



Jaime Lee, center, introduces the new Golden Girl, Ramona Meidam, and Golden Boy, Casey Johnson, June 1 on the main stage at Sun Drop Dayz. Meidam and Johnson will be working with Lee for the next year creating content for Twig's Beverage, the local soda company. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Two Shawano children meet gold(en) standard

Twig's selects pair of fourth-grade students to represent company

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Many children try to be good, but in Shawano, two of them are now considered golden.

Twig's Beverage announced its first-ever Golden Girl and Golden Boy on June 1 at Sun Drop Dayz, with Ramona Meidam and Casey Johnson taking those titles for the next 12 months.

More than 30 fourth-grade students applied in the contest, according to Jaime Lee, who created the contest. The Sun Drop spokesmodel wanted to provide the opportunity for children to pursue their dreams and for her to work with them to be even better than they are now.

"We had many applications," Lee said during the presentation. "We were looking for one Golden Boy and one Golden Girl to represent our beloved soda

company, and we were looking for family values, hometown values, kids that love to give back to their community and that had a dream. It doesn't matter how old you are or where you come from, you can make your dreams come true right here in Shawano."

Lee said Meidam and Johnson's applications really stood out. Meidam's in the fourth grade at Sacred Heart with the dream of being a paleontologist. She's the daughter of Virginia and Jed Meidam.

"She helps her neighbors," Lee said. "She's always kind and helps her new teacher, who is from a different country. She's always giving a smile to her friends

and family members and has beautiful red hair."

Johnson is a fourth-grade student at Olga Brenner Intermediate School who dreams of being a professional athlete. His parents are Jake and Katie Johnson.

"He helps his teammates, is always positive and encouraging, and he helps his family," Lee said.

Meidam and Johnson will both receive a year's supply of Sun Drop and get to ride in the Sun Drop limousine for the Shawano Santa Parade in December. The pair will work with Lee on a variety of projects in the next year showcasing Sun Drop.

"I'm really excited," Meidam said. "Ever since I was 3, I loved dinosaurs and I watched every single 'Jurassic Park' and 'Jurassic World' movie, and I just

Eucharistic Pilgrimage to include Cecil parish

Bishops call for revival in belief that Christ is truly present in Eucharistic bread

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

A once-in-a-lifetime event will take place at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish in Cecil this summer.

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops has called for a National Eucharistic Revival, which includes a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage bringing Jesus to different cities and villages throughout the United States. Cecil is one of the stops along the Marian Route, with celebratory events scheduled for June 12.

"There are four national routes, each ending in Indianapolis in July," said Deacon Todd Raether, pastoral leader of St. Martin's. "A group of eight pilgrims will travel this entire route from its beginning in northern Minnesota. When the route was planned, it was decided they would spend the night at Camp Tekakwitha, which is in our parish. That's how we were chosen to participate."

Camp Tekakwitha is a youth summer camp of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay, located on Lake Drive on the southern end of Loon Lake.

A core belief of the Catholic faith is that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharistic bread.

"A Pew Research Center survey showed only 30% of Catholics believe in the true presence of Jesus in the (communion) bread," Raether said. "The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops called for a revival with a Eucharistic Congress with the pilgrimage as part of it."

Raether said there are many reasons Catholics may no longer believe in the church's teaching around transubstantiation.

"There are plenty of worldly things that can push people away from this teaching," he said.

Events will begin at 2:30 p.m. with an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at the church, 407 S. Warrington Ave.

At 3:30 p.m., Raether will lead a Eucharistic procession from the church to the

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Retirement train arrives for Waukau

Superintendent for over 20 years, he plans to devote time to family

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Education has been in Wendell Waukau's waking thoughts for 34 years, but when he retires at the end of June as Menominee Indian School District superintendent, those thoughts will be on a new focus — family.

Waukau has served as superintendent for 21 years. Before that, he spent nine years as principal for grades 7-12, which was preceded by time spent as a special education teacher, social studies teacher, varsity baseball coach and junior varsity basketball coach. Having been raised in Neopit, helping future generations to learn has been important to Waukau.

In 1990, Waukau was ready to put his college education to work as a social studies teacher for middle and high school grades. However, there were no social studies positions available, he said.

"At that time, they told us social studies teachers were like phy ed teachers — they were a dime a dozen," Waukau said. "I took a job as a SpEd (special education) teacher with a provisional license for the high school at Menominee, and I enjoyed it."

As fate would have it, as Waukau worked on getting a permanent license to teach special education, a social studies position opened up at MISD, because the teacher for the junior high was transferring to the elementary school. Waukau was teaching social studies, coaching, directing athletics and even serving as a dean of students, because administrators thought he might want to be a school leader someday. At that time, he said, it was the furthest thing from his mind.

However, in 1994, he found himself as a principal at the high school after his predecessor left under a cloud of misconduct. Waukau said he was put in the position to help "stabilize" the school district. Although he disliked the idea of giving up coaching to be an admin-



Wendell Waukau kisses his wife, Lori, after they are wrapped in a Pendleton blanket during the high school graduation ceremony May 22. Waukau said he looks forward to the two of them spending more time together, including a planned summer trip to Shawano Lake and more. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Wendell Waukau, second from right, and his wife, Lori, are wrapped in a Pendleton blanket with the help of school board members Lloyd Frieson, second from left, and Dennis Kenote during high school graduation in May. Waukau feels that the future of the school district is in good hands as a new high school will open in the fall. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

istrator, he said a mentor of his pointed out that he would still be coaching as a principal, but instead of influencing young minds, he would be influencing the influencers — namely, the teachers.

"Once I started my principalship, that's when things changed," Waukau said. "What really helped me was being around the kids every day."

In 2003, there were some issues at the school board level, and Waukau considered employment elsewhere. He got offered the job as principal of Shawano Community High

School, he said, but the day he was driving to Shawano to sign the contract, he got a call from the school board president to delay his decision by one day.

Waukau said the school board held an emergency meeting and offered Waukau the superintendent position, as the person in that spot was a couple of years away from retirement at the time, and the board wanted to go in a different direction. He was amazed that the offer included paying for his education to get his superintendent credentials.

"The only request I

made to the board was I would accept the position on one condition," Waukau said. "The board would need to allow me to work with the community, bring the community into the schools and develop programs for kids who maybe don't have that traditional path."

Waukau had his work cut out for him, as he realized that the traditional way to graduation did not always work with Indigenous students. He said the traditional being at a desk from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. was not motivating Menominee students to learn, so he

sought community partnerships to help develop programs.

Waukau recalled in 2006 when the Associated Press contacted him and asked him what the solutions were, as the Menominee district had been identified nationally as a "dropout factory." He said he was "floored" at the suggestion and had to look up the phrase, which means a school that graduates fewer than 60% of its students. At the time, MISD's graduation rate was 56%.

"I started looking within, at first — within myself, within our programs," Waukau said. "We turned over rocks, and we said, 'Look, we're going to change the way we do business.'"

Since then, the graduation rates grew, with most classes in the modern era graduating at least 90% of its students.

Waukau said, looking back, the school district was dealing with a public health crisis. In 2014, the district initiated its trauma-responsive schools program; this includes working with the Menominee Tribal Clinic, which is directed by Waukau's older brother, Jerry, and tribal social services.

The trauma goes back several generations, Waukau said, with the boarding

school era, along with the Menominee's termination as a federally recognized tribe. Even though the tribe's restoration took place in 1973, the inflicted pain continued for decades to come.

"There are now systems of support that we can now sustain," Waukau said.

Today, MISD has much to be proud of. Two years ago, a charter school was opened to immerse students into Menominee language and culture. Later this summer, the new Menominee Nation High School — dropping "Indian" from its name — will open with a range of options available to students.

Where other schools have classrooms for family and consumer sciences — long ago, home economics — the new high school will have a harvesting classroom, where students will be able to deal with plants and animals that become the food students consume and grow from.

"We can go back and do what our ancestors did, and not only just teach that, but to have all classes having the opportunity to work on that," Waukau said.

Three months ago, Waukau admitted he had mixed emotions about walking away from the district, even though he knew it would be in good hands. As the last month of his career arrives, though, he's feeling good about the decision.

"I'm leaving the district at a time that's good for me," Waukau said. "The district is growing. I feel like it's a good time to walk away. There's a lot less stress."

Waukau said he had no plans currently to return to the district, feeling that his time would be better spent with his family, especially his wife, Lori, who has had to sacrifice time with her husband while he catered to the learning needs of hundreds of students.

"I'm blessed, and I know the work is not done," Waukau said. "It needs to continue, but boy, to have been a part of it, I'm humble, but I'm also optimistic. I'm optimistic that the kids who are graduating today, they're going to be those adults that change our community. I'm convinced of that."

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Historical plaques going up around Shawano

Shawano Has History hoping to have 20 installed by summer's end

BY LEE PULASKI
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The city of Shawano hopes to look to the future, but there are some who hope that future can be infused with some of the community's past.

Michael Oberle with the Shawano County Historical Society noted that Shawano Has History, a project more than two years in the making as part of Leadership Shawano County, has started putting up bronze plaques around the downtown Shawano area. Plaques have been installed at Franklin Park, Stubborn Brothers Brewery and Cornerstone Chiropractic so far, with Oberle hoping that 20 plaques will be affixed to properties by the end of this summer.

The plaques include information on the history of the property, a photo of how it looked way back when and, in an added touch from the 21st century, a QR code that smartphone users can use to access the historical society's website, www.shawanohistory.org, and



Ben Hartwig, left, and Michael Oberle stand next to a recently installed plaque at Franklin Park in Shawano, detailing how the property used to be a key part of the school system in Shawano, serving as a high school and later a junior high school.

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go directly to the page that provides information on the building or site.

"We've done (research for) almost 40 properties, and we've got plaques designed for 20 of them," Oberle said. "We keep adding."

Oberle noted that the idea of having history plaques is not a new one for Shawano, but things never seemed to line up. He said that's changing now that Shawano is in a phase of growth.

"There's kind of a resurgence and an interest in downtown Shawano," said Oberle, who noted that

Shawano's business district is on the National Historic Registry.

Ben Hartwig, who went through the Leadership Shawano County program and spearheaded the Shawano Has History campaign, noted that Shawano has not had the popularity among locals and visitors that it does now.

"When I grew up, you didn't go downtown to do stuff," Hartwig said. "There was nothing to do, but now you've got all these events. You've got Franklin Park. You've got Stubborn Brothers and all of the events they have.

Now it's the place to be."

Oberle noted that research was done on plaque companies and the cost to make each plaque, which ranges from \$2,000 to \$3,500 depending on the size, before moving forward on the project, and then painstaking research into the history of the downtown buildings took up a lot of time.

"We called communities around the United States that have done this to talk to them about how they decided to do this," Oberle said.

Hartwig noted that a plaque is coming for the

building housing The Stock Market, and two are coming for the building where Dreier's Pharmacy resides, and plenty more are on the way.

"I was at the new sorbet shop and eating in there, and I saw people reading the plaque on Cornerstone while waiting for the light to change," Hartwig said. "That's good to see."

Hartwig is looking forward to the day when there are multiple plaques up on buildings so that the people visiting Shawano for various events are aware of the community's rich history. Having the plaques also helps to promote the present-day businesses, he said.

"You get tourists here now, and you wouldn't know there was a school on this property," Hartwig said, indicating Franklin Park. "You look at the pictures, and you get to imagine how cool it was here. Some people have lived here forever and they don't know the history of some of these locations. It's good to get both the long-term residents of Shawano and the newcomers wanting to learn about the history."

One thing Shawano Has History wants to do once enough plaques are installed is to set up a passport program where the businesses have plaques might offer coupons or

deals for people who check out the plaques, according to Oberle. Nothing has been set in stone, though.

"We want it to be an interactive way to learn about the history of Shawano," Hartwig added.

Trent Nolan with Nolan Signs has helped to install the plaques so far, according to Oberle. Although those plaques are permanent, the website will continue to evolve as more information comes to light about Shawano's historical buildings.

For Hartwig, the passion project has also given him the opportunity to learn about the history of his community, having lived in Shawano all of his life.

"I like hearing about all the history of Shawano — where stuff was, what it used to be," Hartwig said. "You see people looking in the windows of the buildings now, and they want to know what it was. They want to know why there's a name on the top of the building, who that person is, and hopefully that's what we bring about by having these plaques."

Although the project is primarily focused on Shawano, Oberle and Hartwig both hope to eventually expand it to other communities around Shawano County.

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Veteran taking part in D-Day events in Normandy

Collicott served aboard bombed Navy destroyer during invasion

BY KEVIN PASSON
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A Keshena man will be among the American troops who will participate in the D-Day invasion in Normandy, France.

Navy veteran Vaughn Collicott, 100, will join about 70 veterans from across the United States on a trip honoring the 80th anniversary of D-Day, which will culminate in a visit to Normandy on June 6. The trip was organized by the Greatest Generation Foundation.

Collicott was a fire control technician working in the electrical center aboard the USS Meredith.

In the early morning hours of June 7, 1944, the USS Meredith got hit. The history books say the ship stumbled upon an underwater mine. Collicott believes differently, saying it was actually a German plane that hit the ship with a bomb.

Collicott said he was sitting on a stool at the time, and the explosion blew him

off the stool and against the wall.

