



Scott Reuss, UW Extension crops and soils agent, led the agriculture session at the Youth Conservation Field Day on May 9. His session focused on insects – what they are, their parts and identification tricks, what they eat and some of the ways that they impact your life.

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Area fifth grade students experience nature up close

Annual spring conservation field day hosted by Wilson Creek Orchard

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

A dozen classes of fifth graders spent their May 9 school day at a Wittenberg orchard where they increased their knowledge of the environment through discussions and interactive sessions in nine categories of conservation.

"Our Youth Conservation Field Day is an opportunity to get them out in the field, experience what nature and our environment has to offer, and have a bunch of our area resource professionals share their knowledge and their expertise on different aspects of natural resources and careers in natural resources and agriculture," said Scott Frank, Shawano County conservationist and head of the Shawano County Land Conservation Department.

This is the third annual event at Wilson Creek Orchard. The event was supposed to begin in 2020 but was delayed

for two years due to COVID.

"This year, we've maxed out," Frank said. "We've reached our capacity for schools."

More than 200 students from six schools participated – Wittenberg, Birnamwood, Marion, Tigerton, Bowler and Keshena.

Students broke into nine groups and walked their way around the farm, stopping at each of the nine learning stations. Resource professionals at each station talked and interacted with the students on topics that covered prairie and pollinators, aquatic invasive species, stream ecology, agriculture, soils, orchards, a Conservation Jeopardy game, renewable energy, and terrestrial invasive species.

Scott Reuss, UW-Extension crops and soils agent, led the agriculture session.

"Agriculture in a nutshell – the easiest definition – is the method and science of food production," he said. "Food is what

keeps us alive. If we didn't have agriculture, we wouldn't be able to live the way we do, because agriculture, even though it does have a relatively small number of people that are involved in it, it is literally what allows us to live the way we do."

He pointed across the field to a farmer planting corn and helped the students make the connection from planting corn to feeding the corn to dairy cows that produced the milk that was made into cheese, ice cream and yogurt.

"(Planting corn) isn't the actual science of making milk over there, but they're making the feed that gives the cattle the energy and the nutrients to do what they need to do, just like the food that we produce in agriculture gives all of us the energy and nutrients that we need to be able to survive and thrive and do all the fun stuff we do," he said.

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New TID approved for Wittenberg's east side

Mixed-use development to include apartment complex, industrial businesses

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

Wittenberg officials are paving the way for new development on the eastern edge of the village.

Village board members agreed May 7 to create Tax Incremental District (TID) 4, a 57.5-acre site generally comprising of the Wittenberg Business Park.

"Most of this district is what used to be TID 1," said Traci Matsche, village clerk. "That TID was distressed and closed, so we could create this new TID."

The village expects to spend \$6.95 million in the district. This will include \$4.15 million for the extension of Liberty Drive, inclusive of the underground utilities. The village may consider funding additional infrastructure projects to include all or a portion of \$800,000 for Mohawk Street improvements and about \$500,000 for the build out of infrastructure to support housing developments adjacent to the district such as roadways, sewer and water.

Both projects are located within the half-mile surrounding the district boundaries, and half of the Mohawk Street cost is identified as a non-project cost.

Also, the village is including \$500,000 for future development incentives in the district.

Finally, the village estimates incurring about \$125,000 for the ongoing planning

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Liberty Drive will be extended at a cost of about \$4.15 million as part of Wittenberg's tax incremental district (TID) 4. The Village Board approved of the TID project at its May 7 meeting. It will now go in front of the Joint Review Board for final approval.

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Wittenberg farm gets clean energy grant from USDA.

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Terry Nillissen, owner of Wilson Creek Orchard, talks with students about the best way to pick apples. The Youth Conservation Day was held at Nillissen's orchard, where he shared information what it takes to start and maintain an agricultural family business growing apples.

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Jamie Patton, soil health coordinator with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service, stood in 4-foot-deep hole to make her points about soil.

Patton noted that soils are under our feet at all times, and people use them to grow things, play with and build on. Students learned how soils are formed and how to tell different types of soil apart.

"I have done this for 25 to 30 years, and do you know what I found?" Patton asked. "Nothing! Nothing cool. One of my colleagues found a whole den of giant sloths all preserved down in the soil. Many of my colleagues have found mastodon teeth, meteorites. I got to hold one (meteorite) in my hands. It was worth a million dollars, but I had to give it back."

The fifth graders played the part of electrons in a

life-size demonstration of how a solar panel works at the renewable energy station. The interactive display was led by Wendy Stelzer, a UW-Stevens Point youth and community engagement specialist with the K-12 Energy Education Program.

She presented a solar panel as a four-layer sandwich. The bread layers at the top (glass) and bottom (plastic) give the panel structure. The meat and cheese in the center are the business layers.

"They (the panels) go through a special process in the manufacturing process that makes them produce the energy from the sun," she said. "The sun shines down on a solar panel, and it starts the little particles that make up these two layers start moving round. It's like dancing. The sun is giving them their energy. They're getting energized."



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"The electrons can only move in one direction. They go from the bottom layer of the solar panel to the top layer of the solar panel. And then we attach a wire to that top layer, and then we continue it on and bring it back to the bottom layer. In between, we put an appliance, like your computer or your TV."

The electrons move from the bottom panel to the top panel, through the wire to the appliance before returning to the bottom layer to start the process all over again.

Frank said a new push this year is raising awareness of single-use plastics and the damage they can cause the environment.

"We're trying to promote limiting our use of single-use plastics," he said. "We've been working with area partners to purchase reusable water bottles for every student."

This is possible through



Neva Vogt distributes backpacks to Keshena Primary School fifth graders at the third annual Youth Conservation Field Day on May 9 at Wilson Creek Orchard in Wittenberg. The backpacks were provided by the Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development Council.

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support from Wilson Creek Orchard, Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties, Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development Council, Shawano County Farm Bureau and Shawano County Land Conservation Department. In addition, a

nylon drawstring backpack was given to each student, made possible through support from Lumberjack RC&D.

The Youth Conservation Day began in 2012 with a program at Navarino Nature Center. There was little programming

then for fifth graders, so making the day for them seemed like a natural fit, Frank said.

A program in Navarino is still held each fall for schools on the eastern end of Shawano County.

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and administration of the district. The village may also incur costs associated with issuing debt, such as interest costs and financing costs, which are estimated at \$1.34 million.

The new TID is already off to a good start, with two projects planned. First, S.C. Swiderski purchased property with the intent to build a 56-unit apartment complex near Freedom Way and Robin Road. Second, Potrykus Construction purchased 5 acres in the same area and will use it as a centralized base for its work.

Matsche said the apartment complex is delayed a bit until interest rates move lower. She said that was the agreement with Swiderski, but she still expects the project to move forward.

"They bought the land, and we were told to go ahead and purchase the sewer and water parts," she said. "We are hopeful it will begin within a year."

The construction company is owned by Braxton Potrykus, a Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School graduate. The firm originated in 2019, with Wittenberg

viewed as a central point for its workers, as well as its commercial and residential projects.

The Potrykus Construction project is expected to add \$600,000 value to the district, and the Swiderski apartments would add another \$5.04 million. In total, \$16.4 million is the value expected to be added to the district once completely built out in its 20-year lifespan.

Also approved was a \$96,500 contract with Martenson and Eisle Inc. to cover all engineering,

environmental and surveying costs associated with the infrastructure.

"This way, we are ready to build the infrastructure when a new business wants to come in," Matsche said. "If someone comes in, we can't just call up an engineer to come in and do all the prep work right away. This way, we'll be ready."

The money for the engineering contract will be borrowed from the tax increment generated from TID 3.

The village's TID 3 was

created to allow for an expansion at Nueske's, which is adjacent to TID 4. There is also a TID 2 in the village that encompasses the area east and west of North Genesee Street south of state Highway 39 (McDonald's, Subway, Taco John's, etc.).

In addition to the incremental property value that will be created, the village expects the project will result in positive secondary impacts in the community such as increased employment opportunities, the expected purchase of goods

and services from local suppliers in construction of the project, and induced effects of employee households spending locally for goods and services from retailers, restaurants and service companies.

