



High school students learn about GenEx careers from Joselyn Hurlburt, recruiting and talent lead, and Brian Hamm, area sales manager, at the Shawano County Agricultural Job Fair on March 13 in Marion. The event was sponsored by the Shawano County Farm Bureau.

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Agriculture industry recruits employees at county job fair



Job opportunities in the agriculture industry range from production agriculture and livestock handling to mechanics, construction, food processing, transportation, professional services and laboratory-based roles. At the March 13 agriculture job fair, Shawano County conservationist Scott Frank shared insights about ag-related careers.

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First-time event draws interest from students, adults, more than 20 companies

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

More than one out of every five jobs in Shawano County is related to the agriculture industry.

On March 13, about two dozen ag-related businesses joined together for the first-ever Shawano County Agricultural Job Fair in hopes of adding to that workforce.

“This is our first one, so we’re giving it a try, and if it’s successful, we’re going to try it again next year,” event coordinator Ken Matsche said. “I think they’re basically making those connections, whether they’re seeking a job right now or looking for the future, too.”

Matsche is also the education and promotion director for the Shawano County Farm Bureau, which sponsored the job fair, held at Northwinds Banquet Hall in Marion.

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Bowler woman takes part in college’s hemp research work

Maya Desai presents findings at Research in the Rotunda

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Universities are researching a variety of things as students work to advance their knowledge of the universe, and Maya Desai from Bowler is one of them.

Desai recently presented her research to lawmakers and other influential people in Madison as part of the Research in the Rotunda program. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student presented information about the compost application rate needed for sustainable hemp agriculture in Wisconsin.



Desai works for the university’s pedology lab, which examines soil issues, and the research she did was “adjacent” to the lab, she said.

“We looked at an ideal compost application rate for growing hemp in a sustainable way,” Desai said.

Hemp was legal in Wisconsin until the 1970s, according to Desai, and once it became outlawed, so did looking into its applications.

“Up until the ‘50s, it was one of, if not the largest, agronomic commodities in the state of Wisconsin,” Desai said. “We were one of the number one producers in the country of hemp, primarily for fiber. Once it became illegal in 1970, a lot of that knowledge on how to grow it and how to use it was lost, and once it became legal again in 2018, we kind of set out to start building back up that knowledge base, primarily in the context of using it for CBD, but that’s not the only use for hemp.”

Other uses, Desai noted, include animal forage, fiber and biomass, among other things.

“My lab was looking at how compost at different rates would affect not only the plant health but also the soil health,” she said.

Desai said that the ground around the Stevens Point area has a lot of sandy soils that were deposited by glaciers during the last ice age, which doesn’t hold nutrients and water as well as other types of soil in the state, so it was important to see if the compost could add nutrients that would help plants grow and flourish in that area.

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Participants at the job fair included farms, businesses that support the ag industry, agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture and University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension, as well as technical colleges.

Among the participants was GenEx Cooperative, represented by Joselyn Hurlburt, recruiting and talent lead, and Brian Hamm, area sales manager.

GenEx, headquartered in Shawano but with a worldwide reach, provides its member-owners and customers with advanced genetic and reproductive solutions, including cattle genetics, expert artificial insemination service, professional herd consulting, herd care products and state-of-the-art bull search apps.

“We have a wide variety of positions, whether it be out in the field, our lab and production facilities, but we’re always looking to network and continue to talk to students about different careers,” Hurlburt said.

She said the job fair is a great idea for the industry. “We were super excited about the opportunity,” Hurlburt said. “I think it’s just a great way to get everyone together and

promote people within the organization as well as different companies and get some visibility.”

Hamm, from Wittenberg, has been with GenEx for nine years. His sales territory includes all of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula, as well as parts of Illinois and Iowa.

“I oversee the reproductive technicians out in the field,” he said. “I handle everything from day-to-day issues that happen on the farm and anything in between, helping them out with sales.”

Matsche said all the participants, like agriculture itself, covered a mix of interests, including crops, soils, livestock, fee, agronomy, fertilizers and forestry. And, while some are competitors, they all work together.

“That’s something in agriculture where it’s unique from other sectors,” he said. “Everyone works together, because in the end, we all are trying to do the same thing. We’re trying to meet the need of growing enough food, raising enough food for our population.”

According to the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Wisconsin, although known as Amer-

ica’s Dairyland, produces and processes more than just milk and cheese. Wisconsin ranks first in the nation for snap beans for processing, cheese, cranberries, ginseng, mink pelts, dry whey for humans, milk goats and corn for silage.

Wisconsin agriculture is a big economic driver contributing \$104.8 billion annually to the state’s economy.

“Agriculture is really important to Shawano County,” Matsche said. “Right around 21% of our jobs are directly related to agriculture. It’s a major part of our county and all of northeastern Wisconsin for that matter.”

Hurlburt agreed. “At the end of the day, it’s about the people that we’re helping and helping them achieve their goals,” she said. “It’s definitely one big community.”

Matsche is a part of that community. He helps operate the family farm of about 700 acres in the Birnamwood area, a farm that’s have been in his family since 1917.

Matsche said the average size farm in Shawano County has about 120 cows and is about 240 acres.

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Desai and the pedology lab worked with UW-Stevens Point’s chemistry and biology labs, which ran analyses to see how the compost would affect the tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) levels in the hemp plants, as well as the cannabidiol (CBD) produced in the plants, with the latter being used to address seizure disorders and digestive issues, among other things.

“What they found was that THC was not affected by the compost at all, which is really good,” Desai said. “That’s what we want. We want to keep it below the legal limit because, in Wisconsin, we’re not producing for THC yet. Maybe down the road.”

On the other hand, CBD levels were impacted, Desai discovered during the research.

“We saw significant increases in plant biomass, significant increases in soil quality, soil health and then an increase in CBD, as well,” she said. “It’s not just a drug. It’s a really cool plant that has the opportunity to do some really

cool things.”

Composting is not a new issue, Desai noted. It’s a traditional method for growing things that has been in existence for thousands of years, she said.

“With this research, we’re not saying that it’s better or worse than fertilizers. We don’t even look at fertilizers, and we’re not comparing it to that,” Desai said. “We’re just trying to put the research out there so that people have concrete evidence that it actually does work.”

UW-Stevens Point has recently received a grant, according to Desai, to investigate how growing hemp might be able to remediate PFAS concentrations in the soil.

“I know that’s a super hot topic throughout the whole state right now,” Desai said. “We’ve looked at how hemp can remediate heavy metals such as arsenic and lead, and we’ve got some pretty solid results there, so now we want to look at how it can impact the PFAS concentrations.”

Plans are in the works

to publish a paper based on the hemp research done so far, and Desai said there is at least one lawmaker interested in pushing for legislation that benefits the hemp growers in his district. She believes hemp and its benefits will be better for society once it’s “more mainstream.”

Desai noted that Research in the Rotunda gave her the opportunity to find out what other students were researching, and it gave her the opportunity to reach out to people capable of taking the information she’s researched and potentially transform it into public policy.

“It was more than I hoped for,” Desai said. “It was, honestly, a really great experience. I had presented research before, but this was just another level being able to talk to our congressmen, our representatives and then also meet the president of the UW System. It’s just really cool that they’re fostering this research at the undergraduate level.”

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Long Island Medium coming to North Star

For more than a decade, Theresa Caputo — known worldwide as the Long Island Medium and star of the new Lifetime series “Raising Spirits” — has touched the lives of millions of fans, comforting supporters when they need it most.

Now Wisconsin fans will get their chance at healing when the acclaimed medium and beloved personality appears live at 8 p.m. May 3-4 at the North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Bowler.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased online, by phone or at the venue box office. Ticket prices start at \$65 (plus service charges) and are subject to change. Purchasing a ticket does not guarantee a reading.

Known for her unique ability to communicate with those who have died, “Theresa Caputo Live: The Experience” brings Caputo face to face with her fans as spirit guides her through the audience. A full-stage video display ensures that everyone in the theater has an up-close experience, regardless of seat location.

Through personal life stories, candid humor and intimate details about her gift to communicate with those who have passed, Caputo delivers healing messages to her audience, reassuring them with the revelation that their de-



Theresa Caputo — known worldwide as the Long Island Medium and star of the new Lifetime series “Raising Spirits” — is coming to the North Star Mohican Casino Resort for two nights in May.

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ceased loved ones are still with them—just in a different way.

“The experience isn’t about believing in mediums. It’s about seeing something life-changing,” she said. “It’s witnessing first-hand spirit communication.”

Caputo’s new television series “Raising Spirits” debuted in January on Lifetime Television.

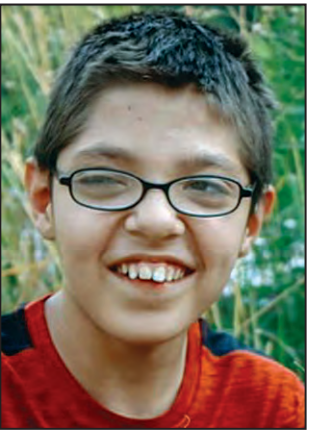
In addition to her television series, Caputo has appeared on such programs as “The Drew Barrymore Show,” “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” “Live with Kelly and

Mark,” “The Kelly Clarkson Show,” “Tamron Hall” and “The Today Show.” She has authored five books including New York Times Bestsellers “Good Grief: Heal Your Soul, Honor Your Loved Ones, and Learn to Live Again” (2017) and “You Can’t Make This Stuff Up” (2014). Her Ambie-nominated podcast, “Hey Spirit,” helps guests work through their grief to allow them to heal and move forward with peace and self-assurance.

For information, go to www.theresacaputo.com.

OBITUARIES

Gavin P. Kowalski



Gavin Paul Kowalski, 12, of Wittenberg, died unexpectedly on Monday, March 11, 2024, at his home.

Gavin was born on Sept. 30, 2011, at Madigan Army Hospital in Washington, the beloved son of Ted and Christine (Czerwonka) Kowalski. He was currently in sixth grade at Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School. Gavin was involved in many organizations including My Team Triumph, Special Olympics, Autism Society, GiGi’s Playhouse and SOFT (Support Organization for Trisomy).

He loved to watch “Paw Patrol,” bowling, playing at the park and reading books. His favorites were “Napping House” and “Pig’s Egg.” Gavin’s favorite foods were chicken nuggets, french fries and fruit. Gavin faced many obstacles in his life, but his determined personal-

ity and family helped him persevere to live life to the fullest.

Gavin is survived by his loving parents, Ted and Christine Kowalski; a brother, Wyatt; grandparents, Maribeth Czerwonka and Paul and Mary Kowalski; aunts and uncles, Ann (Jerry) Pagel, Lisa (Mark) O’Shasky, Maria (Karl) Riebe, John (Lauri) Czerwonka, Sandy (Chris) Postl, Sherry Kowalski, Paul Kowalski Jr. and Norman Kowalski; and many

cousins, including, Zach, Makayla, Preston, Ben, Sam, Michelle, Kristin, Emily, Allyson, Carter, Nick, Tim, Dylan, Eric and Terrence; as well as several others.

Gavin was preceded in death by his grandpa, John Czerwonka.

Special thanks to all of his loving caregivers, including Jami Wendler, Mattea and Charlotte Kowalski, Arely Ocampo, Lisa Schmidt, Rory Salvesson, Cheyanne Domino, Leah Giddings, Sage Blum and several others over the years.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Galloway. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Wittenberg, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at www.schmidtschulta.com.

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April 1 deadline set for in rem properties

Tigerton home in dispute between person formerly listed as owner and potential buyer

BY KEVIN PASSON
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Every year, Shawano County forecloses on a handful of properties after their owners haven't paid taxes and other fees for the previous three years.

This year, two properties are in the mix, one in Tigerton and one in Mattoon.

It appears as if the Mattoon property has been abandoned, but the Tigerton home is at the center of a debate between the person formerly listed as the owner and another who claims to have a land contract to buy the property.

