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Shared revenues to get big boost by state

Some Shawano County municipalities will see substantial growth

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

It's not clear when Wisconsin's 2023-25 biennial budget will be finalized, but one thing that will be clear is that municipalities will be the big winners when it comes to getting state funding.

The Wisconsin Assembly passed Assembly Bill 245 in May and has sent it on to the Senate for that chamber's approval. According to Rep. Peter Schmidt, one of the sponsors of the bill, the minimum increase in funding for cities, counties, towns and villages was set at 10%, but Shawano County municipalities are going to, for the most part, see substantially more shared revenue after decades of funding being frozen in place.

The towns and villages could be seeing a minimum of \$34,000 in additional aid from the state, which could double or triple the amount they currently receive, if preliminary figures hold. The Town of Germania will see the biggest percentage jump, with a 311.9% increase to \$47,366. The Town of Wescott will see the biggest monetary increase, except for Shawano, with an \$84,782 increase bringing the annual aid to \$125,823 — a 206.6% hike.

Shawano will be receiving an additional \$241,116 if the numbers hold, resulting in a 21.3% increase for the city.

The increases in shared revenue have been a long time coming, according to Schmidt.

"This is what I campaigned on, bringing some of that money back to the Northwoods," he said. "This is money they get to manage the cost of



PETER SCHMIDT

providing basic services. That's been frozen for many decades."

County increases are still being worked out at the capital, according to Schmidt.

AB 245 also ties future funding to the success of the sales tax, with 20% of the 5% state sales tax earmarked for municipalities, Schmidt said. While it does present the risk that revenues will drop if sales tax earnings fall, he pointed out that the only year in the last 15 years where sales tax revenues dropped was in 2009.

"We have a very stable sales tax collection in the state of Wisconsin," Schmidt said.

With the NFL Draft coming to Green Bay in 2025, Schmidt is hoping that Wisconsin municipalities get the big payday from having hotels booked, restaurants filled and other businesses seeing a boost in patronage. He noted that Green Bay sees about \$15 million in sales tax revenue each home game day, but the state is expecting the three-day draft event to bring in \$94 million from sales as around 250,000 people are expected to descend on northeast Wisconsin.

"That should be a good year for us," Schmidt said. "The Green Bay Packers are working with a lot of groups. We're going to ag groups, businesses, Green Bay tourism, chamber — they're going to be working statewide. They're talking about bringing cruises in from Lake Michigan, as long as there's no ice."

Tying the shared revenue with the sales tax was the big thing that caused some to pause in the Legislature, but Schmidt saw it as necessary to try and get those revenues to a healthier level.

"That's the only negative with this," Schmidt said. "We only had the one

BY THE NUMBERS

Preliminary figures on how much municipalities will receive in shared revenues once Assembly Bill 245 is approved:

Municipality	Current aid	Aid increase	Total aid
Cities			
Shawano	\$1,129,498	\$241,116	\$1,370,614
Towns			
Almon	\$27,393	\$39,681	\$67,074
Angelica	\$56,638	\$60,900	\$117,539
Aniwa	\$44,352	\$38,690	\$83,042
Bartelme	\$57,343	\$43,595	\$100,938
Belle Plaine	\$34,696	\$59,609	\$94,305
Birnamwood	\$47,869	\$41,613	\$89,482
Fairbanks	\$36,467	\$39,009	\$75,475
Germania	\$11,499	\$35,866	\$47,366
Grant	\$42,938	\$46,349	\$89,287
Green Valley	\$36,055	\$47,373	\$83,428
Hartland	\$53,277	\$44,015	\$97,291
Herman	\$57,481	\$42,453	\$99,934
Hutchins	\$56,995	\$38,471	\$95,466
Lessor	\$30,777	\$50,798	\$81,576
Maple Grove	\$62,331	\$45,728	\$108,059
Morris	\$22,153	\$36,303	\$58,456
Navarino	\$24,026	\$36,959	\$60,985
Pella	\$42,712	\$45,258	\$87,970
Red Springs	\$22,646	\$46,786	\$69,432
Richmond	\$40,367	\$60,884	\$101,251
Seneca	\$22,640	\$38,337	\$60,977
Washington	\$23,365	\$63,131	\$86,496
Waukechon	\$32,240	\$46,920	\$79,160
Wescott	\$41,041	\$84,782	\$125,823
Wittenberg	\$62,309	\$43,763	\$106,072
Villages			
Aniwa	\$62,924	\$34,001	\$96,925
Birnamwood	\$100,847	\$42,301	\$143,148
Bonduel	\$181,910	\$53,702	\$235,612
Bowler	\$89,311	\$35,362	\$124,674
Cecil	\$24,191	\$38,925	\$63,115
Eland	\$43,534	\$33,295	\$76,829
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Mattoon	\$183,778	\$35,984	\$219,762
Tigerton	\$371,313	\$41,882	\$413,195
Wittenberg	\$316,933	\$46,786	\$363,719

year where we had negative sales tax, and that was after the '08 housing crisis. Our economy looks pretty bright."

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PETER SCHMIDT, Assembly District 6 representative

Witt-Birn board updated on debt repayment

Financial adviser suggests moving sooner rather than later in order to save interest costs

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A financial adviser appeared over Zoom during the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board's May 23 meeting to explain a debt repayment option.

The debt comes from the \$13.1 million referendum that was passed for the school district in 2019.

There was no action taken on the debt repayment, but an explanation was given on the current scenario that the school district is in.

"We have excess tax levy available in fund 39 — which is your debt fund, about \$1.6 million," said Lisa Voisin, a representative of the financial consulting firm Baird and Associates. "We want to use that to prepay debt."

The issue with that, though, is the school district's prepay debt window date is March 1, 2027.



GARRETT ROGOWSKI

"We have to take those funds and deposit those funds somewhere into an escrow account at the bank," explained Voisin. "The bank would hold on to those funds until March 2027, and then the debt gets paid off."

Voisin reiterated that the district cannot pay off its debt until March 1, 2027, something that she said is very common among school districts in Wisconsin.

"Once you wire those funds out, the debt is taken off of your books and it's the responsibility of the escrow agent," said Voisin.

She said that the federal govern-

ment recently closed the window of investments when the money goes into an escrow account.

"The \$1.6 million gets wired to the bank, the bank holds on to the call and they will invest it," said Voisin. "There are federal government debts, which is really all you can invest in. You can't put into the stock market. Legally all you can invest in is what we call state-local government securities."

Due to that window being closed, Voisin said that the school district is unable to finalize investments.

"We are waiting until June 1 to see what is going to happen," said Voisin. "Best case scenario, they are going to raise the debt ceiling window and we can complete this transaction at your June meeting."

She added that the school district should try to avoid waiting until next school year to do

anything with this, citing the large dollar amount.

"You have a big chunk of funds that you really should be sweeping out of your debt account to prepay your debt," said Voisin.

In a conversation with Wittenberg-Birnamwood Superintendent Garrett Rogowski after the meeting, he said using that \$1.6 million would allow the school district to save about \$810,000 in interest costs alone, by prepaying now.

"It will also shorten the schedule, because principal will be removed by the end of the schedule as well," said Rogowski. "It will cut into principal, but it will absolutely save in the interest expense over the term of the schedule."

Rogowski said that the sooner the district pays off the \$13.1 million, the less significant the interest cost will incur as result of the loan.





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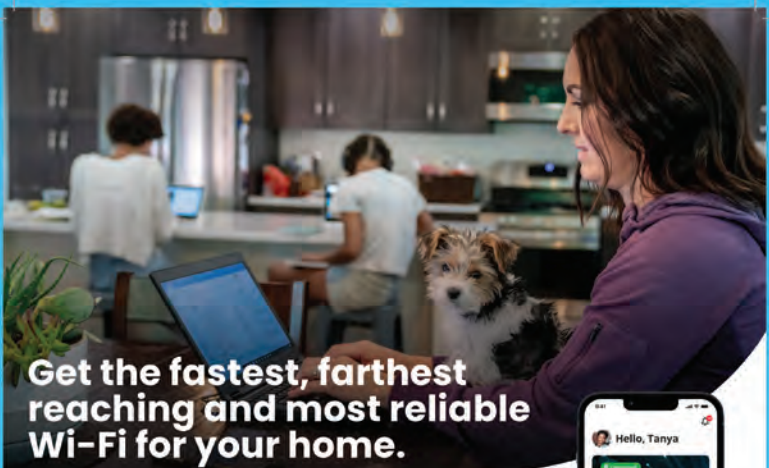
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Pionke shares meaning of Memorial Day

Shawano County Veterans Service Director served for 23 years in U.S. Air Force

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Attendees of this year's Birnamwood American Legion Post 341 Memorial Day program were challenged to think about patriotism and view this holiday as more than just a three-day weekend. That's the message Paul Pionke, Shawano County veterans service director, shared with the crowd that gathered May 29 at Birnamwood Elementary/Middle School.

Before the program, American Legion members made stops at local cemeteries to pay their respects to local veterans who have passed away, starting bright and early at 7 a.m. After going to cemeteries in Norrie, Birnamwood and Aniwa, the program began at the school, complete with a presentation of flags from the United States of America, the state of Wisconsin and the American Legion.

During his speech, guest speaker Pionke gave a little background on Memorial Day and what it means for those who have served our country.

"Today we are celebrating Memorial Day, and traditionally this weekend is the kickoff of summer — barbecues, camping, traveling and various get-togethers," said Pionke. "It tends to be a three-day weekend that not too many Americans think about." The day, however, holds much more meaning for those who have served, or those who have friends or family members in the military. He emphasized that it is an important day for all.

"This weekend, we often hear people talk about being patriotic. But what does it mean to be patriotic?" Pionke asked. "Some words that come to mind when thinking about patriotism are loyalty and nationalism."

Pionke broke down what those words mean to him.

"Loyalty — imagine your pet dog running up to you at the end of a long work day or defending you against a predator. Or standing strong in your faith or beliefs," said Pionke. "Nationalism — it could also be called independence, such as having a choice of life, liberty and freedom of choice. The choice to be anybody that you want to be."

According to Pionke, patriotism is



Flags of the United States of America, Wisconsin and the American Legion are presented in front of the Birnamwood Elementary/Middle School as American Legion Post 341 honors veterans who have fallen during the post's annual Memorial Day celebration on May 29.

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something that cannot be bought, but rather fought for and defended.

"Patriotism is reflected by many military members who have made the ultimate sacrifice," said Pionke. "Today we remember our deceased members with honor. We recall those who made the ultimate sacrifice in dying for our country."

For most, all thoughts of Memorial Day will wrap up Monday night, Pionke said. But veterans will continue to remember those who gave their lives to protect the citizens of the United States throughout their lives.

"Some died of natural causes; some sacrificed their lives in battle, and others could not handle the mental demons and unfortunately committed suicide," said Pionke. He went on to share details of his history and

time in the service.

"Having grown up in a patriotic family, my late father was a Korean War veteran who instilled in my three sisters and brother many values of patriotism, loyalty and faith," said Pionke. "My dad served as a Navy medic who saw firsthand the results of battle injuries. I am a retired Air Force veteran of 23 years of active duty. If someone told me back in 1987 when I joined the Air Force that if I served 23 years, I would have laughed at them. I was convinced that I was going to do four years. I reenlisted several times and was able to succeed by the outstanding support of my family. While stationed in Germany, I witnessed and responded to two major aircraft tragedies, so I could relate to the stories of mass casualties."

Pionke said he was deployed to Kuwait in 1990 and called it an "eye opener."

"The Gulf War ended in 1991, and the buildings that were damaged by airstrikes are monuments to this day," said Pionke. "The government could have easily torn them down but didn't as a reminder to their citizens of possible war."

Pionke ended his speech saying it is important to know the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day, but collectively, veterans should always be remembered and honored.

"The purpose for today and this weekend is to show respect for the fallen veterans," Pionke said. "Veterans Day is for the living veterans; however, any day is a good day to thank a veteran for their service."

71 Witt-Birn grads take their next steps

Tears fall and confetti flies as the Class of 2023 is dismissed for once last time

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School gymnasium was filled with family members, friends, students, teachers, administration and school board members as the 2023 graduation class received their diplomas on May 26.

Festivities kicked off with 2023 class president Taylor Bergner welcoming the audience to the gymnasium, as well as thanking everyone who has shown support for getting the class to where they are today. She also talked about what growing up with 70 of her other classmates has meant to her.

“As I stand here in front of you all, I find myself growing sentimental, nostalgic and, most of all, thankful,” said Bergner. “Fights, make-ups, tears, laughter — I could not remove these people from my story if I tried, nor would I ever want to.”

Rather than mourning the goodbye, Bergner asked each senior and audience member to try and celebrate the memories they have made together.

“Growing up alongside one another, we have essentially taught each other what it means to be people. More importantly, we have taught each other what it means to be a friend,” said Bergner. “In that way, we will truly never leave one another. We will live on in the lessons that we have taught each other and the memories that we have shared. For that reason the first and biggest of my thank yous belongs to all of you. Thank you truly from the bottom of my heart.”

Guest speaker Chris Gunderson was the next one to take the stage as he shared some memories of his graduation 45 years ago, while giving the class some advice to take into their next steps in life.

“Someone told me a long time ago, when you are going after something, don’t ask how you are going to do it. Ask why,” said Gunderson. “If the why is important enough, you will find the how. If you say, ‘I am going to live there,’ somebody is going to say, ‘How are you going to do that?’ When you set a goal for yourself and when you start moving forward, there will be people who will doubt



2023 Wittenberg-Birnamwood class president Taylor Bergner thanks all of the family members, friends, teachers, administration and school board members for supporting the 2023 graduating class during her speech May 26.

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CHRIS GUNDERSON

reflect on his 13 years in the school district, while highlighting some books that played a major role in his life.

“I have had great experiences at this school and have been fortunate enough to have had exceptional people to have taught and helped me become the person that I am today, as I find the reason why,” said Centeno. “The first book that I picked out is ‘The Millionaire Fastlane’ by M.J. DeMarco. The premise of this book is how to get rich fast, and let me tell you, it is very diffi-

you. You will have struggles, but keep the vision clear because your mind will open up possibilities once you set that goal.”

Summa Cum Laude graduate Alexander Centeno took the stage next to

cult to get rich fast, but it is possible that starts when you find your purpose. To be honest, I still don’t know what my purpose is, but I set goals to set a foundation of seeking my purpose later on. I am willing to bet that the majority of seniors are in the same boat as me. To find your purpose is difficult and takes many embarrassments and failures to achieve it.”

Summa Cum Laude graduate Harry Nowinsky followed Centeno to talk about the hard work and determination that the class put into reaching this milestone.

“My fellow graduates, congratulations,” said Nowinsky. “Our 13 years together and lifetime of possibilities cannot be translated into a speech. Today marks the day of all great things to come for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood Class of 2023. Today is a milestone, today is a celebration and today is a starting point. Side by side, we have grown up together, and while we all go our separate ways, we share the same start. We will look to today as a measurement of how far

we have come as we now honor the endless possibilities of how far we can go.”

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Principal Stuart Russ finished out the ceremony by officially declaring that the Class of 2023 students are, in fact, graduates.

“Our Class of 2023 has persevered through a global pandemic and come out on the other side with individuals who have been recognized on the national level for academic success and individuals, groups and teams who have demonstrated excellence in the arts and athletics,” said Russ. “The future is bright, and I am excited to see the great things that you will do once you begin your next chapter. Board of education, families, community members, it is my pleasure to formally announce that the students before you have officially have completed the graduation requirements set forth by the state of Wisconsin and the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District. Class of 2023, you are dismissed.”

Bonduel dedicates school gym, other projects

Celebration touts growth in the district, many opportunities for learning and fun

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Bonduel School District celebrated the completion of its big referendum project, a new gymnasium at the middle/high school, just one day before putting it to the test by hosting graduation.

The district held a dedication and ribbon-cutting May 25 in the gym. There, officials touted how the district is bucking the trends of other districts, which are seeing declining enrollment.

School board member Nina Rouse pointed out to those in attendance that the new and renovated buildings were only half of the story for the school district. Rouse was particularly pleased with how the district, which recently implemented full-day 3-year-old kindergarten, is now looking at providing before and after-school programs to help working parents.

"In case you weren't paying attention, the growth of our district — a small, rural one — is quite significant," Rouse said. "At this time, many districts like us are shrinking in numbers or, in best case, maintaining steady. That is not the case in our district, and that is not a result of our facilities. That is a result of the work we've been doing inside at the hands of our teachers are our support staff."

The district had 693 students in 2021, but has exploded to 784 as of the latest student count from last September, according to online numbers from multiple sources.

"We've been introducing more



Bonduel School Board president Dennis Bergsbaken, left, joins board members Nina Rouse and Dave Bohm as they cut the ribbon dedicating the new Bonduel High School gymnasium on May 25.

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hands-on learning opportunities, including the outdoor skills and ice fishing clubs, an elementary school garden," Rouse said. "We have bees on campus and chickens, too, to give our kids some additional education opportunities. We are proud of all of those things."

Board president Dennis Bergsbaken noted that a lot of work and plan-

"If you remember, this took place at the height of COVID, and we were told it couldn't be done."

JOE DAWIDZIAK, Bonduel School District superintendent

ning went into all the referendum projects. Improvements included new security adjustments at all of the schools and renovated classrooms at the middle and high schools that were originally built in the 1950s, many of them not even having air conditioning.

"I'm proud to see all of this," Bergsbaken said. "It took a lot of people from the beginning stages of planning, and everybody bought into it. This is amazing. I'm proud — very, very proud that these things will be here for the community for years to come."

Superintendent Joe Dawidziak was very animated as he declared the ceremony a "celebration" with students from all schools present, throwing his hands up in the air to generate cheering and applause.

"If you remember, this took place at the height of COVID, and we were told it couldn't be done," Dawidziak

said. "Yet we persevered."

He noted that the students and staff had to endure almost a full year of construction work in the area, but that they handled it well.

"It involved a lot of switching days of school, switching physical places in the building, and a lot of other things that were not the most conducive to learning, but we had an incredibly successful year educationally and academically anyway," Dawidziak said.

Miron Construction oversaw the referendum projects, and Dawidziak said because of the company's attention to the needs of rural schools like Bonduel, this renovation outshines previous projects.

"There are no corners that were cut. It was done right," he said. "It was done right the first time, and that was at our request. We had to get it right."



Bonduel School District Superintendent Joe Dawidziak raises his hands in celebration at the May 25 dedication ceremony in the new high school gymnasium.

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Bowler man charged with threatening police

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A Bowler man was charged May 25 after allegedly being physical and threatening law enforcement in relation to a May 19 arrest.

Paul C. Malone, 35, was charged with four counts of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, 21 counts of bail jumping, three misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of attempted criminal damage to property and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct.

If convicted, Malone faces \$10,000 in fines and six years in prison for each count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer and bail jumping, \$10,000 in fines and nine months in prison for each count of resisting or obstructing an officer, \$5,000 in fines and 4½ months in prison for attempted criminal damage to property and \$1,000 in fines and 90 days in prison for each count of disorderly conduct.

According to the criminal complaint, a Stockbridge-Munsee police officer was dispatched to a camper

in Bowler after someone had called law enforcement and hung up. Upon arriving at the camper, law enforcement made contact with Malone, who was allegedly slurring his words when talking. Malone admitted to drinking alcohol the day before, but was not permitted to do so, as he has conditions ordering absolute sobriety from previous open cases.

When arresting Malone, law enforcement said that he was very tense and was resisting. After struggling to get Malone into a squad car, he allegedly threatened the officer who was transporting him to Shawano multiple times, using many expletives. Malone continued to allegedly resist when bringing him to ThedaCare for a blood draw. He continued to use expletives and threaten law enforcement. While in ThedaCare law enforcement allegedly had to hold Malone down while his blood was being drawn.

During his initial appearance, Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$15,000.

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Shawano man charged with removing GPS tracking device

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A Shawano man is in custody after allegedly removing a court-ordered GPS tracking system.

Trevor J. Schutt, 29, was charged with one count of tampering with a global positioning system tracking device, three counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of sex registry violation. If convicted, Schutt faces \$10,000 in fines and 3½ years in prison for tampering with a GPS tracking device, \$10,000 in fines and six years in prison for each count of bail jumping and \$10,000 in fines and nine months in prison for sex offender registry violation.

According to the criminal complaint, a Shawano County sheriff's lieutenant was contacted by the State of Wisconsin's Department of Corrections Sex Offender Registry that

Schutt had tampered with his GPS device.

In a letter from the sex offender registry program, it states that there is probable cause to believe that Schutt had removed the device and was therefore in violation of state statute.

Schutt was originally convicted of two counts of second-degree sexual assault of a child and possession of child pornography in Shawano County in 2012. Schutt was to wear the GPS tracking device, but it was allegedly intentionally deactivated on Nov. 27, 2022. The device had been cut completely off.

During his initial appearance, Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$50,000 and scheduled a status conference for June 14.

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Bonduel seniors head out to make mark

Valedictorian and salutatorian collaborate on speech

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The guest speaker at the Bonduel High School graduation ceremony urged the Class of 2023 to be on the lookout for people who need help.

Keith Fisher, who talked about how his background in law enforcement led him to discover he loves teaching, told the seniors to have courage to take action to help others.

“Being kind isn’t just a catchy catchet or a cool phrase to say,” Fisher said. “I think it’s the core of what humans are and should be.”

Fisher noted that the group was obligated by law to go to high school.

“I hope everyone can find the humor in the realization that we’re celebrating finishing something that you’re legally obligated to do,” he said. “That’s what makes the next thing so great — you don’t have to do it. You get to choose — you do. Nobody else can do it for you, and it can be anything you want it to be.”

