

As the referee counts down, Leonard Literacy, right, attempts to get up as Troy Storm, left, looks on for his next move during a professional wrestling bout in Mattoon in 2023. Mayhem in Mattoon 8: The Rebellion will take place April 27 at Mattoon Community Hall, 617 County Road D, Mattoon. FILE | NEW MEDIA



Mayhem in Mattoon returns for eighth year

Pro wrestling event to raise funds for American Legion, 4th of July fireworks

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-chief

Under the Lights Entertainment returns to Mattoon later this month for its eighth pro wrestling event to raise funds for the community.

Mayhem in Mattoon 8: The Rebellion will take place April 27 at Mattoon Community Hall, 617 County Road D, Mattoon. Doors open at 5 p.m., with the first match at 7 p.m.

Corey Zarda, coordinator, is a member of American Legion Post 287 and the Fourth of July fireworks committee, both of which will benefit from the funds raised at the event.

"From the American Legion side, proceeds are used for operations, including a clouting fund for members' uniforms for funerals and parades," Zarda said. "Other money raised is given back to the community."

In the past, the post has donated to Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy, the

fire department, village park projects and the historical society. The group also gave to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts when they active in the community.

Zarda said he created a nonprofit group to raise the thousands needed to put on the annual fireworks display. This year's event will be at dusk July 7.

"We don't necessarily set a goal for how much to raise," he said. "The Legion likes to put on community events, and this is an event for the entire family, all ages."

Zarda said the pro wrestling event will also include raffles, a paddle wheel, a 50/50 raffle, food and refreshments. Proceeds from these will be combined with the wrestling ticket sales and shared between the Legion and the 4th of July celebration.

Featured wrestlers will include Mattoon's Mason Quinn, Mole Lake's Tejas, Luchadore El Tigre, Joey "Jet" Avalon, "The Mad Dog" Kujo, female wrestling star Sierra, UTL World Champion "The Golden Lion" Lennox Leone, UTL Light-

weight Champion "Ruff Ryder" Rashaan, Kaz Karter, John Andrews, Jordy Lee, Brock Hall, Onyx Andretti, Troy Storm, Rad Lightning and Erik Only.

"It's a good family event," Zarda said. "The kids love it; they get into it. Hopefully, at the end of the day, we make a chunk of money."

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Advance tickets are available at Schulz Heating and Cooling in Antigo, Star Campsite in Bowler, George's Eagles Nest in Bowler and Mattoon Market. They are also available online at mattoonevents.ticketleap.com/mayhem.

Sponsors and raffle items are still being sought. To donate, call Ryan Bruno Leisman with UTL Entertainment at 920-676-6943 or Zarda at 715-219-1780.

Zarda said the event wouldn't be possible without the support of area businesses.

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Changes coming to Emma Kait's Coffeehaus

Birnamwood biz expected to be sold later this month, may no longer be coffee shop

By **KEVIN PASSON**
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After 4½ years of serving hot coffee, pastries, sandwiches and pizzas to the Birnamwood community, Lisa Glapinski is getting ready to call it quits.

If all goes well, she expects to sell the business at 389 Main St. at the end of month.

"I'm taking my baking business away from the coffee house, and we're selling just the coffee house, which is the bundling," she said.

She and her husband, Bob, have had health scares in the past year. He had one stroke, and she had two. Glapinski also suffers from fibromyalgia.

"That's what's really taking a toll on me now, here with my physical-ness," she said of the chronic disorder that causes pain and tenderness throughout the body, as well as fatigue.

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Lisa Glapinski, left, and her daughter, Alisha Glapinski-Reynolds, stand inside Emma Kait's Coffeehaus in Birnamwood. Located at 389 Main St., the business is for sale, with expectations a deal will be sealed by the end of April. Whether it will remain a coffee shop has yet to be determined. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

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Ready to read some down home tales?

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In today's newspaper!



Future Eagle Scouts Dustin Yaeger, Joe Seegmiller and Logan Hanson are shown with Scoutmaster Steve Nelson before beginning their Eagle Scout projects nearly two years ago.

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3 Wittenberg students earn Eagle Scout status

Three members of Boy Scout Troop 445 will be recognized as Eagle Scouts at an April 20 ceremony at the Galloway Community Center.

The three members are all seniors at Wittenberg-Birnwood High School. Dustin Yaeger, Joe Seegmiller and Logan Hanson each achieved Eagle Scout status this past year.

Yaeger is the son of Claudia Yaeger and Craig Welch. His project was to install a concrete slab un-

der the Wittenberg warming house for the ice rink.

Seegmiller is the son of Jeff and Shannon Seegmiller. He built and installed benches at Washington Park in Wittenberg.

Hanson is the son of Jason and Rachel Hanson. He built and installed benches at the Homme Home property in Wittenberg.

Steve Nelson is the Scoutmaster.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts

of America program.

Since its inception in 1911, only 4% of Scouts have earned this rank.

Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges, 14 of which are mandatory for the award. The Eagle Scout must demonstrate Scout Spirit, an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads and manages.

Measles outbreak concerns doctor

There have been 64 reported cases of measles across the U.S. in 17 states this year since March 21.

Several cases have been reported in the Midwest, including 28 cases in Illinois, three in Minnesota, and one case in Michigan. In light of these developments, Aspirus Health is urging parents and caregivers to remain vigilant and proactive in preventing the potential spread of measles. Vaccination remains the most effective measure to protect against measles and other preventable diseases, ensuring the health and well-being of children and the entire family.

“Keeping up with your shots is very, very important,” said Dr. Jason Chan, Aspirus pediatrician. “Getting your shots protects yourself, but it also protects others around



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you who can't get the shots, including babies and women who are pregnant.” Medical experts recommend the MMR vaccine, which is a vaccine that protects against three infectious diseases: measles, mumps, and rubella. It is typically administered as a series of two doses during childhood, with the first dose given around 12 to 15 months of age and the second dose between four to six years of age.

According to the CDC, about one in five unvaccinated people in the U.S. who get measles are hospitalized. In children, as many as one out of every 20 children with measles gets pneumonia, the most

common cause of death from measles in children.

Pregnant women who have not had the MMR vaccine have higher rates of premature birth and a higher risk for a low-birth-weight baby.

“This vaccine has been in use for decades and we know it is safe and exceedingly effective,” Chan said, adding that for those who get the full two-dose course, “the MMR vaccine is 97% effective in protecting people from getting sick from the measles.”

Aspirus Health encourages parents and caregivers to consult with their providers regarding vaccination schedules for their children and ensure they are adequately protected. Additionally, adults of any age who have not received two doses of MMR vaccine are candidates for the vaccine as well.

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Another reason she said the time is right to sell is that her nephew, Derek Hohn, who helps her in the morning, began a new full-time job.

“In January, my nephew, who has worked for me for quite a few years, he took a different position,” she said. “He got a full-time job right down here at the grade school.”

Her daughter, Alisha Glapinski-Reynolds, continues to help out in the afternoons.

Glapinski worked in a medical office for three decades. A chance meeting with Judi Hegewald, the former owner of Emma Kait's Coffeehaus, led to Glapinski buying the business in late 2019.

“My 30 years as a medical receptionist was coming to an end. I wanted to just start a small baking business of sorts, and my husband was building us a last house,” Glapinski said. “Back home, he was gearing toward me doing some



Alisha Glapinski-Reynolds rings up another sale at Emma Kait's Coffeehaus in Birnamwood. Her mother, Lisa Glapinski, is hoping to sell the business by the end of April.

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sort of commercial kitchen or baking online under the cottage law.”

When she sells the coffee shop, Glapinski will run her baking business out of her home under the state's cottage law.

The new owner may or may not continue with the coffee house, but if she decides to, Glapinski said she will offer all the help she needs to make it a success.

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Lisa Glapinski prepares to whip up a drink at Emma Kait's Coffeehaus in Birnamwood. Glapinski has owned the business since 2019 but is expecting to sell it at the end of April. She will take her baking business with her and operate out of her home.

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Postal Service raising prices in July

The U.S. Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission of mailing services price changes to take effect July 14.

The new rates include a 5-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 68 cents to 73 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the postal service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 7.8%. If favorably reviewed by the commission, the price

changes would include:

- Letters, 1 ounce, from 68 cents to 73 cents.
- Letters, metered, 1 ounce, from 64 cents to 69 cents.
- Domestic postcards, from 53 cents to 56 cents.
- International postcards, from \$1.55 to \$1.65.
- International letter, 1 ounces, from \$1.55 to \$1.65.

The additional-ounce price for single-piece letters will increase from 24 cents to 28 cents. The postal service is also seeking price adjustments

for special services products, including certified mail and money order fees. Notably, there will be no price increase for post office box rental fees, and the postal service will apply a price reduction of 10% for postal insurance when mailing an item.

As changes in the mailing and shipping marketplace continue, these price adjustments are being invoked to achieve the financial stability sought by the organization's Delivering for America 10-year plan.

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Crawford Center's twists and turns continue

One-day rentals, seasonal leases, property purchase discussed

BY KEVIN PASSON
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The twists and turns surrounding programs and leases at the Crawford Center continues.

A circus recently approved for a one-day engagement has backed out due to cost and lack of insurance, Steve Dreher, Shawano County building maintenance manager, told the public property committee on April 4.

However, the committee did approve a repeat deal with Shooting Sports, a 4-H event, to return May 10-11.

While a new lease with the Shawano County Agricultural Society was approved for the fairgrounds, renewing the lease with the Shawano Hockey League to use the Crawford Center for its home during the winter is still being discussed.

"The hockey league would be asking for a longer lease," Dreher said. "Their current term when they're elected to the board is two years, so I would be hesitant to give them a five-year lease when the president is only going to be there two years."

The last lease, which ended April 6, was for one year. Dreher said he was told it's difficult for the hockey league to plan on tournaments a couple years in the future when they don't know if they will have a lease for the building.

Elections for a new hockey board will be held in May.

Dreher suggested the lease coincide with the length of the term of office for the hockey league president.

Committee also continued to discuss a lease for operating the Crawford Center when the hockey league lease ends each spring.

Kevin Helmuth, vice

president of the hockey league, said earlier he, through one of his businesses, would guarantee the utilities and then would also pay the person hired to market the Crawford Center to help make it a more profitable venue.

"We would give them a fixed amount with the understanding that anything over in costs of operations ... he would also be responsible for," Dreher said.

Supervisor Randy Young inquired about whether the Crawford Center could be used for wedding receptions and other large events, noting the announcement that The Gathering banquet hall will soon shut down.

Dreher said Chuck Dal-

las, head of the Shawano Chapter of the Wisconsin Deerhunters Inc., inquired about using the Crawford Center for a sportsman's expo and banquet. Dreher noted such uses require the renter to provide all tables and chairs, the catering in of food, and getting appropriate liquor licensing from the city of Shawano.

He said the Shawano County, if it got into the business of hosting such events, would have to decide whether to invest in a large commercial kitchen or continue to have renters cater all events.

Just to add another twist, Dreher noted he recently received a cold call from someone inquiring about

purchasing the Crawford Center.