In its last step before final approval, the TID 4 plan will have to be approved by the joint review board, which will meet June 4. If approved, it will be forwarded to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

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Sober living house offers help for women

Shawano Recovery Residence helps open doors to a better life

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Looking at the Shawano Recovery Residence, you would think it's like any other home on South Franklin Street in Shawano.

For the women living there, it's a house that can give them hope, relief and a better life.

"It is for women to help with sobriety; it's that next transition," said Maggie Boyd of the Shawano Menominee Resiliency Coalition. "We help get people into treatment — people suffering through addictions, substance abuse, mental health — and then this is the next step. It really gives them that foundation to help them get on their feet, allowing them to work on themselves in the meantime to help secure themselves for later."

Up to six women can live at the house at a time. There are single rooms and shared rooms, three bathrooms, and cupboards and private locked areas for each resident.

The women are responsible for their own cooking, cleaning and laundry.

Living in the transitional house isn't just about being sober or kicking

a drug habit. It's about learning and developing positive habits for a better lifestyle once the women move out on their own.

Depending on which stage of recovery they are in, some have jobs and some don't.

"Some are here from drug court," said Justin Krysheski, also with the Shawano Menominee Resiliency Coalition. "As you go through drug court, there are five phases. In the first two phases, you don't work. We kind of use that same mentality with what we do here."

"We make sure they do 40 hours a week working on themselves, whether that's filling out job applications, meeting with your CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection and/or Services) case to get their kids back, maybe working on their (driver's) license, making sure they are finding the resources in the community in order to be stable on their own."

There is someone from the resiliency coalition at the house every day. Melanie Imhoff, the residency manager, is there several hours every weekday to work with the women.

"When they transition from treatment to sober living, a lot of times they are recommended to do

outpatient services and stuff like that, so that is their responsibility in the beginning — to work on themselves," Boyd said. "As they transition, and they graduate from outpatient and stuff like that, that's when we really start to work on their life skills."

Debt, financial management, and student loans are among the issues tackled; these are often issues that have built up over time, and learning to deal with them in a responsible manner will help the women avoid the same struggles later.

Krysheski said the length of stay for each woman depends on the progress they make. Not every story is a success.

"If it's a continuous thing, and they're repeating the same thing and not getting anything from it, then we'll kind of fall back to where we started off and reassess it," he said.

Like with the resiliency coalition, Shawano and Menominee county agencies assist with the recovery house.

"A lot of our residents here are from Menominee County, so we do partner with Menominee County," Krysheski said.

Shawano and Menominee counties provide as-



From left, Maggie Boyd, Melanie Imhoff and Justin Krysheski take a break from offering tours at the May 4 open house at the Shawano Recovery Residence, 132 S. Franklin St., Shawano. The house offers women a transitional home as they leave their alcohol and drug addiction behind and begin the next chapter of their lives.

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sistance as long as women demonstrate progress.

There is no cost to the women who live at the house, other than food, hygiene products, clothing and other personal belongings.

"They are adults; they are responsible for themselves," Boyd said. "We're giving them the structure and accountability."

Donations were the

largest factor in allowing for the purchase of the home. When deciding to purchase the home and furnish it appropriately, it was deemed that \$180,000 was needed. The group raised \$240,000.

While officials cut the ribbon May 4 to celebrate the opening, the house has been serving women in need since September.

Just down the block, at

Franklin Park, the third annual Recovery Awareness Walk and other activities were held. In addition to a walk and run, there was food and beverages, a recovery resource fair and music.

Plans are now underway to purchase a house and open a similar recovery home for men.

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Ballo seeks to replace existing district attorney

Attorney seeks to speed up process for getting through criminal cases

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Alec Ballo is looking to replace Greg Parker as the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney, and he made a stop at the May 8 Shawano Common Council meeting to talk about why he's running.

Ballo noted he's running for several reasons. One is to speed up the cases going through the court system.

"When it comes to misdemeanor cases, it takes our court system roughly about a year to process a misdemeanor case," Ballo said. "For a felony, it takes about a year and a half."

Comparatively speaking,



Alec Ballo introduces himself May 8 to the Shawano Common Council as he talks about why he's running for Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney.

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Ballo said Oconto and Waupaca counties take about half that time to process cases.

Ballo said he thinks there

are some things he can do in the district attorney's office to improve matters.

"I've had experience in three different district attor-

ney offices now, Shawano County included," Ballo said. "I started out in Brown County. I am currently in the St. Croix County Dis-

trict Attorney's office. I've been there for three years now. I'm trying to get back home, come back to my family."

Ballo said his parents have lived in Green Bay for 15 years.

He pointed out that with Shawano being the county seat and the largest municipality in Shawano County, a lot of the court's business is the result of activity within the city.

"A lot of the criminal cases coming to the district attorney's office are coming through the city," Ballo said. "So I thought this would be a good place to introduce myself to some of the county's population."

Ballo considers the length of time court cases continue to be a matter of public safety. On his website, www.balloforda.com, he vows to cut the waste and the time spent processing the cases.

"Defendants remain on bond on high-level felony cases while victims wait for closure," Ballo wrote. "Officers frequently come to court for hearings that resolve at the last second, because decisions are made last-second. I will fix this while saving the taxpayer money."

Ballo also claimed on his website that there is technology available to the district attorney's office at no charge, but it is not being utilized.

"We can go paperless and save our county so much time and money by making easy adjustments to prioritize use of this free resource," Ballo said. "I will modernize the office by incorporating extremely beneficial technology that will allow prosecutors to focus on their cases and not their pencils."

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Wittenberg swimmers open spring, summer season

The Wittenberg Area Swim Program (WASP) kicked off its 2024 spring and summer season earlier this month, with four competitors swimming in Appleton.

Lucy Wierzba, 6, placed third in the 25-yard backstroke in 24.83 seconds. She finished seventh in the 25-yard freestyle in 20.11.

Aubrey Wierzba, 11,

finished in seventh in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:30.4 and 12th in the 100-yard individual medley in 1:18.27. She was also 29th in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:22.71 and 36th

in the 50-yard freestyle in 32.14.

Kenzie Stark, 14, swam to a 14th-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:26.77. She also was 24th in the 100-yard back-

stroke in 1:17.71 and 25th in the 50-yard freestyle in 29.99.

Brinley Wierzba, 9, placed 16th in the 50-yard breaststroke in 53.76. She also finished 17th in the

50-yard freestyle in 37.56 and 19th in the 50-yard backstroke in 49.32.

The Mayfly Swim Meet was held May 4 at Appleton North High School.



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Field activities included tillage, planting and fertilizer application

Wisconsin had 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 28, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Dry weather to start the week allowed some farmers to get equipment into fields before rainy conditions later in the week. Field activities included tillage, planting and fertilizer application.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 1% very short, 14% short, 69% adequate and 16% surplus. Subsoil moisture condi-

tion rated 1% very short, 17% short, 73% adequate and 9% surplus.

Corn planting has begun and was 10 percent complete, six days ahead of last year and two days ahead of the five-year average.

Soybean planting has begun and was 11% complete, nine days ahead of last year and six days ahead of average.

Oat planting progress was 39% complete, nine days ahead of last year and four days ahead of average. Emergence was

11% complete.

Seventy-five percent of potato acreage has been planted, over two weeks ahead of both last year and average.

Spring tillage was 47% complete, 12 days ahead of last year and seven days ahead of average.

Winter wheat condition remained at 82% good to excellent statewide.

Pasture and range condition was rated at 46% good to excellent statewide, up nine percentage points from last week.

OBITUARIES

Agnes M. Schlender

Agnes M. Schlender, 91, of Wittenberg, died on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at Homme Home under the care of LeRoy Hospice.

Agnes was born on Oct. 31, 1932, in Elkhorn, the daughter of Joseph and Mabel (Buck) Thorson.

On Feb. 28, 1953, Agnes was united in marriage to Gordon Schlender at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Morris.



Agnes was a cook for the Wittenberg-Birnhamwood School District in 1974 and retired with over 20 years of service at Wittenberg Elementary. She was part owner of the Dairy King in the 1990s, along with her husband, Gordon, sister, Joanne, and Joanne's husband, Gene. Agnes was very faithful and religious. She enjoyed watching religion-based shows as well as the news. Agnes was an amazing cook and always made sure there was plenty of food at family gatherings. Above all, family always came first.

