



Mason Baur and his grandmother, Cindy Baur, work side by side to help prepare Green Lake Park for its official opening. The Mountain Historical Society will operate and maintain the park, located near Mountain.

GREG SEUBERT

Volunteers breathe new life into Green Lake Park

Project is a labor of love for many as the area is cleaned up

BY GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

(Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series about the reopening of the Green Lake Picnic Area as a park.)

Big changes are in store for a former national forest recreation site that has been closed to the public for almost a decade.

The Mountain Historical Society will operate and maintain the former Green Lake Picnic Area in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The park, which will now be known as Green Lake Park, is located near the community of Mountain in Oconto County.

The historical society has held several volunteer work days in preparation for the park's official opening on May 25, including one that drew 15 workers April 13.

Those volunteers included Cindy Baur and her grandson, Mason Baur, of Marinette.

"I have roots here," Cindy said. "My great-grandparents were Joe and Bertha Foral. He was the sheriff in Oconto County for a long time. My grandparents



Lyle Schaut watches as branches are placed in a pile April 13 at a volunteer work day at the soon-to-be-open Green Lake Park near Mountain. Schaut, a lifetime Mountain area resident, said the new park will be good for the community.

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used to own about a third of the property on the lake and my great-grandparents owned another third of it. My dad and great-grandpa built a cottage that we lived in. It was two bedrooms and we had five kids."

Baur's family doesn't have any property on the lake anymore, but the lake and park are still a special place for her.

"Two weeks ago, I took my kids and grandkids to show them where we lived," she said. "We lived across the lake and we used to walk around the lake. We'd come to the pavilion and the beautiful, sandy beach. There were always a lot of kids around to play with. It was really a nice

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Lines drawn in District 6 primary

Shawano County Republicans endorse Behnke over incumbent Schmidt

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

State Rep. Peter Schmidt said he welcomes a Republican primary election in the 6th Assembly District, on the heels of Rep. Elijah Behnke's announcement April 30 that he will enter the race.



PETER SCHMIDT

"I welcome Elijah and encourage him to run a clean, positive campaign. Voters don't want personal attacks, and they deserve a clean campaign," said Schmidt, R-Bonduel, in an interview after Behnke's announcement. "When I ran two years ago, I ran a positive campaign

that focused on the issues. I think both sides are tired of the negative attacks, and voters appreciate a clean campaign and transparency."

Behnke appeared at a campaign kickoff event at Shawano County Republican Party Headquarters hosted by Green Bay radio personality Joe Giganti of the "Regular Joe" program on WTAQ.

Giganti introduced Behnke as someone who has stayed true to his values in Madi-

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State Rep. Elijah Behnke speaks to Shawano County Republicans after announcing he plans to run in the newly redrawn 6th Assembly District, setting up a GOP primary against Rep. Peter Schmidt.

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Butch and Shirley Vorpahl chosen Memorial Day grand marshals.

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son after winning a five-way primary and advancing to the legislature in 2021.

“It’s not exactly the most welcoming place for conservatives, but he’s kept his head down, he’s got the job done, and I think it’s a wonderful thing,” he said. “He kept true to his promises. He beat four other people in the primary not by accident, because he’s a genuine good man that wants to do the right thing, and we need a lot more of that in our public policy.”

Behnke said he grew up working on his parents’ farm, graduating from Oconto High School and Toccoa Falls College, an evangelical Christian school in Georgia. He returned to Wisconsin and had a choice to work for his father on the farm or his mother’s business cleaning private homes, deciding that the home-cleaning business was a better fit. He now runs his own cleaning business in addition to serving as a lawmaker.

When the COVID-19 lockdown occurred in March 2020, Gov. Tony Evers put residential cleaning on the “non-essential business” list, putting Behnke out of work for five months, and when state Rep. John Nygren resigned unexpectedly toward the end of that year, Behnke said, his brother encouraged him to run in the ensuing special election.

He campaigned using \$4,500 of his own funds, while big-money interests poured \$180,000 into the race, but Behnke emerged the winner.

“I don’t have all the answers, but I do know that the reason this country’s in a mess is because the elected leaders are beholden to the base that got them there,” Behnke said, referring to corporate lobbyists.

“So here’s my promise to you: If you get out there and get me elected in the 6th, I will never put any lobbyists’ needs in front of your needs.”

Giganti and other speakers praised Behnke for being willing to stand up to lobbyists and even Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, although he admitted that has cost him.

“Everybody said don’t change, don’t let politics change you, and so I haven’t changed,” he said. “That’s why I’m not on a committee as a second-term legislator — I don’t do what I’m told by Madison, I do what I’m told by the people that elected me and pay my salary.”

The recent court-ordered redistricting put the Behnkes’ home on the northern edge of the new 4th Assembly District, a much more urban area where Rep. David Steffen, R-Howard, has announced he is running for re-election to a sixth two-year term. Just to the north is the new 36th Assembly District, where Rep. Jeff Mursau, R-Crivitz, has served for nearly 20 years.

The boundary of the new 6th District, where Schmidt is seeking his second term, is on the other side of the Town of Abrams from Behnke, who has been shopping for a new farmette since high winds blew the roof off his barn two years ago.

“If you drive the back roads from my house to here, it’s all red barns and red tractors and plowed dirt, and that’s the kind of people I want to represent. This is a great district for me,” Behnke said.

Behnke said bringing state spending under control will be high on his agenda, after the state budget has ballooned from \$60 billion to over \$100 billion in recent years.

“There’s been so much



State Rep. Elijah Behnke, R-Pensaukee, addresses Shawano County Republicans on April 30 after announcing he will run for re-election in the newly redrawn 6th Assembly District. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

‘bipartisanship is going to be healthy and good,’ but to the tune of \$31 billion? That’s just oppressive,” he said.

Behnke got the immediate endorsement of the Shawano County GOP, which has censured Schmidt for not revealing he was convicted of misdemeanor criminal trespass and disorderly conduct during the 2022 Republican primary to succeed long-time Rep. Gary Tauchen.

County GOP Chairman Richard Kucksdorf criticized Schmidt for several votes including bills to permit abortion up to 14 weeks and to legalize medical marijuana, both of which Behnke opposed.

“The Shawano County Republican Party is supporting Elijah Behnke because he is a proven true conservative,” Kucksdorf said.

Schmidt said as he campaigns door to door, he is hearing concerns about



Tom Oster tapes an Elijah Behnke for Assembly yard sign to the front window of Shawano County Republican Party headquarters in Shawano on April 30. The county GOP has endorsed Behnke over incumbent Rep. Peter Schmidt. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

child care and inflation.

Evers vetoed a bill to reduce red tape and allow child care centers to serve more families, as well as tax cuts that would have aided families and the elderly coping with higher grocery bills, he said.

“I enjoy talking with people — my door in Mad-

ison is physically open and I like going door to door. We need to get back to talking about the issues,” Schmidt said. “We should be having a discussion together, but a lot of people get stuck in the mud.”

People have seen how he is willing to stand by the people of his district,

and that will help as he runs for re-election, Schmidt said.

Behnke and Schmidt will square off Aug. 13 for the right to advance to the Nov. 5 ballot. Democrat Shirley Hinze announced her candidacy on May 6.

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place to grow up.”

Forest officials closed the park and several other recreation sites to cut costs. The park, which included a beach, boat landing and a pavilion now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has been closed to the public since 2015.

“It was very sad,” Baur said about the park’s closing. “We’ve come back here a couple of times to look around and see it in such disrepair. The beach did not look nice. I’m thrilled that the park is opening and that’s why we came from Marinette to help. This is our second time coming up here to help and we’re happy to

do it.”

The Baur’s spent much of the work day raking leaves and cleaning up brush.

“It’s a huge improvement getting the trees out of the way,” Cindy said. “The beach is looking nice again. I give a lot of credit to the Mountain Historical Society to do all of the work to get this open. It’s so appreciated and it will be for years to come. That’s the beauty of it.”

While the Baur’s worked near the park’s boat landing, which has remained open to the public, Lyle Schaut watched as a pile of brush grew bigger in front of his eyes.

“Because it’s my roots,”

he said when asked why he showed up to help. “I have the time to do it.”

Schaut, who has spent his life in the Mountain area, attended all cleanup days so far. After the park was closed to the public, the Mountain Town Board decided to not have the town operate the park.

“We didn’t exactly know what was going on or what would happen,” Schaut said.

The new park is being talked about in the community, he said.

“Not just in town, but all over: Lena, Coleman, Oconto Falls,” he said. “People from there used to come here. It’s not just this one little community of

Mountain.”

Teresa Van Ess also showed up to help for the first time and her memories of the park go back to the early 1960s.

“My family’s from Green Bay, but my family bought the cabin right over there south of the park in ‘62,” she said. “I’ve been coming to this park my entire life. I couldn’t even tell you how many times. We have five generations in that cabin, so I’m pretty excited.”

Van Ess recalled spending a lot of time on the park’s beach. She met people from Mountain and campers from Bagley Rapids Campground, a national forest campground two

miles away that doesn’t have a swimming area.

“We ran around and played in the park all the time,” she said. “Probably 90% of our time was in the water on the beach.”

Hearing of the park’s closing had a profound effect on Van Ess.

“Absolutely devastated,” she said. “When they put that fence up there (to keep vehicles out of the parking lot), we knew it was permanent. In the last few years it was open, I would come over and help

clean up the shoreline just so people could swim. It wasn’t being maintained very well at all.”

Van Ess eventually moved to the Mountain area and now lives three minutes from the park.

“I want to see the park used again and I want to see it looking good,” she said. “There’s a ton of work going into this place and a lot of volunteers that have come out and helped. They’re doing an amazing job, way more than I thought they would do.”

CORRECTION

▪ Alderperson Ashley Bahrke is the first woman to serve as Oconto Falls City Council president since Gail Coopman. An article in the April 26 Oconto County Times Herald contained incorrect information. We apologize for the error.

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Vorpahls named parade grand marshals

2024 Oconto Falls Memorial Day Parade has patriotic theme

BY WARREN BLUHM
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On July 10, 1969, Butch Vorpahl helmed a U.S. Navy swift boat up the Cua Lon River in Vietnam and into an incident that earned him the Bronze Star Medal.

Vorpahl, now co-owner of Vorpahl Business Services, and his wife, Shirley, have been chosen as grand marshals of the 2024 Oconto Falls Memorial Day Parade.

The parade's theme is Patriotism, and Barb Salscheider of the parade committee said the Vorpahls were "the perfect choice" to be marshals.

"We couldn't think of anybody better," Salscheider said.

According to his Bronze Star citation, Vorpahl was helmsman of one of six swift boats engaged in a mission on the river when two Viet Cong were spotted on a narrow adjoining river. His troops beached on the nearby river, and a land mine was detonated as they disembarked.

Injured himself, Vorpahl notified the officer in Tactical Command and administered first aid to the wounded.

"After performing what first aid he could, he continued to expose himself to the enemy as he loaded the wounded and dead aboard his craft," the citation read. The explosion had rendered the steering system in the pilot house inoperable, so Vorpahl took control at the aft steering station and maneuvered the craft out of the narrow river.

Vorpahl served 2½ tours in Vietnam with the Navy after convincing three of his friends to enlist in the buddy program — Ted Johnson, Kurt Jaeger and



Butch and Shirley Vorpahl have been running Vorpahl Business Services since the mid-1980s.

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Bill LaBrosse — after they graduated from Oconto Falls High School. His father had been a cook in the Navy who served on one of the ships accompanying the USS Missouri when it formally accepted Japan's surrender at the end of World War II.