"The word had gotten out somehow that the county was interested in selling this facility," he said. "This guy who is interested runs a multinational security service business, doing a lot of things for military bases and stuff like that. He's got offices in Iraq, Afghanistan, stuff like that, an armored car leasing business, some other stuff."

The business CEO is local, Dreher said.

Committee members said it wouldn't hurt to follow up and get more details.

Regardless, nothing could happen until 2025 due to the commitments already made for 2024.

Turn in unused, expired medication April 27

Sheriff's Department now accepting used syringes

BY KEVIN PASSON
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Shawano County residents are always encouraged to turn in their unused or expired medication, but it's emphasized even more during the twice-yearly national Drug Take Back Day.

The first such day in 2024 will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 27.

Prescription drugs are accepted 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in the drop box in the front lobby of the sheriff's department, 405 N. Main St., Shawano.

"We've been one of the biggest locations for

drug take back in the state of Wisconsin," Sheriff George Lenzner said. "We have a lot of meds that comes in here. Every six months, we average about 450-460 pounds of medication that we take to Wausau (for disposal). It's a program that's doing very good."

During Drug Take Back Day, other locations also accept the unused and expired medications. Lenzner said the locations are in other parts of the county so residents don't have to drive to Shawano.

There will be three other sites April 27. They are the Bonduel Police Department, 207 S. First St., Bonduel; Stockbridge-Munsee Public Safety, W13445 Camp 14 Road, Bowler; and Siga Funmaker Community Center, W17634 Radke Road, Wittenberg.

The drop box at the sheriff's department also has fentanyl test strips and

related information.

"Out by our drug box, we have free fentanyl strips for the public, so they can test their stuff," Lenzner said.

Fentanyl test strips can help prevent drug overdoses. These small strips of paper can detect the presence of fentanyl in all different kinds of drugs (cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, etc.) and drug forms (pills, powder and injectables).

The test strips provide people who use drugs and the general public with information about fentanyl in the illicit drug supply so they can take steps to reduce risk of overdose.

"We don't take liquids even though people throw them in there," Lenzner said about the drop box. "We get all kinds of stuff."

One item people are not supposed to put in the drop box is a used syringe.

"We're working on

a program where we're taking syringes," Lenzner said. "We figure since people are throwing them in our drug box anyway — and they're not supposed to — we are collecting syringes now, and we are disposing of them."

There is a different protocol for turning in syringes.

Syringes are only accepted at the evidence building, 201 W. Second St. Use the door with the sign that reads "Enter here."

Syringes are only accepted Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. They must be in a hard container or can that is sealed or with a cover.

"We are trying to prevent the public from throwing syringes into the drug box, which makes it dangerous for us to empty," Lenzner said.

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A drop box in the front lobby of the Shawano County Sheriff's Department is available for residents to safely dispose of unused and expired medications. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Council OKs water shows continuing at Smalley

Ski Sharks leader hopeful solution can be found to equipment issue

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano Common Council signed off on a five-year use agreement with the Shawano Ski Sharks on April 10 to allow their summer water skiing shows to continue at Smalley Park.

Council members received appreciation from Ski Sharks leader Dave Passehl, who also indicated a solution to the equipment storage situation could be coming next month. This revelation came weeks after a contentious meeting of the Shawano Parks and Recre-

ation Commission where longtime Shawano residents criticized the view from their homes of the equipment the Ski Sharks use to put on their shows.

The Ski Sharks have performed for 40 years at the area that is now called Smalley Park, with another eight years before that elsewhere in Shawano. In a letter from the group's board of directors, it was reiterated how much the organization has given to the creation and upkeep of the park.

"At this time, we are being asked to risk damage and increase our operational costs to move and store items that are not made to be moved down a road," according to the letter. "We are being asked to move things that are not visible by the majority of

the public, and we feel that the way they are stored is in line with how other public spaces like Judd Park and Huckleberry Harbor and all other waterfront owners store their equipment during the winter months."

Passehl noted that the complaints are not coming from any of the newer homeowners, although they're getting the heat for those who feel the equipment storage in the park is an eyesore.

"I think it's important to recognize that it's long-term neighbors, not any of the neighbors part of that beautiful development that's been built over the last year at Smalley Park," Passehl said.

In spite of the equipment, Smalley is a beautiful park, according to Passehl, in part because of the time

his organization takes to tend to its upkeep.

"This is an effort to show our pride in exchange for the ability to use that park," he said. "I think it's important for you to know that we're grateful for the ability to use the site. We don't take it for granted. We take our responsibilities very seriously."

Passehl credited Matt Hendricks, Shawano's park and recreation director, for being a driving force to make the park what it is today. The park was developed after ThedaCare moved its hospital from the northwest corner of Shawano down to County Road B.

"It was an overlooked park for years and years," Passehl said, noting he's been with the Ski Sharks for over 35 years. He added that

former park and recreation director "Judy Judd was a great woman, but Smalley was a park that they didn't really want to enhance. The beach wasn't even a beach."

Now, Smalley is a gem in the city, according to Passehl, and he noted that the social media support flooding in after news broke about the equipment complaints proves that.

"I think the overwhelming and resounding support of our community is quite evident," Passehl said. "If you guys are on Facebook, you can see all of those comments. I have personally received many, many letters, many messages and many personal phone calls of support — including today at my office, people stopping in just to express their support. I tell them that I don't feel threatened.

I just feel like the meeting got a little out of hand from some people that have some personal issues that we're trying to take care of."

Passehl noted the complaints are being addressed by the Ski Sharks board, and he was hopeful that some solutions could be brought forward to the city as early as next month. He also expressed optimism that the group was going to have its best season yet, with opening night about two months away.

"This year is going to be awesome," Passehl said. "It's going to be the biggest crowds you've ever seen. We're bringing Division 2 Nationals back to Shawano, and we're going to break another Guinness World Record."

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Trial date set in Noriega-Avila case

Trial expected to last three days as defendant faces sexual assault charges

By LEE PULASKI
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A trial date has been set for a Pulaski man originally arrested in 2016 on charges that he'd sexually assaulted his then-stepdaughter. Pedro Noriega-Avila was back in court April 10 for a pre-trial conference, at which time defense attorney Joe Furnstahl requested to go to trial. A plea deal had been offered in February by the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's Office, but there was no resolution, according to Furnstahl.

The trial, which is expected to last three days, will begin at 8:15 a.m. July 17 in Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse. A final pre-trial was scheduled for 10 a.m. June 24.

This is the second time a jury trial has been scheduled in Noriega-Avila's case. He was originally scheduled to stand trial in August 2023 on one count of sexual assault of a child under age 13, two counts of sexual assault of a child and two counts of incest with a child by stepparent. The trial was halted after his attorney at the time stepped down due to being in the late stages of pregnancy and disagreement with her client on defense strategies.

Since then, Noriega-Avila had been without representation. Court records show James Schoenecker was appointed Jan. 4 to represent the defendant, and Furnstahl was also appointed on Feb. 1.

The criminal complaint states that Noriega-Avila allegedly went into his stepdaughter's room between September 2009 and June 2010 and assaulted her. It goes on to say that additional incidents occurred in 2014 and 2015. Noriega-Avila married the victim's mother on July 9, 2010.

Noriega-Avila initially appeared before Kussel on June 10, 2016, and subsequently posted a \$5,000 cash bond. Noriega-Avila was then ordered to appear on June 20, 2016, but he did not show up, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Noriega-Avila faces a maximum of 40 years in prison and \$100,000 fine for each of the incest counts and the latter two sexual assault counts. For the child sexual assault in 2010, he faces up to 60 years in prison.

Noriega-Avila was missing from the court for almost five years until his arrest in Arizona in 2021. Law enforcement responded to a U.S. Border Patrol station on March 13, 2021, regarding the warrant issued by the Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court for Noriega-Avila, and the defendant was already in custody when officers arrived.

In April 2021, extradition documents were issued by the county for Noriega-Avila, who was brought back to Shawano County in July 2021.

Noriega-Avila remains in the Shawano County Jail on a \$500,000 cash bond. He has been incarcerated for over 2 1/2 years, mainly because of the difficulty in finding an attorney the first time around. It took until late 2022 before Stertz was found to handle the case.

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Pedro Noriega-Avila proceeds to his seat April 10 in Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse, flanked by interpreter Susan Rascon and defense counsel James Schoenecker, prior to the start of a pre-trial hearing.

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Board to try referendum again in November

Public input sought to ensure package something voters will sign off on

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano School Board is going back to the drawing board as the \$54.5 million referendum failed by 75 votes earlier this month.

Representatives from Hoffman Planning and Design, which has been working with the school district for over a year to plan and sell the referendum to voters, spoke to board members about the loss and what needs to be done to present a revised proposal to voters when the November election comes around. Jody Anders, Hoffman's school specialist, noted that there was lower voter turnout than expected on April

2 in the area, blamed on two key factors — a winter storm that started on the afternoon of Election Day and the fact that the schools were on spring break the week of the election.

"That was tough. We knew it was going to be close, but obviously we were hoping it would be the other way," Anders said.

During the last presidential primary, the turnout at the polls was around 45%, according to Anders. The two biggest voter strongholds, the city of Shawano and the Town of Wescott, had voter turnout hovering this month on either side of 36%. District-wide, the voter turnout in April was about 40%.

"If you'd been in that 40% range for Shawano and Wescott, you would have had another 200-300 votes," Anders said. "You can safely say there were some people impacted by the timing of the referendum."

More voter turnout is a definite in the November elections, with some municipalities seeing voter turnout as high as 90%, according to Anders, who suggested that brings a better likelihood that a second kick at the can would be successful. To do that, however, he recommended taking another look at the proposed projects that could be paid for under the referendum and making sure voters understand exactly why those projects are designated as needs and not wants.

"Having the message out there and getting people to the polls and help them to make an informed decision becomes a little bigger task," Anders said. "Statistics have shown that the more people you have show up, like at a presidential election, the higher your odds for being successful."

To do that is going to require a lot of information

gathering, Anders noted. The district has three listening sessions this month to get public input on what needs to be altered to make the next referendum a successful one. There are at least two workshops planned between Hoffman and the school board to fine tune things, and another survey is planned to go out in mid-June to gauge what the public will support.

Board member John Arens dismissed the idea that the listening sessions would move the needle on the district's plans for the future.

"I think they're going to be a total waste of time," Arens said. "What we're going to see here is the same outcome seen in Shiocton. There's a silent majority out there. They're not coming to these listening sessions. They're not going to give us their opinions, and they're not going to tell us why."

He also criticized Hoff-

man's marketing efforts, which didn't include making sure that department heads at the schools had all the information on the individual projects and mailings that didn't reach everyone in the district.

"We did not consult the department heads that were affected by the changes we were going to make, or the additions. They had nothing to tell people," Arens said. "The community really looks to them. They should have been in the know."

"We hired a company who was supposed to be able to do this, who said they are going to help us with marketing, and the best that we get is a half-sheet of paper when we call for a postcard."

Board member Jeana Winslow disagreed that Hoffman's marketing efforts fell short of expectations.

"All of the information I received in the mail, my husband was very happy

with it," Winslow said. "I felt it was very well written, and it was timely. There was enough space in between the information coming out."