Be yourself, chase your dream, keep trying and learning, and it’s OK to change directions, Fisher said.

“Things don’t always work out the way you think they will, but it may just work out better than you had every imagined,” he said.

In his own case, Fisher said he wanted to be in law enforcement and took some training classes to make his resume look more impressive. That eventually led to 17 years with the Oconto Falls Police Department, where he trains officers throughout Oconto County and teaches safety and drug abuse prevention for area schools and businesses.

“That thing that started out as just a resume builder is what I love most about the job that I so badly wanted,” he said.

With graduation now behind them, the young people get to choose their next move, Fisher said.

“When you create your own success, you’re living life to the fullest, and I have no doubt you all have what it takes to be successful,” he said.

Superintendent Joe Dawidziak told the group they have made their mark at Bonduel High School and



Caps fly after the Bonduel High School Class of 2023 received their diplomas, under the watchful eye of the brand-new Bonduel Bear mural.

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will be remembered.

“Seniors, I hope you realize there’s something special that happens here — a spirit, enthusiasm, family, love and a pride in where you came from,” Dawidziak said. “Some of you will stay, some of you will go, but we hope that all of you end up back here one day, raising your own kids here and giving them a slice of what you’ve experienced.”

Valedictorian Macy Niles and salutatorian Isabella Delzer took the podium together, saying they floated the idea because neither is comfortable speaking in front of crowds. Upon encountering some pushback, Delzer said they reminded administrators of the class motto — “Don’t take life too seriously; no one makes it out alive.”

Niles made some introductory remarks and then called Delzer up to finish the talk.

“You’re welcome for combining what could have been two cliched, long, boring, regular and pretty much identical speeches into one conjoined masterpiece,” Delzer said.

Niles said she always will remember the people she went to school with, some since kindergarten, as well as the teachers and parents who have opened their arms to her and her friends.

They went through several highlights of their four years together, beginning with the fundraising their class did to help families in Pulaski after several students were injured at a homecoming bonfire, “to show Pulaski we had their backs.”

“The past four years either have flown by or taken forever for each of us,” Delzer said. “However, no matter how long that time period truly was, we each found something to get us to today. We each found somewhere to excel.”

The joint speech ended with a knock-knock joke.

“Who’s there?” Delzer asked.

“Kenya.”

“Kenya who?”

“Kenya believe we’re about to graduate?” Niles asked, earning a rim shot from the band.

School board member Nate Bur-

ton, who has represented the village of Cecil and portions of the town of Washington for five years, invited the seniors to the monthly “senior breakfast” the district holds for all members of the community, a concept Dawidziak championed in the district’s long-range plan.

“Planning is everything; plans are nothing,” Burton said. “Planning is everything because you’re looking forward, you’ve got a goal in mind, and it can be disrupted by, say, virtual learning and wearing masks — who saw that coming? And so plans are adjusted, but we need to plan nonetheless.”

He held up obsolete cellphones — a Razr and a Blackberry — along with an iPhone to show how plans can be disrupted, showing that change is inevitable.

“You have to take your foot off first base to get to second,” Burton said. “Learning can’t stop — we didn’t have time to teach you everything.”

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Will bullying issues make Shawano next Uvalde?

It was a long time ago, long before the internet and cellphones. A young boy who was in the third grade had about a mile to walk home from the bus stop. That boy had a bully who would constantly push him around on the road. One day, the boy had enough of being roughed up by the jerk and fought back, swinging his backpack and clocking the older kid in the head.

A few days after the backpack clap-back, the boy's parents were called into the principal's office, where they were informed that the bully would face consequences for his actions, but the principal planned to administer spankings — at the time referred to as “corporal punishment” — to the boy because he fought back and bruised the bully's ear when he swung the backpack. The parents informed the principal in no uncertain terms that he was not permitted to lay a hand on the child and that they would remedy the situation.

That boy was me.

The long ago memory resurfaced as I covered the story recently about a student at Shawano Community Middle School assaulting another student with shoves and punches, with all of it caught from multiple angles via cellphone cameras and then posted on social media. The videos have made the rounds, prompting outrage in the community that the bully is allowed to remain in school, and the victim



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has to see his attacker in the halls every day.

I have to wonder if the principal at my elementary school would have felt justified with his intent to swat my behind if there had

been the video evidence to show I'd been attacked first and was defending myself. It would seem like having cellphones handy to record evidence of an assault helps to solidify who is the aggressor and who is innocent.

So why would the school prohibit students from having cellphones in class? Unless the school has cameras covering every classroom, hallway, gymnasium, janitor's closet or any other spot you could name, it appears the policy gives free reign for bullies to physically attack the folks they don't like, as many times bullying incidents aren't reported unless there's some strong evidence or witnesses willing to come forward and speak out.

Sadly, the middle school is not the only Shawano school to be in the public eye for having students run amok. School board member Bobbi Lemerond gave a dismaying tale about volunteering at Hillcrest Primary School and seeing kids acting wild

and causing mayhem during lunch periods. The young children behaving badly in kindergarten and first grade without repercussions will be, in a few years, the knotheads who think they can just randomly hurt others in school — students and staff alike.

It's clear something needs to be done — and it's going to take the community to do it.

Let's start with school officials. It's abundantly clear that either the existing policies are too weak to protect the people inside the school walls, or they're strong enough but not being enforced. Summer break is coming up, so it's a good time to look at those policies and see what can be done to demonstrate that the Shawano area has zero tolerance for bullying. If it's more school resource officers, so be it. If it's expelling bullies, that might be more financially sound than letting the victims' families open enroll their kids elsewhere.

Regarding the section where cellphones are not allowed in classrooms, the policy should only be permitted if the school district has cameras everywhere to show who threw the first punch and who was involved in the matter. If the school says it can't do so due to funding or what have you, those phones need to be on those kids in case something happens.

Before parents resign themselves to my claims that the school needs to take steps, they should not take it to mean

they need to sit back and relax. One of the issues with the schools is a lack of staffing. Instead of waiting to react, be proactive and volunteer in the classrooms, the cafeteria, the playgrounds and anywhere else bullies might take advantage. A parent will be a lot more willing to report bullying than the children he or she observes.

Also, they should find ways to develop solutions instead of sniping on social media. Demanding administrators resign and just spouting off resolves nothing. Parents should either utilize existing organizations to push for change, or develop a new group dedicated to helping resolve the bullying problem. It won't erase the issue, but it'll be better than the do-nothing attitude in place now.

With the recent revelations about students behaving badly, it seems only a matter of time before Shawano becomes the new Uvalde, Sandy Hook, Columbine or Nashville. Lack of consistent action by the schools could result in victims snapping like I did that one day, only the instrument of vengeance will not be a backpack full of books. It'll be an AR-15 or something that will prematurely end lives. Do you want to see that? I don't.

The time for talking is over. The time for action is now — action, not reaction.

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SATURDAY

MORNING / AFTERNOON

JUNE 3

	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 6 WAOW 8 WBAY	Good Morning America (N)		6 Good Morning America (N) 2 Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		6 Wildlife 2 Good Morn.	6 oh baby!	6 Hearts of 2 Wildlife	6 Vets-Pets 2 oh baby!	6 Sports 2 Pitch It	6 Paid- Prog. 2 Hom..	Premier Lacrosse League Redwoods LC vs. Atlas LC From Tom & Mary Casey Stadium in Albany, N.Y. (N) (Live)			2023 Women's College World Series Game 7: Teams TBA From USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex in Oklahoma City. (N) (Live)			6 The Best 2 Inside Ed. (N)	2 Paid Program- ing	6 Paid Program- ing	ABC World News (N)		
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	6 Mission 7 (6:00) CBS Sat	6 Hope in the Wild	6 CBS Saturday Morning (N..)	7 Innovation Nation	7 Mission Unstop- pable	7 Hope in the Wild	6 Lucky Dog "Wolf"	6 Invention "Luxury Treehous- es"	6 Out- doors 7 Paid..	6 Paid Program- ing	FIA Formula E Racing Round 10: Jakarta (N)		6 Course Record (N)	PGA Tour Golf the Memorial Tournament, Third Round From Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio. (N) (Live)				6 Paid Program- ing	CBS Weekend News (N)			
FOX 6 WZAW 11 WLUK	6 Plan- et.. 11 (6:00) News (N)	6 Xplo- ration Outer Space	6 Life 2.0	6 Sci Q	6 Paid Program- ing 11 Life..	6 Paid Program- ing 11 Sci Q	6 Paid Program- ing 11 G..	6 Paid Program- ing	6 Paid Program- ing	6 Paid Program- ing	6 Carcass 11 Super...	6 Mu- sic City Trucks	6 Power Nation Builds	6 Young Sheldon	6 Shel- don 11 Sports	6 Big Bang.. 11 Great- est	6 The Big Bang Theory..	MLS Soccer Portland Timbers at Seattle Sounders FC From Lumen Field in Seattle. (N) (Live)				
NBC 6 WGBA 12 WJFW	6 Today 12 Homeo..	12 906 Outdoors	6 Paid Program- ing 12 Vo..	6 Paid- Prog. 12 Ro..	6 Earth Ody. "Curiosities of th.."	6 Wild Child "Snow Season.."	6 Play It "Art in the Jet"	6 One Team "Front-Run- ner"	2023 Roland-Garros Tennis Men's and Women's Third Round From Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. (N) (Live)					USFL Football Philadelphia Stars vs. Birmingham Stallions From Protec- tive Stadium in Birmingham, Ala. (N) (Live)					6 Paid Program- ing	NBC Nightly News (N)		
PBS 20 WHRM 6 WLEF 6 WPNE	6 Wild Kratts "Pangolin Rescue"	6 Curious George	6 Work It "The Sleepover; Secret Tunnels"	6 Daniel Tiger's Neighbor- hood	6 Best of Sewing With Nancy	6 Love of Quilting "Flock Together"	6 Garden Smart "Azaleas in Bloom"	6 Wood-smith Shop "Time for Clocks"	6 Essential Pépin "Cozy Carbs"	6 Dokey Chase "Madison-ville"	6 Project Fire "Extreme Grilling"	6 Cook "Chuck Roast and Potatoes"	6 Ameri- ca's Test Kitchen	6 Milk Street "A Jordanian Supper"	6 Sara's Weeknight Meals "When Pigs Fry"	6 Mexican "From Pueblo to City"	6 This Old House "Ipswich: Factory Built"	6 Ask This Old House	6 Rick Steves' Europe	6 Weekends With Yan- kee Joel Woods	6 The Lawrence Welk Show "Hometown Band"	
6 WACY 6 WTPX	6 Hearts of	6 oh baby!	6 PaidPro..	6 Makeov..	6 PaidPro..	6 Outdoo..	6 PaidPro..	6 Bensi..	6 World's	6 World's	6 SOS		6 SailKin..	6 Saltwat..	6 SaltWat..	6 Fishing	6 Heartland		6 ModFam	6 ModFam	6 Goldb..	6 Goldb..
CW 6 WCWF 6 WYOW	6 Out- door 6 Pop- star!	6 Trans- form 6 My..	6 Jack Han- na's Into the Wild	6 Jack Han- na's Into the Wild	6 Jack Han- na's Into the Wild	6 Jack Han- na's Into the Wild	6 Pet Vet Dream Team	6 Tails of Valor	6 Sci- ence 6 Live Life	6 Paid Prog. 6 MyP- illow	6 Paid Prog. 6 Res- cue	6 Cook Like 6 Paid Program	6 Boundless 6 Yours, Mine & Ours		6 WOW - Women Of Wrestling No More Running (N)		6 Sports 6 High- way	6 Great- est Sports (N)	6 Paid- Prog. 6 Blo..	6 Paid Program- ing	6 Last Man 6 Burg- ers	6 Last Man 6 Burg- ers

SATURDAY

EVENING

JUNE 3

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC 6 WAOW 8 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	9 Financially Sp 2 Paid Program- ing	America's Funniest Home Videos A deer tries to eat a chunk of a woman's hair.		America's Funniest Home Videos Videos include cats and dogs facing off as furry frenemies.		America's Funniest Home Videos Pets become pests; phony phone pranks.		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	9 (:35) Weird Earth 2 (:35) Investi- gate TV	2 (:05) The Song "Platinum Hits"	9 (:35) Storm of 2 (:35) Opry (N)
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Friends "The One Where Monica Sings" 7 Inside Ed. (N)	NCIS: Hawai'i		48 Hours		48 Hours		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	6 (:35) Feel the Beat 7 (:35) Big Deal "Road Trippin in ..	7 (:05) The Song "Platinum Hits"	6 (:35) Friends 7 (:35) Opry (N)
FOX 65 WZAW 11 WLUK	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. (N) (Live)						65 Big Bang "The Paintball Scattering" 11 News (N)	69 Big Bang 11 Seinfeld	65 Special Forces 11 Special Forces "Weakness" Sixteen household names arrive in the desert.	69 S.W.A.T. "Hoax" 11 Jeopardy!	11 Wheel of For- tune "Hawaii"	
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Elite Money Market Update	23 MyPillow Bed 12 Wheel of For- tune "Hawaii"	The Wall "Bria and Matt" Married couple Matt and Bria go head-to-head with the wall.		Weakest Link "Who Thinks the Plural of Moose Is Mice?" Contestants play trivia and vote each other off one by one.		Password "Martin Short & Jimmy Fallon" Contestants play a word game for a cash prize. Guests Martin Short, Jimmy Fallon		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 (N)	Saturday Night Live		
PBS 29 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	The Carol Burnett Show Guest star Joanne Woodward spends an evening with The Family in this episode.		Frankie Drake Mysteries "Scavenger Hunt" The gals are on a spirited scavenger hunt; a player is murdered.		Miss Scarlet and the Duke on Master- piece "A Pauper's Grave" Eliza is forced into hiding when she becomes the prime sus- pect in a series of break-ins.		The Fall "My Adventurous Song" The in- vestigation into Olson's murder throws open some uncomfortable truths for Burns.		Midsomer Murders "Till Death Do Us Part"	(45) Midsomer Murders "Till Death Do Us Part" Barnaby and Sarah attend a family wedding when the bride disappears during her reception.		Mr. Bean "Mr. Bean"
62 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud	Two Men	Chicago Fire "Category 5"		Chicago P.D. "A Little Devil Complex"		Housewife	Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	S.W.A.T.
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Big Bang 34 Good Dr	14 Baseball Peoria Chiefs at Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (N) (Live)	34 Masters of Illu- sion Ed Alonzo, Eric Buss (N)	34 Masters of Illusion Ed Alonzo, Smoothini	34 Totally Weird and Funny (N)	34 Totally Weird and Funny (N)	34 The Liquidator "Sink or Swim"	14 Masters of Illusion Ed Alonzo, Eric Buss 34 Desperado	14 Masters of Illusion Ed Alonzo, Smoothini	14 Totally Weird and Funny (N)	14 Totally Weird and Funny (N)	14 Big Bang "The VCR Illumination" 34 Rescue

SUNDAY

MORNING / AFTERNOON

JUNE 4

	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 6 WAOW 8 WBAY	Good Morning America (N)		6 This Week (N) 7 Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		6 Capitol 7 This Week		6 Up-Front		6 Financial 7 Up-Front		6 Paid Prog. 7 Hearts of		6 Coldwell 7 Vets-Pets "E.."		6 Heroes 7 Free Ent.		Premier Lacrosse League Chaos LC vs. Archers LC From Tom & Mary Casey Stadium in Albany, N.Y. (N) (Live)		2023 Women's College World Series Game 9: Teams TBA From USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex in Oklahoma City. (N) (Live)		6 Battle of Flowers 7 Paid..		6 Paid Programming		ABC World News (N) 7 News (N)													
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	6 (5:30) News (N) 7 Sunrise		6 News-maker Sunday		CBS News Sunday Morning News, features, weather and commentary. (N)		Face the Nation (N)		6 Mass 7 Retirement		Rodeo WCRA Triple Crown of Rodeo (N)		PGA Tour Special		PGA Tour Golf the Memorial Tournament, Final Round From Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio. (N) (Live)						CBS Weekend News (N)		6 Retire 7 News-Channel 7															
FOX 6 WZAW 11 WLUK	6 Paid Prog. 11 (6:00) News (N)		6 Mountain Faith Living		6 FOX News Sunday (N)		11 Sharyl Attkisson		6 Invest. 11 Fox News (N)		6 Paid Programming		Paid Programming		Paid Programming		FOX Sports: Voices (N)		USFL Football Memphis Showboats vs. New Jersey Generals From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio. (N) (Live)		USFL Football Michigan Panthers vs. New Orleans Breakers From Protective Stadium in Birmingham, Ala. (N) (Live)																	
NBC 6 WGBA 12 WJFW	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N)		6 Meet Press 12 Athlete		6 Home Remodeler		6 Know 12 Meet Press		6 Ideal Prostate		6 Wisconsin 12 R..		6 Re-modeler 12 Pa..		2023 Roland-Garros Tennis Men's and Women's Fourth Round From Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. (N) (Live)		IndyCar Series Pre-Race (N) (Live)		IndyCar Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix From The Raceway at Belle Isle Park in Detroit, Mich. (N) (Live)		IndyCar Series (N) (Live)		6 News (N) 12 Paid Program		NBC Nightly News (N)													
PBS 6 WHRM 6 WLEF 6 WPNE	Wild Kratts "City Hoppers!"		Curious George		Work It "Brother Day; Cafe Chaos"		Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood		Washington Week		Firing Line With Margaret Hoover		Here and Now		Market to Market		Midsomer "Till Death Do Us Part"		6 (45) Midsomer Murders "Till Death Do Us Part"		Mr. Bean "Mr. Bean"		Frankie Drake Mysteries "Scavenger Hunt"		Miss Scarlet and the Duke on Masterpiece "A Pauper's Grave"		American Masters "Little Richard: The King and Queen of Rock and Roll" Celebrating the life and influence of Little Richard as well as his role in rock history.		Wisconsin Foodie		John McGive "Amana Colonies, Iowa"							
6 WACY 6 WTPX	Pets.TV		Wonde..		PaidPro..		Jeffress		Outback		Wildlife		Rock..		Ocean..		Midwes..		Know		The List		Broadw..		Kickin It: Byron		Good Dr "Debts"		Good Dr "Claire"		ModFam		ModFam		FamFe..		FamFe..	
CW 6 WCWF 6 WYOW	6 Worship 6 Tomorr..		6 Daily 6 In Touch (N)		6 Catholic Mass		6 Shalom 6 Key of David		6 Outdoor 6 Cath. Mass		6 Mt. Faith 6 Perry Stone		6 Paid Program 6 Mad Dog & M		Paid Programming		6 Polka 6 Paid Program		6 Summer Movie Preview		6 Baseball Peoria Chiefs at Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (N) 6 J. Brown		6 *% Superstar ('99) Will Ferrell, Elaine Hendrix, Molly Shannon. An energetic schoolgirl (Molly Shannon) dreams of her first kiss.		6 The Rookie "Under the Gun" 6 Highway Thru Hell		6 Paid Prog. 6 WOW		6 Paid Programming		6 Sheldon 6 Family..		6 Sheldon 6 Family..					

