

Auction crowd supports St. Anthony School



Auctioneer Leonard Yoap, right, calls out the bids on a children's playset while spotter Jerry Styczynski scans the crowd for bidders as the annual St. Anthony Catholic School auction gets underway April 5. The auction is one of the private school's major fundraising events every year.



Emcee Matt Beschta announces that the winner of the 50/50 auction donated the proceeds back to St. Anthony School for a total donation of \$824.



Attendees check out some of the 134 silent auction items up for bid at the St. Anthony Catholic School fundraiser April 5. Another 43 items were sold in the live auction.



The cafeteria at St. Anthony Catholic School is packed April 5 with supporters ready and able to bid on the items in the school's annual auction.

PHOTOS BY WARREN BLUHM • NEWS EDITOR

Suring referendum narrowly succeeds

Five of seven town chairmen win contested races

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Unofficial Oconto County results from the April 1 election show that local voters went with the conservative candidates for justice of the state Supreme Court and superintendent of public instruction.

Statewide, Susan Crawford defeated Brad Schimel for the open seat on the state's high court, and Jill Underly won a second four-year term as superintendent. Local voters, however, preferred the candidates who fell short across the state.

In local races, the Suring school referendum passed by only eight votes, with 50.2% of voters in nine municipalities approving the school district's request to exceed state-imposed revenue caps by \$1.5 million annually through the 2029-30 school year and 48.8% voting no.

Two town chairmen lost their bids for reelection: In Mountain, Brenda Carey-Mielke outpolled incumbent Lindor "Skip" Maletzke; and in Underhill, incumbent Peter Vorpahl lost to Mark Winkler. Town chairs in Abrams, Bagley, Little River, Little Suamico and Oconto Falls survived challenges.

Gillett School Board member Robin Banaszynski won reelection but placed third in a four-person race behind newcomers Trisha Ondik and Lori Beyer, who will succeed Cliff Gerbers and Jamie Young on the board.

Incumbent Gillett Alderperson Irene Drake was defeated by challenger Keri Hicks.

The results from contested races across Oconto County:

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
Brad Schimel 11,279
✓ Susan Crawford 5,386

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Brittany Kinser 9,998
✓ Jill Underly (inc.) 5,549

VOTER ID REFERENDUM
✓ Yes 12,699
No 2,956

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Abrams' Ron Berna retires after nearly 40 years of auto racing.

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The winner of the Peeps diorama contest at Gillett Public Library will win ... a giant Peep, plus some books with Peeps treats. Voting starts April 14.

Library plans diorama contest, Easter egg hunt for April 18

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

People who can't get enough of Peeps are invited to create a diorama featuring the omnipresent Easter candy.

The Gillett Public Library is staging a Peeps diorama contest in advance of an April 18 Easter egg hunt at the library.

"Voting starts the 14th through the 17th, and then on Friday, April 18, on Good Friday, we are having an Easter egg hunt and we'll announce the winner," library director Shannon Stoner told the Gillett City Council on April 3.

The diorama must illustrate a book, a movie or a Gillett location, and the winner will receive an appropriate prize, Stoner said.

"I picked up a big gigantic, huge Peep from Walmart, and I got a couple books and activity books and little Peep candies," she said.

The event is scheduled for 10:30-11:30 a.m. April 18 at the library, 200 N. Main St., Gillett.

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Egg hunt, breakfast planned for Easter weekend

Hillside Assembly in Gillett is inviting the community to an Easter egg hunt and breakfast on Easter weekend.

The church will hold its Easter Eggstravaganza at 10 a.m. April 19 at Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22, Gillett. All registration is online at www.hillsideassembly.com/egghunt.

Kids will win candy while playing the carnival style games; bags will be provided. There will be a special presentation followed by the outdoor egg hunt, weather permitting. Kids will be separated into younger and older groups and led outside. After finding as many eggs as

they can, kids will exchange their eggs for a bag of candy and prizes. The event is free.

Hillside will hold its Easter breakfast at 9 a.m. April 20 in the church gym. The Easter Sunday service will begin at 10 a.m.

For information, call the church office at 920-855-2962.

Smooth sailing for Zippel Park project

County, city approve resolutions to advance grant applications

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

A \$1.5 million project to improve recreational facilities at Zippel Park in Gillett received two important endorsements last week.

The Oconto County Land and Water Resources Committee on April 1 approved adding the project to the county's comprehensive recreation plan, a key requirement for a state stewardship grant. The matter goes to the full county board April 15.

Also, the Gillett City Council held a public hearing and approved an application for funding under a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administered by

the state Department of Administration (DOA).

The plan includes the addition of an inclusive play area, walking trails/paths, an accessible restroom, signage and picnic/seating areas, along with improvements to the sports courts.

An ad hoc city committee is working to find various public and private sources for the project.

Art Bahr, senior community development administrator for the consulting and engineering firm MSA, explained during the hearing that the new facility will be ADA accessible.

"The playground itself will be an inclusive playground for all ages and all abilities," Bahr said.

The CDBG application

asks about housing needs in the city, he said.

"A couple years ago, we went through and identified some things — when we did the last TID (tax incremental financing) district — as to where housing could go," Bahr said. "But just so the council and the public know, the city is eligible for CDBG programs for housing. So if that's something you would have an interest in, that's something I would note and put back to the DOA."

The hearing garnered no comments from the audience, and the council approved several resolutions meant to facilitate the CDBG application.

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Gillett veterans banners project approved

Flags will fly during the summer months

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

The Gillett City Council gave final approval April 3 to hanging banners downtown that honor individual local veterans as a "Hometown Hero."

The project is championed by Michael Kohn, who is working with DotCom Branding of Shawano to produce the banners. He hopes to display the banners on downtown

light poles from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

There has also been discussion about bringing the banners to display at the annual Veterans Day observance at Gillett High School in November.

"I was told that they had the equipment to put up 20 banners," Kohn told the council. "I've had various people contact me."

Now that he has the city's official OK, Kohn said he will move forward.

"I'll let people know to get a hold of me, and I'll go to DotCom in Shawano to make the banners," he said. "What I did was have refrigerator magnets made of mine and my dad's (banners), and they came out really nice."

Kohn posted on social media that people who would like to honor a loved one with a veterans banner can contact him at 765-434-3439.

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Cross traveling in Gillett on Good Friday

The Gillett-Suring Clergy Association will be hosting a cross walk on Good Friday, April 18.

The community is welcome to join local pastors as they begin the journey at noon at Gillett Secondary School, 208 W. Main

St., Gillett. There will be a brief scripture reading and prayer at each of four stops as the cross walk makes its way through the area.

The cross walk is a unique and effective way of identifying with the real

Good Friday/Easter message on a personal level. The walk will end at St. John's Lutheran Church, where coffee and snacks will be available.

For information, call Hillside Assembly Church at 920-855-2962.

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Results of contested local municipal races in Oconto County

SURING SCHOOL REFERENDUM

✓ Yes 940
No 932

GILLETT SCHOOL BOARD

✓ Lorie Beyer 910
✓ Robin Banaszynski (inc.) 840
Tonia Kruschke 717
✓ Trisha Ondik 924

TOWN OF ABRAMS

Town Chairperson

✓ Don Demeny (inc.) 722
Troy J. Frank (write-in) 110

Town Board Supervisor

Bonnie Hearley 367
✓ Erik R. Leonhardt 437
✓ Dennis Ferdon (inc.) 526

TOWN OF BAGLEY

Town Chairperson

✓ Tom Bauer 1,188
Richard Knueppel (write-in) 4

TOWN OF LAKEWOOD

Town Chairperson

✓ Mike Musil 290
Kevin L. Ballangee 164

TOWN OF LITTLE RIVER

Town Chairperson

✓ Thomas Big T. Portier (inc.) 254
Randy Hahn 169

TOWN OF MOUNTAIN

Town Chairperson

Lindor “Skip” Maletzke (inc.) 194
✓ Brenda Carey-Mielke 268

TOWN OF LITTLE SUAMICO

Town Chairperson

✓ Dale Mohr (inc.) 1,357
Frank Nowak 756

Town Board Supervisor

✓ David E. Pribyl 1,231
✓ Liz Paape (inc.) 926
✓ Tracey Krumrei (inc.) 981
✓ Penny Helmle 855
Dan Herzberg 816
Frank Nowak 695

TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS

Town Chairperson

Robert Wolf 237
✓ Dave Alsteen (inc.) 313

TOWN OF UNDERHILL

Town Chairperson

✓ Mark Winkler 205
Peter Vorpahl (inc.) 119

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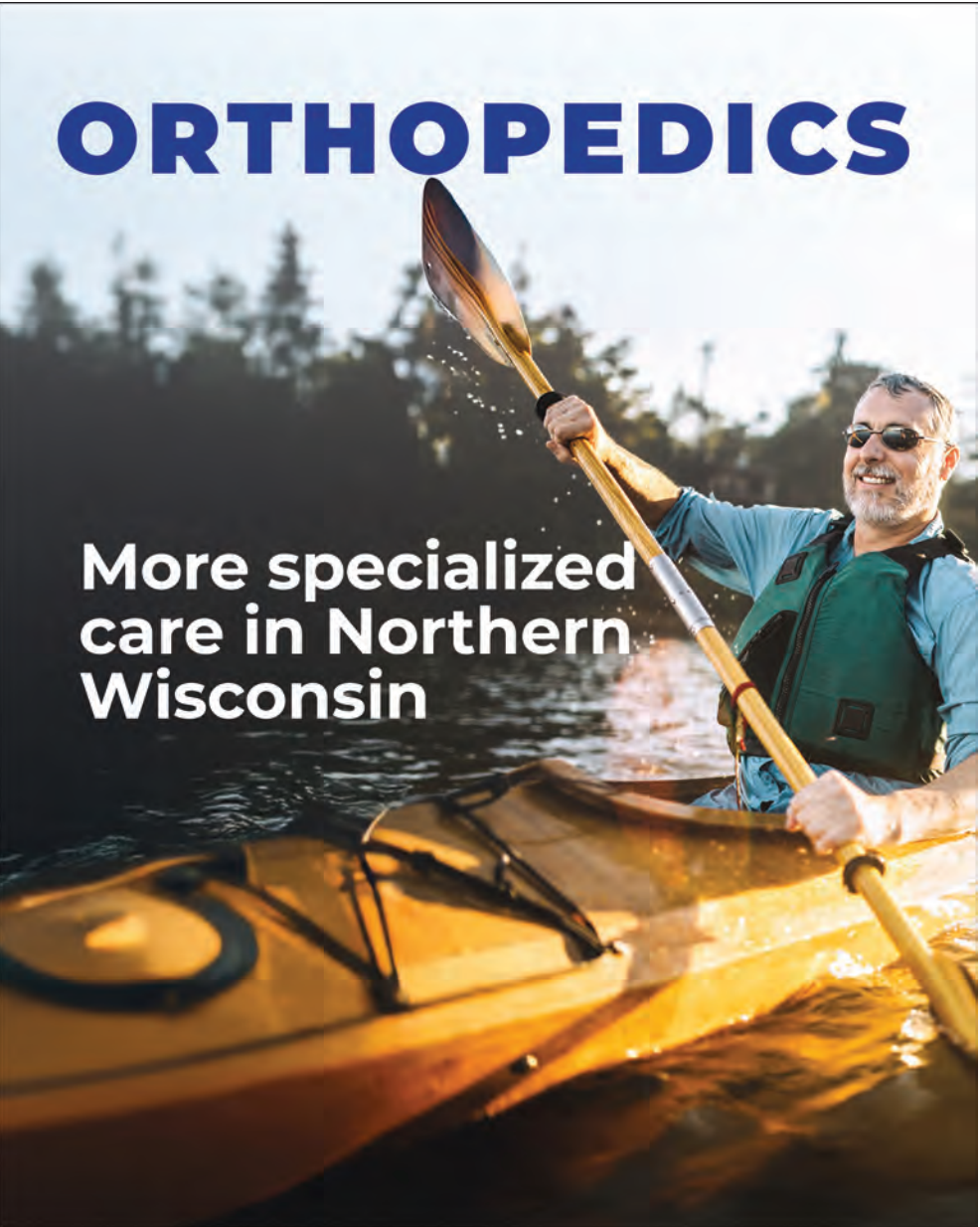
Ward 3

Irene Drake (inc.) 32
✓ Keri Hicks 102

CITY OF OCONTO

City Council

✓ Rob Gunner Daul 622
✓ Bob LeBreck (inc.) 673
✓ Casey Sowle 589
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✓ Kim Bronikowski 754
Violet McFadden Hornick 534
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OBITUARIES

William Fisher

William “Bill” John Fisher, 83, Gillett, passed away Thursday, March 27, 2025, with his family by his side after a battle with dementia.

Bill was born Dec. 13, 1941, in Kohler to the late John and Alma (Siech) Fisher.

Bill attended Valley Line School and graduated with the class of 1960 at Gillett High School.