In February, the Shawano County Executive Committee noted the county has possession of the Tigerton property; however, the parties involved requested additional time to pay the outstanding expenses. Supervisors agreed to give the parties until April 1 to pay the delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and any other fees in full.

"The executive committee, for the one in Tigerton, took action to allow the guy that was in default to make good on all fines and

interest and back taxes and all that good stuff and then they could retain the property," Steve Dreher, county building maintenance manger, told the Shawano County Public Property Committee on March 7.

County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said as long as the county gets its money, the parties involved in the land contract deal can argue between themselves in court.

"We told them that if either one wants to come in and pay us up in full ... then they can keep fighting over it," he said. "We don't care who really legally owns it; they have to sort that out."

No land contract is on file with the register of deeds office.

The foreclosed properties are referred to as "in rem," Latin for "against a thing," which refers to a court's power to adjudicate matters directed against property rather than a person.

Jim Davel, county administrative coordinator, said there are usually a handful of these cases each year, and many of those are for abandoned homes.

He said the matters are

handled by the county treasurer's office and corporation counsel.

At the Jan. 17 executive committee meeting, Deb Wallace, county treasurer, and Larenda Maulson, corporation counsel, explained the process and state statutes for the in rem properties. The first year gives the resident extra time to pay. After the first year, a certificate gets issued and gives the resident two additional years to pay. The fourth year, letters are sent, and officials start the process of taking the property.

"The one in Mattoon, I have not heard anything from corp(oration) counsel or from the treasurer's office," Dreher told the public property committee earlier this month. "We didn't get any of our letters back with return receipt required, so I have no idea if there's somebody still living in there or not. I will shake that tree again with corp counsel and see how they want to move forward, if I get law enforcement to stop out there again and see if the house is empty."

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Sign showcases birthday green



Myles Dent, left, and Maxlee Dent hold up a sign in celebration of Myles' birthday prior to the start of the St. Patrick's Day parade on the north end of Shawano Lake on March 16. Myles turned 9 on March 15. The family lives in Tigerton.

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Voters faced with various referenda

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

When voters go to the polls April 2, they will be faced with more than elections for public office.

Some will face local or school referendum questions, while all will be asked to cast ballots on a pair of state constitutional changes.

All Wisconsin residents will be asked to vote on whether private donations and grants may be applied for, accepted, expended or used in connection with the conduct of any primary election, general election or referendum.

A second question would create a new section for the state constitution to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, general elections and referendums.

This referendum ballot is a result of 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 78, a copy of which can be viewed or downloaded from the Legislature's website at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/proposals/reg/sen/joint_resolution.

In Eland, residents will be asked to exceed the village's levy limit to pay for emergency medical

services.

Under state law, the increase in the levy for the village for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2025, is limited to a 0% increase, which results in a levy of \$19,602. Residents will be asked to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year for the village's share of the increase in cost for emergency medical services, by a total of 40.115%.

This will result in a levy of \$27,464, and the \$7,863 increase would be on an

ongoing basis for each fiscal year going forward.

A similar proposal will be on the ballot for Mattoon residents.

State law will limit the village's 2025 levy increase to 1.213%, which results in a levy of \$54,753.

The request is to exceed this limit for emergency medical services by 76.255% for a total levy of \$96,505, and to continue to do each year in the amount of \$41,752.

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Gearing up for spring gobblers: Surplus permits on sale this week

As the woods and farm fields start to green up and north-migrating waterfowl send their honks and whistles down to my little corner of Wisconsin paradise, I began dreaming of puffed-up gobblers coming to my sweet box call and seductive mouth call.

And then reality hits, and I realize all my turkey gear is scattered to the far corners of my garages and basement. I remember last year's bungle of a desperation shot on a hefty tom strutting just a smidge out of range (rookie move) and having three identical jakes standing in easy gun range that I let go to grow up (pro move, but it left me with no bird).

I have a confession to make. I've never enjoyed eating wild turkey, and maybe this is why I often seem to sabotage my own turkey hunts, whether subconsciously or just by sheer foolishness. I began turkey hunting in Dubuque, Iowa, around 1986 or so with bow and arrow. (Iowa came up with a genius idea that if you hunt turkeys only with bow and arrow, you can hunt all of the turkey seasons.)

Despite being able to



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hunt every weekend of turkey season in Iowa for years, I never connected with my compound bow (I once shot at the same tom three times before the flock around him flew) but enjoyed every second in the spring woods, seeing wildflowers and greenery never seen in the fall.

Seeing life spring forth is probably the best reason to turkey hunt. The sights and sounds are inspiring and rejuvenating. I don't feel the pressure to put an animal in the freezer or compete with other hunters in any way. After a winter of gloomy skies, frigid temps and snowy roads, I'm ready to feel the warm sun and hear buzzing bees and the sweet gobbles of a lusty tom.

If you didn't get the permit date or zone you wanted (most of Shawano County and all of Waupaca County are in Zone 3, while Oconto County is in Zone 5), this week began sales of bonus (surplus) tags.

Zone 3 tag sales started March 20, with Zone 5 and 7 tags on sale March 22. Zone 6 is sold out. On March 23, any remaining tags for any zone not sold out are available. Just log onto the Go Wild site (<https://gowild.wi.gov>) at 9:45 a.m. and wait until the sale begins at 10 a.m. daily. Since you are assigned a random order, there is no advantage to logging on before 9:45 a.m. It's a nice way to extend your season, especially if you don't have a honey hole that generally guarantees you to get a bird in a day or two.

Although there were more than 106,000 permits available as of March 18, when Zone 1 tags went on sale, these bonus tags do go fast, especially for the earlier time periods. The permits are \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents.

Season dates are: A, April 17-23; B, April 24-30; C, May 1-7; D, May 8-14; E, May 15-21; and F, May 22-28. Check this link to see which bonus permits are left (there were none available as of March 8 in any zone for seasons A and B): <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/springturkey.html>.

Here's the part I will never understand. If I ap-

plied for a specific season date in Zone 3 and got my second or third choice, why are there any left for the zone and season I requested? If I go to Dairy Queen and request a butterscotch Dilly bar and they say sorry, we are sold out of those, and the guy ordering after me gets a butterscotch Dilly bar, I'm going to be upset. Last year, I didn't get drawn for any tag and had to buy my tag in the bonus sale. Yet there were surplus permits for my request dates in Zone 3. Is it possible that the DNR is still using some sort of antiquated drawing system? Many years ago, I found out they were still using punch cards to keep track of the deer permits. What? Or a better question was, why?

I think one application choice should be "any remaining season in Zone 3." This could potentially reduce the number of surplus tags left. There's probably a way to eliminate the need for the bonus tag drawing, although many hunters forget to apply by Dec. 10. (Who is really thinking about turkey hunting in December, anyway?) I once forgot to apply on the year the DNR computer



This is what turkey hunters dream of come spring: A nice strutting tom and probably a few hens to keep him company. You certainly don't want to shoot a hen during the spring season (they are only legal game during fall, unless they have a beard), so you would want to wait a bit for the gobbler to move away before shooting.

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system jammed from so many applications and they extended the application date through the weekend. Remember that? With the new Go Wild system, us patron license buyers apply for all their permits at the time of purchase (normally in March or April). This eliminates the need to remember all these random application dates.

Whatever season you get, it's going to be a fun time. If you are new to turkey hunting and can't get a friend to take you or teach you, the state has a very successful Learn to

Hunt program: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/lth>.

If you can take a youth hunting, it's even more enjoyable. Remember, any youth can mentor hunt with an adult, even if they haven't completed a hunter safety course. Search for "mentor hunting" on the DNR site for details.

The youth turkey season is April 13-14.

Good luck.

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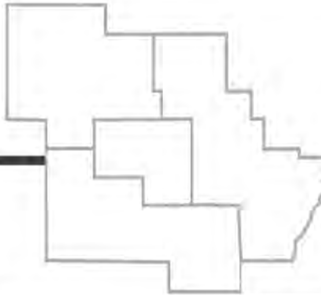
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Interior secretary stumps for Democrats in Shawano

Trump would 'take a wrecking ball' to democracy, Haaland says

By WARREN BLUHM
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The U.S. Secretary of the Interior swept through northeast Wisconsin on March 16, but her only public appearances were strictly partisan events aimed at rallying the Democratic Party vote during this election year.

The occasion was a series of coordinated campaign launches with a goal the state party described as to "energize volunteers before they engage their personal networks with relational organizing tools and knock on doors."

Secretary Deb Haaland, who started her speech at the Shawano Civic Center by saying she was "here in my personal capacity,"



Interior secretary Deb Haaland gives a campaign speech to Shawano County Democrats during a political event March 16.

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not in her role as a cabinet member, was also slated to make appearances later in the day in Green Bay, Manitowoc and Sheboygan talking about what she called "the power of Demo-

crats to make the world a better place."

Haaland told a group of more than 50 local residents that the election will be about "who do we trust to fight for us for our

families and for our future." She painted a picture of the 2020 pandemic lockdowns and small business failures and suggested that the election of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala

Harris rebuilt the economy. "We were lurching from crisis to crisis, all of it exacerbated by a chaotic, dangerous president who was only looking out for himself. We were a nation in desperate need of a healing voice and a steady hand, and of course we found that in President Joe Biden," Haaland said. "Main Streets across America are booming, small businesses are launching at a record rate. Latino entrepreneurs are starting new businesses at the fastest rate in over a decade. Black business ownership is growing at the fastest rate in three decades."

All signs point to the economy being headed for a soft landing, she said. "This holiday season, a gallon of gas, a gallon of milk, toys, appliances, electronics, car rentals and airfare all cost less than they did a year ago," Haaland said. "Long story short, prices are down, wages are up, jobs are abundant, and

America is building again." The November election will provide a choice between two very different visions of America, Haaland said, and she warned of dire consequences if presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump is elected president again in 2024. "If he gets back into power, make no mistake, he will take a wrecking ball to the foundations of our democracy, and that means we have no choice but to beat him again," she said. She wrapped up by saying the stakes in this year's election couldn't be higher. "I know every single election, we all say it's the most important election of our lifetime, and it turns out that that's always true, right?" Haaland said. "That is something we have to internalize, and it's up to us — it's up to all of us — to make sure that President Biden gets re-elected."

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Walleye tag reward study begins in Green Bay, tributaries

Together with Walleyes for Tomorrow, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the implementation of a walleye reward tag study for Green Bay and its major tributaries.

Green Bay and its tribu-

taries support a world-class fishery boasting a robust walleye population and trophy-sized fish. Results from DNR angler creel surveys have shown the popularity of this fishery has grown in recent years, and staff has seen increased angler effort

targeting walleyes.

The DNR will begin tagging up to 5,000 walleyes with green and yellow floy tags to better understand the walleye fishery and gather information on population levels and harvest. Fish will be tagged throughout Green Bay's five major spawning areas in Wisconsin — the Fox, Oconto, Peshtigo and Menominee rivers and Sturgeon Bay.

In addition to the yellow and green tags, 200 red reward tags will be distributed throughout these waters. Walleyes for Tomorrow is offering a \$100 reward to

anglers who report catching walleyes with red tags. Thanks to funding from Walleyes for Tomorrow, the DNR hopes to continue this tagging study for the next three to five years.

Anglers who catch a tagged walleye of legal size can harvest or release the fish. Any tagged fish not meeting minimum length requirements should be immediately released once the tag information has been obtained. Follow responsible catch-and-release practices and leave the tag intact for all released walleyes.

For all colored tags,

anglers should report the tag number, tag color, fish length, location caught, date caught and whether the fish was harvested. Additionally, for red tags that read "REWARD \$100" with a valid reward date listed, anglers must verify their tag to redeem the reward. This can be done by:

- If harvested, present the physical tag or email a picture of the tag that includes the three-digit tag number to the DNR.
- If released, take a close-up picture of the tag that includes the three-digit tag number and a picture

of the angler holding the walleye with the attached tag visible.