WEEKDAY	MORNING / AFTERNOON	JUNE 5 TO JUNE 9
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MONDAY	EVENING	JUNE 5
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TUESDAY

EVENING

JUNE 6

	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 News 9 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune "Tiki Barber, Lauren Ash and Jim Jefferies" Celebrities Tiki Barber, Lauren Ash and Jim Jefferies. Guests Tiki Barber	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Quarterfinal #5: Trojan Bellisario, Wil Wheaton and Hasan Minhaj" Trojan Bellisario, Wil Wheaton	Soul of a Nation Special (N)		9 News 9 (N)	2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	9 News 9 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	(35) Nightline (N)									
9 WAOW	2 Action 2 News at Six (N)																			
2 WBAY																				
CBS	6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N)	6 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N)	FBI "Sisterhood" A drug dealer is shot and the team looks for his killer.	FBI: International "Indefensible" An American lawyer working in Hungary is killed by a bomb.	FBI: Most Wanted "Crypto Wars" The team investigates an explosion at an Ohio energy plant.		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert	(35) The Late Late Show With James Corden									
5 WFRV	7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	7 Inside Edition (N)																		
7 WSAW																				
FOX	65 The Big Bang Theory "The Brain Bowl Incubation" (N)	65 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	Beat Shazam "Sibling Smackdown!" Teams of siblings battle to take home the \$1 million prize. (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics! "Let's Get Physical!" A fitness trainer and a competitive bodybuilder compete. (N)	65 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	65 Seinfeld "The Jacket" (N) (Live)	65 Seinfeld "The Soul Mate" (N) (Live)	65 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	65 Seinfeld "The Soul Mate" (N) (Live)	65 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	65 Last Man 11 (35) Seinfeld (N) (Live)	65 Last Man 11 (35) King (N) (Live)	65 The Goldbergs "Stop Arguing and Start Thanking".. (N) (Live)							
55 WZAW																				
11 WLUK																				
NBC	28 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	28 FamFeud 12 Wheel "America's Game" (N)	America's Got Talent "Auditions 2" The world's most talented amateurs perform for star judges and compete for a life-changing prize. (N)	Hot Wheels: Ultimate Challenge "Spirit of Detroit vs. Flamin' Fire Truck" (N)	28 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)		12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	(35) Late Night With Seth Meyers											
28 WGBA	12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)																			
12 WJFW																				
PBS	PBS NewsHour Anna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Prehistoric Road Trip "Welcome to Fossil Country" Some of the planet's earliest life forms, from primitive bacteria to giant reptiles.	Prehistoric Road Trip "We Dig Dinosaurs" What happened to the dinosaurs; how other life forms survived an asteroid 66 million years ago.	Prehistoric Road Trip "Tiny Teeth, Fear-some Beasts" Investigating the fossil record; scientists studying the Earth's past reveal clues about its future.		Help! We Bought a Village The manager of a restored medieval village in France has a tricky time with a wedding party.		NOVA "Why Ships Crash" The investigation into how the Ever Given container ship crashed into the Suez Canal in March 2021.											
20 WHRM	Family Feud		Two Men		Dateline "The Silhouette"		Chicago P.D. "What Do You Do"		My News at 9 (N)		Tonight (N)		Two Men		Housewife		Housewife		Mom	
35 WLEF																				
38 WPNE																				
32 WACY	Chicago Fire "Sixty Days"		Chicago Fire "My Miracle"		Chicago Fire "It Wasn't Enough"		Chicago Fire "Ignite on Contact"		Chi. Fire "An Even Bigger Surprise"		Chicago Fire "A Breaking Point"									
46 WTPX																				
CW	14 Big Bang 84 Divorce		14 Big Bang 84 Divorce		Superman & Lois "Complications" Clark helps Lois prepare for a procedure. (N)		Gotham Knights "Daddy Issues" Stephanie must choose between her family and the Knights. (N)		14 Last Man 84 Liquidator		14 Seinfeld "The Soul Mate" (N) (Live)		14 The National Desk (N) (Live)		14 The National Desk (N) (Live)		14 Last Man 84 black-ish "Man at Work"		14 Sheldon 84 Family Guy	
14 WCWF																				
34 WYOW																				

WEDNESDAY

EVENING

JUNE 7

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	6 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	2023 NBA Finals Game 3: Teams TBA Coverage of basketball action from the 2023 NBA Finals. (N) (Live)				6 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	6 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)	The Price Is Right at Night Guests Iain Armitage, Raegan Revord		Let's Make a Deal Primetime		True Lies		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
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62 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud	Two Men	Dateline "The Knock at the Door"		Chicago P.D.		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
	Blue Bloods "The Fog of War"		Blue Bloods "Vested Interests"		Blue Bloods "The First 100 Days"		Blue Bloods "The Puzzle Palace"		Blue Bloods "Hide in Plain Sight"		Blue Bloods "Family Secrets"	
CW 16 WCWF 34 WYOW	16 Big Bang 34 Divorce	16 Big Bang 34 Divorce	Nancy Drew "The Maiden's Rage" Ace presses Nancy for more information about the curse. (N)		Riverdale "Chapter One Hundred" Twenty-Eight: Halloween II" Jughead makes a discovery in a mystery brewing in Riverdale. (N)		16 Last Man 34 Liquidator	16 Seinfeld 34 Chicago	16 The National Desk (N) (Live)	16 National (N) 34 black-ish "Plus Two Isn't a Thing"	16 Last Man "Yass Queen" 34 black-ish "Old Digger"	16 Young Sheldon 34 Family Guy "He's Bla-ack!"

THURSDAY

EVENING

JUNE 8

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Judge Steve Harvey "Everybody Plays the Fool" Legal battles over car loans; trip reimbursements.		Judge Steve Harvey "Even Though My Aunt Is Dead, I Need My Bread!" Family members sue over cremation services; a ruined dress.		Judge Steve Harvey "How Long Have You Been Stupid?"		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:35) Nightline (N)
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FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang "The Property Division Collision" 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	Alert: Missing Persons Unit "Zoey" A college student goes missing during a house party.		Animal Control "Dogs and Geese"		Animal Control "Pigs and Minks"	55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Phone Message"	55 Last Man 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man "A Moving Finale" 11 (:05) King "Holy Mackerel"	55 Goldbergs "Kara-Te" 11 (:35) King "Life Sentence"
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 FamFeud 12 Wheel "America's Game" (N)	The Blacklist "The Morgana Corporation" (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Magnum P.I. "Number One With a Bullet" Katsumoto takes a job providing security for a K-pop star.		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 Anna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Help! We Bought a Village Ted and Lesa renovate their French village; Penny hopes to sell her restored Italian borgo.		Midsomer Murders "Send in the Clowns: Part 1"		(:40) Midsomer Murders "Send in the Clowns: Part 2" The Ferabbees Circus comes to town, bringing sinister clowns, threatening notes and dangerous acts.	Mr. Bean "The Return of Mr. Bean"	Wild Travels: America's Oddest Museums		Impossible Builds "Ice World" Transforming 37 acres of subtropical quarry into a subzero ski resort.	
62 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud	Two Men	Dateline "A Killing in Cottonwood"		Chicago P.D. "Say Her Real Name"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
	Chicago P.D. "Before the Fall"		Chicago P.D. "Lines"		Chicago P.D. "Buried Secrets"		Chicago P.D. "Silence of the Night"		Chicago P.D. "Fighting Ghosts"		Chicago P.D. "White Knuckle"	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce	14 Big Bang 34 Divorce	Walker "Best Laid Plans" The family find themselves facing a few challenges.		100 Days to Indy The Big Dance The drivers prepare for the Indianapolis 500. (N)		14 Last Man 34 Liquidator	14 Seinfeld "The Little Kicks" 34 Chicago "Say Her Real Name"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 National (N) 34 black-ish "Keeping Up With the Johnsons"	14 Last Man "A Moving Finale" 34 black-ish "Sink or Swim"	14 Sheldon 34 Family Guy

**Advertisement for Electronic Bids
For Construction at Shawano Municipal Airport
Shawano, Wisconsin
Project no. AIP 3-55-0074-11 / EZS1004**

THIS PROJECT WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY BID.
Paper bids will NOT be accepted or allowed.

Sealed ELECTRONIC proposals for the work described herein will be received until 2:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, June 8, 2023, by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, on behalf of the Secretary, authorized agent for City & County of Shawano, in accordance with Wis. Stat. §114.32(3). Bids will be unsealed (electronically opened) as provided above and will be publicly read. The bid opening will be broadcast live via Teams. The correct meeting and call-in information for the bid opening is:

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Or call in (audio only)
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Phone Conference ID: 105 343 418#

This contract is federally funded with an established DBE goal, dollar values will not be shown until after the 24-hour supplemental information timeline has expired for DBE documentation submission and bid responsiveness has been determined by the Department. Bids determined to be non-responsive will not have results posted.

The bid results will be posted to the Bureau of Aeronautics' website and BidExpress.com here: <https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/aeronautics/airports/arpt-bidinfo.aspx>
<https://bidexpress.com/businesses/51671/home>

Electronic Bid submittal: Bids must be submitted via the bidexpress.com bidding service. **No paper bids will be accepted.** Bids will not be accepted past the established deadline for the close of bids.

Description of work:

Runway 30 PAPI to be installed in 2023.

Estimate of major quantities:

PAPI LED L-881, Style A, Class I, Runway End 30, 1 LS; 600 Volt Cable No. 6, 13,860 LF.
Airport Construction Traffic Control, 1 LS

BE Goal: 4.63% Contract Completion Time: 12 Working Days

Proposals: Proposal forms are included with the plans and specifications, and are subject to the provisions of Wis. Stat. §66.0901(7).

Plans and specifications: Plans and specifications can be obtained free of charge and at the following site: <https://bidexpress.com/businesses/51671/home>

Proposal ELECTRONIC Submittal: This contract is being electronically bid. The bid template within BidExpress.com platform established for the project includes all elements required to be submitted with the contract. Required fields are established within the template. Automatic checking of the bid proposal will identify if any required fields are missing and alert the bidder to complete the missing information prior to final submission. Submission of an incomplete bid will result in the bid not being opened, and/or rejected as non-responsive.

Plan holder registration required: Plans and specifications are available to anyone after completing a simple registration. **There is NO cost to obtain a registration.** Registration is required to be recorded as a plan holder. Registered plan holders will be notified of important project information such as issuance of addendums or other critical information. Only the prime or general contractor selecting to submit a bid is required to obtain additional Digital ID credentials. Please see the BOA website notice 2 for information on how to register. <https://wisconsin.dot.gov/Documents/doing-bus/aeronautics/airports/aerobidmem2.pdf>

Bidder Digital ID Required: Firms who select to submit a bid **MUST also obtain a free digital ID in addition to registering.** Obtaining a digital ID is relatively quick, however it may take a couple of days to complete the process. Please request and obtain registration and digital ID's as early as possible to not jeopardize your ability to submit a bid. **There is NO cost to obtain a digital ID.** Please see the BOA website Notice 2 for information on how to obtain a digital ID.

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Cost to bid: There are two options for bidders to submit bids: A cost of \$35 per project, or a monthly subscription wherein the bidder is able to submit bids for all projects in bidexpress.com system for \$50 per month. Subscriptions can be turned on and off at any time by the registered user. Only the prime or general contractor submitting a bid are responsible for payment.

Proposal guaranty: A bid security in the amount of 5% of the total amount of the bid is required for the contract. Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond, certificate of annual bid bond, a certified check, bank's draft, bank's check, or postal money order made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary for 5% of the total amount bid.

The electronic template will allow the following options for meeting the proposal guaranty. E-Verify bid bond (Surety2000 & SurePath), uploading a copy of the bid bond or certificate of annual bid bond, certified check, bank draft, or money order.

Any bid security, other than a E-verified bond or certificate of annual bid bond is provided, the department will require that the apparent two lowest bidders to mail or hand-deliver the original bond, certified check, bank draft, or money order to the Bureau of Aeronautics by

close of business two business days following the close of bids and must be received by the Bureau of Aeronautics no later than 5 days from the posting of the bid results.

Qualification of bidders:

IMPORTANT: A paper hard copy prequalification is required to be submitted PRIOR to the bid opening. The proper prequalification form must be sent to the DOT to establish prequalification and remain valid prior to the deadline for prequalification indicated below. Prequalification's submitted after the deadline will be processed but a bid from that firm will not be opened for any project where the deadline has been exceeded. The following prequalification is required for this contract:

TWO prequalification methods are acceptable for this project. EITHER Bureau of Aeronautics "Statement of Bidder's Qualifications and Experience" (AKA: "Short form") will apply. OR the Bureau of Project Development "Prequalification Statement" (AKA: "Highways"). **If your firm does not already hold a valid WisDOT highways prequalification and you do not expect to bid WisDOT highways projects in the future, please complete the simplified Bureau of Aeronautics "short form".**

Bid proposals will be opened only from those firms that have established their qualifications for the work being bid upon. If a prospective bidder has previously submitted hold a current and valid (not expired or revoked), proper statement and received prior approval from the department, a re-submittal for this project is not required.

Any prospective bidder who has not previously established their qualifications must file a pre-qualification statement on the proper forms and be received by the department no later than 12:00 noon, local time, Friday, May 26th, 2023. Only prime or general contractors submitting the bid need to be prequalified; subcontractors do not need to be prequalified.

The qualification statement is a sworn statement and consist of information relating to financial ability, equipment, and experience in the work prescribed in this proposal. The statement shall be in writing on the proper standard form furnished by the department. The department will evaluate the statement and determine acceptability prior to bid acceptance. Failure to establish prequalification as stipulated will result in the bid not being opened and/or rejected.

Federal Requirements: This project is federally funded and federal provisions and requirements apply. Federal provisions made part of, but not limited to this contract include: Buy American Preference, Federal Tax Certification, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension, Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace.

Hours of labor and minimum wage rates: Pursuant to regulations provided by applicable federal and/or state laws, the hours of labor and minimum wage rates are set forth in the proposal.

Affirmative action: The department hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Affidavit of non-collusion: A required affidavit of non-collusion will be incorporated as part of the proposal for each prospective bidder. Failure to complete and sign the sworn statement makes the bid non-responsive and ineligible for award consideration. By completing the electronic signature and submitting the proposal, each bidder by or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifies that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. This sworn statement shall be executed and sworn to by the bidder before a person who is authorized by the laws of the state to administer oaths.

Pre-bid conference: A pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd at 3:00pm and will be conducted by teleconference. Anyone wishing to attend virtually can do so using the following details:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

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A physical visit of the site may be authorized by the airport on a case by case basis and must be scheduled and coordinated with airport management. Questions arising from site visits shall be submitted by email to the contact person below. Answers will be provided to all plan holders via a subsequent addendum. The purpose of the meeting and site visit will be to familiarize all concerned persons with the project and conditions at the airport.

For further information, contact Kaitlyn Wehner at 920-238-1164, email Kaitlyn.wehner@westwoodps.com.

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Gillett says farewell to 2023 seniors

38 walk across stage, take next steps in life

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

As 38 seniors' high school careers came to an end, Gillett staff and administration made the final send off during graduation on May 28.

Gillett Secondary Principal Shawn Limberg looked to the recently released movie "Air" as inspiration for the goodbye. A story of a shoe company on a journey trying to recruit Michael Jordan proved to have great similarities to the journey that the graduating seniors are about to embark upon.

"The illusion is that the finish line is the destination," said Limberg, quoting Ben Affleck's character, Phil Knight. "The act itself is the destination. This quote itself is a powerful reminder that the journey is just as important as the destination. It is not just about reaching the finish line, but about the experiences and lessons that we learn along the way."

Limberg asked that for those graduating to live in the moment in everything that they do after high school.

"Class of 2023, you are about to finish your high school experience and go out into the world on a journey," said Limberg. "Some to college, some right into the work force and some into the military. It is through the journey that we take risks. It is through the journey that we build partnerships, and it is through the journey that we learn and grow. Congratulations to the class of 2023."

Class president Cheyenne Krueger gave her fellow graduating class a send-off with a letter addressed to everyone as a whole.

"Dear class of 2023, the day that you have been striving for is finally here," said Krueger. "All of this waiting makes me think of a poem that I have read almost every single day. It states, we wait every week for Friday, all year for summer and all life for happiness. I feel that this describes the school experience to a T."

"Through the years of waiting, we passed through the elementary school, where we witnessed our very first classmate wedding, middle school where we were properly shown how to siphon water from a fish tank, and finally high school, where we experienced so many more



Carleigh Kaczmarek and Cheyenne Kruger watch as the rest of the 2023 graduating class walks into the Gillett gymnasium during the 2023 Gillett graduation on May 28.

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adventures and people."

Salutarian Vincent Vassallo showed thanks and gratitude to all of the staff that have helped get the class to where they are today.

"While today is predominately for our seniors, it is also for you teachers — all of your time slaving away to set up your classrooms and putting up with us," said Vassallo. "Let me congratulate you on a fantastic job."

Valedictorian Isabella Matczak took the stage to thank everyone in attendance for her growth as a person starting six years ago, when she arrived in the school district. She also touched on what the next step is for the graduating class.

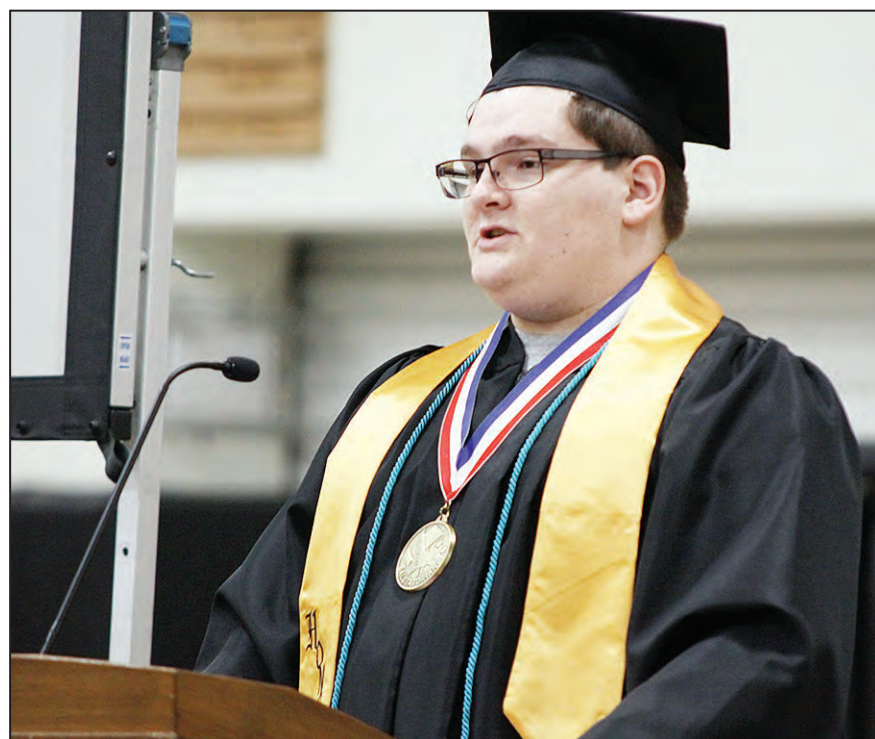
"For some of you, this may be the most that you have heard speak in the years at Gillett," said Matczak. "Thankfully however I am not the same person that I was and I am grateful to have the opportunity to speak today and be representing our class. Today is about all of us and the obvious question, what comes next? What happens when we walk out of this door as graduates and no longer students?"

"I think we have all had this idea, that we suddenly transform into adults

and have our whole lives planned out. As freshman, we were told that these four years will be the best of your life and it goes by fast. It did go by fast, but

for all of our sakes, I really hope that they were wrong about the first part."

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Salutarian Vincent Vassallo gives a speech remembering the good times that the class had together during graduation on May 28.

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Migraines 3 times more likely for women

For those who have experienced migraine headaches, the pain is unmistakable — a severe headache, often on one side of the head, sometimes pulsing, sometimes with other problematic symptoms such as nausea and sensitivity to light or sound.

For sufferers of migraines, these headaches can be debilitating. According to the Migraine Research Foundation, 39 million people in the United States suffer from migraines — and three out of four of them are women.

“Women are more likely to suffer from migraine headaches, which can be strongly tied to fluctuations in estrogen,” said Dr. Katherine Nonweiler with ThedaCare Physicians. “Knowing the symptoms, triggers and how to care for yourself can help alleviate the frequency and the impact these headaches can have.”

Some sufferers may recognize when a migraine is about to hit, with possible warning symptoms appearing before the headache, which can develop in several stages (though not everyone experiences all of them).

“The prodrome stage may start a day or two prior to a headache,” Nonweiler said. “Symptoms can include mood changes, food cravings, constipation or fluid retention, increased urination, yawning or a stiff neck.”

An aura can occur immediately prior to the onset of head pain, and can include visual phenomena, pins-and-needles in the body or even difficulty speaking. The attack can manifest differently, usually with



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pain occurring on one side of the head, but sometimes both. The pain can be throbbing and sometimes constant, but usually very strong. Light and sound can make the pain worse. The headaches can

last up to 72 hours if left untreated.

The postdrome phase may leave a migraine sufferer feeling drained and confused, with pain returning briefly with sudden head movement.

People who are at greater risk of developing the headaches include those with a family history that includes migraines. Age is a factor as well. Headaches tend to become less frequent and intense after a person passes their 30s. People who experience them often have their first one as a teenager, especially women.

“Migraines can be triggered by fluctuations in estrogen, and for women who do experience migraines, the first might happen around the onset of menstruation,” said Nonweiler. “Menstrual periods, pregnancy and the onset of menopause can also impact migraine occurrence.”

Oral contraceptives and other hormonal medication might make migraines worse for many women, though some find that these medications help diminish the frequency of the headaches.

“Many other external factors also

can trigger migraines or intensify them,” Nonweiler said. “Patients who experience migraines may be able to alleviate the frequency or severity by making some lifestyle changes.”

Lifestyle changes might include:

- Avoiding alcohol, particularly wine.

- Switching to decaf, as caffeine can be a trigger.

- Reducing stress.

- Avoiding certain sensory stimuli such as loud noises, bright or flashing lights and strong smells.

- Getting enough sleep, and keeping a regular sleep schedule.

- Avoiding excessive physical exertion.

- Avoiding salty and processed foods, as well as aged cheeses. Certain additives including aspartame and monosodium glutamate also can trigger migraines. Fasting also can trigger migraines.

- Avoiding overuse of painkillers, particularly aspirin, acetaminophen and medicines that contain caffeine.

Changes in weather, such as fluctuations in barometric pressure, also can bring on migraine headaches. They can also be triggered by bright sunlight, extreme heat or cold weather, dry air, stormy weather or other elemental factors.

“It may help to keep a migraine diary to record the factors that may be triggering the onset of your headaches,” Nonweiler said. “This can include keeping track of your food and what’s happening with the weather.”

Staying in on days that are likely to trigger your migraines, along

with making other healthy lifestyle changes, can help lessen the frequency of the headaches, she said.

When a migraine is unavoidable, there are ways that you can help diminish their impact.

“Relaxing in a dark and quiet room can help alleviate some pain from a migraine, as light and sound can intensify the headaches,” Nonweiler said. “Hot or cold compresses also can help, with heat helping to relax stiff neck muscles and cold helping to numb the pain.”

Sipping a small amount of a caffeinated drink also can help, but too much caffeine can interfere with needed sleep and cause a withdrawal headache later.

“If you have frequent migraines, I would recommend that you speak with your primary care provider to discuss other treatments or therapies that might help you,” Nonweiler said.

Patients should seek immediate emergency care for headaches when they are sudden, severe and seem to come out of nowhere; following a head injury; accompanied by fever, stiff neck, numbness or weakness in the body; accompanied confusion or double vision; or chronic and get worse with exertion or coughing.

These symptoms may indicate a more serious medical condition such as a stroke or other concerns that need immediate attention.