When he was young, they lived in Sheboygan, while his dad worked at Kohler Co. They moved back to Gillett in 1946 to take over the family farm.

Bill was a heavy equipment operator and a member of Operating Engineers Union for 55 years. He started at Zippel



Construction while in high school, and in the 1960s, he was at Super Excavating, Milwaukee, while they lived in Cedarburg. In 1970, they built their home and moved back to Gillett. He worked in Green Bay for Ed Gersek Excavating

over 20 years and 10 years at Ostrenga Excavating until he retired.

He loved spending time with his family, whether playing cards at the hunting shack – are those nickels or quarters?! – or taking fishing trips every summer with his sons and grandsons. He enjoyed dirt track racing, NASCAR, truck and tractor pulls. He never missed a Packers game with his parents years ago.

He loved old country music and attended Porterfield Country Fest for over 35 years with family and friends.

Bill loved his dogs, and they never left his side.

He was an avid sportsman, taking hunting trips

to Montana and Colorado over 30 years. Pheasant season was a family tradition since he was a boy. But, deer season and “Friday Before “ were the most anticipated time of the year with family and friends.

Bill was involved in many groups over the years, including Gillett Sportsman Club since 1959 and serving as president for part of that. He is a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Gillett. He was a lifetime member of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and a member of Oconto County Sheriff Association. Bill is a founding member of Stalag 13 deer camp since 1979.

Bill was the life of the party. He was a fun loving grandpa and uncle, always with a joke or wisecrack.

Bill is survived by his wife of 29 years, Candie; his three children, Brian Fisher, Gillett, Mark (Kelly) Fisher, Suring, Julie (Jody) Rost, Gillett; eight grandchildren, Steve (Hayley) Fisher, Randy (Sheila) Fisher, David (Sammy) Fisher, all of Abrams, Tyler Fisher, Suring, Autumn Fisher, Green Bay, Matthew Rost, Andrew Rost and Halle Fisher, all of Gillett; six great-grandchildren, Trevor, Molly, Griffin, Grant, Skylar and Graham; the mother of his children, Pat Fisher, Gillett, his

sister and brother-in-law, Marion and Joe Kuehl, Milwaukee; nieces, cousins and other relatives.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, John and Alma Fisher; his grandparents, William and Natalie Siech, and Sam and Mamie Fisher; his sister, Beverly; brother and sister-in-law, Marv and Carol Birr; and great-grandson, Jackson.

The family would like to thank the staff at Alpha Senior Concepts and Moments hospice for their care and compassion for Dad.

A celebration of life will be Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Old Still Saloon, 11105 Highway 32N, Gillett.

Velma Aprill

Velma Lorraine (Birr) Aprill, 93, passed away on Friday, April 4, 2025, with family by her side.

She was born on Feb. 6, 1932, to the late Elmer and Ruth Birr of Morgan. She graduated from Oconto Falls High School with the class of 1950. Following high school, she worked for the Oconto Falls Hospital as a nurse’s assistant for a period of time.

Velma married Donald Aprill on June 14, 1952. Together they raised seven children on the family farm in Morgan. She was very active in church, St.



John’s Lutheran of Morgan, serving in various capacities including church secretary, Sunday school

teacher and superintendent, and the women of the church. She loved her church family.

She was also a leader in the Morgan Badgers and Sampson Chiefs 4-H clubs, a member of the Chatty Red Hatters in Oconto Falls. Velma was a great cook and baker. On the farm, she would make loaves of bread from scratch and serve extended family that helped with planting and harvesting of crops. She enjoyed gardening and canning, flowers, knitting (making many afghans), quilting, going to

church bazaars and church dinners. She loved watching the birds at the feeders and listening to the frogs every spring and spending time with family.

Velma is survived by her seven children, Robert (Linda), Daniel (Susan), Kenneth, Cathy (Lyman) Wocking, Patti (Randle) Konkle, Larry (Nanette), Wendy (Ricky) Soucek. She is also survived by 28 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Jeanne Birr, Evelyn (John) Cayo, Loretta Pleshek, Joanne Tinsler; brothers-in-law,

Byron (Mae) Aprill, Herbert (Constance) Aprill; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and close family friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her parents, Elmer and Ruth Birr; her in-laws, Maynard and Nora (Gaertig) Aprill; brother, Kenneth Birr; sister-in-law, Florence Birr; brothers-in-law, Gwen “Butch” Aprill and Richard Aprill; grandson, Jason C. Soucek; and son-in-law, Curtis Runge.

The family would like to thank Pastor Katy for her support and prayers,

the nurses at HSHS St. Clare Hospital, Unity Hospice especially Ashley, Ashley V. and Cheryl and also cousin Suzanne Kostichka.

Visitation will be at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls on Friday, April 11, from 4-7 p.m. Visitation continues at St. John’s Lutheran Church of Morgan, on Saturday, April 12, after 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Entombment will be at Nicolet Memorial Park/Shrine of Good Shepherd Mausoleum on Monday, April 14, at 2 p.m.

Carol M. Pytleski

Carol M. Pytleski, 99, passed away peacefully Friday, March 28, 2025.

Carol was born Feb. 15, 1926, in Lena to the late Alton and Mayme (Gehrke) Goodell. On June 12, 1948, Carol married William (Bill) Pytleski. They farmed in the Town of Spruce until retirement in 1979.

Carol graduated from Lena High School with the class of 1944. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 342 – Lena for 76 years, served as a poll worker for the



Town of Spruce and was instrumental in initiating Youth Government Day in

Oconto County.

Carol had a deep love for her family, neighbors and the company of friends. She found joy in traveling with friends, creating cherished memories along the way. Nothing brought her more happiness than caring for her loved ones, especially when they were ill — her famous “baby pudding” was a comforting remedy that became a family tradition.

Carol’s kitchen was always filled with freshly baked cookies, a special

treat she lovingly made for her grandkids, and her famous pickles.

Carol is survived by four children, Victoria Coopman, Jeff (Cheryl) Pytleski, Jim (Janet) Pytleski and Jane (Donald) Hoffman; eight grandchildren, Bryan (Melissa) Pytleski, Amy (Bucky) Skalizky, Ben (Kim) Pytleski, Beth Anne (Mike) Bubolz, Sheila (Jason) Corroo, Kevin (Angela) Pytleski, Ashley (Greg) Stueber and Jason Hoffman, 15 great-grandchildren, Will, Connor and Addison Pytleski, Kate,

Jeffrey and Henry Pytleski, Audrey, Rosemary and Grace Bubolz, Peyton and Harper Corroo, Lily and Piper Pytleski, and Claire and Carter Stueber.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill; two sisters; a brother-in-law; and one son-in-law; Jeff Coopman.

The family greeted relatives and friends at St. Anne Catholic Church 221 E. Main St., Lena, on Thursday, April 3, 2025, from 9 a.m. until the time of the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. with Father

Ben Johnson officiating. Carol will be placed to rest at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Spruce.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund will be established in Carol’s name.

Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home of Lena is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.rhodescharapata.com.

The family would like to thank the staff at Rennes East of Peshtigo, Aurora Hospital of Marinette and Unity Hospice for their wonderful care.

Rosemary Kalbes

Rosemary Kalbes, 84, of Oconto Falls, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 4, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Born on Jan. 14, 1941, in Milwaukee, Rosemary dedicated her life to her family.

Rosemary’s greatest joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime. Rose-



mary enjoyed crocheting beautiful afghans for her family, a testament to her love and care. She also found pleasure in the mental challenges presented by crossword and jigsaw puzzles.

One of her fondest memories was a family trip to Hawaii, where she experienced the beauty of the islands surrounded by her loved ones. She also enjoyed Elvis Presley’s music and movies. Another

favorite memory over the last few years was playing Skip-Bo as a family.

Her grandchildren will always remember as they outgrew her, she loved to tell them, “I’m not short, I’m fun-sized!”

A loving mother, Rosemary is survived by her daughter, Judy (Don) Prem; two sons, John Kalbes and Leslie “Gordy” Kalbes; 12 grandchildren, Tasha (Jesse) Hagel, Tabitha (Charles) Helsing-

er, Ryan (Kara) Otradovec, Chance (Priscilla) Prem, Reese (Corey) Otradovec, Logan Kalbes, Audrey (Mac) Kalbes, Willie Funk, Scott Kalbes, Lillian Kalbes, Nicole (David) Kalbes, Dakota Kalbes; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Esther Broderick; and husband, Leslie Kalbes, in 1991.

Visitation was to take place on Thursday, April 10, 2025, from 4-7 p.m. at Jones Funeral Service. Visitation will continue at the funeral home on Friday after 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. Rosemary will be laid to rest at St. Michael Cemetery in Suring.

A special thank you to her cancer team, especially Dr. Tahsildar, and all other staff and nurses at Bellin Hospital for their compassionate care.

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Flash bulbs capture Wendy Engel in all her glory as she features an outfit from Dreier's Pharmacy in May 2024 during the Shawano Woman's Club annual fashion show at The Gathering in Shawano. This year's fashion show will be at the Northwinds Banquet Hall in Marion.

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Fashion show moving from Shawano to Marion

Fundraiser helps to keep Shawano Woman's Club moving forward

By KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

The Shawano Woman's Club is setting the stage to host an entertaining fundraiser.

The club's 19th annual fashion show will be held May 8 at Northwinds Banquet Hall, 1103 N. Main St., Marion. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., and price of admission is \$40.

According to Lynn Zaffrann, the fashion show's publicity chairwoman, there are only a few tickets remaining, and those interested in purchasing tickets can call 715-570-0531.

The fashion show will have a cash bar available along with wine pull and swag bag sales, plus ticket sales for raffle baskets. A luncheon will be served at noon. Featured from downtown Shawano will be spring and summer clothing, footwear and jewelry from Dreier Pharmacy Gift Shoppe, Ultimate Closet and Thornberry Cottage. Items from B&H Fashionwear and Footwear from Clintonville will also be modeled.

Gift certificates and cards, in-kind donations or cash/check contributions are welcomed by calling 715-570-0531. To

mark the club's appreciation, all donations are acknowledged at the fashion show. The deadline to donate is April 15.

The fashion show is the signature event of the woman's club. Through holding this event for 18 years, they've managed to raise a substantial amount of money. Last year alone, the club raised more than \$17,000, thanks to guests who purchased wine, swag bags and also raffle tickets for the popular gift baskets. A silent auction was held as well. All of these events plus a new 50/50 raffle will be found at this year's event.

As far as the change of venue, they've had a few different venues during the show's tenure; most recently, it was held at The Gathering, which closed last year. In the past, they've held it at the Shawano Lake County Park Pavilion. This year, the event will take place at Northwinds, because it affords the club much more space, and in turn, they may accommodate more guests.

"Working on the annual fashion show allows the members the opportunity to utilize the strengths and talents they've gained throughout their lives," Zaffrann said. "Committees working together consist of publicity, decorations, greeters and

tickets and sales. Most committees have a chairperson."

The club's members also gain new knowledge by working alongside one another as a team, to put together an enjoyable event for supporters of their mission. Creative juices of various members work and organize with each other to produce fun themes.

In years past, club members had themes that included Roaring '20s, Barbie Movie and this year's Garden Tea Party theme. Bonding together to create an atmosphere of fun, they are able to give back to the generous attendees of the show.

"The fashion show, along with other fundraising projects, enables us to provide scholarships for high school and non-traditional students to help them pay for their college endeavors," Zaffrann said.

Along with their scholarship mandate, the club also donates to local community organizations and nonprofits such as Shawano Area Food Pantry and Resource Center, Shawano Area Matthew 25, Wolf River Habitat, Wee Care and many others. These groups are culturally important to the entire community. The Woman's Club members come together as a group to determine how to raise money and as well, how to disperse it effectively.

With generous support from the Shawano area and beyond, the club members gratefully anticipate continuing their agenda for years to come. A declaration of the club's core values on its website states: "Education is a life work and not a matter to be crowded into a few early years."

Information about the fashion show can be found at www.shawanowoman-club.com. Find them on Facebook under Shawano Woman's Club.



The members of the Shawano Woman's Club's fashion show committee pose during a meeting planning out this year's event.

KAY REMINGER

Wiley helps care for top athletes

ThedaCare doctor travels overseas to work with Olympic skiers

A health care provider with ThedaCare was officially part of the medical team accompanying elite U.S. Ski Team athletes that headed to the World Juniors and U23 Cross-Country World Championships in Italy.

Dr. Jasmine Wiley, a family medicine physician who sees patients in Tigerton and Shawano, is no stranger to overseeing the care of high-performing athletes.

For the past three seasons, Wiley has traveled with the U.S. Ski and Snowboard (USSS) Cross Country junior development team to Finland, Slovenia, Austria and Italy for competition and training camps. This past November, she volunteered with the World Cup Cross Country and Moguls teams, working with Olympic-level athletes at the first World Cup races of the season in Ruka, Finland, just miles from the Arctic Circle.