To report your catch to the DNR, email dnrfhg-fish@wisconsin.gov or call 920-662-5411. To mail in a floy tag from a harvested fish, send it to: Attn: Fish Biologist, 2984 Shawano Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313.

Upon reporting a green or yellow floy tag, anglers will receive information about the fish, including the date, location, size, sex and estimated age at the time of tagging. Anglers do not need to provide picture verification or mail in the physical tag when reporting walleyes with green or yellow tags.

Reported tags from captured or harvested walleye will help guide walleye management throughout Green Bay and its tributaries by providing fisheries biologists with information about exploitation, harvest, spawning site fidelity, movement patterns and growth rates.

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Downtown Shawano has woman's boutique again

Ultimate Closet opened by retired Green Bay school administrator

BY LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

There's a new boutique in downtown Shawano where the fitting room is in a walk-in bank vault.

The Ultimate Closet women's clothing boutique, owned by Ann Lenss, is in the former bank building at 146 S. Main St., next door to Martin Jewellers. It opened in the reinvigorated Shawano downtown shopping district Feb. 3.

"One day, I walked into a store (Ultimate Closet in Green Bay), where I shopped a lot, and I just said to the owner 'I love your shop. I just love the clothing,'" Lenz said. "The owner looked at me and said, 'Buy it,' and that was the start of my dream."

Lenss said her girls always told her that she should own a shop, noting that they called her "a professional shopper."

Lenss researched how to start a small business. She consulted with Suzette Hackl-Kroll from Thornberry Cottage on Main Street, asking her if she was happy she made the move to Shawano, and she said she was.

Intending to move the business to Shawano, Lenss jumped right in after retiring from the Green Bay Area Public School District. She had been with the school district for 32 years, most recently as a principal.

"I've shopped in Shawano for years, and knew of a couple of great shops that were here and knew that we needed another women's shop here," Lenss said. "I thought, what a great opportunity to bring it to Shawano."

Heather Pahl from Martin Jewellers owns the bank building. Pahl asked Lenss if she wanted to lease a spot.

"Everything just came together," Lenss said. "I knew it was meant to be."

The interior had basically torn down to cement floors at that point, according to Lenss. Pahl confirmed that the vintage tin



Anne Lenss shows off the repurposed bank vault in her new women's clothing boutique in downtown Shawano. The Ultimate Closet opened at 146 S. Main St. on Feb. 3. Lenss, a retired principal from the Green Bay Area Public School District, is committed to providing a high level of customer service.

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ceiling would stay, that wood floors could be installed, and that special lighting from the Green Bay shop could work there.

"People talk about that when they come in. 'Oh, the building is so beautiful,'" Lenss said, "and when they look at the fitting room and see that it was the

bank vault, and see the vintage ceiling, those unique features really make it a destination.

"I think that going to boutiques in small towns is just wonderful. Supporting local has always been big for me."

Lenss explained that customers will find casual and comfortable clothing to more formal attire, such as dresses and skirts for weddings. There is also a nice selection of jeans, along with tops for the working woman.

"That was something we wanted to capitalize on, to bring in quality clothing that you can have in your closet and wear over and over again," Lenss said, adding that she really enjoys putting outfits together for customers.

Racks of clothes are placed strategically, with plenty of room to browse. Fixtures are modern and blend seamlessly with the vintage touch of the tin ceiling. The front display window is bright and airy.

"My daughter, Alexis Retzlaff, was the one that came up with the current display," Lenss said.

Renovation was completed mid-January and they started to move in.

"My son, Gavin, was a big help. He helped move boxes," Lenss said. "We are a very close family. The kids are instrumental in helping. My mom (Cindy Holewinski) is also a very big help. My daughter, Brianna Boyer, comes in and



Current fashions are on display in The Ultimate Closet, a women's boutique opened by Anne Lenss in downtown Shawano on Feb. 3. The shop on Main Street is in a repurposed bank building. The shop is bright and clothing rack placements allow for easy browsing by customers, who are coming from the Shawano area, Wausau, Stevens Point, Appleton and Green Bay.

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Auditions coming for 2 theater events

Abrams Spotlight plans 'Boeing Boeing' for June; 'Wizard of Oz' coming in July

Two theaters in northeast Wisconsin are holding auditions for summer shows. Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. will hold auditions for its summer comedy, "Boeing Boeing" to be presented June 6-9 and June 13-16.

Individuals will have two opportunities to audition at 6-8 p.m. April 1 or April 3 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. The auditions will include a reading from the script. Individuals are encouraged to complete the audition paperwork online at www.abramstheater.com prior to arrival.

If an in-person audition isn't feasible, contact ASPI at 920-826-5852 or theater.aspi@gmail.com regarding an alternate audition time or a video audition. Rehearsals start the week of April 7 and will be held two to three evenings a week.

Similar to Shakespeare's comedies of merry misadventures and mistaken identities, "Boeing Boeing" tells the exploits of French bachelor Bernard and his lovely female flight attendants. Three flight attendants, to be exact, from three different countries. They all believe they're engaged to Bernard.

Directed by Wayne Strei, the comedy calls for a cast of six male and female actors, ages 16 and older. No stage experience is necessary to try out.

"Boeing Boeing" is written by Marc Camoletti, translated by Beverly Cross and Francis Evans and presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

Meanwhile, the Box in the Wood Theatre Guild is planning auditions for "The Wizard of Oz."

The guild will be holding open auditions from 6-9 p.m. April 5 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6 at the Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano.

Follow the yellow brick road in the stage adaptation of L. Frank Baum's beloved tale, featuring the iconic musical score from the MGM film. The timeless tale, in which young Dorothy Gale travels from Kansas over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz, continues to thrill audiences worldwide.

Actors ages 13 and older are welcome to audition. Auditioners should prepare a song from a musical to perform at the audition that is not from "The Wizard of Oz." They should bring their own music track to perform with, and a Bluetooth speaker and cables will be available for use. A piano is also available.

Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch and Professor Marvel/The Wizard are non-singing roles, so those interested in auditioning for these roles will do cold readings from the script. Auditioners should register for an audition date and time by going to <https://tinyurl.com/oz-auditions>.

The show is scheduled for July 11-14 and July 18-21. Rehearsals will be scheduled two to three times a week beginning in April. For information, contact the director, Brandon Byng, at 920-737-8620.

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March is National Women's Month. I'm not one to pass up the chance to celebrate anything, so let's toast the fabulous females in our lives. Kudos to all of the wonderful women whose lives intersect with mine. You are my role models, my inspiration and my mental salvation in these trying times.

Celebrating women got me thinking how their roles have evolved in my lifetime. Every older female I remember from my childhood was a housewife. Even in their 30s, many had birthed numerous children and could best be described as matronly; wearing home-sewn long housedresses accessorized by heavy stockings, sensible shoes and hairnets.

Those lucky enough to live into their 70s were usually widows. Sadly, many women never made it that far. If they managed to survive childbirth, infections, communicable diseases, not to mention farm accidents, they succumbed to heart ailments and cancer.

There's a popular saying, "If I had expected to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself." I can't say I've lived life on the edge, but being a generally healthy woman in her late 70s is an unearned blessing. Honestly, I never expected to make it past 65, but becoming older is actually pretty wonderful. Like so many female friends, I don't dwell on my age. Instead, I'm focused on living a productive life by giving back and don't waste time speculating about my expiration date. As my husband, Jon, likes to say: "You are older than you've ever been before but younger than you'll ever be again."

That doesn't mean I'm unaware of my mortality. In fact, I can even joke about it: "Hey, did you know birth is the leading

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helps sell. Her 10-year-old son, Braxton, honestly, he's the one that's helped me learn some of the computer pieces."

"My husband, Peter, has been a big help. I couldn't have done it without him," Lenss shared.

Traffic in the store has been constant, according to Lenss.

"The community has just embraced us," she said. "Everybody that comes in says they are happy that we moved here."

Lenss noted that customers have come from Wausau, from Stevens Point, with lots of people from Appleton and Green Bay.



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

cause of death?" Proof is that an entire branch of medicine has sprung up due to the fact that you cannot pick your parents. Scientific research shows that genetics play a significant role in all things human, especially health. You can inherit your mother's flawless skin and cushy tushy but also her baby-fine hair and hammer toes. In fact, genetics are so important that health care practitioners routinely require patients to complete a family medical history.

Taking this to a personal level, my primary care provider reviews my family history annually during my Medicare wellness visit and takes it into serious consideration when recommending screening tests. For example, I am of age to opt out of yearly mammograms, but I continue to get one. Why? My Grandma Schmidt developed breast cancer in her 60s.

Her daughter Lucille, my maternal aunt, inherited the gene and was diagnosed in her early 70s. My mom escaped that fate but inherited Alzheimer's disease from her father. Whenever I feel pain in certain places or forget where I put my phone, I wonder.

Anyway, Mom told me Grandma Schmidt was well aware that she was handing her living body over to science in hopes she could live a few more years. She fought hard, but breast cancer care was in its infancy back then. All you could do was pray for a miracle.

Grandma Schmidt's protocol regimen included a double mastectomy followed by cobalt treatments to burn away any stray

cancer cells that might be lurking in what was left of her chest. Though I lost her far too early, she will always be my hero. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to her and all the women who were valiant warriors, stepping up to engage in mortal combat with this dreadful disease. They were human guinea pigs who blazed a trail to treatments that can cure or at least add years of life after a breast cancer diagnosis.

On the other side of the family, I was always told my paternal grandmother, Clara Brantmeier, died of a broken heart soon after losing Grandpa due to a massive heart attack. That probably played a role, but more likely it was heart failure. Either or both may be related to an astonishing example of genetic transmission. Of my seven siblings; the oldest five (which includes me) have inherited the exact same heart valve issues known as heart murmurs, whooshing sounds made by turbulent blood flow that is easily detected with a stethoscope.

Mayo Clinic reports that the leading cause of heart problems is linked to murmurs in your family history. Wouldn't you know it? Some of my siblings have already had medical procedures for valve issues while the rest of us are watching and waiting. Bottom line — no matter what, you'll never get out of this world alive.

Circling back, here's a big shout out to all the wonderful women reading this. Remember: "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Allow me to rephrase that to honor you during National Women's Month: The hands that rule the world rock.

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

She's also enthusiastic about community events, like Ladies Day.

"We're partnering with Safe Haven and will donate \$1 from each proceeds to them. We like to give back to the community," Lenss said.

The new boutique owner's goal is to make sure her customers feel good after leaving The Ultimate Closet.

"I know that ladies feel good when they have a beautiful outfit," Lenss said. "Everyone deserves to feel special. I want to let everyone know to come in and we'll fit them with clothing and accessories that will make them feel special."

"They come to us as a destination. They park their cars and walk up and down the street and hit all the shops," she said. "It's just wonderful. They can end with food and drinks and just make a day of it."

Her plans for the future include hosting groups in the evening.

"I'd like to start with educators. Have a night for them. Where they can come in and have wine and cheese, and just do a bit of a fashion show for them," Lenss said. "Give them time to see the new styles and purchase them. With busy lifestyles, oftentimes that's not possible in a nine-to-five day."



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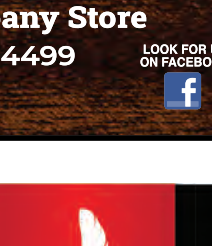
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A male American Goldfinch beckons in the summer. JOEL TRICK

Goldfinches brightening up area homes, feeders

We are seeing American goldfinches in the company of house finches at our feeders now. The breeding males seem to glow in the sunlight as they show off their bright yellow plumage. Accented by black wings with white markings, dark eyes, a black cap and stout orange bill, this is a handsome bird. The breeding females are more subdued in coloring being duller yellow beneath and more olive in hue above than the breeding males.

Generally, goldfinches flock with other birds. In addition to seeing them with house finches, they often are found in the company of pine siskins and common redpolls, according to the Cornell Lab All About Birds (AAB) website.