"I liked driving the boat," Vorpahl said of his military service. "Getting shot at every day wasn't the best, but I enjoyed the water. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

The couple met hundreds of people through his membership in the Swift Boat Sailor Association, Shirley said.

"We went for years when your gunner was alive," Shirley told her husband during the interview. "Some (of the reunions) were in Coronado, California; some were in Louisville, New Orleans. We always met up with his gunner's mate."

That friend, Nate Hollister, grew up in Michigan and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

After the war, Vorpahl's father started a bakery in Oconto Falls after moving from Gillett in 1949. Butch took over when his father retired, working part-time for H&R Block until he purchased the franchise and opened Vorpahl Bookkeeping Service in 1986.

He attended Northeast

Wisconsin Technical Institute for accounting.

"I had always been a numbers guy," Vorpahl said. "When I bought the franchise, I actually had more clients of my own than they had at H&R Block."

Shirley, who had grown up in Illinois and went to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, met her future husband in 1977.

"I enjoyed bookkeeping and always loved math," she said. "We were in town in the old bakery, doing taxes for H&R for 15 years ... A lot of good times; a lot of hard work there."

They were named Franchise of the Year in the company's Northern District and were so successful they had to fight the company for months before spinning off their own business. They continued to work downtown before moving into their new Vorpahl Business Services building at 8814 State Highway 22 in 2002.

Being named grand marshal is "a great honor," Butch Vorpahl said.

Salscheider said the Vorpahls donated a great deal of time, money and energy to local VFW and American Legion posts.

Shirley Vorpahl creates baskets full of gift items for local veterans and other groups — including 35 baskets for the local Disabled American Veterans chapter



Butch Vorpahl keeps a photo in his office with his late friend and former gunner's mate, Nate Hollister.

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Shirley Vorpahl made Christmas baskets for the local DAV chapter last holiday season.

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Mary J. Scheffel

Mary Joanne Scheffel, 89, Cedarburg, passed away Sunday morning, April 28, 2024, with her loved ones by her side. She was born Dec. 18, 1934, in Waukesha to Gustav and Eleanore (Long) Scheffel. Her mother passed in 1945, and in 1948, Mary moved with her father, stepmother Gertrude Valentine Scheffel, and siblings to Oconto Falls. She graduated as valedictorian from Oconto Falls High School, with the class of 1953, having been the editor of the school paper and member of the yearbook committee. In 1954, Mary attended



Carroll College in Waukesha, graduating in 1958 with a degree in journalism. During her time at Carroll College, she was very active with the a cappella choir. Mary started her career at the Milwaukee Journal in October 1958 as a receptionist and editorial assistant, eventually becoming an editor of the Neighbors/Lifestyle section until retiring in 1995.

In her spare time, she enjoyed crocheting baby blankets for the newborns at church, needlepoint, making prayer shawls for church members, and listening to classical music. But what she was most passionate about was singing. She was a member of the Ozaukee Congregational Church choir, blessing everyone with her beautiful soprano voice. She wrote the script for the holiday musical services at her church and researched and wrote the church history. Survivors are her brother, Mark (Linda) Scheffel; nieces, Mary El-

liott, Susan (Jerry) Winter, Joanne (Dennis) Winnega, Patti Elliott (Jim Christensen) and Kelly Scheffel; nephews, Terry (Wendy) Scheffel, Don Scheffel, Jody Scheffel, Howard (Linda) Elliott III, Douglas (Leia) Elliott, William Elliott, Richard Elliott (Barb Mand), David Elliott (Randal Herrin) and Nick Scheffel (Kelli Howe); 17 great-nieces and -nephews; nine great-grandnieces and grandnephews; and cousins, Fred, Vicky, Rick, Jeff, Jim, Tom and Sandy. She was preceded in death by her parents; stepmother; brother, Don Scheffel; infant brother,

Richard; sister, Barbara Elliott; niece, Eleanore Elliott; and nephew, Scott Scheffel. Memorial services took place at the Ozaukee Congregational Church, 1142 Lakefield Road, Graton, on Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m. with visitation starting at 10 a.m. until the start of the service. A reception followed the service with refreshments and snacks in the church fellowship hall. The family would like to thank the caregivers at Ascension Columbia St. Mary's ER and ICU, and the Horizon's Lawlis Family Hospice, who

were extremely kind and gentle with Mary; we truly appreciate everything you did to make her comfortable during her last days. The family would also like to thank her friends, who have been so supportive, especially her neighbor, Joy Balias. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made on behalf of Mary to Horizon's Lawlis Family Hospice. The Eernisse Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.eernissefuneralhome.com.

Vincent P. Solomon

Vincent P. Solomon, 76, Morgan, died Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at his home. He was born on March 17, 1948, to Steven and Severena Solomon in Oconto Falls. Vince was raised by his mother, grandmother and his uncle Louie. Vince grew up in Oconto Falls and graduated from Oconto Falls High School. On Aug. 26, 1972, he married Jacalyn Wesolowski at St. Edward



and Isidore Church in Flintville. Vince worked at Green Bay Dressed Beef and farmed in his spare time. Eventually, he farmed full time on the homestead in Morgan. Vince loved being outside and enjoyed deer

hunting. He loved to talk about anything farm related. His children loved going on rides when he was hauling cattle out to pasture. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren; he always had candy in his pocket for them. Vince was known to have a lead foot from time to time. He was a longtime member of St. Anthony Parish in Oconto Falls. Survivors include his

wife of 51 years, Jacalyn; seven children: Darla Solomon, Charlene Solomon, Shelly Solomon, Vincent Jr. (Kari) Solomon, Derek Solomon, Kristie (Corey) Dworshok and Janeen (Robert) Heyrman; nine grandchildren: Ryland, Lylah, Branson, Brayson, Brixson, Rebecka, Cameron, Brinley and Maverick; sisters-in-law: Geraldine (Dwight) Reed, Diane (David) Schwartz and Kathy Wesolowski;

brother-in-law, Alan Wesolowski (fiancé, Mary); and nieces, nephews, and other family members. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Patrick Solomon; his grandma, Marian Wisneski; uncle, Louie Wisneski; his in-laws, Norbert and Antoinette Wesolowski; and a brother-in-law, Randall Wesolowski. Friends are invited to gather at St. Anthony

Church, 253 N. Franklin St., Oconto Falls, on Friday, May 10, from 9-11 a.m. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Walter Stumpf presiding. Burial will take place in the parish cemetery. Online condolences may be offered to the Solomon family at www.marnochafuneralhome.com or on the Marnocha Funeral Home Facebook page.

Sigi Fust

Sigi Fust, a devoted wife, mother and cherished grandmother, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2024, at the age of 80. Born in Neustaedtheim-Lautenbach, Germany, she was one of nine siblings in a close-knit family. In her early 20s, she found love and married David Fust, embarking on a life adventure that led them to the United States.



Together, they built a beautiful life, raising their three children, Flori, Harold and Hans. Her family was her world. She dedicated her life to nurturing her

children and showing love for her grandchildren. Her presence was a source of joy and comfort, and her support shaped their lives. She was especially proud of her grandchildren, Jason, Leeann, Lyndsey, James Jr., Heidi, Paul, David, Alex, Julianna and Liam, and her 16 great-grandchildren. She also held a special place in her heart for her grandson,

James, and great-granddaughter, Madelyn, who passed away earlier. Sigi will be remembered for her kind heart, gentle spirit and the warmth she shared with everyone. She loved socializing with friends, and her laughter and vibrant personality filled any room she entered. She is survived by her children, Flori Jespersen,

Harold Fust and Hans Fust; her grandchildren; and her beloved siblings in Germany. She is reunited with her husband, David, who has passed. A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024, at noon at Christ Lutheran Cemetery. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can

be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.



Marjorie A. Keshemborg

Marjorie A. Keshemborg, 91, of Kelly Lake, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Marge was born on July 21, 1932, to the late Henry and Lillian (Moegenburg) Grosser. She was raised in Cedarburg and graduated from Cedarburg High



School in 1950. In the early 1950s, Marge married Merton Asp, and the

couple raised three children, David, Rick and Ron. After her divorce, Marge married Walter Keshemborg and the couple moved to Kelly Lake in the early 1980s. She was a devoted mother, wife and homemaker. Marge enjoyed fishing, sewing

and crafting. Marge is survived by her sons, David (Cathy) Abrahamson and Rick (Sue) Asp; three grandchildren, Chris, Liz and Jon; and three great-grandchildren. She is further survived by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, and son, Ron Asp. Per Marge's wishes, no services will be held. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be ex-

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Future broadcasters take root at SCMS

Students involved in every aspect of weekly newscast, from anchoring to technical work

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The next generation of broadcast journalists is getting a taste of all they need to learn, thanks to the Smart Lab that opened at Shawano Community Middle School in September.

Five students are learning all the skills behind the camera and in front of it as they regularly present weekly news announcements to their fellow students and staff. They've had the opportunity to do interviews, write scripts, handle the equipment, serve as anchors and work the cameras.

The students also had the opportunity in March to put together a video about the Shawano School District's capital referendum, interviewing administrators from other schools and putting it out for the community as a resource about learning what would be done if the district was allowed to borrow \$54.5 million.

Above all, though, the video production program is laying the groundwork for new classes and is stirring the potential for a video production program and lab at Shawano Community High School in the future.

Robert O'Reilly, an eighth grade student, has enjoyed being able to anchor 12 episodes of Hawk News Nest, with the name drawing inspiration from the district's hawk mascot. O'Reilly likes doing that the most out of any newsroom task.

"My first couple of times, I was really nervous," O'Reilly said. "I just wasn't sure how it was going to turn out, how things were going to go, what we were really doing in the beginning. I didn't want to be made fun of or anything like that."

Although his nerves eventually subsided, O'Reilly admitted they made an encore when the students were tasked with developing the referendum video, noting that he was talking with other administrators from outside the middle school.

"It feels a lot easier and more smoother," O'Reilly said. "The first couple of times, I would stutter a lot. Now, it's more clear, and I know how to get it done and over with."

Bennett Aumann, another eighth grade student in the program, said he really likes to do a mix of things and has gained a lot of experience in the last eight months.

"I do mostly anchoring or running the teleprompter, like a producer," Aumann said. "When I started, it was less nervous and more being overwhelmed. There was a lot of new stuff and things that I didn't really understand."

Aumann noted the elementary schools have done news programs, but that was mainly done with an iPad and a micro-



Shawano Community Middle School students Robert O'Reilly, left, and Charlie Grieves anchor the latest episode of Hawk News Nest on May 3 in the school's Smart Lab, which opened earlier this year. Although there's only a green screen when filming, the students are able to superimpose the image of a newsroom and anchor desk in the final cut of the episode.

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phone. Seeing the cameras and equipment, which includes a green screen that in post-production can show a facsimile of a newsroom and anchor desk, was something new for him.

"I got used to it, and now it's like an ordinary class," Aumann said. "I definitely think this was a great thing for me to start out with, and I'm hoping to do more at the high school and looking at it as a career."

The video production program was just an enrichment activity for the current school year but will be expanded to two classes beginning in September, according to teacher Anne Beck. There are also discussions circulating about developing a program for the high school to continue the training of future news gatherers, although nothing is set in stone.

Beck and fellow teacher Mindy Bougie have given up many a lunch hour to work with the students on learning the ins and outs of broadcasting, but Beck noted that the students are now teaching each other



Working behind the camera prior to the latest episode of the Hawk News Nest are Shawano Community Middle School students, from left, Tessa Bahr, Bennett Aumann and Cole Beyer. Students rotate roles each week, giving them an opportunity to experience all aspects of news broadcasting.

