

Committee tables lease for hockey league

Supervisors will first meet with prospective buyer of Crawford Center

By KEVIN PASSON Editor-in-chief

The Shawano Hockey League remains without a contract for the use of the Crawford Center. Members of the Shawano County Public Property Committee tabled consideration of a lease at its May 2 meeting. Instead, they will first meet with a prospective buyer of the property, which is owned by the county at the fairgrounds. The hockey league continues to push for a long-term lease of five years, as was generally the case in the past. The exception was the 2023-24 contract that was only for one year.

Steve Dreher, Shawano County building maintenance department manager, told the committee it might be wise to do a one-year lease if the potential sale of the building proves fruitful.

"I met with a gentleman we had talked about last month that had given me a cold call," Dreher said. "He wants to know if the county would be interested in selling the facility. He is interested in doing a year-round facility for the youth."

Dreher said the prospective buyer understands the building is used during the county fair and the building rests on county property, which would not be for sale.

"He would come in and make some additions and changes," Dreher said. "He would like to add a big kitchen area."

Dreher said the prospective buyer, who lives and owns a business in Shawano, suggested he may want to add some additional property to the Crawford Center site.

"He expressed to me he would definitely keep them (hockey association) in there as a youth thing during the winter months," Dreher said. "I don't know if the committee or county board would be truly interested in selling the facility. That's entirely up to you, but this would be a way to divest ourselves of the responsibility of that facility."

"Now, what impact it might have

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

Lines drawn in 6th Assembly District Republican primary

Shawano County Republicans endorse Behnke over incumbent Schmidt

By WARREN BLUHM News Editor

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

"I welcome Elijah and encourage him to run a clean, positive campaign. Voters don't want personal attacks, and they deserve a clean campaign," said Schmidt, R-Bonduel, in an interview after Behnke's announcement. "When I ran two years ago, I ran a positive campaign that focused on the issues. I think both sides are tired of the negative attacks, and voters appreciate a clean campaign and transparency."

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



PETER SCHMIDT

Giganti introduced Behnke as someone who has stayed true to his values in Madison after winning a five-way primary and advancing to the legislature in 2021. "It's not exactly the most welcoming place for conservatives, but he's kept his head down, he's got the job done, and I think it's a wonderful thing," he said. "He kept true to his promises. He beat four other people in the primary not by accident, because he's a genuine good man that wants to do the right thing, and we need a lot more of that in our public policy."

Behnke said he grew up working on his parents' farm, graduating from Oconto High School and Toccoa Falls College, an evangelical Christian school in Georgia. He returned to Wisconsin and had a choice to work for his father on the farm or his

mother's business cleaning private homes, deciding that the home-cleaning business was a better fit. He now runs his own cleaning business in addition to serving as a lawmaker.

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

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

"I don't have all the answers, but I do know that the reason this country's in a mess is because the elected leaders are

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Search for Justin Dickerson intensifies on reservation.

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A member of Menominee Fire Management works with Josh Lawe, a detective with the Menominee Tribal Police Department, in pinpointing the search area for Justin Dickenson on May 3. The search focused on the swampy area at Max Martin Road and County Road VV north of Keshena.

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Family, friends search for Dickenson

Vehicle found on Menominee Reservation in February 2022

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Friends and family of Justin Dickenson joined officials May 3 in a search party for the man missing for more than two years.

Together, they fanned out in the swampy area at Max Martin Road and County Road VV. Dickenson, 36, was last seen Feb. 11, 2022, in Bowler.

“Today, we’re going to do a search north of the area where we’ve been searching. All investigative leads kind of led us to this area,” said Josh Lawe, a detective with the Menominee Tribal Police Department. “Anything that we find ... we don’t touch anything. We just notify (officials).”

About 50 people took part in the search. They formed four lines that crisscrossed the search areas.



JUSTIN DICKENSON



Waylon Welch performs an honor song as volunteers head to the command post to begin the search for Justin Dickenson. Last seen in February 2022 in Bowler, Dickinson was known to be living on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation; however, his vehicle was found on the Menominee Reservation.

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“It’s very swampy, wet,” Lawe said at the outset of the day. “Some areas are going to be thick, so it’s going to be kind of ugly back there.” Drivers with UTVs were available to move searchers in and out of the area for food, drink, bathroom and rest breaks. Also assisting were members of the Walking Women Healing Institute. The group provided coffee, tea, water, doughnuts and fluorescent

vests to volunteers. “We’re here just to provide support for the searchers, the family and community members,” said Kristin Welch, founder and executive director of Walking Women Healing Institute. “Our team does work with the DVSA (domestic violence and sexual assault) survivors and MMIP (Missing and Murdered Indigenous People) families, so we wanted to come and set up our team to be avail-

able for emotional and peer support.” She said the group was asked to participate. “We know the local family members,” she said. Walking Women Healing Institute is based in Gresham. “We’re an Indigenous and survivor-led non-profit,” Welch said. “Most of us are from around here. We do healing, prevention and response for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence and MMIP.” Dickenson, an American Indian male, is 5 feet 7 inches and weighs 157 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes. He has a 3-inch scar on his abdomen and a scar near his right eye. He also has a tattoo of “JD” on his left hand.

He was known to be living on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation. However, his vehicle was found on a logging road on the Menominee Reservation. Any leads or information should be directed to the Stockbridge-Munsee Police Department at 715-793-4394 or Wisconsin Clearinghouse for Missing and Exploited Children and Adults at 800-843-4673.

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Jail shower project subject to ‘project creep’

Costs still under budget, with money coming from inmate welfare fund

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Shawano County Administrative Coordinator Jim Davel warned the Shawano County Public Safety Committee of “project creep” at its May 1 meeting when discussing the costs associated with remodeling the showers at the county jail.

The committee was asked to approve the highest of three bids and then add several thousand dollars for new shower fixtures and other incidentals. The bid was about \$93,000, and the total with the fixtures and more is just under \$100,000.

“The project funding of \$200,000 was secured through the inmate welfare fund, and funding was approved through the 2024 budget process,” Jail Administrator Troy Beyer said.

He recommended the high bid from Prime Coat Coating Systems.

“They’re known across the United States for doing this type of work in correction facilities,” Beyer said. “In 2014, they did the pod showers at the jail. We had eight showers done, and we don’t have any issues.”

Keith Herm of the county’s maintenance department also discussed an alternate bid that was included in the total cost. “When we did these bids, the shower flooring was what was recommended to do because a lot of the tile is coming out,” he said. “I did an alternate bid in the shower areas.”

He requested treatment to the shower walls to prevent the buildup of mildew.

“The mildew is just horrid, so that’s where that alternate \$24,000 is,”

Herm said. “That was just to do the shower insides. I recommend doing that, because there are five showers, and if we don’t recaulk along the edges in there, the water leaks down into here (the training room at the sheriff’s department).”

Herm said he was not part of the original decision to just remodel the flooring but was asked to review the situation later. That’s when he suggested the fixtures be replaced as well, as many are leaking.

“I agree with what you’re saying,” Davel said. “Here’s the problem we get into. What the supervisors approved was this, and then all of a sudden we want to add this. So what I would recommend is ... this needs to go back to CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) Committee ... because this is not what they had recommended to the full county board for approval.”

“This is what we call ‘project creep.’ All of a sudden, we get, ‘Hey, we should also do this,’ but we didn’t have our ducks in a row. I think it should be done, too. Don’t get me wrong, but this is where it gets frustrating for supervisors, because that’s not what they voted on.”

Beyer pointed out the money will come from the Inmate Welfare Fund, not tax dollars. However, the CIP Committee will still be informed of the change.

The Inmate Welfare Fund is money raised through paid telephones, canteen sales to inmates, etc. The sheriff’s department collects a portion of this revenue and uses the money for improvements and inmate programs.

Herm said Prime Coats can complete the job in a week.

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Women Who Care passes \$200K milestone

Organization 140 women strong, gets added boost from foundation

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The members of 100+ Women Who Care Shawano County have shown in recent years that benevolent giving can make a difference, and on May 1, the organization surpassed the significant milestone of \$200,000.

The local chapter of a worldwide force for good has 140 women who meet quarterly and give about \$100 each to a deserving nonprofit that is trying to better the communities they serve. The recipient of the latest round of giving was Shawano Area Matthew 25 (SAM25), whose executive director, Hung Nguyen, spoke to the woman about some of the homeless people they serve, including a woman who lived in her vehicle after a divorce where her husband got the house, and she found herself with nowhere to go.

Also campaigning for funds were Nancy Brown-Koeller with Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail and Barb Mendoza with The FRESH Project. According to Jeannie Otto, one of the founders for the local Women Who Care, the vote tally was very close, showing the women considered all of the organizations to be important.

"For me, this all started with my dad," Otto said. "He was in critical care, and I ended up staying at the Altrusa House (in Green Bay), and the Altrusa director asked me to present at a fundraiser, which turned out to be a 100 Women meeting, and I wound up getting them some money. That's when I brought this to Shawano. It's a legacy for my dad to be able to create something beautiful through the grief I experienced."

Prior to the latest event, the women of Shawano County's group had written checks totaling \$197,500 to benefit numerous organizations. Although the latest round of checks has yet to be tallied up, it is estimated that SAM25 will receive at least

\$12,000 to further continue its homeless shelter, medical clinic and thrift store.

"I'm very humbled by the joy for our community, the generosity of 140-plus women, during COVID, to make this happen is just spectacular," Otto said. "All the money stays within our community."

Recently, the Women Who Care got involved with the Richard Schulze Family Foundation, named after the founder and chairman emeritus of Best Buy. Otto said the Women Who Care forward the winning proposals to the foundation, and if approved, it provides an additional \$5,000 boost to the local organizations.

"We've received three checks for our recent nonprofit winners," Otto said. "Now it's becoming \$17,000 (they receive) if they get the matching piece."

The Women Who Care gave out the first local check in February 2020, but when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the organization had to pivot. One meeting was canceled, according to Otto, but then the next couple of meetings were drive-by events, where the women dropped off their checks to a vehicle along with their vote for who should get the money. She said the movement didn't wither, and it continues to grow to this day.

"I think the lesson is to always say yes," Otto said. "If you can say yes, look what happens — yes to helping out, yes to being on an organization. There's power in saying yes."

Even though the vast majority of the women live, work and play in Shawano County, the local Women Who Care have a few members that make the drive from other locations.

"There's a lady who joined five years ago from Green Bay who comes and contributes," Otto said. "There are people who have joined that have never joined anything in our community, and they said they joined this be-



Prior to meeting May 1, members of 100+ Women Who Care Shawano County order drinks and socialize with each other in the Crescent Ballroom at Stubborn Brothers Brewery. The meetings, besides resulting in nonprofit organizations getting needed money for their causes, give local women a chance to meet each other and learn more about their neighbors.