Agnes is survived by her husband, Gordon; children, Mark (Susie) Schlender, of Sierra Vista, Arizona, Rick (Debbie) Schlender,

of Pulaski, Terry (Janice) Schlender, of De Pere, and Lisa (Mark) Schmidt, of Wittenberg; nine grandchildren, Erich Schlender, John (Amanda) Schlender, Andrew Schlender, Matthew Schlender, Erin Schlender, Katie (Mike) Zakowski, Tom (Donna) Schlender, Dan (Kelly) Schlender and Brianna Schmidt; 11 great-grandchildren, Wolfgang, Konnor, Avery, Olivia, Ladin, Devin, Ashlyn, Madelynn, Gavyn, Abigail and Eleanor; siblings, Pat Schulz and Jim Thorson; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Beverly Radun, Peggy Emmel, Gene Preuss, Sharon Schlender, Genevieve Buck, Roselyn Schultz and Gary (Sandra) Schlender; many

nieces, nephews, other relative and friends.

Agnes was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Robert Thorson, Tom Thorson, Ronald Thorson, Dennis Thorson and Joann Preuss; and brothers- and sisters-in-law, Dan Schulz, Barbara Thorson, Viola Thorson, Betty Thorson, Rolland (Erna) Schlender, Robert Schlender, Donald Buck, Jim Schultz and Eugene Schlender.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wittenberg. Pastor Sharon Fox Bogen will preside. Visitation will take place on Saturday from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery in Wittenberg.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Wittenberg is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

The family would like to thank Homme Home and LeRoy Hospice for their kind and compassionate care given to Agnes.

Desiree' L. Reeder-Pampuch

Desiree' Lynne Reeder-Pampuch, 59, affectionately known as Desi, passed away peacefully on Feb. 19, 2024, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Born on Jan. 15, 1965, to Ann and Victor Reeder, Desi was the youngest among her six siblings. She married Timothy James Pampuch on Oct. 22, 1994. Desi dedicated 35 years of her life to education, earning recognition as the district teacher of the year twice. She was a beloved special education teacher who cherished each of her students as if they were her own.

Outside of her career, Desi found joy in playing pickleball and water volleyball with her neighbors, visiting friends in North Carolina and hiking with her daughter Mariah. She



took immense pride in her son Victor's accomplishments, especially his achievements in shot put for Southern Utah University. Desi was eagerly anticipating teaching alongside her son at Woodbury Middle School.

Desi is survived by her children, Mariah Pampuch, of Baltimore, Maryland, and Victor Pampuch, of Las Vegas; siblings, Vicki

(Joseph) Oboikovitz, Michael (Sara) Reeder, Eric (Lisa) Reeder, Steven Reeder; and sister-in-law, Dora Reeder.

She was predeceased by her parents, Victor and Ann Reeder; her husband, Tim Pampuch; her brother, Jeffrey Reeder; and sisters-in-law, Lucy Reeder and Annetta Reeder.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to all hospital and hospice staff who provided comfort and care during Desi's final weeks.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at the Eland Cemetery, followed by a celebration of life at the Reeder Farm, Eland.

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Taya Jannusch was able to take in many of Washington, D.C.'s finest sights, including the Washington Monument. CONTRIBUTED

Shawano teen attends National 4-H Conference

Shawano 4-H member Taya Jannusch recently attended the 2024 National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. She was chosen as one of only nine youth delegates in Wisconsin.

The conference annually brings 4-H youths and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state and national levels. The conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youths in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development program.

The national 4-H headquarters is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, national Extension program leaders and others who determine 4-H programs. At the same time, the conference is a rich and meaningful experience for the youth and adult

participants.

"My favorite part of the National 4-H Conference was meeting all of the 4-Hers from across the country (and territories)," Jannusch said. "It was awesome to see how we all participate with 4-H in different ways and to hear each other's stories. I also enjoyed going to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The museum portrayed this rich and touching event in history really well."

National 4-H Conference delegates were able to participate in a round table topic of their choosing that will focus on key topics such as leadership, agriculture, crime and more; participate in professional workshops; meet with members of Congress from their state to discuss issues relating to 4-H; have a chance to network with youths and adults from across the country; and learn all about 4-H programming and think about ways to improve programming across the nation.

Conservation efforts keep sturgeon off the Endangered Species List

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined lake sturgeon do not require listing under the Endangered Species Act. The service's 12-month status assessment shows ongoing management efforts, such as fish stocking, have contributed to the conservation and resiliency of the species.

"Today's announcement shows the power of collaborative conservation and the impact it can have for species like the lake sturgeon," said Will Meeks, Midwest regional director. "The fact that

we're seeing more and more lake sturgeon populations spawning in their historical habitat is a clear sign that restoration efforts are progressing. This success is credited to many partners including states, tribes, local organizations and others across the country coming together to conserve this species."

Sturgeons have a prehistoric appearance because of their large size, shark-like tails and bony plate-armored covering. Tracing its origins back at least 150 million years, the lake sturgeon is one of the

largest freshwater fish in North America occupying rivers and lakes across the eastern and central United States and Canada.

The most widespread ongoing conservation action considered in the assessment was the stocking of captive-reared lake sturgeon. Stocking programs have led to increases in adult lake sturgeon and spawning behaviors.

Although populations are not at historical levels, these successful programs have both bolstered existing populations and returned lake sturgeon to areas where they had

disappeared, such as the Red River of the North, the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, the Middle Mississippi River and the Coosa River. Other successful conservation measures include restoring habitat connectivity through dam removal, fish passages and habitat restoration.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued a statement noting it will continue to follow the sturgeon management practices outlined in the Wisconsin Sturgeon Management Plan.

USDA seeks input on Rural Development Grants

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development is seeking public input on a plan to make it easier for more people in rural areas to access grant funding that will strengthen their local economies, communities and quality of life.

Through the Better Grants Better Service initiative, USDA Rural Development is gathering and analyzing input from customers, agency staff and other stakeholders to streamline its more

than 30 grant programs into a superior customer experience.

These programs provide people in rural and tribal communities access to better housing, infrastructure and business opportunities. The improvements will help lessen the burden on communities that may lack time, resources and staffing to submit successful applications.

This initiative underscores USDA's commitment to being transpar-

ent and inclusive in the design and delivery of its programs. The initiative's goal is to:

- Make it easier for people to apply for, receive and use grant funds.
- Make customer service more efficient and consistent.
- Enhance the overall experience for Rural Development grant applicants and recipients.
- Customers and stakeholders can learn more information about the Better Grants Better Service

initiative in a short video available in English or Spanish.

The first two areas of focus will be equipment-only and technical assistance grants. To submit ideas for ways in which the agency can improve these grants, email SM.RD.BetterGrants@usda.gov by May 31.

USDA Rural Development will use the feedback to develop recommendations to improve its grant programs for all customers.



Storm brews inside Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Catholic School students, from left, Bulma Wayka, October Blank, Anastasia Thacker, Bria Raddant and Eloise Engel watch a rain cloud experiment come alive in their 4-year-old kindergarten class. The students learned that it rains because the clouds are full of condensation, so when they get too full, it rains.

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Brand new petunias available to gardeners

For many gardeners in our area, it's all about the petunias. Colorful, splashy and long lasting, petunias are a favorite — and for good reason.

As happens every year, plant breeders and growers are introducing a variety of brand new petunias to whet the appetites of eager gardeners. There are new petunia varieties available in many colors and patterns, as well as improved varieties that are said to be stronger and longer lasting than their original namesakes.

Petunias have become further divided into other categories over the years. There are supertunias.



There are crazytunias. And still more. Even the million bells or superbells are basically petunias that have been dwarfed in size.

Some varieties of petunias are bred to trail or cascade, perfect for containers and hanging baskets. Others, such as the tidal wave series, are bred to mound into fantastic, rounded masses of bloom.

The “sky” series of petunias, now available from



New petunias for 2024 are a riot of color and fantasy. ROB ZIMMER

multiple growers, features a field of stars or speckles over a solid, deeper color. The classic night sky is a deep, rich purple with white spots and speckles. New varieties are available in magenta, red, pink and powder blue.

