



State Rep. Peter Schmidt, left, presents an Assembly Citation and U.S. flag to retiring Shawano County Board member Arlyn Tober at the March 27 board meeting. The supervisor has served Shawano County continuously since his first election in 1974. He has since served on every county committee and every ad hoc building committee.

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Tober honored for 50 years

Erdmann also lauded for his two decades on Shawano County Board

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

A very busy — and much younger — Arlyn Tober was lured to run for the Shawano County Board of Supervisors with talk of only having to attend three meetings every two months. That was in 1974.

Today, 50 years later, he's finally walking away from the board, having served on every standing committee and every ad hoc building committee in the past five decades.

March 27 marked his last board meeting, at which he was honored by the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and state Rep. Peter Schmidt, R-Bonduel.

Supervisor Jerry Erdmann was also honored by the WCA. Both received a Commendation for Exemplary Service plaque.

Mark O'Connell, WCA president and CEO, said there is no deficit of leadership in Shawano County.

"I have seen thousands of county officials in this state over my 30-plus years in county government," he said. "If you were going to create the ideal public servant



Shawano County Supervisor Jerry Erdmann addresses the board March 27 after being recognized for 20 years of service. With 20 years of experience on the board, Erdmann is one of several not seeking reelection in 2024.

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and build it from scratch, it might look like Arlyn. It might look like Jerry. The

epitome. The ultimate in a public servant. Selfless."

Michelle Thompson, WCA communications consultant, read the plaque presented to Tober.

"In his role for 50 incredible years, he has acted with dedication, integrity and a commitment to both the county and the taxpayers," she said. "He has been a leader in every sense of the word, exemplifying the definition of public servant."

Tober served as vice chairman of the board for 15 consecutive years and served on the North Central International Trade, Business and Economic Development Council. He was also feted for his collaborative skills, leadership, expertise and common sense approach.

"Supervisor Tober represents the best of the best," Thompson said. "He is the model of hard work, integrity and the greatest character."

Tober thanked the WCA. "Words cannot tell you how much this means to me," he said. "It is truly an honor for me to receive this award."

In 1974, the town chairmen in the

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Shawn Clark sentencing delayed due to revocation

Sex offender in Dodge County currently; hearing rescheduled to June 13

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A plea and sentencing hearing for a registered sex offender who was arrested near Birnamwood eight months ago was delayed March 26 due to his incarceration in another county.

Shawn Clark was expected not to contest a charge of violating the sex offender registry in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma's courtroom, but he was taken to the Dodge County Correctional Institute about two weeks before the hearing. Prior to that, Clark was in custody at the Shawano County Jail on a \$1,500 cash bond.

Court records show Clark was transferred on a revocation but did not detail why. No new charges have appeared in Wisconsin's online court file system.

Clark was linked to the courtroom by



SHAWN CLARK

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This was the clandestine fort in the Town of Norrie where fugitive and registered sex offender Shawn Clark was arrested on July 11, 2023, after community information revealed he was hiding in the area.

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Sisterly tales set in Tigerton can be found in new book.

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Brothers in arms — and in school

Thornborrows take proactive approach to law enforcement

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

Nate Thornborrow followed his older brother, Tyler, into a law enforcement career.

This isn't too unusual, but for the Thornborrow brothers, their career paths took a unique turn when they both become school resource officers in Shawano County.

Tyler Thornborrow, a Shawano Police Department officer, is the school resource officer for Shawano Community High School and Hillcrest Primary School. He has worked for the department for 18 years, of which three has been spent in the Shawano schools.

Nate Thornborrow, a deputy in the Shawano County Sheriff's Department, is the school resource officer for Shawano County. He serves the public and private schools in Bonduel, Tigerton, Wittenberg and Birnamwood. He started with the department in 2007.

"I've been in my capacity of resource officer going on my second year," Nate Thornborrow said.

The Thornborrows are enthusiastic about providing the safest schools and safest students. Promoting a positive image of law enforcement officers to students is their mission. Counseling students and collaborating with guidance counselors and school social workers are big parts of their jobs.

"School safety is our first and foremost goal," Tyler Thornborrow said. "After that, it's all about building relationships with the students and connecting with

them in a positive way." He said that the biggest compliment that he's received from a student was, "You are my cop. You're the person that I'm going to go to."

Tyler Thornborrow said it's beneficial for resource officers to be able to get involved if there would be a domestic violence incident in a student's home, for example. He started a program called the Handle with Care program with the SCHS social worker.

"Any time there is an outside incident in which a student is involved in anything violent, or any time a parent is arrested, we get a notification," Tyler Thornborrow said. "That way, if the child is acting up in school, or they are not themselves after a situation, we have a heads-up that something happened, so we can take care of the student."

Nate Thornborrow noted that he has a similar plan with the sheriff's department. He will get calls at night or on weekends to give him a heads-up that a situation happened with a student. That prepares him to be able to work with the student on Monday. He also connects with the principal or teacher to let them know the student may need their attention.

At one of the elementary schools he works with, Nate Thornborrow shared that he heard from teachers that students talk about him as the one person that they would go to if there ever was a problem. They say that they can trust him and see him as a good cop.

"If we can instill that at the middle school age, that



Nate Thornborrow, left, and Tyler Thornborrow are school resource officers in Shawano County. Tyler works in Shawano Community High School and Nate works in schools in Bonduel and the western county. "About 95% of what school resource officers do is proactive work," Tyler Thornborrow said. "We create the building blocks that develop our students to go out into the world and be successful in life and academically."

LYNN ZAFFRANN

will be with them through their entire lives," Nate Thornborrow said. "On my way to a basketball game in Bonduel, I heard a call come through. I recognized the house. It was on my way, so I stopped. There were two young children there, screaming and crying. They saw me and immediately ran to me. This was a case where I was able to de-escalate the situation with the two of them, so that they weren't as traumatized. I was able to remove them from the problem, and the other officers were able to concentrate on the adults on the scene."

Nate Thornborrow said

he's a firm believer in what his brother says about getting students on the right path, whether it's in elementary, middle or high school.

"That's going to give them the fundamentals for a better life," he said. "It's harder to solve a problem that's 40 years old than to solve a problem when someone is only 10 years old."

Both men are dedicated to their schools, according to Tyler Thornborrow.

"This is our primary mission, our schools and the safety of our students, being proactive in their success, their academic success, as well as their personal successes in life," he said. "We

work hand in hand with the school administration, as well as our guidance counselors and social workers. We do home visits, meetings upon meetings."

Tyler Thornborrow hopes to be able to meet with a number of students weekly over the summer to reinforce his proactive mission.

"It's proving to work, and to be part of that process, is really something. It's rewarding," he said.

"Probably, after 18 years in law enforcement, if there's something that I can say absolutely, without a doubt, the last three years are probably the best years of my career."

Tyler and Nate Thornborrow both said that it's good for them to be able to talk to each other about their jobs. They bounce different situations off of each other, and have the benefit of getting a different perspective and solution for what they each may run into.

The compassion, dedication and care that the Thornborrow brothers have in doing their jobs is a great benefit for the students of Shawano County. These two school resource officers believe in the saying "Have an attitude of gratitude," which carries over to the benefits that they give to the county itself.

Wimberger to run in new 2nd Senate District

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

State Sen. Eric Wimberger announced his candidacy March 27 for the newly redrawn 2nd Senate District, potentially setting up a Republican primary with state Sen. Robert Cowles.

The 2nd Senate District, which has no incumbent under the new maps, was redrawn to include most of Oconto County south and east of Sur-



ERIC WIMBERGER

Bonduel, Bowler, Cecil and Gresham, and 16 of Shawano County's 25 towns.

The district also includes parts of Waupaca

and Outagamie counties, including Little Chute, Seymour and neighborhoods in Appleton and Kaukauna.

Cowles has made no announcement but indicated an interest in moving so that he can run for re-election to the 2nd District, which contains much of the territory he has represented in the Senate since 1987. The district also contains much of the former 30th

Senate District, which ran from Green Bay north to Marinette, which Wimberger has served since 2021.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to be the conservative voice for my current constituents and new constituents in northeast Wisconsin," Wimberger said in a statement announcing his candidacy. "From the north of the district near my family's small busi-

ness, to the very south where the first generation of Wimbergers immigrated to a Kaukauna farm, I have strong vested ties to the area."

Wimberger cited highlights from his first term including obtaining funds and drafting legislation to help remediate PFAS contamination in rural and urban areas, and securing funding for the southern bridge across the Fox River in Brown County.

"I look forward to continuing my effective representation as the Legislative Audit Committee Chairman doing government oversight, and as a member of the Joint Finance Committee organizing the state budget," he said. "I'll also have an opportunity to live closer to the family business, Sweet Memories Candy Shoppe in Lakewood, and help my mom in our 35th year open."

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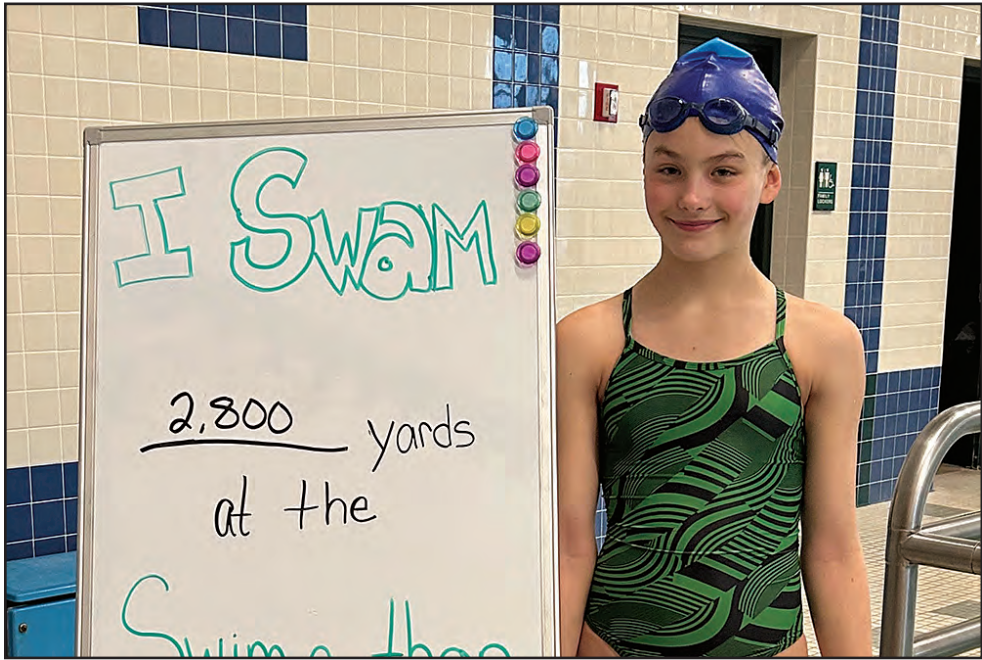
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Aislyn Sauter swam 2,800 yards or 112 laps to raise funds for the Wittenberg Area Swim Program. CONTRIBUTED



Jessica Quade swam 2,300 yards or 92 laps to help raise funds for the Wittenberg Area Swim Program. Proceeds will be used for equipment purchases and coaching fees. CONTRIBUTED

WASP swimmers raise more than \$2,000

More than \$2,000 was raised at the recent swim-a-thon to benefit the Wittenberg Area Swim Program (WASP). Swimmers raised funds from pledges on a per-lap basis. Proceeds will be used for equipment purchases and coaching fees. Among those participat-

ing in the swim-a-thon fundraiser were Myles Sauter, Lucy Wierzba, Emma Quade, Jessica Quade, Brinley Wierzba, Grace Hegewald, Halley Innes, Kaydence Crick, Peyton Crick, Evelyn Hegewald, Rylee Crick, Elizabeth Behnke, Alayna Rasmussen and Aislyn Sauter.