Board member Bobbi Lemerond noted that one flaw in the marketing was that some of the postcards were sent to Gresham addresses, even though Shawano and Gresham have had separate school districts for more than a decade. She suggested that the next information campaign should explain why projects are needed.

"People were saying, 'You should focus on the needs, not the wants,'" Lemerond said. "People didn't realize that the addition for the performing arts wasn't a want. It was a completion of a project that was never finished. The way it was presented, it looked like we were asking for something extra."

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Airport Drive under construction

Menominee tribal crime victims program earns FBI award

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North Airport Drive (County Road HHH) from East Green Bay Street north to Gumaer Road is closed to through traffic weekdays for the next five weeks.

Reconstruction of the roadway began April 17 and is expected to run through May 24. The road will be reconstructed

within the existing road right-of-way.

It will be closed to through traffic from 6 a.m. Mondays through 4:30 p.m. Fridays. It will be open weekends.

During the project, the road will be open to local traffic to access businesses and residences. However, access will vary from the north or south side depending on the stage in which construction crews

are operating.

Also, state Highway 47 from Bonduel south to the Outagamie County line is under construction.

During daylight hours, traffic will be reduced down to a single lane. The roadway is anticipated to be open for normal travel at the end of each workday. Side roads should remain open.

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The Menominee Tribal Crime Victims Program has been named the 2023 recipient of the Director's Community Leadership Award (DCLA) for the FBI Milwaukee Field Office.

The Menominee Tribal Crime Victims Program is a partner with the FBI's Victim Assistance Program in Wisconsin. The Menominee Tribal Crime Victims Pro-

gram addresses the unique challenges faced by tribal members, working with the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Wisconsin to combat crime and seek justice for victims on the Menominee Indian Reservation.

The local DCLA certificate presentation last month preceded the national ceremony, which

takes place at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C., on April 19.

Established in 1990, the DCLA honors individuals and organizations for their efforts in preventing federal crimes and enhancing law enforcement efforts in their communities. This award is given annually on behalf of FBI Director Christopher Wray.



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Candide Cameron, left, played by Talia Busche, left, gets into a hair-pulling brawl with the heroine of “Holder Posey the Felonious Photographer,” Ida Claire Yawl, played by Dahlia Maroszek, as town gossip Echo Chambers, played by Grace Duffrin, second from right, and piano player Ophelia Keyes, played by Jenna Trudell, watch in horror. All four actresses are seniors.

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Cheesy melodrama shows how the West was fun

‘Holder Posey the Felonious Photographer’ coming to Pulaski High School

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Cheers and boos will be more pronounced as Pulaski High School presents the melodrama “Holder Posey the Felonious Photographer” the last weekend in April.

If you hear the local gossips, nothing really happens in Holeinroad, a town way out west. That changes when Holder Posey, a traveling photographer, appears in town with his novice assistant, Candide Cameron, and plans to rob the vault in the Golden Spittoon Saloon. Getting in his way is the hero of the saga, sketch artist Drew Deline, who is hopelessly smitten by a schoolteacher from Atlanta named Ida Claire Yawl. Holder wants Ida for his own, however, and when she gives him the no-means-no response, she winds up tied to the vault door with dynamite threatening to blow her to smithereens.

Director Amy Tubbs believes the farcical melodrama, which includes a stop-motion fight in the saloon, will leave audiences laughing all the way out to their vehicles.

“They’re always these cheesy things where all the character names are ridiculous,” Tubbs said. “The names already give you a flavor for what we’re doing. You have Sheriff Freddy Katt, who is afraid and terrified but he ends up finding his voice and doing good. It’s very standard melodrama fare where you’ve got the bad guys and the good guys, and of course the good guys are going to win in the end because that’s what we want to see.”

While most theater performances only



Part of the show is an antique spittoon hidden in the prop room at Pulaski High School for years, which will be put on the bar during the run of “Holder Posey the Felonious Photographer.”

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see audiences applauding at the end of a scene or a song, those who attend should be prepared to get into the act. “Holder Posey” has theme music for the characters whenever they arrive or take certain actions, according to Tubbs, with audiences cheering for hero Drew, booing and hissing at Holder the villain, and sighing “Aaaaww” when Ida Claire comes on the stage.

“Every time they come on the stage, that little theme music plays, and it’s just kind of cute to interact with the crowd,” Tubbs said. “It’s fun.”

Melodramas are standard spring fare at PHS, but one tradition attached to the shows are variety acts students participate in with themes connecting with the show. With “Holder Posey” set as a Western, students wrote brief pieces that show photography and the funny side of the Old West, including one that parodies the classic computer game “Oregon Trail.”

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: “Holder Posey the Felonious Photographer”

WHEN: 7 p.m. April 26-27

WHERE: Ripley Performing Arts Center, Pulaski High School, 1040 S. St. Augustine St., Pulaski

TICKETS: \$8. Tickets available at pulaskihs.ludus.com.

“They took that old computer game from way back when, and they created a little scenario skit because, of course, the whole family dies because they never make it to Oregon,” Tubbs said, noting that one part indicates a participant has dysentery.

While finding props for a Western piece can be difficult at times, Tubbs said that one piece was hidden away in the high school’s prop room — an antique spittoon.

“We’ve had it forever,” Tubbs said. “It has a tobacco company name on it. I don’t know the history of it. It’s been here since I’ve been here. I would love to know. It just hides in the prop room and comes out when we need it.”

Dahlia Maroszek, who plays Ida Claire, enjoys when the melodramas take place, noting that they’re the funniest shows she’s seen. This will be the last melodrama she participates in a student, as she graduates high school in a few weeks.

“It’s always so fun to be part of it and see which kind of new humor we’re going to play with,” Maroszek said. “It’s super exciting. I’m normally a villain person myself, so being the hero is a little fun.”

The opposite is true for Talia Busche, a

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Wisconsin Public Radio reorganizing its services

‘Wisconsin Today’ program covering state issues among changes listeners can expect

Following two years of analysis, audience research and planning, WPR is reorganizing its statewide service to help listeners more easily find and enjoy news and music on the radio and on wpr.org.

Beginning May 20, WPR’s two current networks — NPR News and Music and The Ideas Network — will become WPR News and WPR Music. The Ideas Network name will be retired, and its staff and many of its programs will be part of WPR News.

“With WPR reporters in eight local bureaus across the state, plus NPR and BBC national and global coverage, WPR News will offer an unparalleled mix of journalism from Wisconsin, the nation and the world,” WPR Director Sarah Ashworth said.

WPR News will feature news and information programs throughout the week, including “Morning Edition,” “All Things Considered,” “The Larry Meiller Show,” “Marketplace,” “IA,” “Science Friday,” “Fresh Air” and more. Popular programs like “BETA,” “The People’s Pharmacy,” “Zorba Paster On Your Health,” “To the Best of Our Knowledge,” and “Wait, Wait ... Don’t Tell Me!” among others, will be heard on the weekend.

“The Larry Meiller Show” will expand to two hours, and WPR will launch a new morning news and culture program called “Wisconsin Today” airing weekdays at 9 a.m. WPR hosts Kate Archer Kent and Rob Ferrett will co-host the new program. “Wisconsin Today” will cover current and emerging issues with a decidedly Wisconsin point of view. In addition to the radio program, “Wisconsin Today” will offer the latest news and cultural conversations on wpr.org.

WPR’s “Wisconsin Today” morning news podcast will continue to bring listeners top stories from around the state in less than 15 minutes each weekday morning.

WPR Music will offer an expanded, Wisconsin-hosted classical music schedule seven days a week, and will continue to offer jazz, world and folk music each weekend.

“Music brings people together and opens hearts like nothing else,” Ashworth said. “WPR Music will be a welcoming place for Wisconsinites looking for local

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Rob Ferrett, left, and Kate Archer Kent will be hosting the new Wisconsin Public Radio program “Wisconsin Today,” which will air at 9 a.m. May 20 and feature news and cultural features with a decidedly Wisconsin point of view.

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voices and beautiful, expertly curated and inspiring music to keep them company day and night.”

Beloved WPR classical hosts Stephanie Elkins, Norman Gilliland, Lori Skelton and Ruthanne Bessman are all part of the new service, as are Dr. Jonathan Øverby, host of the award-winning world music program “The Road to Higher Ground,” and Sile Shigely, host of “Simply Folk.” WPR will continue to host its statewide broadcast of “Morning Edition” from Milwaukee with Alex Crowe each weekday.

As part of the changes, “The Morning Show” and “Central Time” will end so that Kent and Ferrett can focus on “Wisconsin Today.” Syndicated programs “LA Plus,” “As It Happens,” “Q” and “Milk Street Radio” are among a handful of national programs that will no longer be heard on WPR stations after May 20.

Some regional programs, including WPR’s three regional news programs “Route 51,” “Simply Superior” and “Newsmakers” will also end. Hosts of those three shows will produce and host weekly regional news segments that will air during “Morning Edition” beginning this summer.

“We are constantly evaluating our service to the people of Wisconsin and, like others in public media, WPR saw changes in broadcast and digital audience behavior during and after the pandemic,” Ashworth said. “No other medium is as accessible and affordable as radio and we want to make sure the news, music, information and entertainment

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senior who plays the irksome assistant to Holder, Candide Cameron. However, she said she’s embracing the opportunity to play a villainess.

“This is only my second year doing this, and I wish I would have done it sooner,” Busche said. “It’s just fun being a character and seeing how I can bring that character to life in my own way. I never saw myself as being evil. It’s a challenge for me, because I don’t know how

Wisconsinites rely on is available to more people, in more places, for decades to come. WPR News and WPR Music will help make that possible.”

All of WPR’s 38 stations will shift format to either WPR News or WPR Music.

“Most listeners will continue to hear both services, but they may need to reset their radio dials to get the programs they are used to hearing,” said Marta Bechtol, executive director of the Educational Communications Board, the partner with UW-Madison in operating WPR and PBS Wisconsin.

To help listeners explore the changes and prepare for the new service on May 20, WPR is rolling out an extensive communications campaign on air, online and in the media. A dedicated web portal, wpr.org/new, includes new station maps, schedules for the new networks and other details about the changes.

Audiences can email feedback@wpr.org or call 844-266-7724 to ask questions and share comments. Ashworth will hold “learn more” sessions in eight locations around Wisconsin between April 23 and May 17.

“WPR’s remarkable 107-year history was made possible by people in the past who responded to changes in media and the needs of our state,” Ashworth said. “All of us — hosts, reporters, producers and staff — are stewards of WPR today. We take that responsibility to heart and with these changes we can ensure a bright future for WPR and continue our service to the people of Wisconsin.”

to be mean, but I think I’m getting the hang of it.”

Tubbs noted the melodramas in spring have always been successful, and she hopes the run of “Holder Posey” continues the Pulaski tradition.

“The audience members will say they come out, and their stomachs hurt from laughing,” Tubbs said. “If we can do that, we’ve had a successful show.”

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Cow care an emotional occupation

After getting removed from the cow barn, the downed cow was lying in back yard. Ears drooping, eyes sunken in their sockets, large and unseeing — she was breathing, but barely.

My heart broke for her. Such a good cow. Sadly, she had fallen and split herself and consequently had to be put out of her misery when the rendering truck drove in. As soon as she had been brought into the yard, I hauled a pail of water out to her. I knew in just a little while she’d be in no more pain, but in the meantime I wanted to give her some relief.