“While migraines are common, we understand they can have a serious impact on someone, said Nonweiler. “We are here to provide care options to get you back to living your best life as soon as possible.”

Shawano County Board allows deputies to take squads home

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Shawano County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted May 24 in favor of repealing and amending a sheriff’s ordinance to allow those who live near the county to take squad cars home.

“We have an old ordinance and this started years ago — you had to live in Shawano County to work in Shawano County, and that is not the case anymore,” said Shawano County Sheriff George Lenzner. “We still left in there that you still have to live

in Shawano County to have a squad (car) outside.”

Lenzner said that Shawano County is one of the few counties in the state that does not allow deputies take squad cars home if they live outside of the county. With the amended ordinance, depending on where deputies live, they will be able to take their squad cars home if they live in communities close to Shawano County.

“We have numerous officers that live in Pulaski, Marion, or in Marathon County, and with the housing it is hard to get them in,” said Lenzner. “In order to retain and attract officers

nowadays, I think we need to allow take-home squads.”

He added that he has seen both Brown and Oconto counties’ squad cars in Shawano County.

“We don’t pay as much as the surrounding counties, so we want to be able to give them other benefits to attract and retain them,” said Lenzner. “The other thing that it would help is that if I have someone starting at 6 p.m., who lives in Pulaski or right outside of the county, and they have a warrant to pick up, they can go pick that person up (right away).”

Those officers and deputies who

live on the west side or east side of the county work in those same areas, according to Lenzner.

“Right now, I have a couple of officers who live in Pulaski that drive all the way into Shawano, pick up their squad and drive back to their area,” he said. “When it comes to quitting time, they drive all the way back to Shawano to drop off their squad. This (change) keeps them in their area and keeps them on the road. I would rather have them on the road than in the office.”

Davel: Feel shame if you don't observe holiday

Retired Army colonel points out that meaning of Memorial Day has been lost in modern culture

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Shawano's annual Memorial Day ceremony on May 29 paid tribute to the men and women who have fought for freedom in America, but retired U.S. Army Col. James Davel made it clear what he thought of folks in Shawano County who don't take time to honor the fallen.

Davel expressed his gratitude to the veterans in the audience, whether they marched to Woodlawn Cemetery from Huckleberry Harbor with the American flag and other symbols of the country, or whether they were quietly watching from lawn chairs they'd brought from home.

"I certainly appreciate it, and so does our nation," Davel said. "Memorial Day is a day of ceremonies and speeches. Today, we honor the dead of our wars. We recall their valor and their sacrifices so that others might live free. Memorial Day is a chance to reconnect to the genesis of our nation's enormous freedoms."

Davel noted that past generations of Americans kept the holiday as quiet and somber. It was a day of reverence for warriors, he said, and a meager price to pay for the lives that they enjoy through the rest of the year.

"We live in a different time today," Davel said. "Our nation and our culture has lost its quality over the years. Now, Memorial Day is more about sales at the mall, fighting traffic to go somewhere for a long weekend and, quite frankly, we should be ashamed of ourselves as a nation. For the people who gave up so much for their nation and its people, to see what's going on is tragic."

Davel interjected some more praise to the people in attendance. He expressed gratitude for those who stood up when the National Anthem was being sung and for removing their hats, guidelines the United States recommends during a ceremony with an American flag where there is the Pledge of Allegiance, the anthem or other patriotic songs.

"We don't see that all the time today," Davel said. "We're losing our soul as our nation, and we should be ashamed. If we look for the answers for why so many for so many years have fought for what we achieved and prospered like no one else on



Scott and Carol Fuqua march forward with the honorary Memorial Day wreath May 29 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

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James Davel, a retired colonel who currently serves as Shawano County's administrative coordinator, was the featured speaker. He had some sharp words for the segments of America who use Memorial Day to party and vacation and don't pay tribute to the veterans who sacrificed their lives to allow people like them to live free.

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earth, it's because here, in this land, we've unleashed the energy of the individual of man to a greater extent

than has ever been done before. Freedom and the dignity of the individual have been more available and

assured here than any place."

Davel concluded by pointing out people who claim there are no heroes in this country don't know where to look.

Shawano County Board Chairman Tom Kautza also stressed the importance of taking a few simple moments to remember that some who put on the uniform did not return home to their loved ones.

"They didn't run. They didn't hide when this country asked them to serve," Kautza said. "In fact, many of them stepped forward on their own to help protect this country and its ideals of the American dream — the dream of freedom, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution — the fundamental ideas that this great country was founded on."

Kautza pointed out that many in the audience were there with their children and grandchildren, an opportunity that those killed in the line of duty didn't get.

"It should be Veterans Day and Memorial Day every day," he said.

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3 swimmers represent WASP in first summer meet

The Wittenberg Area Swim Program opened its summer season by sending three swimmers to the Ashwaubenon Swim Club's Spring Meet on May 20.

Halley Innes, Aubrey Wierzba and Maddison Suess represented WASP, with Brenna Behreandt serving as their coach.

Girls 9-10

Halley Innes: sixth, 100 butterfly (1:49.78); ninth, 100 breaststroke (1:54.09); 16th, 50 freestyle (42.42).

Girls 11-12

Aubrey Wierzba: sixth, 100 breaststroke (1:35.35); 13th, 50 backstroke (39.89); 20th, 50 freestyle (35.99).

Girls open

Maddison Suess: 31st, 100 breaststroke (1:54.17); 36th, 50 freestyle (36.76).

Home meet

WASP is hosting its annual summer home meet at 6 p.m. June 2 at the Darwin E. Smith Community Aquatic Center in Wittenberg. The program invites everyone to come cheer on the home team and see all the hard work the swimmers have put into improving their events.



WASP's Halley Innes and Aubrey Wierzba warm up before the Ashwaubenon Swim Club's Spring Meet on May 20.

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BOOKS AND STUFF

'Rain City Hustle' shows how to out-con the con men

Once again I grabbed a book from the middle of a series.

"The Rain City Hustle" by M.D. Grayson is the sixth in his Danny Logan PI series and one of his most complicated. I know I can't do it justice here, but I will give you a thumbnail sketch and let you decide if you want to read it yourself.

Danny Logan runs a successful private detection agency based in Seattle, Washington. In this book Danny and his long-time girlfriend/fellow private investigator, Toni Blair, are only a couple weeks away from their often-postponed wedding day. They've promised each other that nothing will interfere this time. Then Danny bumps into Kate Morgan.

Long ago, Danny was part of a Special Forces unit, and Kate flew the helicopter that rescued Danny and his team. Through it, they formed an odd, but strong, friendship. They haven't seen each other in ages. Kate now runs a film production company and desperately needs Danny's professional services. As often happens, her latest project has gone over budget. Kate's father is a billionaire and probably willing to help, but she refuses to ask him. This is her company and her problem to solve.

Kate and her production partner,



JAN JONES

his condo. While focused on finding the additional financing, she lets Ray do the condo check. He returns with news that he's secured \$500,000 through a loan from Billy Thorne. Billy's father is the notorious loan shark Frank Thorne. While Frank is shrewd and vicious, Billy is merely a 'wannabe' focused on partying, cocaine and pretending to know how his father's world works.

Kate is horrified and angry to hear that Ray secured the loan by handing over her father's \$2 million painting. Somehow, she must repay the loan and return the painting before her father knows it was ever gone. If she can stay on the production schedule, they'll be able to get legitimate financing, but her hopes are dashed when Billy and a couple of his father's goons show up on the set.

Billy boasts that he plans to keep

Ray, often argue over budget issues. He may be good with filming, but he doesn't have a head for business. While her father is out of the country, Kate does a regular check on

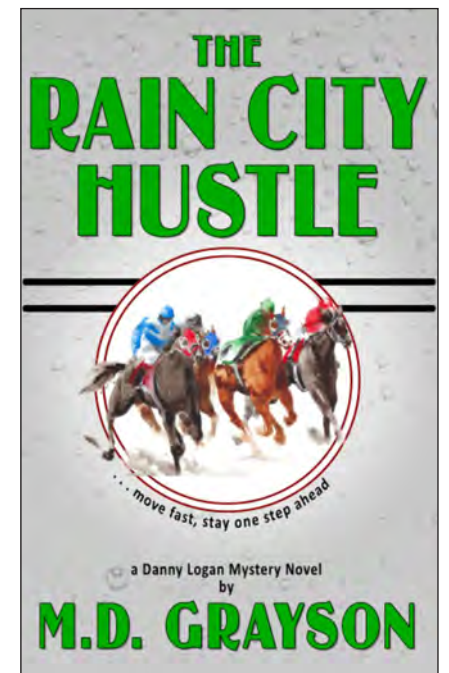
AT A GLANCE

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the painting and sell it at auction. He also explains that she still has to repay the loan plus \$100,000 in "fees." When she refuses, the set has odd problems plus a mysterious fire. None are serious but each one adds another delay putting the money they need further from their reach. They get a big break when they learn that the painting taken by Billy is a high-quality reproduction.

Since Frank and Billy Thorne know nothing about fine art, they don't realize that the real painting is safely stored elsewhere. That gives Danny an idea.

He knows that the only way to thwart a man like Frank Thorne is by appealing to his greed. So, they enlisted the aid of well-known con artist Henry Parker and his skilled crew. Henry is eager to help because Frank Thorne was instrumental in driving his brother-in-law to commit suicide and devastating his sister's life. Together they hatch an elaborate con to get the painting back, cancel the loan and leave Frank and Billy



Thorne unaware they've been fleeced by the best. They manage to pull it all off well before Danny and Toni's wedding.

The real surprise comes when they return from their honeymoon to discover a video showing Thorne's quiet PI turning the tables on his boss. Looks like the Thorne's got double conned this time, and they don't dare report any of it to the police. Guess that's justice.

Witt-Birn OKs Wi-Fi, interactive board purchases

Technology purchases will improve Wi-Fi, allow teachers to fully utilize curriculum

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board approved a purchase for six New View sonic boards during its meeting on May 23.

The new boards will help to replace projectors in the district that have become old and worn, according to Technology Director Matt Heindel.

"A lot of our classroom display technology across all of the buildings is really getting aged," said Heindel. "I would guess 10 years old at least. So, we are looking to at least try and start with this new situation — it is an interactive board."

Heindel said that the new boards would be able to take up to 40 touches at the same time.

"The little kids would be able to play games on there and whatnot," said Heindel. "They are a lot more

clear and a lot more bright, so it brings us into the 21st century."

He added that with the equipment that is in place now, if the district were to replace it using the same system it would come out to about \$1,500 per classroom.

"This \$2,000 (per classroom) is not really a significant jump and we are going to start with a little roll out in the Wittenberg Elementary/Middle School," said Heindel.

The roll out would begin with six boards, totalling \$11,994, in the Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School.

"We currently have four of these boards, two of them in Wittenberg and two of them in Birnamwood that are available for teachers to check out," said Heindel.

He also noted that the boards usually go for \$4,500 a piece, but will be \$2,000 a piece for the school district.

Wittenberg Elementary-Middle

School Principal Nick Firari added that the curriculum that is in place in the district does allow interactive learning online. With only two boards that can support those features though, Firari said that adding more boards will help to fully utilize that curriculum.

"It is something that will really benefit our teachers moving forward," said Firari.

In a related story, the board also approved a purchase to upgrade the wireless internet throughout the district.

"Our current wireless infrastructure has different models and equipment and everything in regards to how old it is, but long story short, our back end controllers are 12 years old," said Heindel. "I don't know if you can imagine the internet 12 years ago, but it is way different than it is now."

Heindel relayed information from

students and staff saying that they have experienced drops or slowness in the wireless internet around the buildings.

"We were able to secure e-rate federal funding, in which they cover 70% of the cost, so the total cost of a whole new Wi-Fi infrastructure across all three buildings is \$86,790," said Heindel. "To get a whole new system, we would only have to pay \$27,157."

Depending on shipping time, Heindel said he hopes to have the new wireless infrastructure installed by the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

"Me and my helper will be able to do it — there are little white boxes that go on the ceiling and there are about 100 of them," said Heindel. "There is 87 now, so we got a couple extra to cover some dead spots."

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May 29

Deputies responded to 39 calls, including a weapons offense on Park Avenue in the Town of Hutchins; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; a disturbance on West Green Bay Street in Shawano; one crash.

May 28

Deputies responded to 59 calls, including reckless driving on County Road Q in the Town of Wittenberg; criminal damage on North Cecil Street in Bonduel; a domestic disturbance on Regina Road in the Town of Almon; an ATV Problem on state Highway 55 in the Town of Maple Grove; criminal damage on County Road M in the Town of Pella; trespassing on West Crystal Drive in the Town of Washington; a disturbance on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on Spiegel Road in the Town of Fairbanks; operating while intoxicated on Old Lake Lane in the Town of Wescott; property theft on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a fleeing/pursuit on North Lincoln Street in Shawano; disorderly conduct on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; seven crashes, three involving deer.

May 27

Deputies responded to 61 calls, including a fleeing/pursuit on state Highway 117 in Bonduel; property theft on Johnson Road in the Town of Germania; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in Cecil; reckless driving on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; an ATV Problem on County Road G in the Town of Herman; trespassing on Maple Road in the Town of Washington; a domestic disturbance on County Road D in the Town of Almon; a threat on Lawn Road in the Town of Maple Grove; seven crashes, two involving deer.

May 26

Deputies responded to 55 calls, including a disturbance on West Railroad Street in Bowler; reckless driving on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Berg Road in the Town of Morris; a disturbance on East Limit Street in Cecil; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on County Road R in the Town of Washington; a drug problem on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; trespassing on Elm Street in the Town of Grant; five crashes, one involving deer.

May 25

Deputies responded to 41 calls, including reckless

driving on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; a fight in progress on Cedar Street in Tigerton; operating while intoxicated on Rose Brook Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; a fleeing/pursuit on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; three crashes, one involving deer.

May 24

Deputies responded to 39 calls, including a disturbance on County Road J in the Town of Morris; harassment on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; a threat on Hofa Park Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; a weapons offense on South Oak Park Circle in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in Bonduel; four crashes, one including a coyote.

May 23

Deputies responded to 48 calls, including a disturbance on County Road F in the Town of Angelica; property theft on County Road N in Birnamwood; harassment on Pine Ridge Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in Cecil; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; bail jumping on Old Shawano Road in the Town of Pella; operating while intoxicated on Cedar Lane in the Town of Pella; eight crashes, three involving deer.

COURT NEWS

• Stephanie A. Beattie, 39, Bowler, was charged May 22 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$250 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 31.

• Desiree A. Webster, 25, Suring, was charged May 22 with three counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a cash bond of \$100 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 9.

• Tyson A. Schreiber, 24, Shawano, was charged May 23 with 12 counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of operating without a valid license (third or subsequent offense in three years). Sloma set a cash bond of \$3,000 and scheduled a status conference for June 20.

• Dustin W. Poppe, 34, White Lake, was charged May 24 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 13.

• Charles R. Terrio, 40, Bowler, was

charged May 25 with one count of operating a vehicle to flee/elude an officer and three counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$7,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 31.

• Caitlynn J. Testolin, 30, Oconto Falls, was charged May 25 with four counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of criminal trespass to a dwelling and one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a status conference for June 2.

• Erin L. Peters, 35, Gresham, was charged May 26 with one count of

strangulation and suffocation, one misdemeanor count of battery and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a signature bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for July 18.

• Charges against Dion H. Dick, 28, Crandon, were dismissed May 26 on prosecutor's motion. Those charges included three counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of operating

while intoxicated (second offense), one misdemeanor count of operating with prohibited alcohol content (second offense) and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked.

• Robert S. Powless, 37, Shawano, pleaded no contest May 26 to one count of possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced Powless to 120 days in jail and three years of probation.

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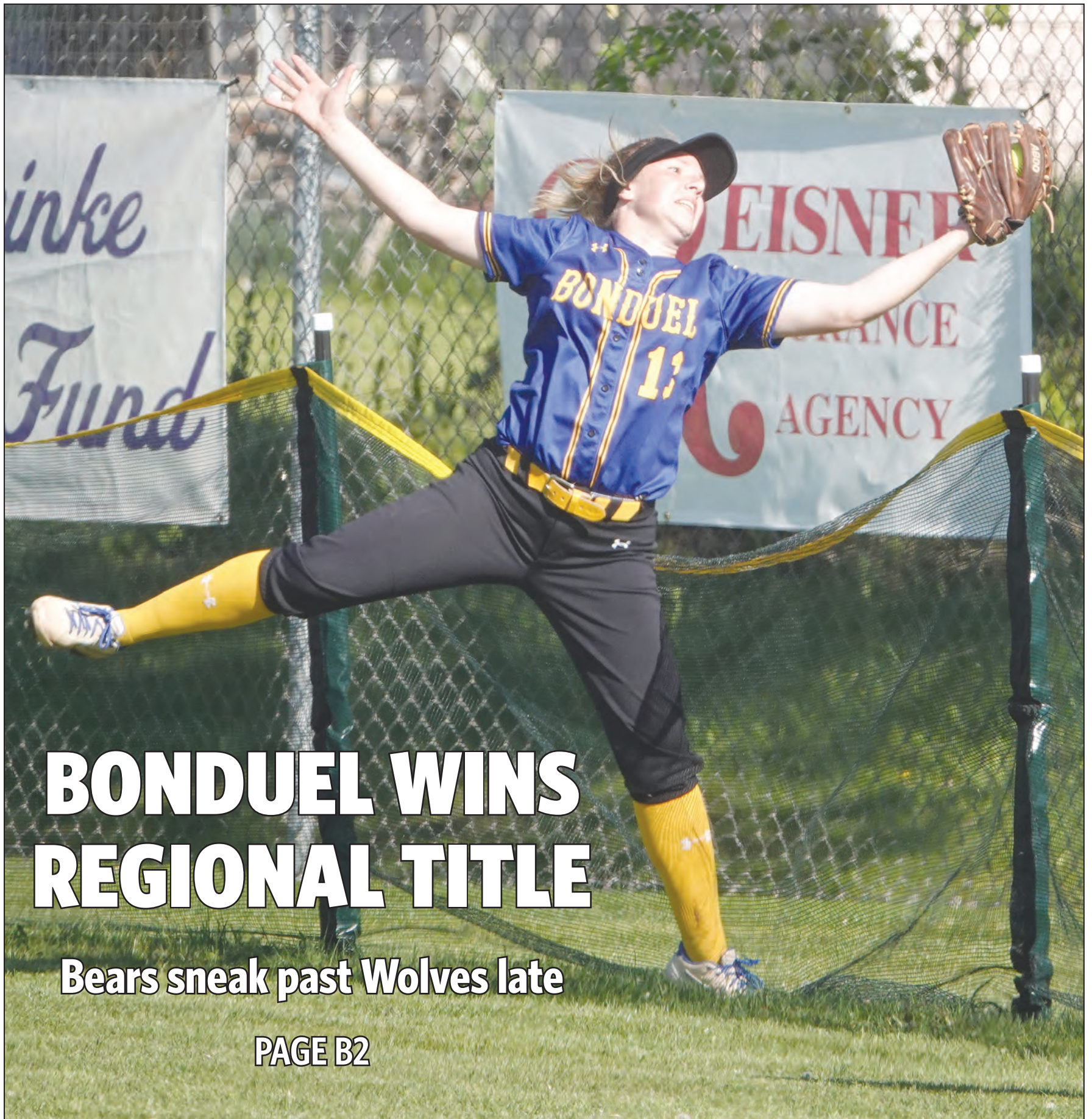
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BONDUEL WINS REGIONAL TITLE

Bears sneak past Wolves late

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Bonduel's Nakiyah Henning makes an acrobatic catch near the fence during Bonduel's regional title game win over Manawa on May 25 in Bonduel.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Late charge propels Bears to regional title

Bonduel tops Crandon, Manawa to move on

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School softball team rallied from an early deficit before putting together a big inning late to earn a 7-2 Division 4 regional title win over Manawa on May 25 in Bonduel.

Top-seeded Bonduel fell behind 2-0 after fifth-seeded Manawa scored in the first and second innings. The Bears tied things up in the bottom of the second, and the game remained deadlocked until the sixth, when the hosts erupted for five runs to pull away.

“For some reason, we always like to start down, so we know that we’re fine,” said Bonduel’s Hailee Thompson. “Coming back, I had total faith in our team.”

“For our seniors, it’s really special because they’ve done so much for our program, and at the end of the day, we work our butts off for them because they’ve put so much time and effort in, and our coaches are great to us,” she continued. “We just really put in all the time and effort behind the scenes that obviously you never see, but it truly pays off in the end.”

Thompson tied the contest at 2-2 in the second after delivering a bases-loaded single that plated two runs.

After some shaky defense helped Manawa score in the first and second innings off Bonduel starter Nakiyah Henning, the team decided to put Hailey Zernicke in the circle starting in the third.

Thanks to some stellar defense behind her, Zernicke was able to hold their Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division counterparts scoreless the rest of the game, not allowing a hit across those five innings.

“It’s nice to have defense behind you,” said Zernicke. “It gives you a lot more confidence when you’re pitching, and our defense really stepped up tonight — made a lot of big plays. It helped with the mindset in the circle.”

Thompson made several highlight



Bonduel's Audrey Weier looks on after hitting the ball during a regional title game win over Manawa on May 25 in Bonduel.

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reel plays from her shortstop position for the Bears. Third baseman Macy Niles also made her fair share of big plays.

“We kind of just told ourselves that we have to give it everything we got, nothing to lose,” said Niles. “So when we started playing really good defense, then we were able to hit and we brought the momentum up overall, and it was really nice.”