There are many classic

petunias that many gardeners traditionally go after year after year. Pinwheel varieties are wonderful heirloom selections.

Many gardeners enjoy creating a classic patriotic garden using petunias in stunning red, sparkling white and rich blue.

Trailing and mounding petunias, supertunias and crazytunias all make excellent choices for container plantings, as well as garden beds and borders. Mix and match with other colorful annuals for full sun, and enjoy stunning container creations all season long.

Petunias work wonderfully as trailers or fillers in hanging baskets and porch

and patio pots. Tidal wave petunias, in particular, make breathtaking displays, with many growing 3 to 4 feet high and wide when given space. This makes them an excellent choice for tall containers, as well as large porch and patio pots.

Tidal wave petunias also make excellent bedding plants, but be sure to give them plenty of room to reach their full potential.

Spring gardening season has arrived, and it's looking pretty as a petunia.

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.

4-H clubs collect over 5,000 books for organizations

Shawano County's 4-H youth leaders challenged all county 4-H clubs to collect and donate new and gently used books.

Clubs demonstrated extreme generosity and competitiveness as they donated over 5,000 books.

Clubs were given March and April to collect books. The club that donated the most books per member would be

declared the winner and awarded an ice cream sundae party. Competition was fierce with many lead changes over March and April.

Wolf River 4-H was the winner of the book drive, boasting more than 59 books donated per enrolled 4-H member.

Coming in second was the Pella Eagles 4-H, and third was Tilleda 4-H.

Originally, the books were designated to be shared with Safe Haven, Shawano Area Matthew 25 and the Eagles Nest. Given the generosity, the Shawano 4-H Youth Leaders were able to donate to original recipients, as well as to NEW-CAP, local day cares, nursing homes, Little Free Libraries and the Shawano County Jail.



Youth leaders and 4-H volunteers take on the massive challenge of checking over, sorting, repackaging and delivering books to donation sites across Shawano County. CONTRIBUTED



2024 EVENT SCHEDULE
Near Memorial Park, Shawano

Friday May 31
Event Time // 4:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Kidz Zone // 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Inflatables & Yard Games

Music-
Spark Spark Bang !
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Driftwood (country)
6:45 PM - 10:00 PM

Admission is free!

Saturday June 1
Event Time // 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

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

Music-
Wet Possum - 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Staying active is the key to aging well

I had been working in my raspberry patch, getting rid of dead stalks and weeding before the warmth sprung up too many nasties. Finding that I actually had to turn a pail upside-down to sit halfway through the project left me baffled. Later that day, I grumbled to my husband, “My old self would have run circles around this self.”

Clinks, squeaks, pops and snaps greet me as I stretch awake in the morning. Youth is wasted on the young. That is not an original statement, I know, but just lately I am truly grasping the actual meaning. Reminiscing about our 40-plus years of working daily on a fully-functioning dairy farm, we marvel at our young selves. How on earth did we do it?

Milking, cleaning, feeding — all done before breakfast. We’d fill our days depending on the season — working the land plowing, dragging, picking stones and, finally, plant-



Kay Reminger
Columnist

ing. Then harvesting hay, oats, corn and occasionally soybeans; filling silos or silage bags, stacking small dry-hay bales in the barn mow, mending fences, making and piling wood, mowing lawn and garden-ing. Starting all over again, we’d finish night chores before attending our kids’ events. Remembering the sheer level of work and busyness accomplished is enough to make this older self’s head spin.

As well, I’m finding out we don’t need as much fuel for our bodies as we once did. Whereas three square meals a day sustained us during our very physical past, we’ve found surviving very readily on a large, late breakfast and then an early supper suits us just fine.

Forever reminding each other to watch where we step and how we turn, we’re careful with these aging bodies, trying to avoid injury if we can help it. Some days, though, careful isn’t careful enough.

One day, my husband was helping our nephews sort cows and heifers. Every week, these transient, almost-due cows get trucked out of our farm and back to the main farm to deliver their calves. Those that are at the main farm come here then, when they’re bred and dry, which means their milking cycle is halted until they deliver their calves. If my husband is around when the boys come, he mans the gates. It always helps to have more hands on deck.

For some reason that day, the animals were feisty and acting crazy. Two were hurrying toward my husband; one was to go to the left, one to the right. As he was trying to close

the gate, the cows slid into it, knocking him back-wards on his keister, with the gate pinning both shins against the cement curb. There he lay, in a heap.

Running over to their uncle, the boys helped him up and made sure he was OK. Shaking his head, he later exclaimed to me, “I’m just getting too old to help sort cows. I can’t move as fast.” We were both thankful he didn’t get hurt worse. He got a gash on his shins and everything sort of ached. (He didn’t know what part to ice first.) But with time, all healed. We were glad he didn’t break a leg, which would have been much worse.

These days when I drive the skidster I have to make a concentrated effort to just pull myself up and into the seat. One day husband had me drive the tractor, backing it up to him so he could attach the PTO to our generator. I had a hard time shifting the tractor into reverse. I am perplexed just where

my strength went.

Lifting weights each morning, I try as best as I can to keep muscle tone intact. Along with lifting weights, I have a physical therapy sort of workout which includes stretches. Watching what I eat, drinking lots of water, taking homeopathic vitamins and minerals and walking every day helps keep me as limber as possible.

Keeping physically active, my husband and I golf, which is a great social sport as well. J&B Golf Course in Marion is a well-kept, picturesque 18-hole course that’s only about 15 minutes from us. With our flexible lifestyle, we’re able to take advantage of this great way to stay in shape.

The sap season kept us active in our woods, a wonderful but weird early season. We are humbly grateful for our forest property; the beauty of the woods and physical energy exerted there on our hill is welcomed. From collect-ing sap and making wood,

to harvesting venison and turkey, our versatile woods is indeed a blessing.

Tending to the cows and heifers on our place and just recently the addition of six little pigs, we are grate-ful for the chores that keep us moving. Moving slower for sure, but moving.

While I’m aware my physical body won’t last forever, I want to keep this temple of the Holy Spirit as healthy as possible until Je-sus comes to take me home — and then I’ll look forward to my glorified one.

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bod-ies.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MAY 17

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

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

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

TIGERTON: Graduation, 7 p.m., Tigerton High School, 213 Spaulding St.

SHAWANO: Graduation, 7 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

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

LENA: Mayhem at the Motorplex, 9:45 a.m. to 8 p.m., Dirt City Motorplex, 416 E. Main St. Off-road races, open-ing ceremonies at 9:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

SHAWANO: Shawano Path-ways Wescott/County Park Ride, 10 a.m., Mielke Park, N5649 Airport Road.

KESHENA: Gathering of Warriors Powwow, 11 a.m. to close, Woodland Bowl. Honoring past commanders of Veterans of Menominee Nation. Grand entries 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., exhibitions and specials, princess contest.

PELLA: Pella Daze, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Old Mill Park, N4167 County Road D. Craft and vendor sale 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., parade 1 p.m., kids bike raffle 3 p.m. Raffles 1-5 p.m., cash drawing 9 p.m. Music by Sug-arbush Boys 1-5 p.m., Peyton Grace 5-6:30 p.m., Jim Gaff and the Coyote Posse 7-11 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 19

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

LENA: Mayhem at the Motorplex, 8:45 a.m. to 7 p.m., Dirt City Motorplex, 416 E. Main St. Off-road races, open-ing ceremonies at 8:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

KESHENA: Gathering of Warriors Powwow, 11 a.m. to close, Woodland Bowl. Hon-oring past commanders of Vet-erans of Menominee Nation. Grand entry at noon, service songs, veterans honoring, flag song, giveaway and more.

SHAWANO: Shawano Area Writers Awards, 1 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Recognizing the winning students of the 18th George Putz Memorial Student Writ-ing Contest.

MONDAY, MAY 20

SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyte-

rian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

SURING: Veterans break-fast, 8:30 a.m., Randy’s Place Bar and Bowl, 235 Peshtigo Brook Road. 920-590-6014

GILLET: Veterans break-fast, 9 a.m., Spirits Pub and Catering, 145 N. McKenzie St. 920-855-6046

OCONTO: American Legion Post 74 Cemetery Cleanup, 11 a.m., Evergreen Cemetery, 325 Cook Ave.