That day when the rendering truck arrived, I got busy with things deep inside the house. I didn’t want to see or hear what he did. Oh, I knew. I just didn’t want to witness it. This truck always looked like the grim reaper to me. An ugly, boxy thing, it filled me with dread whenever it came down the driveway. The guys (bless their heart, somebody had to do it) wore blank, withdrawn expressions. Like get in, get out, get it over with.

Back in those days when we’d lose a cow, I’d literally cry. I know my husband felt bad, but I was the one who was visibly shaken. These cows, we gave so much of ourselves to them. They were literally our bread and butter, and when they did well, we did well. So it was in our best interest to keep them as healthy as we could.

This particular cow I remember had come down with milk fever after giving birth, which happens sometimes and can usually be treated with calcium if given intravenously right away. This cow had gone down and split herself, which meant she wasn’t able to get up. Calcium has to get into them before they get injured.

My husband intuitively knows cows, but it hap-



Caring for cows is always a delicate task, with comfort helping to produce milk in better quality and quantity, but there’s always an occasional loss on the farm.

KAY REMINGER



pened occasionally, no matter how careful we were, that we’d lose a couple. He always kept meticulous records when we were dairying so we knew when the cow was bred, if she stuck (didn’t come back in heat in her next cycle) and when she was supposed to give birth.

Many times after night chores we’d bed down a pregnant cow in the birthing pen — the back of the barn by the big double doors going out to the cow yard. We’d clean and lime the floor so it wouldn’t be slippery (less chance of splitting/injuring herself), and then shake out a couple wafers from a straw bale. It was fresh and comfy.

He’d stuck a gate in

front of the doors so she had room to be restless. Normally in the morning, we’d find momma and her fuzzy, fresh-licked, brand-new calf lying by her side, her swollen udder harboring nutritious colostrum. Normally, but not always.

One predawn morning as we walked into the barn, we knew momma had given birth, evidenced by a round pile of steamy afterbirth in a corner of the birthing pen. What wasn’t there was the calf. Looking all over we discovered it had somehow slid outside the pen, gotten through the doors and was lying shivering, but alive, out in the cow yard.

As soon as the weather warmed, we’d let cows out overnight in the pasture. No cleaning barn every day, no bedding cows, it was all just so liberating. The only con to the whole outside-overnight gigs was if a cow calved, we’d have to find the cow and calf. Out there somewhere.

In the mornings, the rest of the herd would instinctively trod their way into the barn right away and wouldn’t you know, the new momma would be missing-in-action.

Because he’d have to start milking, he told me with a half-smirk, “You’ll have to go get that cow.” He knew I hated going out in the cow pasture in the predawn dark to try to find a cow and her calf.

While tending cows was an intricate part of our life, my husband had never allowed them to take priority over supporting our kids’ events. He’d get up at 3:30 a.m. to start milking, and I’d come a bit later. He did all the milking and I’d feed the milk-bottle-fed and pail-fed calves, clean calf pens and feed outside heifers. Back in the day, we’d had an open skidder with no heat. In the dead of winter, I’d warm up an old blanket in the milk house and, just before feeding, lay it across my lap. It helped.

After milking, I’d wash up milkers while he fed cows. It was an arrangement that worked for us. Evening came and we’d do it all over again. Because we’d started at 3:30 a.m. we could start late afternoons, getting to all our kids’ events on time.

Our job was to keep the cows in our care healthy and comfortable. While working around our kids’ schedules and despite a few drop-ins from the grim reaper, we did the best we could.

“For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills and all that moves in the field is Mine.” Psalm 50:10-11)

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

“That day when the rendering truck arrived, I got busy with things deep inside the house. I didn’t want to see or hear what he did. Oh, I knew. I just didn’t want to witness it.”

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FRIDAY, APRIL 19

SHAWANO: Ladies Day Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Inside the Boulevard Event Hall (formerly The Avenue), 744 E. Green Bay St.

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: "The Nerd," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Adults \$15, students \$10 at shawano-

arts.com.

BOWLER: "Wheel of Fortune Live," 8-10 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. \$35 to \$245 at northstarcasinore-sort.com.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

SHAWANO: SAYPro Event: Painted Planks, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bullfrogs and Butterflies, 201 Eberlein Park Drive. Network with others while painting a personalized wooden plank. Child care available.

WITTENBERG: Artists Free Play XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. Walls of Wittenberg spring juried art show.

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.

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

SHAWANO: "The Nerd," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Adults \$15, students \$10 at shawano-arts.com.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

OCONTO: Pancake breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Holy Trinity Church, 716 Madison St. Free, but goodwill offerings will be accepted. Pancakes to be served with potatoes, eggs, sausage and desserts.

WITTENBERG: Artists Free Play XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. Walls of Wittenberg spring juried art show.

SHAWANO: "The Nerd," 2 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Adults \$15, students \$10 at shawano-arts.com.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

NAVARINO: Earth Day Open House, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road.

KESHENA: Running and walking 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 23

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 24

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

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.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch

Community Center, W1281 County Road M.

SHAWANO: Duel It for the Kids, 5:30 p.m., Shawano County Park Pavilion, W5785 Lake Drive. Fundraiser for Shawano Dollars for Kids scholarship program featuring Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos. Social 5:30 p.m., entertainment 7 p.m. \$75, information at shawano.dollarsforscholars.org.

SHAWANO: "The Nerd," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Adults \$15, students \$10 at shawano-arts.com.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

NAVARINO: Navarino Trail Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Register at navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Spring Walk and Trail Clean-up - Shawano Pathways, 10 a.m., meet in Four Seasons Hotel parking lot, 201 Airport Road, or 620 S. Main St. Walk one of the in-town Park-to-Park loops or Mountain Bay Trail and cleanup along the way.

SHAWANO: Fun For Kids Sake, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Children's games and activities, supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shawano County.

WITTENBERG: Artists Free Play XI, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St. Walls of Wittenberg spring juried art show.

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KESHENA: Exotic Pet Surrender Event, noon to 3 p.m., College of Menominee Nation Cultural Building, N188 State Highway 55.

TOWNSEND: Northern Lakes Archers Informational Meeting, 3 p.m., Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St. The club operates a field archery range on 30 acres of town property, which is reopening this year.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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

GILLET: Soup Takeout, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tabor United Methodist Church, 120 W. Main St. Chili and potato bacon soups, \$10 per quart. Call in an order to Sue at 920-855-2543.

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Backyard pollinator projects help out bees, butterflies

As I've mentioned several times over the past few months, gardening for pollinators has become more popular than ever with recent bad news surrounding bumblebees, monarch butterflies and other pollinators. We simply must do more to help these amazing and necessary creatures.

This week, here are some tips and projects you can take on at home to help pollinators locally, right in your own backyard.

One of the easiest things you can do is make or purchase a few native bee houses to mount throughout your property on fence posts, trees, outbuildings or other structures.

Mason bee houses often contain a variety of different sized hollow objects in which native bees of different varieties can create nest space. Each different species is drawn to a different sized object, making those houses with various sized tubular shaped objects — often twigs, hollow stems, drilled concrete blocks and other items — a valuable commodity for our native bees.

Planting native plants, of course, is a great way to help benefit pollinators and help rebuild their numbers. Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds all enjoy the nectar and pollen of native plants. Because these plants are indigenous to our area, they are better suited to the native bees and butterflies found here.

Specifically for bumblebees, notably the endangered rusty-patched bumblebee, a few native wildflowers are especially important. Wild bergamot, or wild bee balm, has been shown to be one



of the most important nectar sources and pollen sources for rusty-patched bumblebees.

Another native wildflower, Culver's Root, is equally important during its bloom season.

Of course, for monarchs, we simply must plant more milkweed in our yards and properties to create sufficient supplies of host plants for monarchs, which are currently at their second lowest population point ever on record.

By providing milkweed in our gardens and yards, we can help monarchs quickly rebuild their numbers during the summer breeding season.

Don't forget the trees. Many species of trees are important host plants for pollinating butterflies. Weeping willow, oak, birches, basswood, black cherry, cottonwood and others are excellent host plants for numerous species of butterflies.

One of the most important things we can do to help pollinators is to encourage children and youngsters to learn to identify these creatures, as well as their importance in our food chain and life cycle.

Teaching young children to garden and grow and nurture plants specifically for pollinators is the key to their future — both their own, as well as the pollinators they are assisting.

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.

JR Machine expands complex part size

JR Machine, manufacturer of complex machined parts, can now produce complex parts up to 18 inches in diameter after the installation of two DMG MORI NLX 4000 CNC turning centers.

With a previous 10-inch diameter limit, the ability to machine parts with larger diameters is important to JR Machine's growing list of customers in industries including space exploration, green energy, medical devices and others.

The NLX 4000 is a powerful and versatile machine that is well suited to making a wide range of complex parts. In addition to the larger diameter, the new DMG MORI NLX 4000s expands JR Machine's production capacity, while its CELOS controls help increase production efficiency and quality by providing data that supports JR Machine's Industry 4.0 efforts.

The NLX 4000s also feature high rigidity for improved accuracy; the largest through spindle hole diameter in its class for larger diameter parts; improved milling power; high precision through coolant circulation that controls thermal displacement, allowing for greater accuracy; reduced energy consumption; and nickel-based superalloys expertise.

In recent years, JR Machine has perfected its ability to machine complex parts from nickel-based



The installation of two DMG MORI NLX 4000 CNC turning centers is expected to be a game changer for JR Machine in Shawano. CONTRIBUTED

superalloys such as Inconel, Monel, Hastelloy, and others. These materials are extremely difficult to machine but are required by many emerging industries due to their strength, durability, and resistance to high-temperatures and corrosion. JR Machine is committed to replacing its CNC machines once they are 10 years old, ensuring the company is working with modern, efficient technology.

"The ability to machine complex parts up to 18-inches in diameter, and possibly larger, allows us to better serve our existing customers and opens doors to working with new

companies," said Parker Tumanic, JR Machine president. "Our shop is exclusively DMG MORI equipment so our staff can be more efficient. The accuracy of the equipment combined with the skill of our technicians makes us the perfect partner for companies looking for high-mix, low-volume parts made from nickel-based superalloys."

The company recently announced the additions of David Verhoff as executive vice president and Matt Shambeau as operations manager to support the company's growth. Both have extensive backgrounds in manufacturing

and share JR Machine's commitment to customer service.

JR Machine has also made physical updates to its facility, opening an engineering center to help further streamline production, while building out a state-of-the-art tooling storage room. The room allows machine operators to quickly check out the necessary tooling, while automatically updating inventory records. The inventory information is shared with JR Machine's tooling partner, Badger Mills Supply, who restocks necessary tooling twice per week, to ensure production doesn't slow or stop due to out-of-stock tooling.

Are you at risk for prediabetes or diabetes?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 133 million people in the U.S. have diabetes or prediabetes. Of those adults, one in five did not even know they had the condition.

Diabetes is a chronic medical condition characterized by high levels of glucose (sugar) in the blood and can cause a heart attack, stroke, blindness, kidney failure or loss of feet or legs.