Henning made arguably the top defensive play in the fifth inning in deep left field.

With runners on first and second and only one down, Henning made a spectacular grab on a ball that looked destined to be a three-run homer. The off-balance catch kept runners at first and second, and Zernicke induced a groundout to end the threat.

In the deciding sixth inning, Bonduel was finally able to score some baserunners after stranding several over the course of the contest.

Allison Zernicke walked to start the inning, and then Joselyn Bohm stepped in as courtesy runner. Bonduel attempted to bunt Bohm over to second base, but the bunt attempt was pulled back. Bohm was still able to safely slide into second, and that play helped spark the big inning.

Abby Stoltenow walked before Tatum Sporisky reached on an infield single to load the bases. Thompson singled to bring home Bohm before Hailey Zernicke delivered a two-RBI single, scoring Stoltenow and Sporisky.

After a popup for the first out, Henning reached on a bunt single to load the bases again. Niles was plunked by a pitch to force home Thompson, and then Ella Hischke plated courtesy runner Sarah Garside with a sacrifice flyout.

“We just told ourselves that we had to do it now. You never want to wait until the last inning because you



Bonduel's Tatum Sporisky bats during the team's regional title game win over Manawa on May 25 in Bonduel.

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never know what can happen,” said Niles. “We all just picked each other up, and we were able to do it.”

“Once things are rolling, that’s when the team’s energy is pumping. Everybody is ready to go; everybody is fired up,” said Thompson. “We’re screaming in our dugout. We got a bunch of new cheers, and it’s just the life of the party in the dugout sometimes.”

Thompson made another diving catch to open the seventh inning, and Hailey Zernicke was able to work around a walk to finish off the win for the Bears.

Bonduel will host another CWC-East foe in the next round of playoff action, facing third-seeded Iola-Scan-dinavia on May 30 in Bonduel.

In its first postseason game, the Bears dismantled eighth-seeded Crandon 17-2 in a three-inning contest on May 23 in Bonduel.

Bonduel trailed 2-0 after a half inning before scoring eight runs in their half of the first. Bonduel added eight runs in the second and one in the third.

Stoltenow, Thompson and Allison Zernicke each posted two hits for the Bears, while Stoltenow, Thompson, Allison Zernicke, Sporisky and Henning drove in two runs apiece.

Thompson homered and scored three runs. Stoltenow, Sporisky, Henning, Allison Zernicke and Hailey Zernicke all crossed home plate twice. Henning earned the win in the circle.



Pulaski's Nicole Berna, left, follows through on a swing during the team's playoff win over Green Bay West/East on May 23 in Pulaski.

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Pulaski's Morgan Vertz pitches during the team's playoff win over Green Bay West/East on May 23 in Pulaski.

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Pulaski's Cassie Benberg swings at a pitch during a playoff win over Green Bay West/East on May 23 in Pulaski.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Pulaski earns regional title with walk-off win

Red Raiders prevail against conference foe

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Pulaski High School softball team won a Division 1 regional title on May 25 after topping Fox River Classic Conference foe Bay Port 2-1 in Pulaski.

Third-seeded Pulaski won in dramatic fashion, with Haleigh Oleson scoring the game-winning run on a wild pitch in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"It feels really good," said Oleson of the regional title win. "Bay Port is a tough team, and we showed that we can win against a well-rounded team. It was definitely a total team effort as well; everyone played their role perfectly."

"It also feels good being in the position to win the game for our team and being trusted enough to make the final read on the play. Sharing that final game-winning moment with my teammates was an amazing experience, especially on the back end of a senior season."

Pulaski's other run in the contest came back in the second inning. Paige Abendroth scored that run, also on a wild pitch.

In between the two runs, there was a pitcher's duel between the two conference teams. In the end, it was Pulaski's Morgan Vertz who came out the winner in that battle.

Vertz scattered five hits and worked around one walk in her seven innings of work. She allowed the only run in the fifth inning. Vertz struck out five batters, and 60 of her 90 pitches were strikes.

"Bay Port is a good hitting team, so they definitely made me work

for it, but I definitely couldn't have done it without my defense behind me either," said Vertz. "When the count got full, I just kept telling myself: 'Keep going at them, and your defense will take care of the rest.'"

Pulaski ended up outhitting sixth-seeded Bay Port 7-5 in the contest. Abendroth and Ella Killinger tallied two hits each for the hosts. All seven of the host's hits were singles.

"It is very special for our team to win the regional title because our team has worked day in and day out for this experience," said Abendroth. "Every single one of us shows up to practice every day and works their butt off. We earned this title, and we are very proud of it."

"Winning this regional title I think is a really big confidence boost for our team," said Vertz. "Our defense was on fire, and that's a really good feeling to have going into sectionals on Tuesday (May 30)."

Pulaski will face another conference opponent in that game, battling second-seeded Green Bay Preble in Green Bay.

In the first playoff game for the Red Raiders, they made things look easy on their way to a 15-0 win over 14th-seeded Green Bay West/East on May 23 in Pulaski.

Pulaski scored five runs in the first inning, two in the second, six in the third and two more in the fourth.

Molly Molthen, Cassie Benberg, Nicole Berna and Hailey Wiedeman each delivered two hits for Pulaski. Abendroth scored three runs, while Benberg and Molthen scored twice each.

Vertz and Abendroth teamed up in the circle to post the shutout. Vertz struck out eight batters over the nine outs she got and only allowed one hit. Abendroth struck out a pair to work around a couple hits in her inning of work.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Several area high schools qualify athletes, relays for state

Rogowski,
Kietlinski, Sleeter,
Peterson make it in
multiple events

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Eight area high school track and field teams will be represented at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State Track and Field Championships on June 2-3 at Veterans Memorial Stadium Complex in La Crosse.

Shawano and Pulaski competed in Division 1, where the top four finishers from regionals moved on and then the top three finishers at sectional qualified for state.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood competed in Division 2, while Bonduel, Gillett, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, Suring and Gresham/Bowler all competed in Division 3. The top four finishers from regionals and sectionals moved on and kept their seasons alive.

Division 1

Shawano will be represented at state by three girls individuals and one girls relay team. Pulaski advanced one girl and one boy onto state.

Shawano's 4x800-meter relay team of Adalyn Barkley, Grace Chelberg, Lily Guenther and Bailey Hendricks placed first at sectionals in 9 minutes, 43.14 seconds to move on to state. Maci Beyer and Anabelle Schroeder are the alternates.

That time set a new school record, but still leaves Shawano with the 12th-best seed time in the 12-relay team field heading into state.

Barkley, Chelberg and Guenther also made it to state in individual events.

Chelberg qualified for state in the 800 after breaking her own school record time. Her mark of 2:17.73 in the fourth-best time in the Division 1 field, and she will run in the second section of 800 runners at state.



Lena's Eva Brooks competes in the high jump during the Suring Regional on May 22 in Suring.

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Guenther also broke a school record that she held, finishing the 3,200 in 11:32.1 and qualifying for state in the event. She is seeded 18th in the 24-runner field at state.

Barkley made it to state individu-

ally in the 400 after a sectional time of 1:00.17. She will run in the first of three heat prelim races at state and hope to have one of the top-10 times to make the finals.

Pulaski freshman Olivia Sprang-

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ers advanced to state in the 200 dash after a sectional time of 25.66 seconds. She will race in the first of three heats and advance to the finals with a top-10 time.

Pulaski senior Jack Marsh placed fourth at sectionals in the discus with a throw of 172 feet, 3 inches, but made it to state as an extra qualifier after that mark ranked among the eight best of all sectional performances.

Marsh has the fifth-best throw heading into state, and will throw in the third of three flights.

Division 2

Reese Rogowski and Faith Resch will represent Witt-Birn at the state championships.

Rogowski advanced to state in four individual events, the 100, 200, 400 and long jump. She won sectional titles in the three sprints, while taking third in the long jump.

Rogowski posted a time of 12.32 seconds in the 100. She is tied for the fourth-best mark heading into state, and will compete in the second of two heat prelim races. If she places in the top 10 in the prelim, she'll advance to the finals.

The Witt-Birn senior has a seed time of 25.08 in the 200 and will again be in the second heat of the prelims. Her time is behind just four runners going into state.

Rogowski won sectionals in the 400 with a time of 56.49 seconds. That is the top seed time going into state, and she will compete in the second of two heat prelims.

Rogowski owns a seed distance of 17-1½ in the long jump. That puts her in the second of two flights and trailing six other jumpers heading into state.

Resch qualified for state in the 300 hurdles, placing third at sectionals in 46.28.

Resch is part of the first of two heat prelims and will need to place in the top 10 to advance to the finals. She is seeded seventh going into state.

Division 3

Bonduel will send two boys and one girl to state, along with a girls relay team. Gillett had one boy and a boys relay team at state, while Lena/STAA is sending a boy and girl to La Crosse. Suring will send one girl to state, while Gresham/Bowler sends one boy to state.

Emmitt Kietlinski will represent the Gresham/Bowler co-op in La Crosse. He made it to state after a sectional title in the high jump and third-place finish in the triple jump.

Kietlinski cleared 6-6 in the high jump, which is the second-best mark going into state, trailing the top jumper by an inch.

The senior's mark of 43-1 in the triple jump has him in the second flight of jumpers at state. Just six athletes own a better seed mark than Kietlinski.

Suring's Christine Sleeter is also in two individual events at state, the pole vault and high jump.

She placed second at sectionals in the pole vault after clearing 10 feet. She trails only six athletes' marks going into state.

Sleeter came in fifth at sectionals in the high jump after clearing 5-2, but advanced to state as an extra qualifier. She is tied with seven other high jumpers at 5-2, and only seven athletes have



Bonduel's Karter Schroeder clears a height in the high jump during the Suring Regional on May 22 in Suring.

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a higher mark, all within three inches.

One of Sleeter's competitors in the high jump is Lena's Eva Brooks.

The sophomore placed second at sectionals after clearing 5-4. That mark is tied for second best among the state qualifiers, with the leader just an inch away.

Anthony Seefeldt is the other Lena athlete going to La Crosse.

He'll compete in the shot put after taking third at sectionals with a top throw of 46-10½. Seefeldt is in the first flight of throwers.

Bonduel's Ryan Westrich is one of Seefeldt's competitors in the shot put. He claimed fourth at sectionals after a toss of 46-8¼. Westrich will throw right before Seefeldt at state.

Karter Schroeder is the other Bonduel boys athlete at state, making it in the high jump after taking third at sectionals with a mark of 6 feet. Schroeder is tied with five other leapers at that mark, and they trail eight others going into state.

Mariah Wondra will represent the Bonduel girls in the 3,200. She took

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second at sectionals in 12:06.3. She's seeded 14th in the 16-runner state field.

Wondra is also part of the girls 4x800 relay team that made state after taking third at sectionals in 10:16.71. Kendra Troxel, Ashlyn Kurey and Cierra Schnell form the rest of the relay, while Hailey Berg serves as an alternate. The relay team will run in the first of two sections at state.

Gillett's Alex Peterson will have a busy time at state, competing in the 1,600 and 3,200 as an individual and also running with the 4x800 relay team.

Peterson came in fourth at sectionals in the 1,600 (4:30.84) and 3,200 (9:48.93). He's seeded fifth in the 3,200 and eighth in the 1,600 going into state.

The boys 4x800 relay, which is rounded out by Evan Peterson, Bradyn Wendorff and Ben Matczak, with Scott Herroux and Nash Stange as alternates, was first at sectionals with a time of 8:15.85.

The relay team is seeded third before state and will run in the second of two sections.

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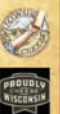
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Anvelink crowned king in Late Model special

VanStraten wins another IMCA Stock Car feature

By JOE ORSINI

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A field of 104 cars found their way into the pits for the Raddant Electric WABAM Dirt Kings Late Model Tour Special on May 27 at Shawano Speedway.

Nick Anvelink was crowned king of the Late Model race, which included 28 drivers.

Anvelink and Taylor Scheffler led the field to the green flag, with Anvelink taking the lead and Scheffler, Joel Bennett and Todd Frank in pursuit.

Caution flew on the next lap as Bill Edler and Derek Janke made contact in turn four. On the restart, Anvelink continued to lead as Scheffler and Frank made contact in turn two, bringing out the caution.

On the restart, Anvelink continued to pace the field as Bennett, Troy Springborn and Mike Mullen pursued. Anvelink pulled away to a 4.603 second lead on Bennett and started to lap the tail of the field. Bennett worked to narrow the gap on Anvelink as the caution came out just past halfway.

Springborn worked to the inside of Bennett on the restart as Anvelink led. Anvelink went on to win his first Late Model tour race of the season.

The IMCA Modified feature saw the ageless wonder Jerry Muenster start on the pole. When the green dropped though, outside polesitter, Nicholas Holtger, launched into the early lead while Jeremie Hedrick put his familiar C19 machine into the runner-up spot.

That lead duo set the pace for the first nine laps until caution flew. The ensuing restart had Holtger lead Hedrick, Jordan Bartz, Lucas Lamberies and Marcus Yarie back to racing speeds.

Lamberies and Bartz wasted no time and worked to the front where they traded the top spot back and forth. Lamberies eventually locked up sole possession of the lead and held on when the double checkers flew.



Nick Anvelink won the WABAM Dirt Kings Late Model Tour race on May 27 at Shawano Speedway.

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While a king was crowned in the Late Models, Travis VanStraten proved to still be the ruler of the IMCA Stock Cars.

Travis Welch took full advantage of his front row starting spot to grab the lead at the drop of the green. His time at the top of the field was short lived as VanStraten knifed through the field to the lead.

With VanStraten comfortably holding the point, the battle behind him got hot and heavy. Dan Michonski worked his way through the field and into the runner-up spot by lap seven.

The second place positioning came under heavy fire as Kyle Frederick ran up to third and put his 50F machine to work on the low side, hugging the infield tires while Michonski tickled the tulips on the high side. The pair waged a door-to-door war until disaster struck on lap 17 when the duo tried to run side by side inside a lap car in turn three.

The resulting contact sent both racers into a spin, with Michonski

coming out the worse for wear and retiring from the event while Frederick would restart at the tail of the field. The restart with three laps to go saw VanStraten lead Vern Stedjee, Shawn "Lunchbox" Wagner and Tyler Wendt back to green flag conditions.

VanStraten picked up where he left off and topped the final circuits of the race.

Tyler Sobiesczyk could argue for the title of prince of the Half Mile with a dominating performance in the IMCA Northern Sport Mod A Main event. The driver known as T-Sob dropped the hammer at the green and shot into the lead immediately.

Max Oreskovich tried to play usurper to the throne as he raced his 75 car from eighth into the second spot by lap four.

When caution flew on lap 12, it looked as if Oreskovich had the opportunity to give Sobiesczyk a fight as that pair led JJ Vanderloop, Jeffery Teske and Dustin Wudstrack back to speed.

Oreskovich, however, fell prey to the restart as Teske worked past him. That pair fought each other

over the closing laps, with Oreskovich grabbing the runner-up spot with three laps to go.

Sobiesczyk led from green to checkers while Oreskovich ran out of time to run him down.

The Shawano Mighty 4s might have saved the best for last with their feature event.

On the initial start, Clint Malueg, Cody Bierman and Lexi Michonski raced each other hard down the backstretch with contact sending Michonski into a spin that ended with a hard impact along the inner wall.

Take two on the start had Bailey Tate lead the opening lap but Brad Wedde slid into the top spot on lap three of the event. The red flag flew a second time in the event on lap seven when Tanner Pari saw a top-five run end with a hard hit into the turn four wall.

When the action resumed, Wedde led Jason Stueck, Tanner Westphal and Carl King back to racing speeds. Westphal wrestled away the top spot on lap eight but Wedde grabbed it right back on the following lap and did not look back on the way to victory lane.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wisconsin sets home-and-home series with Arizona

Badgers will play in Tucson in 2023 and host Wildcats in 2024

The Wisconsin men's basketball team announced on May 22 that it has agreed to a home-and-home series with Arizona, adding an exciting matchup to its schedule for both the 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons.

The Badgers are scheduled to travel to Tucson to face the Wildcats on Dec. 9. Arizona is set to make its first-ever appearance in Madison for a matchup at the Kohl Center on Nov. 15, 2024.

"We're really excited to get this great home-and-home series with Arizona," head coach Greg Gard said. "We've had some memorable matchups in recent years with the Wildcats, and we're looking forward to adding on to what has been a great series."

"Part of what makes college basketball so great is having big-time games in on-campus venues, and I

love that we can schedule these for the fans in Tucson and Madison. We've always tried to challenge our team in the nonconference, and facing a program like Arizona will certainly help prepare us for the rigorous Big Ten."

Wisconsin holds a 5-2 all-time series lead over Arizona, having won three straight games that includes back-to-back NCAA tournament wins over the Wildcats in 2014 and 2015. The Badgers also earned a 65-61 win over Arizona in the 2009 Maui Invitational.

The two programs have also played games in Philadelphia (2006), Salt Lake City (2000) and Los Angeles (1966). The first-ever meeting in the all-time series dates back to a 1962 matchup in Arizona, which remains the only on-campus meeting between the two programs.

Last season, Arizona finished with a 28-7 overall record, winning the Pac-12 Tournament before securing a No. 2 seed in the 2023 NCAA Tournament. The Wildcats return first-team All-Pac 12 center Oumar Ballo, who

averaged 14.2 points and 8.6 rebounds last year, along with Pac-12 All-Freshman honoree Kylan Boswell and guard Pelle Larsson. Arizona is led by Tommy Lloyd, the 2022 Associated Press National Coach of the Year, who holds a 61-11 career record coaching two seasons at Arizona.

Wisconsin returns a number of its rotation players in 2023-24, including its entire starting five, from a team

that advanced to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) semifinals last season in Las Vegas. All-Big Ten honorable mention point guard Chucky Hepburn, All-Big Ten freshman Connor Essegian, fifth-year senior Tyler Wahl, Steven Crowl and Max Klesmit all return after starting last year. Gard, a two-time Big Ten coach of the year, begins his ninth season leading the Badgers in 2023-24.

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Five teams, one individual qualify for sectionals

Lena wins regional title

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Five area high school boys golf teams and one individual qualified for sectionals after regional action last week.

Lena, Bonduel, Oconto Falls, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Pulaski all moved on as teams, while Marion's Sam Gueths advanced as an individual.

Lena and Bonduel placed in the top four at the Division 3 Bonduel Regional on May 23 to advance on to sectionals.

Lena posted a team score of 332 to win the regional, which was held at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil. Bonduel placed second with a mark of 344. Gillett took seventh with a score of 419.

Lena's Drake Dionne tied for the top individual score at the regional with a 78.

"The main thing to doing well in anything in life is to just have fun, and I took that out onto the course with me. And I just started swinging great, and the ball dropped," said Dionne. "I'd have to give it up to my assistant coach Kenny (Leuer) though; he walked with me a good portion of the round and just kept me in a great mood the whole day and kept things really fun."

Braden McVane and Mason Belongia each carded 83s for the Wildcats.

Mason Spice posted a round of 88, while Evan VanderZanden tallied a 95 to fill out Lena's team.

"It means a lot to win regionals, not only to me but to our whole team," said Dionne. "We have worked our butts off night after night, and I think I can speak for the others and say it doesn't stop here. We are coming into sectionals and looking to go win. Hopefully this is just the beginning of many more wins to come."

Bonduel was paced by Jake Drey-

er's round of 81. Jaxon Bogacz tallied an 84, while Colin Margelofsky posted a round of 88.

Colin Fischer and Reed Luepke each posted 91s to round out Bonduel's five-golfer team.

"I see getting second as a team as a great place to start in the postseason," said Dreyer. "We fought through and shot our season low with room for improvement."

"We still have a lot of work to do to make it to state, but our team sees it as a certain possibility to make it. We will be working extra hard as a team this whole week to hopefully show our best stuff at sectionals. We certainly have some hefty competition ahead of us, but I know we are plenty good as a team to compete."

Lena and Bonduel golfed at the Crivitz Sectional on May 30 at Hunter's Glen Golf Club in Crivitz.

Gillett's Aydin Franti narrowly missed an individual spot at sectionals after tallying a round of 100.

Elsa Limberg (105), Tyler Frank (106), Katelyn Sturm (108) and Laney DeBauch (115) also golfed for Gillett.

Oconto Falls and Wittenberg-Birnamwood each qualified for sectionals after placing in the top four at the Division 2 Amherst Regional on May 22 at Glacier Woods Golf Club in Iola.

Oconto Falls placed third with a total score of 368, while Witt-Birn was fourth with a mark of 372. Menominee Indian/Gresham placed 10th as a team with a mark of 510.

Oconto Falls was led on the course by Kadyn Riel, who tallied an 18-hole round of 85.

Trevor Metzler and Caden Leonhardt each carded rounds of 93 for the Panthers. Mathew Behnke (97) and Cy Vizelka (98) rounded out the five-golfer team.

"Feels great — senior year and lots of work put in lead to success. Can't complain at all," said Metzler. "Hopefully the team can get on a roll and keep it going during sectionals."

Joey Seegmiller and Dylan Resch led Witt-Birn in Iola with rounds of 86.



Lena's Drake Dionne looks on after taking a shot during the Bonduel Regional on May 23 at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil.

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Owen Schultz fired a 97 for the Chargers. August Barke (103) and George Seegmiller (109) filled out the team.

"We are more than happy to be moving on to sectionals," said Resch. "We were also very surprised to have placed fourth at our regional. None of our team really shot a great round."