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.

KESHENA: Menominee Na-tion High School graduation, 5 p.m., Woodland Bowl.

LENA: Graduation, 7 p.m., Lena High School, 304 E. Main St.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

OCONTO: American Red Cross blood drive, noon to 5 p.m., Bond Community Center, 1201 Park Ave. Make an ap-pointment at RedCrossBlood.org, 800-733-2767 or the American Red Cross blood donor app.

BREED: American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., Breed Community Center, 11155 State Highway 32. Make an appoint-ment at RedCrossBlood.org, 100-733-2767 or the American Red Cross blood donor app.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 24

SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St. Make an appoint-ment at RedCrossBlood.org, 800-733-2767 or the Ameri-can Red Cross blood donor app.

SURING: Historical Society brat and burger fry, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Suring Public Library parking lot, 604 Main St.

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

SHAWANO: Graduation, 6 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B.

WITTENBERG: Graduation, 6 p.m., Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, 400 W. Grand Ave.

BOWLER: Graduation, 7 p.m., Bowler School, 500 S. Almon St.

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Saturday June 8th *10 AM

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Chances of Noem's political survival equal to Cricket's

There's a saying out there that sometimes, when you think you've hit rock bottom, somebody throws you a shovel.

That expression springs to mind whenever I see the latest news on Kristi Noem, governor for South Dakota and someone aspiring to be Donald Trump's running mate. She's coming out with her memoir, "No Going Back," and from what's been coming out about her, I think it's safe to say that her next book might be titled "No Going Forward."

Prior to the memoir's release, it came out that Noem dedicated a portion of the story to how she shot and killed her dog, Cricket, 20 years ago to protect her family. The dog was 14 months old, and Noem claimed the dog was "untrainable" and "less than worthless as a hunting dog" after it attacked another family's chickens.

A dog that age is akin to a child around age 8 or 9. Most children that age get punished for poor behavior, but the last time I checked, parents couldn't do summary executions on their children. Considering that Noem has pointed out in television interviews that she used to be a youth pastor in church, two questions spring to mind. First, are all of the children who were under supervision at that time accounted for? If they are, the second question is why was she able to handle rambunctious children, but not a dog that was still maturing?

Noem claims she hated the dog, which would seem to explain why she chose to end the crisis with a bullet instead of rehoming the dog, surrendering it to an animal shelter or sending it off for some obedience training. If she can make that kind of choice with an animal, it's questionable what decisions she would recommend if she ever was allowed to step foot into the Oval Office.

There are rumors that Trump's election team in no longer interested in considering her for vice president, but considering what passes for political candidates these days, we shouldn't consider that to be fact until it can be confirmed. It takes more than a nonsensical rant at a rally, like what killed Howard Dean's presidential aspirations in 2000, to drive a stake through a blood-thirsty politician's heart in the modern era. Noem's actions puts Dean's tirade two decades ago on the same level as belching at a



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fancy dinner.

The revelation of Cricket's mode of transportation to the rainbow bridge has actually brought Republicans and Democrats together in condemnation of such an action. What Noem doesn't seem to realize is that most of us either have dogs or at least have come into contact with them at some point in life. Many dog owners consider their furry friends to be family, and it's clear from the condemnation that many folks on Capitol Hill don't want Noem to be within 100 miles of their four-legged family members.

President Joe Biden found a way to rehome his German Shepherd, Commander, after it bit Secret Service agents on two dozen confirmed occasions before removing it from the White House in October. Noem did not give Cricket such a chance.

Noem claimed she has another dog currently. To her credit, it appears that Noem has found a way to bring the nation together, at least for a few minutes. However, considering it's against her, she might want to take that shovel I mentioned earlier and use it to dig a grave for her political career.

If for some reason the Cricket matter isn't enough to convince voters that Noem shouldn't be in public office, there are other exhibits to come before the court of public opinion. The passage in the book about meeting North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un, which turned out to be false, is an obvious one, but another issue that's not getting as much buzz in national media is that Noem is banned from four Indigenous reservations — about 20% of South Dakota — for alleging that tribal leaders are "personally benefiting" from drug cartels.

Noem shouldn't be put in a position where she'd be first in line as president of the United States. She shouldn't even be considered to lead the United States Humane Society, considering her methods for animals are on the opposite end of humane.

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YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Rights clash in records dispute

The Wisconsin Supreme Court will soon hear a case involving records related to the voting rights of mentally incompetent people. No matter which side wins, the public has in some ways already lost. That's because while the case pits the public's right to scrutinize voter eligibility against the rights of voters to protect their own private health information, elected officials have missed a chance to solve the underlying problem.

Wisconsin law allows a court to remove someone's right to vote in certain cases. The idea is to prevent their vote from being co-opted by someone else, like a nefarious relative or nursing home attendant.

State law specifies that court records dealing with mental competency are not public records unless a court decides otherwise. It's one of the limited exceptions to the state's open records law, which holds that most public records kept by state and local governments are public information.

Lacking clear guidance in law, the courts have developed a system by which a form is sent to the Wisconsin Elections Commission. The commission updates its voter records and then alerts a local election clerk to remove the person from the voter rolls. It's public access to that form that is be-



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ing disputed in the case now before the state Supreme Court.

The plaintiff in the case is conservative Wisconsin Voter Alliance president Ron Heuer, who previously worked on former Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman's partisan, \$2.5 million taxpayer-funded 2020 election investigation that found no evidence of widespread fraud.

What it did find were a few examples of nursing home residents casting absentee ballots despite their families saying they were incompetent. However, in most cases, Gableman presented no evidence that a court removed their voting rights.

After the Gableman investigation fizzled, Heuer continued investigating the issue and filed lawsuits in 13 counties seeking records related to those deemed incompetent.

Heuer lost at the circuit court level and appealed in two separate appellate districts. He lost before the District 4 court based in liberal Madison. In an unusual twist, the District 2

court based in conservative Waukesha County ruled in his favor. Wisconsin appellate courts aren't supposed to contradict each other. So the Wisconsin Supreme Court agreed to hear the case.

The problem is that, in order to check whether people adjudicated incompetent to vote have actually been removed from the voter rolls, their names have to be disclosed. That could violate their right to privacy about their personal health.

Heuer wants access to the records because he claims there could be as many as 20,000 adjudicated incompetent people still casting illegal ballots. That's incorrect. A Wisconsin Watch investigation found that's an artificially inflated figure based on everyone under a court-ordered guardianship, not everyone who has lost their right to vote.

The number is not zero. At Wisconsin Watch's request, Dane County Clerk Scott McDonnell reviewed the voting record of adjudicated incompetent people in Dane County. He found 95 examples of people who combined had cast more than 300 ballots since 2008. The Wisconsin Elections Commission checked its files and advised clerks to review their records.

McDonnell, a Democrat,

and the Wisconsin County Clerks Association advocated for a change in law that would make the law clearer on how the sensitive court records should be communicated to election clerks. Assembly Campaign and Elections Committee chair Rep. Scott Krug, R-Nekoosa, moved a fix through his committee and it passed with bipartisan support.

The bill died in the Senate because Republicans objected to an unrelated provision allowing absentee ballots to be processed on Mondays before Election Day. Gov. Tony Evers vetoed a separate Republican fix because it would have required nursing homes to contact families before residents could vote.

Wisconsin needs to find a way to make these records available without compromising the medical privacy of individual voters, and then get to work passing bipartisan fixes to obvious problems. A functional government requires both an informed public and elected leaders responsive to problems identified by the public.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Does Dale Mohr have conflict of interest?

To the editor:

After one year of a new town board in Little Suamico, one has to address Town Chairman Dale Mohr and question which hat he wears when he chairs the monthly town meetings. Dale Mohr wears the Oconto County UW-Extension community development agent hat. Dale is also Little Suamico town chair and Little Suamico plan chair. To myself, this is a major conflict of interest.

As an observer and citizen in Little Suamico, every monthly meeting it becomes very apparent to

me that Mohr is representing Oconto County and not Little Suamico. It is interesting to see how Mohr sits in the background and does not really lead as he lets the supervisors (or plan commission members) push forward his agenda as he sits in the background because of his confusion what role he is playing at Little Suamico meetings.