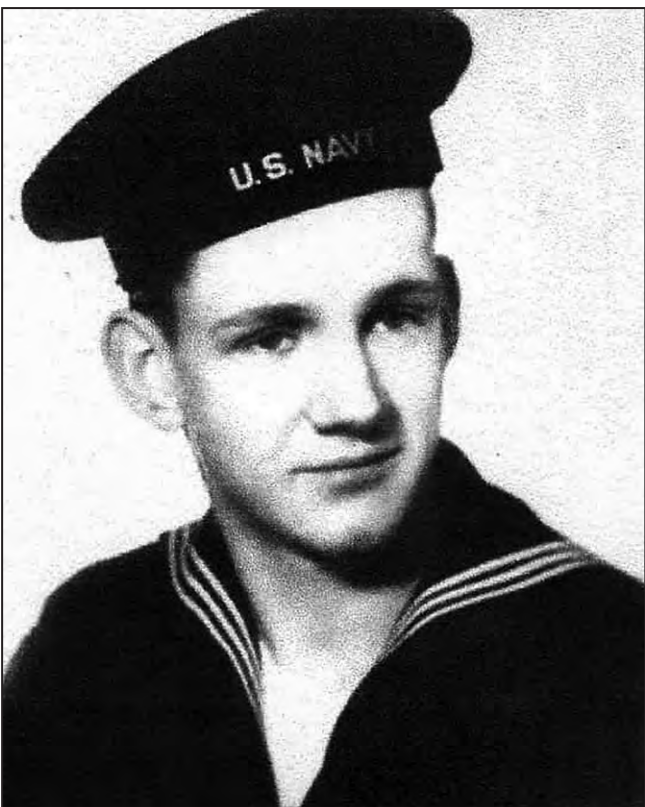
Additionally, on the History Channel Deep Sea Detectives documentary titled "D-Day Destroyer," shortly before the explosion, Collicott, manning the phones in internal control, heard personnel stating, "Here comes a plane."

The plane had no IFF signal, so it was an enemy plane. Next they heard a whistle, caused by the tail fins of an incoming bomb. The Meredith was then hit with devastating destruction which created a 65-foot wide hole.

Collicott told WBAY-TV the ship didn't sink right away; rather, it listed to the starboard side.

"When I came out, it was dark. There were four or five guys burnt black and were bleeding. One of the sailors had a Bible and a red flashlight; he was reading," he said. "And I could hear people screaming for help in the water, but it was dark. I couldn't see where they were. Now that alone is a different grieving. You want to help somebody, you don't know where they're at, but you can hear them."

Gidget Peerenboom, Collicott's granddaughter, will travel with him to Normandy, serving as his guardian as is customary



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on honor flights.

"We will be flying from Appleton to Dallas May 30," Peerenboom said. "The evening will be spent at a WWII-themed kickoff dinner at American Airlines headquarters campus. Celebrity chef (and Royal Navy Veteran) Robert Irvine will provide dinner, and there will be special entertainment. On Friday

morning there will be a sendoff ceremony at the American Airlines headquarters followed by lunch, then it's off to Paris for three days."

While in Paris, the veterans will tour the city, visit the Eiffel Tower and take a cruise down the Seine River.

On June 3, veterans and their guardians will board a

bus to the Normandy region for several more days of tours and special events, Peerenboom said.

"Then of course on June 6, we will attend the 80th Anniversary Ceremony at the Normandy American Cemetery," she said.

She said the veterans will be VIPs for the special occasion.

All will return home June 8, where Collicott and the other veterans will be surprised with a mail call of cards and letters of appreciation.

"I don't know whether I'm a hero or not," Collicott told WBAY. "I just did what had to be done."

Nearly 160,000 Allied troops landed in Normandy on June 6, 1944. Of those, 73,000 were from the United States, 83,000 from Britain and Canada. Forces from several other countries were also involved, including French troops fighting with Gen. Charles de Gaulle against the Nazi occupation.

They faced around 50,000 German forces.

More than 2 million Allied soldiers, sailors, pilots, medics and other people from a dozen countries were involved in the overall Operation Overlord, the battle to wrest western France from Nazi control

that started on D-Day.

The sea landings started at 6:30 a.m. local time, just after dawn, targeting five code-named beaches, one after the other: Omaha, Utah, Gold, Sword, Juno.

The operation also included actions inland, including overnight parachute landings on strategic German sites and U.S. Army Rangers scaling cliffs to take out German gun positions.

Around 11,000 Allied aircraft, 7,000 ships and boats, and thousands of other vehicles were involved in the invasion.

A total of 4,414 Allied troops were killed on D-Day itself, including 2,501 Americans. More than 5,000 were wounded.

In the ensuing Battle of Normandy, 73,000 Allied forces were killed and 153,000 wounded. The battle — and especially Allied bombings of French villages and cities — killed around 20,000 French civilians.

The exact German casualties aren't known, but historians estimate between 4,000 and 9,000 men were killed, wounded or missing during the D-Day invasion alone. About 22,000 German soldiers are among the many buried around Normandy.

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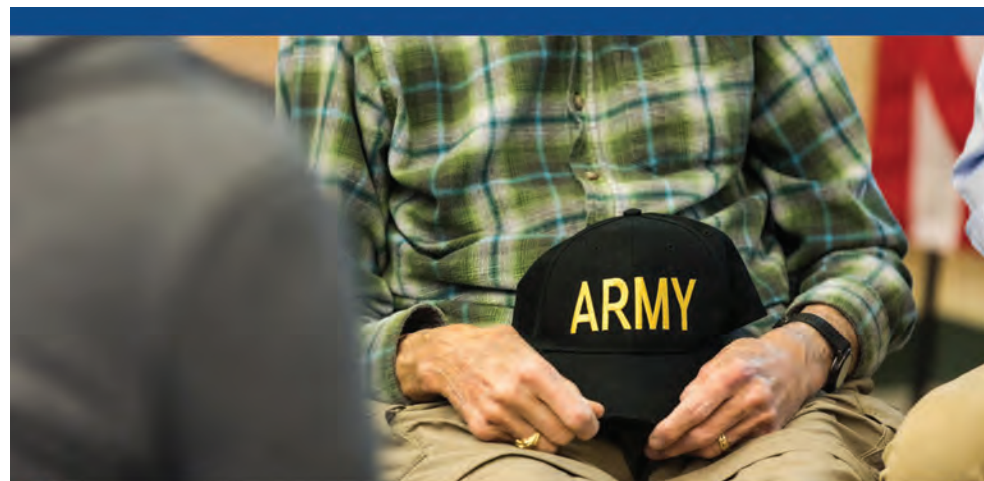
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Bands play on at Sun Drop Dayz



Spark Spark Bang members, from left, Travis John, Tim O'Connor and Aaron Wallrich kick off the annual Sun Drop Dayz music festival on May 31. The festival is considered to be Shawano's unofficial start to the summer season.



Wet Possum band members, from left, Jon Tabers-Kwak, Devin Whitmire and Zach Hibbard get the crowd's attention June 1 for the second day of Sun Drop Dayz. The band is a party band from Green Bay performing hits from the 1990s and 2000s.

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Driftwood band members Chris Steinert, left, and Dylan O'Connor raise the volume in the opening minutes of their performance May 31 at Sun Drop Dayz.



Besides the bands, there were plenty of other activities during Sun Drop Dayz, including three-on-three basketball.

The Store in Shawano to close its doors in July

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

The Store convenience stores and gas stations are set to close following the declaration of bankruptcy by Mountain Express Oil Co., the company that owns its buildings and land.

This includes the convenience stores at 404 E. Green Bay St., Shawano, and 100 S. Rosera St., Lena.

The Store will end operations as of July 31, according to a press release from parent company Team Schierl Cos.

The Store entered into an agreement with Mountain Express to purchase its land and buildings in 2022. Mountain Express took ownership of land and buildings while The Store maintained all operations, including equipment, inventory maintenance,

finance, employment of all associates and collaborations with local vendors.

Mountain Express initially filed for voluntary protection under Chapter 11 bankruptcy in March 2023 with the intention of achieving a comprehensive restructuring to strengthen the company's fuel distribution business, dealer network and retail business.

The company later converted to Chapter 7 bankruptcy and officially ended operations in August 2023.

"As of May 7, 2024, The Store has been notified that the property investment company will not be extending its current operational agreement," according to a news release from The Store.

The Store has 25 locations in Wisconsin and Michigan.

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J Doggs open at permanent site

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

After serving their food from a food truck since 2016, Jeremy Weed and Amber Arneson are now working out of a permanent home at 136 S. Main St., Shawano.

J Doggs' menu includes hamburgers, cheeseburgers, Jburgers, bacon cheeseburgers, mushroom and Swiss burgers, Chicago hot dogs, Jdoggs, taco dogs and regular hot dogs.

Two golf simulators

and a putting green can be found in the back of the building.

According to the Shawano County Historical Society, the building's roots as a tavern go back more than 100 years. A bowling alley was added in 1939, and many will still remember the place as Rades Bar and Bowling.

Hours at J Doggs are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. J Doggs can be reached at 715-701-8000.

Thrifty Books closes after less than a year

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

After being open less than a year, Thrifty Books at 732 E. Green Bay St. (in the Fairview Plaza) has closed its doors.

Nathan and Wendy

Powell opened the used bookstore Sept. 7, 2023.

The business's last day was May 18. The couple announced on social media April 26 that the store would close July 1 but ended up closing six weeks early.

Summer hours in effect at Shawano Courthouse

Summer hours are in effect at the Shawano County Courthouse.

Hours of operation are now 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7-11 a.m. Friday.

Verify office hours

for each department prior to arrival. Contact information for each department can be found under "Departments" at the top of the county's website at www.co.shawano.wi.us.



Lee Crawford announced his retirement after serving as president of TimberPro the past seven years. From left, are Sam, Ken, Pat and Lee Crawford. Pat is Lee's father, who started the business, and Sam and Ken are Lee's brothers.

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Crawford retires from TimberPro

Timber industry leader leaves decades-long legacy of innovation, generosity

After seven years as president of TimberPro, Lee Crawford has announced his retirement.

This draws to a close Crawford's nearly 40 years in the forestry machinery business, during which he consistently exemplified entrepreneurial spirit and a caring attitude.

Pat Crawford, Lee's father, was a third-generation logger whose company — Shawano-based Timbco — had become known for its popular line of levelling machines. But Lee Crawford never planned on entering the forestry industry, becoming an engineer at the Oshkosh Truck Company in 1982.

In 1985, however, his father asked him to join the family business at Timbco, where he started on the assembly line.

"It gives you credibility with your people," Crawford said. "And you learn the products. You learn what needs to be changed."

After his assembly line shifts ended, Crawford kept working, ordering parts and writing warranties.

Crawford eventually became vice president in 1992. In 2000, Timbco was sold to Partek, a Komatsu-owned company. The Crawfords bought back the wheeled division from Partek in 2002 to form TimberPro, which became recognized for its innovative track machine products. TimberPro was acquired by Komatsu in 2019.

Crawford considers everyone he works with his "TimberPro family." Patrick Anderson, product supervisor, joined TimberPro at its founding, and called Crawford one of the most compassionate people he knows.

"As vice president of the company, he went to fix a valve all the way out in South Dakota on Christmas Eve," Anderson said. "He's family first, but he

still goes out of his way to make sure you can spend time with your family."

Joe Hardwick, vice president of New Hampshire-based logging company D.H. Hardwick and Sons, has a similar story to tell.

Two days prior to a logging expo in 2010, the engine of his machine died prematurely. The manufacturer wouldn't help because the warranty had expired just a few hours prior. Hardwick met Crawford at the expo and told him what happened to his machine.

Crawford, shocked that the company had done nothing, told Joe, "I will get you a new motor at no cost to you. The only thing I ask is the next time you buy a machine, you give ours a try."

Hardwick has remained a TimberPro customer since, and calls Crawford a "great mentor."

In retirement, Crawford plans to stay involved in charitable giving with the

Ruth and Pat Crawford Foundation, which has donated millions over the years to community organizations and food pantries.

While the TimberPro family is sad to see Crawford go, the legacy of the Crawford's ingenuity and generosity will continue with Komatsu at the helm.

"By taking Komatsu's strengths and combining it with TimberPro's, we can be a leading supplier. We're really excited about the future," said Doug Morris, vice president, Forest Machine Business Division at Komatsu.

Crawford feels safe leaving his companies in Komatsu's hands.

"Komatsu wants TimberPro to grow. Komatsu has the means and ambition to plan and grow our offerings over time," he said. "My family was comfortable. Komatsu has the drive to get bigger and bigger and bigger. It's going to be exciting."

Tribe urges discussions about mental health, addictions

The Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin Drug Addiction Intervention Team (DAIT) is encouraging the community to take the opportunity to begin conversations about mental health and addiction.

"It is not unusual to have mental health issues contribute to addictive behaviors or substance abuse," said Addie Caldwell, DAIT co-chair and director of wellness programs at Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center.

"When we open ourselves up to the conversations around mental health, we can help people find resources and solutions before moving to harmful actions."

In 2022, the Menominee Tribe issued an emergency declaration about the epidemic of drugs and addiction. Since then, tribal and county programs and departments have teamed together to identify and assess challenges and problems and then collaborate to provide valuable and needed resources and programs to the community.

Resources available on the reservation provide assistance and guidance to individuals and families facing mental health situations, addiction, substance use, recovery and more.

"Unfortunately, not everyone is willing to talk about these types of issues, sometime because they feel ashamed of

what's happening," said Ben Warrington, DAIT co-chair and emergency management coordinator. "But hiding in shame doesn't help and can make it worse. That's why we're encouraging everyone to talk about it and do something about it."

Mental health and substance use resources available within the Menominee Reservation include:

- Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center: 715-799-3835.
- Menominee Tribal Clinic: 715-799-3361.
- MITCAAP/Recovery Coaches Hotline: 715-972-3280.
- Menominee Tribe Family Services: 715-799-5161.

• Menominee County Human Services: 715-799-3861.

"Everyone is going through something — battling their own stressors or worries," said Caldwell. "Talking about those concerns in a safe and comfortable environment can create a healthier and happier home, work, school and social life for everyone. We have to join together and get this out in the open."

For additional services available within the reservation to assist with mental health, addiction or substance use, visit the Menominee Nation website at www.menomineensn.gov and click on the Community tab.



American Legion Post 44 Commander George Richards, left, and Second Vice Commander Mike Huberty, right, pose with Henry Severson after he received the post's Legionnaire of the Year award. CONTRIBUTED

Severson named top Post 44 Legion member

Henry Severson was named Legionnaire of the Year for American Legion Post 44.

Severson is very active in the post as the membership officer and a member of the Honor Guard. Severson also coordinates the school flag essay contest by collecting, judging and presenting awards to the winners at the Veterans Day program at Wabeno High School. He was also the chairman of the Legion executive board. Severson also serves at veterans' fu-

nerals. He volunteers at all fundraisers and is always available to help and assist.

Severson was in the U.S. Air Force for five years. He was an E-5 staff sergeant when he got out. His job was a weapons control systems technician and he spent a year in Thailand during the Vietnam War. Now he loves hunting, fishing, and of course staying busy. Severson went on the Honor Flight recently, which he said was an amazing experience.