"Me and our No. 1 Joey Seegmiller were shooting very well but struggled

with our last few holes. We are currently working things out at the course this week, and we are all looking forward and hoping to post a few good rounds next week at Hilly Haven (Golf Course)."

Oconto Falls and Witt-Birn competed at the Wrightstown Sectional on May 30.

Gryffin Hoffman led the Menominee Indian/Gresham co-op with a



Bonduel's Colin Fischer takes a shot during the Bonduel Regional on May 23 at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil.

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round of 117. Cierra Ninham (129), Jefferson Hoffman (131), Kaidyen Zaitz (133) and Porter Hoffman (142) were the other four golfers for the co-op.

Pulaski qualified for sectionals after placing third at the Division 1 Notre Dame Regional on May 23 at Northbrook Country Club in Luxemburg.

Pulaski posted a team score of 334, finishing behind De Pere (298) and Bay Port (324). Notre Dame (335) placed fourth to also advance to sectionals as a team. Shawano placed eighth at the regional with a mark of 403.

Connor Burant led Pulaski on the course with an 18-hole round of 80. Brady Hayward carded an 82, while Colin Schultz posted a round of 84.

Dylan Carley (88) and Dixon Holewinski (89) capped the five-golfer team.

Carley said that placing third at the regional to qualify for sectionals means everything to him and his team. He added that it shows the team's "hard work and dedication has paid off, and that we are capable of achieving great things."

Carley also said it gives the team "pride and motivation to continue to work hard and improve as a team" and that the squad is excited to keep competing.

Pulaski competed in the Notre Dame Sectional on May 30 at Thornberry Creek at Oneida.

Shawano was led by Tucker Pyatskowitz's round of 98. Luke Guenther tallied a 100.

Braden Barkley posted a round of 102, while Jon Jumonville and Aidan Miesbauer each carded 103s.

Gueths qualified for sectionals as an individual after turning in a strong round at the Division 3 Marathon Regional on May 23 at Pine Valley Golf Course in Marathon City.

Gueths tallied a round of 96, which tied him for 13th place as an individual. That round was tied with three other golfers for the second-best individual score outside of the top-four teams, so Gueths punched a spot at sectionals.

"For me, making sectionals means a lot. I have been chasing this since my freshman year when I missed qualifying by three strokes," said Gueths. "Finally making it proves that the hard work and my commitment to golf is paying off."

Gueths competed at the Crivitz Sectional on May 30 at Hunter's Glen Golf Club in Crivitz. Results from all sectional golf meets can be found online at www.newmedia-wi.com and will appear in the June 9 edition of the paper.

Edward Schoen (110), Gracie Grogan (123), Owen Spiegel (131) and Cameron Buss (133) rounded out Marion's five-golfer team.

Marion placed ninth as a team with a score of 460. St. Mary Catholic (343), Newman Catholic (344), Marathon (382) and Manawa (400) advanced to sectionals as teams.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

4 area teams win regional quarterfinals

6 teams eliminated

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Four area high school baseball teams earned regional quarterfinal playoff wins on May 25.

In Division 2, sixth-seeded Shawano earned a 12-2 win in five innings over 11th-seeded Sturgeon Bay in Shawano. Oconto Falls, a No. 12 seed, fell 1-0 to No. 5 Wrightstown in Wrightstown.

At the Division 3 level of play, fourth-seeded Wittenberg-Birnawood eliminated 13th-seeded Gillett/Suring after a 10-0 win in Wittenberg, while fifth-seeded Bonduel was a 12-2 winner in five innings against No. 12 Manawa in Bonduel. Menominee Indian, a No. 14 seed, was topped 13-0 in five innings by third-seeded Amherst in Amherst.

Lena was the lone area team to win in Division 4, with the seventh-seeded Wildcats prevailing 6-1 over No. 10 Wild Rose in Lena. Seventh-seeded Bowler was upset 8-2 by 10th-seeded Newman Catholic in Bowler, No. 11 Gresham fell 9-3 to No. 6 Wausaukee in Wausaukee and No. 9 Tigerton lost 10-0 in five innings against No. 8 Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy in Green Bay.

Shawano fell behind 2-0 right away in its game against Sturgeon Bay, but the team scored seven times in the second inning, three more times in the third and twice in the fourth to roll to the win.

Ashton Henning and Crew Weisnicht each drove in three runs for Shawano, with Henning also scoring twice. Pete Bruette and Warner Beyer both scored two runs each, while Carsen Herm drove in a pair.

Henning earned the win on the mound, striking out 10 batters over five innings.

Shawano will next face No. 3 Little Chute on May 30 in Little Chute.

In Oconto Falls' battle against Wrightstown, the hosts scored with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning for the game's lone run.

Oconto Falls was limited to three hits as a team. Zach Moody singled and walked to get on base twice.

Jack Adler was dealt the tough loss on the hill, with the run against him being unearned. He struck out eight batters along the way.

Witt-Birn jumped out to an 8-0 lead after an inning and never looked



Witt-Birn's Mason Meverden pitches during the team's playoff win over Gillett/Suring on May 25 in Wittenberg.

TINA BACON

back in its win over Gillett/Suring.

Ian Salvesen, Mason Meverden and Nathan Waupenkenay each posted two hits for the Chargers. David Gauderman drove in three runs, while Zandyr Barke and Owen Dickman scored two runs each.

Meverden pitched the first two innings, striking out three and allowing just one hit. Hayden Miller worked the final three frames, striking out two and allowing two hits.

Austin VandeCorput had two of Gillett/Suring's three hits. Ethan Lally and Carter Whisman pitched for the co-op.

Bonduel rallied from an early 2-0 deficit against Manawa. The Bears scored six runs in the first and five more in the second to run away with the game.

Noah Weier pitched all five innings for Bonduel, striking out nine batters along the way.

Beckett Hartlaben delivered a three-RBI triple for the Bears in the first frame. Karson Stoss drove in two runs on three hits, while Hartlaben finished with two hits and four RBIs. Easton Reinke chipped in two hits.

Bonduel and Witt-Birn will battle in the next round on May 30 in Wittenberg.

Lena scored three runs in the first and fourth innings to prevail against Wild Rose.

Logan Graef scored a pair of runs for Lena, while Josh Kristof, Colt Miller and Dane Comins each drove in a run.

Tyler Shallow earned the win on the mound, allowing an unearned run

over six hitless innings. He walked three batters while striking out 10. Graef tossed a scoreless seventh to finish off the no-hitter for Lena.

Lena will head to No. 2 Pacelli for its next postseason game on May 30 in Stevens Point.

In Bowler's loss to Newman Catholic, the visitors scored all their runs between the third and fifth innings.

Beau Brunner tallied three of Bowler's six hits in the contest. He and Gage Wanta scored the team's runs.

Danian Schultz took the loss on the mound after striking out three batters over four innings. Brunner worked the other three innings.

No statistics were available for the Menominee Indian, Gresham or Tigerton playoff contests.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Shawano's No. 1 doubles team qualifies for state

Buerman, Sheldon placed fourth at sectionals to advance

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Shawano Community High School's George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon qualified for state as a No. 1 doubles team after a strong week of play at subsectionals and sectionals.

Buerman and Sheldon placed fourth during the Division 1 Notre Dame Sectional on May 25 in Green Bay to qualify for state. The duo advanced to sectionals after winning a match at the Division 1 Notre Dame Subsectional on May 22 in Green Bay.

"It is very special for Tristan and I to qualify for state. We have been motivated and encouraged well by our parents and coaches," said Buerman. "A great motivator for Tristan and I was to get coach (Matt) Zoll to state for the first time — he has played an important role in developing us as players."

"To qualify for state means so much to us because we know what it means to our coaches," said Sheldon. "Our coaches had never qualified for state tennis until now so it means a lot for us as well as them."

At subsectionals, Buerman and Sheldon earned a 6-3, 6-0 win over Green Bay Preble to advance on.

"At subsectionals on Monday, we were put against a team that had beaten us just the weekend before," said Sheldon. "We knew that we would have to beat them in order to advance but we were confident in our ability to play."

In the duo's state-qualifying match at sectionals, they faced off against a strong duo from Kimberly.

Buerman and Sheldon won that match 6-2, 1-6, 11-9 to punch their ticket to state.

"We knew Kimberley was a great team but we knew that it was win or go home which definitely helped our focus," said Sheldon. "Beating Kimberley in a third set tiebreak was the greatest accomplishment of mine and George's tennis careers."

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More state boys tennis information can be found at www.wiaawi.org/Sports/Spring/Boys-Tennis/Tournament.

"Kimberly had a very strong one doubles and it came down to staying in points and keeping rallies," said Buerman.

Qualifying for state was an accomplishment the Shawano duo just achieved, but the work to get to this point started a year ago.

"George and I have been preparing this moment as soon as we lost at sectionals last year," said Sheldon. "We knew in order to have a chance at state this year, we would need to have a very productive off-season. This winter we played a lot at Western Racquet, which is where sectionals (and subsectionals) was held this year. This definitely helped in the fact that we knew how to play indoors."

"Tristan and I have played very well together this season," said Buerman. "We have a lot of trust in each other and our play styles compliment each other's abilities."

In the duo's second match at sectionals, they fell 6-0, 6-2 to eventual champion Notre Dame. Buerman and Sheldon were topped 6-2, 6-3 by a duo from West De Pere in the third-place match.

The Shawano pair are set to open state at 12:45 p.m. on June 1 against Madison LaFollette. State matches are being played at Nielsen Stadium in Madison.

Buerman and Sheldon head to state with their goals lined up and eager to show what they can do.

"Tristan and I expect to be competitive against every opponent we play and keep a good mindset throughout the tournament," said Buerman. "For this to happen we need to not back off the intensity in this week of practices leading up to state."

"At state this Thursday, our goal is to be very competitive with whatever teams are thrown at us," said Sheldon. "In the end, win or lose, it is very special for us to be able to give our coaches this experience, and we look forward to being able to use this opportunity to grow as players."

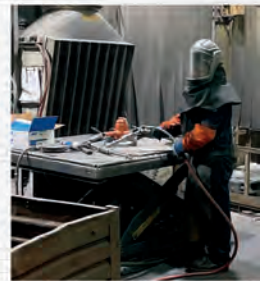
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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

5 area teams eliminated in regional semifinals

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Five area softball teams were eliminated after losses in regional semifinal playoff games on May 23.

Fifth-seeded Oconto Falls was topped 1-0 by fourth-seeded Marinette in Marinette. Fourth-seeded Wittenberg-Birnamwood fell 13-4 to fifth-seeded Wrightstown in Wittenberg, while seventh-seeded Gillett/Suring was defeated 10-0 by second-seeded Amherst.

Fifth-seeded Tigerton lost 13-3 at fourth-seeded Wild Rose, while seventh-seeded St. Thomas Aquinas Academy/Lena was eliminated after a 17-2 loss at second-seeded Florence.

In Oconto Falls' loss to Marinette, each team was limited to three hits. The hosts scored the only run in the third inning after a dropped third strike with two outs.

Ashlyn Allen posted two of Oconto Falls' hits, with Amelia Danielczak providing the other. Lily Kurek was dealt the loss in the circle after pitching all seven innings. She struck out four batters along the way.

Witt-Birn was outthit 14-8 and committed five errors in its season-ending loss.

The Chargers led 4-1 entering the fourth inning before Wrightstown scored six runs. The visitors added a run in the fifth, four in the sixth and one in the seventh to pull away.

Rory Salvesen, Brieleigh Ladika and Lillian Lemieux all recorded two hits for Witt-Birn. Salvesen stole three bases.

Jami Wendler took the loss in the circle after working all game. She struck out six batters. Only five of the runs she allowed in the game

were earned.

Tigerton also committed five errors in its six-inning playoff loss to Wild Rose.

Jessalyn Zimdars, Skyler Hauser and Abby Swartz each had two hits for the Tigers, while Zimdars also scored two runs.

Hauser took the loss in the circle after pitching all game. Six of the runs she allowed were unearned.

No statistics were available from the STAA/Lena and Gillett/Suring playoff losses.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

UW-Eau Claire

Suring High School graduate Mitch Stegeman was the top finisher in the men's decathlon during the NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships on May 25-27.

Stegeman, who competes for UW-Eau Claire, scored 7,165 points, with the second-place finisher at 7,079 points.

Stegeman won the discus (39.31 meters) and pole vault (4.7 meters).



MITCH STEGEMAN

He placed second in the long jump (6.89 meters) and third in the javelin throw (54.82 meters).

Stegeman was the fifth-place finisher in the 1,500-meter run (4 minutes, 39.4 seconds) and high

jump (1.87 meters). The Suring grad finished eighth in the 100 (11.27), ninth

in the 110 hurdles (15.92) and shot put (11.96 meters) and 13th in the 400 (51.9).

UW-La Crosse

Oconto Falls pitched in both of the UW-La Crosse baseball team's super regional wins against UW-Stevens Point over the weekend.

Bouche earned the win in UWL's 10-7 victory on May 26, striking out four batters over 2 1/3 innings. He surrendered two hits and two walks.

He allowed two runs in an inning of work in the team's 16-10 win



TUCKER BOUCHE

on May 27. He allowed two hits, while walking none and striking out two.

With its wins, UWL earned a spot in the NCAA Division III World Series. Bouche and the team will head to Cedar

Rapids, Iowa to play in the world series from June 2-8.

BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

East-West Division

Clintonville 15

Neopit 4

Clintonville eased to a home win over Neopit on May 26.

Jason Schneider led Clintonville with three hits, including a home run, and four RBIs. Keenan Doornink drove in two runs, while Jaden Doornink earned the win after striking out nine batters over seven innings.

Wendell Waukau Jr. homered and drove in three runs for Neopit. Jamison Besaw took the loss on the hill.

Tigerton 13

Tilleda 3

Tigerton knocked off Tilleda on May 28 in Tigerton.

Taylor Mandich led Tigerton with four hits, while Colby Wanta had three. Paul Sellner and Pat Pro-

voast each homered, while Sellner, Dylan Berg and Austin Hoffman all had two hits.

Sellner also was the winning pitcher. Zach Fehrman was tagged with the loss on the mound.

Fehrman and Landon Kroening each had two hits for Tilleda.

Caroline 10

Leopolis 1

Caroline topped Leopolis on May 28 in Leopolis.

Justin Reminger paced Caroline with three hits, while Klay Barkow had two. Reminger also was the winning pitcher.

Tommy Stueck had two hits for Leopolis. Logan Simonson was the losing pitcher.

Little Falls 11

Marion 0

Little Falls rolled to a win over Marion on May 28 in Marion.

Carter Kurki earned the win on the hill for Little Falls. Drew Radies

and Kyle Finger had three hits each, while Jenner Gullixon and Nate Korb had two each.

Jared Sonnenberg took the loss for Marion, which was limited to three hits.

Gresham 13

Shawano 0 (7 inn.)

Gresham eased past Shawano in a May 28 contest in Gresham.

Paul Murphy earned the win on the mound, striking out nine along the way. Joe Ejnik led Gresham with three hits, while Lukas Pecore and Murphy had two hits each. Chase Quinney had an inside-the-park homer.

Jacob Springborn was the losing pitcher for Shawano, which had just one hit.

Northern Division

Hatley 12

Wittenberg 2

Hatley picked up a win over Wittenberg on May 26 in Wittenberg,

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Visit www.bababaseball.com/index.html for up-to-date standings and statistics from the BABA.

Hayden Davidowski tallied five of Hatley's 18 hits. Braxton Olsen tallied four hits, while Tanner Kocher, Kodie Kocher and Nick Cotter all had two knocks.

John Breske was the winning pitcher, while Simon Stewart was tagged with the loss.

Antigo/Polar 8

Eland 4

Antigo/Polar doubled up Eland on May 28 in Antigo.

Eli Fleischman homered among his three hits to lead Antigo/Polar. Neil Bretl Jr. also had three hits, while AJ Kirsch had two hits. Isaac Bixby was the winning pitcher.

Shane Larson homered and had two hits for Eland. Tyler Nelson also had two hits, but also took the loss on the mound.



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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Shawano falls to Xavier in final Bay match

Popelka nets host's lone goal

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School girls soccer team had thoughts of avenging an early-season loss to Xavier, but a sluggish start doomed Shawano in a 6-1 Bay Conference Tournament loss on May 23 in Shawano.

Xavier scored two goals in the first 7 minutes, 10 seconds and Shawano was never able to recover.

Shawano got several shots on goal throughout the contest, but only Trinity Popelka was able to sneak one in.

"It's frustrating because we're better than what we showed to-night," said Shawano coach Emily Stepanek. "We battled them and lost 2-1 at their place and played with them the whole 80 minutes (on April 18). I don't know (what happened tonight) — it's the end of the year, graduation, they are tired. We've got our bodies back, so that's a good thing — you play with what you got and hope you show up."

Xavier had the first good look on goal about three minutes in, with a shot glancing off the left post. About 30 seconds later, the visitors scored after a scramble in front of the net.

Shawano goalie Brynlie Boyles made a save in the fifth minute of play before Shawano put together a strong push on the other end. Xavier's keeper was able to grab the ball before Shawano could attempt a shot on goal.

Xavier pushed the ball the other way and scored again at the 7:10 mark to make it 2-0.

"So all year marking has been a problem for us. So it's just a lot of communication where we will have a mark and we'll switch marks and the other person won't switch, so we'll have two on one," said Popelka. "Those through balls that they were hitting were really just miscommunications on our half. Those goals in the first seven minutes were errors on our half for not marking and bad communication."

"Our midfield definitely didn't have very much communication, along with the rest of our team," said Shawano's Adison Moesch.



Shawano goalie Brynlie Boyles dives on a shot attempt by Xavier during a Bay Conference Tournament loss on May 23 in Shawano.

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"We lost our shape and that's why they were open and had those shots. Definitely two goals right off the bat, it doesn't help the vibe of our team."

Shawano had a couple opportunities to change momentum over the next 10 or so minutes of play, but an Adrienne Rekow shot was saved and another attempt from the hosts sailed over the top of the post.

The hosts had another good advance near the 27:45 mark, but a pass in front of the Xavier net didn't have a Shawano player in position to try and knock a shot in. Xavier then quickly pushed the ball the other way before scoring at the 28-minute mark.

Shawano had a couple other solid chances to score in the first half, but Xavier was able to turn them away.

Boyles made a couple key saves

early in the second half before Popelka scored at the 44:26 mark to bring Shawano back within two goals.

The goal was a high-arching shot that got over the Xavier keeper's head and snuck in just below the top bar. It came off a throw in, with Moesch getting credit for an assist on the score.

"It was more like a we need momentum moment, so I kind of just ripped (a shot) and it just so happened to fall into the net," said Popelka of the play. "It was a good shot but it was more like a shot in the dark to try and get us some momentum going."

Xavier took any momentum Shawano gained right back with a goal at the 45:46 mark.

Shawano continued to battle until the final whistle, with Moesch,

Rekow and Popelka getting some shots on goal, but the hosts couldn't score again. Boyles also made several saves in the final half, even after getting dinged up on one save.

Xavier put the game away for good with goals at the 63:40 and 75:06 marks.

Shawano finished 2-1 in its three Bay Conference Tournament matches. Shawano topped Green Bay West 8-0 and New London 9-3 in its other two matches.

"I think our heads got a little big after the fact that we beat the other teams pretty bad," said Moesch. "I think we thought that since we held Xavier last time, we thought that we were going to win, but obviously that wasn't the case."

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Green Bay selected to host 2025 NFL Draft

The NFL announced May 22 that the 2025 NFL Draft will take place in Green Bay inside and around iconic Lambeau Field and Tittletown.

The announcement was made at the NFL Spring League Meeting in Minneapolis, following a review of the proposal by the Fan Engagement and Major Events Advisory Committee and full ownership.

"The draft has become a prominent offseason event hosted in different cities with spectacular locations across the country, and we are excited to work with the Packers and Discover Green Bay to bring the 2025 NFL Draft to Green Bay and iconic Lambeau Field," said NFL Commissioner Roger

Goodell. "With the help of numerous local partners on the ground, our prospects and fans will be treated to an incredible week-long experience that shows off the city of Green Bay and the state of Wisconsin."

The NFL's most prominent and anticipated offseason event, the draft will bring together fans from all over the country to celebrate. The festivities will include several days of activities throughout Green Bay and will feature the NFL Draft Experience — a massive free football festival — near Lambeau Field to allow fans of all teams to participate and test their football skills, enjoy interactive exhibits and autograph sessions, and take pictures with

the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

"This is an incredible day for the Packers, Greater Green Bay and the entire state of Wisconsin as we are excited and honored to be selected to host the 2025 NFL Draft," said Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy. "The Packers have a rich and proud history that goes back to the early days of the NFL and are the only community-owned team. That connection to our league's heritage combined with the great passion Packers fans will bring will make the draft a memorable event for those in attendance and NFL fans watching around the world."

"Today's announcement is the result of years of hard work by our draft

committee, particularly Gabrielle Dow from the Packers and Brad Toll from Discover Green Bay. Their tireless efforts putting together a bid and a plan to host the draft here, as well as the extraordinary support we've received from our community partners, has created this unprecedented opportunity to showcase our community. We couldn't be more excited to host the 2025 NFL Draft."

While details of the 2025 NFL Draft are still being finalized, the main portion of the event is expected to take place on the Lambeau Field and Tittletown campus, with a variety of venues to be utilized within close proximity to the stadium campus.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BASEBALL

Marion 11

Markesan 4

Marion topped Markesan in a nonconference clash on May 25 in Markesan.

Jaden Stuhr drove in four runs on three hits to power Marion at the plate. Stuhr also earned the win on the mound, striking out eight batters over three innings.