"Having a physician with the team is very important," Wiley said. "We can address any overuse or acute injuries or illnesses that may occur, and we help keep the athletes healthy and in top condition for their competitions and long seasons."

She's also no stranger to skiing. Raised in Clintonville, Wiley grew to love cross-country skiing as a child, skiing with her family. Her passion rekindled in college when she started skiing annually in the American Birkebeiner races, among other races with friends in college and throughout medical school and residency. Having helped coach a youth ski group at a local club in Madison during medical school, she sought her coaching certification through U.S. Ski and

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Unity reverberates from tribal college gathering

The message of the 2025 tribal college gathering resonated far beyond America's northern Great Plains.

Last month, the American Indian Higher Education Consortium's Student Conference was held in Rapid City, South Dakota. While this gathering pitted the 37 tribal colleges and universities against one another in a variety of academic and athletic competitions, the message received by participants is that TCUs across Turtle Island are unified in honoring Indigenous culture and educational values.

In her letter welcoming participants to the land of the Lakota, Oglala Lakota College President Dawn Tobacco Two-Crow Frank offered her vision about what the TCU movement means.

"As we gather in the spirit of learning and unity, we must remember our responsibility to protect and uphold our treaty and trust obligations," she said. "As relatives, we are bound by our commitment to higher education and the future of our nations."

College of Menominee Nation students have a history of excelling in the AIHEC competitions they enter, and this year marked another successful outing for the school. Coached by Lucy Fenzl, CMN's Science Bowl tied for second place in their competition. Comprised of Alexandria Ehlert, Evelyn Schmidt and Elora Waupoose, the team proved to be adept at answering questions from a variety of STEM fields. Ehlert also presented a poster.



CMN's Knowledge Bowl revealed their comprehension of Lakota texts. Coached by Vicki Besaw, team members Gary Miller, Emerald Otradovec and Dakota Waupoose took eighth place in this year's event. Waupoose was also elected the vice president of the AIHEC Student Conference, and he will serve in that role until March 2026.

For the third consecutive year, CMN students won both Duo Interpretation categories in the Speech Competition. This year, Gary Miller and Emerald Otradovec took home first place in both the Humorous and Serious competitions. Evelyn Schmidt and Elora Waupoose won second place in the Duo Interpretation Serious category. I was honored to be the team's coach.

Otradovec said: "Although we were there for competitions of a wide variety, I still felt a sense of unity as one people. I find it so beautiful to be able to have the opportunity to join other Natives who come from similar and different backgrounds and feel absolutely valued as a Native person, with no judgement on whether we are all 'Native enough' to be there."

Schmidt said: "It was the camaraderie between all of us who attended. We shared laughter, food,



Among the College of Menominee Nation delegates participating in the American Indian Higher Education Consortium's Student Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota are, from left, front row, Alexandria Ehlert, Vicki Besaw, Lucy Fenzl, Evelyn Schmidt, and Elora Waupoose; back row, Christopher Caldwell, Dakota Waupoose, Emerald Otradovec, Gary Miller and Ryan Winn.

stories and memories that enhanced the experience and made it something personal within our community."

CMN's American Indian College Fund's Student of the Year, Dawn Wilber, was lauded for embodying the essence of a tribal college student. Although Wilber was honored at her own banquet among fellow recipients at other TCUs, her focus was on supporting her CMN peers.

Wilber said: "I am so proud to represent CMN, and I am so proud of all of my fellow students. I truly enjoyed spending time with them all."

That time included informative trips to Mount

Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Monument, and, inspired by their coursework, students requested to visit the site of the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre. Placing tobacco down in prayer to honor the ancestors, the CMN delegation supported the local vendors, were gifted with stories from the descendants of those who lost their lives at the site and received further affirmation that the ability for tribal nations to meet to celebrate their educational and cultural endeavors was only made possible by the sacrifices of those who came before them.

Miller said: "It's because of my awareness

of the past that I truly appreciated the opportunity to meet with peers from across the country in friendly competition. The ability to view significant historical landmarks in the area during the bit of downtime was absolutely captivating."

Elora Waupoose said: "I loved traveling with everyone and connecting with my peers and supervisors. I felt like I was a part of something special."

CMN President Christopher Caldwell said: "The AIHEC Student Conference is a chance for our students to push boundaries through competition but also to get to know their student peers at other

tribal colleges and universities. I was very honored to witness great leadership by our faculty coaches and our students as they competed in a way that brings honor to themselves and the College of Menominee Nation."

The theme of the conference was "Ancient Wisdom, the Foundation of Our Future: Sovereignty, Unity, and Strength for Future Generations." CMN students' reflections prove that message resonated far beyond America's northern Great Plains.

Ryan Winn, Ph.D., teaches communications, English, history and theater at the College of Menominee Nation. Visit www.menominee.edu for more information about the school.

GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS

There are many ways to be waterwise gardener

Too much or not enough water and never when your garden needs it. This is a common complaint of gardeners no matter where they live. Make a few changes in your plant selection and garden care to help manage water use while growing healthy plants.

All plants need sufficient moisture after planting and for several months to a year or two to develop a robust root system. Those labeled as drought tolerant are better able to tolerate periods of drought once established. Always water the area surrounding new plantings thoroughly when the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Gradually reduce the frequency, and once the plants are established, you'll need to water less often.

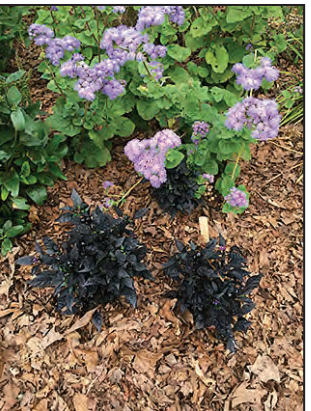
Moisture-loving plants are good choices for areas receiving sufficient and consistent moisture



throughout the growing season to meet their needs. In locations where this is not the case, consider grouping moisture-loving plants together so you use less water and can concentrate watering efforts to just one or two locations in your landscape.

Fluctuating periods of excessive and insufficient rainfall add to the challenge. Many native plants, once established, tolerate periods of wet and dry soil and can be found on lists of rain garden plants suited to your area.

Keep water in the garden, out of the storm sewers, and reduce the risk of flooding while improving your garden. Adding sev-



Leaf mulch conserves moisture, reduces the risk of erosion and compaction, suppresses weeds and improves the soil as it decomposes. MELINDAMYERS.COM

eral inches of compost to the top 8-12 inches of soil increases the soil's ability to absorb and retain water. It also improves drainage in heavy soils.

Top dress existing gardens by spreading an inch of compost over the soil surface. Soil organisms will help move it into the soil to improve plant

growth. Lend nature a hand by using an auger bit on a drill to aerate compacted soil. This pushes some compost into the top 4-6 inches of soil.

Mulching the soil with leaves, evergreen needles or other organic matter also helps. This task has many benefits, including conserving moisture, reducing the risk of erosion and compaction, suppressing weeds, and as the mulch decomposes, improving the soil. A 1-to-3-inch layer over the soil surface is all you need. The finer the mulch material, the thinner the layer of mulch that is needed.

Collect rainwater in rain barrels or cisterns when it is plentiful, and store it until needed. Use this to water ornamental containers and plantings. Always check with your municipality first, because some restrict this practice while others offer rebates

or rain barrels at a discounted price.

You won't need to worry about mosquitoes breeding inside your rain barrel if you place an organic mosquito control product like Mosquito Dunks (www.summitresponsiblesolutions.com) in rain barrels and other water features. Mosquito Dunks provide 30 days of control, are natural and organic, and won't harm pets, fish, wildlife or children.

Periods of heavy rainfall create another challenge. Covering the soil with plants and mulch helps protect your soil from compaction and erosion that often happens during these events. Planting trees, shrubs, and groundcovers will slow the flow of rainwater, increase the amount of water that stays in your landscape for plants to use and help filter dust and pollutants out of

rainwater before it enters groundwater.

Rain gardens are another strategy for managing water in your yard. These are designed to capture excessive rainfall, drain within 24-36 hours, tolerate dry and wet periods, and filter pollutants from the rainwater before it enters the groundwater.

Start by incorporating one or more of these strategies to help manage rainwater in your landscape. Continue to monitor success, adapt as needed, and include more options to help you successfully garden even during periods of excessive or limited rainfall.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including "Midwest Gardener's Handbook," "Revised Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds and Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.

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Spirit moves columnist's chair at cook shack

(Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series about the supernatural goings-on in northern Oconto County.)

Following up on my column about the Holt and Balcom Logging Camp in Lakewood, I begin by saying I used to be agnostic about ghosts, goblins, witches and such. Maybe they existed; maybe they didn't. Truth be told, haunted houses and horror movies have always creeped me out, though I love the ghost scene in the George C. Scott film version of "The Christmas Carol." "Ghost," starring Demi Moore, Patrick Swayze and Whoopi Goldberg, is one of my all-time favorite movies.

Now I only mention all of this because things changed drastically in my paranormal world about 20 years ago when I first heard about Dr. Fred. The good doctor supposedly haunts Hillcrest Lodge in Townsend.

Hillcrest is on Nicolet



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

Road, a mere mile or so away from our home at Otter Run. This is very convenient for us, especially because Jon and I can walk home if need be. That's never happened, so please don't chalk up what I am about to relate to my being overserved by our favorite bartender, Shelly.

When I first heard about Dr. Fred, I was more than skeptical. His story was related to me in 2006 by Lois Harms, a lovely church-going lady I interviewed for my books on the history of Townsend. Lois, now deceased, insisted that the elderly doctor once resided at Hillcrest.

"He lived in an upstairs apartment, but he was tragically hit by a car driving in

front of the lodge on a dark and rainy night. Fred may have died from his injuries, but he's never really left the place," she emphatically declared.

Nah, I thought. Lois has always had a vivid imagination. Even when I saw a Discover Wisconsin piece on Hillcrest and Dr. Fred, I was not convinced. It was only when I interviewed Karla Schuessler, then owner of Hillcrest, that I began to wonder.

Karla described Fred's antics with eye-witness detail. It seems the good doctor had a habit of regularly opening windows, slamming doors, rearranging the chairs, scattering money out of the till, even opening the taps. She was really credible. Whoa, Bessie.

About that same time, I got involved with the Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood. Our summer Saturday tours start at 10 a.m., but sometimes we don't get visitors

until after 11. That leaves some dead (pun intended) time for me to sit alone in the cook shack. I had almost forgotten about Fred when one Saturday morning, I was overcome by a presence, like when you sense someone is watching you from behind. The back of my head tingled. I looked around. No one was there.

The presence wasn't frightening, more the opposite, protective and affirming. I couldn't help but wonder, were there spirits about? I found myself asking aloud: "Who are you? What do you want?"

Suddenly, the answer rushed into my subconscious. This will, of course, sound ridiculous to the unbelieving, but somehow I just knew. This was a manifestation of spirits of long-dead lumberjacks, approving of the work I was doing in saving the camp. After that, they began to visit regularly, until we started the restoration in earnest,

that is. I assumed that all that activity upset them.

I missed their presence, but they didn't return during the long challenging years of the restoration (2008-13). Then, in early May 2014, something extraordinary occurred when I was at the camp cleaning. I finished in the bunkhouse, making sure everything was arranged just so and went into the cookshack to fetch my phone. When I returned a minute later, one of the four old wooden chairs was sitting at a 45-degree angle to the table. I scolded myself for not positioning it properly, pushed it back where it belonged and closed the door.

I worked for a while in the cookshack, then went to use the bathroom in the McCauslin Golf Course Clubhouse, which is close by. Just for peace of mind, I checked the bunkhouse. The same chair was at that same 45-degree angle. Now I was more than annoyed.

Was someone playing tricks on me?

I put the chair back, bolted the access doors, double-locked the bunkhouse and called Jon to tell him what had happened. He insisted someone was pranking me, perhaps Pat Lowery or Ken Klein or Sherm Laundrie. They all worked Saturdays at the golf course and were perfectly capable of carrying out a practical joke.

I assured him that no one could have entered the museum without me seeing, but I could tell he didn't believe me. As I hung up, I was consumed by curiosity. I went back to the bunkhouse. Oh, my God. The chair was askew again, sitting at the exact same angle. That was my introduction to our Camp Ghost Charlie.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

BONDUEL: American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bonduel High School, 400 W. Green Bay St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

KESHENA: Winter Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., College of Menominee Nation Cultural Learning Center, N172 State Highway 47-55. Free corn meal and beans bags. Local vendors, artisan native crafts, baking, food, honey, woodcraft, maple syrup, cans, crochets, tea, more.

SHAWANO: Easter Bunny Parade, 5 p.m., Memorial Park, 909 S. Lincoln St. Sponsored by Shawano Area Free and Accepted Masons.

SHAWANO: Shawano Uncorked, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Shawano County Park Pavilion, W5791 Lake Drive. More than 35 varieties of wine, local brews, desserts, and the chance to take home an assortment of prizes. Fundraiser for Boys and Girls Clubs of Shawano, Tickets \$60.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

SHAWANO: Shawano Menominee Relay for Life, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano Community High School. 220 County Road B. relayforlife.org/shawano-menomineewi

SHAWANO: Bash Bros Drift Event, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. Tandem race competition. Admission \$20.