Watch these birds and you find that goldfinches are very acrobatic, able to balance on the head of a sunflower or thistle plant to find their favorite food — seeds. Unlike many other birds whose diets include insects, according to AAB, the American goldfinch's diet is exclusively seeds, although they may inadvertently eat an occasional insect. Two of their favorite seeds are nyjer and sunflower seeds.

According to www.audubon.org, the small black, thin, nyjer seed is very nutritious, being high in oil (30-40%), on par with black oil sunflower seeds. It is imported, mainly from India and Ethiopia where it is grown for oil and medicinal uses.

Even though nyjer seed is often referred to as "thistle seed," according to

www.forthebirds.com, it is not related to thistles but is the seed of the African yellow daisy. You can easily find nyjer seeds where you buy other bird seed.

Tune your ears to the most common call of the American goldfinch to detect whether it is in your neighborhood. According to AAB, this is the bird's potato chip call sung with a very even cadence. In the spring and early summer, you may hear the male's tee-ye courtship call when he lands near a female, often followed by a robust burst of song.

Another way to identify an American goldfinch is to watch for its distinctive flight behavior. According to AAB, they fly with a bouncy, undulating pattern and often call in flight making it easy to tell them apart from other birds.

Interestingly, the American goldfinches' reproductive cycle is tuned to its favorite seed producing plants. As noted on the AAB website, they wait until June or July to build tightly woven cup-shaped nests as this is when milkweed, thistle and other plants have produced their seeds. Not only do the seeds provide food for the young, but the fibers and "down" from the seed heads are incorporated into the nests, making them soft and waterproof. Even spider silk is used in nest construc-

tion; the female uses the strong lightweight "threads" to lash the foundation of the nest to supporting branches.

According to AAB, the American goldfinch is a short term migrant. It can be seen in Wisconsin and other parts of the central U.S. year-round. Some migrate as far north as southern Canada to breed, and others head south to overwinter in the southern U.S. and Mexico. Their numbers grow here in the Midwest in the spring when the southern migrants head north. That's why we are seeing more of them at our feeders these days.

The American goldfinch is considered a common species, and although their numbers declined between 1966 and 2019, the AAB website reports them to be of low conservation concern.

Put some nyjer or sunflower seeds in your feeders. American goldfinches are not fussy and will eat the seeds from a hanging tube feeder, platform feeder or off the ground. You can also plant some of their favorite seed plants like sunflowers and native milkweeds to attract them to your yard. Like the coming warming days, these golden birds with their energetic grip on life warm our hearts as they beckon in the summer.

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Field Office and prior to that with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch in Buffalo, New York. As endangered species coordinator for the USFWS, she helped conserve and recover federally listed threatened and endangered species in Wisconsin.

Deadline for writing contest approaches

The deadline of April 6 is approaching for the 18th annual George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest, sponsored by the Shawano Area Writers.

There is no entry fee for student writers in grades 1-12 to submit as many entries as they would like in either fiction, nonfiction, poetry, or all three categories.

Contest coordinator John Mutter Jr. announced that the judges for the 2024 contest are Jerry McGinley, of Waunakee, Christine Hawkinson, of Prairie du Sac, and Michael Belongie, of Beaver Dam. All entries are judged anonymously by the independent panel of writers.

Students compete for a chance to win cash

prizes and a certificate of achievement. The contest winners will be announced on the Shawano Area Writers' website, www.shawanoareawriters.org, and recognized on May 19 at the Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano.

For information about the contest, call Mutter at 715-524-4520.

Menominee officials seek stories about drug addiction

Drug addiction impacts everyone, and the Menominee Nation's Drug Addiction Intervention Team (DAIT) wants to hear their stories as part of its podcast series "Talk About It."

Members of the DAIT are tribal and county leaders in health, education, law enforcement, first responders, social services and more who are working to identify and break down barriers, identify roadblocks

to care and treatment and find collaborative solutions to the opioid drug problem on the reservation.

Part of the group's public outreach efforts includes a podcast addressing topics regarding the opioid epidemic. To date, over a dozen episodes have been aired, covering signs of addiction, harm reduction, seeking help, how to talk about fentanyl, recovery coaches, drugs in the

schools, adverse childhood experience, assessment and treatment options, what people can do about the fentanyl crisis, children and exposure to substances, and drugs with the legal system.

A new set of podcasts will be taped in the coming months with the new title, "Do Something," and the DAIT is looking for community members willing to share their experiences, including those who are will-

ing to share their recovery story or those have a family member battling addiction that would like to share their view on the impact of drug use in the community.

"We know there are so many stories in our community that need to be shared," said Addie Caldwell, DAIT co-chairwoman. "It can take courage to talk about it, but when these stories are out in the open, others have a better understanding of

the problem and impact. It is going to take the entire community to do something about the opioid epidemic in order for it to be eradicated. Talking about it and then doing something about it is essential. We know that is a very tall order — but we have to keep working on it now and for future generations."

Anyone interested in potentially being a guest on the Do Something podcast

can contact Leah Pamonicutt, drug intervention coordinator, at lenpamonicutt@mitw.org or 715-799-6427. Those selected for a podcast interview will be notified in advance with additional details provided.

Podcast episodes are posted twice a month and can be listened to on the tribe's website, www.menominee-nsn.gov/CommunityPages/Podcasts.aspx, Spotify and Apple Music.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

KESHENA: Zumba Gold, 12:10-12:50 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: 715-524-3194 or edijafra@yahoo.com.

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

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents "Oklahoma!" 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Adults \$19, senior citizens and children 5-17 \$17. abramsspotlightproductions.com or 920-826-5852.

KESHENA: Boots Scootin' Boogie — A Tribute to Reba, Brooks and Dunn, 8 p.m., Menominee Casino Resort, N277 State Highway 47-55. General admission \$15 and receive \$5 Free2Play. Tickets at www.menomineecasinosort.com or at the Cage cashier.

WITTENBERG: "Clue," 7 p.m., Wittenberg-Birnamwood

High School, auditorium, 400 W. Grand Ave. \$10 adults, \$5 children and senior citizens.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

OCONTO FALLS: Karl Zeitler Memorial Hunt and K-9 Challenge, 8 a.m., Fox Ridge Game Farm, 8585 Valley Line Road. Law Dog Challenge 10 a.m. Fundraiser for area K-9 law enforcement officers.

SHAWANO: Zurko Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano Community Hall, 115 E. Division St.

SHAWANO: FlavorFest Cooking School and Expo, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Live cooking demonstrations, Q&A sessions, a vendor expo, and an Amish Haystack meal experience complete with homemade pie and ice cream. \$10 for cooking school, \$27 for cooking school and Amish meal.

NAVARINO: Willow Trellis Workshop, 9-11 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646

Lindsten Road. \$50 fee. RSVP by March 20 at 715-758-6999 or www.navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Easter Eggstravaganza, 9:30 a.m. to noon, St. James Lutheran Church, 324 S. Andrews St. Egg hunt ages 0-3 years 10 a.m., 4-6 10:30 a.m. and 7-9 11 a.m. Face painting, crafts, music, and snacks.

KESHENA: Running and walking program, noon to 6 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Infused water provided during the week, and a family snack-making station is provided on Saturdays. Information: Chelsey Latender, 715-799-5431 or chelseyl@mtclinic.net.

SHAWANO: Fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt, 1-1:45 p.m., Methodist Church on the Hill, 1000 Engel Drive. Over 300 prizes, Beja Shriners, face painting, 2,500 rubber ducks and over 20,000 eggs. Shawano Police Department also on hand to fingerprint children.

SHAWANO: Easter Egg Hunt

in the Pool, 1:30-4 p.m., Shawano Recreation Center, 220 E. Division St. Swim for eggs, games, pictures with the Easter Bunny, prizes.

WITTENBERG: "Clue," 7 p.m., Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, auditorium, 400 W. Grand Ave. \$10 adults, \$5 children and senior citizens.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 24

OCONTO: Social with Cards, 1 p.m., Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 300 Arbutus Ave. Sheephead and smear, \$5 lunch donation, raffles. St. Anne de Beaupre Society fundraiser.

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents "Oklahoma!" 1 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Adults \$19, senior

citizens and children 5-17 \$17. abramsspotlightproductions.com or 920-826-5852.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

KESHENA: Running and walking program, 4:40-6:30 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Infused water provided during the week, and a family snack-making station is provided on Saturdays. Information: Chelsey Latender, 715-799-5431 or chelseyl@mtclinic.net.

SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

NEOPIT: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. The Circle House, W6715 Shawpokasic St. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

KESHENA: Running and walking program, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Infused water provided during the week, and a family snack-making station is provided on Saturdays. Information: Chelsey Latender, 715-799-5431 or chelseyl@mtclinic.net.

GILLET: Maundy Thursday service, 6 p.m., Tabor United Methodist Church, 120 W. Main St.

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

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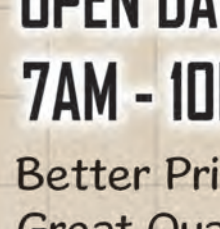
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Shawano kicks off spring track season

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Even before the WIAA boys state basketball tournament games were held, high school spring sports got underway, with a handful of Shawano boys track

members competing in the Oshkosh High School Invitational at UW-Oshkosh on March 12.

The Hawks didn't field a full team and ended up with three points, placing last out of 22 teams. Stevens Point won with 80

points.

Senior Ethan Onesti placed sixth in the 1,600-meter run in 4:36.04. That finish led to Shawano's only points.

In the 400-meter dash, sophomore Joshua Lesperance placed 26th in 59.44.

He was 22nd in the triple jump at 35 feet 5.5 inches.

Onesti finished 10th in the 800-meter run in 2:05.36, while junior Trevor Schwartz was 30th with a time of 2:23.48.

Micah Welander, a freshman, finished in 29th

place in the 200-meter dash in 26.89.

Fellow freshman Josiah Kuehl placed ninth in the 3,200-meter run, finishing out spot out of the scoring, with a time of 10:49.97.

Senior Ryan Shanty tied at 21st in the long jump at

18-03. Welander was 33rd at 15 feet even.

In the preliminaries, Shanty placed 40th in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.88 seconds but did not qualify for the final race.

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IN BRIEF

Haffner makes it to semifinals in WIAA Girls 3-Point Challenge

Gresham senior Madolyn Haffner was among four girls to make it to the semifinals in the 2024 WIAA Girls 3-Point Challenge on March 9 in Ashwaubenon.

Lindsey Schadewalt of New Glarus won the challenge and set a new record for total points.

Ten participants were selected for the event based on stats information entered by coaches into the WisSports.net database.

The top two 3-point shooters (with a minimum 75 attempts) from each division were chosen to participate.

In Division 5, Haffner made 59 of 120 attempts for a 49.2% success rate. Placing second was Reese Grimm of Pittsville, who made 51 of 110 for 46.4%.

Haffner, a senior, made 18 in the first round, 17 in the semifinals but then missed the finals.

Each girl shot five balls from the same five points on the court.

Dickman earns all-state honor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School hockey player Owen Dickman has been honored by the Wisconsin Hockey Coaches Association (WHCA).

Dickman, a forward on the Antigo and Witt-Birn co-op hockey team, was named honorable mention for the WHCA boys hockey all-state teams for the 2023-24 season.

His teammate, Eli Kassler, also a forward, was named to the second team. It was Kassler's second year being named all-state.

2 Shawano players earn unanimous selections for all-conference

Shawano's Leah Nordin and Logan Sipple each were unanimous selections for the Bay Conference first team all-conference teams for the 2023-24 season.

Nordin, a sophomore who plays guard and forward, hit the 1,000-point mark this season. Teammate Abigail Bystol, a senior forward for the Hawks, was named honorable mention.

Sipple, a junior, plays guard for Shawano.

Three boys and two girls were named to the first team for wrestling.