The next season for WASP swimmers starts April 23. Registration will be from 1-2 p.m. April 7 at the Darwin E. Smith Community Aquatic Center, located next to the high school in Wittenberg.

Former supper club site expected to host mini warehouses

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

The site of a former supper club in Birnamwood is expected to soon be the home for a mini warehousing operation. The Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee met April 3 for a public hearing on a conditional use permit for the proposed new business. Eric Reeder of Schofield is proposing to build a 35-foot by 176-foot, 16-unit personal storage facility at N7691 Hummingbird Road in the Town of Birnamwood. The 0.482-acre site is at the intersection of Hum-

mingbird Road and U.S. Highway 45. It was formerly the site of R Place Supper-club, which has since been razed, and the parcel has been cleared for development. The area is zoned commercial community, and a conditional use permit is required for a personal storage facility in that zoning category. The Town of Birnamwood waived its public hearing requirement at its Feb. 13 meeting. After the public hearing, the committee met for its regular meeting, with consideration of the proposal on that agenda.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG
FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE is given to all persons in the Village of Wittenberg that a public hearing will be held on April 2, 2024, at 6:00PM, to solicit comments on proposed floodplain ordinance revisions that are required by state and federal law. These revisions govern development in mapped floodplain areas. The proposed ordinance revisions are on file in the office of the Village Clerk. The proposed regulations are intended to protect life, health and property in floodplain areas and will govern uses permitted in mapped floodplains. Activities such as dredging, filling, excavating and construction of buildings are generally allowed, but may be restricted according to which flood zone the property is in. A copy of the proposed ordinance will be on file and open for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk for a period of two weeks prior to this public hearing. All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard.

Written comments may be submitted to:
Village of Wittenberg Clerk
Dated at Wittenberg, WI, this 6th day of March, 2024
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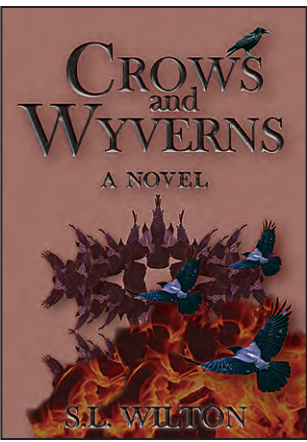
Wilton returns with epic fantasy novel sequel

Three years after releasing his debut epic fantasy novel, local author Steve Wilton is back to take readers on another suspense-filled journey through the complex, mysterious and dangerous world he created in



STEVE WILTON

“Queen of Crows” with a multifaceted female main character once again in the forefront in his second novel, a sequel titled “Crows and Wyverns.” Published through Pedal Down Promotions of Manitowoc, “Crows and Wyverns” showcases Wilton’s ability to weave together epic fantasy and magical realism storytelling, while detailing a highly intricate and vividly defined world filled with power struggles, passionate encounters and ominous forces. Wilton, who now lives in Birnamwood, drew on his love of reading to release “Queen of Crows” in 2021, which was met with strong reader interest and critical acclaim, including a spring 2023 nod as The BookFest Awards prize winner.



A retired 20-year U.S. Army veteran, being an avid reader all his life, Wilton thought about writing an epic fantasy novel for many years before unleashing his creative vision in “Queen of Crows.” “I had the basic idea for my first novel in my head for a while,” Wilton said. “Then I read a poorly constructed fantasy novel and thought I could do better. Most fantasy stories are formulaic with a male lead. I thought a female lead should step up to save the world and herself.” Like his first novel, “Crows and Wyverns” is a fantasy novel set in a medieval European setting. “It follows a character from the first book but rounds out the first book’s main character’s story,”

Wilton said. “It also expands the world the story takes place in. For me, it’s very satisfying to see a complex story idea get fleshed out and come to an appropriate end. “I write with an adult audience in mind, but I tell people, mature young readers of 14 or older will find the books enjoyable. There is violence and some sexual innuendo but no on-the-page sex.” “Crows and Wyverns” is available on several online book sales platforms, including amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com and bookshop.org, as well as yet-to-be-determined future in-person shows and events. “The book will be available on most online outlets,” Wilton said. “I do several in-person book sale and signing events each year in Wisconsin and have a few scheduled with the plan of adding more.” For more information on the author, visit <https://slwilton.com> or his Facebook or X pages. For more information on the book publisher, email pedaldownpromotions@gmail.com, visit www.pedaldownpromotions.com or call 920-323-7970.

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Students in grades 7-9 display their wining entries in the annual conservation poster contest. From left, are Layla Kazik, Madison Brandt and Austin Stickney.

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Students poster contest winners announced

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Fifteen area youths were honored for their creativity at the March 27 meeting of the Shawano

County Board. Scott Frank, county conservationist and head of the Shawano County Land Conservation Department, announced the winners of the 2024 Land and

Water Conservation Poster Contest, with the theme “May the Forest Be With You Always.” “This is a great opportunity to recognize our area students for their hard



Grades K-1 winners in the conservation poster contest are, from left, Briella LaRock, McKenna Grunwald and Jordi Wild. More photos of winners can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

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work, their creative minds and artistic talent in our county conservation poster contest,” Frank said. The local contest, in its sixth year, is part of a nationwide endeavor. Forestry has been a common theme as of late, Frank said.

“This is the most posters we’ve ever received,” he said. “We had 208 posters. We bested last year, which was our highest year at 173.”

Students from 10 schools in six districts or systems participated. Those were Sacred Heart in Shawano, Bonduel, St. James in Shawano, Wittenberg, Shawano and Bowler. “Each school had a student place first, second or third in the contest, so that’s pretty impressive, too,” Frank said.

Winners are:
Division 1, grades K-1: Jordi Wild, Sacred Heart School, first in Shawano County, first in Lake Michigan Area; Briella LaRock, Sacred Heart, second place; McKenna Grunwald, Sacred Heart, third place.
Division 2, grades 2-3: Isabella Bantle, Sacred Heart, first place Shawano County, second place Lake Michigan Area; Kamdyn Lance, Bonduel Elementary School, second place; Payton Prodell, Bonduel,



Isabella Bantle won first place in the grades 2-3 division in the annual conservation poster contest. Students from 10 schools across Shawano County participated in the nationwide event.

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third place.
Division 3, grades 4-6: Easton Bartz, St. James Lutheran School, first place Shawano County, second place Lake Michigan Area; Meadow Williams, St. James, second place; Eva-lann Wurtinger, Wittenberg Elementary School, third place.
Division 4, grades 7-9: Austin Stickney, Shawano Community High School, first place Shawano County, first place Lake Michigan Area; Madison Brandt, Shawano Community Middle School, second place; Layla Kazik, Shawano Community Middle School, third place.
Division 5, grades 10-12: Maleeya Peters, Bowler School, first place Shawano County, first place Lake Michigan Area; Rhianna Rosenow, Bowler, second place; Ayasha Bowman, Bowler, third place.
The Division 5 winners were not at the meeting as the district was on spring break.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Wittenberg will hold a Joint Review Board meeting on April 16, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Wittenberg Village Community Center, located at 208 W Vinal St.

The purpose of the meeting is to organize the Joint Review Board for consideration of the Village’s proposal to create Tax Incremental District No. 4.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plan Commission of the Village of Wittenberg will hold a public hearing on April 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Wittenberg Village Community Center, located at 208 W Vinal St.

The hearing will be held to provide the public a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed creation of Tax Incremental District No. 4, its proposed boundaries, and its proposed Project Plan.

The District’s proposed boundary is identified on the map included in this Notice.

Based on the planned use of properties within the proposed District boundary the Village expects to designate the District as suitable for mixed use development.

Projects to be undertaken within the District and costs to be incurred (Project Costs) will be for the purpose of promoting mixed use development and may include acquisition of property, rights of way or easements, site preparation, installation or rehabilitation of utilities and streets, payment of cash grants as development incentives to owners, lessees, or developers of land located within the District, professional services and organizational costs, administrative costs, financing costs and other costs as may be necessary to implement the District’s Project Plan. Projects may be undertaken within the District’s proposed boundary and in areas located in the Village within ½ mile of that boundary.

All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed creation of the District, its proposed boundaries, and its proposed Project Plan. A copy of the proposed District Project Plan, including a description of the proposed boundaries, is available for public inspection and will be provided on request during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk at the Wittenberg Village Hall, located at 208 W Vinal St.

NOTICE OF JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG, WISCONSIN

Notice is Hereby Given that the Village of Wittenberg will hold a Joint Review Board meeting on April 16, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Wittenberg Village Community Center, located at 208 W Vinal St.

The meeting is being held to consider approval of the resolution adopted by the Wittenberg Village Board amending Tax Incremental District No. 3. The meeting is open to the public.

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Board OKs salaries for elected officials

Positions will see 6% pay raise in 2025, 2.5% after

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Salaries for the next four years for the Shawano County clerk, treasurer and register of deeds were established at the Shawano County Board meeting March 27.

Each position will see a 6% pay increase in 2025 and a 2.5% increase in each of the next three years.

State law requires the board set the salaries prior

to the earliest time for filing nomination papers for the county elective offices, which is April 15.

The wages were approved without comment by the supervisors, but discussion wasn't as muted at the executive committee meeting a week earlier, March 20.

Register of Deeds Amy Dillenburg discussed her 2024 salary compared to her 2023 numbers.

"Basically, in one month, I take home \$69.92 more than I did the previous year," she said. "I don't have overtime, and my rent went up \$100 a month."

She noted that she and others worked through the COVID pandemic in the office, because their work

could not be done at home.

"Our offices are small, so when our staff is gone, we have to be there. We have to know all aspects of it, and the responsibilities on a state level and a county level," Dillenburg said. "I really think that compensation should be enough where a person can afford to rent an apartment and possibly have a vehicle payment. From where I see it, that isn't a reality for me."

In 2025, the clerk, treasurer and register of deeds will each be paid \$72,904.68, which represents a 6% increase from 2024. The pay in 2026 will be \$74,727.30; in 2027, it will be \$76,595.48; and in 2028, the salaries will be \$78,510.37.

Administrative Coordinator Jim Davel explained how the new salaries were developed.

"I looked at multiple counties, compared relatively like size with us. The reason there's not anything for '24 is because the board had previously approved in the last resolution for these three positions a 3% raise that was put into effect for this year," he said.

"The 6% raise ... those positions are somewhat under when you look at the comparisons from the other counties. The 6% was also ... similar to what we have done for the rest of the county employees. And then if you look at the subsequent years ... the reason with the 2.5 was that when you calculate

them out, it keeps them pretty much in pace with the other positions."

He said that in his mind, the positions provided good salaries, benefits and time off.