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Not everyone can easily become a mother

"As American as motherhood and apple pie" is a simile meant to represent things Americans consider sacrosanct. In recent years, the very act of becoming a mother has given birth to an impassioned national conversation. No, I'm not going there, but I was there in 1974. You may not agree with my decision, but it was my decision to make.

To begin, I had to do some serious doing to become a mother. In the early 1970s, there wasn't an entire body of science devoted to conceiving, carrying, deliv-



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

ering and raising children. Consequently, after years of trying, my first husband and I worried we might be destined to join the ranks of childless couples.

We considered our options. Some friends had adopted. It wasn't going well, and R.J. was dead set against it. I decided to put my faith

in God and not give up hope. I found a special kind of mother love in my happy place — school. Throwing myself into bringing the light of learning to teenagers, I fondly called my students "my kids." If I had to settle for that, so be it.

Despite the upside of that approach, I never stopped yearning for children of my own. Then I heard about Dr. Mark Harris, an Appleton gynecologist/obstetrician, a rising star in the nascent field of female fertility. At my first appointment, he said we'd

begin with R.J. taking the mandatory male test. He passed with flying colors.

My turn. Six months of tracking cycles and thermometer readings, all of which confirmed something I already knew — my cycle was highly irregular. My mom's had been too. My seven siblings and I are proof that fluctuation in ovulation is not necessarily related to failure to conceive. Whatever, I felt like a failure anyway.

At our next consultation, Dr. Harris pronounced me healthy except for carry-

ing around some unneeded adipose tissue (fat). He suggested losing weight; it sometimes worked miracles. I couldn't see how that mattered, but I shed 15 pounds in three months. I felt great, yet no miracle baby showed up to reward me for my efforts.

Time for a painful procedure using dye and X-rays to check my Fallopian tubes. I had it on a Friday morning and went back to work. The doctor never mentioned bleeding. I called to ask if that was normal. The nurse said it wasn't abnormal

but to call on Monday if it didn't stop. It didn't, so they squeezed me in. Everything was fine until Dr. Harris said he was ordering a pregnancy test. Say what? Shock turned to dismay when he said results could take six weeks.

Five weeks later, with no sign of a period (which I attributed to stress), Dr. Harris's nurse called. He wanted to see me ASAP. Could I be there in an hour? I rushed over. When he walked into the examina-

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Mother complex, yet strong, woman

The very notion of Mother's Day conjures up deep-seated, fond memories of my precious momma. A complex woman, she dearly and fiercely loved all of us and especially my father.

Meeting for the first time in a one-room schoolhouse as children, my mom and dad married on June 3, 1943. The angels came for Mom on Jan. 24, 2009. Never wanting to be apart, Dad followed Mom into their heavenly mansion a mere four months later, on April 24. In June of that year, they'd have celebrated 66 years of marriage.

Mom didn't talk about her childhood. She always put us off saying it was so long ago she'd forgotten all about it. We have no clue if it was happy or sad. Based on my maternal grandmother, I can imagine it might have been, while not unloving, certainly sterner. My heartfelt regret has always been that I didn't nudge her for more. We knew little other than she stopped going to school after the eighth grade.

A lack of formal education might have made her more determined than ever to accomplish as much as she did. When she set her mind to do something, she didn't stop until it was done. She was creative and



Kay Reminger
Columnist

innovative, visualizing her plan mentally and then literally sketching measurements out in diagrams.

She always had the mindset of making things better, handier, less work. Her remodeling mantra was, "It's gotta be bad to be good." We lived through more remodeling than the average kids. Mom had the ideas; Dad and the rest of us were her laborers. Oh, she'd definitely pitch in and help, but she was the brains behind it.

Never allowing us to feel sorry for ourselves, she retorted to our whining with, "It'll get better before you're married." You know what? It did. As long as nobody was bleeding, she'd dismiss our complaints. If she got quiet, then we understood we'd crossed the line. Mom usually let us know what's what otherwise.

Growing up, Mom would be the housekeeping taskmaster. As well as farm work, we all had inside chores. One year, Dad broke his leg, and Mom had more farm responsibilities than usual. Dad



Kay Reminger remembers her mother as being a complex woman, but one who fiercely loved her family and was very giving to all.

was forced to stay in the house to recuperate. Darn near driving us four kids batty, he'd point his crutch to a corner and exclaim, "You missed a spot!" We couldn't wait until Mom got back in charge.

One day Mom and I were shopping, and a clerk commented to her, "Oh, you have such a lovely tan." Incredulous, I looked up at this woman. She had no clue what my mom did for a living. I so wanted to say, "Hey lady, she doesn't sit around poolside all day." Mom simply smiled; we gathered our parcels and left.

An accomplished seamstress, there wasn't a piece of clothing she could not alter to fit her short-waisted, petite frame. She had a sewing room and many times we could hear the whir of her sewing machine and walk in to find her — head bent, pins in her mouth — intently sewing.

Family gatherings were spectacular events, bountiful food; the house warm with beautiful decorations. Each grandkid, youngest to oldest, felt special and deeply loved. She and Dad would go trout fishing and Mom, holding impromptu fish fries, would fry them up, complete with her homemade potato salad and fresh, made-from-scratch buns.

A member of St. John's Ladies' Aid, she'd make and serve food at funerals and was involved in all

of their many endeavors. With their church handily through her back yard, she'd walk over to help.

Before moving off the farm in 1979, they had purchased a house in Marion and Mom, as usual, jumped in headfirst remodeling it. Adding a spiral staircase from the living room to the basement to take up less space, she had installed a one-sided mirrored wall, making the small house appear larger.

Adding an outside screened-in deck looking out to the woodsy back of the house made Dad feel like he was still home on the farm. He rather didn't like the idea of "moving to town," and Mom knew it. The view afforded my dad a privacy he craved after literally being born and raised on the farm.

She'd fuss over my dad, tending to his every need. As they watched Brewer games, they'd share a handful of dry-roasted peanuts and split a Mountain Dew. After they had moved to the house in town, she'd pack Dad's lunch and send him on his way out to the farm to help my brother.

So many sweet memories of my momma. By her forthright, loving example, we learned how to care for our own families. I love and miss you, Mom.

"She watches over the ways of her household and meets every need they have. Her sons and daughters arise in one accord to extol her virtues, and her husband arises to speak of her in glowing terms. So go ahead and give her the credit that is due, for she has become a radiant woman, and all her loving works of righteousness deserve to be admired at the gateways of every city!" Proverbs 31:27-28, 31, The Passion Translation)

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

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how to do things. "We did not know what we were walking into," Beck said.

"There was a learning curve, but I also feel like I've seen a lot of growth in the students," Bougie said.

Now, the students are in a routine, knowing when they come in what needs to be set up, what needs to be done on a particular day, and much more.

"Their communication skills and their writing skills have improved," Bougie said.

Also helping with the program is Lawrence Gillick, a district technician Beck and Bougie relied on heavily at the beginning of the school year as things were just getting going.

The Smart Lab was made possible after William Traber, SCMS principal, lobbied for it, and although he knew it would be a valued addition to the school's learning community, even he was floored when he saw how well the video production program has taken off.

"They're really taken ownership of it," Traber said. "The skills they've learned this year, I don't

think we could have taught them in any other area."

Traber noted a news broadcaster came in early in the year and helped to give the students a sense of what all has to be done to report the news.

"You're using your senses when you're making those videos," Traber said. "They're seeing that final product, and it's not a final product done quickly. There was a start and a finish, a complete idea going through the video production process. Now, it's kind of self-sufficient. The students have their roles. For instance, I could give them a script about what I want them to do in the teleprompter, and they do all the editing and background."

Already, the video production program has folks asking the students to film various things beyond the weekly newscast, according to Bougie and Beck.

"They've been asking, but we just don't have enough time in our day," Beck said. "This is currently my lunch hour."

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room, his mood did not match his news. The pregnancy test was positive.

"It's a miracle," I cried. "Losing weight worked. Oh, thank you for getting me pregnant."

He smiled wryly at my ill-chosen comment; then his face turned dark. He didn't even try to sugarcoat it.

A friend at Berkeley was researching the effects of radiation on pregnant women who survived Hiroshima. The longer a woman had been pregnant, the better the chances of survival for the baby. Very early embryos had traumatic birth defects, many born without a brain stem, or no hands or feet.

I was frantic. When was my baby conceived? I had stopped charting so I had no idea. To be on the safe side, he suggested abortion, which had become legal a year earlier. I said I could not make that decision alone; I had to talk to my husband. Neither of us slept that night. We cried

and prayed and held each other. We'd waited so long for this baby. We finally agreed that if God took our child, we could live with that, but not if we did the taking.

So, we didn't choose abortion, but the thing is, we had a choice. If our baby was born with disabilities, we could accept that because it was our choice. Turns out it was the right one. She was perfect — my miracle baby. God gave her to me to watch her grow into the woman I wish I was. Her younger brother arrived with less fanfare but is just as precious; a giant of a man with a gentle spirit and huge heart who has taught me that patience is indeed a virtue. I can't imagine life without them.

Now, my beautiful daughter is a mother herself. My granddaughter is the light of my life. My story begins and ends with faith, hope and love. Life is all about choices. Choose well, and happy Mother's Day.

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CMN, commission team up to strengthen language restoration

The College of Menominee Nation (CMN) has announced a collaborative effort between CMN’s Teacher Education Department and the Menominee Tribe’s Language and Culture Commission (MLCC) to strengthen the Menominee tribal language reclamation efforts.

MLCC created an immersion language nest program housed at Menominee Day Care/Early Head Start Services and Head Start seven years ago. The nest allows infants to be immersed in the Menominee language through 4K. Kae-hkenawapataeq, Menominee’s charter school, was

established in 2023 to meet the needs of the students who progressed through the Early Childhood program. MLCC seeks to certify new immersion teacher trainees through language development and certification. “(This partnership) will help to reconnect our teach-

ers to our natural world, gaining the ability to bring cultural knowledge into our classrooms,” said Otaeciah Luke Besaw, lead immersion teacher at MLCC. “We will be confident that they are putting their best foot forward by doing the activities themselves so they can understand the process and

hear our traditional stories related to them.” This opportunity will allow CMN to work alongside MLCC to support teacher trainees and certified immersion teachers by bringing in community members to share their cultural knowledge, providing professional development spe-

cific to immersion teachers and trainees, and exploring opportunities to strengthen immersion teacher and trainee experiential learning experiences. Funding is provided by the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association from the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MAY 10

WITTENBERG: Rummage-O-Rama, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., sites around the village.

SURING: Clean Sweep Household and Agricultural Hazardous Waste Collection, 8-11 a.m., Oconto County Highway Shop, 8835 County Road Z. Information at www.co.oconto.wi.us.

SURING: Friends of Suring Area Public Library rummage sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., How Township Garage, 12896 State Highway 32.

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

SHAWANO: Shawano Bassmasters 2024 Spring Open, 6:30 a.m., Huckleberry Harbor, 220 N. Sawyer St. Details at Shawano Bassmasters Facebook page.

WITTENBERG: Rummage-O-Rama, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., sites around the village.

BONDUEL: Amish Consignment and Quilt Auction, 7:30

a.m. to 4 p.m., N4310 Hill Road. Quilt preview 7:30-10 a.m., Crafts start 8:30 a.m., Field auction 9 a.m., quilt auction 10 a.m., furniture noon. Bake sale 8 a.m., lunch stand available.

OCONTO: Clean Sweep Household and Agricultural Hazardous Waste Collection, 8-11 a.m., Oconto County Materials Recovery Facility, 153 Evergreen Road. Information at www.co.oconto.wi.us.