Logan Zietlow drove in three runs for the Mustangs, while Brandon Peterson drove in a pair. Nick Malueg led the team with three runs scored, while Ryan Malueg and Jackson Krohn scored twice each.

Ryan Malueg and Jay Brei each pitched two innings to help Marion seal up its win.

Pulaski 8

West De Pere 5

Pulaski topped West De Pere in a nonconference matchup on May 23 in De Pere.

Jacob McDonald drove in four runs on two hits to power Pulaski at the plate. Michael Molthen added two RBIs on two hits. Caden Rybicki and Kyle Olson both finished with two hits and two runs scored.

Logan Brabant earned the win after working 4 1/3 innings and striking out three batters. Braeden Eron got the next five outs before Michael Wyent worked the final inning.

Bonduel 10

Wey-Fre 0 (5 inn.)

Bonduel eased past Weyauwega-

Fremont in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division contest on May 23 in Weyauwega.

Charlie Tauchen pitched all five innings to earn the win, striking out four batters and allowing just one hit.

Noah Weier and Cade Johnson delivered two hits each for the Bears. Brodie Hartmann cleared the bases with a triple in the third inning.

Witt-Birn 8

Spencer 1

Wittenberg-Birnamwood picked up a nonconference win over Spencer on May 23 in Wittenberg. The Chargers scored all eight runs in the opening three innings.

Mason Meverden tallied two hits for Witt-Birn, while six different players drove in a run.

Chris Sippl got the win on the mound after striking out four batters over five innings. Bryson Schmid struck out four more over the final two frames.

Marion 10

Wey-Fre 3

Marion rolled to a CWC cross-over win over Weyauwega-Fremont on May 22 in Weyauwega.

Jay Brei drove in three runs on three hits for Marion, while Jaden Stuhr and Ryan Malueg each drove in a pair on two hits. Nick Malueg scored three runs, while Stuhr scored twice.

Stuhr earned the win after striking out eight batters over three innings. Ryan Malueg worked three innings before Nick Malueg got three outs.

Witt-Birn 5

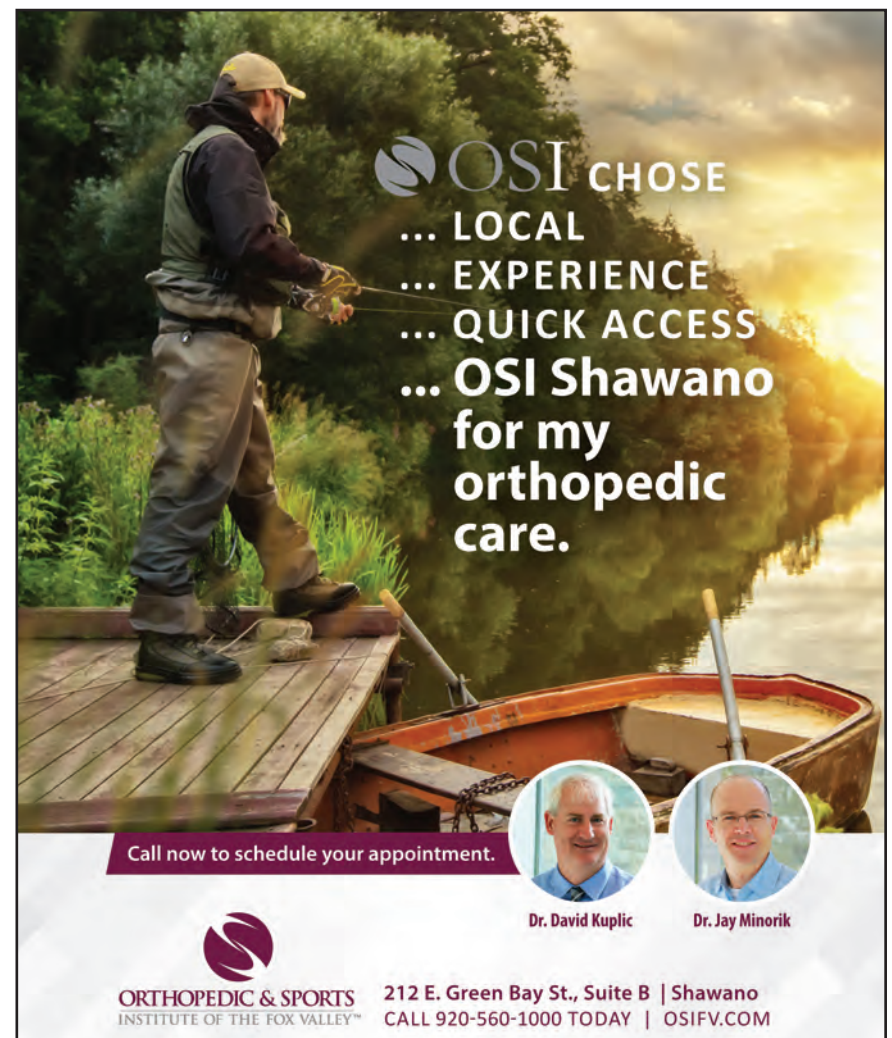
Bonduel 2

Witt-Birn earned a share of the CWC-East title after topping Bonduel on May 22 in Wittenberg.

Chase Krull drove in two runs to lead Witt-Birn at the plate. Nathan

Waupekenay earned the win after striking out six batters over four innings. Mason Meverden got the save after working three scoreless innings.

Noah Weier hit a two-run home run to provide Bonduel's runs. Cade Johnson took the loss on the mound.



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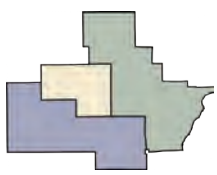
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High school students work to
beautify Shawano outdoors

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Alexander Bellingrath works to loosen plants from their containers before placing them in planters outside Shawano City Hall on May 26 for the annual beautification project done by Shawano Community High School.

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Plant, flower setup designed by SCHS students

Collaboration between city, school gives horticulture classes chance to put learning to work

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Hanging baskets are going up in the downtown corridor of Shawano, and flowers are starting to appear in a variety of planters around the city.

The plants and flowers generate a lot of comments from residents and visitors alike, but where they come from has been one of Shawano's best kept secrets. Instead of paying a professional company or greenhouse for the work, they're the culmination of a school year's worth of work by horticulture students at Shawano Community High School. The students have done everything from watering and tending to the plants to developing plans on how they will be displayed in planters for the summer.

It's not clear how long the high school has been collaborating with the city's tree advisory committee to keep Shawano beautiful, but officials on both sides estimate the work has been going on for at least a decade. There are 48 planters in the downtown corridor alone and another 23 throughout the city, and the students provide the framework for it all.

"We all came up with our own designs to put into these city planters," said student Levi Wendorff. "We designed and got approved over other people and another class for specific areas like Huckleberry Harbor, Co-Vantage, Hardee's. We set aside the plants for those specific planters."

Plans on paper are one thing, but Wendorff is eager to see what the finished product looks like.

"It's going to be nice to see what other people think about it," Wendorff said.

Jack Sumnicht, another SCHS student, originally thought getting involved with the city planter project was going to be a fun alternative to a class with lectures and tests, but he found out there was a lot of hard work to make the project happen.

"It felt good to get involved with the city," Sumnicht said. "Even though we're young, we tend to be overlooked. So it's good that we have a part in the beauty of the city, and people all around the county and all around the state get to see it."

Sumnicht handled watering and fertilizing the plants, which involved careful measuring. He said that most of the plants they started with made it to the transfer stage.

"We trimmed if anything got out of



The Naberhood is receiving its first pieces of plant life May 26 as Marilyn Kroenke, second from left, vice president of the Shawano Tree Advisory Committee, works with Shawano Community High School students, from left, Lexus Wagner, Cooper Boucher and Levi Wendorff.

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Jack Sumnicht, left, and Levi Wendorff transfer a number of plants from the Shawano Community High School greenhouse May 22 to vehicles that would take them to various city sites for planting.

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hand," Sumnicht said. "We just handled the maintenance of the plants. There were a couple of outliers where aphids struck and ended up getting

some, but it was a lot more success than it was failure."

Sumnicht said that, when he learned one of his planters was going

out in the city, he told his father in the hopes he would see it and be proud.

"I'm hoping that a lot of others will feel the same way," Sumnicht said. "I hope they know that tracks down to us at the high school, knowing that we played a part in it."

For the planters to be approved, the students had to make a presentation to the committee that showed what would be planted where. Marilyn Kroenke, committee vice president, said the planning included specific colors that change from year to year.

"Last year, they came up with a design with a lot of oranges. This year, it's hot pink," Kroenke said. "Every pot had to have pink in it. I'm going to hold my breath and see what the city thinks, because all the hanging baskets have pink in them."

Besides the mandatory pink, the designed pots and hanging baskets will include lavender, yellow and white.

"It's going to look more uniform, but it's the kids who picked the pink," Kroenke said.

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10-year-old boy buys his own tractor

Caleb Bergner uses money from selling animals to get 1948 Farmall Cub

By **LYNN ZAFFRANN**
Correspondent

Caleb Bergner bought a tractor a few weeks ago.

He bought the antique 1948 Farmall Cub tractor to use on his family's farm. He used his life savings to buy it. None of this would be too unusual in Wisconsin's heartland, except that he is 10 years old and in fourth grade.

Caleb is the son of Jill and Jason Bergner, owners of Bergner Beef Family Farm in Pulaski.

It was at the beginning of May when he first saw and immediately decided to buy the tractor from a neighbor about four miles down the road.

"I was at the end of his driveway when I saw it," Caleb said. "He was just our neighbor. He's 93 years old."

Jill Bergner, Caleb's mother, explained that a neighbor was downsizing and had the rare tractor on display in his driveway.

"I think he had used the tractor in years past, but not currently," she said.

Caleb Bergner begged her for two days, according to Jill Bergner, before they went after school to ask how much the guy wanted. She said that Caleb's father had to agree to the deal.

"I said that I wanted to buy it," Caleb Bergner said. "My dad said, 'That's your opinion, but you know that you will have to take care of it. I said, 'Yeah,' so that was it."

Caleb Bergner bought the tractor for \$2,800, using money he sold from selling two pigs at the 4-H competition at the 2022 Shawano County Fair, where he won one first place and one third place. His nest egg also included money he earned from doing chores on the family farm.

The shiny red tractor is in pristine condition.

"I didn't have to do anything to it," Caleb Bergner said.

Caleb's father, Jason Bergner, was 12 when he got his first tractor.

"When they were little, their dad always took them on the tractor," Jill



Caleb Bergner proudly sits on the 1948 Farmall Cub tractor he bought with money he earned from showing pigs at the 2022 Shawano County Fair and from working on the family farm.

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Bergner said.

Farmall is a part of International Harvester, and the Bergners feel that those tractors tend to be good investments.

"It's a going to retain and grow its value," Jill Bergner said.

They brought the tractor home, with Jason Bergner accompanying him for the four-mile route.

"Driving it home, Jason held onto the back of the tractor and instructed Caleb in the gears and how to drive it," Jill Bergner said. "It has three gears and a reverse, so it's pretty simple to catch on."

Caleb Bergner likes to ride around on his new tractor, and he's been known to give his sisters rides.

"I'll do things like picking up stones and I can hitch up the attachments I'll need to do things on the farm with it," he said.

Caleb Bergner is the oldest child

in the family. His three siblings are Grace, 9; Wyatt, 7; and Ava, 6. They all have assigned chores to complete daily on the farm.

Caleb Bergner said that he has quite a few things that he does to help out on the farm.

"I do plowing, raking, packing the silage piles, spreading," he said.

He plans to do more, using his tractor.

The Bergner Beef Family Farm was originally the home farm of Jill's mother, Joan Schulke.

"That's good that Caleb's into something like that, instead of buying things that you don't need. It keeps him from being in the wrong crowd," Schulke said. "I'm happy for him being interested in something like this."

Caleb Bergner is in the Angelica 4-H Club and plans to show at least one pig at this year's fair. He has specific duties for the care of the pigs

on the farm.

"The pigs are three months old," he said. "I feed them, I get water for them, and if they get sick, then they need a shot."

Jill Bergner noted that, in preparation for showing the pigs, "He'll have to start walking them, using the cane, start training them to keep their heads up and walk right alongside."

Math is Caleb Bergner's favorite subject and he started playing baseball this year, not unusual for typical fourth graders in 2023.

When asked what he would like people to know about him, he said: "That I grew up on a farm, and I want to be a farmer."

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Shady garden spots don't have to be green

From late May into June, as the trees fully flush out overhead, there are many excellent perennials that provide wonderful and elegant beauty in the shade.



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Finding color for shady areas is often challenging for gardeners. Often, shady areas tend to be filled with the greenery of hostas and ferns and maybe a few coral bells for pops of color. However, there are a number of excellent perennials that provide brilliant bursts of color throughout mid- to late spring.

The many varieties of bleeding hearts are perfect examples — now showing with their long, elegant spires of heart-shaped blooms. Bleeding hearts are a favorite of many traditional gardeners.

Old-fashioned bleeding hearts have bright green foliage and masses of pink, heart-shaped blossoms that dangle like jewels from their flowering stems.

White bleeding hearts are unique and treasured in the shade garden. These are similar to the old-fashioned bleeding heart, with pure white blossoms.

One of my favorite varieties of bleeding heart is called valentine. This bleeding heart features foliage that is tinged with reddish color, along with heart-shaped blossoms that are rich, deep red.

There are also many varieties of



Bleeding hearts are excellent late spring to early summer color stars in the garden. They come in pink, white and stunning red.

ROB ZIMMER

fringed bleeding hearts, sometimes called luxuriant bleeding hearts. These grow much smaller than the traditional bleeding hearts with extremely lacy, ferny foliage and short spikes of heart-shaped blooms that may be 10 to 12 inches tall.

All of the bleeding hearts are prized by hummingbirds as nectar plants when they return from their long migration and well into late spring in our area.

Wild blue phlox is another beautiful and colorful wildflower for bloom in the shade during mid- to late spring. The intense, periwinkle blue of this woodland native species is amazing when paired with the pink of bleeding hearts and colorful coral bells in the shade garden.

There are garden hybrids of this spring blooming phlox available in shades of pink, as well as white. These varieties of early blooming phlox are much different than the tall garden phlox that blooms later in summer.

Jack-in-the-pulpit is an elegant, hooded, almost tropical-looking wild flower that blooms well into early summer. Its attractive blooms are streaked in green and maroon, while its large, three-part leaves make a statement in the spring shade garden.

Wild geranium, sometimes called cranesbill, blooms in beautiful purplish lavender from the middle of May, sometimes into July. These attrac-

tive wildflowers draw butterflies and hummingbirds and provide beautiful mounds of color in the shade throughout the season.

While the native cranesbill is lavender in color, there are many garden hybrids that can be found that are rich blue, pink, white, even speckled and blue and white. Their attractive foliage makes them beautiful all season long, even when not in bloom.

Japanese candelabra primroses are another excellent shade garden choice for color during mid- to late spring. These come in a variety of colors from rich red to wine to pink and white. The candelabra primroses bloom in layered spikes that may be 12 to 18 inches tall.

Columbine is another shade garden favorite, growing well in our area where it thrives as a native wildflower. In addition to the native in red and yellow, there are literally hundreds of garden hybrids from pure white to rich blue and deep purple.

Visit your local garden centers and fill your shade garden with colorful blooms to enjoy over the next several weeks.



Many varieties of columbine, like this rich blue known as Alpine Columbine, bloom in the shade during late May and early June.

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Farm humming with plenty of animals

We have a proper McDonald's farm over here on Leopolis Road. All we'd need is a couple of chickens.

Wait. We did that already.

I'm not a chicken farmer. While it was a very good experience, I've found that raising meat chickens is worrisome.

When I had to scoop one, two, and then three lifeless, little sunny-yellow forms out of the incubator, I realized with a sinking heart this wasn't for me. I literally cried and hastily checking each morning, found I was holding my breath until I discovered everyone moving and cheeping. Getting the rest to full term, I had overfed them, all waddling around like mini turkeys close to butcher date. I think I could try again, but my husband's stern no overrules. So these days, we just have pigs, cats, heifers and cows, which is great plenty, keeping my natural farm girl heart full.



KAY REMINGER

When I was a kid, we never had pigs on the farm. Picking up our litter of four 40-pounders, I again marveled at the uniqueness of these animals. Their little round snouts, curly tails and perpetual smiles never cease to amaze me. Unloading them into their new digs, the neighboring heifers all gathered 'round bellowing their welcome.

After they were here for a time, two of them burrowed their way under one teeny part of the fence that was not tightly secured. Spotting one dillydallying around outside of its pen, my husband and I hurried out to corral it back in. As we started walking toward the escapee, it started walking toward us, instinctively knowing we were safe. One was inside with the heifers, intertwining itself through their pen. Ears perked forward, sniffing, the heifers were wondering why the little beast with these half-pint legs was over on their turf. Everybody eventually got back home.

Two kitties live up in our barn mow. When I was away on a trip late February, my cat-loving friend reminded my husband quite often, "Did you feed the cats?" He was perpetually reminded to tend. They



This kitty and one other call the barn at the Reminger farm home, but while they pop out and say hello to columnist Kay Reminger regularly, they disappear when anyone else comes around. KAY REMINGER

love only me. He barely saw them as when he opened the barn door they scampered to one of their many hiding spots.

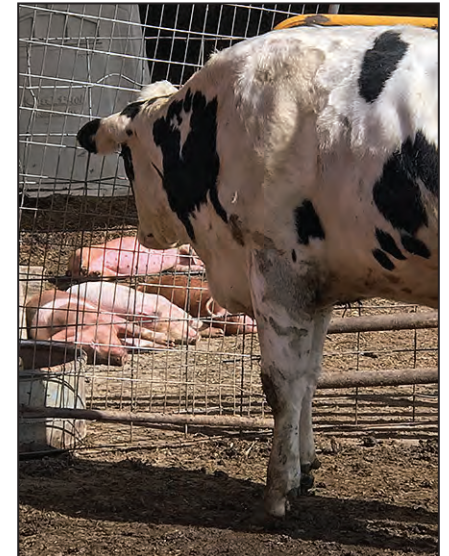
Creatures of habit, I've found they do not like their domain tampered with. We hauled big round bales of shredded cornstalks off our field and stored them in the mow when we had that tantalizing spell of August weather mid-April. (I told my husband as I was sweating in the tractor cab, "Do not let me complain about the heat.") The cats disappeared.

One day, I opened the barn door and per my usual singsong greeting, "Hi kitties. Hi girlies. Good morning," they jumped down from a bale and immediately knotted themselves around my ankles, purring, talking back to me. Winking, they looked up as if to say, "Hi Kay. You we trust." So gratifying. My friend laughs because she knows I have not been in love with cats, like, ever. She swears one day they'll make it to the house.

My husband's stern no overrules. Zero mice population; those outdoor kitties are doing their job.

Back in the day when we were milking cows we'd be at chores for hours each day. The morning and night milking alone would take over two hours, then cleaning and feeding, fieldwork and various fix-it projects. As we aged, we just didn't want to spend that energy tackling the sheer volume of work. Getting rid of all animals wasn't for us either (the place looked like a ghost town) so now that we have Holsteins on the farm — heifers and cows — we're back in the saddle. This time, however, no milking. Chores, while still daily, don't require the backbreaking, overwhelming work load.

My husband, using two interchangeable skidder buckets, completes chores relatively easily. He has one for feeding and one for cleaning and bedding. The feed is dropped from my brother's main farm every



Four 40-pound pigs recently became part of the Reminger farm menagerie, and a Holstein cow watches the new inhabitants lie down on a spring day. KAY REMINGER

couple of days for the heifers in our heifer barn and for the cows in the cow barn. The cows are bred, the heifers are not, so we watch the heifers for heat detection and call to have them bred.

Cleaning barn, he opens up doors on one end and, using the skidder, makes five or six swipes down the aisle, dumping the full buckets into the waiting manure spreader. Before he does this, he scrapes behind each free-stall, bedding with sand as needed. Meanwhile, the cows are partitioned off by gates in the cow yard. When he cleans the cow yard he chases them back into the barn, again securing them inside with chained gates. Their feed bunk is outside and with those same gates, we wall them off when feeding. It's really a convenient set-up, easy and secure.

Pigs, cats, heifers and cows; a McDonald's farm, full of God's unique creatures.

("Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'" Genesis 1:26)

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



Shown with Shawano County's 402nd barn quilt are Red River Riders volunteers, from left, Jennifer McDermot, Jennifer Keller, Chris Baldwin, Carrie Barribeau, Christi Bruce, Becky Barr and Tom Bruce.

JIM LEUENBERGER

Latest barn quilt honors Red River Riders

Shawano County's 402nd barn quilt, on display on an 80-year-old shed at N6669 Cherry Road west of Shawano, recognizes the benefits the Red River Riders Therapeutic Horseback Riding provide to people with disabilities.

The quilt was sponsored by Mary Lisa Carenza and the horse image on the quilt is in loving memory of a horse Mary Lisa owned and that was a beloved therapy horse at Red River Riders for four years. His name was Sweet Pete and that is the name that has been given to the quilt.

Red River Riders assists individuals with disabilities of various challenges and ages. The program began in 1985 and is now able to serve over 60 riders with a safe, healthy, cost-effective activity in an area with limited horseback therapy.

Chris and Walt Baldwin sold five acres of their farmstead, which they purchased in 1975, to Red River Riders, on which the arena was built in 2006. They also own the shed on

which the barn quilt is displayed.

