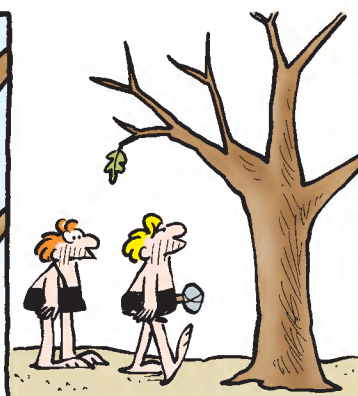
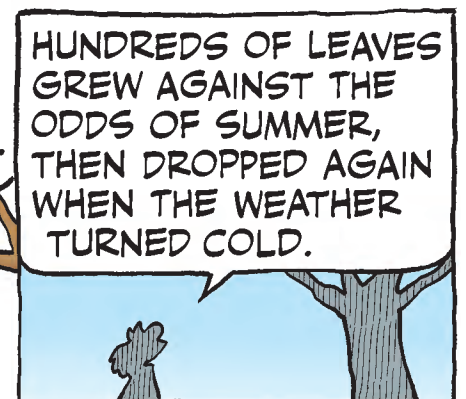
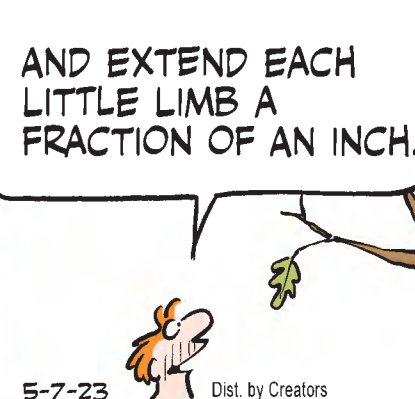
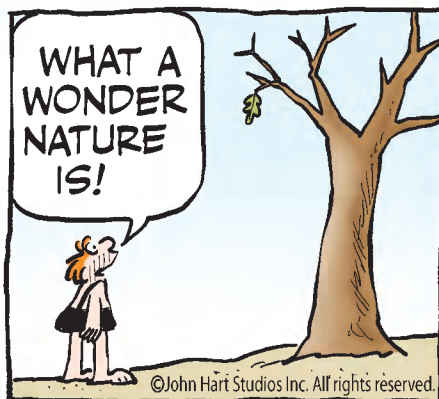
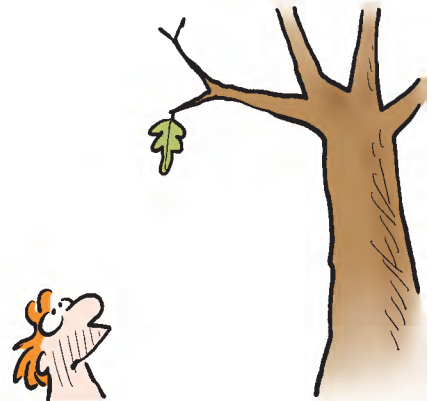
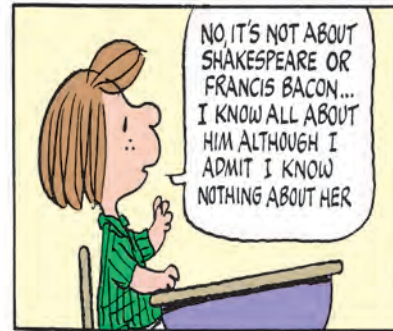
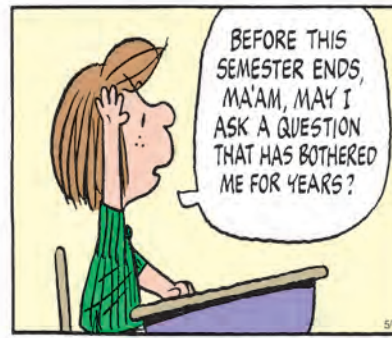


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