SHAWANO: Optimist Bike Rodeo, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Bike course skills, trophies for top three riders kindergarten through eighth grade, bring your own bike. Free helmets for all participants. Chance to win a free bike. Rain date May 18.

GILLET: Electronics recycling and car wash, 9 a.m. to noon, Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22. Royal Rangers Boys Ministry teaming with B3 Recycling Solutions. Car wash \$12 per vehicle. Information at 920-855-2962 or www.hillsideassembly.com.

BONDUEL: Wolf River HOG

Chapter 5629 Benefit Ride, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Docs Harley-Davidson, W2709 State Highway 29. 90-100 mile group ride to benefit Red River Riders Therapeutic Horseback Riding Inc. Registration 9-11 a.m., ride begins at 11 a.m. Bucket and 50/50 raffles.

SURING: Friends of Suring Area Public Library rummage sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., How Township Garage, 12896 State Highway 32.

SHAWANO: Stock car racing, 6-10 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St.

BONDUEL: 100th anniversary celebration and worship service, 10:30 a.m., Zion United Methodist Church, 134 E. Green Bay St.

MONDAY, MAY 13

WITTENBERG: Technology class, 12:30 p.m., Northcentral

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OCONTO: Masonic Pine Lodge 188, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. communication meeting, 513 Superior Ave.

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, MAY 14

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

WITTENBERG: Walls of Wittenberg concert series, 6-8 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Music by the Skip Jones

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

SHAWANO: Drive-thru cookout to support first responders, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Coldwell Banker, 105 S. Washington St. Hot dogs or hamburgers and sides, \$5 on site or to go.

LENA: American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., Lena High School, 304 E. Main St. Make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org, 1-800-733-2767 or the American Red Cross blood donor app.

SHAWANO: Touch a Truck, 4-7 p.m., Crawford Center, 225 S. Waukechon St.

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

NAVARINO: Easy Sunset Paddle, 6-8 p.m. Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Join Shawano Paddlers on a naturalist-led sunset canoe on McDonald

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THURSDAY, MAY 16

SURING: Friends of Suring Area Public Library rummage sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., How Township Garage, 12896 State Highway 32.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 17

SURING: Friends of Suring Area Public Library rummage sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., How Township Garage, 12896 State Highway 32.

SHAWANO: 25th annual Fred Meyer Car Show, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Food, drink, music by Rocker.

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

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Bonduel, Gillett students named scholar-athletes

Thompson, Matczak selected from 836 high school candidates from across the state

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Bonduel High School senior Hailee Thompson and Gillett High School senior Ben Matczak are among 32 scholar-athletes that were honored May 5 in Stevens Point.

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association has selected the 16 senior boys and 16 senior girls to receive the statewide 2024 Scholar-Athlete Award, presented by the We Energies Foundation and the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation.

To determine the award recipients, four boys and four girls were selected based on both athletic and academic achievement from each of the four WIAA divisions. This year, 836 seniors were nominated for the award by 422 high schools throughout the state.

“Each of these remarkable student-athletes has excelled in academics and athletics,” WIAA assistant director Tom Shafranski said. “Seventeen of this year’s 32 WIAA Scholar-Athlete finalists have a grade-point average of 4.0 to date.

“When you combine all 32 scholar-athlete GPAs; the average is 3.9. This year’s honorees have already earned a total of 323 varsity letters during their first 3½ years of high school. That’s an average of 10 letters per athlete, and we have not yet completed our spring sports season.”

The award recipients were recognized at the 2024 WIAA Scholar-Athlete Ceremony at SentryWorld in Stevens Point. Joe Delagrave, a two-time Paralympic medalist and current head coach of the U.S. wheelchair rugby team, will be the keynote speaker.

Thompson was one of four girls selected in Division 3, while Matczak was among the four boys chosen in Division 4.

“The day I found out I was honored to be a scholar-athlete I shed a few tears; this was the same day I received the news my grandpa passed away,” Thompson said. “I am so thankful for this opportunity to be in the same room as so many other amazing student-athletes. I thank



Bonduel's Hailee Thompson follows through on a swing during a CWC-East game. Thompson was one of two local students named a WIAA scholar-athlete for 2024.

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God for giving me the chance to represent my community. Without my teammates, family and coaches I would not be half the student, athlete or overall person I am today.

Thompson has a 3.86 GPA. Thompson has earned 11 letters in the sports of basketball, volleyball and softball. She is a six-time all-conference selection. She was a part of the regional champion volleyball team her junior year and is a three-time team MVP.

The three-time volleyball all-

conference selection was named conference player of the year her senior year while also achieving 2,000 career assists.

On the softball field, three-time all-conference and team MVP selection was chosen the conference most valuable player award her junior year.

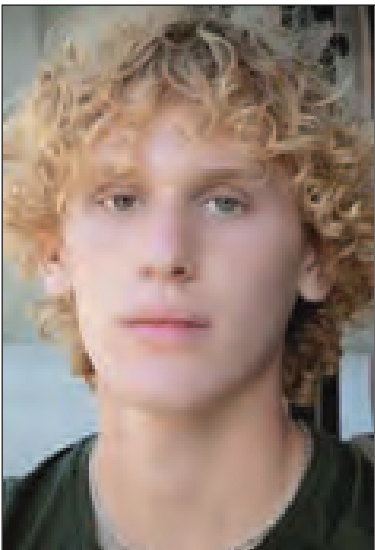
“I do love all three of my sports that I get to play; however, I always have had a special spot in my heart for volleyball and softball,” she said. “The adrenaline rush, the teamwork, the jumping up and down in ex-

citement and all the behind-the-scenes work that goes into sports is what I love about them.

“My favorite sport memories are the long bus ride home after a win or the deep playoff runs Bonduel has had over the past four years.”

Thompson was also the Bears’ team MVP in basketball her senior year.

“I have grown to learn that family and the support behind me is one of my biggest blessings,” she said. “Having supportive people in both my academic



BEN MATCZAK

and athletic careers has helped me recognize that no matter what the circumstance is, if I put my mind to it, I can accomplish it.”

Thompson plans to double major in sports marketing and leadership, and play softball and volleyball at Lakeland University.

Matczak currently has a 4.0 GPA. He has earned 11 varsity letters across the sports of cross country, basketball, 8-player football, and track and field. He is a three-time state qualifier in track and field on his team’s 3,200-meter relay.

Matczak is a three-time all conference performer in track and field, and he was welcomed into the Tigers’ 1,000-point club in basketball.

He also received team basketball MVP honors as a sophomore and senior. He was selected as the team MVP in 8-player football his junior season.

“I learned the importance of perseverance,” Matczak said of his four years in high school. “Overcoming hurdles has taught me that with dedication and hard work, I could tackle any obstacle.

“Secondly, I learned about the power of teamwork. Working within a team environment, whether in the classroom or on the field, taught me not only to communicate effectively, but also listen to others’ ideas and support my teammates.”

He plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse to study finance.

Panthers drop pair of games, each lasting 8 innings

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

May 4
Little Chute 4, Oconto Falls 3 (8 innings)

An eight-inning game went in favor of Little Chute, 4-3, over Oconto Falls.

Luke Gilbertson hit 1-for-2 with a pair of RBIs. Easton Engel was the losing pitcher. He pitched 3 2/3 innings, gave up an earned run, walked four and struck out three.

May 3
Wrightstown 5, Oconto Falls 2 (8 innings)

The Panthers took Wrightstown into extra in-

nings but dropped the May 3 game 5-2.

Chase Carriveau hit 2-for-3.

Jack Adler took the loss on the mound. He pitched 2/3 of an inning, gave up three earned runs on two hits, struck out one and walked two.

Bonduel 6, Amherst 1

Amherst scored in the first inning, but after that Cade Johnson settled in and shut down the Falcons with six strong innings, giving up just one run and two hits. Noah Weier struck out the side in the seventh to close out the game.

After a slow start, the Bears scored two in the third, three in the fourth and a solo run in the fifth.

Colin Margelofsky and Weier had two hits each to lead the Bonduel attack. Weier, Margelofsky, Easton Reinke and Beckett Hartlaben all had doubles for the Bears.

Bonduel’s overall record is now 11-3 and 7-1 in CWC East play.

Scoreboard

May 4

Little Chute 4, Oconto Falls 3 (8 innings)

Manitowoc Lincoln 8, Pulaski 1

Manitowoc Lincoln 3,

Pulaski 0

May 3

Bonduel 6, Amherst 1

Coleman 9, Lena 4

Iola-Scandinavia 13, Marion 3

Wrightstown 5, Oconto Falls 2 (8 innings)

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 8, Iola-Scandinavia 1

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 8, Crandon 1

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 3, Crandon 0

April 30

Shawano 13, Menasha 3

The Hawks bounced back from an earlier loss to Menasha to declare victory 13-3 at home.

Shawano bookended their scoring with six runs in the first inning and seven in the fifth. Menasha scored once in the fourth and twice in the fifth.

Leading hitters were Crew Weisnicht, who went 2-for-3 with a double and four RBIs, Carsen Herm hit 2-for-4, and Tom Keszó was 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Pete Bruette also had a double.

Dylan Hodkiewicz got the win on mound, pitching 4 2/3 innings and giving up four hits and three runs, while walking two and striking out one.

Shawano improved to

8-6.

Little Chute 2, Oconto Falls 1

Cole Bozile hit 1-for-3 and scored the only run for Oconto Falls in the Panthers’ 2-1 loss to Little Chute.

Luke Gilbertson also hit 1-for-3 and had the team’s RBI. A third batter, Easton Engel, also hit 1-for-3.

Pittsville 5, Bonduel 0

Pittsville scored a run in the first inning and made it stand up as the winning run in a 5-0 win at Bonduel.

Pittsville broke open a

Shawano tennis team tops DC Everest

April 30
Fox Valley Lutheran 4, Shawano 3

George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon improved to 9-1 and are one game out of first place in the Bay Conference No. 1 doubles flight. They defeated Fox Valley Lutheran's Jack Breiland and Morton Harlfinger 6-1, 6-0.

In the 4-3 loss, Shawano also recorded wins from No. 3 singles player Cristian Hernandez and No. 2 doubles team of Isaac Welander and Tristan Tetting.

Bay Port 7, Pulaski 0
Pulaski came up empty in the win column in a 7-0 shutout at the hands of Bay Port.

At No. 3 singles, Aran Capella took it on the chin in three sets, losing 6-4, 3-6, 10-5.

April 29
Shawano 5, D.C. Everest 4

Shawano tennis players won two of five singles matches and three of four doubles contests in a 5-4 win over D.C. Everest.

Tanner Thiel won 7-5, 6-1 at No. 3 singles, and Seth Pyatskowitz won 2-0, 2-0 at No. 5.

In doubles action, it was Samuel Green and Adam Prey winning 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 2 slot, Davis Lyons and Everett Grover victorious in a 6-0, 6-2 duel at No. 3 and Kady Goldsberry and John Kim claiming victory in a 6-3, 6-1 score at No. 4. Due to senior awards night, both teams agreed to play a reserve lineup compared to the first meeting, Shawano coach Matt Zoll said.

Green Bay Southwest 4, Pulaski 3

The Red Raiders won three matches against Green Bay Southwest, but a few points in a pair of other matches could have been the difference in winning or losing the meet.

Ryan Symons and Donovan Holderness won at No. 2 and No. 4 singles, respectively.

Pulaski's doubles victory came in the No. 3 match when Jonah Drevs and William Gosse won.