SHAWANO: Easter Eggstravaganza, 9:30 a.m. to noon, St. James School Gym, 324 S. Andrews St. Egg hunt, face painting, crafts, music and snacks.

KESHENA: 33rd annual Sturgeon Feast and Celebration Pow Wow, noon to 6 p.m., Menominee Nation High School, xxxx. Sturgeon Walk at Keshena Falls 10 a.m., grand entry noon, Maec-Micehswan "Big Feast" 6 p.m.

SHAWANO: Easter Egg Hunt, 1 p.m. registration, 2 p.m. hunt, Methodist Church on the Hill, 1000 Engel Drive. Over 1,000 prizes, Beja Shriners, and over 30,000 eggs. Shawano Police Department handing out stickers. Sponsored by

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SHAWANO: Opening Night, 4 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m., races start 6 p.m. \$12, ages 12-16 \$6, and under 11 free. shawano-speedway.net

LENA: Lions Fish Fry, 4:30-7:30 p.m., St. Anne Church Hall, 221 E. Main St. Walleye, smelt, baked haddock. Adults and 13 \$15, children 6-12 \$12.

GRESHAM: American Legion Meat Raffle, 5 p.m., Legion Hall, 951 Main St. 50/50 drawing

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

ABRAMS: Machickanee Cross Country Ski Club Spring Cleanup, 9 a.m. to noon, 6625 Timberline Road.

SHAWANO: Bash Bros Drift Event, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. Tandem race competition. Admission \$20.

GILLETT: FFA Alumni Consignment Auction, 10:30 a.m., Zippel Park.

LENA: Machickanee Cross Country Ski Club Spring Fling, 5 p.m. social, 6 p.m. social, Bavarian Inn, 104 E. Main St.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

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, APRIL 15

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

TOWNSEND: American Red Cross blood drive, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Town Hall, 16564 Elm St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

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THURSDAY, APRIL 17

SHAWANO: God's Little Wonders: Parent/Tot Hour, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Hands-on activities and crafts, songs and stories, faith nurturing.

OCONTO FALLS: American Red Cross blood drive, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 165 N. Farm Road. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

GILLETT: Cross Walk, noon, Gillett Secondary School, 208 W. Main St., to St. John Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Hosted by Gillett-Suring Clergy Association. Brief scripture readings and prayer at each of four stops.

SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 910 E. Zingler Ave. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

GILLETT: Easter Eggstravaganza, 10 a.m., Hillside Assembly, Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22. Carnival style games, presentation followed by Easter egg hunt.

PULASKI: Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., Saputo Stadium at Pulaski High School, 1040 S. St. Augustine St. Open for kids 11 and younger.

WITTENBERG: Artists' Free Play XII, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. A collection of artwork by a variety of area artists.

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway, 6 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. Adults \$12, Ages 12-16 \$6, and under 11 free.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

GILLETT: Easter breakfast, 9 a.m., Hillside Assembly, Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22. Easter service 10 a.m.

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Snowboard and is a USSS level 200-certified cross-country ski coach.

Since returning to northeast Wisconsin, she has been an assistant and head coach with Bay Nordic Junior cross-country ski team in Green Bay, as well as having served on the coaching team for multiple end of season championship trips for the regional Great Lakes division team. She also serves as the volunteer medical director for Ariens Nordic Center in Brillion that hosts biathlon and cross-country races and training year-round.

After an application process, physicians receive on-snow emergency training to become certified and officially join the U.S. Ski and Snowboard medical pool, Wiley said. The medical pool serves all disciplines of USSS from cross-country to alpine and snowboard, and physicians who travel with the teams volunteer their time and resources to travel during training and competition season.

The physicians serve as the primary resource for the team head coach, physical therapist/athletic trainer and medical director regarding any medical issues relating to an athlete's ability to train or compete during the physician's assigned trip. They also make recommendations regarding any follow-up care that may be needed, make ongoing treatment plans and oversee the medical needs of all the athletes on a trip in collaboration with USSS sports medicine director and the head team physician.

"Getting to be a part of the USSS programs and teams and helping these athletes to compete at a high level and keep them in their peak performance is deeply enjoyable for me," Wiley said. "We sometimes have to help make those tough health-related calls about whether or not the athletes should compete if there is injury or illness, but the support teams are excellent and collaborative, and I am incredibly grateful to be a small part of what they provide for athletes."

Wiley brings a wealth of knowledge to the U.S. ski team from her experience as a family medicine physician.

"As a family medicine doctor, I see a little of everything," she said. "I'm uniquely fitted to address a lot

of the concerns that potentially arise while the teams are travelling, especially for the cross-country athletes. As opposed to the alpine disciplines where there is a lot higher chance of acute injuries that need orthopedic coverage, cross-country skiing is an endurance sport. A lot of what we have come up are training related or chronic injuries, illnesses and the occasional more acute injury."

She explained that her daily work as a physician allows her to support the athletes and their general health and well-being during competition.

"I just absolutely love skiing," she said. "I was not a super athletic kid growing up, and so skiing has been something that got me back into fitness and physical activity for health and enjoyment. The best part of coaching is getting to share and instill that joy in others."

In addition to the excellent health benefits of cross-country skiing, Wiley said it has been important for her mental health as well to help reduce stress.

"My brain can take a break, and I can focus on skiing, being outside in nature and moving," Wiley said. "It is a big stress management tool for me and has helped me get through some challenging times. That included using skiing as stress relief during those intense medical school and residency years."

The U.S. Cross Country ski team's culture resonates with Wiley. The team instills within its athletes a culture and expectation of support, whether members are an athlete, technician, coach or a doctor.

"I hope that I carry that through into my practice every day in my interactions with colleagues and our patients," Wiley said. "I hope my experience carries over and helps create that same positive, welcoming environment that encourages people to be their best."

Wiley wants people to feel empowered to connect with their primary care provider (PCP). A person's PCP is a proactive partner in health, an advocate and a guide on a person's health care journey. Through wellness visits and preventive care, teams work together to identify potential health issues early, manage chronic conditions and promote well-being.

DNR seeks artwork for 2026 stamps

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting artwork entries for the Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp Design Contests.

Each year, local artists from around Wisconsin compete for an opportunity to showcase their talents, commemorate their work and promote wildlife conservation across the state. The winning designs will appear on the 2026 collection of stamps.

Hunters are required to purchase a species-specific stamp to legally harvest any of these game birds in Wisconsin. The sales of these three stamps generate hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for species management throughout the state, including habitat management, restoration, education and research projects.

Stamp design entries must be received or postmarked by Aug. 1. Judging will take place Aug. 23 at

the Waterfowl Hunters Expo in Oshkosh.

All stamp contest applicants should review the contest rules carefully to ensure the eligibility of their entries. Artwork must meet technical requirements to be properly processed and prepared for judging and display.

Rules, entry information and reproduction rights agreements are available at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/stamps>.



The DNR is now accepting artwork entries for the 2026 Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp Design Contests. Jon Rickaby, of Suamico, created the winning 2025 waterfowl stamp. WISCONSIN DNR

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Shawano students learn to read through technology

Elementary students in the Shawano School District are discovering a new way to improve their reading skills through a district-wide technology initiative this year.

Using Keynote, an Apple presentation app, students recorded themselves reading lessons in digital journals. They were astonished and excited when they played back their recordings.

“Our primary students’ determination to read accurately and with expression for their fluency journals was exciting to see. ‘Can we take a picture of another story and record ourselves?’ was excitedly echoed by so many students,” said Instructional Coach Brittney Firari, adding that the journals helped engage and motivate her students.

The digital journals were just one of several projects implemented throughout the district this year with the help of Jim Weber, a senior specialist for Apple Professional Learning. Nicknamed “Apple Jim” by district staff, Weber was assigned to help staff explore new ways to use existing technology.

According to district Learning Director Elisha Wagenson, the district’s instructional coaching team met with Weber to determine how to best utilize his expertise. For the digital journal project, he trained one teacher at each K-3 grade level, who then introduced the technology in their classrooms. Weber modeled the process alongside teachers before they, in turn, trained their peers. A follow-up meeting was held to review the results.

Wagenson said digital journals were chosen because of the district’s strong emphasis on literacy at the K-3 level. By allowing students to hear themselves read, they were able to improve their fluency and accuracy.

“We anticipate continuing this type of feedback,” she said.

Bonduel Farmers Market moving to Wednesdays

The Bonduel Farmers Market is making a major change this year, shifting from Sundays to Wednesday evenings from 4-7 p.m. at the corner of Cecil and Green Bay streets.

Organizers revamped the event based on vendor and public feedback, aiming for greater accessibility and participation.

The market runs from June 18 to Sept. 17. It will feature fresh produce, local crafts and an expanded selection of food trucks. Additional details and vendor applications can be found at villageofbonduel.com or the village’s Facebook page.

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Abrams' Berna retires from racing

Captured 12 titles at Shawano Speedway

By **TODD TURNER**
Special to *NEW Media*

As a young man at Shawano Speedway, Ron Berna had a hard time envisioning that he'd be racing until he was nearly 60 years old. In a previous generation during the glory days of the track's potent Big Three — Terry Anvelink, M.J. McBride and Pete Parker — Berna was a fresh-faced racer impressed by the old guard.

"I remember back when I was a kid and watching Parker and M.J. McBride race, (and) Parker was thirty-something years in it, too," Berna recalled. "I was like, 'I'm never gonna do that. I'll never race that long.' And here it is. It's kind of funny."

Indeed the 57-year-old Abrams driver of the No. 66 late model recently decided to retire, meaning Shawano's half-mile oval is losing a loyal driver who owns 12 championships, the most in the history of the 79-year-old facility. In nearly 40 years of racing, 30 of them in the late model division, Berna has been a fixture at Shawano and among the favorite drivers at the sprawling oval.

"Every year we've been talking about (retiring) and then we just seem to move on to another year," said Berna, saying health concerns for he and crew members, and time with grandkids factored into the decision. "It was just getting harder and harder and we're getting older and older, you know, try to keep that car going. It's money and everything. It's just time to maybe do something else, you know. It's just been almost 40 years for me."



Ron Berna of Abrams captured the dirt late models feature race at the Shawano Speedway on Aug. 3, 2024. In his 20 feature races, he won twice, finished in the top five 10 times and had 17 finishes in the top 10. Earlier this year, Berna announced his retirement, ending nearly a 40-year career on the legendary half-mile.

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Summer Saturdays won't be the same for Berna, who scored nearly 100 multidivision victories over his career, the lion's share of them at Shawano along with his richest career victories, back-to-back \$5,000 triumphs in 2005-06s Indian Summer Classic at Langlade County Speedway in Antigo. Along with nine late model titles at Shawano, the most recent in 2023, Berna was also a three-time points runner-up on Wisconsin's Wabam Dirt Kings Tour. He'll miss being behind the wheel.

"The driving part of it was always the best part of it," said Berna, who operates Action Auto Sales & Repair with his brother John. "Getting there and keeping everything running was always the hard part, but when I got to drive, that was always my highlight. I'll miss that part of it. And the people, you know, at Shawano, we were always out in front where the grandstand was

and I talk to the people right across the fence ... I could walk up to the fence and talk to them, so I'll miss that part of it, too."

Berna's 2024 campaign started after heart treatment for atrial fibrillation, but as it was for so many years at Shawano, he was quickly back in the groove at a track that "Rocket Ron" says he could navigate blindfolded.

"For me, it's like riding a bicycle, the same thing every year," he said. "For a lot of years, most of my life I (raced), so it was pretty easy no matter what sickness I had throughout the years. I could get in that car, and that would cure it."

While he ran many Wisconsin tracks, his loyalty to Shawano "was just a routine that we got so used to doing," Berna added. "We had a lot of fans there. I think that was part of it, and it's kind of close by for me. Like Seymour or Luxemburg or 141, they didn't run late models that

much, so Shawano dedicated every Saturday night, so we kind of just got in that groove of doing that and just kinda kept doing it I guess. Sometimes a guy don't sit down and think about what (you do), you just keep doing it."

Berna is grateful to steadfast crew members over the years including Jim Kibilowski, who missed three weeks last season after having a kidney removed, and 70-year-old stepbrother Steve Machuirck, whose interest had waned in recent years. Berna's nephew, Ray Berna, had the enthusiasm to continue, and Kibilowski pitched the idea of cutting back to part-time racing, but Berna wasn't interested.

"It's hard enough to be competitive when you run every single weekend, and then you start missing here, missing there, you're not gonna really, to me, you're not gonna get better unless unless you're really on top of it. It's hard to do

that," Berna said. "We put too much time in the car and too much money into it to say we're gonna race once in a while."

Berna's pursuit of titles is a throwback to a long-ago era at Shawano, said Bob Schafer, a longtime official, publisher and racing historian from Oshkosh.