Sophomore Kody Popelka and seniors Drake Herm and Carsen Herm were named to the first team for boys wrestling. Senior Onna Hermann was named first team for girls wrestling.

Boys named to the second team were sophomore Dylan Gartner, freshman Owen Montour and senior Conner Chelberg.

Girls named to the second team were seniors Caitlyn Moede and Courtney Schenk, as well as junior Lily Tomas.

Panthers represented well with first team all-conference picks

Oconto Falls sophomore Rylie Shallow earned first team honors as guard as well as the defensive all-conference team for the North Eastern Conference in 2023-24.

Freshman Isaiah Holz and senior Garrett Ganter also earned all-conference honors for boys wrestling.

Joining Shallow with girls basketball awards were senior guard Kathryn Raddatz, junior forward Madeline Maloney and junior forward Amber Otto, all earning honorable mention status.

As for boys wrestling, juniors Cole Bozile and Nick Trepanier were named to the second team. Junior Hunter Bozile was named honorable mention.

Three members of the Panthers boys basketball team earned honorable mention status. They are senior guard and forward Alex Haines, sophomore guard Jameson Beaman and sophomore guard Brady Bursa.



The Wisconsin All Star Challenge state champion girls team featured, from left, All Star head coach Brad Krueger, Morgan Bushman (Marshfield), Peyton Smith (Merrill), Marley Krueger (Merrill), Holly Orgeman (D.C. Everest/Wittenberg), Johanna Dellenbach (Rhinelander) and Chris Orgeman (D.C. Everest/Wittenberg). CONTRIBUTED

District 9 bowlers win Wisconsin All Star Challenge

Both the boys and girls teams from the Wisconsin High School Bowling Club District 9 (Wausau region) claimed first place at the All Star Challenge on March 9 at Riviera Lanes in Green Bay.

The girls team included Birnamwood freshman Holly Orgeman.

Bowlers bowled three individual games of bowling to start the day and then went into 10 baker games to finish qualifying. Baker games are when five bowlers are on a team and each bowls two frames.

After the individual games, District 9 girls found themselves sitting in sixth place with 2,610 pins. The top three teams after qualifying advance to match play. Heading into the baker side of qualifying, after five games of baker, District 9 girls were still in sixth place with 3,469 pins. The girls came alive with a couple nice games — including a 225 game — to have 4,033 pins after game eight, which pushed them up to third place with two games left.

After the ninth game,

District 9 girls had 4,211 pins to remain in third place, but only by 10 pins with District 7A right behind them. In the 10th game, District 9 rolled a 168, while District 7A only threw a 142, giving District 9 the final spot in match play.

In match play, District 9 defeated District 10 (Eau Claire area) 389-333 to advance to the championship where District 9 rolled past District 3A (Racine/Kenosha area) 384-331.

Orgeman finished with 11 strikes, eight spares and

four opens, while Peyton Smith (Merrill) led the team with 15 strikes, nine spares and four opens. Johanna Dellenbach (Rhinelander) had 10 strikes, 14 spares and four opens, as Marley Krueger (Merrill) had 10 strikes, 14 spares and 4 opens as well. Morgan Bushman (Marshfield) rounded out the team with eight strikes, 13 spares and seven opens.

The District 9 boys team also qualified for match play in third place and pushed ahead to win the All Star title as well.

Shawano, Pulaski compete on college campuses

Pulaski's boys 4x800-meter relay team had the best finish March 16 at UW-Stevens Point. The team placed 11th.

Other top-20 finishes were Arden Gillen, 15th in 1,600-meter run; Parker Marshall, 19th in the 1,600-meter run; the 4x200-meter relay team, 14th; the 4x400-meter relay team, 16th; and Rylan Opperman, 20th in the 400-meter dash.

March 14

Shawano and Pulaski athletes competed at a large-school meet at UW-Oshkosh on March 14, and it was a small contingent for each track and field team.

Three Shawano runners competed in the 200-meter dash. Senior Logan Korth placed 20th in 25.41 sec-

onds, followed by junior Austin Peterson in 22nd with a time of 25.56 and freshman Ryan Schwitzer in 30th at 26.69.

Pulaski sophomore Rylan Opperman finished 30th in the 400-meter dash in 1:01.63, with Shawano freshman Joshua Lesperance right behind in 31st place in 1:03.61.

Ethan Onesti, a Shawano junior, placed ninth in the 800-meter run in 2:10.85. He was also ninth in the 1,600-meter run in 4:48.53; teammate senior Jaymin Boivin finished in 26th place in 5:11.71.

Shawano senior Aidan Preston finished 23rd in the 3,200-meter run in 11:45.1.

The 4x200-meter relay featured the Shawano team of Schwitzer, junior Drake

Herm, Korth and Peterson finishing in 17th in 1:41.49. A Pulaski foursome placed 20th in 1:44.

A team from Pulaski placed 15th in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:02.61.

In the long jump, Pulaski junior Brayden Kamps placed 22nd with a jump of 16 feet 9.75 inches. A trio of Shawano jumpers also competed with Korth finishing 26th at 16-04, Schwitzer in 29th at 16-02 and Ainsworth in 32nd at 15-03.

Triple jump competitors included Pulaski athlete Madden Skenandore finishing in 13th place with a jump of 37-11.5, and Ainsworth in 24th at 31-02.

Pulaski senior Jack Marsh was the top local athlete competing in the

shot put. He placed 17th with a toss of 43-08. Joining him in the event was Shawano junior Mason Theis, 30th, 36-06, and teammate Andrew Herrmann, a senior, 35th place, 32-01.

In the 60-meter dash preliminaries, Pulaski junior Rylan Rodal placed 13th with a time of 7.33 seconds.

He was joined by Pulaski senior Jake Adams, 15th place, 7.36; Herm, 33rd, 7.66; Pulaski sophomore Malakai Godfrey, 42nd, 7.77; and Shawano sophomore Kaden Ewert, 52nd, 8.04. None advanced to the finals.

In the prelims for the 60-meter hurdles, Skenandore placed 10th in 9.21; he did not advance to the final race.

Charger girls place second

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls track and field team scored 149.5 points and placed second out of eight teams at the Northland Pines Indoor Invitational on March 14 in Eagle River.

The boys team placed 10th out of 10 teams with 14 points.

Menominee Indian's boys were fourth with 65 points, and the girls were fifth with 48 points.

Both teams captured a few first-place finishes.

Urijah Reeves, a Menominee Indian sophomore, ran to first place in the 400-meter dash in 1:06.17.

Wittenberg-Birnam-

wood junior Faith Resch placed first in the 200-meter hurdles in 30.06.

In the 800-meter run, Chargers freshman Nora Bushman captured first (2:42.73), Charger junior Kylee Beversdorf was second (2:46.24), and Reeves was third (2:49.12).

Resch won the high jump at 4-10.

A Chargers four-some placed first in the girls 4x800-meter relay in 11:37.61. Wittenberg-Birnamwood also grabbed first in the 4x400-meter relay in 4:36.46.

Barron Waupoose, an Eagle sophomore, led the field with a first-place finish in the boys 400-meter

dash in 54.5.

In the girls 55-meter hurdles, Wittenberg-Birnamwood captured places two through four. Resch was second in 9.63, freshman Kelsie Davis was third in 11.6 and Jayden Zeinert, a junior, was fourth in 11.78.

In the 55-meter dash, it was Menominee Indian sophomore Madeline Tomow with the best finish, placing eighth in 8.36.

Three freshman Chargers placed in the top seven in the 1,600-meter run. They were Bushman, second, 5:56.69; Gabrielle Timm, sixth, 6:48.01; and Charlie Eichman, seventh, 6:53.32.

Nelson, Stevens, Barkley earn firsts in Wausau

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Gresham/Bowler's Bryson Nelson ran his way to two first-place medals in the boys competition at the Wausau West Early Bird Indoor Track Meet on March 16. He captured first in the 800-meter run and in the 1,600-meter run.

Other than in the 55-meter dash, where all Gresham/Bowler runners placed 25th through 38th, all other events had no runner lower than 18th.

For the girls, Gresham/Bowler's Isabella Stevens earned first place in the high jump, as teammates Addison Fischer and Alivia

Perez tied for ninth.

Shawano only competed in the girls events, with Adalyn Barkley leading the way with a pair of first-place finishes, those coming in the 400-meter dash and the triple jump.

Everyone placed in the top 20, and all but two were in the top 10.

Fabry runs to first at Point Invite

Pulaski's Emerson Fabry won first place in the 800-meter run at the Point Invite at UW-Stevens Point on March 15.

Several other girls earned top-10 finishes.

Ella Hasser placed second in the 400-meter dash; Hallie Morz placed second in the pole vault; the 4x400-meter relay team

was second; the 4x200-meter relay team finished third; and Olivia Sprangers placed third in the 60-meter dash.

Oconto Falls

Oconto Falls girls grabbed two top-10 finishes.

Rylie Shallow was sixth in the 60-meter dash, and teammate Brooke Hod-

kiewicz was sixth in the 800-meter run.

Gillett

Gillett's 4x400-meter relay team placed 28th. It was the highest finish for the team.

For individuals, Haley Bullock placed 33rd in the 400-meter dash, and Hope Soper was 33rd in the triple jump.

Suring leads area schools at UW-O

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Suring collected 38 points and finished in ninth place out of 42 teams at the small-school invite at UW-Oshkosh on March 14. Oconto Falls collected 32 points and finished in 12th place, and Gillett scored six points and placed 36th.

Ben Adams of Oconto Falls ran away with a first-place finish in the Division 2 3,200-meter run in 10:01.56.

In the 60-meter hurdles for Division 3, Suring's Trent VanDenElzen placed second in the prelims in 10.03 and then catapulted to first place in the finals with a time of 9.84.

Oconto Falls' Brady Bursa, Bramer, Evan Yuma and Wilquet placed third in the D2 4x200-meter relay.

Adams grabbed second place in the D2 1,600-meter run. Gillett's Scott Herroux placed eighth in 5:25.72

in the D3 event. Suring's Gavin Staszik placed 14th in 6:13.57.

Cornell raced to third place in the D3 400-meter dash in 55.82. Further back was Gillett's Nash Stage, who placed 16th in 1:00.41.

Gillett's Braydn Wendorff was fourth in the D3 800-meter run in 2:12.53.

Suring's Quinn Thomson, Cornell, Ermis and VanDenElzen placed fourth in the D3 4x400-meter relay in 3:52.5.