Prediabetes, on the other hand, is when your blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not quite at the diabetes level yet.

"If we don't catch prediabetes early or manage it properly, it can progress into type 2 diabetes," says Johnathon Justice, MD, Aspirus Family Medicine physician. "I would encourage people to understand the risks of and be screened for prediabetes and diabetes."

Justice said the good news is that type 2 diabetes can be delayed or prevented in people with prediabetes or diabetes risk factors through effective lifestyle programs.

"Modest lifestyle modifications, such as dietary changes and increased physical activity, people can decrease the likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes,"



Dr. Johnathon Justice with Aspirus Fsaaid making small, sustainable lifestyle changes can have a significant impact on reducing your risk of developing diabetes and improving your overall health and well-being. CONTRIBUTED

AT A GLANCE

- Diabetes risk factors include:**
- Being overweight.
 - Having a parent or sibling who has type 2 diabetes.
 - Lack of physical activity (fewer than three times per week).
 - Some ethnic groups are at a higher risk for type 2 diabetes.

he said.

Here is a checklist of recommendations to help reduce the risk of diabetes or prediabetes:

- Increase your physical activity. Before you jump into a rigorous exercise routine, talk to your doctor about what physical activities are most beneficial for

your body. Start slowly to avoid injury and work your way up to 30 minutes of exercise five days per week. Things like walking, swimming and dancing could help keep your blood sugar from spiking.

- Choose foods wisely. Carbohydrates like bread, grains, starches, milk and fruits have the biggest effect on blood sugars. Focus heavily on controlling portion sizes of those foods and balance them with foods like vegetables, lean proteins and heart healthy fats. A registered dietitian can help you customize a meal plan.
- Check blood sugar reg-

ularly. Keep an eye on what you eat and how it affects you by testing your blood sugar. The American Diabetes Association's guidelines say between 80-130 mg/dl before you eat and under 180 mg/dl about two hours after you eat is ideal. But everyone is different, so talk to your doctor about what range is best for you.

- Get in the know. Talk to a certified diabetes educator to learn how to self-manage type 2 diabetes, including ongoing treatment. Diabetes educators provide information about how exercise and food choices affect blood sugar and preventing things like eye or kidney damage. The more you know, the easier it is to make healthy choices.
- Check in with your doctor regularly. Treatment needs to change depending on your blood sugar levels. Make appointments for regular checkups with your doctor to ensure you are up to date on your regimen.

"Remember, the best time to start preventing type 2 diabetes is now," Justice said. "Making small, sustainable lifestyle changes can have a significant impact on reducing your risk of developing diabetes and improving your overall health and well-being."



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Shawano shuts out GB East/West 14-0

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

April 13

Freedom 6, Bonduel 4
Bonduel 6, Crivitz 1

Bonduel went 1-1 at a triangular event in Crivitz, first losing 6-4 to Freedom but then defeating their host 6-1.

Against Crivitz, Cade Johnson hit 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI, and Kody Schroeder hit 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs.

Noah Weier also hit a double. Also collecting RBIs were Charlie Tauchen and Colin Margelofsky.

Tauchen was the winning pitcher.

Freedom jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top half of the first inning, and the Bears couldn't overcome the deficit.

Freedom got a strikeout with a man on in the seventh to win the game.

Margelofsky and Weier each had two hits, and Weier smacking a double.

Karson Stoss, Easton Reinke, Weier and margelofsky each had an RBI.

Florence 16

Gresham 1

Gresham lost 16-1 in a non-conference game against Florence in Gillett.

Florence 10, Gillett/Suring 2

Florence scored 10 runs in four innings to defeat Gillett/Suring 10-2 in Gillett.

ND 2, Pulaski 0

Pulaski 7, ND 0

Pulaski and Notre Dame De La Baie Academy shut each other out in a Fox River Classic Conference doubleheader.

Notre Dame won the opener 2-0, but Pulaski won the second game 7-0.

April 12

Oconto Falls 11

Peshtigo 1

Oconto Falls had a great day at the plate, downing Peshtigo 11-1.

Easton Engel hit 3-for-4, scored twice and had two RBIs. Cole Bozile also went 3-for-4 and scored three times. Chase Cariveau hit 2-for-3, scored once and had one RBI. Hunter Bozile scored once and had an RBI.

Trace Brehmer pitched all five innings in the win. He allowed one hit and one run, while striking out 10.

Shawano 14

GB East/West 0

Shawano jumped on the board quick against Green Bay East/West and kept the pressure on in a 14-0 win.

The Hawks scored three times in the first inning, five times in the second inning and another six in the third.

Tom Keszó lead the Hawks at the plate going



Jerzy Brocker rounds second base on his way to a triple against New London on April 9.

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2-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs. Warner Beyer, Pete Bruette, and Carsen Herm also had two hits each.

Dylan Hodkiewicz took to the win on the mound.

Port Edwards 13, Tigerton 12

Tigerton and Port Edwards locked horns for a high-scoring game, but in the end, the Tigers lost 13-12.

April 11

Bonduel 11, Weyauwega-Fremont 0

Bonduel shut out Weyauwega-Fremont 11-0 in five innings to win its third game of the season.

Bonduel started out hot with two runs on three hits in the first with Colin Margelofsky and Brodie Hartmann hitting doubles.

After scoring one run in the second, the Bears added six more in the third on two hits and six walks. Bonduel added two more in the 5th on an Easton Reinke double for the final runs.

Brodie Hartmann turned in his second consecutive solid outing, throwing four innings while allowing only one hit and striking out nine.

Reinke and Margelofsky each had two hits and there RBIs. Karson Stoss and Hartmann added the other two hits for the Bears.

Marion 14, Northland Lutheran 4

Northland Lutheran jumped on Marion with three runs in the first inning but couldn't maintain the lead for the long haul, as the Mustangs won 14-4.

Marion scored twice in the second and once in the third to tie the game at 3-3. Another score by Northland Lutheran in the top of the fourth inning gave them the lead, but Marion bounded back with four runs in the bottom of the inning to take a 7-4 lead.

Marion continued its barrage at the plate, scoring three more times in the fifth inning and four more in the fifth for the 10-run



Shawano pitcher Pete Bruette and catcher Carsen Herm confer on the mound in the early game of an April 9 doubleheader against New London. The Hawks dropped the first game but came back to win the nightcap.

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margin of victory.

Oconto Falls 4
Waupaca 3

Carter Heroux was the winning pitcher for Oconto Falls as the Panthers defeated Waupaca 4-3. Heroux pitched four innings, gave up one hit and two runs, struck out four and walked four others.

Cole Bozile hit 2-for-4, scored once and had one RBI. Jack Adler was 1-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, while Wyatt Laughrin hit 1-for-1, walked twice and scored one run.

Pulaski 7, De Pere 5

A 7-5 win over De Pere improved Pulaski to 2-0 in the Fox River Classic Conference and 2-2 overall.

Tigerton 13, White Lake 3

With the only 2-0 record in the CWC North, Tigerton sits alone at the top of the standings.

The Tigers second win was a 13-3 victory over White Lake.

Wittenberg-Birnawood 14, Menominee Indian 0

Wittenberg-Birnawood scored 14 runs across the first four innings to notch a 14-0 shutout of Menominee Indian.

The Chargers crossed home plate six in the first, twice in the second, four times in the third and another two times in the fourth.

ting them 0-2 in the M&O standings.

Three Lakes/Phelps 13, Lena 7

After winning a pair of non-conference games earlier, Lena dropped its third contest 13-7 to Three Lakes/Phelps.

Oconto Falls 16, Waupaca 3

The Panthers pounced on Waupaca and easily won 16-3 in the North Eastern Conference game.

New London 4, Shawano 3

Shawano 7, New London 1

Shawano and New London split a doubleheader, as the Hawks improved to 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the Bay Conference.

Trailing 3-2 after four innings, Shawano scored twice in the fifth inning for the win.

Warner Beyer and Tom Keszó each had two hits for Shawano.

Pete Bruette took the loss on the mound.

In the second game, the score was tied 1-1 after four innings before Shawano scored four runs in the fifth and another two in the seventh.

New London had six errors in the game.

Crew Weisnicht was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Carsen Herm had two RBIs.

Keszó was the winning pitcher, giving up five hits and striking out seven.

Wittenberg-Birnawood 13, Westfield 4

Wittenberg-Birnawood pounded out 10 hits and scored even more as they beat Westfield 13-4.

With a 1-0 lead after the first inning, the Chargers exploded for five runs in the second inning only to see Westfield battle back with four of their own in the bottom of the inning. But, Wittenberg-Birnawood scored four more runs in the fourth inning and another three in the sixth to seal the win.

Evan Mevarden hit 3-for-4 with a double and home run and knocked in three RBIs. Zandy

Barkeepers hit 2-for-5 with a pair or RBIs, and Keegan Benbo also had two RBIs. Ian Salvesen had a double.

April 8

Amherst 4, Bonduel 2

Bonduel stands at 1-1 on the year and 1-1 in CWC East play following a 4-2 home loss to Amherst.

The game was scoreless through the first four innings.

Bonduel took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the sixth on a Mason Zuleger infield single. The Bears then gave up three runs in the top of the seventh on two hits and three walks.

Easton Reinke led the Bears with two hits.

Noah Weier took the loss, and Eli Bohm got the win for the Falcons.

Northland Lutheran 18, Bowler 9

Bowler's 2024 season opened with an 18-9 loss to Northland Lutheran/Wisconsin Valley Lutheran.

The high scoring game started with Northland's Lutheran scoring two runs in the first and three in the second to open a 5-0 lead.

Bowler's six runs in the bottom of the second inning gave them a 6-5 lead.

Northland Lutheran blew the game open with seven runs in the third inning and another six in the fourth inning to lead 18-6.

The Panthers scored once more in the fourth and twice in the fifth.

Lena 8, Goodman/Pembine 3

Lena won its second game of the season, an 8-3 victory over Goodman/Pembine.

Manawa 10, Menominee Indian 0

Menominee Indian was shut out for the second time this season – and by an identical score. The Eagles lost 10-0 to Manawa in a CWC East game.

Luxemburg-Casco 4, Oconto Falls 1

Ryland Day hit 2-for-3 and scored the only run for Oconto Falls in its 4-1 loss to Luxemburg-Casco.

Cole Bozile was the losing pitcher, giving up two runs in three innings while striking out one.

Tigerton 4, Marion 2

Tigerton's CWC North season kicked off on the right foot with a 4-2 win over Marion.

Pulaski 5, Green Bay Preble 3

Pulaski picked up its first win of the year, a 5-3 Fox River Classic Conference victory over Green Bay Preble.

Wittenberg-Birnawood 11, Iola-Scandinavia 0

The Chargers began their season and CWC East play with an 11-0 shut out over Iola-Scandinavia on the road.

Lena golfers win Bonduel Invite

April 10 Bonduel Invite

Lena golfers earned the top score at the Bonduel Invite, carding a 327 to top the home team's 348. Lena's Braden McVane was the medalist with a 78.

Other teams and their scores were Wittenberg-Birnamwood 380, Amherst 384, Iola-Scandinavia 415, Oconto 416, Marion 423, Weyauwega-Fremont 434, Pacelli 454, Manawa 464, Shiocton 487 and Menominee Indian/Gresham 615.