Close matches that ended in losses for the Red Raiders were No. 3 singles Aran Capella losing 7-6 (3), 6-3, and No. 2 doubles duo Nathan Maroszek and Oscar Delmarcelle losing 2-6, 7-5, 10-5.

BASEBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

close game with three runs in the seventh. The Bears had runners on base early but couldn't bring them in.

Six Bonduel players had hits in the game.

Logan Zickert threw a complete game for the win and also contributed 2 hits.

Noah Weier took the loss on the mound, pitching two innings, giving up one run on four hits while striking out four and walking one.

Daryn Luther homered for Pittsville.

Bonduel's record falls to 10-3.

Scoreboard

Pittsville 5, Bonduel 0
Iola-Scandinavia 15, Menominee Indian 1
Little Chute 2, Oconto Falls 1

Shawano 13, Menasha 3
Rosholt 7, Tigerton 0
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 10, Pacelli 0

April 29

Menasha 1, Shawano 0

Menasha 7, Shawano 0

Shawano batters managed only three hits in a 1-0 loss in the first game of a doubleheader at Menasha. Among those hits was Pete Bruette's double.

Menasha's run was scored in the second inning.

Tom Keszo took the loss on the mound.

In the second game, the Hawks collected six hits, with Parker Beyer hitting 2-for-3 and Crew Weisnicht connecting on a double.

Menasha scored two runs in the second inning and another five in the fifth.

Scoreboard

Menasha 1, Shawano 0
Menasha 7, Shawano 0
Pulaski 14, Sheboygan North 4



Ken Schrader's No. 96 DLP Toyota races at Talladega Superspeedway in 2008. Schrader will race at the Shawano Speedway for the Hall of Fame Night on June 8.

CURTIS PALMER

Former NASCAR driver coming to Shawano Speedway in June

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano Speedway, powered by Auto Select, announces former NASCAR driver Ken Schrader is set to make a special appearance during Hall of Fame night on June 8.

Schrader, a familiar figure in the racing world, will not only attend the event will also take to the track in his Federated Auto Parts IMCA Mod.

Schrader's career spans decades, marked by numerous victories and a passionate fan base. His participation in Shawano Speedway's Hall of Fame night adds an extra layer of excitement to an already anticipated event.

This special event is made possible through the support of Automotive Supply.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ken Schrader to

Shawano Speedway for what promises to be an electrifying evening of racing," said Scott Breitrack, board president of Shawano Speedway. "His presence adds a new dimension of excitement to our Hall of Fame night, and we extend our sincere gratitude to Automotive Supply for their support in making this event possible."

Schrader previously competed in the NASCAR

Cup Series, the NASCAR Xfinity Series and the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series.

During the 1990s and the early part of the 2000s, Schrader was running as many as 100 races among many types of racing, including NASCAR's national and regional touring series, ARCA, short track and dirt track.

Normal ticket prices will apply.

Tigerton tops Marion in softball doubleheader

April 30
Rosholt 4, Tigerton 3

Rosholt scored a game-winning run in the top of the seventh to defeat Tigerton 4-3 at Tiger Stadium.

Rosholt held a 1-0 lead in the second inning. Tigerton tied the game in the fourth inning and took a 2-1 lead in the fifth. Rosholt went back up 3-2 in the sixth only to have Tigerton tie the game in the bottom of the inning.

Angel Welch hit 2-for-3 for the Tigers. Jade Selle and McKenzie Hoffman each had an RBI.

Danika Tiller took the loss on the mound, pitching seven innings and giving up four runs (three

earned) on nine hits while striking out nine and walking two.

Seymour 8, Shawano 5
Shawano batters found success at the plate, but it wasn't enough to overcome an 8-5 win by Seymour.

Abby Wachtel went 3-for-3 with a double, and Braylyn Babino hit 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Abby Bystol hit 1-for-4 with a home run. Kimora O'Kimosh went 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Shawano is 9-6 overall.

Scoreboard

May 4
Three Lakes/Phelps 3, Gillett/Suring 2
Hilbert 10, Gillett/Suring 5

Oconto Falls 3, Peshtigo 2

Peshtigo 5, Oconto Falls 3

Pulaski 5, Stevens Point 5

Algoma 5, Shawano 4

Denmark 5, Shawano 1

May 3

Amherst 3, Bonduel 1

Coleman 15, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 0

Tigerton 14, Marion 3

Tigerton 12, Marion 0

Freedom 2, Oconto Falls 0

Pulaski 18, Bay Port 2

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 7, Iola-Scandinavia 6

St. Mary Catholic 12, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1

May 2

Pulaski 20, Sheboygan

South 0

Menasha 6, Shawano 2

May 1

Shawano 19, Green Bay

West/East 0

April 30

Gresham/Bowler 12, Northland Lutheran 7

Gresham/Bowler 7, Northland Lutheran 4

Niagara 12, Gillett/Suring 9

Port Edwards 15, Marion 2

Iola-Scandinavia 10, Menominee Indian 0

Oconto Falls 5, Marinette 2

Pulaski 11, Green Bay

Southwest 0

Seymour 8, Shawano 5

Rosholt 4, Tigerton 3

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 14, Shiocton 8

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Pulaski boys first, girls second at Chilton

May 4
Myrhum Invitational
Pulaski's girls scored 21 points at a multi-team event at Arrowhead High School.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Addison Krueger, Lily Urben, Faye Brunke and Olivia Sprangers placed third.

May 3
Bay Port Invitational
Both the Shawano boys and girls track and field teams finished sixth out of the 11 teams at the Bay Port DeMerit Invitational.

First-place finishers for the girls were Adalyn Barkley, first in the 400; and the 4x400 team of Barkley, Maci Beyer, Grace Chelberg and Tela Hopfensperger in 4:11.06 (second-fastest time in school history). Grace Chelberg was third in the 1,600. For the boys, Will Chelberg was placed first in the 1,600 and 3,200. Coming in second were Ethan Onesti in the 3,200 and the 4x400 team of Ryan Schwitzer, Connor Chelberg, Maverick Theis and Josh Lesperance.

Placing third were Ryan Shanty in the long jump and the 4x800 team of Andon Chelberg, Josiah Kuehl, Trevor Schwartz and Onesti.

Two Rivers Invitational Oconto Falls' girls placed fifth and the boys were sixth at the 11-team

invitational in Two Rivers. Rylie Shallow won the 100-meter dash.

Brooke Hodkiewicz placed second in the 400-meter dash and third in the 800-meter run.

Hailey Delzer finished third in the 3,200. Morgan Moynihan was third in the discus.

For the boys, the 4x200 team of Elijah White, Evan Yuma, Isaac Bramer and Brady Bursa placed second. The same group placed third in the 4x100. Bryce Schefdore was second in the discus.

May 2
Seymour Invitational
Bonduel boys and girls teams took second place in the small school division with 110 and 175 points, respectively.

Many personal best records were set, and many medals won.

Starting with the girls team, once again Ashlyn Kurey shattered the school triple jump record with a jump of 34 feet 3.5 inches to clinch first place and a gold medal. Kurey also helped the 4x800, 4x400 and 4x200 earn silver medals.

Mariah Wondra took home two gold medals in the mile and two mile and a silver in 4x800 relay. She had a personal best with a 5:35 mile time.

Cierra Schnell won gold with a personal best in 300

hurdles with 53.92, a silver in the 4x800 relay and 4x200 relay and long jump.

Teagan Engel earned a silver in the 4x800 relay. Olivia Giese won gold in 100 hurdles with a new personal record of 18.19.

She also earned two silver medals on the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams.

Paige Niquette won a silver in the 4x100 relay and bronze in the 100.

Audrey Weier won a bronze in high jump.

Josie Anvelink earned two silver medals, one in shot put and one as part of the 4x100 relay team.

Addison Raymakers earned a bronze medal in 300 hurdles and a silver in the 4x400 relay team.

Seidy Blandon earned a silver medal in the 800.

Rachyl Hutter earned a silver in the 4x100.

Anna Beaumier earned silver medals in the 4x100 and 4x200.

Hailey Berg earned a silver in the 4x400.

Ryan Westrich led the boys team with two gold medals in the shot put with a throw of 47-6.25 and a discus throw of 142-05 — two new personal bests. He also earned a bronze in the 200 and a silver in the 4x400.

Ben O'Brien earned a silver with the 4x800 relay team and a bronze in the mile.

Griffin Uelmen took

silver in high jump, as well as in the 4x800 and the 4x400.

Gage Scholl took silver in two relays, 4x400 and 4x100.

Oliver Chitwood took a silver medal in the 4x800.

Gage Anderson took a silver in the 4x800 relay and 4x400 relay and a bronze in the 4x100 relay.

Mason Ballwahn took a silver medal in the 4x100 and 4x400.

Owen Springborn took a silver medal in the 4x200 and bronze in the 4x100 relays.

Jayden Popp earned a bronze medal in the 4x100 relay.

Tristin Bierhals earned bronze in the 4x100.

Ben Letter earned a silver medal in the 4x200 meter relay.

Weyauwega-Fremont Invite

Gresham/Bowler's girls captured three gold medals and the Marion girls captured one gold at Fremont.

For Gresham/Bowler, Addison Fischer won the 100, with Jemy Reedy in second. Isabella Stevens won the high jump and the shot put.

The 4x100 and 4x800 relay teams placed second, while the 4x200 and 4x400 teams were third.

Bryson Nelson led the Gresham/Bowler boys with a second-place finish in the 1,600.

Kennedy Zuniga won

the 400 for the Marion girls. She was also second in the 800.

The 4x400 team finished second, and the 4x100 team placed third.

Presley Stewart-Rolfs was third in the high jump.

Marion's boys were paced by Jesse Trebus, who placed third in the 800.

Peshtigo Invitational
The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy girls placed third and boys were fifth to lead area teams in Peshtigo.

Winning were Emma Meissner, Oconto Falls, 3,200; and Eva Brooks, Lena/STAA, 100 hurdles and high jump. Brooks also took second in the triple jump.

Finishing in second were Meissner, Oconto Falls, 1,600; Kali Fischer, Lena/STAA, 100 hurdles; Hope Soper, Gillett, 300 hurdles; Kaelyn Cook, Alabama Lambert, Madilyn Thomson, Kaitlyn Borkovec, Lena/STAA, 4x100; Kostreva, Brooks, Madilyn Thomson, Lambert, Lena/STAA, 4x200; Alexis Zhuckkahosee, Menominee Indian, high jump; Bradyn Wendorff, Gillett, 1,600; Zander Thomson, Lena/STAA, 110 hurdles; Zander Thomson, Lena/STAA, high jump; Lucas Heimke, Lena/STAA, triple jump; Anthony Seefeldt, Lena/STAA, shot put.

Placing third were

Lena Waukau, Menominee Indian, girls 200; Abigail Kostreva, Lena/STAA, 400; Sophia Limberg, Gillett, 800; Kali Fischer, Lena/STAA, 3,200; Rhiana Vandeyacht, Emery Pagel, Chloe Anastasopoulos, Eloise Thompson, Oconto Falls, 4x100; Kali Fischer, Alexis Maloney, Sophia Pirlot, Miriam Alberts, Lena/STAA, 4x800; Lambert, Lena/STAA, long jump; Audrey Pate, Gillett, discus; Zander Thomson, Lena/STAA, 300 hurdles.

Klinkner Invitational
Pulaski's boys finished in first place and the girls placed second in Chilton.

Finishing first was the 4x800 team of Arden Gillen, Parker Marshall, Thomas Murphy and Peyton Yaw.

Ryan Rodal won the 100-meter dash. Joe Mijal won the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles.