Chaperone Amanda Falk shows Oconto Falls Elementary School 4-year-old kindergarten students, from left, Walker Corpus, Cole Wagner, Logan Story and Vincent Hobyan how to pot flowering plants during a field trip to the Flower Shoppe in Gillett. The children were also able to plant individual planters of annuals such as petunias, pansies and vinca flowers. This hands-on learning experience left a lasting impression of the farm to table process. CONTRIBUTED

NCAC growing, reaching out more in Oconto County

On May 15, over 50 people met at the Lakewood Town Hall to share a meal and celebrate the formal introduction of Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition (NCAC).

NCAC is a group of local volunteers and health care providers in Wabeno, Townsend, Lakewood, Mountain, Suring and White Lake with the goal of helping those in need. The foundation for this group was laid over four years ago in 2020 when the

COVID-19 pandemic hit.

Into the void stepped a cadre of volunteers in northern Oconto County. Led by Lakewood Nurse Practitioner Peggy Christianson, their efforts reached multiple communities. They made over 8,000 cloth masks, some of which were shipped as far away as Saudi Arabia. They delivered meals, provided transportation, and furnished whatever they could to support those in need.

NCAC has expanded

its reach, drawn in more and more volunteers, and relied on the generosity of locals who contributed badly needed funding. They continue to provide meals, rides, and temporary financial assistance in emergencies. They built wheelchair ramps, installed handrails, and loaned medical equipment to facilitate safe mobility. Some mobilized an effort to adopt local restaurants, purchasing take-out meals and buying gift certificates that would provide critical

income during those dark days.

The NCAC is in the process of becoming a 501(c)(3) which is essential to securing grants to further its mission. The group has lofty goals with bigger projects in the planning and development stage.

Volunteer forms are currently available at Bellin and North Lakes clinics in Lakewood, by email at ncac4u@gmail.com, or by visiting Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition on Facebook.

Wisconsin milk production increases 1% from last year

Milk production in Wisconsin during March

totaled 2.76 billion pounds, up 1% from the previous

March according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Milk Production report.

The average number of milk cows during March, at 1.27 million head, was unchanged from last month but up 1,000 from March 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,175 pounds, up 20 pounds from last March.

Milk production in the 24 major states during March totaled 18.8 billion pounds, down 0.9% from March 2023.

February revised production, at 17.4 billion pounds, was up 2.9% from February 2023. The February revision represented an increase of 82 million pounds or 0.5% from last month's preliminary production estimate. Adjusting

February production for the additional day due to leap year causes February revised production to be down 0.7% on a per day basis.

Production per cow in the 24 major states averaged 2,115 pounds for March, three pounds below March 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major states was 8.88 million head, 71,000 head less than March 2023, and 7,000 head less than February 2024.

Milk production in the United States during the January-March quarter totaled 56.9 billion pounds, up 0.1% from the January-March quarter last year.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Literacy bags help students



English Language Learning teacher Lori Johns, right, works with Maddie Ward, Juniper Jensen, and Una Jaksic working on rhyming skills at Oconto Falls Elementary School. These students are showing that they are ready to read in kindergarten next fall. The 4-year-old kindergarten students at the school have had a busy year learning reading readiness skills thanks to Literacy Bags and other materials purchased with grant funding from the Bond Foundation and the Dollar General Literacy Program. Students were able to take home a new Literacy Bag each week throughout the school year that focused on reinforcing readiness skills taught in the classroom. Supplemental materials were also purchased to provide intervention and enrichment activities at school. CONTRIBUTED

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Images from the 2024 Oconto Falls Memorial Day main event

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The color guard starts down North Main Street.



Shirley and Butch Vorpahl, grand marshals of the 2024 Oconto Falls Memorial Day parade, ride in style.



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Teaching lodge constructed at CMN

Facility available for college classes, community teaching opportunities

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The College of Menominee Nation is constructing a teaching lodge on its Keshena campus in hopes of reconnecting with the past and using its knowledge to help students move into the future.

During a presentation May 28, CMN President Chris Caldwell described the lodge as a resource to continue the teachings of the Menominee people.

"We need to have this teaching lodge for interns, students and the community," Caldwell said. "We all need to take responsibility for properly putting up this teaching lodge and advance the purpose of the college with this in mind."

The project was taken on through the college's Sustainable Development Institute at the request of faculty members and former SDI director Tom Kenote, according to Rebecca Edler, SDI's sustainability coordinator.

"We needed a place on campus that would be like a cultural space for our faculty and community members, artists, crafters — any individual that wants to do some sort of teaching for our students and the community," Edler said.

Menominee Tribal Enterprises provided to CMN the saplings used to form the framework for the lodge, according to Edler, which is being constructed with the supervision of community member Mary Webster. A number of community members and almost a dozen SDI interns are making the project a reality, Edler said.

"It's really nice because they can bond and they can meet each other over the construction of this teaching lodge," Edler said, noting the lodge will be 20 feet wide by 40 feet long. "It's being made by hand. There are no electric power tools."

The framework is almost complete, but the SDI is working to figure out what the covering will be made from, if it will be canvas or some other material, according to Edler. Covering it will allow the lodge to be used in any weather, even extreme heat or heavy rains, she said.

Edler noted that tribes like the Menominee "have different buildings for different purposes. This lodge would be for teaching. It would not be for ceremonial events. That would be constructed similar to it, but the purposes would be different."

In accordance with cultural teachings, the main door will face east toward the rising sun. Having an elder like Webster advising while the building is going up



Work from the first day on the new teaching lodge frames the interns and community members as they embark on the second day of construction May 30 at the College of Menominee Nation's Keshena campus.

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Interns Shawn Pamoncutt Jr., left, and Kael Weshonoquit eye the stakes as they prepare to set up some saplings for the frame of the teaching lodge May 30 at the College of Menominee Nation.

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also is prescribed in Menominee culture, Edler said.

Webster previously helped with con-

structing a similar teaching lodge years ago with Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center located between Keshena and Neopit. She noted that lodge was used by community members and elders to teach things like gardening.

"We're going to have sessions in here, groups," Webster said. "It's something that our relatives did in the past. It's a part of our culture, so our students are learning, as it's the first time they're constructing a teaching lodge."

Even with the work that's being done, the interns are having fun as they're getting to know each other, Webster said.

"The goal is to learn through experience. It's part of their culture," she said. "It's a whole different feeling when you're out in the elements versus in a building. If someone's going for a walk, they're connecting with nature and everything that's around us. They're learning about what our relatives did in the past."

Interns like Jeremiah Moses were eager to see the lodge completed, but taking part in the process is also fun.

"It's a really good thing bringing back our ancestors' traditions and the way that we're learning with each other," Moses said. "It's honoring our ancestors and honoring ourselves, as well."

This is the fourth summer Moses has interned for SDI, but it's the first time

he's started off an internship like this, he said.

"It really helps build a good sense of community between interns and students and other school workers," Moses said. "I would say there's definitely a learning curve. We had to redo one of the support poles, because this is the first time we're doing anything like this."

Caitlyn Katchenago, another intern, is also enjoying the work going into making something culturally significant for the Menominee.

"I've never done it before," Katchenago said. "It's really calm and peaceful. It's nice to be able to work with my community members, and I feel so connected to the earth and my ancestors. I mean, they had to do this without all the tools that we have, which is amazing."

The work has gone very well, according to Katchenago, and even when challenges and obstacles have come up, she and the rest of the team have found a way to get past it and move forward.

"I feel like all of us are really fast learners, so it's going very well," Katchenago said. "We've had a couple of places that weren't so well because there's rock underneath, but other than that, it's going very well."

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Machickanee Players announce new season

The Machickanee Players has scheduled their 41st season, and it includes two comedies and one drama to be presented at the Park Avenue Theatre, 408 Park Ave., Oconto.

The first, to be presented in October, is the comedy "Escanaba in da Moonlight." Written by Jeff Daniels, it is about hunting and its traditions in Upper Michigan. The Soady family, consisting of father Albert, sons Reuben and Remnar, and friend Jimmy Negamanee, go to their hunting camp, hoping that this is the year that Reuben, now 43, will finally get his first buck. The

show will be directed by Jackie Kapla. Auditions will be held in June or July.

February will see the drama/romance "84 Charing Cross Road." New York City bibliophile Helene Hanff writes to the London Bookshop Marks and Co. in search of some titles she has not been able to turn up locally. Store manager Frank Doel responds politely to her chatty letter, and over the course of two decades, a deep, long-distance friendship evolves. "84 Charing Cross" is based on a true story and will be directed by Cathey Nelson.

The final show of the season will be the comedy "Keep On Laughing." The sequel to the well-received "Exit Laughing," it picks up the story of the original characters, but now Connie's daughter is married to her stripper boyfriend, and they're expecting twins. Connie, Leona and Millie have been touring the world and having the time of their lives, returning to tell hysterical stories of their adventures.

This time, one of those adventures has gotten out of hand. Level-headed Connie has met a man in Paris, and he's proposed to her. Everyone should be happy, but Ra-

chel and Bobby are not, as Connie's new boyfriend is the same age as Bobby. The original cast and director will return.

Performances are held at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with the Sunday matinee starting at 2 p.m. Dates will be announced.

Friday and Saturday shows offer dinner, catered by the Wooden Spoon on Main. For this option, choose Add Ons when ordering tickets.

The Sunday matinee has the Add On option of a piece of pie.

Tickets are available at www.machickaneeplayers.com.



Corn planting is well underway in May in Shawano County, even as the sun sets.

KAY REMINGER

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Farming deeply rooted in Wisconsin life

From little on, because of my farming roots, I've always been mindful of what the sky is doing. Dad gave us kids the job of watching the weather report. Back in the day, we didn't have weather apps on our phone, much less have a mobile phone. We had a telephone attached to the wall with a rotary dial and couldn't even use it until one of our chatty neighbors got off.

Plunking ourselves in front of the TV, we'd tune into Channel 2 at 6:15 p.m. to catch the weather report in real time. One day it was my turn and I missed it. When Dad inquired, I hemmed and hawed and flat-out lied, "Partly cloudy!" figuring there would be a 50-50 chance it very well could be partly cloudy. Did he catch my red-faced lie and call me on it? Nope. Although I'm pretty sure he had a notion. Silent guilt speaks louder than words.

He'd figure when to cut hay depending on the weather. Three or four good sunny days in a row would be perfect for cutting, drying, side-raking and baling small-square baled hay that we'd have to hoist off the wagon onto an elevator and up into the barn. A lot of the hay harvested on our family farm though, was chopped dry hay, blown onto the barn mow floor in huge mounds. To feed cows, we'd fork it out through the hay chute down into the carts below.

One day, my older sister went up to throw hay down and thought she smelled something funny. Sticking her finger deep into the mound of hay she quickly withdrew it. It was so hot her finger burned. Running down to tell Dad set in motion fire trucks who flew out to our farm, lights flashing. Many, many neighbors came to help. Bringing their three-tined forks and rakes, they pitched hot hay out of the barn doors. The fire fighters doused the



Kay Reminger
Columnist

hay, drenching the glowing embers quickly before it festered into a full-blown blaze.

The neighbor ladies brought food and gathered in our kitchen, serving it up to the workers along with plenty of water. There was action all over the place.

My sister's quick thinking — by first of all, knowing something wasn't right and secondly, calling for help — saved our barn that day. I'll never forget the stench of wet, smoldering hay. I can't even imagine my dad's frame of mind; he must have been torn, grateful our barn was salvaged yet sick at heart with all that work for nothing.

The farm I grew up on was on a dead-end road. Whenever anyone came down our driveway it was specifically to see us. We'd have regulars — the milk man, the artificial inseminator (until my dad took classes, then he took over breeding), occasionally the vet would stop and a farm service truck would pull in when we needed repairs on milking equipment.

Us kids would be outside playing and run to the barn when the AI guy came, as with a mischievous grin, he'd sprinkle baby powder across our bare toes. Oh, the simple joys of a kid on the farm.

Marrying a farmer and continuing to watch the sky, I greatly appreciate June Dairy Month, which honors farmers and their inexhaustible efforts, putting in long, grueling hours to bring food to tables across the land. With high-powered tractors and massive machinery, farmers work way past sundown, especially during planting and harvest seasons.

Back in the day, large

equipment wasn't a necessity, because farmers owned and worked small family-owned dairies with land mostly surrounding their farms, so didn't require much road travel.

Most people don't mind the troublesomeness of sharing the road with these monstrosities. I've seen cars pull way over, letting the farmer take up more than his share of the road. Before planting always comes the season of spreading liquid manure. If you want to clean out your sinuses, inhale a good whiff of farm-fresh, country gold as its being spread.

A while back, a farmer friend of ours wanted to sell a parcel of his hunting land. The potential buyers were from the city and requested part of the field attached to the parcel he was considering not be spread with manure so that when he drove to his land and back home he wouldn't smell up his garage. Needless to say, the deal fell through.

Talking with our friend that day, he exclaimed, "I wonder how they think food gets on their table?" I gather the inconvenience of what it takes to grow crops is too much for some.

From childhood to adulthood, my farming roots run deep. Want to eat today? Thank a farmer and honor June Dairy Month.

("As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is My word that goes out from My mouth. It will not return to Me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:10-11)

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 Leopold. 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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Trilliums blooming hardcore in northeast Wisconsin

The trilliums are coming. Indeed, these traditional, heirloom wildflowers are beginning to bloom throughout Wisconsin, including large numbers right here in our area.

I enjoyed trilliums at a number of locations recently. Large-flowered trilliums are now in bloom at locations along the Wolf River and rich woodlands throughout Shawano, Oconto, Waupaca, Marinette, Outagamie, Menominee and Brown counties, as well as other locations.

Trilliums can be identified by their three-part leaf structure, as well as their classic, well-known, three-part bloom.

The most common variety of trillium now in bloom is the large-flowered trillium. Large-flowered trillium can be highly variable in size.



Some may only be a few inches tall, while others may reach almost a foot in height. Flowers also vary in size from just a couple of inches to nearly 5 inches across.

Large-flowered trilliums bloom in pure white. As they age and mature, their petals begin to blush in a beautiful shade of rosy pink, becoming almost purple before they fade away to brown and disappear.