"When he started racing 40 years ago, track championships meant a lot. And 30 years ago, they still meant a lot," Schafer said. "That championship thing has kind of gone away, but it never seemed to leave him. Which I give him credit for, because that's a lot of time and effort to be there every week. To come prepared, plus chase other Dirt Kings races or whatever it may be, but he always made Shawano as part of his realm, and you're not gonna find that anymore with anybody that's under 30 years old. It's just not gonna happen. That's long gone, and it'll be hugely missed, I think."

Bert Lehman, a former

McBride crew member and longtime columnist and racing publicist at Shawano, witnessed most of Berna's successful career.

"Berna, back in his earlier days, he wasn't afraid to ruffle some feathers. Let's just put it that way. He kind of mellowed a bit as he got older," Lehman said. "He didn't have seasons where he had 10 feature wins and that sort of thing, but he was just consistently up front, (but while) other drivers would travel to other tracks on a Saturday night to race at a special or something, Berna was pretty loyal to Shawano and was there weekly."

With Berna's retirement and 69-year-old Shawano racer Tom Naeyaert, who grabbed a late model triumph last season at Outagamie Speedway in Seymour, also stepping away after a lengthy career, it marks the "ending of an era" at Shawano, Lehman said. It was Naeyaert and his 1999 late model title at Shawano that broke the dominance of Shawano's Big Three, ending an 18-year stretch of consecutive titles for McBride, Parker or Anvelink.

"I think all late model fans in northeast Wisconsin knew that the day was coming where the older guard would start retiring," Lehman said. "And so we weren't looking forward to the day when Tom Naeyaert and Ron Berna and some of the other older drivers retire. I think for true late models in this area, there's a little bit of apprehension about who's gonna step up and and replace them."

"It just seems like, you know, drivers who are successful in other divisions now, they just stay in those divisions. They don't move up to the late model division for a variety of reasons."

Terry Anvelink's son, Nick Anvelink of Bonduel,

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Shawano Speedway prepares for another season

Opening night set for April 12

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-Chief

With a little help from Mother Nature, the 2025 Shawano Speedway season will open to the roaring sound of dozens of race cars April 12.

Pit gates open at 3 p.m., and the ticket booth opens at 4 p.m. Hot laps begin at 5:30 p.m., and racing gets

underway at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$12 for those 17 and older, \$6 for those 12-16 and free for those 11 or younger with a paid adult.

A grandstand full-season pass with 20 punches is \$200, with a half-season pass with 10 punches available for \$100.

Pit passes are \$30 for anyone 12 and older, and \$10 for anyone 11 and younger.

Season passes for the pits is \$500 for a full season and \$250 for a

half-season.

Dogs and glass bottles are not allowed.

There are special events, race sponsorships and other programs available each night through the championship night during the Shawano County Fair on Aug. 30.

As in years past, the track will feature races in five divisions — IMCA sport modifieds, IMCA modifieds, late models, IMCA stock cars and Mighty 4's.

IMCA sport modifieds:

This is an affordable open wheel division designed to help drivers get behind the wheel with minimum expense. The cars have a crate engine program, are nationally sanctioned by IMCA and race on tracks throughout the United States.

IMCA modifieds: Nationally sanctioned, this open wheel class competes throughout the state. The minimum wheelbase on these cars is 108 inches, and they may not have wings or spoilers.

Late models: The fastest cars on the track, these late models are governed by rules that have been crafted to allow cars from several sanctions to compete together at the Shawano Speedway.

IMCA stock cars: Nationally sanctioned, this division is designed as affordable for drivers and teams. The division allows for minor modifications to the chassis and engines.

Mighty 4s: This economical class for anyone who has the urge to run on

the dirt features 4-cylinder front-wheel drive cars.

Jeffery Teske won the IMCA sport modifieds championship in 2024. Other title winners were: Jordan Barkholtz, late models; Jordan Bartz, IMCA modifieds; Trent Nolan, IMCA stock cars; and Dalton Nelson, Mighty 4s.

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Track athletes make their way to the podiums

April 5
Pulaski's girls placed sixth with 40 points and the boys were 13th with 12 points at the Midwest Indoor Championship at UW-River Falls.

The girls team of Addison Krueger, Lily Urben, Faye Brunke and Olivia Sprangers won the 4x200-meter relay in 1:48:77, fewer than three seconds faster than Osseo.

Sprangers earned a second-place finish in the 60-meter dash in 7.92. Brunke was eighth in 8.14.

Sprangers was also third in the 200-meter dash in 26.81. Brunke was seventh in 28.07.

Emerson Fabry finished third in the 1,600-meter run in 5:18.48.

Lydia Gwidt placed fifth in the long jump at 15-7.5.

In the 60-meter hurdles, Katelyn Jossie was sixth in 10.26.

Ellie Murphy placed 10th in the 800-meter run in 2:36.47.

Aiden McGlinn, Sawyer Goodness, Kam McKeefry, and Keaton Dauk placed third for the boys in the 4x200-meter relay in 1:37.27.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Parker Marshall, Dayne Groth, Arden Gillen and Mitchell Pilon placed fifth in 8:53.77.

In the 3,200-meter run, Gillen was seventh in 10:18.79.

McKeefry ran to ninth in the 200-meter dash in 24.07.

In the high jump, Isaac Lom placed ninth at 5-10.

April 4
Shawano runners earned five top 10 finishes at the Point Indoor Distance Carnival in Stevens Point.

Adalyn Barkley led the girls with a third-place finish in the 800-meter run in 2:28.47. Bailey Hendricks was 10th in the 1,600-meter run in 5:40.70.

For the boys, Teagan Harkey placed second in the 1,600-meter run in 5:21.94. Right behind him in third place was Aloysius Frechette in third in 5:29.20. And, Quinten Harkey placed sixth in 5:32.53.

April 3
Rosholt-Webko-Politos Invitational
Bonduel

It was a late night at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where five local teams competed.

Bonduel showed why they are one of the most feared mammals in the animal kingdom as the girls team finished first and the boys team finished seventh out of 35 schools.

A pair of Bonduel girls captured three first-place finishes.

Mariah Wondra won the 1,600-meter run in 5:26.64 and the 3,200-meter run in 11:29.30. Her time in the longer run is a new meet record.

Josie Pawlak took first in the long jump at 15-9. She was joined by teammates Cierra Schnell, who placed third at 15-4.5, and Peyton Westrich, who was fourth at 15-2.5.

The 4x400-meter

relay team placed third in 4:29.01, and the 4x200-meter relay team placed sixth in 1:59.16.

Audrey Weier finished fourth in the high jump at 4-8.

Audrey Jacobs placed fourth in the triple jump at 31-9, while Weier was seventh at 30-4.

Westrich was also sixth in the 400-meter dash in 1:03.43.

For the boys, Sam Roberts took second in the triple jump in 40-7 and second in the long jump at 20-3. Griffin Uelmen was second in the high jump at 5-10.

The 4x200-meter relay team was fourth in 1:40.99, and the 4x400 team was seventh in 3:49.73.

Oconto Falls

Evan Yuma grabbed the top spot in the 400-meter dash in 52.95 to pace the Panthers boys team. Brant Laluzerne was fifth in 55.96.

The 4x200-meter relay team was second in 1:39.74, and the 4x400-meter relay team was fourth in 3:44.96.

Emerich Skarban finished third in the high jump at 5-8 and was sixth in the 60-meter hurdles in 8.99.

Elijah White was fourth in the 60-meter dash in 7.27, and Emerson Rice was fourth in the 800-meter run in 2:09.99. Brady Bursa placed fourth in the long jump at 19-9.25 and was sixth in the triple jump at 39-4.

Griffin Kopke was 10th in the 800-meter run in



Bonduel's girls 4x400-meter relay team placed third in 4:29.01 at UW-Stevens Point on April 3. The girls team placed first out of nearly three dozen schools. In front are Peyton Westrich, left, and Amelia Wilcox. In back are Paige Niquette, left, and Cierra Schnell.

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who placed third in 8.25, and Emery Pagel, who was fifth in 8.34.

Brooke Hodkiewicz finished fourth in the 400-meter dash in 1:02.27 and fifth in the 800-meter run in 2:39.90.

Hailey Delzer ran to a fourth-place finish in the 3,200-meter run in 13:11.19 and to an eighth-place finish in the 1,600-meter run in 6:01.71.

The 4x200-meter relay team was fifth at 1:58.90.

Suring

Suring's girls were led by Aliya Cox taking first in the triple jump at 35-0. She was also second in the high jump at 4-10 and seventh in the 60-meter hurdles in 11.14.

Ellayna Skarban placed fourth in the high jump at 4-8.

Tessa Losurdo placed eighth in the pole vault at 7-0.

Bunny Cramer was 10th in the 3,200-meter run in 14:14.75.

For the boys, Dayne Ermis placed fourth in the high jump at 5-8.

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The best finish for the girls was Emily Jensen placing 14th in the shot put at 28-6.

The boys were led by the 4x200-meter relay team that placed 19th in 1:50.10.

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Bradyn Wendorff finished 10th in the 1,600-meter run in 4:51.00. the 4x400-meter relay team

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the seven-time Dirt Kings tour champ, remains in his prime and is five victories away from overtaking Parker as the all-time winningest late model driver at Shawano, while the track's elder statesman becomes 58-year-old hometown racer Troy Springborn, who battled Berna throughout his 40-year career.

"It just makes you think, you know, he's stepping back, and you know we're probably the same age. So is it my turn to

step back? So as the people that you race with for years start stepping away it's like, 'OK, am I next? Or am I gonna be next? Or should I be next?' So it leaves a lot of questions," said Springborn, whose sister, Jamie, is Berna's longtime partner.

"I think about that when we're the oldest guys, me and Troy and Tom," Berna said. "It used to be Gordie Seegert and all them guys. They were all there before I was, and they all finally

disappeared, and pretty soon I started looking around thinking, 'Jesus, there's only, I think there's three of us left.' They've been doing this so long. You know, altogether, there's just not that many late models left anymore either, you know, like Shawano we're lucky if we get seven to eight cars, 10 cars. It's nice for being easier on the car and easier on the drivers, but when we used to have 20 cars and two or three heat races, it was a lot more ex-

citing I think. But I think it's just the way it is."

Fewer than 30 drivers officially entered at least one late model event last season at Shawano with eight drivers competing in at least 10 of the 13 feature races. The track, whose engine rules have largely mirrored the Dirt Kings circuit, last season announced plans to transition back to WISSOTA-rules late models by 2026, and there's been off-and-on discussion in recent years about shortening the

half-mile layout.

"Half-miles are tough," Schafer said. "They're a dying breed. To race a car there weekly is extremely difficult."

Berna will move on to his hobby of restoring and modifying hot rods — he's tinkering with a 1956 Chevy Bel Air and 1928 Ford Model A — but he hopes late model racing at Shawano finds a way to successfully move to the next generation.

"It might be some of the other guys I hear com-

ing up (from other divisions), the mod guys," Berna said. "And maybe that'll happen, too, as we disappear, maybe they'll see that maybe they should get involved in that, and that'll help to keep going. You hate to see anything racing die anywhere, you know, that's for sure. So hopefully it all works out in the long run."

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Pulaski softball team goes 2-0 at tournament

April 5
Pulaski 6, Baraboo 4
Pulaski went 2-0 with a pair of wins at the D.C. Everest Tournament. The Red Raiders closed out the tournament with a 6-4 win over Baraboo.

Pulaski 19, Wausau East 0
Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy 10, Gillett/Suring 1

April 4
Three Lakes/Phelps 17, Marion 3
Mosinee 9, Shawano 5
Wittenberg-Birnam-

wood 12, Westfield 2
April 3
Luxemburg-Casco 2, Oconto Falls 1
After postponements of games against Coleman and Oconto, the Oconto Falls girls softball team opened its season at Luxemburg-Casco High School.

The Panthers lost 2-1.

Bay Port 5, Pulaski 3
Pulaski's 2025 season opened with a Fox River Classic Conference loss to Bay Port. The score was 5-3.

Pulaski, Shawano soccer teams open seasons with wins

April 4
Pulaski 2, Marshfield 0
A scoreless first half turned in favor of Pulaski as the Red Raiders defeated Marshfield 2-0 in their season opener.

Emmah Hyer and Anya Hasser each scored for Pulaski.

April 1
Shawano 0, Hortonville 0
The Hawks had their season opener relocated to Hortonville, and after battling back and forth for 80 minutes, the Hawks came out with a 0-0 tie.

Senior goalkeeper Lily Glysch had 16 saves and earned her first shutout of the year.

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also placed 10th with a time of 3:56.69.

Bluejay Indoor Invite
Wittenberg-Birnamwood captured several of the top spots at Merrill.

For the girls:

400-meter run: Heat 4, Harper Krull, first, 1:08.60; Harper Rogowski, third, 1:06.50; Lily Metropulos, fourth, 1:09.70.

800-meter run: Nora Bushman, first, 2:45.00; Metropulos, second, 2:55.00; Charlie Eichman, third, 3:02.00.