County Clerk Kara Skarlupka said the positions don't qualify for paid time off like other jobs.

"They don't get PTO, but they get paid for being there, whether they are there or not," County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said.

A 12-year county employee, Skarlupka compared the standard PTO accrual rate of county employees to what she would earn if PTO was part of the job description.

"I would be taking at least seven and a half

weeks off," she said. "So, you can say that I have the availability, but do I take it? Am I in my office every day at 8 o'clock, 7 o'clock? Yes, I am. Am I there til 4:30, barring appointments? Yes, I'm here. Flip side, I understand that an elected official, and we've had them in the past, that don't follow that, but I don't feel I should be subjected to a past official."

Supervisor Kathy Luebke said it's better to compare the positions to those in similar size counties as opposed to other employees in Shawano County. She also noted any decision made is about the position and not about the person holding the post.

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US, state egg production up from a year ago

Wisconsin egg production during February 2024 was 182 million eggs, up 9% from the previous February, according to the latest Chickens and Eggs report from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of all layers on hand during February 2024 was 7.49 million, up 6% from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for February was 2,430, up 3% from a year ago.

United States egg production totaled 8.62 billion during February 2024, up 5% from last year. Production included 7.39 billion table eggs, and 1.22 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.13 billion were broiler-type and

93.7 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during February 2024 totaled 377 million, down 1% from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,288 eggs, up 6% from February 2023.

Total layers in the United States on March 1 totaled 377 million, down 1% from last year. The 377 million layers consisted of 311 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 62.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 3.87 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1 averaged 79.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from March 1, 2023.

Egg-type chicks hatched

during February 2024 totaled 55.7 million, up 7% from February 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 56.5 million on March 1, up 5% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 236,000 during February 2024, up 3% from February 2023.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during February 2024 totaled 789 million, up 3% from February 2023. Eggs in incubators totaled 731 million on March 1, up 1% from a year ago.

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

Milk production increases slightly from a year ago

Milk production in Wisconsin during February 2024 totaled 2.56 billion pounds, up 4% from the previous February according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Milk Production report.

However, adjusting production for the additional day due to the leap year causes February milk production to be up 1% on a per day basis. The average number of milk cows during February, at 1.27 million head, was unchanged from last month and unchanged from February 2023.

Monthly production per cow averaged 2,015 pounds, up 80 pounds from last February.

Milk production in the 24 major states during February totaled 17.4 billion pounds, up 2.4% from February 2023. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to leap year causes February milk production to be down 1.1% on a per day basis.

January revised production, at 18.3 billion pounds, was down 1.0% from January 2023. The January revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1% from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 24 major states averaged 1,955 pounds for February, 58 pounds above February 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major states was 8.88 million head, 61,000 head less than February 2023, but 8,000 head more than January 2024.

Milk production in the United States during February totaled 18.1 billion pounds, up 2.2% from February 2023.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,941 pounds for February, 60 pounds above February 2023.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.33 million head, 89,000 head less than February 2023, but 10,000 head more than January 2024.

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towns of Pella and Richmond approached him about running as a write-in. The incumbent filed nomination papers for reelection but then died before the election.

Tober was told the county board only met every other month, and if he was appointed to the health committee, it was only one more meeting a month, at night for one hour each.

After winning election, Tober was appointed to the law enforcement and

zoning committees, both of which met more often than the health committee.

Tober also thanked his wife and children for taking over much of his farm work during the takeover of the Alexian Brothers Novitiate in early 1975.

One of Tober's highlights was in the early years when he helped to get \$20,000 allocated to Department of Aging budget to deliver meals to the homebound. The state provided funds for meals at community centers.

"My only regret is that I could not convince the county board and the DNR to save the little lake up in Hayman Falls," he said.

Schmidt presented Tober with an Assembly Citation.

"Arlyn Tober has tirelessly dedicated his time and efforts to improving the lives of Shawano County residents through his unwavering commitment to public service," Schmidt said, reading the citation. "His leadership, integrity, and passion have been

instrumental in shaping the development and progress of Shawano County over the past five decades."

Schmidt also presented Tober with a U.S. flag flown over the Wisconsin Capitol on March 12 in honor of his 50 years of service.

As for Erdmann, he served 20 years on the board, including 10 as chairman.

"I was just one person on this board," he said. "It takes an entire board to get things done. And I think

we have accomplished something in those years."

Erdmann encouraged new members – and there will be nine of them – to ask questions.

"That's the way you get things done," he said.

Thompson again read the WCA plaque for Erdmann.

"Jerry was involved in countless key decisions and initiatives that positioned the county for a successful future, from merging departments to create efficiencies to make

in government more accessible toeing involved in a myriad of capital projects and improvements, his impact will be felt for generations to come," she said.

O'Connell praised the two supervisors for their unparalleled service.

"Gentlemen, I love you both, and I am going to miss you dearly, but not as much as Shawano County will miss you," he said. "Thank you so much for your service."

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CLARK, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

telephone, a departure from the recent practice of using Zoom to connect defendants in custody. Because Clark couldn't be present for the hearing through Zoom or in person, Sloma rescheduled the hearing for 9 a.m. June 13 in Branch I at the Shawano County Courthouse.

Defense attorney Aaron Schenk told the judge that he and the Shawano-

Menominee County District Attorney's Office were close to a resolution, but the revocation procedure put a snag in the negotiations, so he asked for the rescheduling. He said he would let the court know if Clark wanted to be at the hearing in person or via Zoom.

Clark's arrest occurred on July 11, 2023, in a secluded hideout near

County Road D and County Road OO in the Town of Norrie, near Birnamwood. He was arrested by deputies with both the Shawano County and Marathon County sheriff's departments after tips came into Shawano County following the department featuring Clark on its Facebook page for its "Wanted Wednesday" series.

Clark was previously

sought on an active felony warrant issued by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections for a sex offender registration violation.

The Marathon County Sheriff's Department reported in a press release that it was the community's support that proved instrumental in identifying Clark's hidden location. A clandestine fort was built on private property in an

effort to evade arrest by law enforcement, according to the release.

Clark's previous residence, prior to May 26, 2023, was in the Town of Aniwa.

According to court records, Clark pleaded no contest in Marathon County to a charge of first-degree child sex assault of someone under age 13 in 2018 and was in the middle

of five years of probation.

Clark also faces charges in Marathon County including felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a concealed knife and possession of drug paraphernalia. These items were discovered at the time of the arrest, according to Marathon County sheriff's officials.

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Small town takes center stage in ‘Middletown’

Play tackles anxiety, suicide, substance abuse and other social woes

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A review for the play “Middletown” describes it as “Our Town” if Dr. Seuss wrote it and Samuel Beckett had a hand in editing it.

Audiences will be able to decide for themselves when Shawano Community High School students bring the story to life April 11-13 in the school’s auditorium for their spring production. “Middletown” explores small-town America in the modern era as a friendship develops between John Dodge, who has lived in the community most of his life, and Mary Swanson, a newcomer, and the pair interact with others in the community in interesting ways, from visiting the local library to an adventure in outer space and more.

“Middletown,” written by Will Eno, debuted in New York City in 2010, and it caught the eye of local director Maddie Stuewer as something SCHS students could handle and relate to.

“‘Middletown’ is very quirky,” Stuewer said. “It’s about small-town living, so you see these vignettes that tie together, especially at the end. It’s kind of how different people influence us, and their focus is on struggles that people may

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: “Middletown”
WHEN: 7 p.m. April 11-12, 2 p.m. April 13
WHERE: Auditorium, Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano
TICKETS: \$5 adults, \$3 children. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at shawanotheater.ludus.com

not talk about. It’s a very interesting show.”

Some of the topics broached in “Middletown” are depression, suicide, loneliness, determining where you belong in life and how people interact with others, according to Stuewer.

“Personally, I like this story, and it’s a little more interesting than ‘Our Town,’” she said.

Stuewer noted that the themes in “Middletown” are something that students can relate to in today’s society, as the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 left many, especially children, feeling isolated and alone. Most of the students performing in the show were in their middle school years when the pandemic hit, so it’s still fresh in their minds four years later.

“They’ve been able to work through their emotions and portray them in a



The local librarian, played Kate Smits, center, tells newcomer Mary Swanson, played by Maddigan Bakeberg, about the town as longtime resident John Dodge, played by Tanner Thiel, stands in the wings in a scene from “Middletown,” which will be performed April 11-13 at Shawano Community High School. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

very mature way on stage,” Stuewer said. “I felt that this show, dealing with these heavy issues, it’s always intrigued. I felt that it had a very important message that this group has really felt.”

Tanner Thiel is definitely feeling the emotions as he tackles the character of Dodge, whom he describes as very anxious, scared and jittery.

“He’s very reserved,” Thiel said. “When all of a sudden a new person, Mrs. Swanson, comes, he starts to develop a bond and a friendship with her, and it’s not what he’s kind of used

to. He really starts to take solace in Mrs. Swanson and starts to develop a really good relationship with her throughout the whole show.”

The anxiety of Dodge is something that Thiel feels he has in common with the character.

“People get anxious a lot,” he said. “A lot of times, social situations can scare you. That’s how John Dodge is. I’ve been there a lot, and I’ve had a lot of times of anxiety and panic taking over. The one thing John and I have in common is our continuing pushing forward and just always strive to keep going forward.”

Jill Guenther is dealing with her own issues as she plays a mechanic in the show. The mechanic is an alcoholic and struggling with substance abuse.

“Her life’s very gray, and she’s just kind of going through the motions of small-town life,” Guenther said. “She can fix cars, but she can’t fix her own life and her own problems.”

Guenther said it was easy for her and the other



A police officer, played by Andrew Mukka, left, and a pair of tourists, played by Ireland Setterman, center, and Owen Krueger, check out a strange obelisk in a scene from “Middletown.” LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

students to understand the small-town aspect of “Middletown.”

“It’s easy to fit into the role of an average citizen, someone who is just there,” she said. “Everybody’s struggling with something. Substance abuse is a major problem nowadays, and it’s a very modern issue. I think my character is just a little quirky, and it’s a look into someone’s life.”

This show is going to bring back a performance style that hasn’t been done by SCHS since 2017. Audience members will be on the stage with the perform-

ers instead of sitting in the 700-plus seats down below. Stuewer noted there will be couches, folding chairs and lawn chairs for the audience to sit on, providing an interesting mix.

“Every spot is a good spot,” Stuewer said. “It’s been a fun challenge to work with the actors on playing to the different parts of the audience. Actors are so used to being told that you can’t have your back to the audience, but when they’re on either side of you, it’s rather unavoidable.”

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Laughter best medicine for storyteller

Krause adds Southern charm to Wisconsin tales in 'The Adventures of Martha Lou and Me'

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

They say that laughter is the best medicine, and Josephine Krause knows it best, having dealt with a debilitating condition for most of her life.

What started out as a writing assignment in eighth grade soon turned into entertaining and funny stories for the family Christmas cards, and now Krause is sharing the laughter with everyone in the new book "The Adventures of Martha Lou and Me," currently available in Kindle and paperback formats on Amazon.



JOSEPHINE KRAUSE

Over the course of 41 short stories, readers get to follow the humorous true-life adventures that Krause and her sister had growing up. Krause tells the stories in the tone of her paternal grandmother, raised in the Deep South in Alabama. Krause noted that when she told the stories verbally, she imitated her grandmother's accent, leading to more laughs.