Is Mohr committing an ethics violation as he pushes his Oconto County Community Development agent agenda and not really caring or thinking how this affects the citizens he supposedly represents in Little Suamico?

During a recent meet-

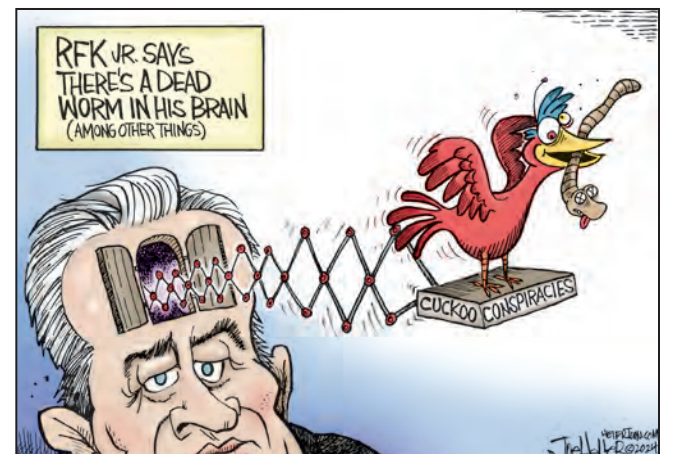
ing, Dale decided to put the public comment at the end of the agenda after the decisions were going to be made on a proposed Ford dealership moving to Little Suamico. As items continued to be reviewed and voted on and completed Kayser Ford President Sean Baxter and S&L representative Gregg Tank and developer Steve Bieda abruptly left in the middle of the meeting and did not stay to hear what the citizens had to say about this development. Was this the plan all the way along?

I feel public comment was put at the end of the agenda purposely by Dale Mohr (Oconto County Community Development

agent, Little Suamico town and plan commission chair), as Dale clearly did not care what the citizens' concerns were. Of note, the rezoning of the Kleczka property (possible Ford dealership) is going before the Oconto County Land and Resource Committee on May 13, which is displayed on the website of the UW Extension, Dale Mohr, community development agent.

Little Suamico needs to look at this very closely as this is not what the citizens signed up or wanted when they voted for a new town board in 2023. Little Suamico was looking for a new beginning, not a nightmare.

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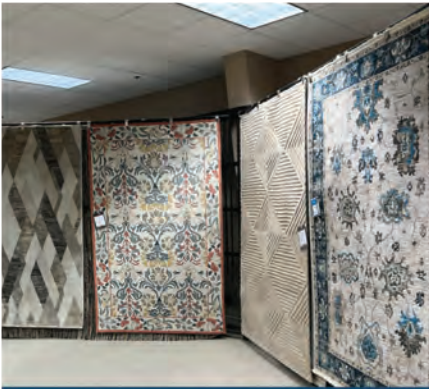
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Seven Bonduel High School senior signed letters of intent May 8 to play sports at their chosen colleges and universities in the fall. Front row, from left, are Hailee Thompson, Ella Hischke and Haley Ruehle. Back row, from left, are Easton Reinke, Jake Dreyer, Ben O'Brien and Noah Weier.

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Bonduel athletes sign college letters

Seven Bonduel High School athletes signed their college letters of intent at a special gathering May 8 at the school, as coaches, friends and family looked on and congratulated the seniors.

The athletes and their chosen colleges are Easton Reinke, UW-Stevens Point; Hailee Thompson, Lakeland University; Ella Hischke, UW-Platteville; Jake Dreyer, Milwaukee School of Engineering; Noah Weier, UW-La Crosse; Ben O'Brien, UW-Oshkosh; and Haley Ruehle, UW-Whitewater.

Ruehle plans to major in art education and become a high school art teacher.

"I got into bowling from my family, and especially my brother," she said. "I saw Zack doing it and I wanted to do it, and I've been hooked ever since."

Reinke will continue his academic and baseball careers in Stevens Point.

"I am grateful that the hundreds of hours I have put into perfecting my craft is paying off," he said. "I am proud to have received all-conference awards in both baseball and football as well as being named team captain junior and senior year in baseball by my teammates."

"Of course, none of this could have been done without their help and support. They have shaped me into the player I am today, and I will be forever grateful for them. Likewise, I have had nothing but support from many coaches throughout my career. They have pushed me to be always my best and have held me to a high standard that I will take with me for the rest of my career, and for that I thank them."

"Lastly, my family has been

supportive of me, no matter the occasion. I am forever grateful for all the practices I was driven to, games they have attended and the countless days taken out of their lives to come and support me."

Thompson participated in volleyball, softball and basketball all four years at Bonduel.

She was a four-year varsity volleyball player along with a three-time first team all-conference selection, two-time team MVP and captain.

Along with being player of the year in the CWC-East Conference her senior year, she was honorable mention all-state.

Thompson surpassed 2,000 assists her senior year, which broke the school record.

In basketball, she was a four-year varsity player, starting two of the four years, receiving honorable mention her junior year second team all-conference her senior year. She also was named team captain her junior and senior years, along with receiving a defensive MVP award her junior year and all-around MVP her senior year.

In softball, she was a four-year starter, being a four-time unanimous first team all-conference selection.

She was team MVP four times, two-time captain and three-time team hit leader. She was honorable mention all-district. Her sophomore and junior years, she received first team all-district and second team all-state. In her junior year, she was player of the year in the CWC-East Conference along with breaking the single season and all-time record at Bonduel for home runs.

"All glory goes to God, my teammates, coaches and family

for being the biggest support system and always encouraging me through the highs and the lows," Thompson said. "I cannot wait to see what is in store for my future the next four years."

Hischke will play basketball in Platteville.

"I have dedicated many hours of my time to get better at this sport which I love, and I am so grateful to see it pay off," she said. "I am proud to have received many awards throughout my high school career, including many all-conference and all-state awards both athletically and academically, along with acquiring team awards such as team captain and team MVP during my junior and senior seasons."

In her senior year, Hischke was selected as part of the Sentry Classic All-Tournament team and chosen to be a part of the WBCA All-Star team. During the 2023-24 season, she joined the 1,000-point club, being the fifth girl in school history to earn this title.

"I could not have accomplished these achievements without the help of my teammates throughout the years," she said. "In the four years that I played for Bonduel, my teammates and I were four-time conference champs and three-time regional champs, along with a sectional semifinal appearance in my sophomore year."

"I dedicate these titles to my many amazing coaches and trainers that I have had. They have pushed me to always do my best and have held me accountable to improve my game every day."

"My family has been relentlessly supportive of me no matter what I needed to do to improve my game. I am so thankful

for the time they have put in to be at my countless games and practices. Lastly, I give all my glory to God for giving the ability to play the sport that holds my heart."

Dreyer will study mechanical engineering in Milwaukee and continue his athletic career in golf.

"I played varsity golf all four years in high school, also accomplishing first team all-conference the last three," he said.

Weier competed at Bonduel in football, basketball, baseball and golf and will continue with football in La Crosse.

He has been a four-year starter in all of these sports except golf. He has been team MVP a combined eight times throughout the years as well.

"In those four years, I have learned lessons and met many people who have shaped me into the person I am," he said.

Weier is part of National Honor Society and Impact Club, and he spent one year in Skills USA.

"I am blessed and thankful the Lord gave me the opportunity and tools to play at the next level," he said. "I plan to pursue accounting or some sort of business-related field while I am there."

O'Brien will compete in track and cross country in Oshkosh.

"Some things I have accomplished as an athlete is receiving academic all-conference and academic all-state awards," he said. "I have also gotten two second team all-conference and first team all-conference honors in cross country. I have also made it to state for cross country twice as well."

O'Brien will study automation engineering.

Shawano shuts out GB East

May 9
Shawano 7, Green Bay East 0

Every Shawano individual and duo won their matches in a 7-0 shut out of Green Bay East.

Andrew Vandenheuvel won 6-0, 6-1 in the top singles match, followed by Benjamin Langlois winning 6-2, 6-3, Cristian Hernandez winning 6-1, 6-0, and Ryan Buerman shutting out his opponent 6-0, 6-0. Tristan Tetting and Isaac Welander won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles.