4x400-meter relay: Heat 2, Kylee Beversdorf, Bushman, Rogowski, Faith Resch, first, 4:20:00.

Long jump: Resch, first, 16-06; Krull, fourth, 14-06; Beversdorf, fifth, 14-01.75.

Triple jump: Resch, first, 34-06; Bushman, fourth, 31-06; Metropulos, sixth, 28-03.

Shot put: Flight 1, Kaitlin Tuskowski, second, 25-0. Flight 2, Brooke Huffman, eighth, 31-10; Kelsie Davis, third, 28-9.

4x800-meter relay: Metropulos, Gabrielle Timm, Rogowski, Bushman, second, 10:45.00.

200-meter dash: Heat 3, Izzi Schmalpus second, 40.50. Heat 4, Addison Schmid, third, 33.60. Heat 5, Beversdorf, second, 28.70.

3,200-meter run: Timm, second, 13:45.00.

4x100-meter relay: Heat 2, Davis, Ella Vincent, Schmid, Tuskowski, third, 1:38.50.

High jump: Eichman, third, 4-4.

1,600-meter run: Eichman, fourth, 6:55.00.

4x200-meter relay: Heat 2, Davis, Ella Vincent, Schmid, Tuskowski, fourth, 2:35.60.

And for the boys:

Shot put: Landen Schmidt, first, 45-0; Mason Wierzba, fourth, 36-2; Cordell Carlson, eighth, 28-0.

Long jump: Jett Rogowski, first, 18-00; Bryson Schmid, second, 17-08; Aydrean McGeschick, fourth, 17-01.75.

4x200-meter relay: Heat 2, Rogowski, Alex Sanderson, Schmid, Kaden Yaeger, second, 2:13.50.

4x400-meter relay: Heat 2, Rogowski, Sanderson, Schmid, Yaeger, second, 4:00.00.

200-meter dash: Heat 1, Carlson, second, 33.10. Heat 2, Rogowski, first, 26.20; McGeschick, fourth, 26.90.

400-meter dash: Heat 1, Carlson, fourth, 1:10.00. Heat 2, Sanderson, second, 58.50; McGeschick, third, 59.75.

1,600-meter run: Marty Nowinsky, fourth, 5:51.50.

Triple jump: Yaeger, fourth, 37-02.50; Sanderson, fifth, 35-00.

800-meter run: Nowinsky, fifth, 2:33.50.

April 1
UW-Oshkosh Girls Small Schools Invite
Suring earned 46 points and placed 10th out of 43 schools at an indoor meet at the Kolf Sports Center in Oshkosh.

Shawano collected 32

points and placed 14th, while Gillett's 12 points placed them 33rd.

Among 25 Division 2 schools, Shawano placed sixth. In Division 3, Suring was sixth and Gillett was 15th among 18 schools.

Suring's Aliya Cox won the high jump and triple jump. She also placed second in the 400-meter dash.

Shawano was led by Adalyn Barkley taking second in the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash. Bailey Hendricks placed third in the 1,600-meter run, and Maci Beyer finished third in the high jump

Audrey Pate led Gillett with a third-place finish in the triple jump.

Podium finishes were:

Shawano

200-meter dash: Adalyn Barkley, second, 26.58.

400-meter dash: Barkley, second, 58.37.

1,600-meter run: Bailey Hendricks, third, 5:36.16.

High jump: Maci Beyer, third, 5-2.

Suring

High jump: Aliya Cox, first, 5-2.

Triple jump: Cox, first, 34-11.50.

400-meter dash: Cox, second, 1:03.78; Gillett

Triple jump: Audrey Pate, third, 32-6.25.

Red Hawk Challenge
Pulaski's Keaton Dauk won the 60-meter hurdles and a pair of girls teams won the 4x200- and 4x400-meter relays when they competed at Ripon College.

Dauk finished in 8.64 seconds. The 4x200-meter relay team had a time of 1:50.48, and the 4x400-meter relay team had a time of 4:15.21.

Other top 10 finishers for the girls were:

200-meter dash: Olivia Sprangers, second, 26.83.

800-meter run: Olivia Stedl, second, 2:26.23.

60-meter dash: Sprangers, third, 7.99; Faye Brunke, fifth, 8.18.

60-meter hurdles: Kate-lyn Jossie, fourth, 10:06.

3,200-meter run: Adelaide Bruckert, fifth, 12:18.78.

400-meter dash: Emerson Fabry, fifth, 1:04.81; Anna Friedman, sixth, 1:05.30.

Long jump: Lydia Gwidt, ninth, 15-7.

Claiming top 10 spots for the boys were:

800-meter run: Daniel Augustine, third, 2:05.56.

4x400-meter relay: Third place.

4x200-meter relay: Fourth place.

High jump: Bennett Vanschyndel, third, 6-2; Isaac Lom, fourth, 6-0.

400-meter dash: Mitchell Pilon, fifth, 53.23.

1,600-meter run: Parker Marshall, fifth, 4:45.40.

200-meter dash: Kam McKeefry, sixth, 24.16.

3,200-meter run: Arden Gillen, seventh, 10:34.66.

60-meter hurdles: Joe Mijal, eighth, 9.31.

60-meter dash: McKeeefry, 10th, 7.39.

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23 React to a great joke

26 Tavern fare

27 Don't listen to

28 Slugger's stats

29 Strangely amazing

31 Divested (of)

32 Shirt with no collar

33 Member of *la familia*

34 Notices in the distance

38 Stadium's oral approval

46 Riding horse

47 Stitch up

48 Luau adornments

49 Weapon with electrodes

50 Command like drill sergeants

54 "In my view..."

55 Days before holidays

56 Unspoken assent

57 Alumnae directory word

58 Contented sound

61 Smoke detector output

62 Low grade

63 Wintry complaint

64 Served meals to

65 20-Across standards

67 Express elation

72 Newly made, as wine

73 Batteries for remotes

74 What some spouses are called

75 Poke fun at

78 ___-Seltzer

81 French article

82 Well-phrased

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84 Knowledgeable and sensible

85 Extreme anxiety

87 Stop the auto suddenly

91 Essential ___ acids

92 Get together

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103 Singer Etheridge or actress McCarthy

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1 Ebenezer exclamation

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12 Private eyes

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15 Very perceptive

16 Surprisingly agile

18 Avowed

21 Hemingway nickname

24 Wading bird

25 Driver-summoning app

30 Arizona flora

32 Dot on a state map

34 Plant firmly

35 Italian wine

36 Baby food, frequently

37 Printer supplies

38 Peruse

39 Antique, in the past

40 Price of admission

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43 ___ buco (veal meal)

44 Withdraw gradually

45 Prohibition supporters

47 Warehouse's purpose

51 Imaginary

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76 Archipelago's parts

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84 Steed-stopping shout

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90 Bailiff's directive

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Improve access to local court records

Wisconsin's municipal courts can have a significant and devastating impact on the lives of people who can't afford to pay a citation due to poverty. Without critical legal protections, unpaid municipal citations can lead to warrants, arrests and incarceration.

There is no right to counsel in Wisconsin's municipal courts, meaning people unable to afford an attorney face court alone, compounding the cycle of poverty and punishment. These courts risk operating in ways that undermine constitutional standards and disproportionately harm vulnerable communities; hence, there is a heightened need for transparency and accountability.

Public access to accurate court records and data is essential to upholding constitutional and statutory requirements. In December, a Milwaukee County Circuit Court judge ordered the Milwaukee Municipal Court and its judges to comply with statutory requirements mandating electronic recordings of all hearings on motions to reopen because of a defendant's inability to pay a judgment due to poverty. Judge David Borowski found that the court and its judges "have violated and very likely will continue to act in violation of their plain duties" to record these hearings.

These hearings can determine whether an individual faces severe sanctions, including arrest warrants, writs of commitment or driver's license suspensions. They also establish whether a judge is required to abide by certain poverty protections, like community service in lieu of payment for a defendant who faces incarceration due to poverty.

The ACLU of Wisconsin, for which I work, released a report last fall that underscores both the scope and the severe consequences of municipal court practices. The data used in this report was gathered from open records requests sent to each of Wisconsin's 219 municipal courts and 73 county jails.

Each court and jail operates independently, with differing policies, procedures and levels of transparency. Many courts and jails either failed to respond to our open records requests or provided incomplete data. Some jails claimed they could not separate out municipal warrants or commitments, while others demanded



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exorbitant fees to locate records.

Municipal courts face minimal oversight and reporting requirements. They are encouraged, but not required, to submit an annual voluntary questionnaire.

The only statewide municipal court data published consists of the total number of cases by state, count and year, but these statistics are self-reported, unauthenticated and often incomplete. The result is an unreliable, outdated and incomplete dataset that fails to provide the transparency necessary for meaningful review.

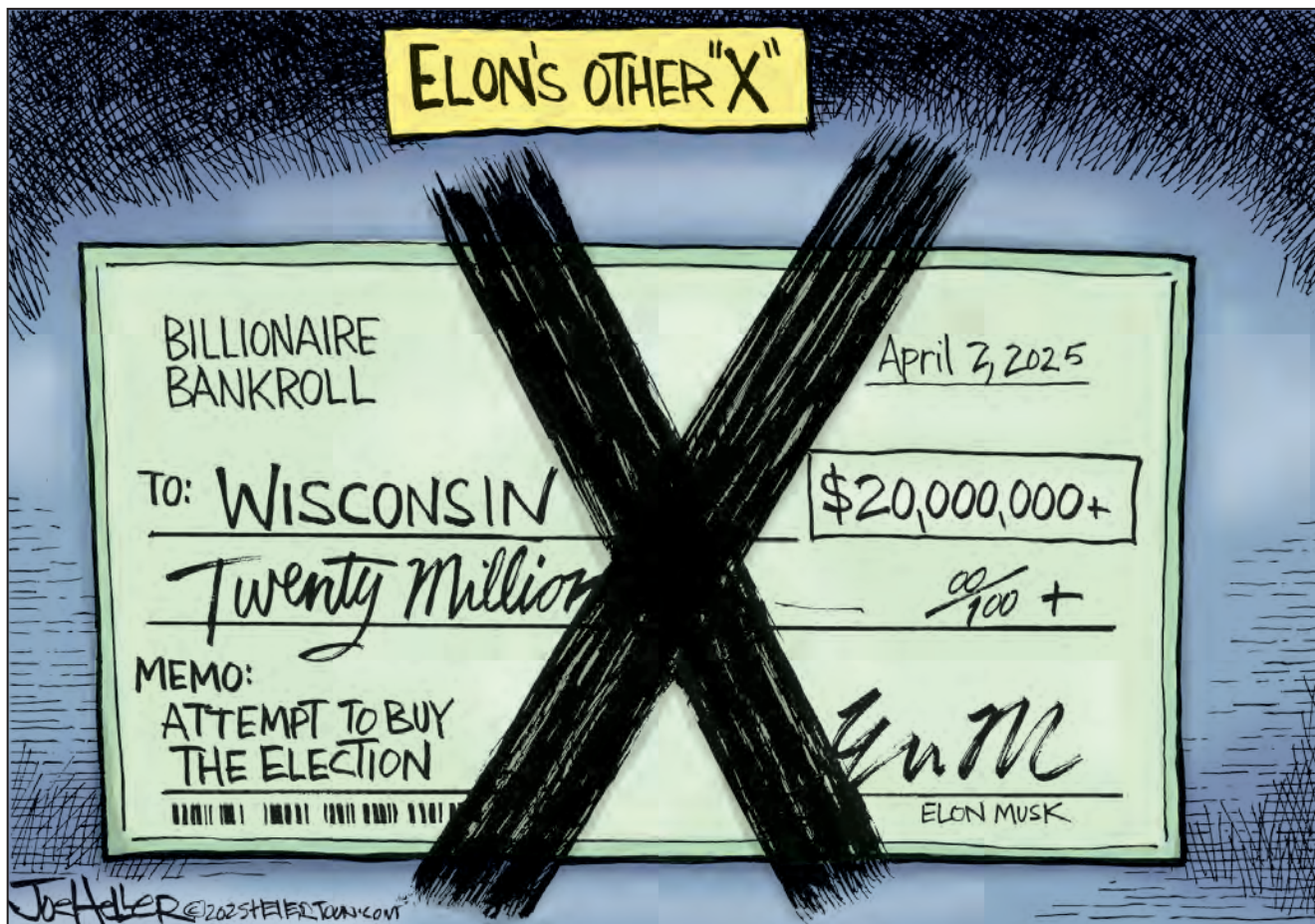
We can't rely only on open records as the primary tool for oversight. Governments must implement systems for collecting, vetting and reporting court data. Basic information, such as the number of warrants and commitments issued annually, how many people are jailed for failure to pay, and for how long, should be readily available. If a court or jail cannot provide this information, it should not have the ability to impose or enforce these sanctions.