Joining McVane on Lena's winning team were Mason Belongia with an 80 (second best on the day), Mason Spice with an 84 and Drake Dionne with an 85. Evan Vanderzanden carded a 99.

Bonduel's scorers were Colin Fischer with an 81, Jake Dreyer and Jaxon Bogacz each with an 87, and Charlie Tauchen with a 93. Colin Margelofsky hit a 129.

Scoring for Wittenberg-Birnamwood were Joe Seegmiller at 83, August Barke at 97, Owen Schultz at 99 and George Seegmill-

er at 101. A 106 was recorded by Logan Hanson.

Marion was led by Sam Gueths with a 99. He was joined by Jack Schoen with a 106, Gracie Grogan with a 108 and Edward Schoen with a 110. A 112 was recorded by Elijah Schema.

Menominee Indian/Gresham scores were 139, 151, 152 and 173, with a fifth score of 180.

Brown County Metro Championship

Pulaski scored a 356 and placed sixth out of nine teams at the Brown County Metro Championship at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf on April 10. West De Pere won with a 314.

Scoring for the Red Raiders were Connor Burant with an 82 in a tie for 11th place, Dixon Holewinski with an 86 for a tie in 16th, Zachary Valeria with a 91 and tie for 27th and Nathan Jossie with a 97 for 35th place. Benson Chlopek carded a 102 for 40th.

April 9 North Eastern Conference Mega-Meet #2

Oconto Falls placed

eighth out of 10 teams at the North Eastern Conference Mega-Meet #2 at Irish Waters Golf Course in Freedom.

The Panthers scored a 399. Wrightstown won with a 337.

Kadyn Riel carded a 78, two strokes off the leader, in a tie for second place.

Carson McDermid tied for 32nd with a 101, Nick Trepanier tied for 36th with a 106, Austin Anderson tied for 44th with a 114 and Alex Egan tied for 46th with a 115.

Bay Conference Tour Stop #2

Shawano scored a 233 and finished in fifth place at the Bay Conference Tour Stop #2 at Shamrock Heights Golf Course in New London. Seymour scored a 167 to win the meet.

Leading the Hawks was Tristan Miller in 18th place with a 50. He was joined by: Blake Knope, tied for 20th with a 53; Riley Moede and Jakub Stuhr, tied for 25th with a 65 each; and Duane Gristeau-Blanche, 27th place with a 67.



Trinity Popelka scores one of her seven goals for Shawano as the Hawks shut out Green Bay West 15-0 on April 9. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Shawano soccer team notches 2 shutouts, Pulaski picks up one

April 12 Pulaski 6, Marshfield 0

Pulaski shut out Marshfield 6-0 in a non-conference game to improve to 2-1 overall.

April 9 Shawano 15, Green Bay West 0

Shawano's girls soccer team hosted its second home game of the season and satisfied their appetite for victory with a 15-0 Bay Conference win over Green Bay West.

The Hawks (2-1) wasted no time in getting on the

board.

Freshman Kendall Knope scored the opening goal in the first 42 seconds, with an assist from junior Darcie Erdmann, who finished the game with a hat trick.

Senior Caitlyn Moede had one goal and two assists. Junior Trinity Popelka scored seven goals and had one assist.

Junior Gracie Gumieny scored her first varsity goal. Sophomore Maddy Pyatskowitz scored two goals and had two assists.

Adrienne Rekow,

Maddie Moesch, Sophia Eggert and Kendall Knope each had an assist for the Hawks.

Goalkeepers Brynlie Boyles and Lily Glysch teamed up for a shutout for the Hawks.

April 8 Shawano 5, Mosinee 0

Shawano shut out Mosinee 5-0 in a non-conference game to earn its first win of the season.

Pulaski 0, Kaukauna 0

The Red Raiders stand at 1-1-1 after a 0-0 tie against Kaukauna in a non-conference match at home.

Shawano goes 3-1 at Wausau event

April 12-13

Shawano's tennis team lost to Wausau East, Wausau West and D.C. Everest before coming back to defeat Wausau East during a two-day event in Wausau.

On April 12, the Hawks went down 5-2 to Wausau East. Shawano's victories were from a pair of doubles matches. George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon won at No. 1, and Tristan Tetting and Isaac Welander won at No. 2.

Later that day, Shawano lost 4-3 to Wausau West.

Andrew Vandenheuvel won 6-1, 7-5 at No. 1 singles. Doubles wins were notched by Sheldon and Buerman at No. 1, and Cristian Hernandez and Domenic Badalamenti at No. 3.

On April 13, it was D.C. Everest topping Shawano

5-2. Buerman and Sheldon again won at No. 1 doubles, while Tetting and Welander won at No. 2.

Shawano then bounced back, defeating Wausau East 6-1.

Benjamin Langlois won 7-5, 6-2 at No. 1 singles, Hernandez won 7-5, 6-1 at No. 3, and Elias Popp won 6-2, 2-6, 10-7 at No. 4.

All three doubles teams won. Buerman and Sheldon won 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1, Tetting and Welander won 6-2, 6-2 at No. 2, and Vandenheuvel and Evan Anderson won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3.

April 9

Shawano's boys tennis team defeated Ashwaubenon 5-2 in the opening contest of the 2024 season.

The Hawks (1-0) won all three doubles matches and a pair of singles at Pioneer Park in Ashwaubenon.

At No. 2 singles, Benjamin Langlois, Shawano defeated Jonathan Bielke, 7-6 (8), 7-6 (4), while at No. 3, Shawano's Ryan Buerman beat Elliot Hujet, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 10-8.

In doubles action, George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon topped Landon Gottfredson and Logan Van Gheen, 6-1, 6-0, at No. 1. In the No. 2 match, Tristan Tetting and Isaac Welander beat Dylan Younk and Ryan Lai, 6-0, 6-1. At No. 3, Mason Sparks and Domenic Badalamenti defeated Owen Herald and Ashkath Yandawath, 6-1, 6-1.

The two Shawano losses came at No. 1 singles in which Quinn Nooyan shut out Andrew Vandenheuvel, 6-0, 6-0, and No. 4 singles, in which Ben Buchmann beat Cristian Hernandez, 6-3, 7-6.

Skenadore wins two hurdle events at Denmark Cold Vike Invite on April 13

April 13

Pulaski garnered five first-place finishes on the boys side and another four for the girls at Denmark Cold Vike Invite.

Daniel Augustine led all competitors in the 800-meter run, winning in

2:14.24.

Madden Skenadore won the 110-meter hurdles in 15.48 and the 300-meter hurdles in 43.5.

The 4x200 team won in 1:33.7, while Dylan Dorn had the top spot in the high jump at 6 feet.

Olivia Sprangers captured the 200-meter dash in 26.8 seconds. Emerson Fabry won the 800-meter run in 2:29.55.

The 4x200-meter relay team won in 1:50.35, and the 4x400 team won in 4:22.34.



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Bonduel, Bowler/Gresham win both ends of DHs

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

April 13
Bonduel 14, Little Chute 2
Bonduel 9, Crivitz 2

Bonduel held a 9-0 lead against Crivitz before the host team scored twice in the bottom the seventh to give the Bears a 9-2 win.

Maddy Sokolski and Allison Zernicke each had two hits for the Bears. Jayla Reinke, Sokolski and Hailey Zernicke each a double, while Sokolski also had a triple. Joselyn Bohm, Lila Pleshek, Reinke, Sokolski (four), Hailey Zernicke and Allison Zernicke all had RBIs.

Tatum Sporisky was the winning pitcher.

Already leading 7-2 after five innings, Bonduel pounded out seven more runs in the seventh inning to beat Little Chute 14-2.

Ella Hischke, Hailee Thompson and Hailey Zernicke each had three hits, while Sporisky, Taylor Rank, Pleshek, Allison Zernicke and Juliana Jacobs each had two.

Jacobs and the Zernicke girls each had a double, and Jacobs also recorded a triple.

Jacobs and Allison Zernicke each collected four RBIs, Thompson had three, and Hailey Zernicke, Pleshek and Rank each had one.

Hailey Zernicke had the win on the mound.

Shiocton 14, Gillett/Suring 0
Gillett/Suring 8, Florence 7

Shiocton scored nine runs in the second inning en route to a 14-0 blowout of Gillett/Suring at Gillett.

Later, against Florence, Gillett/Suring found their bats and won 8-7.

New London 5, Shawano 0
Shawano 6, Medford 0

Hosting their own quad, Shawano was shut out 5-0 by New London before doing

the same to Medford, shutting out the Raiders 6-0.

April 12
Bowler/Gresham 9, Marion 3
Bowler/Gresham 17, Marion 2

Bowler/Gresham won both ends of a doubleheader against Marion, first by a score of 9-3 and then 17-2.

Shiocton 19, Menominee Indian 9

The Eagles jumped out a 3-0 first-inning lead against Shiocton only to see the hosts come back with nine runs of their own to take a 9-3 lead.

Each team scored once more in the third inning. Menominee Indian tied the game at 8-8 after scoring four runs in the fourth inning, but Shiocton pummeled the ball for eight runs in the bottom of the inning to total a 16-8 advantage.

Menominee Indian added another run in the fifth inning, but Shiocton added three and won 19-9.

Denmark 5, Oconto Falls 1

Oconto Falls' one-run lead at the bottom of the first inning lasted until Denmark tied the game at the top of the second.

The Vikings added a pair of runs in each of the fourth and sixth innings to secure the 5-1 North Eastern Conference win.

Pulaski 16, Sheboygan South 0

The Red Raiders shut out Sheboygan South 16-0 to improve to 2-0 in the Fox River Classic Conference and 4-0 overall.

Mishicot 1, Shawano 0

Mishicot scored one run in the top of the fourth inning, and that was all that was needed for a 1-0 win over Shawano.

Port Edwards 9, Tigerton 6

Maycee Carlson and McKenzie Hoffman each had a hit for Tigerton in the team's 9-6 loss to Port Edwards. Hoffman's hit was a double.

Danika Tiller took the loss on the mound for the Tigers.

April 11

Bonduel 9, Weyauwega-Fremont 5

Bonduel kept chipping away at Weyauwega-Fremont to emerge with a 9-5 CWC-East win.

The Bears jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Both team scored twice in the second, and Weyauwega-Fremont added two in the third to tie the game at 4-4.

Bonduel had two runs cross the plate in the fourth inning and then one more in each of the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

Hailey Zernicke hit 3-for-4, Hailee Thompson and Maddy Sokolski each went 2-for-4, and Lila Pleshek hit 2-for-5.

Thompson connected for a home run. She also had four RBIs, while Allison Zernicke, Hailey Zernicke and Taylor Rank each had one.

Kallie Wilcox was the winning pitcher, giving up five runs and five hits, while walking two and fanning five.

Gillett/Suring 7, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 0

Gillett/Suring earned its first M&O Conference win of the season, a 7-0 shut-out of Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy at Lena.

Gillett/Suring is 1-2 in league play. The Lena co-op is 0-1.