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cause it's so simple. They write a check, and they come and meet friends. They patronize a business, but more importantly, they meet new people in the community and find out what's going on with the nonprofits."

Wendy Crawford, another founding member of the group, feels there's something special about being involved with the organization for five years and seeing the good that's done.

"We started this conversation in 2019. We lived through COVID and managed to keep this going through COVID in a remote way," Crawford said. "To think we're going to stand here and make over \$200,000, I feel proud of it."

Crawford has plenty of experience running nonprofits, and she notes that it takes a lot of keep the big ones going.

"I think how much time we put into our fundraisers, so the simplicity of this makes it very special," Crawford said.

Among the benevolent army is former Shawano Mayor Jeanne Cronce, who said she's happy to give to make her community better.



Katie Frank and Lexi Dobberstein tally up votes from the 100+ Women Who Care Shawano County meeting on May 1. By a very close vote, Shawano Area Matthew 25 was the recipient of more than \$10,000 from local women.

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"This is amazing," Cronce said about the \$200,000 milestone. "It shows that the community of Shawano women are totally committed to our community and to helping others. I am so proud to be a Shawano member of this group."

Women Who Care member Pauline Forrest said that Women Who Care makes a difference more because their giving is so significant.

"It's an incredible milestone for these organizations because they can actually do something with it," Forrest said. "Achieving \$200,000 is just awesome."

There are 650 chapters of 100+ Women Who Care around the world, according to Otto, but there are opportunities for men and youth to form their own chapters and do what the women are doing. She noted that a Women Who

Care chapter in Arizona has surpassed the \$1 million mark after 8½ years of existence.

"It's an international thing now," she said. "There's men's clubs, there's kids' clubs, but still mostly women. To think about what we've accomplished with our small steering committee and the power of the women's giving circle is great."

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JEANNIE OTTO, one of the founders for 100+ Women Who Care Shawano County

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politically in the area would remain to be seen. I don't know in the community if it would be viewed as a good thing or a bad thing. Would it be a slap in the face to the Crawfords, or would it be viewed as something wonderful. I don't know if the guy would keep the name that's on it."

Shawano County Board Chairman Tom Kautza

suggested holding a closed session meeting with the prospective buyer before considering a new lease with the hockey league.

"If he wants to stay anonymous in the meantime, I think we can have that meeting or discussion in closed session," Kautza said

Adam Gafner, president of the hockey league, wrote in an email the

league still prefers a five-year lease, with the same terms as before.

"This allows for a few things. Protects the county from an 'increase' in electric rates, which was an issue for the county in the last five-year lease," he wrote. "It allows us to have a longer term plan regarding our marketing plans/fundraising going forward."

He acknowledged the committee's concerns about the turnover rate of hockey league board members.

"I'm the (Shawano Community High School) coach," Gafner wrote. "I have a 12U son, a 10U son and now a 6U player starting this season. I will be around for the next decade-plus."

Finally, Gafner re-

minded the committee the hockey league would like to consider an addition to the building to create more locker room space, showers and a workout/training area.

"This is not something we would ask (money) from the county for," he wrote. "However, in order to fundraise for this type of project or go to the community with this request, a

long-term commitment to the building is needed."

Committee members initially suggested the county consider a three-year lease to coincide with the length of term of hockey league board members but later agreed to hold off until discussions with the prospective buyer were held.

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Shawano Arbor Day 2024 kept in family

Tree committee member, city park department earn awards

By LEE PULASKI
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The Shawano Tree Advisory Committee kept it in the family this year as it celebrated Arbor Day on May 1 with its awards and tree planting.

Marilyn Kroenke, a committee member, and her husband, Ken, received the individual Friend of Nature Award for their tree planting efforts at their home on Gannon Court, while the city park and recreation department received the group award. The tree planted this year in Franklin Park was done in honor of the late Bill Erdman, who chaired the committee for a number of years.

The city also commemorated 30 years as a member of Tree City USA, as well as 12 years receiving Tree City's growth award and 21 years receiving the Tree Line USA Award. The tree committee continued its tradition of getting local children from St. James Lutheran School, Sacred Heart Catholic School and Olga Brener Intermediate School in on the action by not only planting a tree



Shawano City Forester Mike Kroenke holds the tree steady while St. James Lutheran School student Leif Hauer shovels some dirt in a hole during the May 1 Arbor Day ceremony at Franklin Park. The tree was planted in memory of Bill Erdman, who had served for years as chairman of the city's tree advisory committee.

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but by identifying trees around the park.

"Our tree mission is to take care of older trees or dangerous trees that have to be removed and help plant new trees to take their place," said Ross Langhurst, committee chairman. "We're in a relatively new city park that used to be mostly lawn but has been developed

by the city parks department with help from us, of course."

Matt Hendricks, park and recreation director, noted that the city has made considerable efforts to provide a wide variety of trees in Franklin Park. There are currently 32 different tree species just in that park.

"Trees provide biodi-

versity in our parks," Hendricks said. "Your favorite meal is probably not all Mexican or all spaghetti or hamburgers. You enjoy different food. The same goes for trees."

Hendricks noted having different trees in the park is smart in the event that diseases like oak tree wilt or invasive species like the emerald ash borer

come to Shawano, because even if a specific species is devastated, there will be other tree species to keep the area beautiful.

Outside of Franklin Park, the city keeps busy planting trees. Hendricks said hundreds of trees have been planted in the community in the past five years, including over 50 in the last couple of weeks.

"This stuff only happens with teamwork," Hendricks said. "One of the cool things about parks is that, in 100 years, these trees will still be here."

Kroenke told the students and others at the park about how she and her husband moved to Shawano in 2014, and the property at the time had "pine trees everywhere."

"We said, 'We're going to keep some of them, and the others we're going to throw away,'" Kroenke said. "Over the years, we've learned that we're not in charge. Plants, like people, change from year to year, and sometimes, plants want to take over your yard, and some don't want to cooperate. However, we just try to get along."

Kroenke noted that the work done at home adding trees have brought birds, bees and butterflies out, sometimes to the point where the humans are seeing animals everywhere.

"When birds build a nest in your artificial wreath on your front door, you've learned that you've lost control," Kroenke said. "Working with plants is always a surprise. Every day is new, and we feel honored that we've had the chance to share in the beauty that is all around us, and we've learned to work together."

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Information center opening on Mountain Bay Trail



Facility provides only public restrooms on trail in Shawano County

By LEE PULASKI
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Hikers and bicyclists of the Mountain Bay Trail will be able to make a pit stop in Shawano as the Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail and Shawano Pathways are opening up a new information center in an old depot building where the trail intersects Main Street.

A pre-opening fundraiser was held May 2 that gave locals a chance to see the remodeled facility, which is next to All Aboard Nutrition. The information center will be open from dawn to dusk. It will not be manned, but there will be security cameras in place to catch anyone who might vandalize the facility.

Visitors got to see some of the before and after photos of the work done so far, but those will be coming down to make way for metal silhouettes of the trail's history, from when it was a rail-

road line to now, when plenty of people use the trail, which spans from Wausau to Green Bay, with a 53-mile segment of it within Shawano County.

"This identifies all the modes of transportation that take place on the trail," said Matty Mathison with Pathways, noting there will also be references to all the towns along the trail.

Besides being an information center, Mathison said the facility will also provide restrooms and Wi-Fi.

"These are the only public bathrooms on the trail between Eland and Pulaski," Mathison said.

The restrooms had been around for a while, but previous owners stored stuff like canoes in the facility that made it difficult to access the toilets.

"You were lucky if you could get to the bathrooms," Mathison said. "They weren't used very often."

The center will also show some of the history of the trail, with one wall including an old newspaper, map, pictures of when the building was a train depot and information about the past uses.

"This will be a wonderful addition, and it will be put behind

Plexiglas," Mathison said.

There will be a bike repair shop open next to the information center, but for now, it will only be open 5-7:30 p.m. Mondays unless interest shows it should be open more, according to Mathison.

However, for those that can do it themselves, there's a fix-it station outside the center for bicyclists to use, as well as bike racks if trail users want to take a break and explore the downtown area.

Mathison said the Shawano Park and Recreation Department has been instrumental in getting the facility up and running, and the city will maintain it once it's complete.

The cost of remodeling the center is around \$50,000, with a Harold Pevonka Healthy Hearts Grant providing \$20,000 and donations have helped to cover a lot of the rest, but the Friends and Pathways are still needing about \$10,000, with the May 2 fundraiser expected to bring in some of that needed funding for the information center.

"It's our hope that people will appreciate it, and they'll take good care of it," Mathison said.

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Matty Mathison with Shawano Pathways shows some visitors around the new information center May 2. On the wall in the background are photos showing the renovation work thus far, as well as metal silhouettes showing the Mountain Bay Trail's former use as a railroad and the communities that host the trail.

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Parents given 'Wake Up Call' about kids, drugs

Substance abuse concern for middle, high school students

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Gone are the days when teenagers would only hide pot in their sock drawer.

Today's youths are more clever and have many more options available, according to a pair of women from the Addiction Resource Council. Jessica Brost and Hailey King led a "Wake Up Call" program for parents May 1 at Shawano Community Middle School.

"When we are desperate to do it, we will go to desperate measures," Brost said.

Many of the new ways to hide drugs are readily available at big box stores and online. These include such things as hairbrushes, deodorant, potato chip containers, lipstick, scrunchies, shoes, key fobs, highlighters, fake batteries and tampons. Many of these contain false bottoms.

"We've been taught that tampons are taboo and extremely personal, so we'd never think to look there," Brost said.

The products students use can hide or disguise drugs or alcohol at home, at school and in the community — right out in the open.

"There is a culture around alcohol in Wisconsin, and that will be a hard one to change," Brost added.

Most any container for liquid can be used to contain alcohol, from water bottles to Go-Gurt squeeze packets.

Brost said teenagers' brains are not fully developed and won't be until their early 20s.

Drugs and alcohol destroy necessary connections in the brain, and they aren't replaced, she said.

"If we introduce substances to it — nicotine, alcohol, marijuana — that



Hailey King of the Addiction Resource Council shows parents one of the many ways children can hide drugs and vaping materials from their parents. The May 1 presentation included the signs and symptoms of substance use and abuse, consequences, parenting strategies and more.

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brain will develop up and around that substance," Brost said. "That person will be at a higher likelihood to develop a dependency for any other substance later on in life."

King stressed the harmful effects of vaping, and warned parents that despite what companies claim, the products are marketed toward the youths.