Transparency is not an abstract ideal; it is a safeguard against unconstitutional practices and a tool for ensuring justice. When courts operate without transparency, individuals, especially those who are economically disadvantaged, are at a heightened risk of having their rights violated.

Courts and carceral institutions must have standardized, reliable systems for recording, analyzing, and reporting data. Wisconsin's municipal courts must be held to higher standards of transparency, and the state must implement policies that ensure courts are accountable to the communities they serve.

Without meaningful change, without appropriate oversight, many municipal courts will continue to punish poverty, making it difficult to ensure that community members receive the constitutional and statutory protections they are entitled to.

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GUEST COLUMN

Medicare fraud should be next for DOGE

The Department of Government Efficiency's crack-down on waste, fraud and abuse is off to a fast start, but as an engine of government savings, DOGE still has substantial untapped potential.

That's because it hasn't yet addressed the fraud crippling one of the federal government's largest programs: Medicare. In fiscal year 2023 alone, "improper payments" in Medicare eclipsed \$50 billion.

If DOGE wants to put a real dent in government overspending while changing millions of Americans' lives for the better, it won't find a better target than Medicare fraud.

The legacy of Medicare after 60 years is one of relentless growth — both in the number of beneficiaries and in spending. Medicare expenditures now exceed \$1 trillion annually.

But the program's growth has only weakened its ability to effectively oversee its finances — creating a fat target for scam artists who calculate their odds of success are high and their risk of getting caught



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is low.

The numbers paint an alarming picture. In fiscal year 2024, 7.66% of the payments Medicare's Fee-for-Service program made to providers were "improper," meaning they failed to comply with legal requirements. Those payments totaled more than \$31 billion.

The improper payment rates for Medicare Advantage and the Medicare prescription drug benefit were not much better — 5.61% and 3.7%, respectively. That translates into a total of over \$22 billion in improper payments across the two programs in fiscal 2024.

In all, Medicare accounts for nearly one-fourth of the funds improperly spent by the government each year, according to a report from the Government Accountability Office.

That's a pitiful record — and has real human conse-

quences, both for seniors and for taxpayers.

Consider some of the most egregious cases of Medicare fraud. Earlier this year, a couple from Arizona "pleaded guilty for causing over \$1.2 billion of false and fraudulent claims to be submitted to Medicare and other health insurance programs for expensive, medically unnecessary wound grafts that were applied to elderly and terminally ill patients," according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

In 2023, the Department of Justice charged 23 Michigan residents with nabbing more than \$61.5 million from Medicare for unnecessary home health services. The feds allege that the defendants set up a complex web of home health care agencies in Detroit using straw owners — such as family members — and then paid bribes and kickbacks to recruiters to gain additional patients.

Every dollar spent improperly — or fraudulently — in Medicare is a dollar that can't go to a senior with legitimate health care needs. Policymakers have

already identified numerous concrete strategies for reforming the program. One is to ensure that Medicare pays the same amount for equivalent services no matter where they're provided. This change, which has long been championed by GAO, could save taxpayers more than \$140 billion over the next decade.

Another potential reform would be to conduct more thorough audits of payments and claims. Auditors working at the state level have historically been successful at identifying fraud. Using their insights to improve federal Medicare oversight could help policymakers keep managing the program effectively as it continues to grow.

Work of the sort DOGE is doing is sorely needed. Waste and fraud run rampant in the federal government. Reforming Medicare can save not just money but lives.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of March 31

• Michael Ravanelli Perkins, 41, a Green Bay man serving time at Racine Correctional Institution in Sturdevant, was sentenced to four years in prison, followed by five years of extended supervision with conditions, for possession with intent to deliver amphetamine or methamphetamine and maintaining a drug trafficking place, in connection with an incident that occurred June 12, 2024; felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred July 17, 2023; and felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 15, 2023. Judge Michael Judge ruled that after serving two years, Perkins will be eligible for the Substance Abuse Program, which can lead to early release upon successful completion.

• Randy H. Lucas, 32,

Suring, was sentenced to one year and six months in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision with conditions, for making terrorist threats and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred Sept. 28. Judge gave him credit for 28 days already served and scheduled a restitution hearing for May 5.

• Chelsea Belle O'Donnell, 27, Amberg, was placed on two years of probation after Judge Jay Conley imposed and stayed a prison sentence for possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 11. Conley gave her credit for 33 days served in county jail.

Proceedings of April 2

• Tanya Ann Kamps, 50, Abrams, pleaded no contest to two counts of posses-

sion with intent to deliver cocaine, and maintaining a drug trafficking place, in connection with incidents that occurred June 5 and 6, 2024; as well as manufacture with intent to deliver amphetamine and maintaining a drug trafficking place, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 5, 2023. Judge scheduled sentencing for May 28 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of April 3

• Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Michael A. Holtger, 32, Oconto, after he was charged with two counts of battery or threat to a law officer and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 30. Prosecutors requested a competency exam for Holtger, and Judge Jennifer Moeller set a hearing for May 28.

DNR selling oak seedlings to residents

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has 2-year-old oak seedlings available for purchase and ready for planting.

The seedlings are available because of a high-quality acorn crop and harvest in 2022. While many 1-year-old seedlings were purchased last year, others were grown for another

year, resulting in a bumper crop of 2-year-old seedlings. Oak trees are ideal for reforesting a property, enhancing habitat or starting an oak grove.

Four species of native oak trees are available for sale at the nursery: swamp white oak, bur oak, white oak and red oak.

Wilson State Nursery produces seedlings for

reforestation, operating under Wisconsin State Statutes that require DNR seedlings to be produced and used for reforestation purposes. The minimum order is 300 seedlings.

For information or to purchase seedlings, see the DNR website or contact Carey Skerven at carey.skerven@wisconsin.gov or 715-424-3700.

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Help Wanted

NEW Media is looking for a reporter to work out of our Oconto Falls office. Most of the work would involve covering municipal, county board, school and community stories, as well as features on some of the people and groups that call Oconto County home.

We seek talented journalists who can seize someone's attention by being a talented wordsmith and photographer in a fast-paced news environment where digital comes first. While the office is a base of operations, we want someone who'll be out in the community gathering the news.

All are welcome to apply, including recent or pending college graduates. Preference is for the candidate to live in Oconto County or be willing to relocate there to be nearby when news takes places. Photography and copy editing skills are a must.

Send a resume, cover letter, and four to six samples of your work to Editor Kevin Passon at kpaddon@newmedia-wi.com. Put "Reporter — Oconto Falls" in the subject header.



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CMN study highlights \$16 million in contributions to local economies

The College of Menominee Nation in partnership with Lightcast and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium has announced its findings from a recent economic impact study, reflecting CMN's effects on the local and regional economies, as well as the benefits created by the college in its continued pursuit of student employability and community enrichment.

The impact study's results reflect the college's 2022-23 fiscal year, showcasing more than \$16,000,000 in added income to the Menominee Indian Reservation and Shawano County economy. With 321 jobs supported from this income, the college and its students

support roughly one out of every 68 jobs in this region.

Included in the findings are:

- Operations spending for full-time and part-time staff and faculty total \$7 million.
- Visitor spending by out-of-region visitors attracted to the Menominee Indian Reservation and Shawano County total \$30,100.
- Student spending that includes relocated and retained students, money spent on groceries, rent and other living expenses were \$287,700.
- Another \$8.6 million was attributed to local and regional employment from CMN alumni.
- For every \$1 taxed in the region, students gain \$6.80 in lifetime earnings, while local communities gain \$2.80 in added income and social savings.

The study also highlights industry-specific job impacts, focusing on the college's emphasis in health care and social assistance, as well as other non-public administration

services.

A similar study was conducted in 2014, and this follow-up endeavor reflects the college's ongoing commitment to investing in and strengthening the local and regional communities and economies.

Lightcast's study was conducted using industry and employment data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census Bureau, outputs of Lightcast's Multi-Regional Social Accounting Matrix model, and a variety of studies and surveys relating education to social behavior.

The study applies a conservative methodology and follows standard practice using only the most recognized indicators of economic impact and investment effectiveness.

To view the executive summary of the impact study, visit www.menominee.edu/about-cmn/2024-economic-impact-study. For a full description of the data and approach used in the study, contact the college for a copy of the main report.

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DISCOVER BANK

Plaintiff,

Case No. 25SC000019

vs.

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Defendant.

SMALL CLAIMS AMENDED SUMMONS

TO: AMANDA L ZEMKE

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You are being sued by: DISCOVER BANK in the Small Claims Court of OCONTO County, located at 301 WASHINGTON ST OCONTO WI 54153. A hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on May 5, 2025. If you do not appear, a judgment may be given to the party suing you. A copy of this amended summons along with the summons and complaint is being mailed to you.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this March 26, 2025.

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ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:

/S/JOHN H. DANNER IV

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Plaintiff's Attorney

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT OCONTO COUNTY

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AMENDED SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

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You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff Complaint, which is also served on you, is Within Forty (40) days after April 11, 2025 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Court requirements of the statutes. The answer COURT, OCONTO COUNTY, 301 WASH attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water you.

If no Complaint accompanies this Summr a copy of the Complaint by mailing or del respective addresses listed above.

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TOWN OF STILES

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

Stiles Town Hall – 5718 Watercrest Rd, Lena, WI 54139

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Town Meeting of Electors of the Town of Stiles, Oconto County, Wisconsin will be held in the Town at the Stiles Town Hall at 5718 Watercrest Rd Lena, WI 54139 on Wednesday, the 16th of April, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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The Kelly Lake Sanitary District will receive sealed Bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade at the offices of General Engineering Company, 916 Silver Lake Dr, Portage, WI 53901 at the time and date stated above, at which time, all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The District would like to convert the existing Recirculating Sand Filter process to Sequencing Batch Reactor. The Work for which bids are asked includes the following: conversion of the existing septic tanks into aeration basins, installation of a vertical screen with a fiberglass building, installation of the SBR process, installation of a fabric building, removal of the filter media, installation of a holding tank, piping modification, SCADA system upgrade, and electrical work.

Digital Bidding Documents are available at www.generalengineering.net. You may download the digital documents for \$40.00 by inputting project #9604644. An optional paper set is also available from the office of General Engineering Company, P.O.Box 340, 916 Silver Lake Drive, Portage, WI 53901 for a fee.

Bids must be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond equal to five percent of the maximum bid price, payable to the Owner as a guaranty that if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute the Contract Documents and furnish the required contract security. If the Successful Bidder fails to execute the Contract Documents and provide the required contract security within 15 days after the Notice of Award, the Owner may annul the Notice of Award and the Bid Security will be forfeited.

Bids may not be withdrawn within 60 days after the date of the bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, and to award the Contract to the Bidder, who in the judgment of the Owner, will best serve the interest of the Owner.

This project will be funded by the DNR Clean Water Fund Program.

All contract work for this project shall be subject to Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA) and federal wage determinations. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under this contract, Section 3 and E.O. 11246.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), including Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), and Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs) are encouraged to submit bid proposals.

Contracted work may require fulfillment of Buy America guidelines and will include the "Use of American Iron and Steel" provision. Bid Proposals may be denied if the requirements of this section are not met, and waivers are required.

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April 3
Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including an unwanted party on Sheep Ranch Lane in the Town of Doty, a death investigation in the Town of Stiles, a fire control burn on Business 41 in the Town of Oconto; an incident at the county jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; property damage on Hoganwood Circle in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on County Road G in the Town of Brazeau and on Froelick Road in the Town of Pensaukee, a wanted person on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, property damage on East Main Street in Gillett, suspicious activity on North Kelly Lake Road in the Town of Spruce, a disturbance on Columbia Street in Oconto Falls, a wanted person near U.S. Highway 41 and County Road W in the Town of Little River, suspicious activity on North McKenzie Street in Gillett, a disturbance on Main Street in the Town of Abrams, one traffic offense, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; two crashes.

April 2
Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including a wanted person on Washington Street in Oconto, internet fraud on Sunflower Lane in the Town of Morgan, one traffic stop, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; one open-line 911 call; five crashes, one involving deer.

April 1
Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including an animal bite on state Highway 32 in the Town of Riverview; suspicious activity on County Road A in the Town of Lena, near South Chase and Kroll roads in the Town of Chase, and on Berry Lake Road in the Town of Underhill; an animal bite on

County Road S in the Town of Chase; a K-9 deployment at Lena High School, 304 E. Main St., Lena; a death investigation in Suring, suspicious activity on Front Street in the Town of Townsend, three traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents; one 911 hangup; two crashes.

March 31
Deputies responded to 55 incidents, including suspicious activity near County Road V and Downs Lane in the Town of Maple Valley; fires near Maple Grove School and South Range Line roads in the Town of Little River and near Elm Lawn and Gallas roads in the Town of Oconto Falls; property damage on Dudzik Road in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity near County Road VV and Berry Lake Road in the Town of Underhill, a structure fire on Townsend Dam Road in the Town of Townsend, fire near County Road M and Holiday Inn Road in the Town of Spruce, internet crimes against children cases in Suring and the Town of Spruce, disorderly conduct on Konitzer Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, a wanted person on Tom Post Road in the Town of Brazeau, four traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, three citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and two open lines; two ambulance calls; three crashes, one involving deer.