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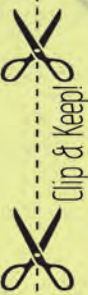
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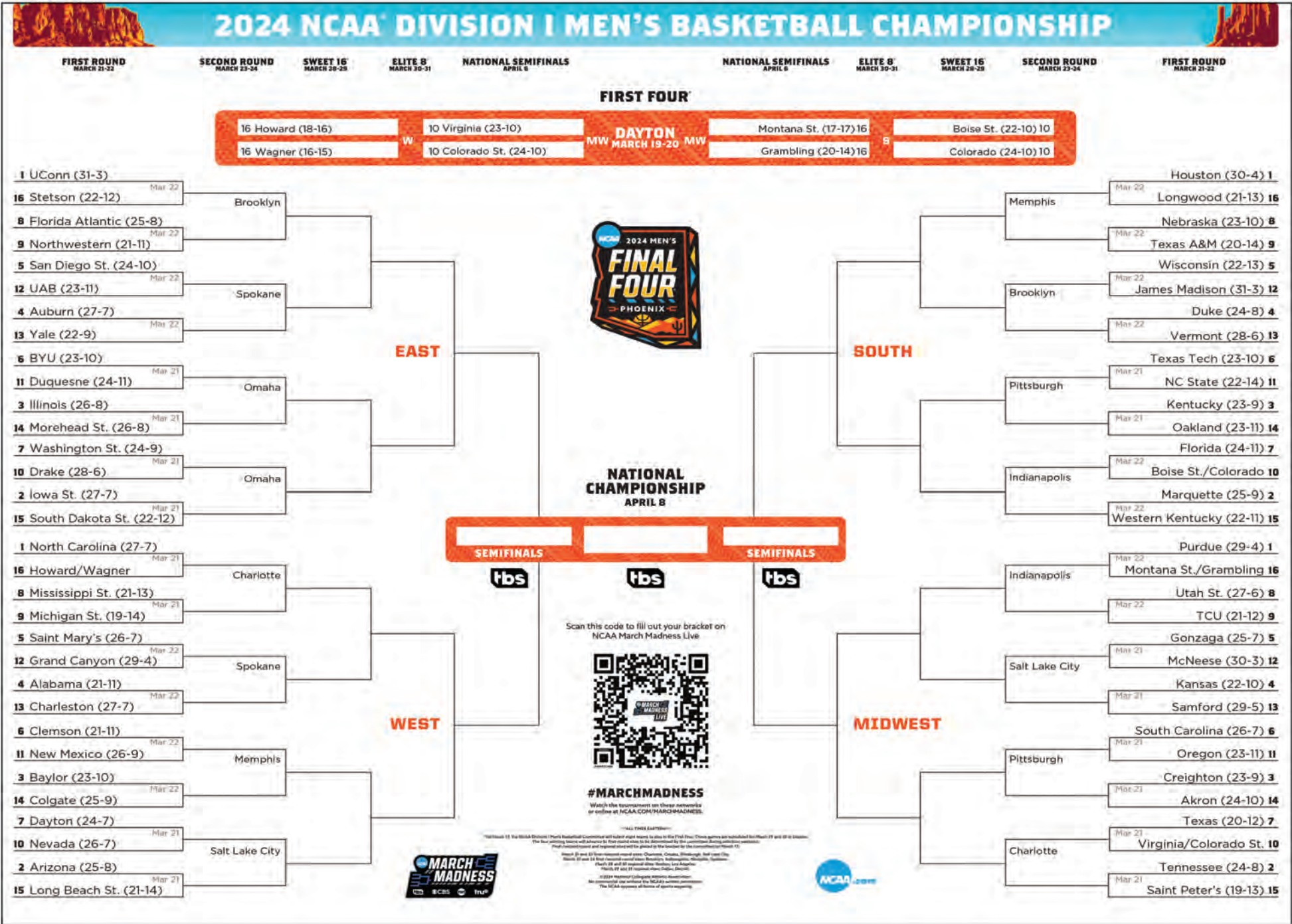


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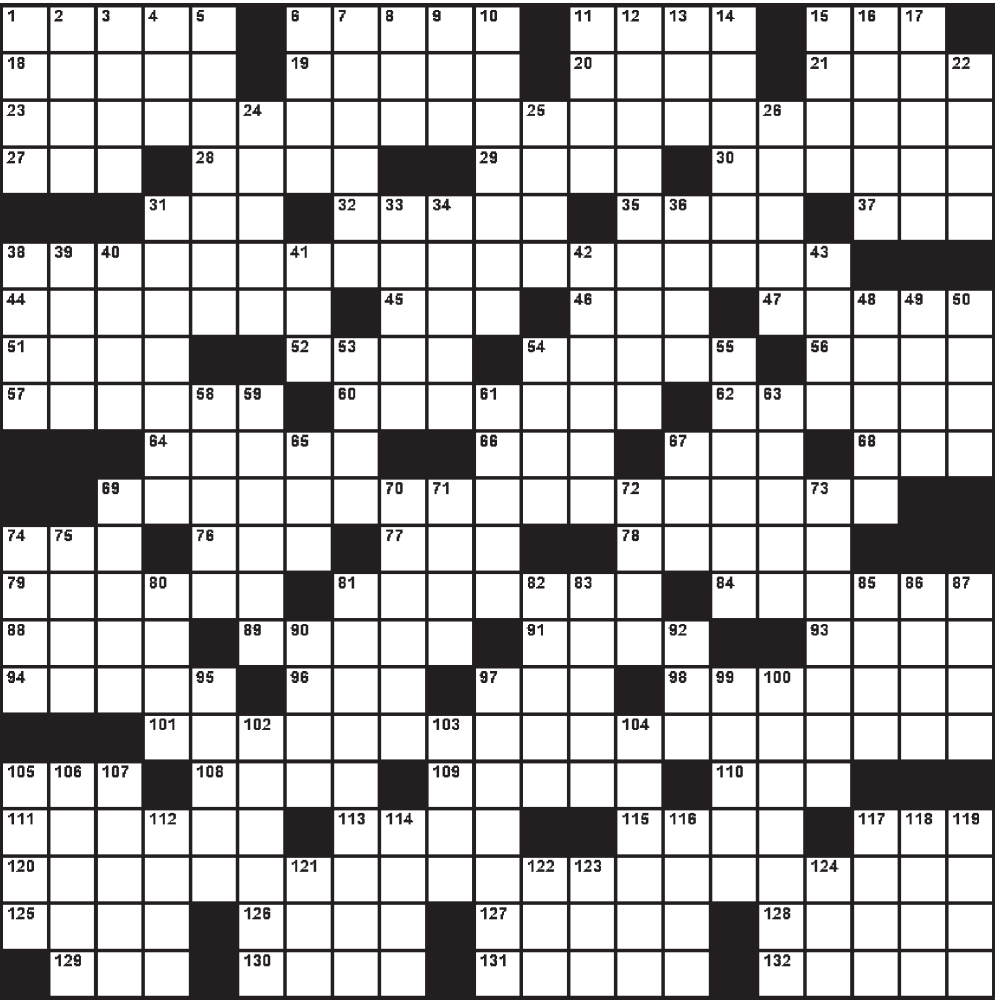
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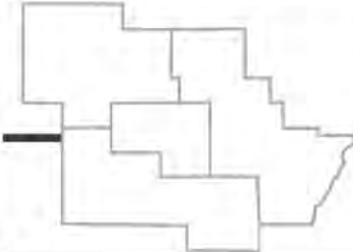


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2023 Consumer Confidence Report Data
WITTENBERG WATERWORKS, PWS ID: 45904650

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Water System Information

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Joel Yaeger at (715) 253-2684.

Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality

The Village Board meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Wittenberg Community Center at 6:00 pm.

Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
3	Groundwater	52	Active
4	Groundwater	50	Active
5	Groundwater	55	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, Joel Yaeger at (715) 253-2684.

Educational Information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAand HAL	HA: Health Advisory. An estimate of acceptable drinking water levels for a chemical substance based on health effects information. HAL: Health Advisory Level is a concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice. Health Advisories are determined by US EPA.
HI	HI: Hazard Index: A Hazard Index is used to assess the potential health impacts associated with mixtures of contaminants. Hazard Index guidance for a class of contaminants or mixture of contaminants may be determined by the US EPA or Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If a Health Index is exceeded a system may be required to post a public notice.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	MMaximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

PHGS	PHGS: Public Health Groundwater Standards are found in NR 140 Groundwater Quality. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
RPHGS	RPHGS: Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standards: Groundwater standards proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
SMCL	Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. The SMCLs do not represent health standards.
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	D-21	60	60	23	23		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
THM (ppb)	D-21	80	0	39.1	39.1		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2	0.046	0.038	-		No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
					0.046			refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	0.1	0.1	0.1		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth, Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)	100		2.7000	2.0000	2.7000		No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (NO3-N) (ppm)	10	10	5.78	0.17	6.70		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)	n/a	n/a	81.00	48.00	81.00		No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.1400	0 of 10 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	1.50	0 of 10 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

PFAS Contaminants with a Recommended Health Advisory Level

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950. The following table list PFAS contaminants which were detected in your water and that have a Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standard (RPHGS) or Health Advisory Level (HAL). There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed the RPHGS or HAL. The RPHGS are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk and are based on guidance provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Contaminant (units)	Site	RPHGS or HAL (PPT)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)
PFBS (ppt)		450000	11.00	0.34 - 11.00	
PFHXS (ppt)		40	1.00	0.00 - 1.00	
PFHXA (ppt)		150000	0.82	0.00 - 0.82	
PFOS (ppt)		20	2.00	0.00 - 2.00	
PFOA (ppt)		20	1.70	0.00 - 1.70	
PFOA AND PFOS TQTAL (ppt)		20	3.70	0.00 - 3.70	

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)		15	0	3.4	3.4		No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	0.5	0.5		No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a)		n/a	n/a	6.0	6.0		No	Erosion of natural deposits
COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l)		30	0	3.9	3.9		No	Erosion of natural deposits

Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ATRAZINE (ppb)	3	3	0.0	0.0	0.0		No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

Contaminants with a Public Health Groundwater Standard, Health Advisory Level, or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level

The following table lists contaminants which were detected in your water and that have either a Public Health Groundwater Standard (PHGS), Health Advisory Level (HAL), or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL), or both. There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed Health Advisory Levels, Public Health Groundwater Standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels. Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels are levels that do not present health concerns but may pose aesthetic problems such as objectionable taste, odor, or color. Public Health Groundwater Standards and Health Advisory Levels are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk.

Book Woman saga continues with daughter

A few years ago, I read Kim Michele Richardson's "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek." It sketches out life in 1930s Kentucky and relates how the women of The Pack Horse Library Project would ride a circuit into the surrounding mountain to deliver library materials to the isolated homes there. This week I discovered the next book in the series, "The Book Woman's Daughter."

Cussy Mary Lovet had been one of the pioneer book women. She was afflicted by an inherited blood condition causing a bluing of her skin. Some call it a sign of evil and want her dead.

Her color didn't matter



Jan Jones
Columnist

to Pete Lovet. They broke the law and got married. When Willie and Angline Moffet died leaving an infant daughter, Cussy and Pete took her in.

When the local sheriff came to arrest Cussy and Pete for inter-marrying, Cussy knew that Honey would be sent to a terrible reform school, so she gave Honey her cantankerous mule Junia and sends the 16-year-old to hide with the elderly Retta outside of Troublesome Creek.

Sadly, dear Retta passes away soon after she arrives. Then Retta's son sells the house Honey was supposed to inherit. Luckily, her grandpa's cabin is standing and well stocked, so she moves there.

If found, Honey could be sent directly to the reform school, but Honey and family have friends, and between them and Honey's court appointed lawyer do their best to help Honey remain free.

One of her new friends is Pearl Grant. Pearl is just older than Honey and has been hired as the new fire tower warden. They quickly become friends and stand together when the fire tower is vandalized and set afire. It is obvi-

ously the work of the Gillis family, but without proof Pearl can do nothing.

The area has resurrected the Pack Horse library and Honey manages to get hired. On one of her stops, she helps save Johnny Gillis from death in an old well. When Perry Gillis finds out, he gives his wife a severe beating.

Bonnie and her daughter, Wrenna, are also patrons. Bonnie's husband died in the mines and Bonnie now works there. The mines are bad places for women. Sexual assault is common, but Bonnie will not let them chase her away.

Little Wrenna tends to wander the area with her pet rooster, Tommy.

He is very protective of the child, and miners like Perry Gillis delight in tormenting the pair.

When Honey stumbles across an old newspaper account of a young man who obtained emancipation at age 14, she shares it with her lawyer and he sets her case in motion. It is either get married or become emancipated.

One afternoon, Perry Gillis is tormenting Bonnie, Wrenna and Tommy when the rooster launches a savage attack. Gillis is badly injured, but no one tries to blame Wrenna or Bonnie. Only Honey can see that this was a carefully planned event. Meanwhile, Guylabelle Gilis has disappeared. Honey

tells her lawyer what she overheard and suddenly they are at the Gillis cabin where little Johnny begs her to save his mama from the well.

Perry dies before he can be tried, but Honey knows she is still in danger from his kin. Now that she's free, Honey can accept a date with Francis. She is eager to see what that relationship leads. The wheels of change are ever so slowly moving so Honey must stay alert, work hard, and pray for a better future.