"Why else would there be so many flavors (ice cream, custard, candy), and why would they make vapes disguised as USB drive, lipstick or a

watch?" she said.

"They were made to help get people off of cigarettes," King said. "They got even more people hooked on nicotine."

Vape nicotine only gives a 30-second high, so vaping requires inhaling more often, resulting in smoking the equivalent of more than a pack of cigarettes each day, she said.

The duo also discussed abuse of prescription pills, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana.

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Out of the greenhouse, into the garden



There were plenty of flowers and other plants for gardeners to choose from May 4 during the Shawano FFA's annual spring plant sale at the Shawano Community High School greenhouse. Students started prepping the plants during the winter. Proceeds from the sale help the FFA with its various agricultural enterprises.

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The line was long May 4 outside of the greenhouse at Shawano Community High School for the Shawano FFA's annual spring plant sale. FFA chapters around Shawano County are holding plant sales in May as planting season arrives.

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Senior Safari visits nature center



Heidi Russell, aging director with Shawano County Human Services, welcomes a large group to the Senior Safari nutritional meal and program at Navarino Nature Center on May 2. Once a month in warmer weather, a meal and program is offered at the nature center for seniors.

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Sacred Heart fundraiser celebrates 135 years

Sacred Heart Catholic School is celebrating its 135th anniversary with its first celebration dance and fundraiser May 17.

The event will take place from 6-10 p.m. in the gymnasium and lobby of the school, 124 E. Center St., Shawano.

"This new event is an opportunity for our Sacred Heart community to unite as one with the greater community to offer financial and prayerful support to Sacred Heart Catholic School as the only Catholic school in all of Shawano County for 135 years," said Autumnne Gee, Sacred Heart admissions and development director. "This event is one way that

we can ensure our school is around for many generations to come."

The event will include a taco bar for \$5 per person, a bake sale and a DJ service by Sammer the Jammer with music for all generations. There will be dozens of raffle baskets/items donated by businesses and school families and staff that include a 2023 signed Green Bay Packers football, camping basket, road trip basket, large garden cross, large cross bird feeder by Crossroads Custom Cabinetry and an autographed book bundle by the Rev. Edward Looney.

The event includes some additional fun with Chuck a Duck at 6:30 p.m.,

a chance to throw pies at Looney and school principal Gary Cumberland from 7-7:30 p.m., a free photo prop area and a special raffle drawing for those who offer a goodwill donation upon entry. The bucket raffle closes at 8:30 p.m. with winners drawn at 8:45.

Complete event details and full raffle basket listings are on the school's Facebook page and on their website at <http://sacred-heartshawano.org/school>. Parking is available in the rear parking lot entering off Main Street.

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Future broadcasters take root at SCMS

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

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

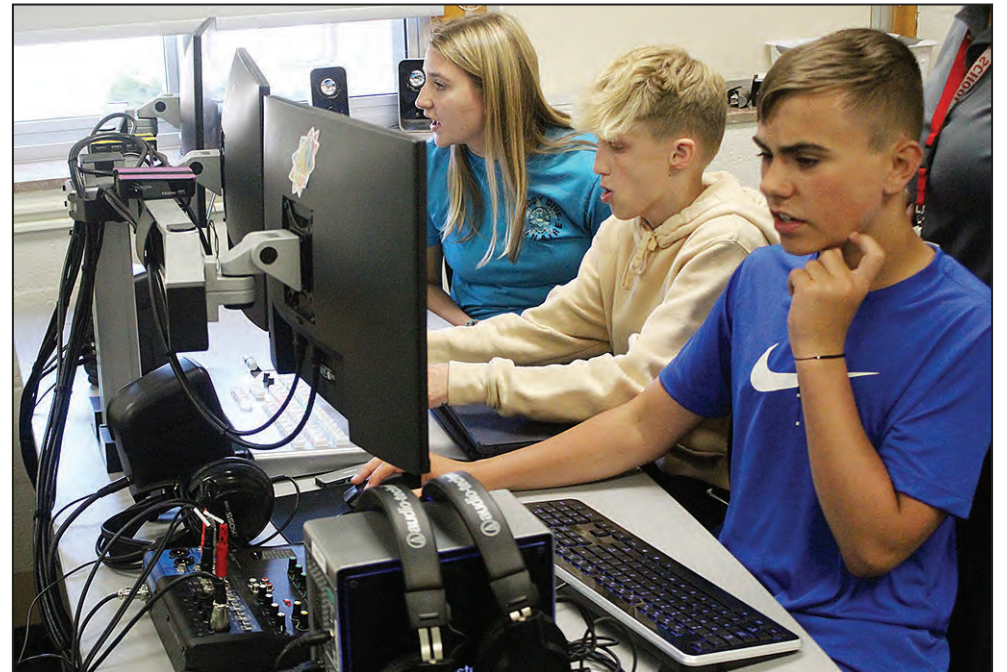
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phone. Seeing the cameras and equipment, which includes a green screen that in post-production can show a facsimile of a newsroom and anchor desk, was something new for him.

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

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

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



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

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Not everyone can easily become a mother

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

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



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Mother complex, yet strong, woman

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

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

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

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



Kay Reminger
Columnist

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CMN, commission team up to strengthen language restoration

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MAY 10

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

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

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

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

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

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

BONDUEL: Amish Consignment and Quilt Auction, 7:30

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

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

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

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

BONDUEL: Wolf River HOG

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

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 12

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

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

MONDAY, MAY 13

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

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 14

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

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

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

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

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

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

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

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THURSDAY, MAY 16

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

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

FRIDAY, MAY 17

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

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

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

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Pageants an old tradition made new again

The Menominee word mamataweqtan covers a range of performance arts. It can be translated as an “exhibition, circus, (or) theatrical performance.”

The word begins to capture some of the storied history of Menominee tourism to the famed Woodland Bowl.

Since the 1800s, the natural amphitheater in Keshena has hosted showcases of Menominee culture. Tourists from throughout the United States traveled to Keshena to experience the Menominee Fair, dance exhibitions and the famed theater pageants. Running from 1937 to the 1970s, the pageant productions made local and national news due to the rich stories they presented.

In fall 2011, the late Gerald “Jerry” Sanapaw set me on a path that led to my role in the pageant’s revival. Sanapaw attended my office hours at College of Menominee Nation, regaled me with stories of yesteryear and asked if I could help bring the pageants back.

The key word is help. Since our first show in 2016, hundreds of Menominee have joined with others enthusiasts to stage the shows that are once again a part of the nation’s late summer hospitality. Thousands have enjoyed our shows,



affirming the timeless resonance of Menominee values.

Menominee pageants are a combination of recorded dialogue, sound effects, pantomime and live drums, singing and dancing. We use industry-leading light and sound technology to enhance our show, illuminating the enduring power of Menominee culture and the joy in which it is perpetuated.

This July will witness our seventh live show, but it will be a special one for me. Thirteen years after Sanapaw made his request to me, the culmination of my research, interviews and requests for patient guidance has resulted in the earning of a Ph.D. in Indigenous literature and cultural theory from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. While my dissertation on the Menominee pageants will soon be digitally available through that school, I’m using this column to give both thanks to those who’ve guided our work and ask others to join us in our endeavors.

First, I want to honor the veterans of pageants past. The late Petronell Martin instructed us to wait until sunset and not to move the productions from their intended performance space in the Woodland Bowl.

Leslie Teller shared that “the pageants themselves were a way to transmit cultural knowledge and history to the Wisconsin people and to our own people.”

The late Richie Plass closed our first revival shows with an eye on the original run he was a part of. He said, “Fifty years from now, they’ll be great, these young ones, carrying this on, and maybe even make new stories, make them their stories, and that’s what our culture is about. It’s forever changing as much as it is staying, as it was, where it was, how it was, but we have to honor that.”

The upshot is that Menominee values are evident in the theater written and performed by Menominee people and staged upon their ancestral homeland. That fact will always be true.

Next, I need to thank those who worked alongside us to make the shows a reality. First among them in Grace Corn, who is the matriarch of the revivals.



Shannon Wilber, right, leads a Menominee village scene in the 2023 Menominee Pageant Players Guild performance of “Onakow,” which uses the Menominee word for “yesterday.” JAMES KELLY

Melinda Cook, Lloyd Frieson Jr., Bruce Wilber Jr., Shannon Wilber, Sabrina Hemken, Karen Ann Hoffman, Dawn Wilber, Daynell Grignon and Brian Marquardt are each invaluable members of our Pageant Players Guild. Our collective is open and inclusive, and I share this hoping that my words of gratitude are actually laying the groundwork for the extension of an invitation.

With the support of

CMN, the Menominee Powwow Committee and the Wisconsin Arts Board, we will again stage a show the Wednesday before the Menominee Contest Powwow. Starting at 9 p.m. on July 31, the community is invited to witness one of our spectacular shows.

This is an open invitation to join us on stage, as we will hold auditions for voice actors, non-speaking roles and dancers at CMN at 5 p.m. June 5. The pageants have always been an inclusionary event, and we hope that potential cast and crew members will join us in creating another memorable show.

Mamataweqtan has another definition — a “wonderful performance (or) feat.” Come join us as we create a mamataweqtan.

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.

Kitties gone wild latest concern from DNR

That friendly, fluffy pet cat found in 26% of all American households poses a real problem to songbirds, small mammals and other wildlife when that feline is allowed to roam, according to several wildlife agencies.

Wandering domestic cats are responsible for the extinction of several mammals, reptiles and at least 33 bird species globally, according to The Wildlife Society. One United States Department of Agriculture publication states that roaming cats may be the second-leading cause for bird extinction worldwide.

The Wildlife Society has a dim view of feral, or free-roaming, cats and describes them as “an invasive species” in its Fact Sheet on feral cats: “An invasive species is an organism that causes or is likely to cause ecological or economic harm, or endanger human health in an environment where it is not native.”

Cats are sexually mature at 6 months and can produce up to three litters of kittens per year, with two to four kittens per litter. According to one study, feral and free-ranging domestic cats kill 1.4 million to 3.7 billion birds and 6.9 billion to 20.7 billion mammals annually in the United States.

During last month’s Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources spring



hearings, citizens in all 72 counties supported an awareness campaign for the DNR and other conservation groups to focus “on the adverse impact outdoor cats have on Wisconsin’s wild bird populations.” State residents voted 9,164-2,462 in favor of the campaign.

The vote serves as an advisory tool to the DNR’s Natural Resources Board and staff policy makers.

One controversial tool used by some communities and humane societies is Trap-Neuter-Release. Feral cats are live-trapped with cage traps, then spayed or neutered and then released back into the wild. In some jurisdictions, releasing domestic cats into the wild is illegal.