At No. 3 doubles, Domenic Badalamenti and Mason Sparks won by default, 2-0, 2-0.

The Hawks improved to 6-7.
Sheboygan South 5, Pulaski 2

Pulaski won one singles match and one doubles match in a 5-2 loss to Sheboygan South.

Aran Capella won 7-6 (6), 6-4 over Aiden Blomwillis at No. 3 singles. At No. 3 doubles, it was Patrick Lara and Conrad Kreutzberg defeating Xia Xiong and Angel Aguirre 6-0, 6-1.

Justin Freadrich, Ryan Symons and Donovan Holderness lost their singles matches.

Oscar Delmarcelle and Henry Piczkowski lost at No. 1 doubles, while Jonah Dreves and William Gosse lost at No. 2 doubles.

May 8
Sheboygan North 5, Pulaski 2

Pulaski tennis players won at No. 3 and No. 4 singles in their 5-2 loss to Sheboygan North.

At No. 3, Aran Capella defeated Frankie Quasius 6-0, 6-2. Then, Donovan Holderness defeated Will Rollins 6-2, 6-7 (5), 10-6.

Justin Freadrich and Ryan Symons lost their singles matches.

All three doubles teams also lost. The duos were Jeffrey Sanders and Henry Piczkowski, Nathan Maroszek and Oscar Delmarcelle, and Jonah Dreves and William Gosse.

May 6
Shawano 5, Green Bay West 2

Shawano's tennis players won all three doubles matches and a pair of singles matches to beat Green Bay West 5-2.

All three doubles teams won 6-0, 6-0.

George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon won at No. 1 doubles, Tristan Tetting and Isaac Welander won at No. 2, and winning in the third match were Domenic Badalamenti and Mason Sparks.

Benjamin Langlois defeated Aiden Miller at No. 2 singles, 6-4, 6-2, and Cristian Hernandez beat Isaiah Becker at No. 3, 7-5, 4-6, 10-3.

Andrew Vandenheuvel lost 6-4, 6-7 (4), 10-6 at No. 1 singles, and Ryan Buerman was defeated 6-3, 6-0 at No. 4 singles. The Hawks are 5-7.

Bonduel tops Pacelli in doubleheader

May 11
Marinette 6, Oconto Falls 2
Oconto Falls 5, Marinette 1

The Panthers split a weekend doubleheader with Marinette, dropping the first game while winning the second.

In game one, Cole Bozile hit 3-for-4. Easton Engel was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Carter Heroux was the losing pitcher, giving up four runs (two earned) in six innings while striking out five and walking one.

In the second game, Engel hit 2-for-3, Alec Krejcarek hit 1-for-2 with one run scored and one RBI, and Hunter Bozile hit 1-for-3 with two runs scored.

Jack Adler won on the mound, giving up one earned run in five innings while walking two.

Bonduel 6, Pacelli 3
Bonduel 13, Pacelli 4

The Bears were victorious in both games of their doubleheader with Pacelli.

Bonduel scored two runs in the first on a home run from Easton Reinke. The Bears got an RBI single from Cade Johnson in the fourth and a two-run double from Noah Weier and an RBI single from Brodie Hartmann in the seventh to make it 6-2.

Beckett Hartlaben then worked out of a jam in the seventh by striking out Asher Jordan with the bases loaded to win the game.

Bonduel was led at the plate by Noah Weier and Easton Reinke with two hits and two RBIs each.

In the second game, Pacelli scored three in the first two innings to take a 3-0 lead.

Bonduel got a Johnson RBI single in the third. The Bears then tacked on four more in the fourth on four hits and three walks. Bonduel scored a single run in the fifth on a Hartmann single, two in the six on a Reinke single and broke it wide open with five in the seventh on three hits and five walks.

Bonduel pounded out 15 hits in the game led by Johnson, Reinke and Beckett Hartlaben with three hits and three RBIs apiece.

The Bears got an unexpected strong outing from Race Anvelink, who came on in relief of Hartlaben in the third.

Lena 1, Gillett/Suring 0

Lena junior Ty Shallow and sophomore Colt Miller combined to throw a no hitter in a 1-0 win.

Scoreboard

Bonduel 6, Pacelli 3
Bonduel 13, Pacelli 4
Lena 1, Gillett/Suring 0
Marinette 6, Oconto Falls 2
Oconto Falls 5, Marinette 1
Pulaski 4, Kaukauna 0
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 6, Adams-Friendship 5
New Richmond 3,

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 2
May 10
Scoreboard

Wausaukee 9, Gillett/Suring 3
Pulaski 11, Sheboygan South 1
May 9
Bonduel 5, Shiocton 1

Bonduel started off the game the same way as the last time against Shiocton by scoring a run in the first inning.

However, they padded their lead by scoring three in the fifth on three singles in a row and a sac fly. After Shiocton scored one in the fifth, the Bears answered with a solo run in the sixth for the 5-1 final score.

Cade Johnson was sharp on the mound, getting the Chiefs to swing early in count in the complete game win.

Noah Weier led the Bears at the plate with two hits and two RBIs.

Bonduel runs their record to 13-3 overall and 9-1 in CWC East play.

Shawano 11, Green Bay East/West 1

Alex Zierden got the 11-1 win pitching for the Hawks against Green Bay East/West. Shawano improved to 10-6.

Scoreboard

Bonduel 5, Shiocton 1
Tigerton 10, Bowler 0
Coleman 10, Gillett/Suring 0
Northland Lutheran 7, Gresham 1
Crivitz 2, Lena 1
Marion 18, White Lake 1
Amherst 15, Menominee Indian 0
Shawano 11, Green Bay East/West 1
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 8, Manawa 5
May 6
Shawano 28, Green Bay East/West 1

The Hawks improved to 9-6 with a lopsided 28-1 win over Green Bay East/West.

After taking a 4-1 lead after one inning, Shawano poured it on with three in the second, 12 in the third and nine more in the fourth.

Jerzy Brocker hit 3-for-4 with a triple and four RBIs, and Parker Beyer was 3-for-4 with three RBIs, a double and a triple.

Carsen Herm hit 5-for-6 with four RBIs. Alex

Zierden hit 2-for-3 with a pair of RBIs. Pete Bruette was 2-for-4 with three RBIs.

Thomas Keszo was 2-for-2 with a double and three RBIs. Anderson Schmidt hit 3-for-5 with a double and one RBI.

Crew Weisnicht hit a double.

Ayden Bystol got the win on the mound, giving up two hits and striking out nine.

Wrightstown 7, Oconto Falls 0

Alec Kejcarek and Easton Engel each hit 1-for-2 as Oconto Falls was shut out 7-0 by Wrightstown.

Bonduel 11, Weyauwega-Fremont 1

The Bears scored four runs in the first and fifth innings, with one run scored in each of the innings in between, as Bonduel downed Weyauwega-Fremont 11-1.

The Bears were led at the plate by Beckett Hartlaben, Karson Stoss and Mason Zuleger with two hits each, with Zuleger having a double. Bonduel took advantage of 11 walks and 13 stolen bases.

Brodie Hartmann labored through four innings but always seemed to pitch out of a jam. He gave up one run on six hits while walking one and striking out seven. Charlie Tauchen pitched the fifth inning.

Bonduel is now 12-3 overall and 8-1 in CWC East play.