Winning the 4x200 was the team of Rodal, Aiden McGlinn, Keaton Dauk and Kam McKeefry. Daniel Augustine won the 400-meter dash and the 800.

Spencer Hakes, McGlinn, Henry Kanzenbach and McKeefry won the 4x100 relay.

Marshall won the 3,200, and Gillen was second.

Thomas Murphy, Jacob Betley, Ben Barry and Alex Klopotic teamed up to win the 4x400.

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McKeefry was second in the 200. Brayden Kamps was second in the triple jump, with Jacob Heston in third. Barry placed second in the shot put. Dylan Dorn was third in the high jump, and Rylan Opperman was third in the pole vault. Kamps was third in the long jump. For the girls, Olivia Stedl won the 1,600, as did the 4x200 team Addison Kruger, Lily Urben, Faye Brunke and Olivia Sprangers. Ella Hasser won the 400-meter dash, and Sprangers won the 200-meter dash. Winning the 4x400 was the team of Emerson Fabry, Anna Friedman, Lydia Friendshuh and Stedl. Hallie Morz won the pole vault. Hasser won the triple jump, and Friedman was second.

The 4x800 team of Friedman, Lacey Claus, Mikaela Moore and Reese Burich was second. Ella Ficarri was second in the 100 hurdles. Finishing second in the 4x100 was the team of Ava Vieaux, Brunke, Megan Kraft and Hallie Morz. Katelyn Jossie was second in the 300 hurdles. Claus was second in the 800. Lydia Gwidt placed second in the long jump. Krueger was third in the 200.

Waupaca ‘Vic-Tree’ Invitational Wittenberg-Birnamwood athletes ran into some tough competition in Waupaca but still emerged with several top-three finishes. Faith Resch won the 100 hurdles and the 300 hurdles. She also won the high jump, with teammate London Metropulos tying at 4 feet 10 inches. Resch also won the triple jump, with teammate Nora Bushman placing third. Kylee Beversdorf placed second in the 800. Bushman was second in the 3,200.

At No. 2 in the 4x800 was the team of Beversdorf, Lily Metropulos, Harper Rogowski and Bushman. Kelsie Davis placed second in the discus with a new personal record. Taking third was the 4x400 team of London Metropulos, Beversdorf, Ava Brei and Rogowski. Beversdorf was third in the long jump. For the boys, Will Peters placed third in the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles. Landen Schmidt was third in the discus.

Shawano shuts out New London

May 3 Ashwaubenon 4, Shawano 1 Trinity Popelka scored the lone goal for the Hawks off a throw in from Caitlyn Moede, as Shawano lost 4-1 at Ashwaubenon. Goalkeeper Brynlie Boyles had 10 saves for the Hawks.

May 2 Shawano 4, New London 0 Trinity Popelka scored the Hawks’ first goal in the opening 34 seconds in Shawano’s 4-0 shutout of New London. The second goal was scored by Jenna Moede off a cross from Popelka. The Hawks went into halftime with a 2-0 lead over New London. In the second half, Popelka scored the third goal at the 63-minute mark. Darcie Erdmann put in the fourth and final goal for the Hawks, off a through ball from Caitlyn Moede. Boyles earned her third shutout of the season.

Scoreboard May 4 River Falls 1, Pulaski 0 Pulaski 2, Ashland 0 May 3 Ashwaubenon 4, Shawano 1 May 2 Shawano 4, New London 0 De Pere 4, Pulaski 1

April 30 Peshtigo 3, Shawano 0 The 3-0 loss to Peshtigo was a tough loss for the Hawks, as they dropped to 2-10 on the year.

Bay Port 2, Pulaski 1 The Red Raiders’ five-game winning streak came to an end with a 1-0 loss to Bay Port.

April 29 Peshtigo 3, Shawano 0

Golfers enjoy success on the links

May 4 Sheboygan Town & Country Invitational Shawano golfers notched an incomplete at the Sheboygan Town & Country Golf Course. Junior Blake Knope scored an 84, two strokes away from the three-way tie for medalist. Senior Tristan Miller had an 89. Junior Jakob Stuhr carded a 103.

2024 MACC Fund Invitational Pulaski golfers scored a 322 at Erin Hills, as DeForest won the multi-team event with a 295. Scoring for the Red Raiders were Colin Schultz with a 75, Dixon Holewinski with a 77, Connor Burant with an 82 and Zachary Valeria with an 88.

May 3 Fox River Classic Conference Mini-Meet Pulaski tied Sheboygan North with a 165, just 11 strokes away from De Pere’s winning score of 154 at the Oneida Golf Course in Hobart. Dixon Holewinski led Pulaski with a 40, followed by Colin Schultz and Brady Hayward each with a 41, and Connor Burant with a 43. Zachary Valeria carded a 46.

May 2 North Eastern Conference Mega Meet Oconto Falls placed seventh out of 10 teams at River Island Golf Course. Wrightstown won with a 325; the Panthers scored a 373. Kadyn Riel led the local team with an 88, followed by Carson McDermid with a 94, Austin Anderson with a 95 and Isaiah Hirst with a 96. Jackson McDonald carded a 97.

2024 Manitowoc Invitational The Red Raiders scored a 381, well behind Notre Dame Academy’s winning score of 327, at Branch River Golf Course in Cato. Freshman Bradin Schultz had Pulaski’s top score of 87. He was joined by Casey Madlem and Braden Becks each with a 97 and Eli Holderness with an even 100. A 104 was recorded by Brody Hronek.

Adams-Friendship Green Devil Drive Invitational Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s 359 placed the Chargers in sixth out of 19 teams at Northern Bay in Arkdale. River Valley won with a 338. George Seegmiller carded a 78 to take part in a three-way tie for second place. Two golfers tied for medalist with 77s. Also scoring for the Chargers were Joey Seegmiller with an 81, August Barke with a 99 and Owen Schultz with a 101. Jaden Clark scored a 102.

April 30 Bay Conference Meet Shawano golfers placed fifth at their home meet at the Shawano Lake Golf Course. The Hawks carded a 188, with West De Pere winning with a 154. Tristan Miller and Blake Knope tied with a 44, followed by Duane Gristeau-Blanche with a 49 and Cooper Montour with a 51. Jakob Stuhr carded a 53.

Central Wisconsin Conference Bonduel topped four area teams and several others on the links at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil. The Bears won with a 316, followed by Wittenberg-Birnamwood with a 373 and Marion with a 393. Menominee Indian/Gresham had an incomplete, with 12 teams competing. Bonduel’s Jake Dreyer was the medalist with a 76, and three of his teammates scored the third-, fourth- and fifth-best scores. Reed Luepke scored a 78, with Colin Fischer getting an 80 and Colin Margo scoring 82. Bonduel’s other golfer, Jaxon Bogacz, scored 87. Scoring for Wittenberg-Birnamwood were Owen Schultz with a 90, August Barke and Joey Seegmiller each with a 91, and George Seegmiller with a 101. Seth Fisher scored a 109. Marion’s Brady Malueg led the Mustangs with a 94. Jack Schoen scored a 97, Ryan Malueg had an even 100, and Samuel Gueths had a 102. Collin Grogan had a 109. Menominee Indian/Gresham only fielded three golfers. River Wheelock had a 120, followed by Kai-dyen Zaits with a 121 and Porter Hoffman with a 122.

North Eastern Conference Oconto Falls scored a 351 and placed seventh out of 10 teams at the Little River Golf Course in Marinette.

Luxemburg-Casco won the mini-meet with a 329. Scoring for the Panthers were Kadyn Riel with a 77 (fourth place), Carson McDermid with an 88, and Jackson McDonald and Austin Anderson each with a 93. Isaiah Hirst scored 94.

April 29 Oneida Classic Pulaski golfers finished in fifth place and Shawano was ninth at the Oneida Classic. With Bay Port winning with a 305, Pulaski scored 319 and Shawano scored 386. Leading the Red Raiders was Connor Burant with a 77. Teammates included Brady Hayward with a 79, Colin Schultz with an 80 and Dixon Holewinski with an 83. Zachary Valeria scored an 87. Shawano’s best golfer was Blake Knope with an 85. He was joined by Duane Gristeau-Blanche and Tristan Miller, each with a 99, and Jakob Stuhr with a 103. Also playing was Cooper Montour, who scored a 115.

Marathon Invitational Marion placed 10th out of 16 teams at the Pine Valley Golf Course in Marathon. The Mustangs scored a 405. Medford won the meet with a 337. Marion’s scorers included Brady Malueg and Samuel Gueths, each with an even 100, Jack Schoen with a 102 and Collin Grogan with a 103. Gracie Grogan scored a 109.

jumped out to an 8-1 lead in the first quarter, the rest of the game was much closer. Wausau West still won each quarter, but by narrower margins — 3-2, 4-2 and 2-0. Joshua Huettl had 14 saves.

May 2 De Pere 12, Pulaski 1 Jake Kuehl scored Pulaski’s only goal in a 12-1 loss to De Pere. Kuehl’s goal came in the fourth quarter. The Ghostbirds played a steady game, scoring twice in the first period, three times in the second, four times in the third and three more times in the final quarter. Joshua Huettl had seven saves for Pulaski.

Scoreboard May 4 Boys lacrosse Wausau West 17, Pulaski 5 May 2

Boys lacrosse De Pere 12, Pulaski 1 April 30 De Pere 16, Pulaski 2 Pulaski’s girls lacrosse team scored once in each of the second and fourth periods in a 16-2 loss to De Pere. At 0-6 overall and 0-3 in the Fox River Classic Conference, Pulaski’s Diem Lardinois is the team’s goals leader and points leader.

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Fairest of the Fair event set for May 18

The Oconto County Youth Fair has experienced a resurgence in applications for the fair's official ambassador.

Four candidates for the 2024 Oconto County Fairest of the Fair are scheduled to introduce themselves in a competition starting at 11 a.m. May 18 in the Gillett Secondary School Auditorium, 208 W. Main St. The event is open to the public.

The candidates are:

- Georgia Gerndt, a senior at Suring High School, and the daughter of Sarah



GEORGIA GERNDT

and Wes School and Craig Gerndt. She is a member of Northern Riders 4-H, Suring FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, Hi-Q, the Tutoring Program, cross-country, basketball and track. Her sponsor is North Branch Logging Enterprises of Suring.

• Kathryn Raddatz, a senior at Oconto Falls High School. Her parents are Teresa and Nathan Raddatz. She is a member of Christy Brook 4-H Club and is involved in a number of school activities, including Student Council, Art Club, National Honor Society, Kindness Committee, basketball, volleyball and track. Her sponsor is Crowned Holsteins and Jerseys, Gillett.



KATHRYN RADDATZ

• Grace Seefeldt graduated from Lena High School, where she was a member of Lena FFA, 4-H, National Honor Society and cheerleading, along with being a manager for wrestling and baseball. She is now a freshman at South Dakota State University and is a member of the Pre-Vet Club, Colligate Cattle-men's, and Agriculture LLC. She is the daughter of Dale and Becky Seefeldt. She is sponsored by Jagiello Dairy Farm LLC of Lena.



GRACE SEEFELDT

• Amber Seitz is a senior at Pulaski High School. Her parents are Mark and Cindy Seitz. She is a member of Pulaski FFA, along with participating in Leo Club, National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, marching band, and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin organization. Her sponsor is Sievert Dairy Farm, Sobieski.