Mature clumps of large-flowered trilliums may contain a dozen or more blooms. Left undisturbed, these clumps grow larger and larger.

Trilliums, like many



Trilliums are colonial by nature and, if left undisturbed, will form large masses of blooms.

ROB ZIMMER

of our native spring and summer wildflowers, remain in constant danger

as development continues to destroy the woodlands and forests they call home.

Even a small woodlot may be home to thousands of trilliums if undisturbed.

In some locations, massive colonies of large-flowered trilliums can be seen — boasting hundreds, if not thousands of flowers.

Other varieties of trilliums found in Wisconsin include: the prairie trillium, which blooms in rusty red; the wake-robin or upright trillium that blooms in bright, cardinal red; the tiny snow trillium, with blooms barely larger than a quarter; and the nodding trillium that features blooms that are suspended beneath the three-part leaf umbrella in a nodding fashion.

Enjoy the awakening of the trilliums over the next few weeks as they continue to bloom until the canopy flushes out overhead.

Rob Zimmer is a nature and garden author, public speaker and radio show host on WHBY. Readers can find him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- FRIDAY, JUNE 7
- SHAWANO:** School rummage sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road.

OCONTO: Copperfest, 5-10 p.m., American Legion Post 74 Park, 709 Madison St. Vendors, music, food, family activities.

WITTENBERG: Wittenberg Community Days, 5-11 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Carnival rides, vendors 5-9 p.m., music by Night Shift 7-11 p.m.

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

ABRAMS: "Boeing Boeing," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Abrams Spotlight Productions comedy. Tickets \$17, \$15 adults and students, at 920-826-5852 or abramstheater.com
- SATURDAY, JUNE 8
- OCONTO:** Copperfest, 8 a.m.

- to 11 p.m., American Legion Post 74 Park, 709 Madison St. Parade 10 a.m., car show at Holy Trinity Parish 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with registration starting at 8 a.m., vendors, music, food, family activities.
- SHAWANO:** School rummage sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road.
- SHAWANO:** Book and rummage sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Presbyterian St.
- SHAWANO:** Daily Drift Competition Series, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAIR Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. Admission \$15.
- WITTENBERG:** Wittenberg Community Days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Vendors 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., carnival rides noon to 11 p.m., Krafts Kuddly Kritters 3-6 p.m., face painting 3-9 p.m., music by Road Trip 7-11 p.m., fireworks at dusk.
- SHAWANO:** Naberhood Block Party, 5:30-8 p.m., 214

- S. Main St. Music by Toco Beach Steelpan.
- SHAWANO:** Stock car racing, 6-10 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$12 17 and up, \$6 12-16, free 11 and younger with paid adult.
- ABRAMS:** "Boeing Boeing," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Abrams Spotlight Productions comedy. Tickets \$17, \$15 adults and students, at 920-826-5852 or abramstheater.com
- SUNDAY, JUNE 9
- LENA:** Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shallow Acres, 4816 Molitor Road. Breakfast served until noon. \$9 advance, \$10 at the door.

SHAWANO: Zurko Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. \$2 admission.

WITTENBERG: Wittenberg Community Days, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Washington Park, 104 Park St. Community Days

- Breakfast 7-11 a.m., vendors 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., parade at noon, carnival rides noon to 5 p.m., face painting 1-4 p.m., music by TNT Polka Band 1-4:30 p.m.
- OCONTO:** Copperfest, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., American Legion Post 74 Park, 709 Madison St. UTL Pro Wrestling 2:15-4:30 p.m., vendors, music, food, family activities.
- SHAWANO:** Daily Drift Competition Series, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAIR Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. Admission \$15.
- CHASE:** Chase Stone Barn Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 8246 County Road S. More than 100 vendors, music, food.
- PULASKI:** Grill-out at the Mooseum, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pulaski Area Historical Society Museum, 129 W. Pulaski St. June Dairy Month event.
- ABRAMS:** "Boeing Boeing," 1 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Abrams Spotlight Productions comedy. Tickets \$17, \$15 adults and students, at 920-826-5852 or abramstheater.com
- SHAWANO:** Music at Arlington Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 Humphrey Circle. Randy Bruce and Joel Kroenke.

- MONDAY, JUNE 10
- 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, JUNE 11
- SHAWANO:** Community Chat with Superintendent Kurt Krizan, 8-9 a.m., Shawano Cafe, W7389 River Bend Road.

SHAWANO: Shawano Area Waterways Golf Outing, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Golden Sands Golf Course, 300 Nabor Road. Registration 10 a.m., opening ceremony 11 a.m., scramble event 11:30 a.m., dinner 6 p.m.

SHAWANO: Naborhood Block Party, 5:30-7 p.m., 214 S. Main St. Rondini's Magic Show.

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.
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
- GRESHAM:** Community Bike Ride with Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail, 5:30 p.m., meet at Long Branch Saloon, W11218 Grunewald St., for ride from Lyndhurst to Bowler.

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GUEST COLUMN

The determination of the American citizen

America is a melting pot of different cultures and individuals. Being a citizen of America can be seen as one of the most desirable things to many people in this world, and there is a good reason for that. Our country is renowned for the freedoms and incredible forms of expression that many other countries do not offer. To me, being an American citizen means being able to have the opportunity to accomplish anything you dream and working hard to better the place we call home.

In America, many think of the core values being freedom, wealth and independence. Although these are the most common ideas of American values, everyone has their own opinion on what America means to them. For the family business owner, it might be wealth and independence, but for the first generation immigrant, it might be equality, freedom and opportunity.

In my life, I see the American values of freedom and opportunity the most. As a young female American citizen, I can see that the opportunities I have in this country are some that I might never experience in other places. I have the ability to go to school, own a home, participate in sports, and even further my education with a bachelor's, doctorate or masters' degree. I benefit every day from my schooling, and it will guarantee me a future that many others are not fortunate enough to have.

In America, people are able to work hard and achieve success. Although success is defined in different ways, everyone is given a chance at theirs. Time and time again, we can see that American values shape the way we achieve our ambitions and define what it means to be an American citizen for each and every individual.

Americans are always striving for a better country. Whether it is the various presidents who have introduced new policies to make our country safer, or the different groups that work to preserve the land, Americans always work to better themselves and their country. So much effort is put into simple tasks like cleaning our highways or passing school referendums. These things have a common theme; progression and teamwork.

During both World Wars, Americans rallied



Makenna Bubolz
Guest columnist

together to conserve materials for the war at their own expense. Even though no one liked rationing food or having to grow their own gardens, they came together to support their country.

Another example of the way American people came together in support was during the Space Race era. Every person in America comes from vastly different backgrounds, but the one thing that was guaranteed to unite everyone was the joint goal of putting a man on the moon. The support of the entire country plus an estimated 400,000 individuals worked to help the moon landing become possible. In the end, an American man took his first steps on the moon.

America had accomplished a goal that everyone else in the world was working toward. We knew that we wanted to be the first country to land on the moon, and by working together, we were able to advance. Progression drives American ideals and fosters the hope of tomorrow. We live in a country where change is possible, and American citizens are the ones who work to make it a reality.

Millions of people around the world would sacrifice so many things to be a citizen of the United States of America. In the words of Gerald Ford, "We are bound together by the most powerful of all ties, our fervent love for freedom and independence."

Our country is not perfect, but we as American citizens see the hard work of many past generations, the determination of the present and the optimism of the future. We are able to see the things we want to be done and work diligently to achieve them. In turn, this fuels our country and is what makes it so desirable.

Ultimately, I believe that no American citizen is identical, but we all share the common prospect of seizing our opportunities and bettering the country we love.

Makenna Bubolz is finishing off her junior year at Shawano Community High School. This essay received an honorable mention and \$500 cash award from the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation 2024 Student Writing Challenge.



GUEST COLUMN

Supporting kids' mental health within our grasp

When people ask me what a major barrier is facing individual Wisconsin students today, I don't have to think hard to come up with an answer — support for their mental health.

On a visit last year to a school in southwest Wisconsin, several students told me their school is doing the best it can to support their mental health needs, but there just was not enough staff to go around. As a result, students who needed help couldn't get immediate access to support unless it was an emergency. Students also spoke about their friends and their own need for supportive mental health services. There wasn't a student in the room who wasn't paying rapt attention to their friends' stories, many nodding along.

It's common sense that if we support kids' health, including their mental health, they will be in a better position to succeed academically. I also want to say this bluntly — schools should only rarely have mental health emergencies to respond to. We can and must prevent these emergencies by investing in positive mental health.

At the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and in school districts all around the state, educators know how much a student's positive mental health can set them up to thrive academically,



Jill Underly
Guest columnist

socially, and societally. We see the impact every day.

Strong students make for a strong Wisconsin.

Students who feel accepted, have strong, positive relationships with classmates and teachers, and those who have the support of their families and communities, can thrive. It's our collective responsibility to make sure that, when something is wrong, we have systems in place to help our students emerge stronger than ever. Otherwise, we all pay the price.

Lately, I'm sure you've heard Wisconsin students are struggling with their mental health, and the numbers have been mounting for years. The pandemic has exacerbated existing challenges, and we see the downstream effects on things like attendance rates. School is much different in 2024 than it was decades ago, and so are the needs of our kids.

It doesn't have to be like this. We have the know-how and the resourcefulness to address students' mental health needs and improve youth mental health outcomes in Wisconsin.

Many Wisconsin com-

munities are already investing in innovative strategies to promote student and staff wellbeing, and the DPI is doing what it can to support students' mental health. In collaboration with other experts, the department developed the Wisconsin School Mental Health Framework, which is helping guide schools in developing comprehensive school mental health systems.

It's simple — our students and our schools need more from us.

Kids are experiencing record highs of anxiety and depression. The data shows it. The kids themselves have told us that they need help, and they need more school resources. Schools are doing what they can with the financial constraints they have. This past biennial budget provided an estimated \$31 per student allocation to school districts and independent charter schools. No, that is not a typo.

This is not a "want." Our schools need investment in comprehensive mental health systems. They need it so learners can thrive both academically and personally, in school and when at home or out in the community.

You can't fix problems by ignoring them, doing nothing or trying to wish them away. Our students know this. Our educators know this. At heart,

Wisconsiners, inspired by the values of fairness and progress, know we can do better.

Every person in every school community must be equipped with the knowledge and resources to support students' positive mental health. That means not just school professionals, but parents, community members, family and friends, and even students themselves.

We all have a pivotal role in understanding the importance of positive mental health, and knowing what we can do to support kids. We need to move from crisis mode to prevention mode, creating the positive change our learners and our state deserve.

The upcoming biennial budget process presents a crucial opportunity for our state to get it right. I will continue advocating for more state support to address the urgent needs of our kids, and I encourage you to join me.

Wisconsin's most important resource is the potential of its children. When we support healthy child development and promote positive mental health, we invest in their ability to contribute fully to our communities.

Jill Underly is Wisconsin's superintendent of public instruction. She took office in 2021 and has more than 25 years of experience as a local superintendent principal, and teacher.

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Lena's Seefeldt wins gold at state meet

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy senior Anthony Seefeldt was crowned the Division 3 state champion in the shot put at the WIAA Track and Field State Championships at UW-La Crosse on May 31 and June 1.

He earned the title with a throw of 51 feet, 9.25 inches.

Junior Eva Brooks placed second in the high jump, notching a height of

5 feet 5 inches. Zander Thomson competed but didn't record a height in the high jump.

Shawano
Season bests and personal records were the order of the day for the Shawano track and field members at state.

In the 400-meter dash, Adalyn Barkley finished 10th with a personal record of 58.84 that tied the school record set in 1989. Lily Guenther ran the 3,200 meters and finished 16th with a season-best time of

11:32.42. Grace Chelberg ran the 800 and placed 17th with a season-best time of 2:21.07.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Barkley, Chelberg, Guenther and Bailey Hendricks finished in 16th place, while Barkley, Chelberg, Tesa Hopfensperger and Maci Beyer placed 17th in the 4x400. Barkley placed 22nd in the triple jump, and Beyer competed but didn't record a height in the high jump.

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Bonduel's Mariah Wondra, sophomore, ran in two races. She completed the 1600 in 5:19.35 and the 3200 in 11:29.53. Both of these times took 11th place and shattered Bonduel's school records, held by her.

BELLA ROBERTS



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BELLA ROBERTS



Shawano tennis duo competes at state

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano's No. 1 doubles team of George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon headed to the Nielsen Tennis Center on the UW-Madison campus May 30-31 to compete in the WIAA State Tennis Tournament. The Hawks were looking to improve on last year's results.

Buerman and Sheldon had a first-round matchup with Quinton Maddox and Mouneth Venigalla of Sun Prairie United. The Hawks notched an impressive win of 6-2, 6-2 against a challenging Sun Prairie team.

This punched their ticket to May 31 and the second round, in which the Hawks had to face the No. 2 seeded Plymouth doubles

team of Owen Plate and Jaren Baltus, who were 29-0.

Shawano came out hot and took the first game only allowing on score by a talented Plymouth team. The Hawks won one more game in the first set before getting overpowered by a very talented doubles team.

In the second set, the

Hawks battled to 3-2 and had a chance to pull even. The strong serving and power of the Plymouth team were too much, and the senior season came to an end for Buerman and Sheldon.

The Hawks had one of the best performances of the tournament against Plymouth, coach Matt Zoll said.

Shawano's doubles team of George Buerman, left, and Tristan Sheldon won their opening round match of the WIAA state tennis meet at Nielsen Stadium on the UW-Madison campus. Their season ended with a loss in the second round May 31.