TNR is sometimes used on large colonies of feral cats in bigger cities, but it also can be used on barn cats around farms. Most farms have multiple cats to help control the population of mice and rats around barns and livestock operations, and the cost of spaying or neutering numerous cats can get expensive.

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Sarah Magee of Joy's Place Animal Rescue in Gresham, which opened April 1, offers Trap-Neuter-Release as well as re-homing of feral and barn cats. She is holding Cleo, who is available for adoption with her sister, Tinkerbell. CONTRIBUTED

Humane Society does not offer TNR, according to Traci Hutchcraft, animal care manager.

“We don’t do that here,” she said.

Sarah Magee, who used to help there with TNR, now offers it through her own Joy’s Place Animal Rescue in Gresham, but at the cat owner’s request. Her new facility opened April 1

and will soon have 20 cats available for adoption, she said.

Farmers and others with numerous cats are often looking for lower-cost options, so Magee coordinates with Shawano Cares About Critters to do TNR and take the cats to Fox Valley Humane Association in Appleton. The cost is \$45 per cat and includes spaying

or neutering, deworming, rabies and distemper shots. They make the trip one day a month and have averaged about 35 cats per month, Magee said.

There is currently a two-month waiting list for the service. She can be reached at 715-851-6501.

Magee said her TNR service often loans out live traps, but she also helps her customers with trapping advice. Joy’s Place also “re-homes indoor and barn cats,” she noted.

She agrees that most people with cats in the home should not let their animals roam because of a variety of hazards, including cars, predators like coyotes and diseases.

“I don’t think it’s a safe practice,” she said. “Nobody knows whose cat this belongs to.”

She’s also OK with a law that would prevent indoor cats from roaming, similar to the dog laws in most towns and counties. Enforcing such a law on cat owners would likely be difficult, she noted.

The Wildlife Society notes that cats are the primary vector for the parasite that causes toxoplasmosis in humans, which can affect the neurological and ocular systems. It is spread through contact with or consumption of food, water or soil contaminated with

the cat’s feces that carry the parasite’s eggs.

“Managed feral cat colonies” more common in larger cities have food stations that bring many potentially diseased cats together for further spreading the disease to other cats and humans.

Rabies is another disease that can be spread by cats. In New York State from 1993-2002, cats were only 2.7% of the total number of animals with the disease, but were responsible for about a third of all rabies exposure cases in humans, The Wildlife Society noted.

The Oconto Area Humane Society does not offer TNR, although they are not opposed to it.

“We love it. We just don’t have the staff,” said Teresa Cina, shelter outreach coordinator. She said TNR is not a problem “as long as they (free-roaming cats) are fixed.”

The more free-roaming cats there are, the more they will prey on birds, she noted. When asked about letting cats roam, she noted that some are just not used to living indoors.

The Wisconsin Humane Society supports TNR, although feral cats are an unprotected species by state law, as they are domestic animals, and could be shot if running wild, a DNR spokesman said.

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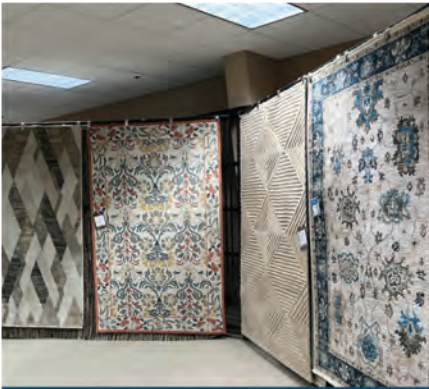
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Bonduel, Gillett students named scholar-athletes

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

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Thompson has a 3.86 GPA.

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

The three-time volleyball all-

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

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

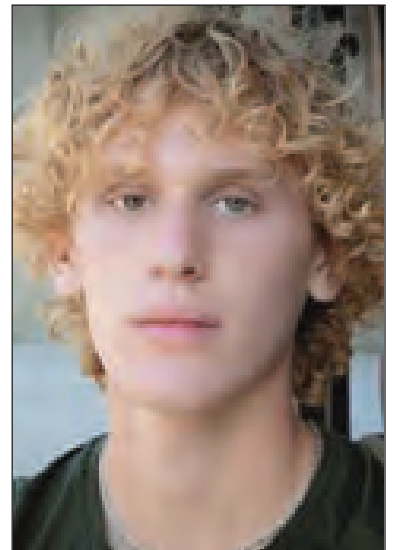
"I do love all three of my sports that I get to play; however, I always have had a special spot in my heart for volleyball and softball," she said. "The adrenaline rush, the teamwork, the jumping up and down in ex-

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

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

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

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



BEN MATCZAK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Panthers drop pair of games, each lasting 8 innings

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

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

Luke Gilbertson hit 1-for-2 with a pair of RBIs.

Easton Engel was the losing pitcher. He pitched 3 2/3 innings, gave up an earned run, walked four and struck out three.

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

The Panthers took Wrightstown into extra in-

nings but dropped the May 3 game 5-2.

Chase Carriveau hit 2-for-3.

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

Bonduel 6, Amherst 1

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

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

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

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

Scoreboard

May 4
Little Chute 4, Oconto Falls 3 (8 innings)
Manitowoc Lincoln 8, Pulaski 1
Manitowoc Lincoln 3,

Pulaski 0
May 3
Bonduel 6, Amherst 1
Coleman 9, Lena 4
Iola-Scandinavia 13, Marion 3
Wrightstown 5, Oconto Falls 2 (8 innings)
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 8, Iola-Scandinavia 1
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 8, Crandon 1
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 3, Crandon 0

April 30 Shawano 13, Menasha 3

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

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

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

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

Shawano improved to

8-6.

Little Chute 2, Oconto Falls 1

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

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

Pittsville 5, Bonduel 0

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

Pittsville broke open a

BASEBALL, CONTINUED ON PAGE 15

Shawano tennis team tops DC Everest

April 30
Fox Valley Lutheran 4, Shawano 3

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

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

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

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

April 29
Shawano 5, D.C. Everest 4

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

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

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

Green Bay Southwest 4, Pulaski 3

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

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

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

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

BASEBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

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

Six Bonduel players had hits in the game.

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

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

Daryn Luther homered for Pittsville.

Bonduel's record falls to 10-3.

Scoreboard

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

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

April 29

Menasha 1, Shawano 0

Menasha 7, Shawano 0

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

Menasha's run was scored in the second inning.

Tom Keszo took the loss on the mound.

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

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

Scoreboard

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



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

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Former NASCAR driver coming to Shawano Speedway in June

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

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

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

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

"We are thrilled to welcome Ken Schrader to

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

Schrader previously competed in the NASCAR

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

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

Normal ticket prices will apply.

Tigerton tops Marion in softball doubleheader

April 30
Rosholt 4, Tigerton 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shawano is 9-6 overall.

Scoreboard

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

Oconto Falls 3, Peshtigo 2

Peshtigo 5, Oconto Falls 3

Pulaski 5, Stevens Point 5

Algoma 5, Shawano 4

Denmark 5, Shawano 1

May 3

Amherst 3, Bonduel 1

Coleman 15, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 0

Tigerton 14, Marion 3

Tigerton 12, Marion 0

Freedom 2, Oconto Falls 0

Pulaski 18, Bay Port 2

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 7, Iola-Scandinavia 6

St. Mary Catholic 12, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1

May 2

Pulaski 20, Sheboygan

South 0

Menasha 6, Shawano 2

May 1

Shawano 19, Green Bay

West/East 0

April 30

Gresham/Bowler 12, Northland Lutheran 7

Gresham/Bowler 7, Northland Lutheran 4

Niagara 12, Gillett/Suring 9

Port Edwards 15, Marion 2

Iola-Scandinavia 10, Menominee Indian 0

Oconto Falls 5, Marinette 2

Pulaski 11, Green Bay

Southwest 0

Seymour 8, Shawano 5

Rosholt 4, Tigerton 3

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 14, Shiocton 8



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Pulaski boys first, girls second at Chilton

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cierra Schnell won gold with a personal best in 300

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

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

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

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

Audrey Weier won a bronze in high jump.

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

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

Seidy Blandon earned a silver medal in the 800.

Rachyl Hutter earned a silver in the 4x100.

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

Hailey Berg earned a silver in the 4x400.

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

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

Griffin Uelmen took

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

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

Oliver Chitwood took a silver medal in the 4x800.

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

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

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

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

Tristin Bierhals earned bronze in the 4x100.

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

Weyauwega-Fremont Invite

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

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

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

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

Kennedy Zuniga won

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

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

Presley Stewart-Rolfs was third in the high jump.

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

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

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

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

Placing third were

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shawano shuts out New London

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

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

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

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

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

April 29 Peshtigo 3, Shawano 0

Golfers enjoy success on the links

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Number of Wisconsin wandering officers on rise

5 employed at Shawano County Sheriff's Office

BY PETER CAMERON
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Wandering officers — police and jailers who were fired or forced out from a previous job in law enforcement — have increased in Wisconsin by more than 50% since 2021, an investigation by The Badger Project has found.

More than 300 active officers in the state were negatively separated from previously law enforcement jobs in Wisconsin, according to records obtained by The Badger Project. The number does not include wandering officers who came from other states.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Office has five wandering officers on its force today, compared to three in 2021.

In 2021, the number of wandering officers in Wisconsin totaled fewer than 200, according to an

investigation by The Badger Project.

A total of about 15,000 law enforcement officers, including those working in jails and other detention facilities, are employed in Wisconsin, according to the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Wandering officers make up about 2% of the total.

More than 1,900 officers in Wisconsin have been negatively separated — meaning they were terminated, resigned in lieu of resignation or resigned prior to completion of an internal investigation — since 2017 when the state DOJ started requiring agencies to report that statistic.

Many wandering officers are simply rookies who didn't perform at an acceptable level during their initial training probationary period, when the bar to fire them is very low, experts say. Or they were unable to handle the pressure of working in a busy urban area and can thrive at a slower pace in a smaller town.

But for others, miscon-

duct — including lying, public intoxication and harassment — led to them losing their law enforcement positions.

Rehiring these people can create issues. Wandering officers are more likely to get fired again or commit moral character violations compared to rookies and officers who have never been fired, research suggests.

The cop crunch

Reflecting a national trend, the number of law enforcement officers in Wisconsin continues to decline.

Last year, the number of officers policing the public and excluding those working exclusively in correctional facilities fell again to less than 13,000, according to data from the state DOJ. That's the lowest number of patrol officers since at least 2008, when the DOJ started keeping track.

The number of Wisconsin law enforcement officers has been sinking since at least then, a "cop crunch" that puts pressure on law enforcement agencies trying to fill positions.