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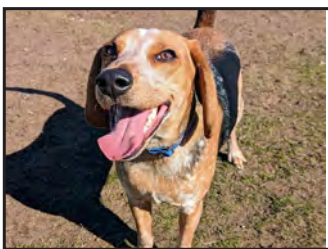
AMBER SEITZ

Cleaning up the forest



The Machickanee Ski Club did its annual forest cleanup in Machickanee Forest on April 20. Sixteen volunteers, including, from left, Don Liesch, Amanda Blazer, Bryan Pavlik, Anna Fleming, Emily Winkler, Rene Pavlik, Heather Vincent, Jon Wenstadt, Mark Farah, Dave Vincent, Pat Farah, Darrell Berg and Dave Follett picked up garbage from the roadside ditches. In total, the club cleaned up 9 miles.

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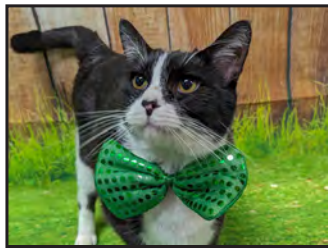
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INVITATION TO BID LRIP ROAD
PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF SPRUCE
Sealed bids for the road repairs needed to Holiday Inn Road in the Town of Spruce will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. Friday, May 10th, 2024. NO EXCEPTIONS! Bids will be opened publicly and read on Wednesday, May 15th, 2023 by the Spruce Town Board during their regular meeting. This project will follow state specifications with the work being approximately 3900 feet in length and 21' wide starting at County Road M North 3900'. Remove shoulders on both sides of road to a depth of 1 foot by 3 foot and install breaker rock. Install 1 18" culvert x 60 HDPE. Reshape ditches where needed and seed and mulch. Pulverize and install 6 inches of gravel over entire roadway. Finish work should include mulch, seed and staking, and then finish grade, compact and water. Weight tickets for all materials must be provided. All bidders must have a Surety Insurance bond for \$1,000,000 in order to be considered for the project must be included with the bid. The Town of Spruce reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Please contact the Spruce Town Chairman, Terry Brazeau with any questions at 920-842-2703. Please return bids to TOWN OF SPRUCE, PO BOX 52, OCONTO FALLS, WI 54154.
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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF
NEW COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS
STARTING TIME OF 6:00pm
The City of Oconto Falls Common Council, that meets the second Tuesday of each month has changed to a new meeting time of 6:00pm, effective June 11, 2024. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers -Municipal Building 500 N. Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, WI 54154.
Jenny L. Friedman
Deputy Clerk
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
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(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24IN21
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
FRANCIS TREPANIER JR.
DOD: April 14, 2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth July 30, 1942 and date of death April 14, 2020, was domiciled in Oconto County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 326 Elm Avenue, Oconto, Wisconsin 54153
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 08-02-2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, Wisconsin 54153
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NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW 2 HOUR MEETING
TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Oconto Falls, Oconto County, Wisconsin, shall hold its meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Oconto Falls Town Hall, 8680 State Highway 22, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board of Review:
1. After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board of Review's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact or provide information to a member of the Board of Review about the person's objection, except at a session of the Board of Review. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the Board of Review.
2. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the Board of Review's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the Board of Review Clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the Board of Review shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the Board of Review's first scheduled meeting, and the Board of Review may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days, with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the Board of Review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
3. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the Board of Review Clerk within the first 2 hours of the Board of Review's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the Board of Review may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session, or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The Board of Review may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the Board of Review shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of the improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the Board of Review in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the Board of Review, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the
4. When appearing before the Board of Review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information used to arrive at that estimate. Board of Review.
5. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the Board of Review, the person supplies to the assessor with all the information about income and expenses that the assessor requests, as specified in the Assessor's Manual under Wis. Stat. § 73.03(2a). The Town of Oconto Falls has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided in this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Wis. State § 19.35(1).
6. The Board of Review shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse prescriber certified under Wis. Stat. § 441.16(2) that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board of Review, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.
7. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board of Review, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under Wis. Stat. § 70.47(3)(a), that person provides notice to the Board of Review Clerk as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the Board of Review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.
8. No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board of Review by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of the real or personal property being assessed. Notice is hereby given this 10th day of May, 2024, by: Susan L Mogged, Town Clerk
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Roadwork, draft to challenge Gillett NFL crowds in 2025, planned highway reconstruction in 2026 are expected to affect the city, possibly dramatically

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

The City of Gillett has a couple of big issues to prepare for, its Tourism and Marketing Committee chair told the city council May 2.

In his regular report to the council, Alderperson Jerry Luther said the planned reconstruction of state Highway 22 through the city and the 2025 NFL Draft in Green Bay are likely to have a major impact on traffic through the city.

The state Department of Transportation is planning to rebuild a 1.08-mile stretch of the state highway from Finnegan Lake Road on the west to the intersection with state Highway 32 during the spring and summer of 2026.

According to the project web page at wisconsin-dot.gov, the work includes new storm sewer, culvert replacements, multiple intersection improvements, new concrete curb and gutter, new concrete sidewalk and new concrete pavement. Traffic will be detoured during the project, although the DOT plans to maintain access to property owners and businesses in the work zone.

"We haven't heard much from the DOT lately, but they seem to still be on track for 2026," Luther said. The city will be working to replace utility infrastructure through the work

zone before the state-hired road crews arrive.

The state held a meeting in April to provide information to property owners whose right of way will be rented and/or purchased to make room for the project, but Luther and other council members said the DOT did not provide much notice about the meeting. The city's copy of the mailing arrived less than a week before the meeting was held, giving local officials little time to help promote the session.

The NFL Draft in April 2025 was a major topic of discussion at the latest meeting of the Tourism and Economic Development Corporation for the Oconto Region board of directors, Luther said. He is the city's representative to TEDCOR.

The event is expected to use up every available hotel and motel room in the area and perhaps the state of Wisconsin and beyond, and bed and breakfasts are charging up to seven times more than their usual fees for those nights, Luther said.

"We want to get as many people as possible to visit Oconto County while they're here," he said. "The clock is ticking."

The city's Tourism and Marketing Committee will meet soon to discuss the logistics of both upcoming issues, Luther said.

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OFES welcomes 4-year-old kindergarten students

Oconto Falls Elementary School held an open house April 18 for incoming 4-year-old kindergarten students and their families.

Approximately 44 new students and their families attended. The children were able to tour their potential classrooms and meet district staff members along with other area service providers.

Oconto County Health and Human Services professionals provided home safety kits as well as other guidance and materials for households with young children. HSHS St. Clare Hospital provided a drawing and door prize won by future 4K student Adalaide Steppe. The PIE (Partners In Education) Organization provided balloons and photo opportunities for the children and their families.

Additional door prizes comprised of items available at local businesses were won by Easton Vandenlangenberg, Vivian Hobyang, River Booth, Caire Warner, Marshall Bursa, Graham Trebel, Sofia Tyler, Nigel Russ,



Sullivan Konop and his dad, Derek Konop, enter Oconto Falls Elementary School as one of many of the newest students to enroll in the school's 4-year-old kindergarten program.

CONTRIBUTED

Wade Blaser and Hattie Coopman.

Christian Dance Company and Sarah's Dance Academy had sign-up information available for those interested in studio dance classes. Mr. Pig from Iverson's Piggly Wiggly came to greet the students and welcome them to school. The children enjoyed high fives, dancing and photos with the hometown grocery mascot.

Varsity football players clad in their jerseys and Paws the panther mascot were available for games and activities in the gymnasium. Those who attended were given a Class of 2038 T-shirt as their first school spirit apparel. Milk and cookies were provided by the school's food service and 4K program.

Enrollment remains open for any child turning 4 on or before Sept. 1.