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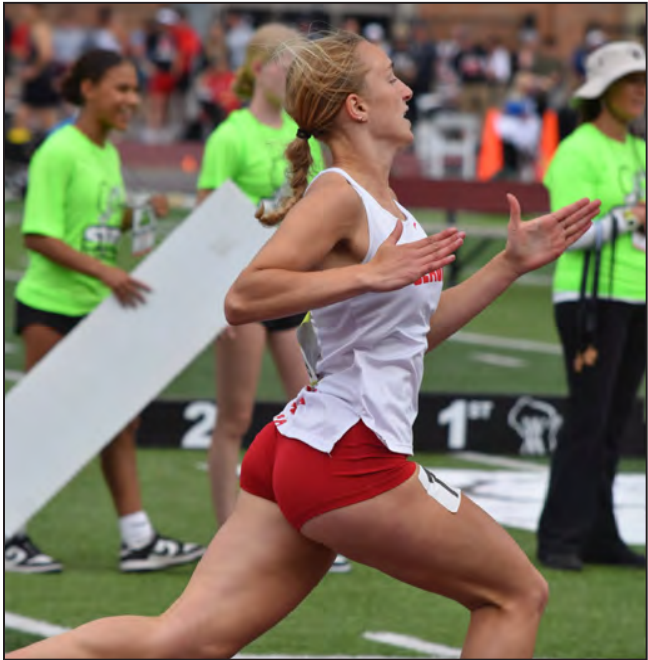


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Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff competes in the 800-meter run, above, and Pulaski's Olivia Sprangers runs in the 200-meter dash at the state meet.

BELLA ROBERTS



Bonduel golfers win sectional Lena golfers place second, join Bears at state

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

May 28 Division 3 Wabeno/ Laona Sectional

Bonduel's golfers won the sectional championship and Lena placed second as both teams advanced to the state tournament following their top play at McCauslin Brook Golf Course in Lakewood.

The Bears scored 313, and the Wildcats scored 317. Gillett scored a 409 and finished in 12th place out of 12 teams.

For Bonduel, Colin Margelofsky and Jake Dreyer each scored 77. Colin Fischer had a 79, and Jaxon Bogacz was at 80. Reed Luepke scored 90.

Lena's Braden McVane, a senior, was the medalist with a 75. He was joined by Mason Spice with 77, Drake Dionne with 81 and Mason Belongia with 84. Evan VanderZanden

scored 85.

Gillett's four scores came from Thomas Carmody at 95, Aydin Franti at 99, Mats Harden at 102 and Tyler Frank at 113. Katelyn Sturm hit 131.

The state meet will be held June 3-4 at Blackwolf Run - Meadows Course in Kohler.

Division 1 Notre Dame (Green Bay) Sectional

Pulaski's season ended after golfers placed fifth out of eight teams with a 327 at Thornberry Creek at Oneida Golf Course in Hobart.

Dixon Holewinski scored a 77 and tied with Appleton West's Colin Evers and Bay Port's Karsen Kruse. Holewinski lost to Evers on the first playoff hole in the tie-breaker, as Evers advanced to the state meet.

Joining Holewinski were Colin Schultz with an 81, Brady Hayward with

an 83 and Zachary Valeria with an 86. Connor Burant scored 88.

Shawano junior Blake Knope scored a 94 to end his season.

Division 2 Luxemburg-Casco Sectional

Oconto Falls golfers placed ninth out of 12 teams to end their season at Northbrook Golf and Grill in Luxembourg.

The Panthers scored 368.

Kadyn Riel led Oconto Falls with a 79 in a six-way tie for 12th place. Joining him for the overall team score were Carson McDermid with a 93, Isaiah Hirst with 97 and Austin Anderson at 99. Jackson McDonald scored an even 100.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood senior Joey Seegmiller scored an 84 and finished in a four-way tie for 26th.

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Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy junior Eva Brooks placed second in the high jump, notching a height of 5 feet 5 inches.

BELLA ROBERTS

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For the boys, Will Chelberg ran the 3,200 and finished 23rd with a time of 10:07.86.

"After a long season, it was exciting to have this many athletes qualify for the state meet at the D1 level," coach Joe Guenther said. "It was great to see Lily in the 3,200 and Grace in the 800 finish out their high school careers with strong finishes. Our relays ran times that were not quite as fast as they ran at sectionals in order to reach the state meet but still were the second-fastest times ever run by teams from Shawano Community High School."

Bonduel
Senior Ashlyn Kurey jumped 33-11.25 to secure 13th place in the triple jump. Sophomore Ryan Westrich threw 49-0.75 in the shot put to earn a spot

on the podium with a fifth-place finish. This was his second year competing in the shot put at state.

Mariah Wondra, a sophomore, ran in two races. She completed the 1,600 in 5:19.35 and the 3,200 in 11:29.53. Both of these times took 11th place and shattered Bonduel's school records, held by her.

Pulaski
In the 200, Olivia Sprangers placed 10th in 25.94. She was 16th in the 100.

Emerson Fabry placed 18th with a time of 2:21.25 in the 800.

In the 4x200, Addison Krueger, Lily Urben, Faye Brunke and Sprangers

placed seventh in 1:44. In the 4x400, Ella Hasser, Rachael Allen, Fabry and Urben were 19th in 4:07.

Hallie Morz was 14th in the pole vault.

Urben was 16th in the 200 hurdles.

For the boys, Madden Skenadore placed 10th in the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.36.

Dylan Dorn did not record a height in the high jump.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood

Faith Resch represented the Chargers in three events.

She captured third place in the triple jump at 35-07.25 and fourth in the 300 hurdles in 45.07.

Resch was 16th in the long jump at 15-02.

Gillett
Sophomore Bradyn Wendorff placed 14th in the 800 in 2:02.52.

Suring
Competing in the pole vault, Trent VanDenElzen placed 13th at 11-06.

Oconto Falls
Rylie Shallow placed 15th in the 100 with a time of 13.12.

The 4x100 team of Anna Spaulding, Abby Budz, Gracie Miller and Shallow were 13th in 50.95.

The 4x200 team of Ashlyn Vanderboss, Budz, Hailyn St. Louis and Shallow were 14th in 1:48.8.

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Bears top Chargers, move on to sectionals

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

May 30
Bay Port 4, Pulaski 1
Bay Port defeated Pulaski 4-1 to claim the WIAA regional crown. Pulaski was seeded No. 6, and Bay Port was the No. 3 seed.

The Red Raiders, who were 11-7 and finished in fifth place in the Fox River Valley Conference, ended the season with a 14-12 overall record.

May 29
Bonduel 1, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 0
For the second day in a row, Bonduel waited until its last at bat to score the only run of the game.

This time, Easton Reinke led off the bottom of the seventh inning with a double. Then, after an intentional walk to Brodie Hartmann, Karson Stoss stepped up to the plate to get the game-winning hit. Stoss smacked a single to right center and scored Reinke from second with the only run of the game, a 1-0 regional title win over Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

Cade Johnson and Chris Sippl both threw outstanding games and matched zeroes unto the seventh.

Johnson pitched all seven innings, giving up three hits. He walked two and struck out 10.

Sippl pitched 6 1/3 innings, giving up one run and three hits. He walked two and struck out six.

Johnson struck out the side in the top of seventh to set up the Bonduel rally in the bottom half of the inning.

Reinke and Hartmann had doubles for the Bears, and Stoss had the game-winning single.

Nate Waupekenay had two hits for the Chargers, and Ian Salvesen had a single.

The Bears advance to sectional play June 4 with a 21-3 record.

Three Lakes/Phelps 7, Lena 3

Lena was defeated 7-3 by Three Lakes/Phelps in the WIAA regional final.

The Wildcats were in fifth place with a 5-7 mark

in the Marinette & Oconto Conference and were 9-9 overall.

May 28
Bonduel 1, Oconto 0
Brodie Hartmann tripled to lead off the bottom of the sixth inning and scored on a sacrifice fly by Karson Stoss, and that was all Bonduel needed to pull out a win in their WIAA regional opening game.

Noah Weier and Devon Bostwick matched scoreless innings through three innings, and then Bostwick left with an injury. Riley Susa joined in the fun and held the Bears scoreless until the sixth when Bonduel got on the board.

Weier threw a great game and gave way to Cade Johnson to finish the seventh inning for a save.

Kyle Bowman and Joey Bailey had Oconto's two hits.

Bonduel had five hits and three were for extra bases. Colin Margelofsky and Beckett Hartlaben doubled and Brodie Hartmann tripled for the Bears.

Bonduel (20-3) advances to play Wittenberg-Birnamwood on May 29.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 5, Coleman 0

The Chargers shut out Coleman 5-0 to advance in regional action.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood started with a 2-0 lead after the first inning, then scored one in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Owen Dickman and Zandyr Barke each hit 2-for-3. Dickman and Ian Salvesen each had a double in the game.

Nathan Waupekenay had two RBIs, and Connor Mevenden had one.

Waupekenay was the winning pitcher, giving up only two hits in seven innings while walking two and striking out six.

Lena 10, Wausaukee 8

Lena scored four runs in the top of the seventh, and then held on as Wausaukee scored one in the bottom of the inning, to win 10-8 and advance in WIAA regional play.

It was a back-and-forth game from the beginning.

Lena led 1-0 after the first half inning, but



Bonduel's Beckett Hartlaben waits for the pitch before taking off for second base as Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Owen Dickman is anxious for the ball. The Bears won the regional title with a 1-0 victory, with the run coming at the last at bat.

TINA BACON



Chris Sippl, a junior at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, lets loose another pitch against Bonduel in the regional title game May 29. Sippl pitched 6 1/3 innings, giving up one run and three hits. He walked two and struck out six.

TINA BACON

Wausaukee took the lead 2-1 in their half of the in-

ning. Lena bounced back with two runs in the sec-

ond inning to lead 3-2, but then Wausaukee scored three in their half of the inning and led 5-3.

Neither team scored in the third, but Lena added a pair of runs in the fourth to tie the game at 5-5.

Wausaukee's two runs in the fifth put them on top 7-5, while Lena's run in the sixth made it 7-6.

That's when Lena opened up for four runs in the seventh inning to lead 10-7. Lena's final run in the bottom of the inning ended the scoring at 10-8.

Lena will travel to Three Lakes/Phelps on May 29 for a sectional matchup.

Pulaski 2, Green Bay Southwest 1

Pulaski improved to 14-11 overall with a 2-1 victory over Green Bay Southwest in regional action.

The Red Raiders will play at Bay Port on May 30 for the regional title.

Notre Dame 11, Shawano 5

Shawano's baseball season ended with an 11-5 loss to Notre Dame in regional action.

The Hawks finished the season at 9-7 in the Bay Conference (fourth place) and 13-8 overall.

Pacelli 8, Marion 4
Marion was doubled up on by Pacelli, losing 8-4 in regional play.

The Mustangs ended with an 8-9 overall record and placed second in the Central Wisconsin North Conference with a 6-2 mark.

Gibraltar 1, Tigerton 0

Tigerton was shut out 1-0 by Gibraltar in regional play to end the season at 7-11.

The Tigers placed third in the Central Wisconsin North Conference with a 5-4 mark.

Scoreboard

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Sophia Lemieux dives for the ball in the Chargers 7-6 loss to Peshtigo on May 28 as the two teams battled it out in the first round of WIAA sectionals. The Chargers ended their season with a 16-11 overall record

TINA BACON

Chargers' softball season ends in sectional round

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's softball team came to a disappointing end May 28 with a 7-6 loss to

Peshtigo in the first round of WIAA sectional action. The Chargers end their season at 9-5 in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Conference and 16-11

overall. Rory Salvesen led the team in hitting this season, batting .466. Alexis Traut hit .429. Salvesen and Brieleigh

Ladika each had 22 RBIs. Ella Eichman recorded 12 wins on the mound, and Kendall Lex had four.



Jayda Moenke pulls down a fly ball for Wittenberg-Birnamwood in the team's 7-6 loss to Peshtigo in WIAA sectional action May 28.

TINA BACON



Rory Salvesen yells words of encouragement to her teammates in Wittenberg-Birnamwood's sectional matchup against Peshtigo. Salvesen led the team in hitting this season, batting .466.

TINA BACON

Pulaski wins regional soccer title

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Veronica Decker scored three goals as Pulaski shut out Watertown 5-0 to win the WIAA regional title June 1.

Sarah Johnson and Ellie Mangold each scored a goal for the Red Raiders, who now post a 14-4 overall record. All five goals came in the second half.

Sydney Hakes was the goalkeeper, and she made seven saves for Pulaski.

Pulaski is scheduled to play at Nicolet on June 6.

May 30

Rhineland 3, Shawano 1

The Hawks traveled to Rhineland full of confidence and ready to battle but came up short in a 3-1 loss in the regional game.

Rhineland had an own goal off a shot from Maddie Moesch, and the Hawks led 1-0 until the last minute of the first half. The Hodags tied the game at 1-1 going into halftime.

Rhineland put in two more goals in the second half to finish the game. Senior goalkeeper Brynlie

Boyles had 16 saves for Shawano.

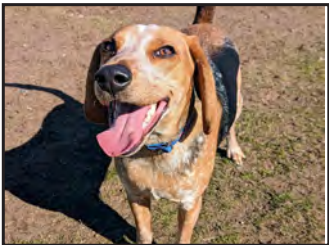
Coach Emily Stepanek notably thanked seniors Caitlyn Moede and Boyles, and foreign exchange student Laia Jimenez.

Shawano ended its season with a 6-15 mark.

May 28
Pulaski 3, Hortonville 0

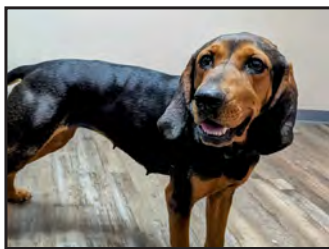
In the first round of regional action, Pulaski defeated Hortonville 3-0.

The Red Raiders scored twice in the first half and once more in the second half.



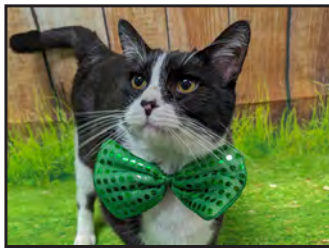
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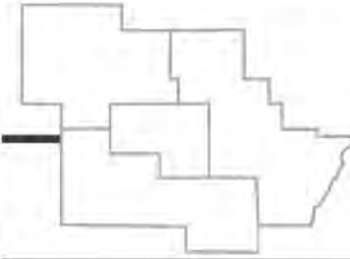
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WI 54124
The Bullpen,
W2330 Hwy 22, Pulcifer WI 54124

Roxann F. Elsner: 125 S. Garden Ave,
Gillett WI 54124
Railway Street Bar & Grill LLC, W450
Main St, Green Valley WI 54127

Frank J. Maroszek: N738 Laney Rd,
Seymour WI 54165
Take A Chance LLC, N5502 Cty Rd C,
Advance WI 54111

Janalee Jenerou, Clerk
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Town Of Richmond
Notice Of Application
For Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
following applications for “Class B” Liquor
and Class “B” Fermented Licenses have
been filed with the Town Clerk for the
licensing period of July 1, 2024 to June
30, 2025 at 7:00 pm on June 10, 2024 at
the Richmond Town Hall, N5170 Co Rd
MM, Shawano, WI 54166.