"Police chiefs nationwide are struggling to find quality candidates," said Patrick Solar, an associate professor of criminal justice at UW-Platteville and a former police chief in Illinois.

"People who might have this calling are just unwilling to take the risk of entering a career field that has been so unfairly maligned. As a result, I am sure that standards are being lowered to get warm bodies in squad cars, even if those bodies would not have been considered just 10 years ago."

Others set the reason for the shortage on the shoulders of police for creating unflattering reputations in some circles.

Whatever the reason, fewer people are going into law enforcement.

To work as a police officer in Wisconsin, a person must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma and earn 60 credits from an accredited institution of higher education in any field within five years of becoming a police officer, according to state rules. Many officers meet the last requirement by graduating

from a law enforcement academy or earning an associate's degree.

Those standards remain intact, said Steven Wagner, administrator of the Division of Law Enforcement Services at the Wisconsin DOJ.

Law enforcement agencies can and often do have more stringent requirements, Wagner said, noting that most require officers to be 21 years old and earn the 60 credits before starting the job.

Reasons vary

The sheriff's departments in Waukesha and Milwaukee counties and the city of Milwaukee's police department employ the most wandering officers in the state, an analysis by The Badger Project found.

The number of wandering officers at the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office has remained relatively consistent — 12 in 2021 and at least 16 now. More than half are jail officers. Several failed training programs or exams as probationary officers in previous stints with the Milwaukee County

Sheriff's Office, then studied more, reapplied after a waiting period and passed the second time, said James Burnett, a spokesman for the office.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Office only employed about four wandering officers in 2021, but now has at least 14.

The sheriff's department has not reduced its hiring standards, said James Gumm, an inspector with the department. "However, we face the same employment challenges that all law enforcement agencies are facing in our current environment," Gumm said.

Many officers on the state's negative separation list were novices unable to complete training with a previous law enforcement agency but found success elsewhere, "which is very common in law enforcement," Gumm said.

The Milwaukee Police Department employed one wandering officer in 2021, and now has at least 12.

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▪ Chaise D. Cook, 26, Keshena, pleaded no contest May 2 to two counts of possession of methamphetamine, three counts of felony bail jumping and three misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced him to two years in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision.

▪ Mark A. Cibowski, 50, Bonduel, pleaded no contest May 1 to felony disorderly conduct as a domestic abuse repeater, felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of retail theft. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

▪ John A. Dentice, 60, pleaded no contest May 1 to maintaining a drug trafficking place and misdemeanor charges of possession of THC and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Leon Stenz withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

▪ Anna Marie Lucier, 35, Appleton, was charged April 29 with possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia needed to produce methamphetamine. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for June 18.

▪ Analecia L. Teller, 37, Keshena, was charged April 29 with disorderly conduct as a domestic abuse repeater. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for June 10.

▪ Matthew F. Dodge, 36, Shawano, was charged April 29 with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for June 3.

▪ Christopher W. Blum, 48, Gresham, was charged April 29 with possession of parapherna-

lia needed to produce methamphetamine. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for June 18.

▪ Tammy T. Truax, 63, Shawano, was charged April 29 with disorderly conduct as a domestic abuse repeater. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for June 10.

▪ Eian Z. Probst, 19, Marion, was charged April 30 with first-degree child sex assault and repeated sexual assault of the same child. Sloma set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 3, when Probst waived the time limits for holding such a hearing and Kussel scheduled a status conference for June 3.

▪ Marquita R. House, 35, Keshena, was charged April 30 with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misde-

meanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for June 18.

▪ Maddison M. Sodergren, 26, Green Bay, was charged April 30 with operating a vehicle without the owner's consent and two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 7.

▪ Ayesha M. Dodge, 28, Keshena, was charged April 30 with possession of narcotic drugs, three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 7.

▪ Louis J. Sanapaw, 26, Keshena, was charged May 2 with felony bail jumping and a

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▪ David W. Lewellyn, 48, Cecil, was charged May 3 with second-degree sexual assault

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PUBLIC NOTICE is given to all persons in the Village of Gresham, County of Shawano that a public hearing will be held on **May 21, 2024 at 5:00 P.M./ Village Hall, 801 Main Street, Gresham, Wisconsin** to receive public comment on the Floodplain Zoning Ordinance for the Village of Gresham. For more specifically described below under "ORDINANCE DESCRIPTION".

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The public is urged to submit written comments by letter, or email, which must be received no later than Noon on **May 21, 2024, or 5:00 p.m.** Public Hearing. Written comments will receive the same attention as verbal comments received at the Public Hearing. Please address written comments to Brian Carroll, P.O. Box 50, Gresham, WI 54128; by email bcarroll@villageofgresham.us or email to clerk@villageofgresham.us

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County of Shawano, Village of Gresham Citizen Participation Planning Committee

 Village President

Dated: April 22, 2024
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beholden to the base that got them there,” Behnke said, referring to corporate lobbyists. “So here’s my promise to you: If you get out there and get me elected in the 6th, I will never put any lobbyists’ needs in front of your needs.”

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

“Everybody said don’t change, don’t let politics change you, and so I haven’t changed,” he said. “That’s why I’m not on a committee as a second-term legisla-

tor — I don’t do what I’m told by Madison, I do what I’m told by the people that elected me and pay my salary.”

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

The boundary of the new 6th District, where Schmidt

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

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

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

in recent years.

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

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

County GOP Chairman Richard Kucksdorf criticized Schmidt for several votes including bills to permit abortion up to 14

weeks and to legalize medical marijuana, both of which Behnke opposed.

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

Schmidt said as he campaigns door to door, he is hearing concerns about child care and inflation.

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

“I enjoy talking with

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

People have seen how he is willing to stand by the people of his district, and that will help as he runs for re-election, Schmidt said.

Behnke and Schmidt will square off Aug. 13 for the right to advance to the Nov. 5 ballot. As of May 1, no Democratic candidate had filed for the post.