It is hard to imagine what life was like at that time and place. We've come a long way, but our freedoms can be lost in a heartbeat.

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Contaminant (units)	Site	SMCL (ppm)	PHGS or HAL (ppm)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Typical Source of Contaminant
MANGANESE (ppm)		0.05	0.3	0.03	0.03	11/11/2020	Leaching from natural deposits

Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. EPA required us to participate in this monitoring.

Contaminant (units)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)
METOLACHLOR (DUAL) (ppb)	0.02	0.02	

Additional Health Information

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than 6 months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant

you should ask advice from your health care provider. Females who are or may become pregnant should not consume water with nitrate concentrations that exceed 10 ppm. There is some evidence of an association between exposure to high nitrate levels in drinking water during the first weeks of pregnancy and certain birth defects. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services recommends people of all ages avoid long-term consumption of water that has nitrate level greater than 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Wittenberg Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

The Wittenberg Waterworks 2023 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will not be mailed but is available upon request at the Clerk's office in the Wittenberg Community Center.

WNAXLP

Aspirus gynecologist: Women don't have to live with chronic pelvic pain

Endometriosis is a prevalent but often misunderstood condition that affects millions of women worldwide. It is characterized by the presence of endometrial-like tissue outside the uterus, leading to a range of symptoms and challenges for those affected.

In honor of Endometriosis Awareness Month, Dr. Joelle Wennlund, a board-certified gynecologist with Aspirus Health, shared information on identifying this painful condition. "The most common

symptom of endometriosis is pelvic pain," Wennlund said.

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), endometriosis accounts for approximately 70% of cases of chronic pelvic pain in women. Other symptoms may include:

- Heavy menstrual bleeding.
 - Pain during intercourse.
 - Discomfort during bowel movements.
- Endometriosis affects 10-15% of all women of

reproductive age and tends to occur most frequently in women in their 30s and 40s.

"If someone is experiencing pelvic pain of any kind, they should visit their gynecologist," Wennlund said. "It's important to share all symptoms."

Your gynecologist will conduct a thorough examination, which may include a pelvic exam and imaging tests such as ultrasound. These diagnostic measures help determine the extent of the disease and guide

treatment decisions.

The NIH explains that endometriosis greatly impacts women's health and quality of life, so it's important to treat it. Treatment options vary and depend on the extent of the disease, the symptoms and whether the patient wants to grow her family. Treatment may include medication, surgery or both.

When pain is the primary problem, medication usually is tried first.

"As patients transition through different stages of

life, we adjust treatment approaches accordingly, taking into account their evolving needs and preferences," Wennlund said. "Regardless of age, our goal is to provide comprehensive care that addresses not only the physical symptoms of endometriosis but also the emotional and psychological aspects of living with a chronic condition."

Endometriosis is closely linked to estrogen levels and tends to be most severe during a woman's most fer-

tile period. It occurs when endometrial-like tissue grows outside the uterus, leading to inflammation, scarring and pelvic pain.

If you are experiencing pelvic pain or suspect you may have endometriosis, don't hesitate to seek help from a gynecologist. Early diagnosis and intervention can make a significant difference in managing the condition and improving your quality of life.

For information, visit www.aspirus.org/womens-health.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 17

Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; three lost property complaints and a trespassing complaint at Big Time Sports, W6014 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; operating while intoxicated on Cherry Avenue in the Town of Wescott; death investigation on West Town Road in the Town of Angelica; controlled burning on County Road M in the Town of Herman; trespassing at the Novitiate, W9711 Butternut Road in the Town of Herman; drugs on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; one 911 call; one traffic hazard; one crash.

March 16

Deputies responded to 28 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott; assisting with a fire on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; property theft on Mill Street in Eland; vehicle fire on Hillcrest Road in the Town of Hartland; harassment at Dollar General, 309 N. Genesee St., Wittenberg; bail jumping on Balsam Row Road in the Town of Wescott; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents;

two crashes.

March 15

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including found property at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St., Shawano; trespassing on Spruce Road in the Town of Angelica; drugs on Julius Street in the Town of Angelica; ATV problem on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; animal bite on Spruce Road in the Town of Richmond; custodial interference on High Street in Birnamwood; harassment on River Road in the Town of Almon; custodial interference on East Front Street in Wittenberg; warrant on North Main Street in Shawano; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one deer-related crash.

March 14

Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including repossession on Bartelt Street in Gresham; warrant on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; assisting with a fire on River Bend Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; fraud on Maple Avenue in the Town of Wescott; internet fraud on Hummingbird Street in the Town of Wittenberg; illegal burning on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard.

March 13

Deputies responded to 25 incidents, including oper-

ating while intoxicated at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B, Shawano; intoxication on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; illegal burning on Witt-Morr Townline Road in the Town of Morris; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one crash.

March 12

Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including operating without a license on West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; failure to report to jail at the Huber Work Release Center, 1240 Engel Drive, Shawano; fraud on County Road J in the Town of Fairbanks; scam on Town Hall Drive in the Town of Angelica; threatening at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; assisting with a fire on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Fairbanks; trespassing on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; assisting with a fire on White Clay Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; animal bite on County Road G in the Town of Seneca; noise on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; assisting with a fire on Lulu Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; two 911 calls; one traffic hazard; two crashes.

March 11

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including assisting with a fire on Elm Road in the Town of Maple Grove; illegal

burning on Gator Lane in Cecil; warrant on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; shoplifting at Cedar Street Market, 234 Cedar St., Tigerton; trespassing on Flint Avenue in Mattoon; property theft on Balsam Lane in the Town of Wescott; drugs at Gresham School, 501 Schabow St., Gresham; one 911 call; one traffic hazard; three reckless driving incidents; one crash.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 17

Officers responded to 17 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on East Green Bay Street; found property at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; drug offenses at Walgreen's, 401 E. Green Bay St.; found property at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; found property on Hamlin Street.

March 16

Officers responded to 16 incidents, including reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; noise on South Water Street.

March 15

Officers responded to 36 incidents, including noise on South Franklin Street; juvenile problem at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; vehicle crash with property damage on South Lincoln Street; animal bite on South Washington Street; warrant arrest on Waukechon Road; vehicle crash at Scrub a Dub

Car Wash, 1272 E. Green Bay St.; tobacco problem and two property theft complaints at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; fraud on Industrial Drive; property theft at American Marine, 1100 E. Green Bay St.; warrant arrest on East Richmond Street; illegal burning on East Randall Street.

March 14

Officers responded to 21 incidents, including two shoplifting calls at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; property theft at the Shawano Recreation Center, 220 E. Division St.; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; overdose at an undisclosed location; repossession on East Green Bay Street.

March 13

Officers responded to 27 incidents, including noise on South Water Street; reckless driving at the Shawano Area Food Pantry and Resource Center, 218 E. Richmond St.; traffic hazard on East Randall Street; property theft on East Green Bay Street; lost property on South Union Street; property theft at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; threatening at Kobussen Buses, 1208 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on Lakeland Road.

March 12

Officers responded to

23 incidents, including a juvenile problem on South Evergreen Street; property theft at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; custodial interference at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; truancy sexual assault at an undisclosed location; lost property at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; death investigation at an undisclosed location.

March 11

Officers responded to 28 incidents, including a juvenile problem on North Franklin Street; drug offenses on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; harassment on South Andrews Street; sex offense on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; juvenile problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; vehicle crash at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; two property theft calls and drug offenses at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; property theft at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; truancy at Olga Brener Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; trespassing on North Airport Drive; operating while intoxicated at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.

COURT NEWS

- Michael L. Szafrank, 43, Crivitz, pleaded no contest March 11 to felony bail jumping and issuing worthless checks, along with a misdemeanor bad checks charge. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions including 120 days in county jail.
- John G. Shawano, 42, Keshena, pleaded no contest March 14 to two counts of possession of narcotic drugs, three counts of felony bail jumping and four misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.
- Mark A. Reiter, 33,

Keshena, pleaded no contest March 13 to misdemeanor charges of battery and disorderly conduct. A related felony count was dismissed in a plea agreement but read into the record. Sloma levied a \$150 fine and other court costs.

- Brandon L. Kruschke, 41, Shawano, was charged March 11 with false imprisonment and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct. Judge William Kussel Jr. set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for June 11.

- Lee A. Tourtillott, 44, Shawano, was charged March 11 with possession of methamphetamine, misde-

meanor possession of drug paraphernalia and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 19.

- Bronson L. Webster, 42, Oneida, was charged March 11 with possession of methamphetamine. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 25.

- Charley E. Estep, 38, Shawano, was charged March 11 with possession of narcotic drugs. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 25.

- Angel L. Mendoza, 31, Shawano, was charged March

11 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 1.

- Miguel K. Rosas, 27, Milwaukee, was charged March 12 with two counts of substantial battery intending great bodily harm, 24 counts of felony bail jumping, six counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, two misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct, and misdemeanor counts of criminal trespass to a dwelling and resisting or obstructing an officer. In a separate case, Rosas was charged with fleeing an officer in his vehicle, 22 more

counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor charges of operating while his license was revoked, resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$50,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 21.

- Lindsey S. Moschel-Olszewski, 35, Green Bay, was charged March 12 with three counts of felony bail jumping, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 29.

- Russell A. Tourtillott, 63, Shawano, was charged March 13 with possession of

methamphetamine and two counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 21.

- Terrence C. Kuranda, 40, Shawano, was charged March 13 with possession with intent to deliver amphetamine or methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of narcotic drugs, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), six counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$35,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 18.