Marion 5, Northland Lutheran 1
Marion 8, Northland Lutheran 5

Marion sits atop the CWC-North standings with a 3-1 mark after winning both ends of a doubleheader over Northland Lutheran, 5-1 and 8-5.

Oconto Falls 5, Marinette 1

The Panthers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third inning and held on for the 5-1 North Eastern Conference win over Marinette.

Oconto Falls added two more runs in the sixth inning to lead 4-0, before Marinette scored its only run in the bottom of the sixth. Oconto Falls added another run in the top of the seventh to end the scoring.

Shawano 19, Green Bay East/West 0

The Hawks wasted little time in pounding Green Bay East/West, winning the Bay Conference game 19-0.

Abby Wachtel was 1-for-2 with four RBIs. Macey Krueger hit 1-for-2 with three RBIs, and Ella Stuber hit 2-for-2 with three RBIs.

Abby Bystol pitched two innings, gave up a hit, walked one and struck out three.

Marathon 21, Tigerton 1

A solid first two innings gave way to a disastrous last three innings as Tigerton was defeated 21-1 in a non-conference match against Marathon.

Down 1-0 after two innings, Tigerton gave up six runs in the third, another six in the fourth and eight in the fifth.

Tigerton's only run came in the fourth inning.

Maybe Carlson hit 1-for-3 to record the only hit for the Tigers.

Danika Tiller took the loss, giving up three hits and seven runs, while walking six and striking out four. Ancel Welch pitched the final two innings.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 13, Menominee Indian 3

The Chargers earned their first CWC-East win of the season, a 13-3 victory over Menominee Indian.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood is 1-2 in conference play, and the Eagles are 0-3.

April 9

Iola-Scandinavia 1, Bonduel 0

Bonduel lost to Iola-Scandinavia 1-0 in

nine innings.

Bonduel (4-2, 2-1) had six hits. Iola's Julia Munoz had nine strikeouts, while Bonduel's Hailey Zernicke pitched a complete game with six strikeouts.

Niagara 5, Gillett/Suring 2

Gillett/Suring dropped to 0-2 in the M&O standings after losing 5-2 to Niagara.

Three Lakes/Phelps 14, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy/Lena 4

The St. Thomas Aquinas Academy/Lena losing streak extended to four games, all non-conference, as the team lost 14-4 to Three Lakes/Phelps.

Pulaski 4, Green Bay Southwest 1

The Red Raiders stayed at a perfect 3-0 early in the season as they defeated Green Bay Southwest 4-1. It was the Fox River Classic Conference opener for Pulaski.

Menasha 4, Shawano 1

Shawano is posting a 3-2 overall mark and 1-1 in the Bay Conference after losing to Menasha 4-1.

Macey Krueger was 1-for-3 with one RBI.

Kadence Meyers pitched six innings and gave up four hits while striking out five and walking one.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 12, Clintonville 4

The Chargers dominated the Truckers, winning 12-4 in the non-conference game.

Bonduel won 3-2 in nine innings against Amherst at Cedar Park in Bonduel on April 8.

Lila Pleshek had a single to drive in Gracyn Wudtke in the bottom of the ninth for Bonduel. Pleshek also had a double to help the cause. Hailey Zernicke earned the save with four strikeouts.

Amherst led 1-0 after the first inning only to see Bonduel tie the game in the third. The visitors went up 2-1 in the fifth, but once again, Bonduel tied it — this time in the seventh.

Amherst had three singles in the game.

Bowler/Gresham 19, Northland Lutheran 4

Bowler/Gresham won its first game of the season, a 19-4 Central Wisconsin North Conference victory over Northland Lutheran/Wisconsin Valley Lutheran.

Pembine/Goodman 16, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy/Lena 2

St. Thomas Aquinas Academy/Lena's record dropped to 1-4 following a 16-2 loss at the hands of Pembine/Goodman.

Marion 8, Tigerton 7

Tigerton 12, Marion 4

Marion and Tigerton split a doubleheader at Tiger Stadium.

The Mustangs won the opener 8-7, but Tigerton won the second contest 12-4 in four innings.

It was the Central Wisconsin North Conference opener for both teams.

Manawa 10, Menominee Indian 0

The Eagles were shut out 10-0 against Manawa in a Central Wisconsin East Conference game in Manawa.

Freedom 6, Oconto Falls 0

Oconto Falls was blanked 6-0 in its North Eastern Conference opener, losing to Freedom at home.

Iola-Scandinavia 9, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 2

The Chargers fell to 1-3 overall and 0-2 in Central Wisconsin East Conference action after a 9-2 loss to Iola-Scandinavia on the road.

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Pulaski lacrosse teams roughed up

It was another rough outing for the Pulaski boys lacrosse team April 11, losing 21-3 to the Oneida Nation Thunderhawks.

The game was scoreless through the first three quarters, only to see all 24 goals come in the final stanza.

April 9

Appleton United jumped all over Pulaski's boys lacrosse team from the beginning and didn't let up, winning the non-conference game 22-2.

While the Red Raiders connected on two goals in the first quarter, Appleton

United scored eight times in each of the first two quarters, added four in the third and two more in the fourth.

April 8

The Pulaski girls lacrosse team was shut out in its debut game.

Bay Port won 15-0.

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Springborn gets first-ever feature win

Mullen crowned king of WABAM Dirt Kings Late Model Tour 2024 season opener

BY DON ROUSE
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The 2024 Shawano Speedway (powered by Auto Select) kicked off the season April 13 with hot racing action and cooler temps than one would like.

A total of 106 cars checked into the legendary half-mile to do battle, and fans witnessed a local driver pick up the first feature win of his career.

First on the track was the IMCA Modifieds with Jerry Muenster and Lucas Lamberies starting on the front row. At the drop of the green flag, Muenster and Lamberies would head through corners 1-2 as Lamberies was starting to pull in front of the “youngster” Jerry Muenster (82 years old) as the field behind them was starting to take shape.

Mike Schmidt, Marcus Yarie, Kevin Feck and Jason Ebert were all chasing the leaders. But the man on the move was defending track champion Johnny Whitman moving up six spots from his eighth-place starting spot. After a few cautions for spins and debris, Lamberies found himself in the company of Whitman, Yarie, Mike Schmidt and Jayden Schmidt. Whitman would gain a bit on Lamberies in the corner but was running out of laps. When the final checker flew, it was Lamberies holding off his competitors to pick up his first feature win at Shawano Speedway in 2024.

The class “To Tough to Tame” IMCA Stock Cars was next to do battle on the dusty half mile. By the luck of the draw/redraw format that is used on opening night, Travis VanStaten drew the pole position with his dancing partner on the outside, Trent Nolan, sure to make for a great start of the race.

Row 2 had Mitch Stankowski and Shawn “Lunchbox” Wagner. Row 3 was occupied by Dylan

Stedjee and Jerry Wilinski who will be doing double duty this year of sorts with his modified and stock car.

When the green flag twirled in the air, VanStaten and Nolan did not disappoint with a great side-by-side battle. Through the next several laps, the pair would surrender the lead for a bit to each other. But after several cautions, time was not on the stock cars’ side, so that eventually would have to start single file and end up being a green, white, checkered dash for the win.

On the last restart, it was bound to be a great finish.

The “Horicon Hurricane” Jeremy Christians picked up eight spots through all the cautions and found himself on the back bumper of the leaders. In the end, it was VanStaten picking up right where left off last year’s campaign in Victory Lane.

The IMCA Northern Sport Mods saw history being made in their feature.

Dustin Wudstrack and A.J. Springborn led the field of 24 to the green flag.

Springborn and Wudstrack would duke it out for four laps before Brad Miller, Jeffery Teske, Tommy Rindt and Andy Klosterman began applying pressure to the leaders. Cole Magnin was on an absolute mission as he moved his machine up 15 spots and was looking for more.

Unfortunately, this feature was also plagued with several cautions for debris or spins. The final caution would put Springborn, Teske, Magnin, JJ Vanderloop and Travis Rhodes sitting inside of the top five. As the checkered flag flew Springborn got a slice of victory, picking up his first ever feature win.

Mighty 4 division would wrap up the night with 12 laps of racing action.

Brad Wedde and Casey Gross would be in the



The IMCA Northern Sport Mods saw history being made in its feature race April 13 at the Shawano Speedway. Dustin Wudstrack and A.J. Springborn led the field of 24 to the green flag, with Springborn collecting the checkered flag, his first feature win.

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Derek Janke of Symco (27) spins out between Turns 3 and 4 in the opening heat at the Shawano Speedway on April 13.

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starting front row with Bailey Tate and Justin Haufe directly behind them.

Wedde wasted no time proving why he is the defending track champion as he and Gross would exchange paint a few times down the backstretch.

Wedde began to have a slight advantage but

Gross, Bailey Tate, Justin Haufe, Nathan Lisowe and Dalton Nelson weren’t about to just let Wedde go without a fight. However, nobody was strong enough to get by the 37 machine of Wedde as he cruised to victory lane.

Mike Mullen was crowned king of WABAM Dirt Kings Late Model

Tour 2024 season opener, The Lumberyard Bar and Grill Spring Thaw at Shawano Speedway in BMRE Electric Carts Victory Lane.

Mullen started third in the 25-lap A-Main as Chris Oertel and Andy Karl led the field to the green flag.

Karl took the lead as Oertel and Gunner Frank

battled for position behind him. Karl stretched his lead to 4.518 seconds before the caution came out on lap 7. On the restart, Karl maintained his lead as Mullen battled with him. On the next lap, Mullen raced to the inside of Karl in turn two and took the lead, earning the Autoworx Clean Move of the Race. Caution slowed the field on the next lap, erasing the 0.749 second lead that Mullen had. On the restart, Mullen continued to pace the field as Frank and Karl battled for second place.

At the halfway point, Mullen held a 2.385 second advantage over Frank. Mullen’s advantage continued to increase as Frank, Karl, Nick Anvelink and Justin Ritchie followed behind.

Mullen went on to win his fifth WABAM Dirt Kings Late Model Tour race by 4.648 seconds over Frank, Karl, Anvelink and Ritchie.

Troy Springborn was The Pues Family Hard Charger, passing 10 cars in The Lumberyard Bar and Grill Spring Thaw, earning an additional \$200.



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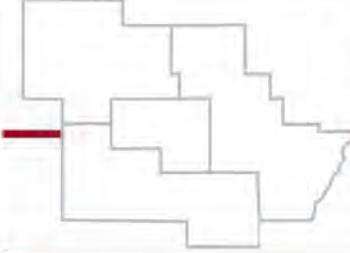
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April 14
Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including assisting with two fire calls on White Clay Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; drugs on Picnic Street in Tigerton; assisting with a fire on County Road A in the Town of Wescott; assisting with a fire on Shady Rest Court in the Town of Wescott; bail jumping on Cedar Street in Tigerton; harassment on East State Street in Bonduel; ATV problem on County Road S in the Town of Angelica; illegal burning on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; five 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; four crashes, one involving deer.

April 13
Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including assisting with a fire on Cloverleaf Lake Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; trespassing on

County Road M in the Town of Germania; ATV problem on Angle Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; six 911 calls; five reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazards; two crashes.