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Case No. 24PR23
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL LEE FRANK d.o.d. 02/16/2020
A Petition for Appointment of a Special Administrator was filed.
THE COURT FINDS: The decedent, with date of birth 08/23/1953 and date of death 02/16/2020 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N6985 Menominee Dr., Shawano, WI 54166
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The Petition be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI 54166, Branch 2, before Judge William Kussel, Jr. Court Official on June 3, 2024, at 10:00 am. You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
2. Notice by publication is required. Publication of this notice is notice to any interested persons whose names or addresses are unknown. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
/s/ William F. Kussel, Jr.
Circuit Court Judge
04-23-2024
Attorney Gabrielle Boehm
P.O. Box 717
Mukwonago, WI 53149
262-363-7311
Bar Number: 1011378
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05/10/24, 05/17/24
TOWN OF WITTENBERG
REQUEST FOR QUOTES
FOR CHIP SEALING
The Town of Wittenberg is requesting quotes for chip sealing on the Town roads for 2024. The quote should be made based on the price per mile with a width of 20 feet. Any questions should be directed to Dick Beversdorf 715-253-2908 or 715-881-3998. Quotes should be in a sealed envelope and marked "2024 Chip Sealing" and mailed to the Town of Wittenberg PO Box 186, Wittenberg, WI 54499. Quotes should be received no later than Tuesday, May 21, 2024 by 6:30pm. The quotes will be opened during the regular Town Board meeting. The Board reserves the right to accept/decline any/all quotes.
MARIA F DONAT, Clerk
Town of Wittenberg
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05/03/24, 05/10/24
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Before the Town of Hartland Planning Commission
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Hartland Town Hall located at W3454 County Road BE, Bonduel, Wisconsin, the Town of Hartland Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering the following petition:
Allen Bontrager requests a zoning map amendment (rezoning) of the "Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hartland, Shawano County, Wisconsin", to rezone tax parcel number 022-07240-0010 (Rocky Lane) from the Farmland Preservation (FP) District to the Agricultural and Forestry General (AFG) District. The purpose of the request is to allow for establishment of an "Indoor Storage and Wholesaling" land use on the subject property.
Additional information or a copy of the conditional use permit application are available upon request filed with the Town Clerk, Carrie Bohm, at (715) 851-3107 or clerk@townofhartland.wi.gov. The hearing is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to appear in person or by agent and be heard. If you cannot appear in-person, any person may submit written comments by letter addressed to: Town of Hartland, Attn: Carrie Bohm, N4058 N. High Line Rd, Bonduel, WI 54107, or by email to clerk@townofhartland.wi.gov.
Town of Hartland
Carrie Bohm, Clerk
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05/03/24, 05/10/24
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF CECIL, WISCONSIN
VILLAGE FLOODPLAIN
ZONING ORDINANCE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 5:45PM, at the Village Hall, 111 E Hofman Street, Cecil, Wisconsin, before the Village of Cecil Board of Trustees, to solicit comments on proposed floodplain zoning ordinance and map revisions that are required by state and federal law. These revisions govern development in mapped floodplain areas. The proposed ordinance/map revisions are on file in the office of the Village Clerk. The proposed regulations are intended to protect life, health and property in floodplain areas and will govern uses permitted in mapped floodplains. Activities such as dredging, filling, excavating and construction of buildings are generally allowed, but may be restricted according to which flood zone the property is in. A copy of the proposed ordinance will be on file and open for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk for a period of two weeks prior to this Public Hearing. All persons interested and invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk at 111 E Hofman Street, PO Box 159, Cecil, WI 54111.
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REQUEST FOR BIDS
SHAWANO COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF HUMAN SERVICES
AGING UNIT
ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN
TITLE III-C NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.
The Shawano County Department of Human Services – Aging Unit is accepting meal bids for meals to be served at sites in the community and/or for pre-packaged meals for home deliveries for a two year contract starting with the year 2025.
All food must be prepared in state approved facilities.
Bid specifications can be requested from the Shawano County Department of HumanServices – Aging Unit, W7327 Anderson Ave, Shawano, Wisconsin 54166.
ATTENTION: Heidi Russell, Director of Aging, OR by calling 715-526-4686. Please phone with any questions regarding the bid packet.
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04/26/24, 05/03/24, 05/10/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 29
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: COLTEN J. TREPTOW
DOD: January 13, 2024
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth July 17, 1998 and date of death January 13, 2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N693 Maple Road, Pulaski, WI 54162.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 29, 2024 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
/s/ Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar
04-15-2024
Attorney Christina L. Peterson -
HANAWAY ROSS, S.C.
345 South Jefferson Street
Green Bay, WI 54301
920-432-3381
Bar No. 1045760
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION)
CASE NO. 24PR31
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH M. HOFFMAN
DOD: 11/28/2023
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with a date of birth 7/14/1952 and date of death 11/28/2023, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5375 Jeffrey Court, Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 2, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI, Room 202, Probate Office. Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman, Probate Registrar
DATE SIGNED: April 19, 2024
Frederick L. Schmidt
Law Firm of Conway, Olejniczak & Jerry, S.C.
231 S. Adams St./PO Box 23200
Green Bay, WI 54305-3200
(920) 437-0476
Bar number 1004407
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF BOWLER, WISCONSIN
VILLAGE FLOODPLAIN ZONING ORDINANCE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00PM** at the Village Hall, 107 W Main St, Bowler, WI, before the Village of Bowler Board of Trustees, to solicit comments on proposed floodplain zoning ordinance and map revisions that are required by state and federal law. These revisions govern development in mapped floodplain areas. The proposed ordinance/map revisions are on file in the office of the Village Clerk.
The proposed regulations are intended to protect life, health and property in floodplain areas and will govern uses permitted in mapped floodplains. Activities such as dredging, filling, excavating and construction of buildings are generally allowed, but may be restricted according to which flood zone the property is in. A copy of the proposed ordinance will be on file and open for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk for a period of two weeks prior to this Public Hearing .
All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk at 107 W Main St, PO Box 68, Bowler, WI.
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05/03/24, 05/10/24, 05/17/24
Our File #W142132
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
DISCOVER BANK
Plaintiff, Case No. 24CV000057
vs.
KODY P HOFMAN
Defendant.
AMENDED SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
TO: KODY P HOFMAN
W4610 TOWN LINE RD
BONDUEL WI 54107-8821
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
Within Forty (40) days after May 3, 2024, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY, 311 N MAIN ST, SHAWANO WI 54166 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above.
If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against your own real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin April 16, 2024.
KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:
/S/SAMUEL OLSON
SAMUEL OLSON
State Bar No. 1104219
Attorney for Plaintiff
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05/10/24, 05/17/24, 05/24/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24PR33
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DEANNA G. LAWRENCE
Date of Death: 10/14/2022
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/11/1964 and date of death 10/14/2022, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 585 Prospect Circle, Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 9, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
/s/ Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar
04-26-2024
Scott J. Curtis, Curtis Law Firm, LLC
201 Main Street, Suite 1000
La Crosse, WI 54601
608-433-2250
Bar No. 1090049
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05/03/24, 05/10/24
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF BOWLER, WISCONSIN
VILLAGE FLOODPLAIN ZONING ORDINANCE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00PM** at the Village Hall, 107 W Main St, Bowler, WI, before the Village of Bowler Board of Trustees, to solicit comments on proposed floodplain zoning ordinance and map revisions that are required by state and federal law. These revisions govern development in mapped floodplain areas. The proposed ordinance/map revisions are on file in the office of the Village Clerk.
The proposed regulations are intended to protect life, health and property in floodplain areas and will govern uses permitted in mapped floodplains. Activities such as dredging, filling, excavating and construction of buildings are generally allowed, but may be restricted according to which flood zone the property is in. A copy of the proposed ordinance will be on file and open for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk for a period of two weeks prior to this Public Hearing .
All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk at 107 W Main St, PO Box 68, Bowler, WI.
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Our File #W142132
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
DISCOVER BANK
Plaintiff, Case No. 24CV000057
vs.
KODY P HOFMAN
Defendant.
AMENDED SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
TO: KODY P HOFMAN
W4610 TOWN LINE RD
BONDUEL WI 54107-8821
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
Within Forty (40) days after May 3, 2024, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY, 311 N MAIN ST, SHAWANO WI 54166 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above.
If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against your own real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin April 16, 2024.
KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:
/S/SAMUEL OLSON
SAMUEL OLSON
State Bar No. 1104219
Attorney for Plaintiff
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05/10/24, 05/17/24
TOWN OF WITTENBERG
REQUEST FOR QUOTES
FOR CRACK FILLING
The Town of Wittenberg is requesting quotes for crack filling on the Town roads for 2024. The quote should be made based on the price per pound. Any questions should be directed to Dick Beversdorf 715-253-2908 or 715-881-3998. Quotes should be in a sealed envelope and marked "2024 Crack Filling" and mailed to the Town of Wittenberg PO Box 186, Wittenberg, WI 54499. Quotes should be received no later than Tuesday, May 21, 2024 by 6:30pm. The quotes will be opened during the regular Town Board meeting. The Board reserves the right to accept/decline any/all quotes.
MARIA F DONAT, Clerk
Town of Wittenberg
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05/10/24, 05/17/24, 05/24/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MENOMINEE COUNTY
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
CASE NO. 24-CV-6
HON. WILLIAM F. KUSSEL JR.
Money Judgment: 30301 The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00
AND Other Contracts: 30303 Wis.
Stat. § 810 Replevin
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
PO BOX 107
ANTIGO, WI 54409
Plaintiff,
v
BERNARD BRISK SR.
417 W. 3RD STREET
SHAWANO, WI 54166
Defendant.
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,
To each person named above as a defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
Within 40 days after the date of first publication, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Menominee Circuit Court, whose address is Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166, and to Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 413 North 2nd Street, Suite 150, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
DATED at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 1, 2024.
GALANIS, POLLACK,
JACOBS & JOHNSON, SC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
/S/ Electronically signed
Joshua J. Brady
WI State Bar No. 1041428
P. O. Address:
413 N. 2nd Street
Suite 150
Milwaukee, WI 53203
Telephone: (414) 271-5400
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Village of Gresham
Application for License
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following have applied for liquor license in the Village of Gresham for the licensing period beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The application will be acted upon Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Board Meeting at the Gresham Village Hall, 801 Main St., Gresham, WI. 54166
Names and addresses of applicants:
Class "B" Beer Retailers' License
Gresham Legion Post 390, 951 Main St, Gresham WI, Robert Rigbsy, N5866 Rock Rd. Leopolis, WI 54948 Agent
Class "B" Liquor & Class "B" Beer Retail License
Sassy's Bad Habit 1219 Main St. Gresham, WI 54128. Brian Dury, 1219 Main Street, Gresham, WI 54128 Agent.
Woodland Supper Club LLC, 420 S Main St. Gresham WI 54128. Jeffery Scott White, N5669 Riverside, Shawano WI 54166 Owner. Alexander White, W7050 Curt Black Rd., Shawano, WI 54166 Agent.
Whiskey Wells AKA Side Bar 823 E Richards St, Gresham WI 54128. David Hohn, W11706 Mill Creek Rd., Gresham WI 54128 Owner/Agent.
Jungles on Main LLC, 1215 Main Street, Gresham, WI 54128, Cindy M. Jungenberg N8176 Big Lake Rd, Gresham WI 54128 Owners/Manager, Cindy Jungenberg N8176 Big Lake Rd., Gresham, WI 54128 Agent.
Class "A" Liquor Retail License
Gresham TownMart LLC, 1129 Main St, Gresham WI 54128 Owners Anne & Joel Boucher, N7213 Sunset Dr., Gresham, WI 54128. Agent Anne Boucher, N7213 Sunset Dr., Gresham, WI 54128.
Dolgancom LLC, Dollar General Store #20206, 380 Main St, Gresham, WI 54128
Agent Ricky L. Lamp, 1220 Engel Dr. Apt 202, Shawano, WI 54166.
Class "B" Beer Retailers' License 6-month license
Gresham Baseball Club, 1490 Veterans Park, Gresham, WI 54128, Joe R. Ejnik, W11246 County Rd A., Gresham, WI 54128 Agent.
Gresham Youth Baseball, Memorial Athletic Park, 1300 Knoke Street., Gresham, WI 54128. Brett Nelson, 631Schabow Street, Gresham, WI 54128 Agent.
Judith Kristof, Village of Gresham Clerk/Treasurer
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04/26/24, 05/03/24, 05/10/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MENOMINEE COUNTY
Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24PR04
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF John T. Deck
DOD 5-4-2023
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 9-26-1945 and date of death 5-4-2023 was domiciled in Menominee County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N1446 Silver Canoe Lane, Keshena, WI 54135
3. An application will be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202 Probate, before Gwen Hoffman, Probate Registrar, on May 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 26, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano/Menominee County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202 Probate.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-8611 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. James E. Aschenbrener P.O. Box 146 Shawano, WI 54166 715-524-6258 Bar Number 1008896
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Village of Gresham
Application for License
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Judith Kristof, Village of Gresham Clerk/Treasurer
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OBITUARIES

James L. Gutt

James Lloyd Gutt, 86, of Shawano, died on Monday, April 29, 2024, at Theda-Care Medical Center in Appleton.

Jim was born on Jan. 22, 1938, in the Town of Almon, the son of Walter and Hilda (nee Hanson) Gutt.

Jim attended the Regina School and graduated from Bowler High School in 1956. He farmed with his father on the family homestead until 1959 at which time he took a job at Kraft Foods in Wausau.

On July 30, 1960, he married Lillian Zwieg at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Clintonville, and they made their home in Wausau. In 1966, they returned to the Bowler area. They purchased a home 1/4 mile south of the home-place and worked together until her death on March 1, 1992. Jim, his brother Lloyd, and father Walter continued to build a successful farm operation.

Jim was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bowler. He held the office of president of the St. Paul Church Council for four years as well as other church



positions. He served on the Almon Town Board for 30-plus years. He served as chairperson of the Bowler Area Fire Department #3 board. Jim also served on the Town of Almon Zoning Board as well as the Shawano County Board of Adjustment. He was a member of the Shawano County Historical Society and an officer with the Bowler Area Historical Society. Jim helped regularly with the food pantry at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

On May 24, 1997, Jim married Sandra Johnson at St. Paul Lutheran Church. They made their home in Almon Township and most recently in Shawano.

Jim is survived by his wife, Sandra; daughter, Michelle (Christofer) Johnson; brother, Lloyd (Carolyn) Gutt; nephews, Justin (Molly) Gutt and Aaron (Samantha) Gutt; stepchildren, Laurie Ringquist, Kristine (Don) Tetting, Diane (Bruce) Brusoe, Ryan (Cindy) Johnson; step-grandchildren, Dylan and Jordan Johnson, Rachel and Hannah Ringquist, Ailysh and Adrian Tetting, Henry and Martin Brusoe.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Lillian; infant son, Bruce; sister-in-law, Dawn Gutt; and stepson-in-law, Evan Ringquist.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bowler. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in the Town of Almon.

In lieu of flowers, please plant a tree in memory of Jim.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschul-ta.com.

Sharon J. Lubinski, 71, of Minnetonka, Minnesota, passed away April 19, 2024.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents; brother, David; and sister-in-law, Joann.

Sharon excelled in her career, enjoying 39 years in law enforcement, including as a detective in the Dane County Sheriff's Department, 23 years in the Minneapolis Police Department, culminating in her assignment as assistant chief, and a service of more than six years as the U.S. marshal.