The back cover of the book, in part, reads: "She was so country, that country folk looked like highfalutin city folk, compared to her. Grandma had a noteworthy Southern dialect that left me gobsmacked every time she spoke. It was fascinating, captivating, enchanting, and a tad odd."

Most of the stories take place in Wisconsin, where the family lived, including Tigerton, Clintonville and Manawa. There are also stories during the period the family moved to Ontario, Canada, according to Krause, along with one with St. James, Missouri, as the backdrop and another taking place in Muncie, Indiana.

When Krause's eighth-grade teacher asked the class to come up with a story about 40 years ago, her thoughts immediately went to her family.

"I just started telling a story about our life, and since my grandma was from Alabama and she always spoke really different, I started imitating my grandma, and my whole family was laughing," Krause said. "They said, 'You should write your story like Grandma Krause,' so I did."

Krause's parents got such a kick out of the story that her mother wanted to include copies of it in the annual Christmas card to family members.

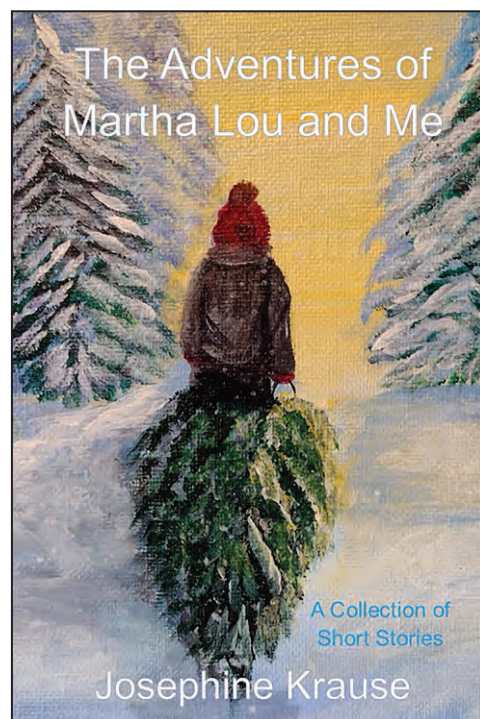
"Then people started saying, 'This is really funny. It's hysterical,'" Krause said. "Then it just kind of went from there. They were dying laughing, and my mother would say, 'Could you write another story for the Christmas card?'"

Krause stopped writing for a while as illness made it difficult to pursue. She was diagnosed as a brittle type 1 diabetic



Josephine Krause, shown at left, and her family often provided terrific fodder for the short stories she wrote, especially Martha Sue, third from left, whose actual name was Michelle but would be called Martha Sue whenever she got into mischief.

CONTRIBUTED



in January 1979 at the age of 8, at a time when blood glucose levels couldn't be read, and she remembered passing out at school and her teachers claiming she was faking illness, despite her diagnosis. She

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "The Adventures of Martha Lou and Me"
AUTHOR: Josephine Krause
PUBLISHER: Kindle Direct Publishing
PAGES: 185
COST: \$5 ebook, \$14.95 paperback on Amazon

was diagnosed with neuropathy when she was 12, and much of her time has been spent in hospitals, including 47 surgeries and a stint of 2½ years at Shawano Medical Center.

"I've been sick for most of my life," Krause said. "I've barely scraped by just being able to be alive. I've either been in transplant wards or sick in the hospital, so the friends that I do have are basically like me — they're in and out of the hospital. We've met on Facebook pages for these illnesses, so they're like, 'Basically, I have nothing to live for. I really can't take it anymore,' and I'll be like, 'Hey, you want a good laugh? Here's what me and my sisters did.'"

Krause noted that those hospital friends who read the stories forget, if only for a moment, the pain and discomfort they're in, and the stories have the same effect on the author, too.

"I just made someone's day," Krause said.

Krause reunited with a longtime friend in Canada, and she sent the stories detailing her wacky antics with her sister, Martha Lou, and that inspired her to start writing again. She had amassed a binder full of stories by Christmas 2022, and the feedback she received was "You need to publish this."

"My mom checked with a publisher, and he said, 'I'm getting ready to retire, but your daughter could do it on Kindle Direct Publishing,'" Krause said.

Krause already had the written files readily available, as she was putting the stories on her Facebook page. She said she collected some family photos.

Martha Lou is a fictitious name Krause made up for the stories, and her sister's name is actually Michelle, but when she wrote the stories, the family would actually call Michelle by the Martha Lou name whenever she got into trouble.

"It's kind of like that's her alter ego," Krause said. "That's like a dumb 'Martha Lou and Me' move."

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'12 Angry Jurors' to deliberate next month in Oconto

The Machickanee Players have begun rehearsals for the final play of their 40th season, the drama "12 Angry Jurors."

The story contemplates the serious responsibility of 12 ordinary people as they consider the guilt or innocence of a young man accused of the murder of his father. Disagreement and conflict among them force the jurors to question their own morals and values as they face a decision which could cost a young man his life.

Written by Reginald Rose, it was originally produced as a one-act teleplay

on the CBS Studio One anthology TV series. It was first staged as a play in 1955. Most famously, it was made into a movie in 1957 starring Henry Fonda. The players are following an adaptation by Sherman L. Sergel which is most similar to the Studio One version.

"It's a timeless lesson about prejudice and jumping to conclusions, Director Jahn Mozey said. "I feel it's especially important to present it at this time, when we have several high-profile court cases going on that are definitely fueled by emotion. I have a great cast, too —

ranging from seasoned performers all the way to a 73-year-old who has never acted on stage before. It's a great selection, similar to the different characters that make up the jury in the play."

Spencer Lacy, who plays Juror Number Seven, likes that the show is ambiguous.

"We just don't have enough information to know what happened," Lacy said.

Performances will be held on May 3-5 and May 10-12. General admission is \$20, while Sunday matinees are \$16.

Friday and Saturday evening shows

offer a dinner catered from The Wooden Spoon for an additional \$20, while Sunday matinees offer the option of pie from OJ's of Gillett for \$5 more than the cost of admission. Dinner and pie must be ordered at the same time tickets are purchased, and dinner orders have a cutoff date of five to six days before the show. For these options, choose add-ons when ordering tickets at <https://machickaneeplayers.com/our-shows/buy-tickets>.

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Neighborly kindness almost meets with fowl play

Screaming bloody murder, I felt helpless against the attack. Using whatever means I had to defend myself, I kicked at the thing, meeting open air as the fowl deftly averted my foot. Undeterred, it came back at me with a vengeance.

Earlier in the day I had received a text from our neighbor asking if I'd let her girls out to peck that afternoon as the days were warm and spring-like. She'd asked us a few times before. Accommodating her 15-member brood of hens, we'd go down and open their henhouse door, letting them free range in the yard.

"No problem," I responded as usual.

She was at work and we were just down the road. What wasn't usual was that I was going there alone. Generally, since we were still collecting sap, my husband and I had swung round together after our collection and opening the coop door, never had had trouble with her rooster. I've since been educated about roosters and their brood of chickens.

Our neighbor, whose husband has built her a dream hen house, tends her flock very well and is knowledgeable about the ways of her fowl, chickens and roosters alike. Their rooster, Willy, talks to his charges, letting them know there are treats over there, for instance, or alarming them of danger. Extremely vigilant, the rooster watches the skies.

One day, my neighbor recalled, her birds were between the coop and the road, and there was a hawk in the trees. Spotting the hawk, Willy sent out an alarm for his girls letting them know in no uncertain terms there was danger lurking.

They all had run to the woods except for one. Willy scurried back after that one and corralled her safely to the woods, under tree coverage. The woods' canopy provided coverage because the hawk had no free space in which to swoop down and seize one.

So that day, Willy assumed I was a threat and he meant to put up a defense. This rooster was intimidating, at times flying up as high as my waist, trying his hardest to jab at whatever body part he could reach. The more fuss I made, the madder he seemed to get. Backing up slowly, I'd clap my hands and holler, but in his righteous anger, he just kept fluttering his wings, jutting his head back and forth and continuing to attack.

His hackle, which is long, fine and brightly colored, enlarged and fluffed up to encircle his entire neck area. I'd have admired it more had he not been



Willy may appear small in stature compared to a human, but that is one bird you do not want to cross when he is guarding his ladies. KAY REMINGER



Kay Reminger
Columnist

adamantly trying to kill me, or at the least, cause bodily harm. Willy, who at all costs would stick up for his girls, was protecting them from me, a strange invader into their safe home.

Finally, I was able to get some space between me and him and made a mad dash to my car all the while looking over my shoulder and sure enough, he was pursuing me. It was truly terrifying. Thinking back it probably would have made a hilarious episode on "America's Funniest Home Videos."

A few days later, as I was chatting with our neighbors in their back yard, their beautiful flock were pecking and cooing, talking back and forth to each other. Every once in a while, a relaxed Willy would call cock-a-doodle-doo. The wild birds were chirping and twittering in the trees. It was peaceful and settling — a homestead serenity that content, well-cared-for animals convey.

They recalled a hawk almost as big as a chicken, had swooped in on the girls at one time, before they got a rooster and had installed netting over the henhouse. Our neighbor heard a commotion in the back yard and discovered the potential killer in the henhouse, trying to fly out. With no other means of defending the chickens, our neighbor threw his shirt over the hawk to deter it. Once covered, taking it away from

the henhouse, he threw it off to the side.

Beforehand, the hawk had kicked, clawed and tried to bite him through the shirt. Freed then, the hawk spread its wings and shook itself, squawked heartily and in shock, stood its ground for a bit before flying off. Hence, they've put netting up and got themselves a rooster.

My neighbor has English Orpingtons and Wyandottes, raised from baby chicks. They're full of color and good health. She puts saddles on some of her chickens to protect them as the rooster fertilizes the hen to produce eggs.

According to a Google search, "The rooster transfers sperm to the hen through a process called 'cloacal contact.' This occurs when their cloacas, the common opening reproductive and digestive tracts, make contact, allowing for the transfer of sperm from the male to the female."

If the egg is not incubated it cannot develop into a chick.

After encountering Willy and understanding the reasoning behind his aggression, I cannot help but admire and respect him for his robust defense. All that being said, the next time I go down there to open the henhouse, I'll be prepared.

("Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds." Proverbs 27:23)

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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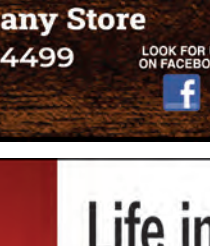
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Trees and shrubs blooming ahead of schedule

A warm start to the spring season has caused a number of native forest trees and shrubs to begin blooming, in some cases, almost a month ahead of schedule.

Even in our own backyards, we can see the early tree and shrub bloom by examining the twigs and branches of our own woody plants.

Many of our maples are in full bloom now with the warmth of the March sun. Maples begin blooming far up in the treetops, closest to the sun, then work their way down to ground level. Sugar maples, swamp maples, red maples and silver maples are already in bloom in much of our area.

Look closely at the treetops to see the red haze that signals the bloom overhead. With a closer look, the reddish flower buds are adorned with golden pollen stamens, creating a spectacular floral showcase in miniature.