April 12
Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including property damage on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; threatening on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; threatening on Matz Lane in the Town of Almon; fleeing and pursuit on County Road VV in Keshena; warrant attempt on Campfire Road in the Town of Grant; five 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards.

April 11
Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including illegal burning on Olson Road in the Town of Green Valley; warrant on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; four 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents;

two traffic hazards.

April 10
Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including assisting with a fire at Kwik Trip, 102 W. Express Way in Bonduel; warrant attempt on Opperman Way in the Town of Richmond; fraud on East State Street in Bonduel; property theft on Basswood Road in the Town of Richmond; assisting with a fire on Potch Ha Chee Road in the Town of Wittenberg; found property on County Road G in the Town of Red Springs; criminal damage at Bonduel High School, 400 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel; property theft at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St.; bail jumping on County Road M in the Town of Richmond; operating without a license on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; illegal burning on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton; three 911 calls; two traffic hazards.

April 9
Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including a scam

on Timber Trail in Shawano; juvenile problem on West Vinal Street in Wittenberg; assisting with a fire on Shore Drive in the Town of Wescott; recovering a stolen vehicle at the Washington Inn Supper Club, 101 S. Warrington Ave., Cecil; property theft on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; found property at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; property theft on Moh He Con Nuck Road in the Town of Bartelme; criminal damage at St. Martin's Catholic Church, 407 S. Warrington Ave., Cecil; property theft on Waukechon Street in the Town of Waukechon; trespassing on Witt-Birn Townline Road in the Town of Wittenberg; animal bite on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; animal bite on Riverside Road in the Town of Pella; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident.

April 8
Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including fleeing and pursuit in the Town of

Washington; restraining order violation on Acorn Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; vehicle theft on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; warrant on West College Avenue in Wittenberg; assault at Antler's Supper Club, 120 E. Green Bay St., Bonduel; warrant on Chrissie Circle in the Town of Washington; drugs on Adams Beach Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine; lost property at North Star Casino, W12180 County Road A in the Town of Bartelme; three 911 calls; one traffic hazard.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 14
Officers responded to 20 incidents, including an animal bite on South Hamlin Street; found property at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; property theft on South River Street; operating without a license on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on West Picnic

Street.

April 13
Officers responded to 23 incidents, including a warrant arrest on East Zingler Avenue; threatening on South Andrews Street; vehicle crash with personal injury on South Airport Drive; operating without a license on East Division Street; threatening at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; threatening on East Green Bay Street; harassment at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; vehicle crash with property damage at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.

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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 May 7, 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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COURT NEWS

▪ Judge Katherine Sloma on April 8 sentenced Allan F. Behm, 57, Birnamwood, to 14 years in prison, followed by 10 years of extended supervision, for repeated sexual assault of the same child. A jury found Behm guilty Jan. 17 after a three-day trial.

▪ Joshua A. Behreandt, 41, Tigerton, pleaded no contest Feb. 16 to five counts of possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony. On April 12, Judge William Kussel Jr. withheld sentencing and placed him on five years of probation with conditions to include 10 months in county jail.

▪ Latasha J. Linders, 43, Shawano, pleaded no contest April 12 to possession of methamphetamine, misdemeanor

possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on probation for three years.

▪ Bart R. Boivin, 52, Rochester, Minnesota, was charged April 8 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for June 18.

▪ Kellie J. Bohm, 40, Shawano, was charged April 8 with six counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 22.

▪ Pebbles L. Sanapaw, 42, Shawano, was charged April 8 with possession of meth-

amphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 25.

▪ Logan J. McGeshick-Savola, 24, Bowler, was charged April 9 with two counts of second-degree sexual assault, false imprisonment, two misdemeanor counts of battery and misdemeanor charges of possession of THC and disorderly conduct. Kussel set bond at \$50,000 cash and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 17.

▪ Nathaniel J. Robinson, 32, Bowler, was charged April

9 with possession with intent to deliver amphetamine or methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and possession of narcotic drugs. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 15.

▪ Carla R. Cooper, 46, Tigerton, was charged April 9 with fleeing an officer in her vehicle and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and

resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond, and on April 12, Sloma scheduled a status conference for May 23.

▪ Anthony B. Kotula Jr., 28, Gresham, was charged April 10 with fleeing an officer in his vehicle and misdemeanor disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$3,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 16.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District
Board of Education Meeting April 22, 2024

April 22, 2024
5:40 P.M. - Budget and Finance
6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

AGENDA

I. Meeting Called to Order, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).

II. Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance

A. Oaths of Office for New Board Members

B. Reorganization of the Board (Election of School Board Members and Review of Board Committees)

III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting as Circulated.

IV. Communications and Delegations

V. Public Comments

VI. Board Concerns or Reports

VII. Student Representative

VIII. Financial Report

IX. Approve the Agenda

X.

I. The Board will adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1)© for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matters and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.

II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

XI. Administrative Reports

-Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School

-Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School

-Witt-Birn High School

-Pupil Services

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

A. Act 20 Update

B. Summer Custodial Staffing for Approval

C. Support Staff Hires for Approval

D. Teacher Hires for Approval

E. Coach Hire for Approval

F. Staff Resignation for Approval

G. Out of State Field Trips for Approval

H. 2024-2025 Co-curricular Code Revisions for Approval

I. 2024-2025 Staff Handbook Revisions for Approval

J. 2024-2025 Cesa 8 Contract for Approval

K. 2024-2024 Health Insurance Plan for Discussion and Approval

L. Lawnmower Purchase for Consideration and Approval

XIII. Adjournment

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Spenser still coming to rescue after original author's death

I was finally feeling like myself again recently, so I selected Robert B. Parker's "Little White Lies." Since Parker passed away a few years ago, Ace Atkins has taken over completing his Spenser series.

It is late summer in Boston, and Spenser is contemplating life when his lady love, Dr. Susan Silverman, calls. She is sending one of her clients to Spenser hoping he can help the distraught woman.

Connie Kelly is a well-dressed middle-aged woman who made a common mistake. She fell in love with a slick con man. After he convinced her to invest almost \$300,000 in his bogus upscale gun range, he disappeared. Connie insists that she no longer loves the man but wants Spenser to track him down and get her money back.

The man is M. Brooks Welles. Spenser has never heard of him but soon learns Welles is a minor celebrity claiming to be a former Navy Seal, Vietnam vet and CIA agent who works with various freedom fighters around the world. At this point,



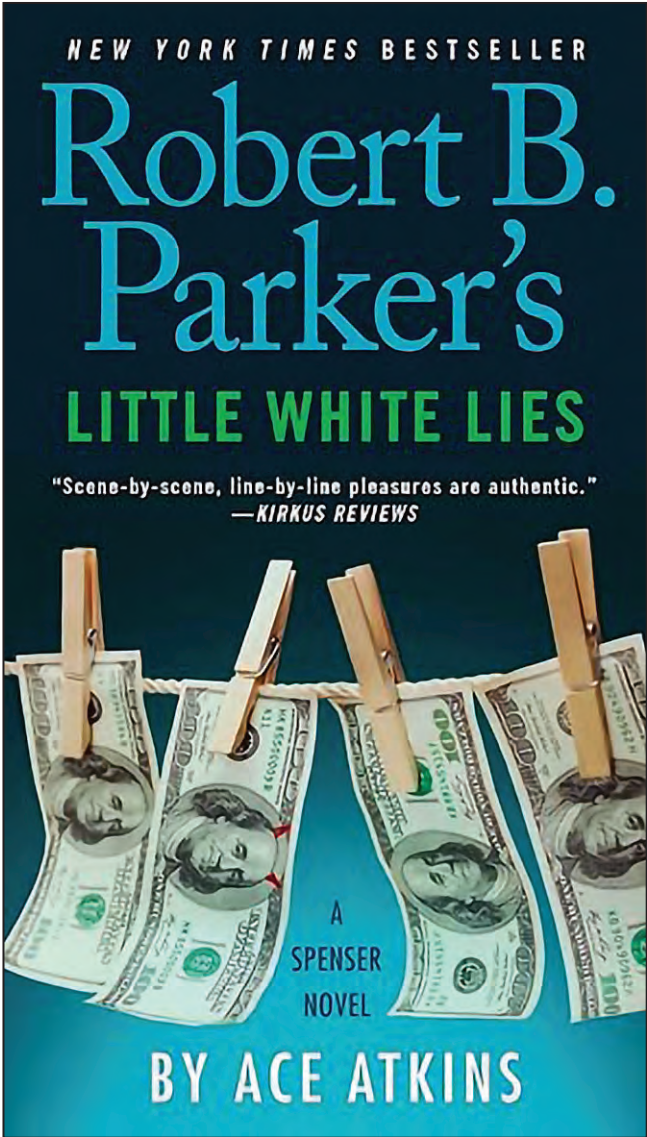
Jan Jones
Columnist

he is working on a book about his exploits and appearing on TV and radio talk shows.

Spenser agrees to take the case, more as a favor to Susan than Connie. The result of a quick online search makes Welles look like a superhero and triggers Spenser's BS meter.

Spenser can't find any record of M. Brooks Welles in the colleges he claims to have attended or any branch of the military. No driver's license, no home address and no telephone in his name convinces Spenser that Welles has been working more than one kind of con and doing it for years. Apparently, Welles' many supporters never bothered to verify his credentials.

When he finally corners Welles, Connie insists that she loves him and wants Spenser to drop the case, but he simply can't do that. Within minutes of the meeting,



he and Welles are ambushed. They survive, but Welles disappears. That

makes Spenser even more suspicious. Through information

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: Robert Parker's Little White Lies (Spenser Book 45)
AUTHOR: Ace Atkins
PUBLISHER: G.P. Putnam's Sons
YEAR PUBLISHED: 2018
NUMBER OF PAGES: 352

about the gun range scam, Spenser connects the dots to John Gridoni and his massive gun sales business. When Spenser digs deeper into Gridoni and his associates, he's contacted by the FBI and told to back off because they have an ongoing investigation in place. Naturally, Spenser refuses to quit. Soon his friend Hawke is involved.

Connie and Welles' trail takes them to Georgia. Connie is dead. The police say it was suicide, but Spenser easily learns that it was murder. Welles has reappeared. This time he has a wife and two daughters and spends his time as a preacher evangelizing with another con artist — Rev. Ridgeway — and raising money to arm an overseas militia group.

When confronted, he insists that Connie killed herself because he wouldn't leave his wife. When asked about her

money, Welles insists that all the investors lost money but if this new deal came through, he would pay it. All Spenser wants is to recover Connie's money, but Welles sets him up for a vicious beating administered by a thug named Brother Bliss.

Against their better judgment, the FBI agrees to Spenser's plan for a sting. Sadly, they only capture Ridgeway.

Once back in Boston, Spenser hatches a plan to lure Welles to the city and recover Connie's money. But he knows that isn't the end of the ordeal. He and Hawke go to Spenser's remote Maine cabin and wait. It doesn't take long for Bliss and three others to show up armed and ready to kill. They walked right into Spenser's trap.

It is an ugly end to an ugly episode and probably won't be the last time he's attacked, but Spenser's perseverance has paid off and he can finally see Connie's money used to benefit others.

Few of us will ever need the services of someone like Spenser, but it is heartening to read about a hero who never gives up.



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