Well-regarded by coworkers and superiors alike, her achievements were many. At MPD, she organized fellow officers to identify as gay to their police chief. Sharon was coordinator for the MN HEALS project to reduce Minneapolis homicides. Committed to community policing, she worked on issues of community concern with Indigenous, Somali, Hmong and African

Helen M. Jaeger, 86, of Bear Creek, passed away

Sharon J. Lubinski



American communities.

Possessed of a commitment to be of service whether on duty or not, Sharon played an important role for MPD during the 35W bridge collapse.

As the first female U.S. marshal to serve the Minnesota District, she brought all her considerable law enforcement skills, experience and insight to the job for the good of all. A strong leader and determined person, Sharon brought values of compassion, appreciation, respect,

Helen M. Jaeger

Sunday, April 28, 2024. Eberhardt-Stevenson

non-judgement, kindness and happiness into all aspects of her life, work and play. She manifested these values while living and speaking with others, even during times of conflict.

Sharon retired in 2016 to travel, enjoy family and friends and continue her love of opera, running, astronomy and nature. A romantic, loving spouse and wonderful friend, she was funny, caring and cooperative.

Sharon is survived by her spouse of 38 years, Fran; brother, Travis; sister, Toni; many relatives and friends. Family was with Sharon as she passed, her life ending too soon. Sharon's smile, humor and kindness will be sorely missed by all.

In lieu of flowers and to conserve the birds she loved, donate to International Crane Fo., Attn: Gift Processing, P.O. Box 447, Baraboo, WI 53913; phone 608-356-9462, ext. 807.

Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

May 5

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including assisting with a fire on North Ellms Street in Wittenberg; property theft on Maple Street in Birnamwood; explosives on U.S. Highway 45 in Aniwa; vehicle fire on Mink Ranch Lane in the Town of Richmond; one 911 call; four reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; three crashes, one involving deer.

May 4

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including trespassing on state Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland; assisting with a fire on Park Avenue in the Town of Wescott; property damage on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; assisting with a fire on Kolpack Road in the Town of Almon; trespassing on Forest Haven Road in the Town of Richmond; weapon offense on Wipperwill Lane in the Town of Wescott; property theft on Cedar Street in Tigerton; harassment on State Road in Birnamwood; trespassing at the Novitiate, W9711 Butternut Road in the Town of Herman; two 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one crash.

May 3

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including property damage on Grunewald Road in the Town of Grant; vehicle theft on North Avenue in Mattoon; noise on Wipperwill Lane in the Town of Wescott; extradition at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; warrant at Menominee Tribal Jail, 3293 Wolf River Road, Keshena; four 911 calls; five reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; four crashes, two involving deer.

May 2

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including an eviction

on County Road M in the Town of Grant; found property at Bonduel High School, 400 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel; two traffic hazards; two crashes, one involving a turkey.

May 1

Deputies responded to 28 incidents, including operating without a license on Church Road in the Town of Birnamwood; warrant at Menominee Tribal Jail, 3293 Wolf River Road, Keshena; warrant on North Cecil Street in Bonduel; sexual assault on East Limit Street in Cecil; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; one crash.

April 30

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including criminal damage on Hiawatha Court in the Town of Wescott; threatening at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; found property on Burma Road in the Town of Grant; trespassing on Second Street in Mattoon; one 911 call; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one crash.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 5

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including found property at Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle; restraining order violation on East Stevens Street; DNR violation at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; drug offenses on East Green Bay Street; fight in progress at Sharona's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; repossession on South Lincoln Street.

May 4

No report was submitted by press time.

May 3

Officers responded to 32 incidents, including trespassing at Lutheran Counseling and Family Services Thrift Store, 2324 E. Richmond St.; intoxicated person at Sturgeon Park,

811 S. Water St.; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; operating without a license at McDonald's, 1202 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on South Union Street.

May 2

Officers responded to 20 incidents, including trespassing at The Gathering, 2400 E. Richmond St.; vehicle crash with injuries on West Green Bay Street; vehicle crash with property damage at Coldwell

Banker, 105 S. Washington St.; found property om East Lieg Avenue; truancy on East Center Street; threatening at Olga Brenner Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.

May 1

Officers responded to 21 incidents, including found property at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; found property on South Franklin Street; death investigation at an undisclosed location;

suicide at an undisclosed location; juvenile problem at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; assault at St. James Lutheran School, 324 S. Andrews St.; lost property at Shawano Leader, 1464 E. Green Bay St.; threatening on Madison Way; warrant arrest on North Main Street.

April 30

Officers responded to 30

incidents, including repossession on South Smalley Street; noise on Prospect Circle; operating while intoxicated on East Green Bay Street; found property at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; death investigation at an undisclosed location; scam at Shawano Public Library, 128 S. Sawyer St.; property theft on East Green Bay Street; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

Bowler School District Notice of Change in Adopted Budget			
Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of Bowler, on April 22, 2024, adopted the following changes to previously budgeted 2023-24 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget items with changes. Unchanged line items are not presented.			
GENERAL FUND 10	Previous Approved Amount \$	Amended Approved Amount \$	Change \$
Ending Fund Balance	2,972,131.75	2,987,945.75	15,814.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Local Sources (Source 200)	1,210,220.00	1,269,220.00	59,000.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	267,065.00	232,323.00	(34,742.00)
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	24,178.00	14,178.00	(10,000.00)
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	17,000.00	10,210.00	(6,790.00)
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	7,198,972.00	7,206,440.00	7,468.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Support Services (Function 200 000)	3,211,908.00	3,226,908.00	15,000.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	1,692,681.00	1,669,335.00	(23,346.00)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	7,873,654.00	7,865,308.00	(8,346.00)
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND 27	Previous Approved Amount \$	Amended Approved Amount \$	Change \$
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,175,354.00	1,185,354.00	10,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,175,354.00	1,185,354.00	10,000.00
FOOD SERVICE FUND 50	Previous Approved Amount \$	Amended Approved Amount \$	Change \$
Ending Fund Balance	9,847.57	(24,648.43)	(34,496.00)
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	274,284.00	264,788.00	(9,496.00)
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	272,711.00	297,711.00	25,000.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND 80	Previous Approved Amount \$	Amended Approved Amount \$	Change \$
Ending Fund Balance	(375.99)	(12,905.99)	(12,530.00)
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	312,054.00	299,524.00	(12,530.00)
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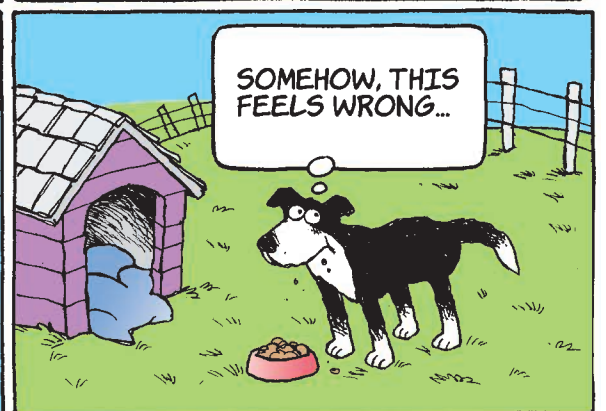
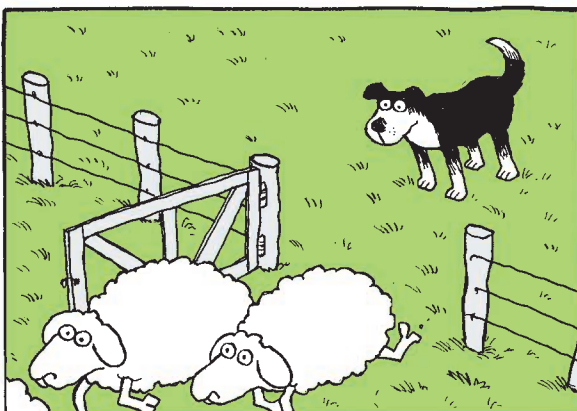
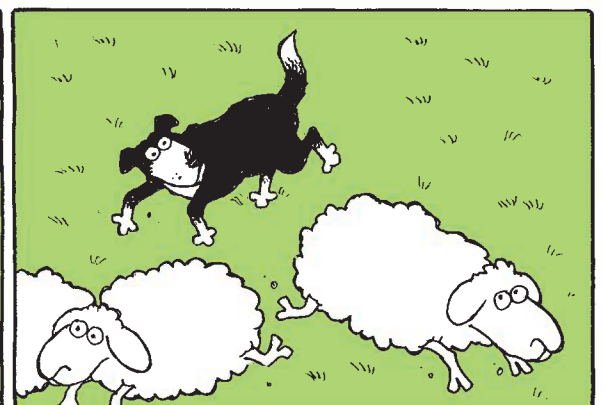
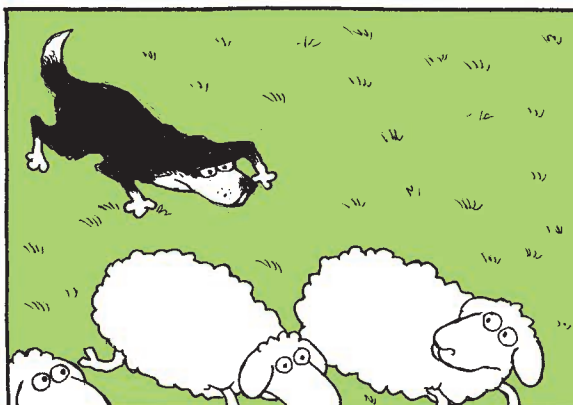
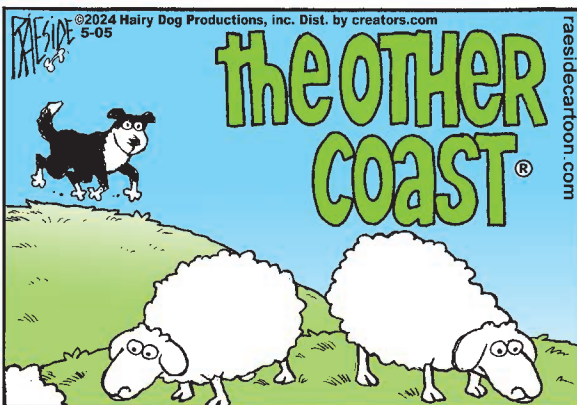
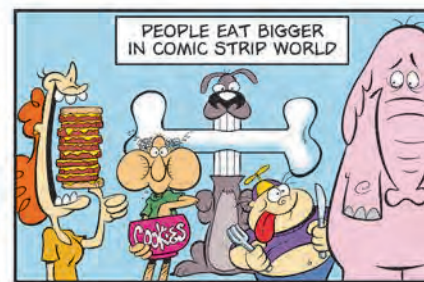
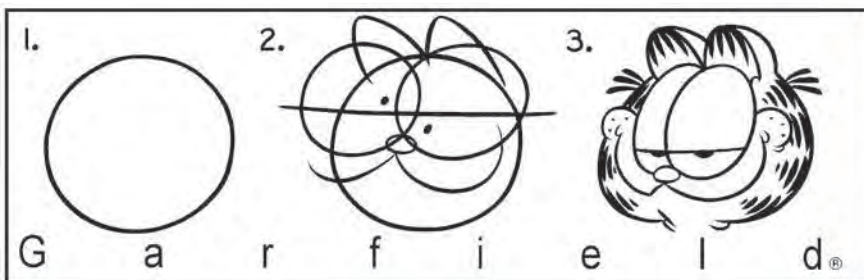
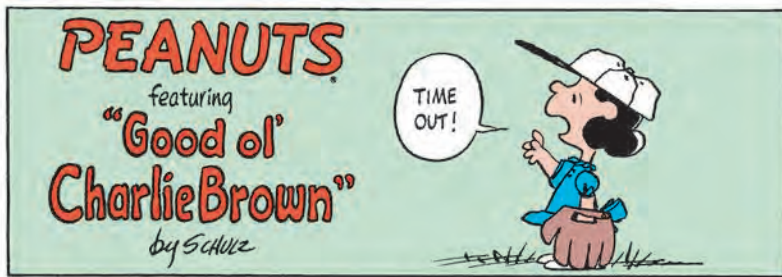