Rob Zimmer
Columnist

This past week, as I walked along the trails at Navarino Wildlife Area, I noticed that the hazelnuts are all in full spring bloom, as well. This is about a month early; I usually don't find hazelnuts in bloom until mid-April or so.

Here in Wisconsin, we have two varieties of hazelnuts, the beaked hazelnut and the American filbert. They are very similar in bloom and leaf, however the husks are completely different that cover the growing nuts.

Hazelnuts produce both male flowers and female flowers. The male flower is a long slender catkin adorned with greenish yellow pollen. The female flower grows from an

ovary-like structure along the branch and resembles a tiny sea anemone with wine-colored or reddish tentacles that emerge to capture the sticky pollen.

Also in bloom along wetland shores and damp places is tag alder. Tag alder, like hazelnut, produces both male and female flowers. The male flowers are beautifully purple or maroon-colored catkins, while the female flowers are short, squat cone-like structures on the branches.

The birches are also loaded with beautiful catkins now in early spring. Paper birch, yellow birch and river birch are all sporting these beautiful floral structures.

Of course, the native pussy willows are now beginning to pop in abundance in mid-March. The silvery, fur-covered catkins of a variety of different willow species can be seen in area wetlands and shorelines, as well as our own backyards, where



Tag alder blooms adorn these abundant wetland shrubs now in mid-March.

ROB ZIMMER

cultivated varieties are planted.

Willows are not the only variety of woody plant to produce fur-covered catkins. All of the aspens — including quak-

ing aspen, big tooth aspen and cottonwood — also support large, silvery, fur-covered catkins now in the middle of March.

Enjoy exploring the world of flowering trees

and shrubs in your own backyard this month.

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.

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KESHENA: Winter Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., College of Menominee Nation Cultural Learning Center, N188 State Highway 47-55. Artisan Native crafts, hot food, baked goods and more. Sponsored by the college's Sustainable Development Institute.

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

SHAWANO: Auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," 6-9 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Box In The Wood Theatre Guild's summer musical. Register for an audition date and time at <https://calendly.com/brandonbyng/auditions-wizard-of-oz>.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

SHAWANO: Shawano-Menominee Relay for Life, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Fundraiser for research and local American Cancer Society programs.

SHAWANO: Auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Box In

The Wood Theatre Guild's summer musical. Register for an audition date and time at <https://calendly.com/brandonbyng/auditions-wizard-of-oz>.

OCONTO FALLS: Operation Shoe Box celebration, 10 a.m. to noon, Grace Lutheran Church, 501 S. Main St. Samaritan's Purse celebration of a successful 2023 campaign in the 12-county Green Bay area.

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway Fan Fest, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Crawford Center, 251 S. Waukechon St. Kickoff to the 2024 race season, race cars on display.

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

OCONTO FALLS: The Wisconsin Singers in concert, 7 p.m., Falls Area Performing Arts Center, 210 N. Farm Road. Adults \$15, students and seniors \$10, tickets at WisconsinSingers.com/see-us/oconto-falls, or 608-886-6801.

BOWLER: Drowning Pool in concert with Saliva, 7:30 p.m. North Star Mohican Casino, W12180 County Road A. Tickets \$30, doors open 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

LENA: Pathfinders Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., American Legion Hall, 412 E. Main St.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

SHAWANO: Photographer John Noltner, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, 111 Thomas Ave. In conjunction with his exhibit "A Peace of My Mind: American Stories, photography by John Noltner," Noltner will visit campus to do studio interviews with interested local residents asking them how they've found strength in the midst of struggle. More information at apomm.net.

GILLET: American Red Cross blood drive, noon to 5:30 p.m., Gillett Secondary School, 208 W. Main St. Appointments can be made by downloading the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcross-blood.org or calling 800-733-2767.

KESHENA: Running and walk-

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

SHAWANO: Hard Hat Happy Hour, 5:45-6:30 p.m., JDoggs, 136 S. Main St. Networking event hosted by Wolf River Builders Association.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

NEOPIT: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. The Circle House, W6715 Shawpokasic St. Information: Mindy Thunder at

715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

SHAWANO: Youth Apprenticeship Employer Informational Event, noon to 1 p.m., Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce. Broad overview of the program by the Youth Apprenticeship Consortium coordinator.

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

SHAWANO: "Middletown," 7 p.m. Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. \$5 adults, \$3 children. Tickets available at the door or at shawanotheater.ludus.com.

CLINTONVILLE: Wolf River Home Schoolers present "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," 7 p.m., Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road. Free admission, donations appreciated.

BOWLER: Native American

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

SHAWANO: Youth Apprenticeship Employer Informational Event, noon to 1 p.m., Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce. Broad overview of the program by the Youth Apprenticeship Consortium coordinator.

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

SHAWANO: "Middletown," 7 p.m. Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. \$5 adults, \$3 children. Tickets available at the door or at shawanotheater.ludus.com.

CLINTONVILLE: Wolf River Home Schoolers present "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," 7 p.m., Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road. Free admission, donations appreciated.

WITTENBERG: Spring Gala, 7-10 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. "Art, food, drinks and fun." \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. Must be 21 to attend. Fundraiser for Walls of Wittenberg.



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Ella Stuber gets a hit against Xavier on March 28. Shawano opened its conference action with a home game (and victory) against Xavier.
KEVIN PASOSN | NEW MEDIA

Hawks, Chargers win conference openers

Bonduel, Wittenberg-Birnamwood play exhibition games in UP

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Bonduel went 1-1 over the weekend, competing in a tournament inside the Superior Dome in Marquette, Michigan.

The Bears opened with an 8-7 loss to Hancock (Michigan) on March 29. The team turned things around March 30, beating Menominee (Michigan) 15-7.

Result for a March 30 game against Hurley were not available.

In the same tournament, Wittenberg-Birnamwood went 1-1-1.

The Chargers began their play March 29 with a 7-4 victory over Hancock.

On March 30, Wittenberg-Birnamwood lost 7-5 to Westwood (Michigan) before tying Houghton 3-3 to end their tournament play.

Shawano

The Hawks opened the 2024 Bay Conference season with a 16-4 home victory over

SOFTBALL, CONTINUED ON PAGE 17



Braylyn Babino stands up at second base after a string of hits by Shawano against Xavier on March 28. The Hawks won 16-4 and area 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the Bay Conference.
KEVIN PASOSN | NEW MEDIA

Oconto Falls boys, girls dominate home invite

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Oconto Falls' girls earned eight first-place awards at the Oconto falls Indoor 2 meet March 25.

Abby Budz was first in the 200-meter dash in 30.54 seconds. Bailee Gorman was third, Emery Pagel placed fourth Jasmine Lamal-Martinez was ninth, and Gwen Maggio finished 10th.

Budz also won the triple jump at 29 feet 1.75 inches. Pagel finished fourth, and Mackenzie Lotto was 10th.

In the 400-meter dash, it was Maddy Przybylski in first in 1:10.54, followed by Arianna Impastato in eighth and Evelyn Savage in ninth.

Ava Hodkiewicz' 2:40.6 gave her first in the 800-meter run, while Emma Meissner placed second, and Ali Kramer was eighth.

Hailey Delzer won the 1,600-meter run in 6:19.9.

All three relay teams won. The 4x100-meter time was 1:13.14, the 4x400-meter team had a time of 4:28.1, and the 4x800-meter foursome won in 11:06.2.

Gracie Miller led a contingent of teammates with a second-place finish in the long jump. She was joined by Budz in third, Rhiana Vandeyacht in fifth, Maggio in sixth, Przybylski in eighth and Hailyn St. Louis in ninth.

Morgan Moynihan placed second in the shot put and was joined by Kati Raddatz in fifth and Grace Molitor in eighth.

Lotto placed third in the 55-meter hurdles.

Maggio placed ninth and Lily Van De Ven was 10th in the high jump.

Eva Brooks had two first-place finishes, and Abigail Kostreva had a third to lead the Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy team.

Brooks was first in the 55-meter hurdles in 8.84, leading teammates Kali Fischer in second, Alexis Maloney in fourth, Laila Collar in fifth and Emma Hasenfus in eighth.

At 4-8, Brooks won the high jump. Kate Peters was third.

Kostreva's 14-0.5 earned her the title in the long jump.

Other top-10 finishes included Madilyn Thomson,

second in the 200-meter dash, with Kaelyn Cook in sixth. Kostreva was second in the 400-meter dash, followed by Karli Fischer in fifth, Della Kostreva in sixth and Kate Peters in seventh.

Kali Fischer placed second in the triple jump, followed by Kaitlyn Borkovec in third and Della Kostreva in sixth.

Miriam Alberts placed fifth in the 800-meter run.

Mackenzie Vorpahl placed seventh in the shot put, and Whitney Potter finished 11th.

Boys events

Oconto Falls' boys earned six first-place awards.

Isaac Bramer won the 200-meter dash in 25.64, and was followed by Alex Frehse in fifth and AJ Hendricks in 10th.

Emerson Rice's time of 2:14.9 gave him first in the 800-meter run, where he was joined by Griffin Kopke in third and Braxton Rajkovich in ninth.

Ben Adams placed first in the 1,600-meter run in 4:56.3.

Alex Haines' time of 7.34 placed him first in the 55-meter hurdles, and Emerich Skarban placed second.

Brady Bursa leapt to first in the long jump at 18 feet 9 inches. He was joined by Evan Lotter-Greetan in fourth and Weston Hoskins in seventh.

The 4x800-meter really team also placed first.

Brant Laluzerne ran to second in the 400-meter dash. Carter Hill placed fifth, and Croix Gardenbrecht was seventh.

A second-place finish was recorded by the 4x400-meter relay team, while the 4x100-meter relay foursome was fifth.

Haines was second in the high jump, and Skarban was fifth.

Bursa collected a third-place finish in the triple jump, while Gardenbrecht placid seventh.

Bryce Schefdore finished in fourth in the shot put.

The pole vault results included Kolton Krueger in sixth, Hill in seventh and Cason Weenig in eighth.

Lena/St. Thomas

Shawano, Lena open seasons with wins

Pulaski loses both games at baseball exhibition event in South Carolina

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Shawano's baseball season got off on the right foot with a 5-0 shutout of Two Rivers at home on March 28.

The Hawks racked up their five runs on six hits, while Two Rivers connected for one hit and committed two errors.

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the fifth inning when Warner Beyer laid down a safety squeeze bunt to score Dylan Hodkiewicz. The Hawks scored two more in the fifth off of two errors committed by the Purple Raiders.

Shawano added two more runs in the bottom of the sixth to round out the

run total.

Crew Weisnicht led Shawano at the plate, hitting 2-for-3. Jerzy Brocker, Carsen Herm, Parker Beyer and Anderson Schmidt each had a hit for the Hawks. Warner Beyer had a pair of RBIs.

Pete Bruette picked up the win, pitching six innings and striking out nine, walking three and giving up no hits. Brocker pitched one inning, gave up one hit and struck out two.

Lena

Lena crushed Green Bay NEW Lutheran 10-0 on March 28.

Ty Shallow was the winning pitcher.

Lena scored in all five innings, including a three-run second inning and a four-run third inning.

Pulaski

The Red Raiders opened the 2024 season at a tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C., losing their March 26 to the Falcons of Briar Woods (Virginia) 8-4.