March 30
Deputies responded to 125 incidents, including fire on state Highway 32 in the Town of How and near South Jackson and East Groninger streets in Suring, a utility problem near state Highway 32 and Twin Pines Road in the Town of Lakewood, fire on state Highway 32 and on Emma Lea Lane in the Town of Lakewood, fire on state Highway 22-32 in the Town

of Gillett, a utility problem on County Road M in the Town of Spruce; fires on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto, on South Main Street in Oconto Falls, on County Road C in the Town of Morgan, and on Saint Johns Road in the Town of How; storm damage near West Wheeler Lake Lane and County Road F in the Town of Lakewood, trespassing on Mourning Dove Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a utility problem on South Rosera Street in Lena, a disturbance on Business 41 in the Town of Oconto, fire on East Fourth Street in Gillett, theft on Aspen Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, fire on County Road X in the Town of Brazeau, a disturbance on Hale Road in the Town of Oconto; fire on state Highway 64 in the Town of Mountain and near Patty Lane and Robin in an unlisted municipality; disorderly conduct on Pecor Street in Oconto, theft on Sheep Ranch Road in the Town of Doty, fire on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Riverview, one traffic hazard, three citizen assists, two welfare checks; three 911 hangups and five open lines; three ambulance calls; 17 crashes.

March 29
Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including property damage on County Road Y in the Town of Little River, trespassing on Stiles Road in the Town of Stiles, theft on East Main Street in Suring, fire on County Road C in the Town of Morgan, two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; three open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; one deer-related crash.

March 28
Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including child abuse in the Town of Abrams, a noise disturbance on

Cheyenne Drive in the Town of Abrams, fire near Logtown and South Range Line roads in the Town of Little River, a disturbance on North Center Street in Suring, trespassing near Stiles and Funk roads in the Town of Oconto, disturbances on Peshtigo Brook Road in the Town of Breed and on East Main Street in Suring, six traffic stops, two traffic hazards, five traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check.

March 27
Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including two fire control burns on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, a utility problem on Maple Grove School Road in the Town of Little River, sexual assault in the Town of Mountain, an ATV accident near Sherman Street and North Oakland Avenue in Oconto Falls, fire near Beaver Lake Road and County Road B in the Town of Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on County Road S in the Town of Little River and on state Highway 32 in the Town of Riverview, five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, six miscellaneous traffic incidents; two 911 hangups; seven crashes, four involving deer.

March 26
Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including a disturbance on South Main Street in Oconto Falls, a disturbance on Bloom Road in the Town of Underhill, fire on Morgan Marsh Road in the Town of Morgan, a wanted person near East Railroad Street and North Richmond

Avenue in Gillett, suspicious activity on Business 41 in the Town of Oconto, four traffic stops, six traffic offenses, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents; one 911 hangup; one deer-related crash.

March 25
Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including threatening on East Brook Street in Suring, an animal bite on St. Patricks Road in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on West River Road in the Town of Spruce, eight traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two open-line 911 calls; one crash.

March 24
Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including fire on Peshtigo Brook Road in the Town of Breed, two traffic stops, four welfare checks; two 911 hangups and two open lines; five crashes.

March 23
Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including suspicious activity near County Road J and U.S. Highway 41 in the Town of Pensaukee, fire near County Roads M and K in the Town of Spruce, child abuse in the Town of Underhill; fire on Nero Lane and near Sundew Road and Joan Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, and near U.S. Highway 41 and Falk Road in the Town of Abrams; one traffic stop, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; one ambulance call; six crashes.

March 22
Deputies responded to 41

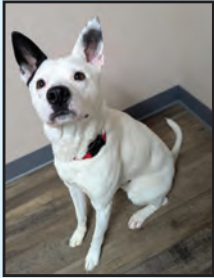
incidents, including a noise disturbance on North Center Street in Suring, suspicious activity on Muehl Drive in Suring, fire on Pensaukee Bayshore Road in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity on Stagecoach Lane in the Town of Breed, an unwanted party on Green Bay Avenue in Oconto Falls, fraud on Helen Lane in the Town of Mountain, a disturbance on East Chain Lake Road in the Town of Lakewood; a fire control burn on County Road Z in the Town of Bagley; 12 traffic stops, two traffic hazards, five traffic offenses, one welfare check; three 911 hangups; one ambulance call; one crash.

March 21
Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including threatening on Beaver Lake Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, child abuse in the Town of Little River, theft on County Road S in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on Sunset Circle in the Town of Chase, child abuse in the Town of Breed, fraud on Flower Lake Drive in the Town of Riverview, suspicious activity on South Oakland Avenue in Oconto Falls, underage alcohol in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on Sherrie Lane in the Town of Underhill; fire control burns on Pecore Road in the Town of How, Valley Line Road in the Town of Spruce and Logan Road in the Town of Breed; seven traffic stops, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; one open-line 911 call; two deer-related crashes.



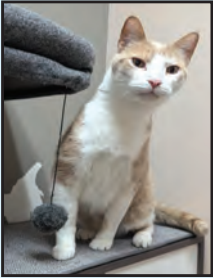
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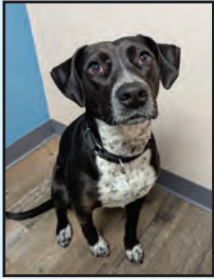
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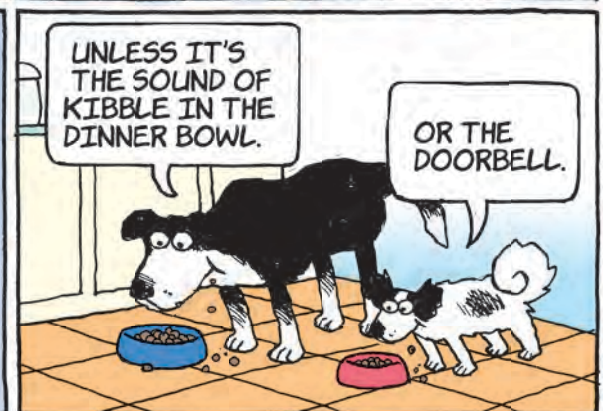
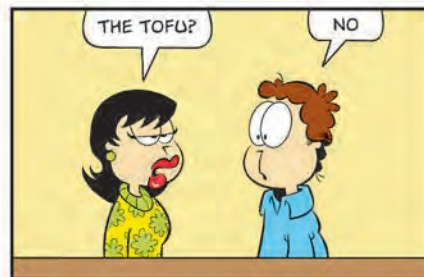
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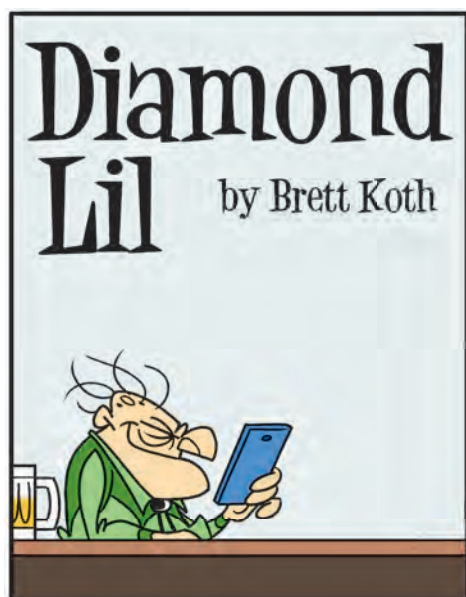
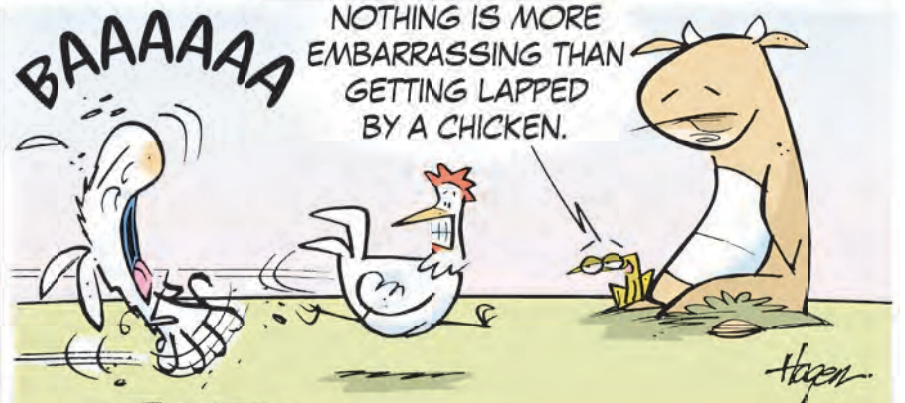
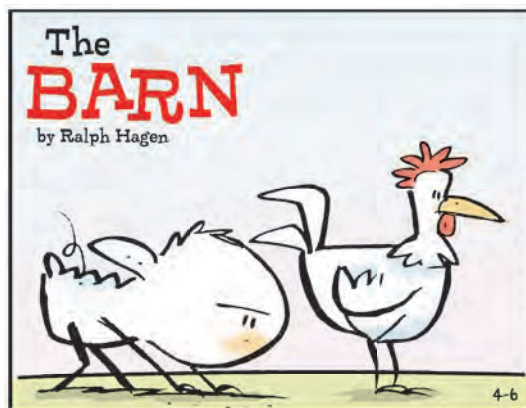
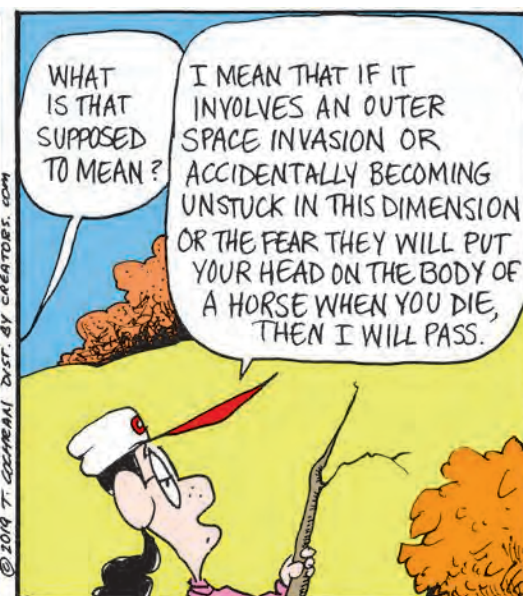
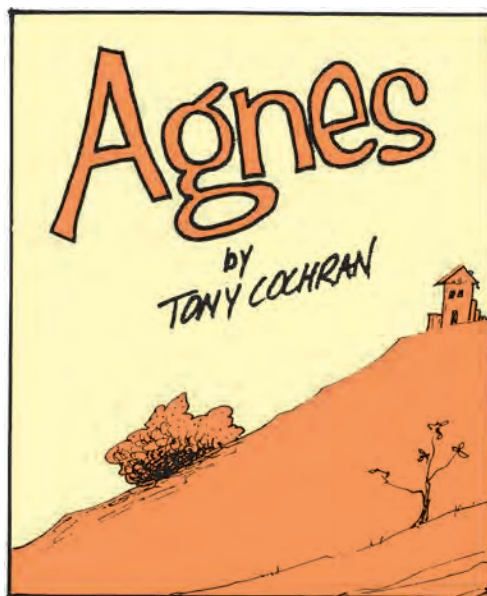
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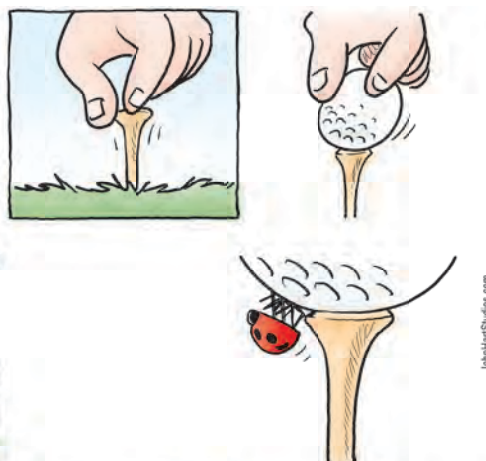
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DOGS OF C-KENNEL BY MICK MASTROIANNI AND MASON MASTROIANNI

KNOW YOUR PETS...			
DOGS		CATS	
	I'M ANGRY. PLEASE BACK AWAY.		I'M HUNGRY. I MAY CLAW YOUR FACE.
	I'M HAPPY. COME PLAY WITH ME.		I'M TIRED. I MAY CLAW YOUR FACE.
	I'M SCARED. PLEASE COMFORT ME.		I'M ANGRY. I MAY CLAW YOUR FACE.
	I'M EXCITED. PLEASE RUB MY BELLY.		I MAY CLAW YOUR FACE.
	I'M TIRED. PLEASE PET ME.		I MAY CLAW YOUR FACE. WHO KNOWS? ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN.