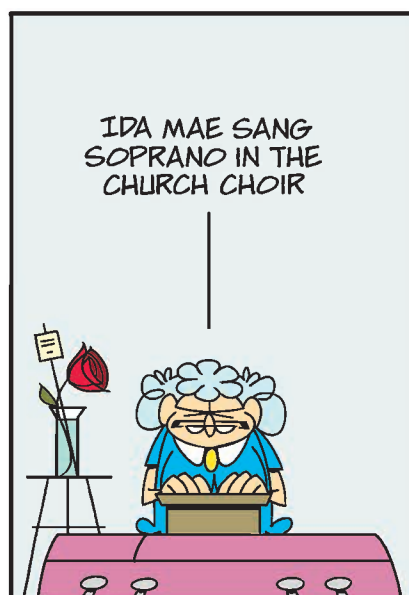
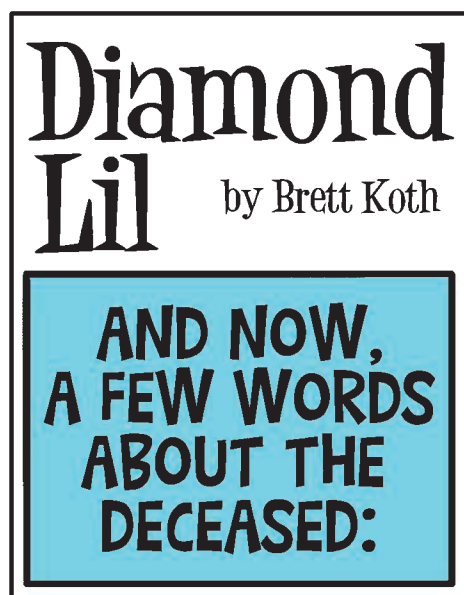
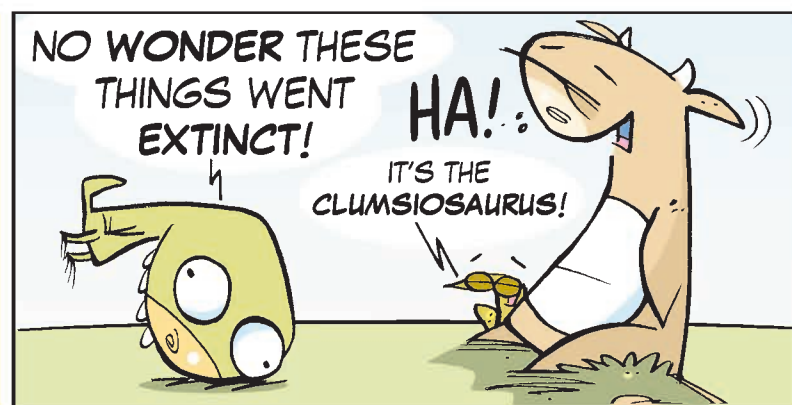
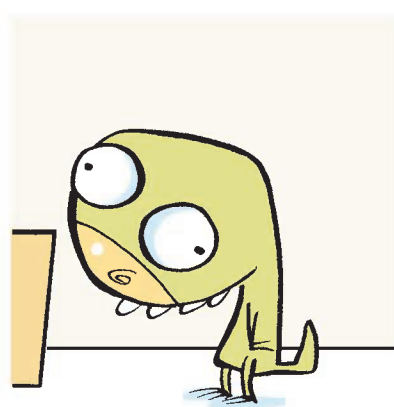
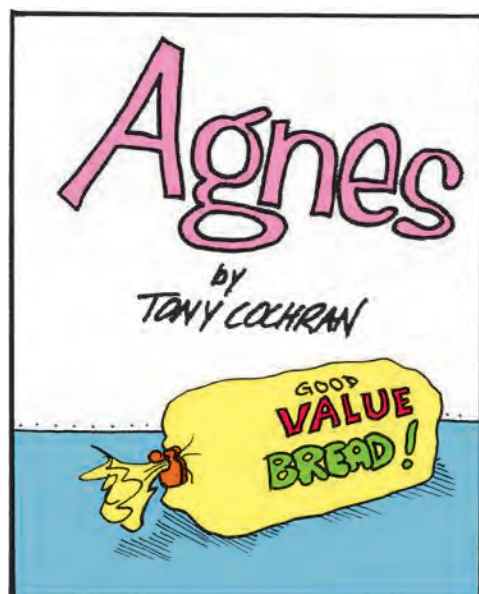
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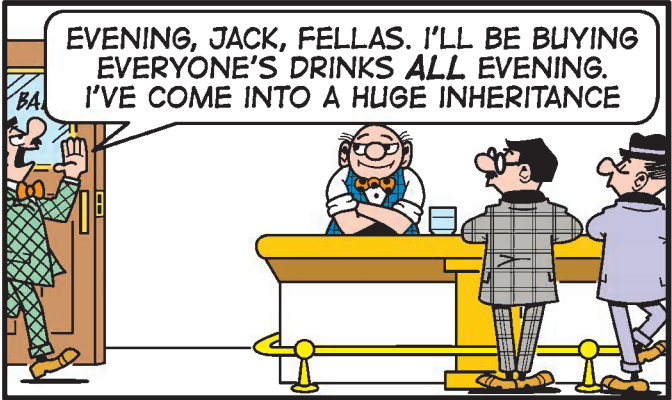
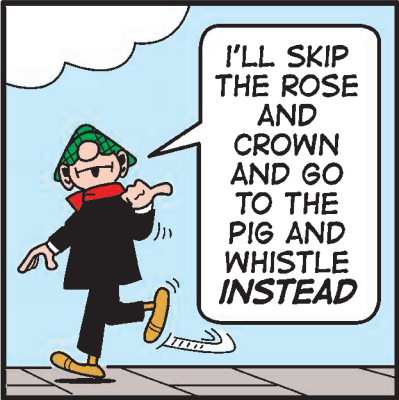
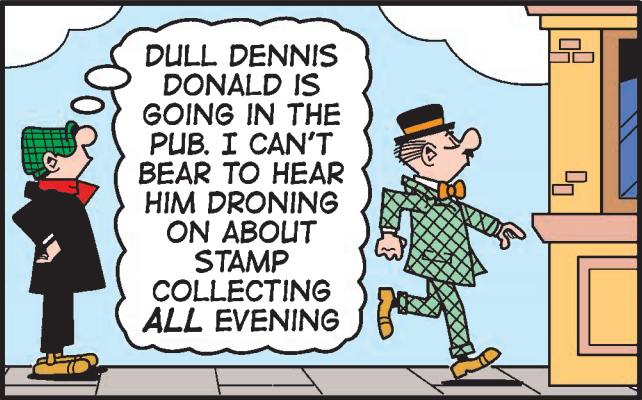
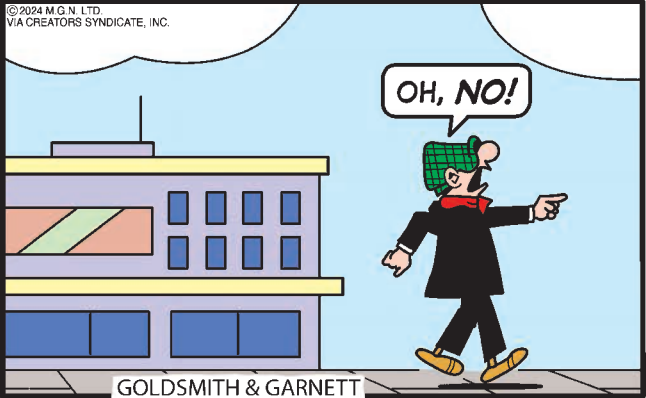
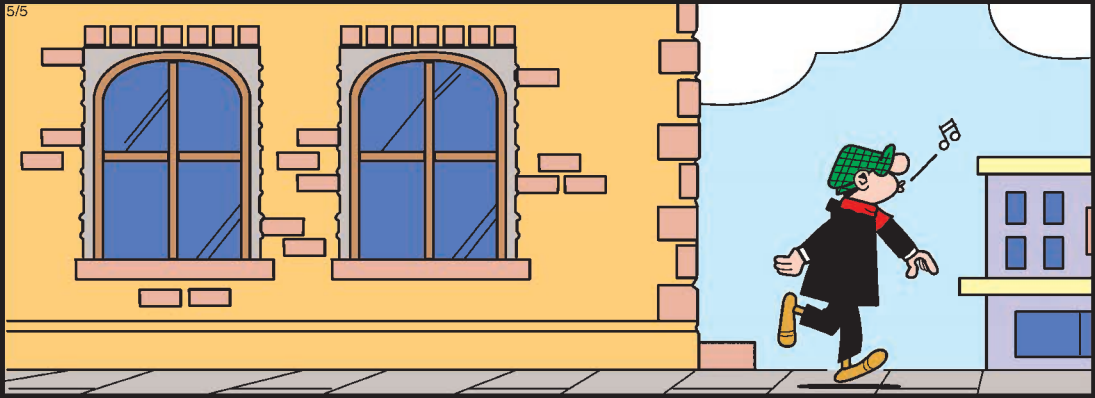
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