For Pulaski's part, Kyle Olson scored two runs while getting on base in three of his four plate appearances.

On March 27, the woes continued for the Red Raiders, as Pulaski lost 7-1 to the Pickerington North Panthers (Ohio).

Jacob McDonald got on base in all three of his plate appearances, including a triple.

Pulaski's loss dropped their record to 0-2.

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Brooks earns a pair of firsts at UW-SP meet

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Several area track teams competed in the Rosholt-Webko-Politos Invitational at UW-Stevens Point on March 30.

Eva Brooks led the Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy team with a pair of first-place finishes. A height of 5 feet 2 inches was best in the high jump, and a total of 32-6 was No. 1 in the triple jump. Della Kostreva was fourth in the triple jump, and Kaitlyn Borkovec placed eighth.

Brooks also took second in the 60-meter hurdles, and Kali Fischer was sixth.

Abigail Kostreva placed second in the long jump and sixth in the 400-meter dash.

Karli Fischer captured seventh in the pole vault, with Macy Herald placing eight. Mackenzie Vorpahl was 10th in the shot put.

Paige Niquette placed second in the 60-meter dash and Ashlyn Kurey was second in the triple jump to lead all Bonduel team members.

Mariah Wondra claimed

third in the 3,200-meter run. Wondra placed fourth and Teagan Engel was seventh in the 1,600-meter run.

The 4x200-meter relay team and the 4x400-meter relay team each finished in fourth place. Cierra Schnell was fourth in the long jump.

In the 60-meter hurdles, it was Schnell in seventh place.

Rachel Hunter finished in eighth place in the shot put.

Audrey Weier placed ninth in the high jump. Kurey was ninth in the 800-meter run, and Engel placed 10th.

Gresham/Bowler was led by Isabella Stevens' fourth-place finish in the high jump and fifth-place spot in the shot put.

The 4x200-meter relay team placed 10th.

Marion's top spot was notched by the 4x200-meter relay's team 11th-place finish.

Boys events

Bonduel was led by Ben O'Brien in the 3,200-meter run and Samuel Roberts in the long jump, each plac-

ing second.

The 4x200-meter relay team placed third, as did Ryan Westrich in the shot put.

O'Brien placed sixth in the 1,600-meter run.

Griffin Uelmen leapt to 10th in the high jump, and Roberts was 10th in the triple jump.

Gillett was led by Bradyn Wendorff with a second-place finish in the 1,600-meter run.

The 4x400-meter relay team placed ninth.

Gresham/Bowler's Bryson Nelson was third in the 3,200-meter run and eighth in the 1,600-meter run.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy collected a pair of second-places and one third.

Anthony Seefeldt was second in the shot put.

Zander Thomson was second in the 60-meter hurdles and third in the high jump.

Marion's best finish was recorded by Tristan Herro taking 16th in the long jump and triple jump.

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Charger girls take 4th at Merrill

BY KEVIN PASSON
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Wittenberg-Birnamwood scored 98.5 points and placed fourth at the Bluejay Indoor Invitational in Merrill on March 28.

The Chargers won four

events, placed second in another and racked up several top-10 spots.

Rhinelanders won the event with 105 points, followed by Merrill with 100 and Rib Lake with 99.5.

The Chargers won the 4x765-meter relay, the

4x228-meter relay and the 4x380-meter relay.

Freshman Harper Rogowski won the 400-meter dash with freshman Ava Brei taking third.

In the 800-meter run, freshman Gabrielle Timm

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Kadence Meyers contemplates her next pitch in the early innings against Xavier on March 28. Shawano opened Bay Conference action with a 16-4 victory.

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Xavier on March 28.

Shawano improved to 3-1 overall.

Witt-Birn

Competition in the Central Wisconsin East Conference kicked off March 28 when Weyauwega-Fremont defeated Wittenberg-Birnamwood 11-2.

Lena/STAA

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy was shut out 17-0 by Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy on March 28.

Pulaski

The Red Raiders opened the 2024 campaign with a two-day trip to Orlando, Florida, where the Red Raiders won their first game of the season, a 17-2 win over The Dalton School (New York) on March 25.

On March 26, Pulaski shut out Wilsonville (Oregon) 7-0.

Lena/STAA

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy's girls softball team opened the 2024

season with a win and two losses March 23-24 at the Danny Mac Softball Classic at the Hodag Dome in Rhinelanders.

In the first game March 23, Lena/STAA lost 8-2 to Pembine/Goodman.

However, the team bounced back in its second game, winning 18-3 over Spencer.

Lena/STAA lost 20-19 to Flambeau in the March 24 contest.

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Aquinas Academy's Anthony Seefeldt's second-place finish in the shot put led the co-op team's results.

Zander Thomson was third in the high jump.

Thomson was fourth in the 55-meter hurdles, and the 4x100-meter relay team was also fourth.

Erik Kosch placed fifth in the 1,600-meter run.

Kosch was also sev-

enth in the 800-meter run, Colton Skrobel was seventh in the shot put, and Robert Alberts finished eighth in the long jump.

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Ojibwe spring fishing season starting soon

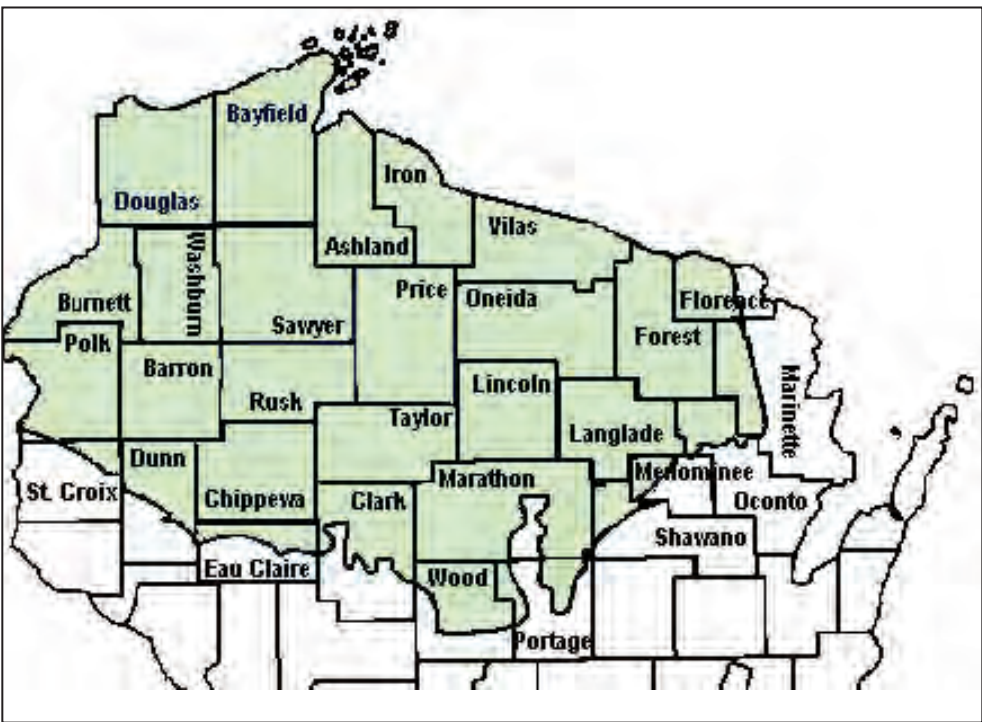
Parts of Shawano, Menominee and Oconto counties included in Ceded Territory

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds Wisconsinites of the protected tribal right to fish in certain Wisconsin waterways and the legal consequences they could face if found interfering with that right during the upcoming Ojibwe spring fishing season.

“The Wisconsin DNR fully supports Ojibwe sovereignty and treaty rights,” said DNR Deputy Secretary Steven Little. “We encourage tribal citizens to get out and exercise their treaty rights. Likewise, we remind the public that it is illegal to interfere with this right and have zero tolerance for harassment.”

Each tribal fishing season, tribal citizens harvest using various methods, including spearing and netting. The harvest usually begins shortly after the ice melts, typically by mid-April. This year, the season is expected to begin earlier due to the mild winter Wisconsin has experienced. The tribal harvest is not a date-regulated activity; as a result, there is neither an open nor closed season.

“For Ojibwe families, the spring season is a brief opportunity to harvest



In the mid-1800s, the Lake Superior Ojibwe Tribes ceded more than 22,000 square miles of tribal territory across northern Wisconsin, including all or parts of 30 counties, through a series of treaties with the United States federal government. The northwestern portions of Shawano, Menominee and Oconto counties are part of the Ceded Territory.

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walleye and other species from Ceded Territory waters,” said Jason Schlender, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) executive administrator. “But the benefits of eating healthy meals for Ojibwe communities lasts throughout the year, from household kitchen tables to elder nutrition programs.”

Part of the collaboration between the DNR and the Ojibwe tribes includes working together to set a safe harvest limit for every walleye and muskellunge lake in the Ceded Territory. These safe harvest limits ensure that the walleye and muskellunge harvests do not adversely affect each lake’s fishery. There are 2,300 lakes

larger than 25 acres in the Ceded Territory, including 919 walleye lakes and 623 musky lakes. Each year, the Ojibwe tribal citizens fish a portion of these lakes outside of reservation boundaries during their spring harvest season. Harvest begins shortly after the ice melts, with nightly fishing permits

issued by the tribes to their members to harvest a specific number of fish, including one walleye between 20 and 24 inches and one additional walleye of any size.

All fish that are taken are documented each night by tribal clerks or wardens who are present at boat landings. Once the declared harvest is reached in a given lake, no additional permits are issued for that lake, and the harvest ends.

Tribal rights
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When the Ojibwe ceded lands to the federal government, they maintained their rights to hunt, fish and gather off reservation land within the Ceded Territory. However, after Wisconsin became a state, state and local officials frequently assumed statehood

superseded Ojibwe treaty rights and regulated or prohibited off-reservation hunting, fishing and gathering by tribal members.

In 1983, a federal court ruling reaffirmed the Ojibwe had the right to hunt, fish and gather off-reservation in the Ceded Territory — including the right to catch fish by spearing and netting.

Interfering with tribal rights
To assist in regulating those activities, 11 Ojibwe bands have formed GLIFWC, which provides fully trained wardens who patrol the Ceded Territory to make sure tribal citizens are following applicable tribal conservation laws. Violations are cited into tribal courts for prosecution.

Ojibwe spearing and netting are carefully monitored and regulated by staff from both GLIFWC and the Wisconsin DNR.

Anyone violating tribal rights could be charged under several Wisconsin laws, fined up to \$10,000 and sentenced up to nine months in prison. Additionally, any tribal member whose rights are violated may bring civil action for damages and seek a restraining order.

2024 EVENT SCHEDULE

Near Memorial Park, Shawano

Saturday June 1

Event Time // 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Flea Market & Antiques @ Farmers Brewery-6AM
5K Run/Walk- 9:00 AM
Craft Fair - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Kidz Zone - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Lumberjack Competition - 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Strongman Competition - 1:00 PM
Oneida Smoke Dancers 1:00PM

Music-
Wet Possum - 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
The Glam Band - 6:45 PM – 10:00 PM

Friday May 31

Event Time // 4:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Kidz Zone // 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM
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Injury prevention lies at the heart of athletic training. "Stretching is one of the most important aspects before a workout to reduce the risk of injury," emphasizes Aspirus athletic trainer Jessica Schmitz.