1. A. Buntrock Taverns LLC, dba Red
River Tavern, W9150 Co Rd A, Shawano;
agent Austin J.Buntrock.

2. Amy's Roadhouse LLC, dba Amy's
Roadhouse, W8916 Oak Avenue,
Shawano; agent Amy M. Gretzinger.

3. BJ's Salty Saloon LLC, dba Salty's
Saloon, W8599 Broadway Rd, Shawano;
agent William W. Lehman.

4. Bartelt's JEM Shack LLC, dba The
Shack, W7601 Poplar Rd, Shawano;
agent Jonathan R. Bartelt.

5. Kassidy's Studio Lounge & Dining
LLC, dba Kassidy's Studio Lounge & Dining,
W7703 Co Rd MMM, Shawano;
agent Michael S.Andrus.

6. Red River Sportsmans Club Inc,
W8955 Beech Rd Shawano; agent Ricky
C. Brockman.

7. Yaeger's Leaky Roof LLC, dba Oak
Ave Pub & Grill, W8903 Oak Ave
Shawano; agent Steven L. Yaeger.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT
COURT, MENOMINEE COUNTY
Case No. 2024PR5
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Paul Reid Swannie
Name
a/k/a Paul R. "Bud" Swannie
A Petition for Formal Administration was
filed.
THE COURT FINDS:
1. The decedent, with date of birth 06-03-
1945 and date of death 11-14-2023, was
domiciled in Cook County, State of
Illinois, with a mailing address of 8815 S
Keeler Ave, Apt 2, Hometown, IL 60456
2. All interested persons waived notice.
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate is 08-16-2024 .
2. A claim must be filed at the
Shawano County Courthouse,
311 North Main Street , Wisconsin
Room 202, Register in Probate Office .
Form completed by:
Attorney Thomas J. Martell
117 N Main St., PO Box 237
Shawano, WI 54166
715-201-3364
Bar Number
1003597
WNAXLP

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05/24/24, 05/31/24, 06/07/24
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
LICENSES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
following applications have been filed
with the Town Clerk for the licensing
period of July 1, 2024 to June 30,
2025. The applications will be acted on at
the June 10, 2024 Town Board meeting
at the Town Hall located at N3285 County
Road C.
Combination Class A Licenses:
1. Angelica Mini Mart LLC, Prakash
Rawal, Agent,
W1989 Spruce Road, Pulaski
2. Krakow One Stop, Charlie De Smidt II,
Agent,
N4795 State Highway 32, Krakow
Combination Class B Beer & Liquor:
3. Sweet Mama's LLC, Kimberly Warden,
Agent,
W128 Center Street, Krakow
4. Angelica Chapel of Angels LLC, James
Przybylski,
Agent, W1586 County Road C, Pulaski
Connie Przybylski, Clerk
Town of Angelica
WNAXLP

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05/31/24, 06/07/24
State of Wisconsin
Circuit Court
Shawano County
(Amended)
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
FINDING CONTEMPT
Case No.18FA102

IN RE: The Marriage of :
Petitioner: Bradley Rick John
W388 Cnty Rd E
Oconto Falls, WI 54154
920-621-4657
-Vs-
Respondent: Julie Mae Antoine
PO Box 795
Manchester, TN 37349
615-440-3153
The State of Wisconsin (Child Support
Agency) is not a party to this action

Affidavit was filed April 22, 2024
It is ordered that Bradley Rick John
appear in person.
Before Circut Court Judge William F.
Kussel Jr.
311 N Main St -Branch 2-
Shawano, WI 54166
June 10, 2024 11:30 AM
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
☐ a copy of the Order to Show Cause
and Affidavit must be personally
served upon all other parties at least 5
business days before the date of the
hearing, unless otherwise authorized
by law. See the Service Packet (FA-
5000) for more information.
☐ both parties must bring a fully
completed, dated, and signed
Financial Disclosure Statement to
court.

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06/07/24
Washington Lake District Affidavit Newsletter Treatment Notification
The Washington Lake Management District is hereby notifying the public of treatment on
7.4 acres of Washington Lake in Shawano County to control Eurasian Water Milfoil.
Estimated treatment will occur in the month of June 2024. Treatment signs will be posted
after the treatment and will state the restrictions associated with the product used. The
public may request, within 5 days of this notice, that the applicant hold a public
information meeting. For questions, comments, or objections, contact theLake and Pond
Solutions LLC office at 920-757-9447 or the WDNR office at 1-888-936-7463.
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06/07/24
CITY OF SHAWANO
APPLICATION FOR LICENSES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following has applied for a license in the City of
Shawano. The application will be acted upon at the June 12, 2024, City of Shawano
Common Council meeting at Shawano City Hall, 127 South Sawyer Street, Shawano,
WI.
Name and address of applicant:

CLASS “B” BEER – 6 MONTH LIQUOR LICENSE

Shawano Ski Sharks; agent Brad Keuschel; Smalley Park - 211 N. Riverside Drive,
Shawano, WI

Lesley Nemetz
City Clerk
City of Shawano
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06/07/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Terri L. Hendricks
DOD: 05/05/2024

Notice to Creditors
(informal administration)

Case No. 24 PR 36

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth June 19,1957 and date of death May 5, 2024 , was
domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI , with a mailing address of 410 North Hunter
Street, Wittenberg, WI 54499 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is September 4, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Register in Probate, Shawano County Courthouse,
311 N. Main St., Shawano , Wisconsin, Room 202 .
Form completed by:
Attorney James P. O’Neil
403 South Jefferson Street
Green Bay, WI 54301
920-432-6060
Bar Number
1001924
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06/07/24, 06/14/24, 06/21/24
City of Shawano
Department of Parks and Recreation
Request For Proposals
Proposals will be received by the City of Shawano, Department of Parks and Recreation,
127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166, up to 1:00 P.M. on Monday, June 24,
2024, for the following project:

Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel Roof Replacement

Proposals shall be submitted on forms provided by the City of Shawano. Copies of same,
along with specifications may be obtained by contacting Matt Hendricks at
mhendricks@cityofshawano.com or call 1-715-526-6171 with questions.

City of Shawano
Department of Parks and Recreation
Matt Hendricks
Director of Parks, Recreation & Special Projects
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Send letters to the editor of 400 words or less by email to
news@newmedia-wi.com. *All letters must have a name*
and phone number for verification.
WE WILL NOT PUBLISH ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

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06/07/24, 06/14/24
NOTICE TO THE TOWN OF BELLE PLAINE SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 17,2024, 7:00 P.M.
BELLE PLAINE COMMUNITY CENTER

TOWN OF BELLE PLAINE ORDINANCE AMENDING PLANS AND ZONING
ORDNANCE MAP TO RECLASSIFY ADDITIONAL LAND THAT WAS RECENTLY
COMBINED TO TAX PARCEL 010-283400200 AS SHOWN ON CSM NO 4613 FROM
COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO EITHER GENERAL AG OR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

The location of this parcel is W8806 Cloverleaf Lake Road, SE-SW, SEC28 T26N,
R15E, SW-SW, SEC 28, T26N, R15E

THE TOWN OF BELLE PLAINE PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL HEAR AND
CONSIDER THE REZONING OF THIS PROPERTY. THE TOWN OF BELLE PLAINE
PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL THEN MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN
OF BELLE PLAINE BOARD. THE TOWN OF BELLE PLAINE BOARD WILL THEN
CONSIDER THE PLANNING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION AND EITHER
GRANT OR DENY THE REZONING OF THE PARCEL FROM COMMERCIAL TO
EITHER GENERAL AG OR COMMERCIAL.

KRISTINE VOMASTIC CLERK
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06/07/24
TOWN OF BELLE PLAINE
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following applicants have filed with the TOWN
CLERK for the licensing period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The applicants will be
acted on at the June 10, 2024 Town Board meeting at the Belle Plaine Community
Center.

Class B Combination Licenses:
1. Mickster's Pub & Grill INC, Stormy Dodge, President
N2754 County Road Y, Clintonville
2. Break-A-Way Jessica Betz Agent
N2921 County Rd. Y Clintonville
3. ECWLH Hotel Group LLC, Brian Wogemese Agent
Borders Inn & Suites, W7393 River Bend Rd. Shawano
4. Club 22 LTD, Mary T. Smits Agent
N3925 Friendship Circle, Shawano
5. Butch's Archery LLC, Carrie Bergsbaken-Hesse Agent
N2885 Pioneer Road, Clintonville, WI 54929
6. JP's Sport Bar, Justin R Popp Agent
W7389 River Bend Rd Shawano
Class A License: Combination license
1. Wagner Shell 22 Management LLC, Melissa Joy Wagner Agent
N4543 State Hwy22, Shawano
Class A License: Beer Only
2. Witt's Sausage Haus LLC, Catherine Mary Sengstock Agent
W8692 Friendship Rd, Shawano

Kristine Vomastic Clerk
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 24CV100
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

Debora	Lynn	Parmer
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
By (Petitioner) Debora	Lynn	Parmer
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Debora Lynn Parmer
First Name Middle Name Last Name
To: Debra Lynn Parmer
First Name Middle Name Last Name
Birth Certificate: Deborah Lynn Rusch
First Name Middle Name Last Name

IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of
Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Judge Sloma
Place: 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI
Date: June 25, 2024
Time: 8:15 a.m.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the
court process, please call 715-526-9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note
that the court does not provide transportation.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3)
weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in The Shawano Leader, a newspaper
published in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT:
/s/ Katherine V. Sloma
Circuit Court Judge
05-10-2024
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE SHAWANO COUNTY
REAL ESTATE SALE

Applications for Appraisal having been made and following Real
Estate having been appraised, sealed bids will be received at the
office of the County Treasurer Until 2 o'clock P.M., Tuesday, June
11, 2024, for the purchase of each parcel of property described
below in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes, Section No.
75.69.

All bids should be submitted in a special envelope marked
“Sealed Bid”. Envelopes and bid blanks are obtainable at the Of-
fice of the County Treasurer, Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin.
Each bidder must designate the amount he/she is offering for the
following real estate description. No bid will be accepted for less
than the minimum bid. All Payments must be made by certified
check, money order, or cashier's check. No personal or busi-
ness checks will be accepted. The bid payment must equal at a
minimum ten percent (10%) of the bid amount as earnest money.
The successful bidder's earnest money shall be non-refundable.
The unsuccessful bidder's earnest money will be returned within
45 days of the public opening. Successful bidders will be given a
Quit Claim Deed to the property from Shawano County upon
full payment. Payment in full will be due by cashier's check or
bank money order no later than July 12, 2024. Shawano County
reserves the right to reject any or all bids on the property and to
be able to accept the bid it deems to be most advantageous to
the County. All properties are subject to local zoning and building
codes. The parcels and/or buildings are sold in an "as is" condi-
tion. Shawano County assumes no liability for any condition of
the properties listed.

TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY
1 Parcel # 020-05440-0010 TH PRT OF SE 1/4 SE 1/4 DES
V655 P62-64 SEC 5 T27N R18E
(.500 Acre Lot Located at N6903 Flat Rock Road)
Minimum Bid \$3,000.00

DEBRA WALLACE - SHAWANO COUNTY TREASURER
311 North Main Street
Shawano WI 54166
Phone: 715-526-9130
Web Site: www.co.shawano.wi.us
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NOTICE OF PENDING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED
LAKE SHORE EROSION CONTROL
Gerald and Helen Schultz, W4461 Nabor Rd, Cecil, WI 54111 have
applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to place a
concrete lake shore erosion control structure on the bed and bank of
Shawano Lake. The project is located in SW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 17
Township 27N, Range 17E located in Town of Washington, Shawano
County.
The proposed project will include the installation of a cofferdam around
the work area and pumping of the water out to create dry work area. Work
will involve the construction of a new 50' linear foot concrete structure
along the shoreline on the bed and bank within a mapped sensitive area
designation (ASNRI). The structure will have a proposed 4:1 slope, consist
of 8" thick reinforced concrete (1/2" fiber rebar 1-foot on center) over
3/4" gravel bed, extending 6' or more below ordinary high watermark and
5' above ordinary high watermark with a 3' wide sidewalk on the bank.
The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and
any information from public comments and the public informational hear-
ing, if held. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies
with ss. 1.11, 30.12 and 30.208, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm.
Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s.
281.36(3r), Stats. if the project impacts wetlands.
The Department has made a tentative determination that it will deny the
permit for the proposed activity.
If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see
the application and plans, please visit the permit tracking website at
<https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> and
search for Schultz.
Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational
material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals
with disabilities upon request.
Any person may submit comments and/or request a public informa-
tional hearing by emailing scott.koehnke@wisconsin.gov, over the phone
at (715) 526-4232, or writing to Scott Koehnke, 647 Lakeland Road,
Shawano, WI 54166 by U.S. mail. If you are submitting general comments
on the proposal, they must be emailed, verbalized, or postmarked within
30 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's web-
site. If you are requesting a public informational hearing, the request must
be emailed, verbalized, or postmarked within 20 days after the date this
notice is published on the Department's website. A request for hearing
must include the docket number or applicant name and specify the issues
that the party desires to be addressed at the informational hearing.
If no hearing is requested, the Department may issue its decision with-
out a hearing. If a public informational hearing is held, comments must be
postmarked no later than 10 days following the date on which the hearing
is completed.
The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision docu-
ment.
Docket Number IP-NE-2024-59-01098
Dated at Shawano Service Center, Wisconsin on 5/21/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary
By Scott Koehnke
Water Management Specialist
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WRLHS students win business challenge

The national Junior Achievement Titan Business Challenge Championship was won May 14 by Luke Hammond and Ryan Bohmback from Wolf River Lutheran High School.