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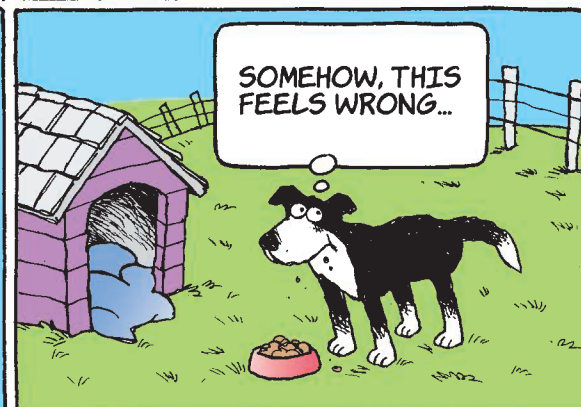
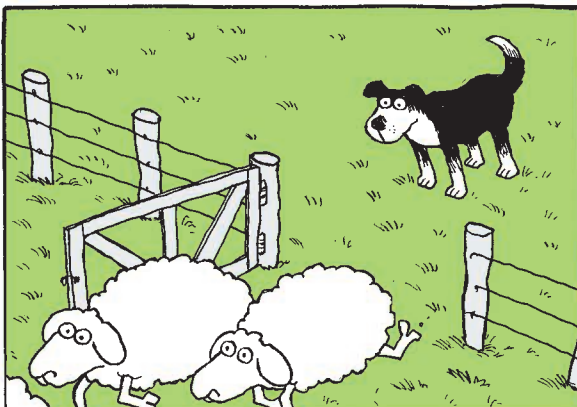
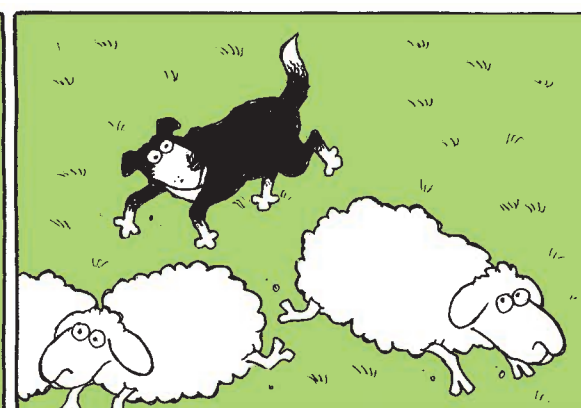
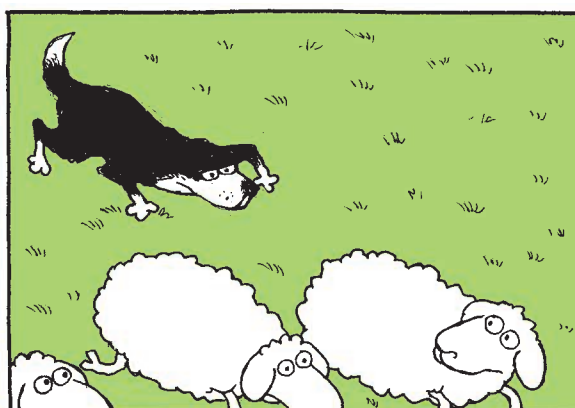
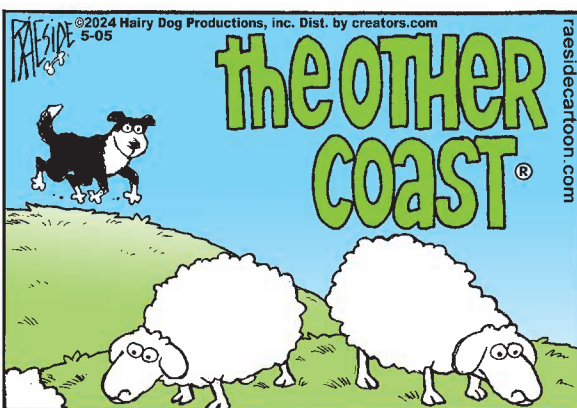
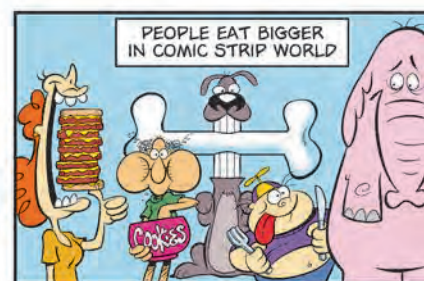
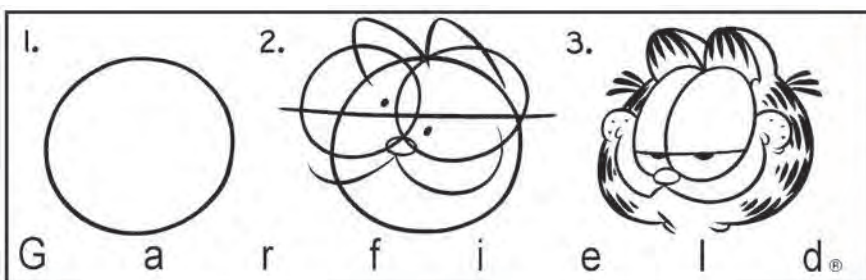
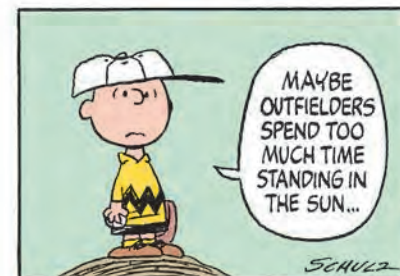
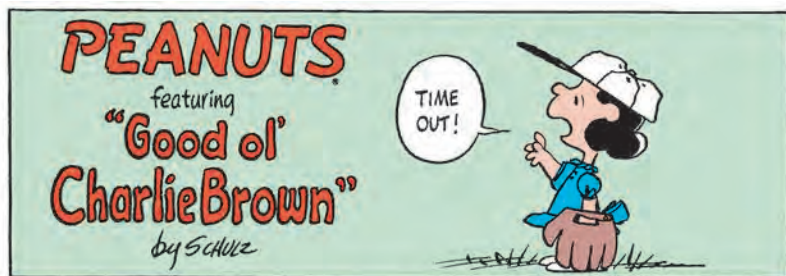
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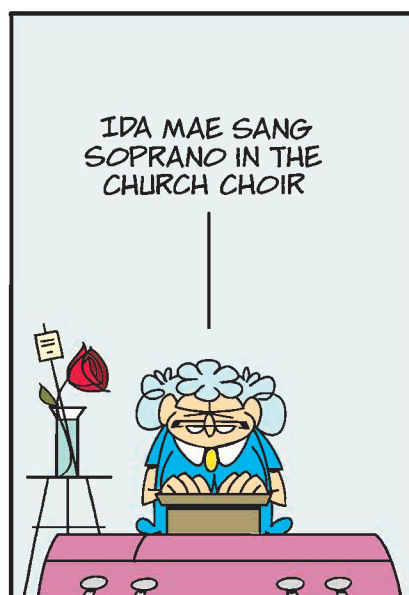
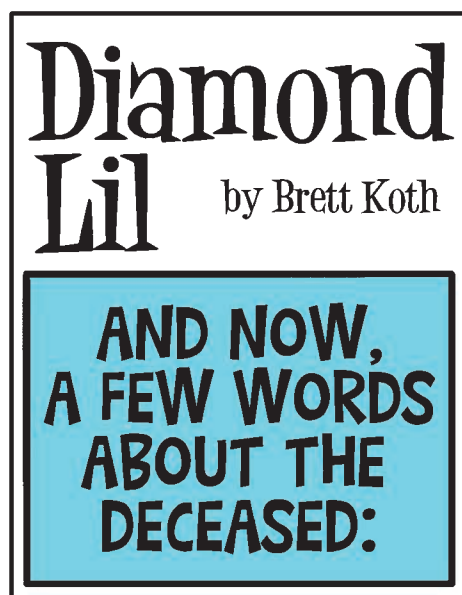
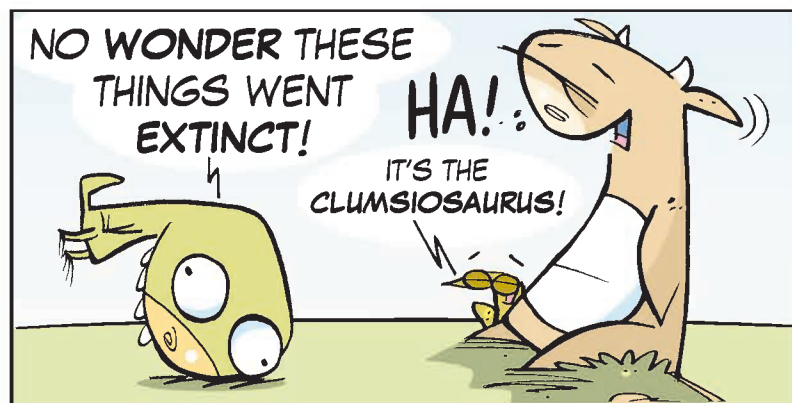
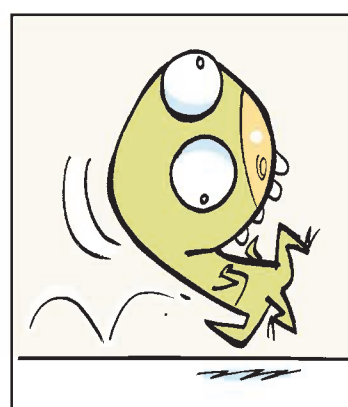
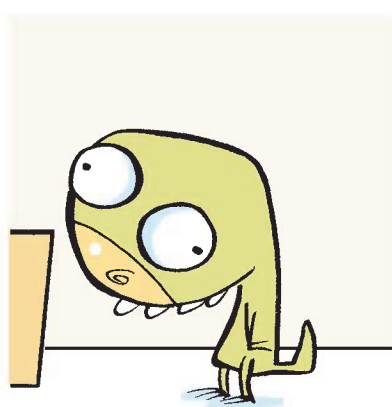
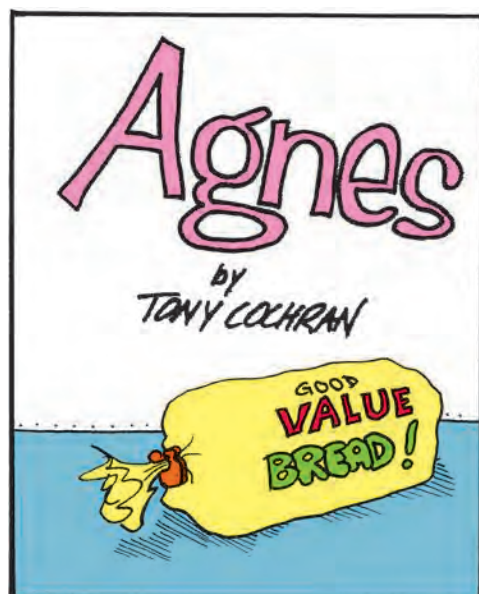


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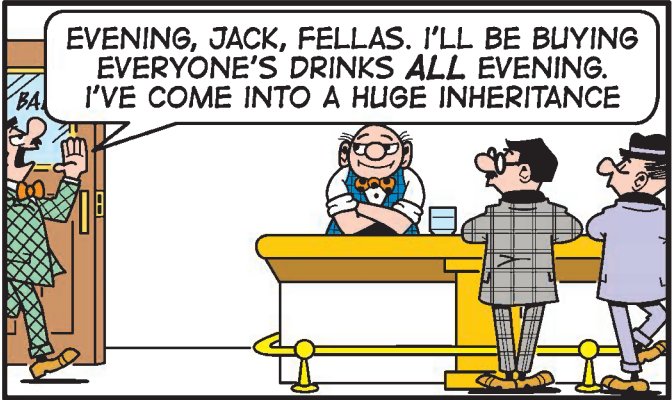
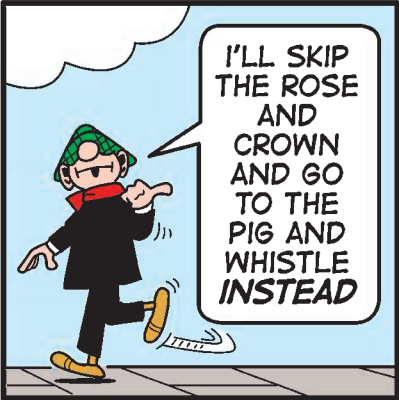
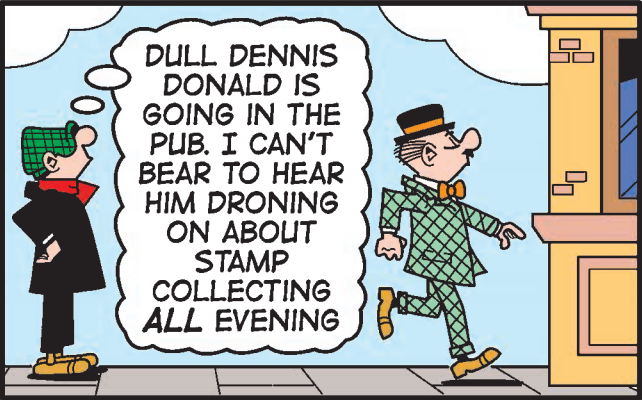
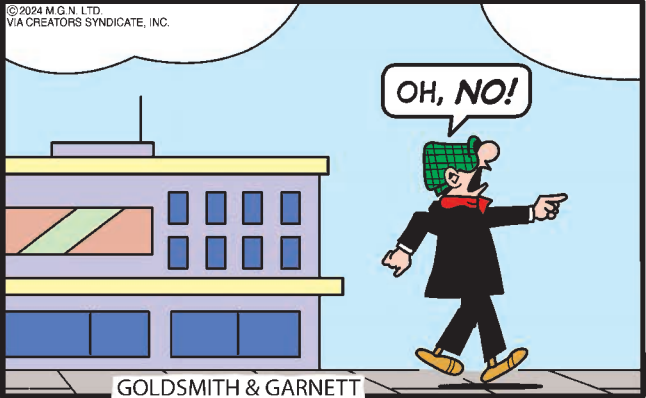
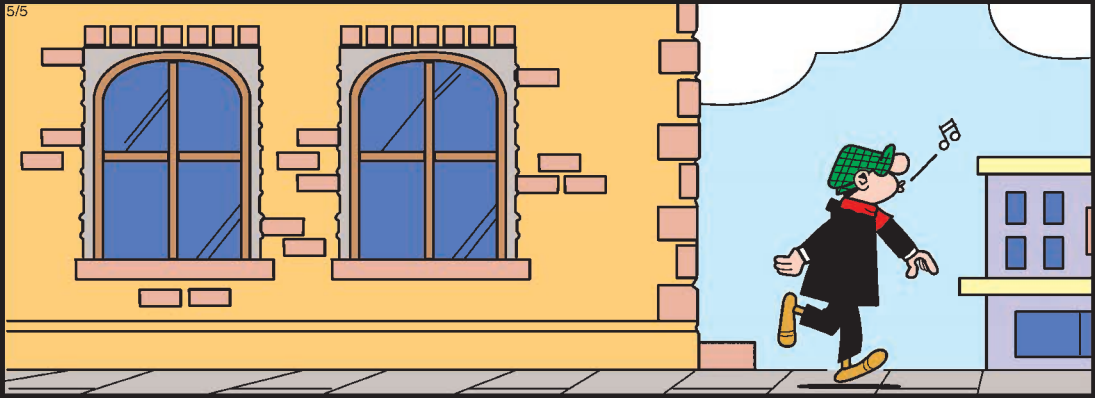
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