Schmitz recommends incorporating a dynamic warm-up routine, which includes eight to 10 exercises performed while walking and stretching simultaneously. This routine not only primes the muscles and enhances blood flow but also helps prevent tightness during exercise. Additionally, the post-workout cooldown is essential for recovery and promotes a healthy mental state for athletes.

While the primary goal

is to minimize injuries, athletic trainers are prepared to shift their focus to evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation in case of an injury.

"We are there to make sure that athletes get back to their sport as soon as they can," Schmitz said.

When necessary, athletic trainers facilitate referrals to orthopedic specialists or other medical professionals, ensuring athletes receive optimal care.

Schmitz also notes that athletic trainers serve not only elite athletes but also the broader active population, providing comprehensive care to adults and adolescents alike.

"We cater to anyone who is physically active, not just high school athletes," she said.

For individuals experiencing pain during physical activity, Schmitz advises stopping and assessing whether the sensation is tightness or soreness.

"If it's tightness or soreness, stretching is



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Sprangers, Skenadore lead Red Raiders

Olivia Sprangers and Madden Skenadore each captured a first-place finish for Pulaski on March 26 at the Red Hawk Challenge in Ripon.

Sprangers placed first in the 200-meter dash, and teammate Anna Friedman was 10th. Sprangers finished second in the 60-meter dash.

Ella Ficarrri placed

second in the 60-meter hurdles, and Hallie Morz was second in the pole vault.

Ficarrri, Friedman, Lydia Gwidt and Morz worked together to take second in the 4x200-meter relay.

Skenadore led the boys with a first in the 60-meter hurdles, and Keaton Dauk placed third.

Parker Marshall fin-

ished in fourth place in the 1,600-meter run and sixth place in the 800-meter run.

Fifth-place finishes were earned by Dauk in the 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash, and Bennett Vanschyndel in the high jump.

In the triple jump, it was Isaac Lom in eighth place and Jacob Heston in 10th.

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captured second, and freshman Charlie Eichman was fifth.

Freshman Kelsie Davis placed third in the shot put.

Brei was third in the high jump and fourth in the 200-meter dash.

Freshman Lily Metropulos was third in the triple jump, and Rogowski was sixth.

A Charger foursome

placed fourth in the 4x152-meter relay.

In the long jump, freshman Kaitlin Tuskowski placed fifth and junior Jayden Zeinert was seventh.

Davis finished sixth and Zeinert was eighth in the 50-meter hurdles.

Boys events

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's boys collected 16 points and finished in sixth

place.

Sophomore Mason Wierzba had the best finish for the Chargers, placing second in the shot put.

In the long jump, junior Michael Gunter placed sixth. He was also sixth in the 50-meter dash.

Gunter finished in seventh in the 200-meter dash.

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Among the many winners at the Shawano Speedway in 2023 was Lukas Postl, who claimed victory in the Late Model feature race on July 15. An open house featuring several local and statewide drivers will kick off the 2024 season April 6. Racing is scheduled to begin April 13.

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Shawano Speedway to host open house

2024 racing season set to kick off April 13, featuring Dirt Kings Late Model Tour

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Want to meet your favorite driver, get an up-close look at a stock car or learn more about racing in general? Those opportunities and more will be offered at the Shawano Speedway Fan Fest, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 6. The open house will be held at the Crawford Center; however, if Mother Nature is agreeable with some warm weather, cars may be on display at the fairgrounds along East Green Bay Street.

"It's a chance for drivers to show off their new wraps, new colors and new sponsors," said

Bob Schmidt, one of the organizers. "We'll have drivers from Shawano and all over."

Several hundred people attended last year's Fan Fest, and Schmidt expects a similar crowd this year, as long as the weather is good.

"It's hard to say exactly where there," he said. "People come, people go. They're not there the entire time."

Again, if weather permits, drivers will conduct a practice session at the track following the Fan Fest and running until sunset.

During the season, there are five divisions racing each Saturday night at the Shawano County

Fairgrounds.

"We usually pull in 100-110 cars each night from all around the state," Schmidt said.

The 2024 race season is set to begin April 13 and will feature the Dirt Kings Late Model Tour.

Weather permitting, races are held on the half-mile oval every Saturday night through Aug. 31.

Several special events are planned, including Teacher Appreciation Night on May 18, Hall of Fame Night on June 8, Retro Night on July 20 and a corn roast on Aug. 17.

Hot laps begin at 5:30 p.m., and all regular programs start at 6 p.m. The pit gate opens at 3 p.m., and the ticket office opens at 4

p.m.

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

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

Half season and full season pit passes and grandstand passes are also available.

The track regularly features late models, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA stock cars and 4-cylinders.

A brief description of each class, according to the Shawano Speedway website, follows.

Mighty 4s: This class is made up of 4-cylinder front wheel drive cars. It's de-

signed as a fun, economical class for anyone who has the urge to run on the dirt.

Shawano IMCA Sport Modifieds: This division is an affordable open wheel division designed to help drivers get behind the wheel with minimum expense. Sport mods have a crate engine program. These cars are nationally sanctioned by IMCA and race on tracks throughout the U.S.

Shawano IMCA Modifieds: The IMCA Modified Division is nationally sanctioned. It is an open wheel class that competes throughout the state, producing large fields of cars in Shawano. The minimum wheelbase on these cars is 108 inches, and cars may

not have wings or spoilers.

Shawano Late Models: These are full-bodied late model race cars. Rules have been crafted to allow cars from several sanctions to compete together at Shawano Speedway. These cars are the fastest division at the speedway.

Shawano IMCA Stock Car: The IMCA Stock Car Division is designed as an affordable division. These cars are nationally sanctioned by IMCA and race on tracks throughout the U.S. The division allows for minor modifications to the chassis and engines.

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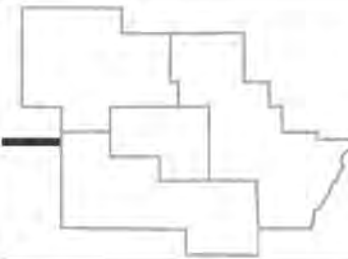
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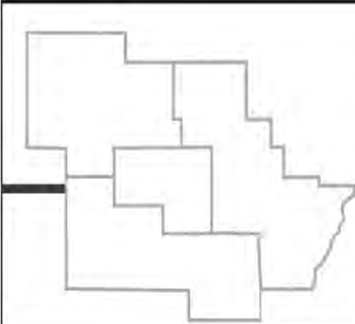


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Wisconsin sport fish carry suite of new viruses

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison have detected a suite of new viruses in five species of Wisconsin sport fish.

Although none pose a threat to human health, one is a type of coronavirus usually associated with birds. It was found in healthy walleyes from Wisconsin lakes.

The finding is part of a Wisconsin Sea Grant-funded study of the natural diversity of viruses (or virome) of fish in Wisconsin and is the first project of its kind in North America.

Tony Goldberg, a professor in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences, said his research group identified 19 viruses in blood samples from 103 Wisconsin bluegills, brown trout, lake sturgeon, northern pike and walleye. Seventeen of the 19 viruses were new to science. Among them was the first fish-associated coronavirus from the Gammacoronavirus genus, which differs from the type of virus that causes COVID. It was present in 11 out of 15 walleyes sampled by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

While the findings are novel, Goldberg stressed that anglers should not be worried. “None of these viruses can infect people. It’s not a risk for people to catch, handle and eat fish because of these viruses,” he said. “There’s no evidence that these viruses are causing any problems. They may just be part of

the natural ecosystem of these fish.”

The results were recently published in the journal Pathogens. Of the different species of fish sampled, lake sturgeon blood contained the most viruses (97% of samples), with brown trout samples showing the least prevalence (6%).

Regarding the coronavirus found in walleye, Goldberg said, “There’s an important poultry disease called infectious bronchitis that is caused by a relative of this new virus, but this is the first example in fish and it is an honest-to-goodness coronavirus.”

This virus survey builds on previous Sea Grant-funded research in which Goldberg studied viral hemorrhagic septicemia in fish. The DNR took blood samples from healthy fish across Wisconsin to test for viral hemorrhagic septicemia antibodies. They saved the blood and used it for this current study on the viromes of Wisconsin fish.

The findings will aid fishery managers when they routinely test the health of fish about to be released into state lakes from hatcheries or for fish that are being shipped out of state.

“This is a huge problem for fisheries managers that happens all the time,” Goldberg said. “We recently had a case where there were thousands of muskies that were ready to be released and they came back with an unknown virus. So, do you release

them? Do you just keep them there? Do you kill them all? Maybe there are viruses out there that are a normal part of the ecosystem and they just infect a lot of fish, but they don’t cause disease.”

This study’s findings will help managers decide what is normal and what is concerning in terms of fish viruses.

Goldberg said that one thing anglers can do to ensure fish viruses aren’t spread is not to transport fish between water bodies

“If you move a fish from one water body to another, you’re moving everything that lives on and in that fish, and potentially causing problems,” he said.

As a follow-up, Goldberg’s collaborators at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have designed specific tests for the various viruses and the team will test a larger set of fish blood samples from around Wisconsin. They will map the viruses so that fisheries managers can tell what’s normal for a particular watershed and whether stocking can or should not proceed.

He also plans to develop a “Fish Get Sick, Too” educational program. Goldberg said fish are animals, like anything else, and they get sick, too.

“I think if people were more aware of that, it might help reinforce some of the best-handling practices we do for catch-and-release fishing, some of the harvest practices and food safety things we do,” he said.

Aspirus Health offers healthy weight tips

More than 40% of Americans grapple with obesity, putting them at a higher risk for serious health issues such as heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and certain types of cancer, as highlighted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

With efforts to reduce this percentage, Aspirus Health aims to empower individuals with practical knowledge to make informed choices about their nutrition and activity levels.

“We can define unhealthy weight as being underweight, overweight or obese,” said Dr. Madeline Oestreich.

While factors such as weight and Body Mass Index play a role in an individual’s health, “a healthy weight is not just a number,” she said. “It’s a dynamic balance unique to each person.”

Oestreich offers practical guidance for individuals looking to make positive changes to their overall health.

Make informed food choices: Oestreich encourages patients to consider using a food tracking app. This simple practice allows people to have a better understanding of the calorie count of their meals.

“That way they can make more educated choices on what types of foods they’re eating. Diet is really important,” said Oestreich. “Then once you add physical activity, you’ll need to tailor your diet to make sure you’re able to maintain your activity level.”

Move your body: Dispelling common misconceptions is important. Oestreich said, “You really don’t have to do the craziest, next best thing in exercise.”

Instead, she recommends straightforward approaches like a 30-minute daily walk or a basic home exercise program.

Be consistent: Oestreich advises at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise five days a week, totaling 150 minutes weekly.

“Consistency is key,”

she said.

Prioritize sleep: Sleep, often overlooked, plays a crucial role in metabolism and weight management. She recommends getting at least seven to eight hours of sleep each night.

Go easy on yourself: Oestreich acknowledges that family history can influence the ease or difficulty of weight loss. However, she reassures patients that health care professionals are available to address questions about medications, lifestyle changes and other factors affecting weight.