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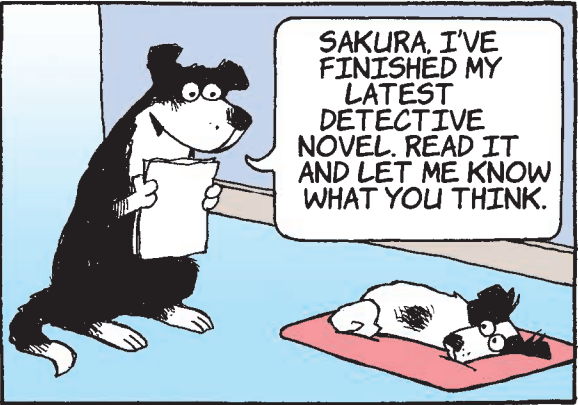
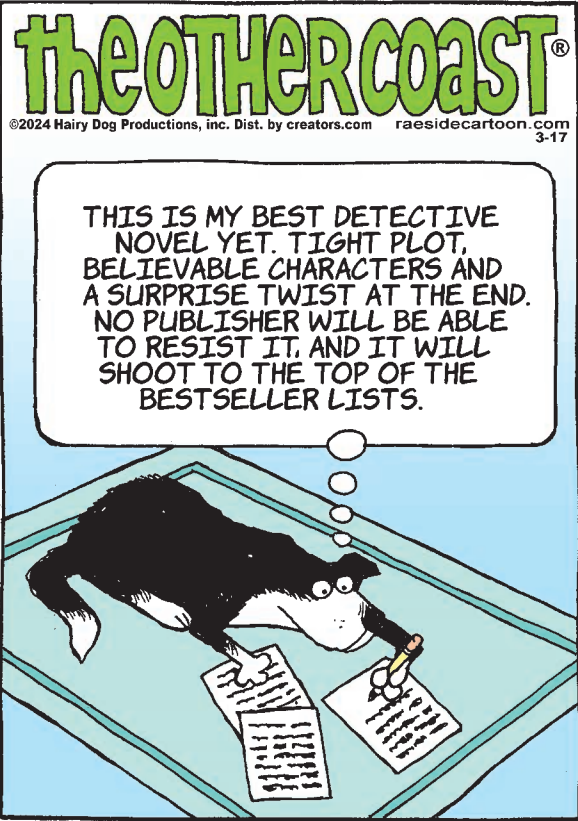
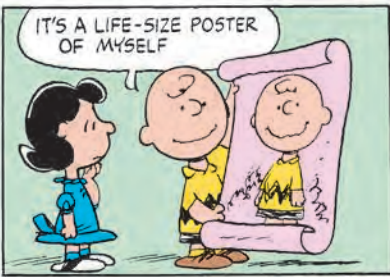
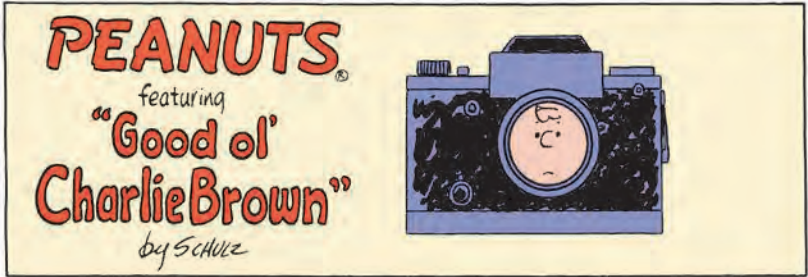
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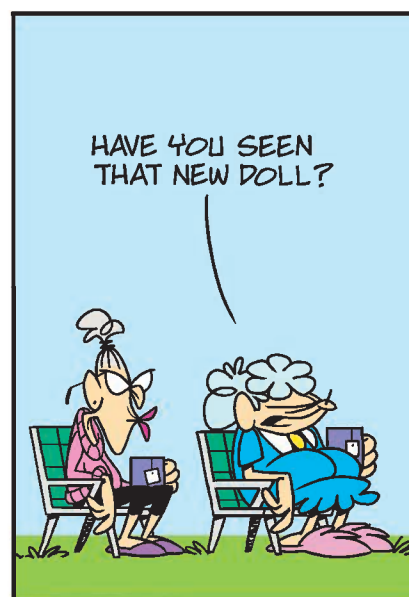
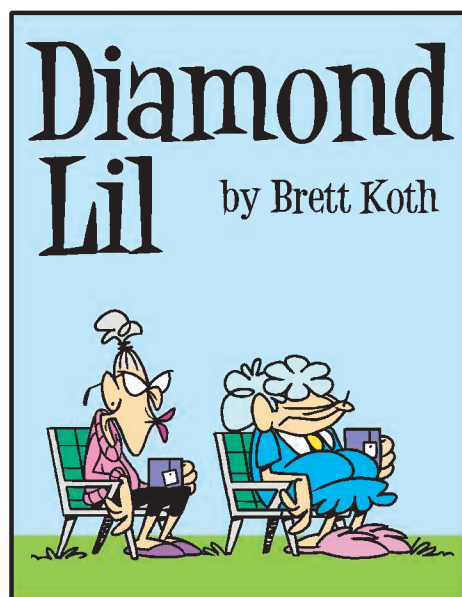
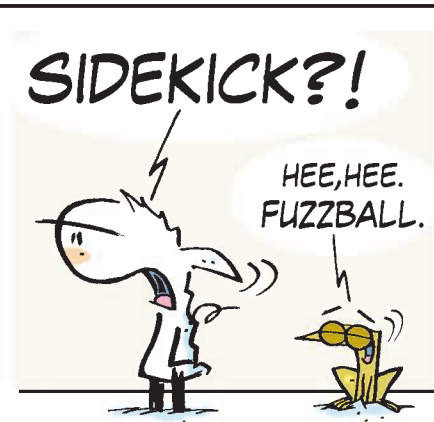
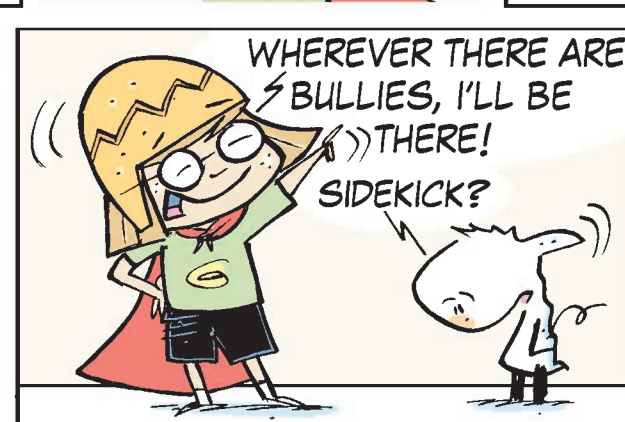
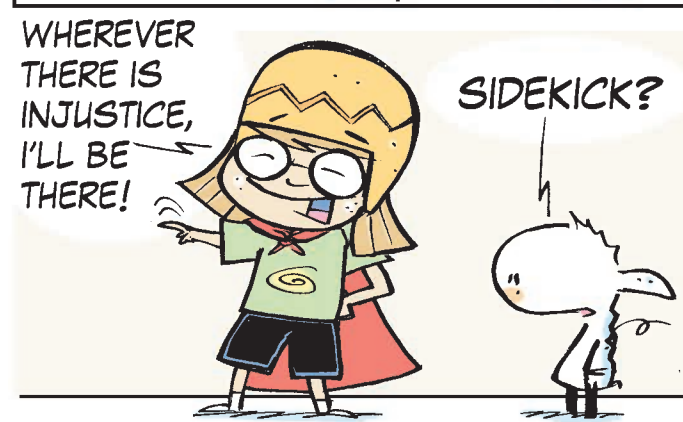
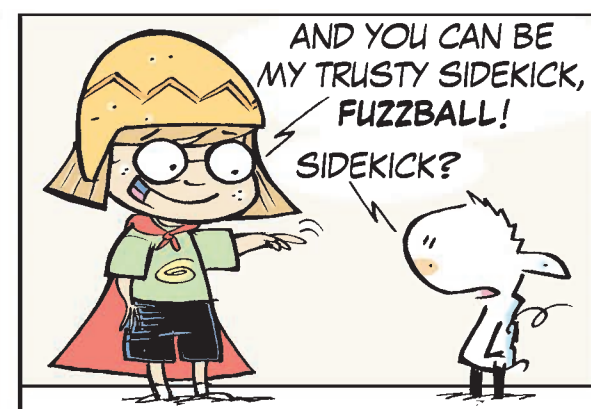
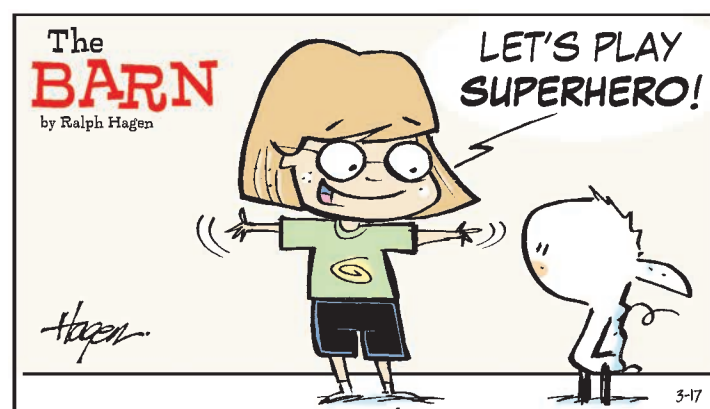
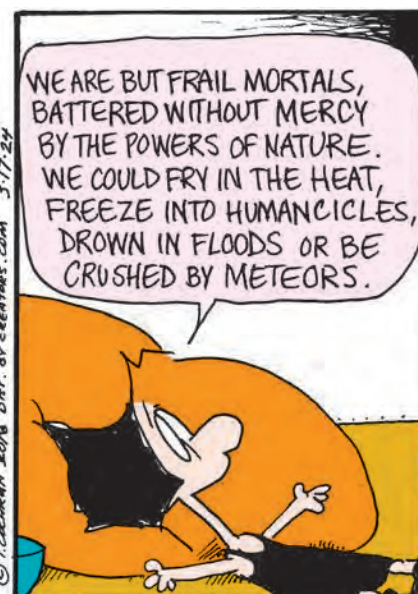
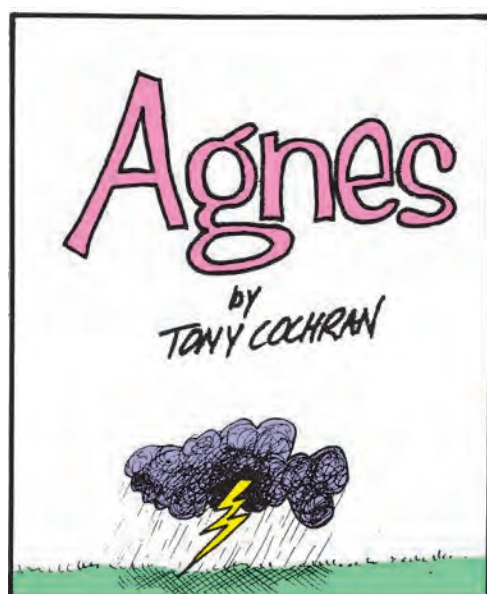
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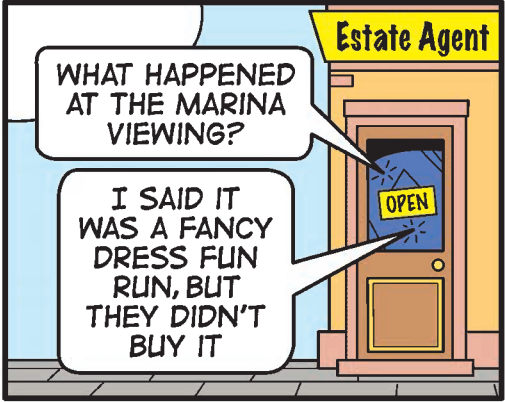
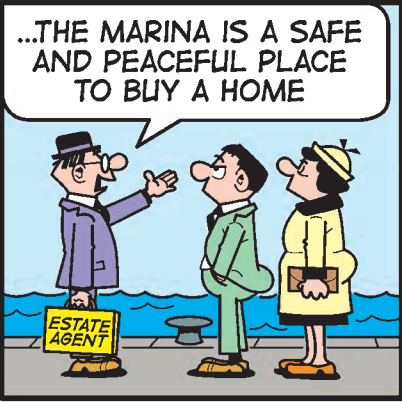
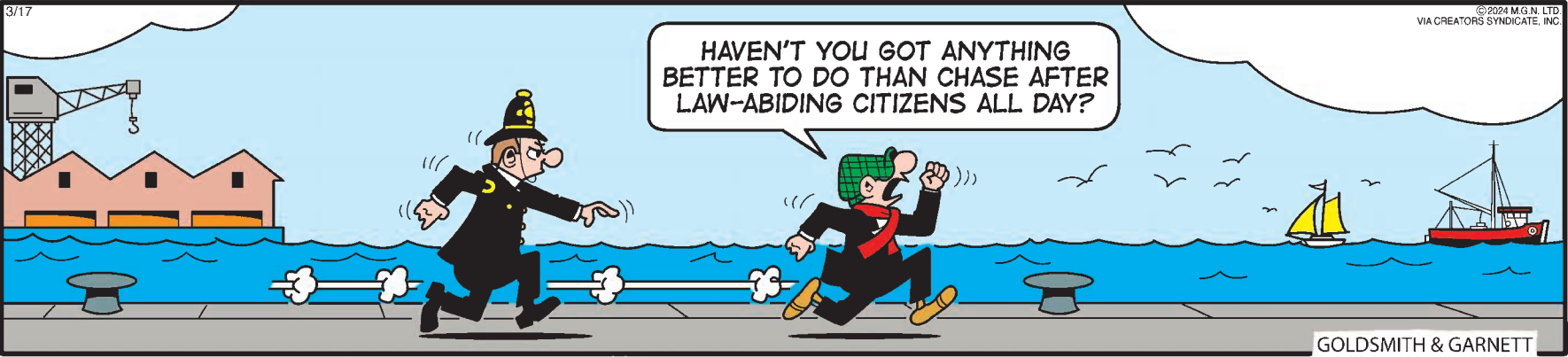
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