Hammond and Bohmback competed against 34 other high school teams from across the United States in the digital

competition to see which team could run the most profitable virtual company. They will travel June 10 to the 2024 JA National Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. to accept their award in person and engage with innovation, business, and entrepreneurship experts, attend professional development seminars, and gain expo-

sure to a national network of teen entrepreneurs.

This is the second time in two years that a team of Wisconsin students took first place in the JA USA national competition. In 2022, the national winners came from a team of high school students from Appleton North High School and Beloit Memorial High School.

State milk production up from a year ago

Milk production in Wisconsin during April 2024 totaled 2.72 billion pounds, up 2% from the previous April. That's according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - Milk Production report.

The average number of milk cows during April, at 1.27 million head, was 2,000 above last month and up 4,000 from April 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,140 pounds, up 45 pounds from last April.

Milk production in the 24 major states during April totaled 18.3 billion pounds, down 0.2% from April 2023. March revised production, at 18.9 billion pounds, was down 0.5% from March 2023. The March revision represented an increase of 78 million pounds or 0.4% from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major states averaged 2,064 pounds for April, eight pounds above April 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major states was 8.89 million head, 55,000 head less than April 2023, and 6,000 head less than March 2024.

Milk production in the United States during April totaled 19.1 billion pounds, down 0.4% from April 2023.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 2,049 pounds for April, nine pounds above April 2023.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Learning to spell victory early



Sacred Heart Catholic School fourth grade student Grayson Keener won the school's spelling bee, beating out more than a dozen students in grades 4-8. Three strong speller representatives from each of those grade levels were chosen by their teacher to represent their grade. Taking second place were Anessa Bantle, Mechaela Jaros and Jemma Kaquatosh.

CONTRIBUTED

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

Amended Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing

Case No. 24CV90

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

	Bryson	Morris	Bystol
By (Petitioner)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
	Brittney	Jo	Bystol
By (Co-Petitioner)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
	Dylan	Thomas	Zernicke
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From:	Bryson	Morris	Bystol
To:	Bryson	Morris	Bystol-Zernicke
Birth Certificate:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
	Bryson	Morris	Bystol
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Judge Sloma

Place: Shawano County Courthouse, Br. 1

311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166

Date: June 26, 2024

Time: 8:15 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in The Shawano Leader, a newspaper published in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Katie Sloma

Circuit Court Judge

05-07-2024

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Full Time City of Shawano Parks/Public Works Position

Are you willing to learn, work hard and want to enjoy an active always on the go profession? The City of Shawano Parks and Recreation Department/Public Works Department wants you to join our team. We are taking applications for a full time Cemetery Caretaker/ Public Works Operator position. Applications and the job description can be found online at www.cityofshawano.com, City Hall 127 S. Sawyer St. or at the Recreation Center 220 E. Division St. The starting salary range is \$24.00 - \$26.78 per hour with excellent fringe benefits. Applications are due to Shawano City Hall by 9:00 am Friday June 14th.

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OBITUARIES

Teresa R. Gutenberger



Teresa Rose Gutenberger, 61, of Tomahawk, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her favorite place, the lake home, on May 28, 2024.

Teresa was born on July 23, 1962, to Herbert and Marlys (Cobian) Tauchen in Waupaca.

After Teresa graduated from Bonduel High School in 1980, she went on to study agricultural business at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. At UW-River Falls, she met the love of her life, Brian. In April 1986, Teresa and Brian were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano. Teresa and Brian went on to have three wonderful children, Michele, Ryan and Logan.

After graduating, Teresa spent 39 years with the Farm Credit System (Compeer Financial). She loved that two of her children followed in her footsteps by working with her at Compeer. Teresa loved hosting parties for her family and friends, but her greatest joy came from spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She loved to entertain, serve and take care of those

she loved. She touched the lives of everyone she met and was always steady and supportive of those who needed it. She cherished the lake home she and Brian created, with their fondest memories taking place on the lake in Tomahawk. She was an avid reader, enjoyed walking outdoors and took pleasure in making sure her home was always welcoming.

Teresa is survived by her husband of 38 years, Brian; her parents, Herbert and Marlys Tauchen of Bonduel; her daughter, Michele (Peter) Gernetzke of Evansville; her two sons, Ryan (Gretta) Gutenberger of Fond du Lac, Logan (Sarah)

Gutenberger of Mount Horeb; and three grandchildren she absolutely adored, Robert, Charlie and Shay.

She is also survived by her eight siblings, Debra (Bob) White, Marie (Eric) Blechman, Catherine (Klaus) Uedelhofen, Gary Tauchen, Dennis (Kim) Tauchen, Steve (Jill) Tauchen, Greg Tauchen and Jeff (Michelle) Tauchen; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Alan Tauchen.

Her departure comes as a great shock and a deep wound, and it is gravely felt by her entire family and countless others who loved her deeply in her wide network of community. The family deeply appreciates your support during this difficult time.

Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Krueger-Nimsgern Funeral and Cremation Service is assisting the family with the arrangements. You may view the obituary and share online condolences at www.nimsgernfuneral.com.

Janice A. Willman

Janice A. Willman, 67, of the Town of Pella, passed away May 24, 2024.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Marion.

David W. Bickford

David W. Bickford, 67, of Clintonville, passed away May 27, 2024.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Terry K. Lamberies

Terry K. Lamberies, 51, of the Town of Matteson, passed away May 31, 2024.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Job Posting Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District

Payroll & Benefits Specialist

JOB SUMMARY

The Payroll & Benefits Specialist will process payroll in accordance with the District's payroll schedule as well as all related duties. The individual will be responsible for administering employee benefits, provide information to the employees and coordinate daily operations of the employee benefit program.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS:

- At least 3+ years of experience administering payroll and benefits preferred. Work experience should include knowledge of basic human resources, payroll practices, benefits administration and compliance or other related experience.
- Must have strong knowledge of a variety of computer software applications including payroll, benefits, time & attendance (Skyward/Frontline). Experience with Skyward is a plus.
- Strong understanding of Human Resource process and terminology, payroll and benefit processes and procedures, including eligibility and enrollment rules and benefit procedures.
- Demonstrates exceptional analytical skills and ability to create useful and actionable reports from data.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and Google applications.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

- Associate degree or relevant years of experience.



APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 14, 2024

START DATE: July 8, 2024

TO APPLY: Please send resume, cover letter, 3 letters of recommendation and any transcripts or certifications that apply to this position to Jill Resch, Wittenberg-Birnamwood District Office, 400 West Grand Ave., Wittenberg, WI 54499. jeresch@wittbirn.k12.wi.us or apply on WECAN.

Salary negotiable based on qualifications and experience.

USDA seeks feedback from ag producers

Over the next several weeks, U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct two major mid-year surveys, the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey.

The agency will contact nearly 4,400 producers across Wisconsin to determine crop acreage and stock levels as of June 1. The results are used by farmers and ranchers, USDA, exporters, researchers, economists, policymakers and others to inform a wide range of decisions.

Producers can respond to the June Agricultural Survey online at accounts.usda.gov, by

phone or mail. They will be asked to provide information on planted and harvested acreage, including acreage for biotech crops and grain stocks.

For the June Area Survey, agency representatives will interview farm and ranch operators in randomly selected segments of land over the phone or in person. Producers will be asked to provide information on crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventory, land values and value of sales.

NASS will publish the data in a series of USDA reports, including the annual Acreage and quarterly Grain Stocks reports June 28.

PILGRIMAGE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

shores of Shawano Lake at Cecil Village Park. Shuttle buses will be available to take pilgrims back to St. Martin's Parish Hall for a picnic-style dinner.

After boarding a boat at the park, Raether will lead a flotilla-style procession around the shores of Shawano Lake, ending at a private dock on the north shore about 5 p.m.

Boat procession participants are also invited to St. Martin's for the picnic meal, which will continue until 7:30 p.m.

"The public is invited to attend any of the events; however, they should only plan to either walk or bring their boat," Raether said. "The logistics of trying to provide boat transportation to the walking pilgrims is simply more than we can provide. All in all, it promises to be a special event."

Boaters are encouraged to decorate their watercraft with festive flags and banners; political banners and flags are not welcome.

To ease congestion at the Cecil boat landing, consider launching from one of the many public landings on Shawano

Lake. Launch fees will apply. There are landings at Swan Acre Drive, Stark Road and Shawano County Park.

To ensure there is enough food for all, registration is encouraged and may be completed online at www.stmartin-cecil.org.

Raether is planning on a picnic that will feed 300 people.

"But, if only one person comes and believes again, that will be a success," he said.

St. Martin's membership is about 200 families and grows with the influx of summer tourists. Raether has run the day-to-day pastoral care of the parish since 2019.

Information about the National Eucharistic Revival and Pilgrimage may be found at www.eucharisticrevival.org or www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org.

Raether and his wife, Mary, will attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July. It is the first such event in 83 years.

Questions may be directed to Raether at traether@stmartin-cecil.org or 715-745-6681.

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dreamed of seeing what's out there and digging up dinosaur fossils and seeing what they are and how I can learn about them."

"I'm kind of happy," Johnson said. "I'm a baseball and basketball player just because they are my favorite, and I always grew up to be a basketball player, because my brothers were, and they inspire me."

Meidam said she was "very, very excited" about getting the year's supply of Sun Drop.

"I love the flavor, and I love how they make it," she said. "This is one thing my whole family is excited about because it's Sun Drop. When I was enter-

ing, they said, 'If you win, I want that Sun Drop.'"

Johnson, when asked the same question, responded with an answer of giving.

"I'm kind of excited because I get to drink it with my family," he said.

For those children that didn't make the cut, there will be a consolation prize in the form of a pizza party at a later date, according to Lee. However, she's confident the children selected will go far in the next year.

"Above all, they are kind, they are sweet and they want to give back to this community," Lee said.

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Five generations on both sides of family



The odds a family in the United States having five living generations is one in 10,000, but baby Maverick Skarda, of Eagle River, has that status with both sides of his family. He is shown on the lap of his great-great-grandmother Barb Rottier, of Clintonville, while surrounded by, from left, great-grandfather John Rottier, father Christopher Skarda and grandmother Heide Skarda, all of Eagle River. Both sides of the family originated from the Cecil area.

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Maverick Skarda's other side of the family includes great-great-grandfather Wayne Bahr, seated, of Bonduel, and they're surrounded by, from left, great-grandmother Mandy Rottier, father Christopher Skarda and grandmother Heide Skarda, all of Eagle River.

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Seniors can get farmers market aid

Shawano County residents 60 and older (or Native Americans 55 and older) who meet income requirements are eligible for financial help to purchase items at local farmers markets.

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program offers these seniors the opportunity to buy fruits, vegetable and herbs from certified farmers.

To qualify, seniors must have a monthly income of \$2,322 or less for one person or \$3,152 or less for two.

Enrolled seniors will receive vouchers of \$45 per household to be used at farmers markets or road

stands. A list of approved markets or roadside stands will be provided.

Vouchers must be used by Oct. 31.

The distribution sites are as follows:

- June 10, 9-10 a.m., Elizabeth Manor, 951 E. Elizabeth St., Shawano; 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parkside Apartments, 725 S. Main St., Shawano; 1-2 p.m., Waterview Apartments, 325 E. Fifth St., Shawano; 2:30-3:30 p.m., Oak Ridge Apartments, 504 Oak Drive, Shawano.
- June 11: 3-4 p.m., Hillside Apartments, 100 N. Washington St., Bonduel.
- June 13: 9-10 a.m., Tigerton Riverview Apart-

ments, 124 Spaulding St., Tigerton; noon to 2 p.m., Tigerton Community Center, 221 Birch St., Tigerton.

• June 14: 2-3 p.m., Shawano County Human Services, W7327 Anderson Ave., Shawano.

• June 19: 9-11:30 a.m., Wittenberg Senior Center, 208 W. Vinal St., Wittenberg; 1-2 p.m. Maple View Apartments, 434 Main St., Birnamwood.

• June 21: 9:30-11 a.m., Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Center, N8651 Maplewood St., Bowler; 1-2:30 p.m., Towerview Apartments, 1100 Park St., Gresham.

Vouchers will also be

available at the Wittenberg Senior Center or and the Shawano County Aging Unit, W7327 Anderson Ave., Shawano, after the distribution is done, if any are still available.

The number of vouchers is limited and are distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Call 715-253-2421 in Wittenberg or 715-526-4686 in Shawano for availability.

Applicants may be required to provide proof of age and household income.

For information, call Heidi Russell at the Shawano County Aging Unit at 715-526-4686 or 866-526-2130.

2 teachers initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma

Jan Ptacek and Lisa Sorlie were initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma Nu Chapter during its May meeting at Mathew's Supper Club in Clintonville.

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international society of key women educators. Nu Chapter includes educators from Shawano and Waupaca counties.

Ptacek earned a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education and a master's degree in special education and reading from University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She worked for 37 years for Clintonville public schools holding a variety of positions—special education teacher, third grade teacher, and special education reading teacher.

Ptacek retired two years ago and now shares a part-time position as Title I teacher in Shawano working 12 hours a week.

Sorlie earned a bachelor's degree in with a major in education and minor in science from Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, masters of education from Concordia University, and a library media/digital technology degree from



Jan Ptacek, left, and Lisa Sorlie were initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma Nu Chapter during its May meeting.

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UW-Oshkosh. She has worked for the Bonduel School District since 2003 where she was the library media specialist and achievement gap reduction coach at Bonduel Elementary School. She is currently a middle school sci-

ence teacher and district library media specialist.

Sorlie has been active with UW-Madison and the National Institute of Science in yeast research (substrate information) and is published.

COURT NEWS

▪ Ginger L. Peoples, 47, pleaded no contest May 29 to three misdemeanor counts of theft. One of the counts was amended from a felony charge in a plea agreement. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on 18 months of probation with conditions.

▪ William J. Boss, 35, Shawano, pleaded no contest May 29 to manufacturing with intent to deliver THC and possession of THC. Sloma levied fines and sentenced him to six months in county jail.

▪ Anthony Luviano, 40, Marion, pleaded guilty March 13 to two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle without a valid license and bail jumping. On May 30, Sloma levied fines and sentenced him to 90 days in county jail.