"Our program depends solely on volunteers," Chris Baldwin said. "Our team of responsible, reliable and dedicated folks lead horses, walk beside the riders who need support, are members of our board of directors, help with fund raising and perform other needed tasks."

The program is designed to address the needs of each individual, with riders showing improvement in coordination, balance, flexibility, muscle strength and body tone. Red River Riders is a fun and safe exercise program where riders and volunteers enjoy sharing an enriching activity.

If you would like to donate monetarily or have a horse you would like to have considered as a therapy horse, contact Chris Baldwin at 715-853-6449 or via email at 44cmbaldwin@gmail.com.

The barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County Barn Quilt Committee and was put on display by LeRoy and Keith Raddant of Raddant Electric in Shawano.

COLLEGE NOTES

St. Norbert College

There were 419 students in the 2023 graduating class for St. Norbert College, including 402 candidates for baccalaureate degrees and 17 candidates for master's degrees.

Among the local graduates are:

- Lena: Ethan Archambault, Master of Business Administration
- Little Suamico: Elizabeth Lesatz, Bachelor of Business Administration, cum laude
- Oconto: Abigail Gonnering, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude
- Oconto Falls: Emily Gonnering, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude; Joslyn Tolzman, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude; Andrea Waschbisch, Bachelor of Music, summa cum laude
- Sobieski: Crimson Groh, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, graduate of the honors program; Benjamin Petropoulos, bachelor of arts
- Bonduel: Aaron Schaal, Bachelor of Music
- Shawano: Kori Halstead, Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude; Lindsey Roloff, Bachelor of Business Administration, summa cum laude, graduate of the honors program

UW-Milwaukee

The following individuals are among the 3,115 graduates who received degrees at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee commencement exercises May 21:

- Shawano: Lela Schwitzer, Master of Science
- Lakewood: Kathryn Essermann, Master of Library and Information Science; Haruki Toben, Master of Science

Bob Jones University

Joshua Stauff, of Abrams, was among over 650 Bob Jones University students named to the spring 2023 president's list.

The president's list recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher

grade-point average for the semester.

St. Norbert College

The following students have been named to the 2023 spring semester dean's list at St. Norbert College:

- Wittenberg: Emma Herb, Joshua Zick
- Lena: Kennedy Marquardt, Lilia Shallow
- Little Suamico: Hailey Monroe
- Oconto: Michayla Leonard, Kyle McFadden
- Oconto Falls: Emily Gonnering, Joslyn Tolzman, Andrea Waschbisch, Olivia Waschbisch
- Cecil: Gracelyn Giese
- Shawano: Nicole Piantek, Abigail Rabideau, Lindsey Roloff
- Tigerton: Bethany Kreklow

A minimum 3.5 grade-point average is required for academic eligibility.

UW-Whitewater

The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2023 spring semester.

- Sobieski: Mason Burnikel, Quinn Process
- Mountain: Peyton McGinnis
- Bonduel: Brooks Dehn, Baylie Hansen, Taylor Luepke, Charlie Mews
- Pulaski: Brock Egnarski, Jarret Olson, Rachel Wasielewski, Paige Willer
- Clintonville: Mia Peterson
- Shawano: Lucas te Plate

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

Western Technical College

Chase Reinke, of Pulaski, graduated from Western Technical College from the refrigeration, air conditioning and heating service technician program. Reinke is one of 567 graduates to receive an associate's degree or technical diploma in the 2023 spring term.

MARRIAGES

SHAWANO COUNTY

Jarrett Cody Hanger and Stephanie Char Seelig, both of New London, May 5, 2023.

Carlos Mariano Hernandez Marquez and Evelyn Dorian Salgado, both of Shawano, April 30, 2023.

Shane Jeffrey Hix and Mikayla Marie Maroszek, both of Bonduel, May 20, 2023.

Andrew Stephen Miller and Bethany Jane Watters, both of Bowler, April 29, 2023.

Christopher Joseph Pendleton and Allison Ann Hudson, both of the Town of

Wescott, May 19, 2023.

OCONTO COUNTY

Jeremie James Bersch and Rebecca Sarah Lee Fredenberg, both of Oconto Falls, April 28, 2023.

Johnathan Ross Gildemeister and Stephen Ralph Fischer, both of Gillett, April 28, 2023.

Zachary Duane Stadler and Alise Mary Fitzsimmons, both of the Town of Little Suamico, April 18, 2023.

Collin Thomas Behnke, of Oconto Falls, and Erika Lynne Dunnam, of Richmond, May 9, 2023.

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13 Added printer paper improperly
19 Ape or monkey
20 Kind of pudding
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22 On humility: "What you ___"
25 Expanse east of NC
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27 Sam of *Jurassic Park*
28 Role in *Rent*
29 Collaborative group
31 Voice actor in *Up*
34 Arises (from)
36 Cease to consider
38 Have the part of
40 Dog-___ pages
42 Extremely long time
44 Local wagering center: Abbr.
45 On candor: "Love your enemies, for ___"
50 Clumsy one's cry
51 Reddish-brown horse
52 *Mostly Ghostly* author
53 Grand Canyon transportation
56 Caddy's burden
58 All ___ up (irate)
60 Screen for the first PCs
61 Diamondbacks, on scoreboards
62 '90s Second Family
64 Leave the house
66 S&L plans
70 On thoroughness: "Diligence ___"
75 Averse to activity
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77 Quarterback great Brett
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79 Ferret's foot
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83 Ending for oboe and violin
84 Some of the oldest video games
86 Any show biz notable
88 Dmitri's denial
90 Brewery products
91 On activity: "The ___"
99 UK's Isle of ___
100 Financing nos.
101 Nation near Fiji
102 Toon Great Dane's nickname
103 Peach centers
105 Having some growing up to do
108 Unpleasantly wet
110 Pilot license precursor
111 Reclined (on)
113 Hoist ___ (toast with beer, say)
115 Soccer great Mia
117 Ob-___ (medical specialty)
118 On integrity: "Fear to do ill, and ___"
123 Corrections list
124 When National Candy Corn Day is
125 Thinks alike
126 Pitch in
127 Boot up again
128 Logical thinking
- 10 Tips of ears
11 Clinch a victory
12 Picturesque scene
13 Scratch up
14 Short news piece
15 Strait-laced
16 Charles Foster Kane, notably
17 *E.T.* boy
18 It breaks every morning
19 Try to smack
23 Stands for studios
24 Glue brand
30 City Hall executive
32 Ending for mock or crock
33 Corporate shuffle, for short
35 First sound of "cent"
37 *NOVA* network
39 Underling
41 Performing pair
43 Director from India
46 ___ salts (bath additive)
47 Browser bought by Verizon
48 Unrepeated events
49 Up to
53 Scram from danger
54 Constellation bear
55 Ostentatious display
56 Nickname like Liz
57 Trash holders
59 Pull on
63 Pal of Pooh
64 Snarling sound
65 "Mazel ___!"
67 German industrial region
68 Grapelike berry
69 Sticks on car racks
71 Overpromoted
72 Undemanding course
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90 For laughs
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93 Can't wait to do
94 I love: Lat.
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96 Does some subject searching, perhaps
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- 107 Pesky fliers
109 Community ctrs.
112 Volleyball equipment
114 Equestrian pace
116 S&L offering
118 Nay's opposite
119 Snack on
120 Hoopsters' group
121 Contraction used by Key
122 Directional ending

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Pulaski farmer gets big Country Visions check

Country Visions Cooperative awarded Darrell Hylok, of Pulaski, a check for \$82,642.20 to cover eligible repairs on their New Holland T9 450 through the Cenex Total Protection Plan.

"Fortunately, Darrell Hylok is a firm believer in the Cenex Total Protection Plan," said Steve Groszklaus, spokesman for Country Visions. "It's an inexpensive investment that delivers when customers need it most. Country Visions is committed to helping our patrons be successful. Providing quality products, exceptional service and offering programs like the Cenex TPP to our customers, supports the mission of our cooperative."

Equipment breakdowns on the farm not only decrease productivity, but with record-high repair costs, can compromise profitability. The Cenex Total Protection Plan offers peace of mind to farmers with coverage up to 10 years or 10,000 hours on new equipment and 8 years or 8,000 hours on used equipment, with no deductible, according to Groszklaus.

Country Visions Cooperative is a farm supply cooperative with their corporate office located in Brillion. Serving northeastern Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan, Country Visions offers a blend of agriculture and consumer related products and services. Country Visions is celebrating 100 years as a successful



Steve Groszklaus, right, certified energy relationship manager for Country Visions Cooperative, presents an \$82,642.20 check to, from left, Christopher Hylok, Darrell Hylok, Nicholas Hylok and Brad Hylok.

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and growing business this year.

For information, go to www.countryvisionscoop.com.

Sacred Heart students pay visit to Chicago

The eighth grade graduating class from Sacred Heart Catholic School visited Chicago in May.

They reaped the many benefits of learning outside the classroom such as being exposed to a variety of cultures, opportunities for real-world learning experiences, and awakening a curiosity in a future job possibility.

The students visited several museums that included the Museum of Science and Industry, the Field Museum of Natural History, the Art Institute of Chicago and the Shedd Aquarium. The students were able to broaden their faith experience through a tour and Mass at Holy Name Cathedral.

Shawano student getting School for Deaf diploma

The Wisconsin School for the Deaf has six graduating seniors this year.

Wilawan Westphal joined the Wisconsin School for the Deaf as a senior in high school, and has grown greatly socially and academically. During her short time at WSD, she joined both the volleyball and basketball cheerleading teams. She has earned awards for athlete of the month, PBIS positive behavior, honor roll and high honor roll and perfect attendance.

Westphal plans to continue her education by enrolling in WSD's Student Transition and Employability Program.

Westphal will graduate June 9.

Prevea, St. Clare offer morning walking program

Prevea Health and HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital are offering a free walking program to encourage community members to get active.

Walk into the Weekend will be offered throughout Oconto County on Fridays through Aug. 25 at 7:30-8:30 a.m.

The program offers pre-planned routes, each lasting about an hour, intended to get your heart pumping. Participants receive an email each week with the starting location and walking route. For every week attended, participants are entered into a drawing to win a Prevea Fitness package, including a duffel bag, yoga mat and other minimal exercise equipment.

Registration is required by visiting www.prevea.com/events.

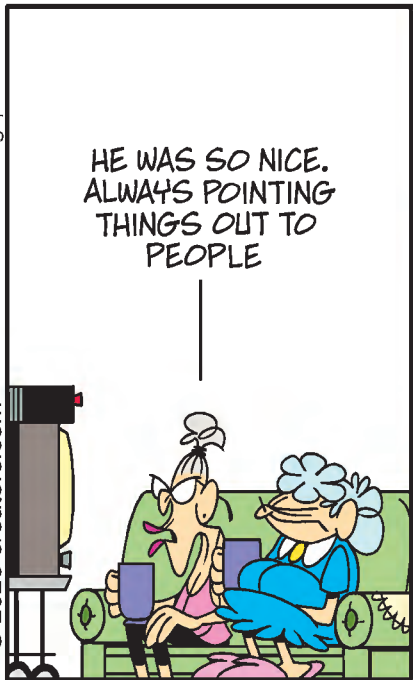
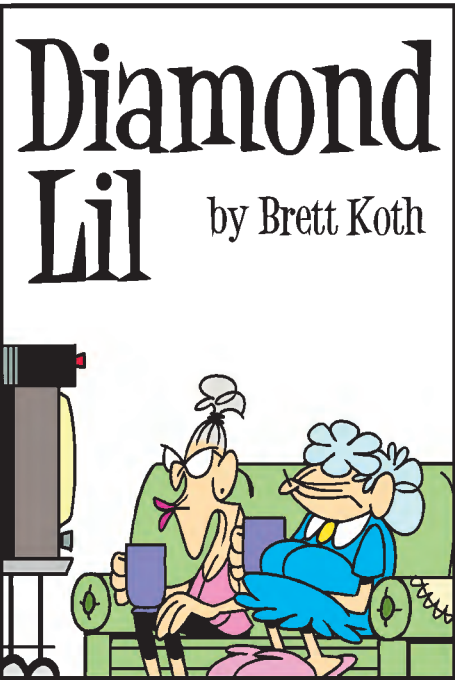
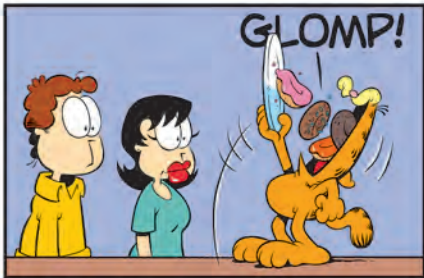
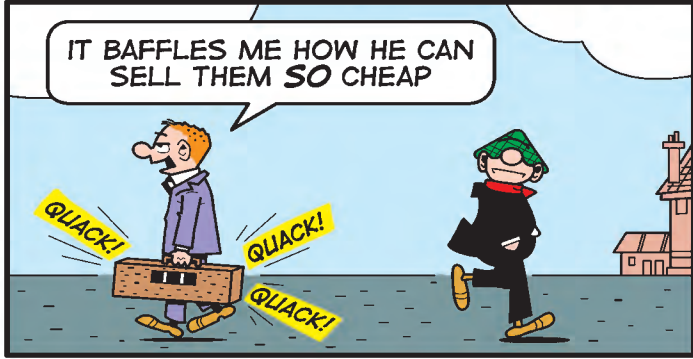
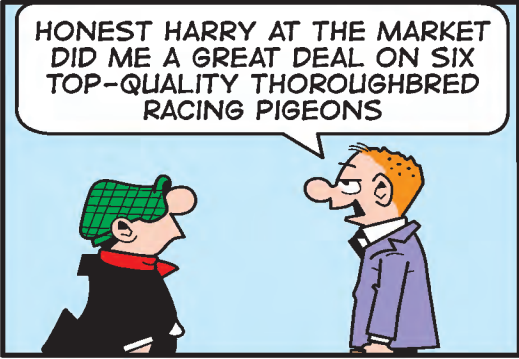
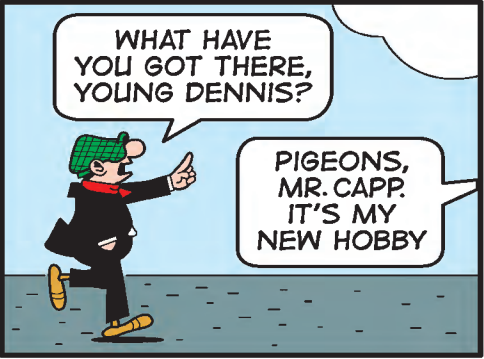
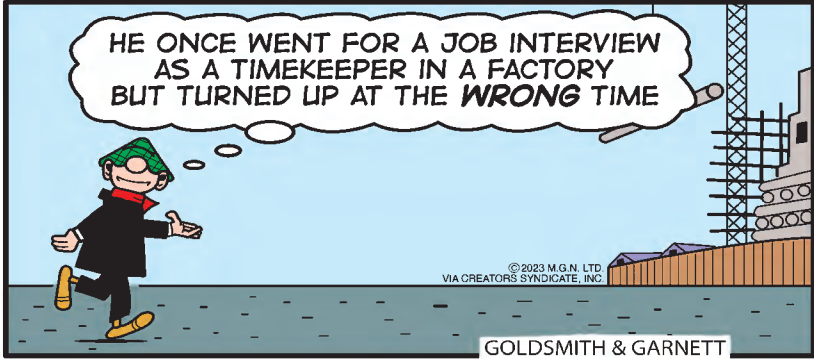
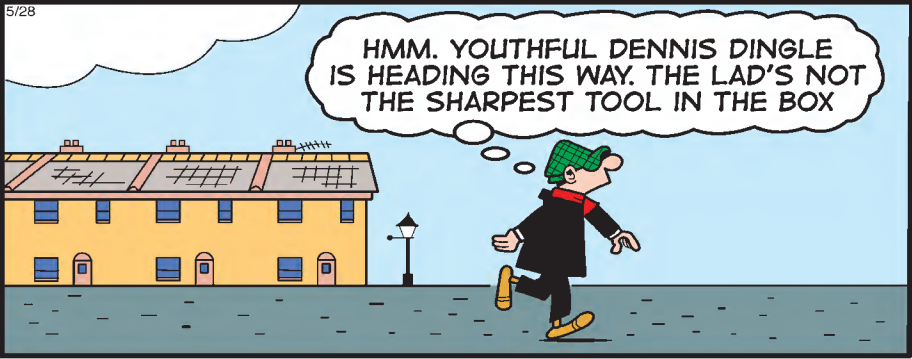


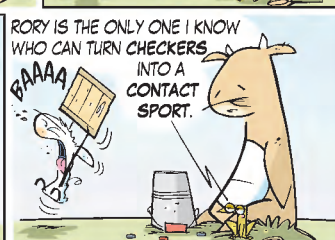
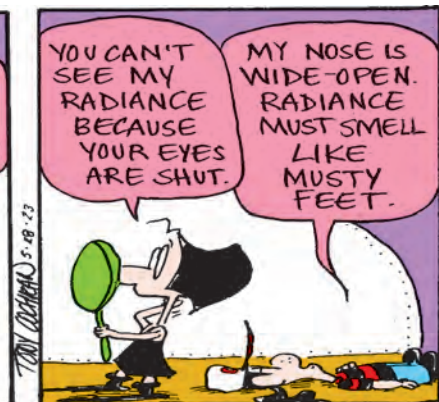
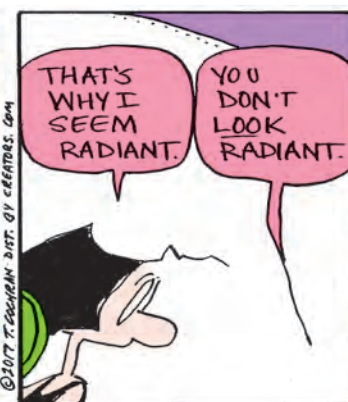
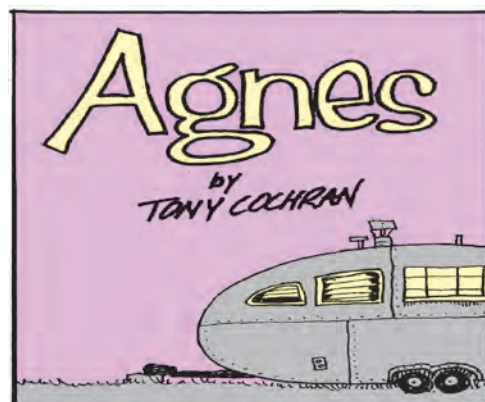
The eighth-grade class at Sacred Heart Catholic School, including, from left, Daryl Fowler-Doxatator, Izzy Martens, Bryton VanGheem, Evan Pieper, Santana Peralta, Andrea Walby, McKenna Yeager, Amiyah Heatley, Addyson Kust and Claire Dudek, got the chance to visit Chicago and its many attractions.

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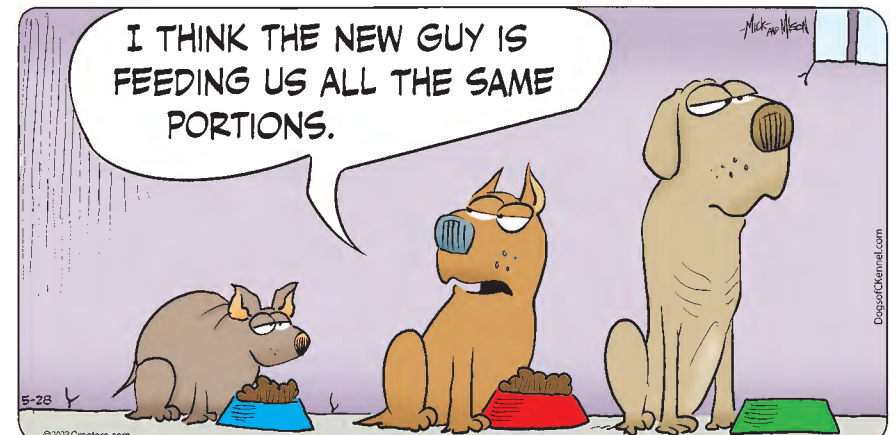
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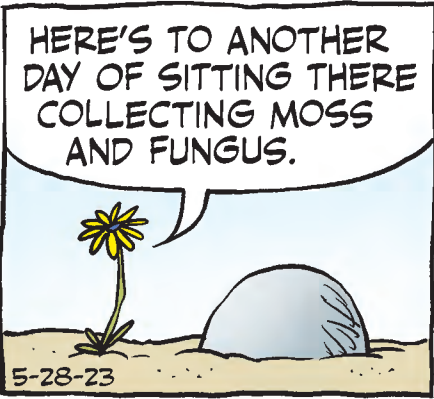
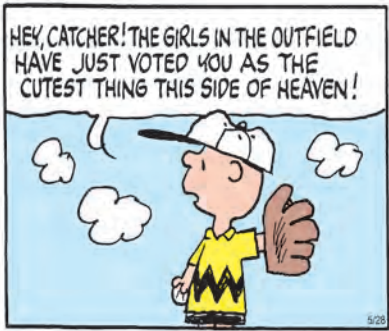
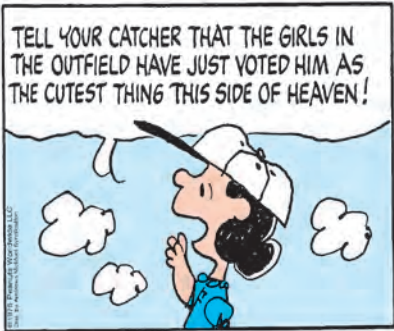


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