“Weight loss is not always a linear process. Setbacks are normal. Just take them in stride and get back on with your weight loss journey when you can,” said Oestreich.

Talk to your primary care clinician for personalized guidance tailored to your unique health needs. He or she can offer insights, answer questions and support you on your journey to achieving and maintaining a healthy weight.

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 31
Deputies responded to 16 incidents, including property theft on County Road J in the Town of Morris; an animal problem at Red Rooster Cafe, 237 S. Cecil St., Bonduel; custodial interference on Middle Branch Road in the Town of Morris; harassment of Maple Street in Birnamwood; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; two crashes.

March 30
Deputies responded to 25 incidents, including juvenile alcohol at Club 117, 117 N. Cecil St., Bonduel; child abuse at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B, Shawano; operating with a license on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; animal bite on Elm Grove Road in the Town of Pella; animal bite on Spring Brook Road in the Town of Germania; juvenile alcohol on Elm Grove Road in the Town of Pella; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two crashes, one involving deer.

March 29
Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including burglary and a warrant on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; assisting with a fire on state Highway 160 in the Town of Maple Grove; fraud on Sunset Circle in the Town of Wescott; assisting with a fire on County Road D in the Town of Pella; warrant at Chet and Emil's, 365 Railroad St., Birnamwood; two 911 calls; five reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one crash.

March 28
Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including a warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; bail jumping on state Highway 160 in the Town of Angelica; warrant at the Menominee Tribal Jail, W3293 Wolf River Road, Keshena; property theft on County Road PP in the Town of Germania; trespassing on Hill Road in the Town of Lessor; threatening on Maple Leaf Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; operating without a license on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; fleeing and pursuit on Witt-Birn Town Line Road in the Town of Wit-

tenberg; one reckless driving incident; two crashes, one involving an animal.
March 27
Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including an eviction on Humphrey Circle in Shawano; eviction of West Picnic Street in Shawano; attempted theft on Knoke Street in Gresham; three 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two crashes.

March 26
Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including assisting with a fire at Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School, 337 Main St., Birnamwood; vehicle theft on Wahl Road in the Town of Green Valley; property damage on North Warrington Avenue in Cecil; trespassing on County Road E in the Town of Washington; a sick animal on Cypress Road in the Town of Richmond; drugs on U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; three crashes.

March 25
Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including a warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; shoplifting at Kwik Trip, 102 W. Express Way, Bonduel; trespassing on Kolpack Lane in the Town of Bartelme; assisting with a fire on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; seven crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 31
Officers responded to 11 incidents, including a traffic violation on Waukechon Street.

March 30
Officers responded to 11 incidents, including noise on West Eagle Street; property damage on Northridge Drive; harassment on South Main Street; noise at SAM's House, 105 E. Richmond St.; fight in progress on South Sawyer Street.

March 29
Officers responded to 20 incidents, including a fight in progress on South Washington Street; animal problem on South Sawyer Street; traffic hazard on Waukechon Street; traffic hazard on East Green Bay Street; found property on North Franklin Street; vehicle crash at The Store, 404 E.

Green Bay St.; found property at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

March 28
Officers responded to 15 incidents, including an intoxicated person at Stubborn Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St.; burglary on South Andrews Street; property theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

March 27
Officers responded to 34 incidents, including vandalism at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; reckless driving on East Lieg Avenue; property theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; fraud at BMO Bank, 101 N. Main St.; juvenile problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; shoplifting at People's Express South, 716 S. Main St.; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; child abuse or neglect on Northridge Drive; bail jumping at Ole Town Tap, 115 N. Main St.; juvenile problem at Prevea, 1300 E. Green Bay St.; property theft on South Main Street; animal bite on South River Street.

March 26
Officers responded to 40 incidents, including two trespassing complaints at Pizza Hut, 1209 E. Green Bay St.; attempted theft on East Green Bay Street; vehicle crash with property damage on North Main Street; vehicle crash on Birch Hill Lane; sexual assault at an undisclosed location; truancy at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; vehicle crash on North Main Street; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; three truancy complaints at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; property theft on East Green Bay Street; vehicle crash at Dunkin Donuts, 1209 E. Green Bay St.

March 25
Officers responded to 16 incidents, including drug offenses at an undisclosed location; property theft at an undisclosed location; child abuse or neglect at an undisclosed location; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B.

COURT NEWS

• Luann P. Calmes, 60, Gillett, pleaded no contest March 25 to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced her to 210 days in the county jail, revoked her license for 24 months and levied fines and court costs of \$3,940.81.

• Theodore E. Rustick, 50, Birnamwood, was charged March 25 with possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor bail jumping. Judge Katherine Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 3.
• Jackie L. Gardner, 37, Birnamwood, was charged March 27 with possession of narcotic drugs, possession of methamphetamine and five counts of felony bail jumping.

Sloma set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for June 19.
• Jerrad T. Seibert, 36, Appleton, was charged March 28 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and violating an ignition interlock device order. Sloma set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 4.



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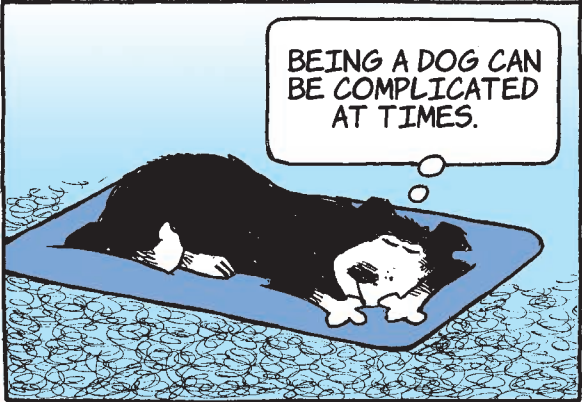
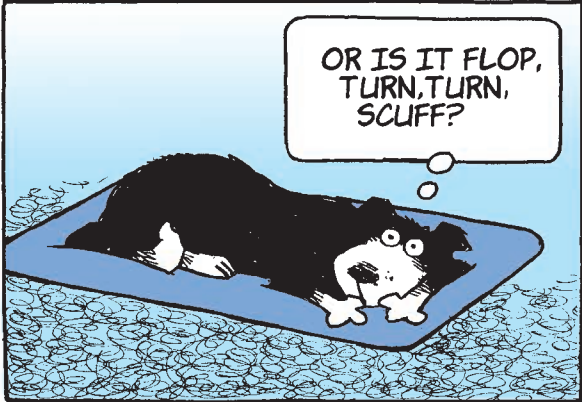
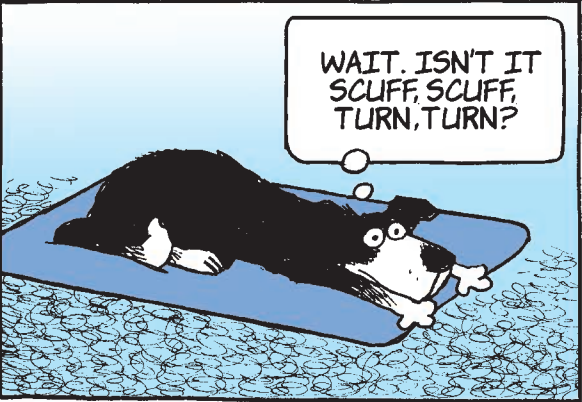
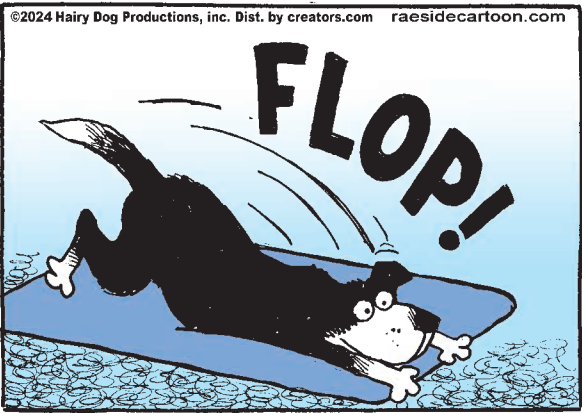
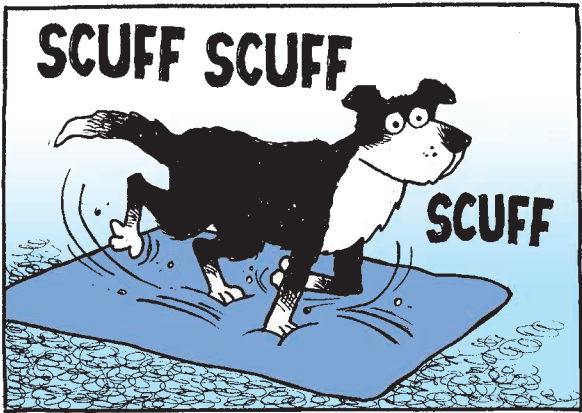


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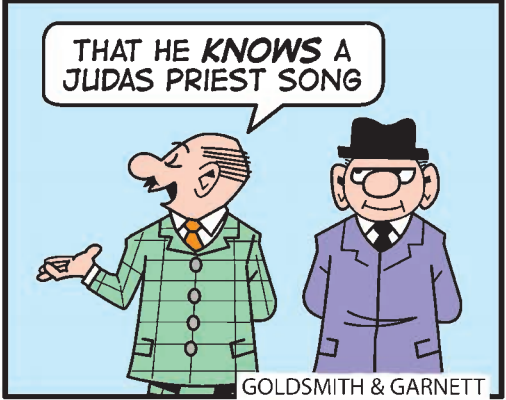
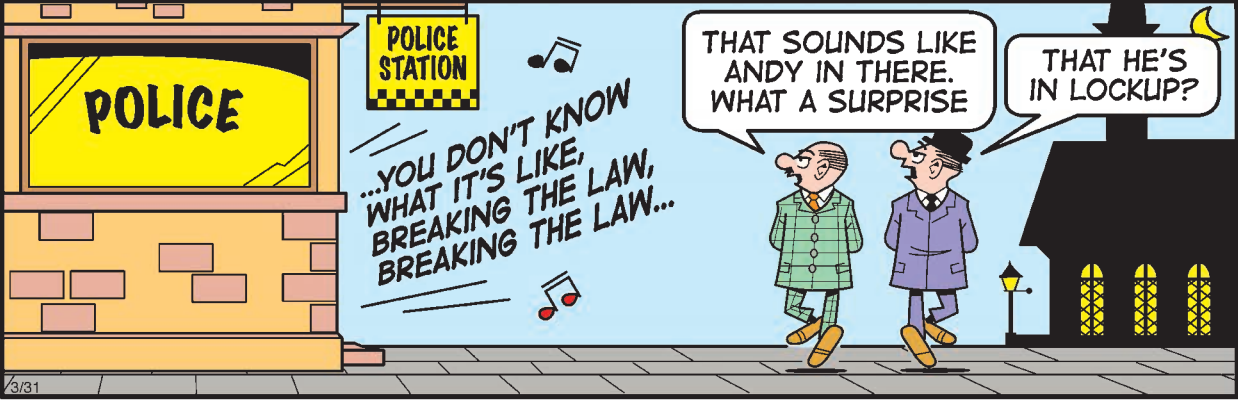
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