▪ Joel T. Kinney, 33, Neopit, was charged May 15 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. On May 29, Sloma set a \$500 signature

bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 23.

▪ Amber L. Burke, 34, Cecil, was charged May 28 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of an illegally obtained prescription drug. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for July 9.

▪ Jackie L. Gardner, 37, Birnamwood, was charged May 28 with two counts of felony bail jumping and one count of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for June 19.

▪ Nathan J. Morris, 39, Shawano, was charged May 28 with four counts of felony bail jumping, five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked. Sloma set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for June 21.

▪ Vernon A. Parrott, 27, Tigerton, was charged May 28 with felony bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts

of bail jumping. Sloma set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for June 17.

▪ Robert S. Powless, 38, Shawano, was charged May 28 with strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 13.

▪ Jeffrey D. Stewart, 33, Shawano, was charged May 28 with six counts of felony bail jumping, eight counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor charges of battery, disorderly conduct, and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 6.

▪ Corey A. Tucker, 37, Shawano, was charged May 28 with possession of methamphetamine, three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and

scheduled a status conference for June 17.

▪ Noah C. Balthazor, 27, Green Bay, was charged May 29 with four counts of felony bail jumping, eight counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and violating an ignition interlock device order. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for July 22.

▪ Tyson A. Peters, 30, Shawano, was charged May 29 with 12 counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$3,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 4.

▪ Jeremy M. Schmidt, 24, Greenville, was charged May 29 with driving or operating a vehicle without consent, two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set a \$750 signature bond and adjourned his initial

appearance until July 25.

▪ Brian L. Pamonicutt, 56, Shawano, was charged May 30 with battery or threat to a law officer, four counts of felony bail jumping and one count of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 7.

▪ Ryan C. Stevens, 46, Green Bay, was charged May 30 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor operating while revoked. Sloma set a \$1,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for June 27.

▪ Zadeus K. Huxford, 33, Cecil, was charged May 30 with stalking, victim intimidation, six counts of felony bail jumping, nine counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of violating a harassment restraining order. Sloma set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for July 25.

▪ Tyler W. Fessler, 31, Manitowoc, was charged

May 31 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 10.

▪ Kevin P. Moran, 38, Shawano, was charged May 31 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine (second or subsequent offense), possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), maintaining a drug trafficking place, eight counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of receiving or concealing stolen property and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 10.

▪ Taylor R. Roehl, 31, Shawano, was charged May 31 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for June 25.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

June 2

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including noise on Beech Road in the Town of Richmond; property damage on Valley Road in the Town of Hartland; harassment on County Road S in the Town of Maple Grove; found property on County Road A in the Town of Wescott; seven 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; three welfare checks; one crash.

June 1

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; operating while intoxicated on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; assisting with a fire at Homme Home, 604 S. Webb St., Wittenberg; found property at Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; found property on Buss Drive in the Town of Washington; operating while intoxicated on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; three welfare checks; four crashes, one involving deer.

May 31

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including a vehicle fire at Kwik Trip, 102 W. Express Way, Bonduel; operating without a license on state Highway 22 in Cecil; trespassing on Riverside Drive in the Town of Wescott; three 911 calls; two

reckless driving incidents; five traffic hazards; one welfare check; three crashes, one involving deer.

May 30

Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including a warrant on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; repossession on Eagle Nest Lane in the Town of Belle Plaine, threatening at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; vehicle fire on state Highway 29 in Wittenberg; found property on East Elizabeth Street in Shawano; noise on Hiawatha Court in the Town of Wescott; animal bite on Lake Crest Drive in the Town of Wescott; property theft on Buss Drive in the Town of Washington; two 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two crashes.

May 29

Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including a warrant at Menominee Tribal Jail, W3293 Wolf River Drive, Keshena; burglary on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; property theft on County Road CC in the Town of Navarino; weapon offense on Fourth Street in Mattoon; noise on Hiawatha Court in the Town of Wescott; operating while intoxicated on North Cecil Street in Bonduel; two 911 calls; three welfare checks; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; four crashes.

May 28

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including threatening on Riverside Road in the Town of Pella; bail jumping on County Road N in the Town

of Birnamwood; property damage on Pine Road in the Town of Washington; criminal damage on South Cleveland Street in Shawano; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard.

May 27

Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including an animal bite on Hilltop Road in the Town of Almon; warrant on River Drive in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; one 911 call; one welfare check; two traffic hazards; two crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 2

Officers responded to 21 incidents, including an overdose at an undisclosed location; juvenile problem on South Smalley Street; two shoplifting calls at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; property theft on South Main Street; lost property on South Main Street; juvenile problem on North Main Street; found property at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.

June 1

Officers responded to 32 incidents, including a warrant arrest at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; operating while intoxicated at an undisclosed location; warrant arrest on West Green Bay Street; theft on South Sawyer Street; found property on South Main Street; shoplifting at the Skateboard Park for Sun Drop Dayz, 137 E.

Elizabeth St.; two found property calls at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; property damage at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; fight in progress at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.

May 31

Officers responded to 22 incidents, including a vehicle crash on East Randall Street; vehicle crash with property damage on East Green Bay Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; juvenile problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; internet sex crime at an undisclosed location; reckless driving at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; vandalism at Smalley Beach, 211 N. Riverside Drive; vandalism at Nabershood Plaza, 214 S. Main St.; vandalism on Oak Drive; found property at Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; operating while intoxicated on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman.

May 30

Officers responded to 43 incidents, including a traffic hazard on South Airport Drive; found property at an undisclosed location; tobacco problem at Shawano

Community High School, 220 County Road B; traffic hazard on County Road B; vehicle crash at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; juvenile problem on East Randall Street; vicious animal on South Franklin Street; trespassing at an undisclosed location; hit and run on South Washington Street; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; trespassing at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; noise on South Andrews Street; fireworks on West Picnic Street; noise on East Elizabeth Street.

May 29

Officers responded to 22 incidents, including property theft at Farm Inn on Main, 123 N. Main St.; vehicle crash with injury on South Bartlett Street; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; vehicle crash with property damage on East Elizabeth Street; vandalism at Smalley Beach, 211 N. Riverside Drive; animal bite at an undisclosed location; illegal burning on South Bartlett Street; harassment at an undisclosed location; trespassing on East Lieg Avenue.

May 28

Officers responded to 29

incidents, including found property on East Lieg Avenue; shoplifting at Dunham Sports, 1211 E. Green Bay St.

May 27

Officers responded to 18 incidents, including a hit and run on East Elizabeth Street; vehicle crash at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; property theft on West Division Street; found property on South Sawyer Street; reckless driving on West Richmond Street; property theft on East Center Street.

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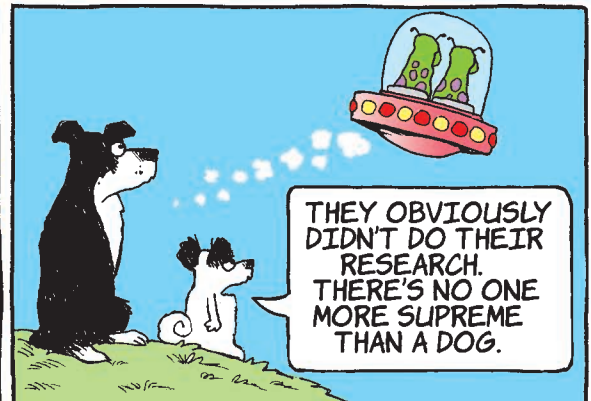
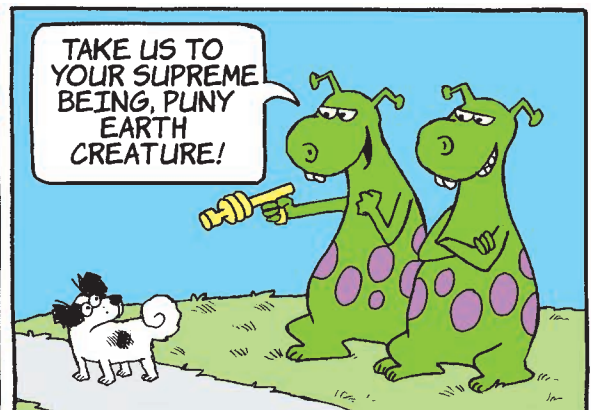
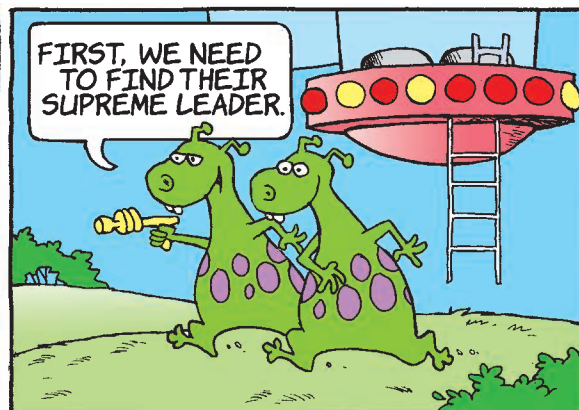
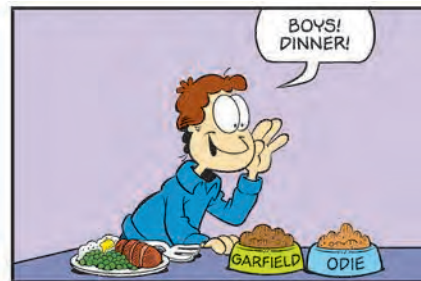
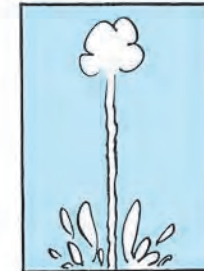
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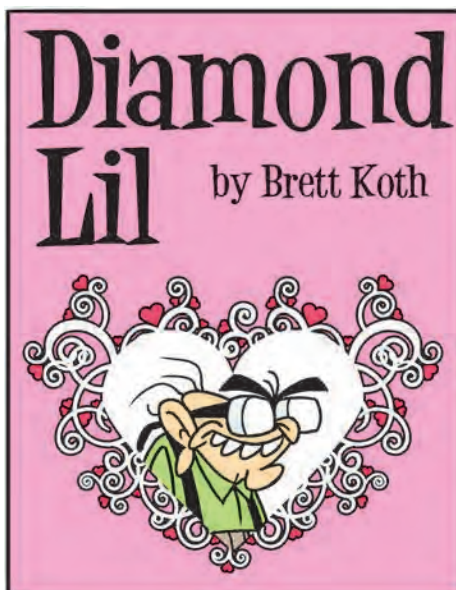
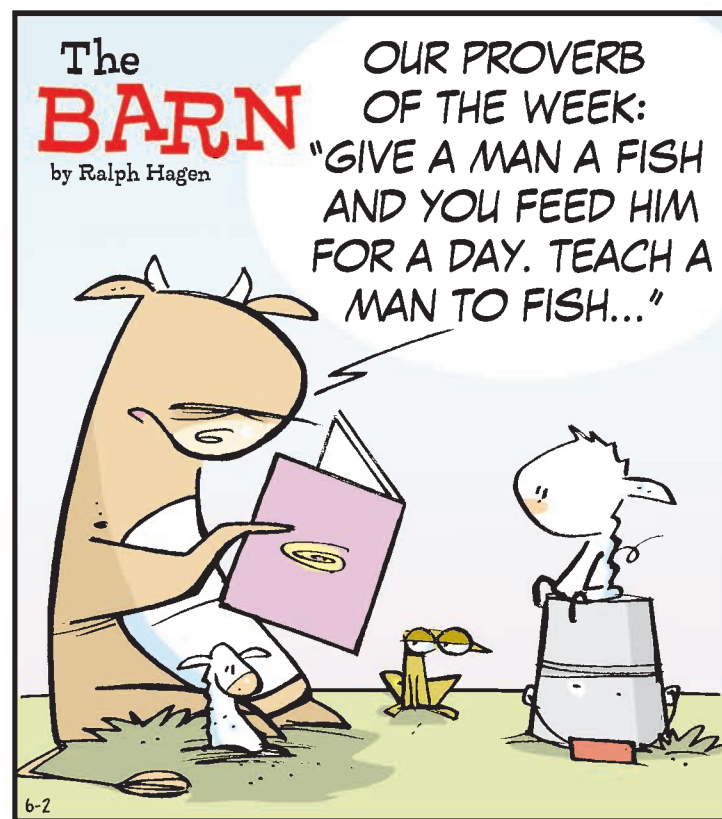
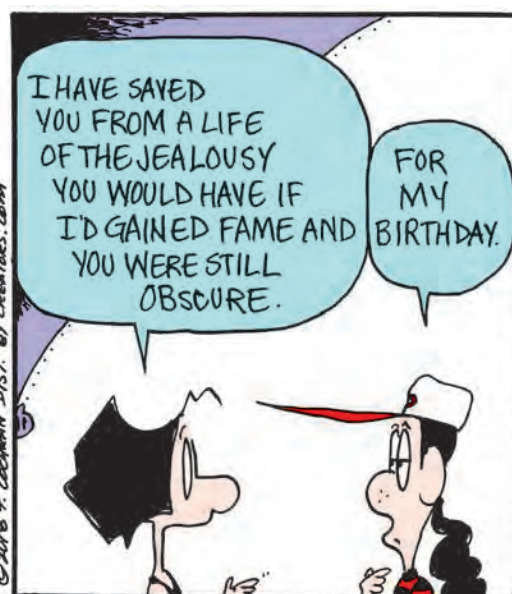
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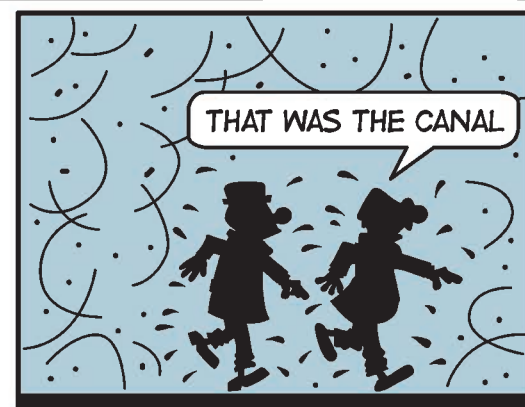
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