Scoreboard

Bonduel 11, Weyauwega-Fremont 1
Bowler 10, Gresham 5
St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 4, Gillett/Suring 2
Gillett/Suring 10, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 8
Wausaukee 8, Lena 6
Northland Lutheran 9, Marion 8
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 10, Menominee Indian 1
Wrightstown 7, Oconto Falls 0
Shawano 28, Green Bay East/West 1
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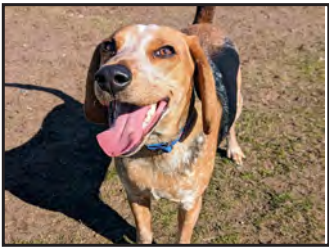
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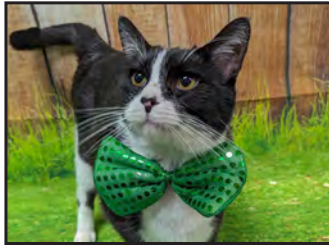
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Tigerton beats Bowler/Gresham

**May 11
Scoreboard**
Port Edwards 9, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 5
Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 6, Tri-County 1
Wild Rose 8, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 3
Pulaski 4, De Pere 3
Pulaski 3, De Pere 2
Weyauwega-Fremont 12, Menominee Indian 6
**May 10
Scoreboard**
Wittenberg-Birn-wood 8, Bonduel 5
Gillett/Suring 6, Wausaukee 5
Rosholt 15, Marion 0

Denmark 12, Oconto Falls 2
Oconto Falls 10, Ke-waunee 0
**May 9
Shiocton 10, Bonduel 9**
Shiocton jumped out to an 8-2 lead after the first inning and held on from there to beat Bonduel 10-9.
Shiocton scored another two runs in the second in-ning to take a 10-2 lead.
Five runs by the Bears in the third inning and another two in the fourth made it 10-9.
Manawa 8, Witten-berg-Birn-wood 5
Manawa used a big seven-run third inning to defeat Wittenberg-Birn-

wood 8-5.
The Chargers scored three runs in the fourth and two in the sixth, while Manawa added another in the fifth.
Katelyn Nousen and Camryn Miller each had an RBI for Wittenberg-Birn-wood.
Ella Eichman took the loss on the mound, giving up four earned runs (eight total) in six innings, while striking out four and walk-ing five.
Tigerton 11, Bowler/Gresham 8
Tigerton 14, Bowler/Gresham 3
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Frederick makes clean sweep



In the Seubert Inc. Too Tough to Tame Series debut May 11, Kyle Frederick of Oconto Falls made his first three-win clean sweep, winning his IMCA stock car heat race, the 25-lap feature and the 6 for 6 Dash for Cash.
BACKCOUNTRY CAPTURES

Shawano boys take second place at conference track meet

**May 11
Bay Conference Meet**
Led by strong perfor-mances from seniors Will Chelberg, Ethan On-esti and Drake Herm, the Shawano boys track team placed second at the Bay Conference Championship Meet at West De Pere.
“These guys really came through for us today and turned in some really clutch performances as individuals and as key pieces of our relays,” said coach Joe Guenther. The Shawano girls were led to a third-place team finish by a performance from senior Hatty Fritz, who won the girls shot put and took second in the discus.
“Our throwers on the girls side had a great day and helped keep our team competitive,” Guenther said.
Finishing first and receiving first team all-conference honors were Herm, pole vault; Will Chelberg, 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs; Onesti, 800-meter run; and the 4x800-meter relay team of Will Chelberg, Onesti, An-don Chelberg and Trevor Schwartz.
Placing second and earning second team all-conference honors were Onesti in the 1,600 and 4x400 team of Connor Chelberg, Herm, Maverick Theis and Ryan Schwitzer. For the girls, finishing first and receiving first team all-conference honors was Fritz in the shot put. Placing second and earning second team all-conference honors were Grace Chelberg, 1,600; Lily Guenther, 3,200; Adalyn Barkley, triple jump; Fritz, discus; and the 4x800 team of Guenther, Bailey Hen-dricks, Barkley and Maci Beyer.
Third-place finishers, who earned all-confer-ence honorable mention honors, were Madisyn Weinig, discus and shot put; Tela Hopfensperger, 300 hurdles; and the 4x200 team of Natalie Bystol, Onna Hermann, Hopfens-perger and Beyer. The WIAA Division I regionals will be held May 20 at D.C.

Everest.
CWC Large Confer-ence Meet
Wittenberg-Birn-wood’s girls captured gold medals and the Bonduel’s boys team grabbed one at Rosholt.
Charger girls earning gold medals were Faith Resch in the 100-meter hurdles, the 300 hurdles, high jump and triple jump; and the 4x800 relay team.
Silver medals were won by Kylee Beversdorf in the 800, Nora Bushman in the 1,600 and the 3,200, and the 4x400 relay team.
Getting a bronze medal was Harper Rogowski in the 400-meter dash.
The boys were led by Landen Schmidt, who placed fifth in the discus and shot put.
Bonduel’s Ryan Westrich took first place in the shot put and second in the discus.
Samuel Roberts was second in the triple jump, and the 4x400 relay team was third.
For the girls, the 4x800 relay team placed second.
Finishing third were Mariah Wondra in the 1,600 and 3,200, the 4x100 relay team, the 4x200 relay team and Ashlyn Kurey in the triple jump.
Menominee Indian’s boys were paced by Barron Waupoose, third in the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes.
For the girls, Alexis Zhuckkahosee was fourth in the high jump.
**May 10
NEC Championships**
Oconto Falls High School’s boys and girls each placed sixth at Luxemburg-Casco High School. The boys scored 60 points, while the girls collected 52.
The event began with the Panther girls taking third in the 4x800. Run-ners were Brynn Hodkie-wicz, Hannah Ludemann, Maddy Przybylski and Ava Hodkiewicz.
The boys 4x800 team of Griffin Kopke, Brant Laluzerne, Sage Mendolla and Emerson Rice placed second.
Rylie Shallow captured

second in the girls 100.
The boys 4x200 team of Elijah White, Evan Yuma, Brady Bursa and Isaac Bramer placed second. The same four took second in the 4x100.
In the boys discus, Bryce Schefdore took sec-ond. He was also second in the shot put.
M&O Conference
Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy’s boys and girls won 11 first-place awards at the M&O Conference meet at Suring. Gillett and Suring teams each earned four gold medals.
The Lena/STAA girls team was led by the teams in the 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800 relays, all with first-place finishes. Eva Brooks won the high jump and the triple jump. Alabama Lambert won the long jump, Whitney Potter won the discus, and Mackenzie Vorpahl captured the gold in the shot put.
First-place honors for the boys went to Zander Thomson in the high jump, Lucas Heinke in the triple jump and Anthony Seefeldt in the shot put.
Taking second for the girls team were Madilyn Thomson in the 200, Kali Fischer in the 300 hurdles, Abby Kostreva in the long jump and Della Kostreva in the triple jump.
Earning third for the girls were Kali Fischer and Brooks, who tied in the 100 hurdles, the 4x100 relay team and Kali Fischer in the triple jump.
Boys earning second place were Thomson in the 110 hurdles and Heinke in the long jump.
Taking third for the boys were Thomson in the 300 hurdles and the 4x400 relay team.
Winning the gold for Gillett girls was Hope Soper in the 800. For the boys, it was Bradyn Wen-dorff in the 800 and the 3,200, as well as the 4x800 relay team.
Second place was won by Sophia Limberg in the girls 3,200, Soper in the girls 100 hurdles and Tyler Slatky in the boys discus.
Bronze medals were

earned by Limberg in the girls 1,600, the 4x400 girls relay team and Audrey Pate in the girls discus.
CWC Small Confer-ence Meet
Gresham/Bowler athletes earned four gold medals and a Marion athlete earned one at Tri-County High School in Plainfield.
All of Gresham/Bowl-er’s gold medals came from the girls. The 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams each captured the top spot, as did Isabella Stevens in the high jump and shot put.
Jemy Reedy earned a silver medal in the 100, as did the 4x800 relay team.
Allie Cerveny took third in the 300 hurdles, along with the 4x400 relay team and Emily Jensen in the shot put.
For the boys, the 4x100 relay team won silver.
Bronze medals were earned by Bryson Nelson in the 1,600 and the 4x200 relay team.
Marion’s Landon Mar-quardt won the 110 hurdles for the boys.
Tristan Herro was sec-ond in the high jump and the triple jump.
The girls 4x400 relay team earned silver, as did Presley Stewart-Rolfs in the high jump.
Stewart-Rolfs placed third in the discus, and Bridget Much was third in the 100 hurdles.
**May 6
Wittenberg-Birn-wood Lions Invite**
The Wittenberg-girls won their home Lions Invite, with the Bonduel boys finishing second, the best among area teams and just five points behind Edgar.
Winning for the Char-gers were Nora Bushman in the 800-meter run, Faith Resch in the 100-meter hurdles and the triple jump, the 4x400-meter relay team and the 4x800 team.
Finishing in second were Ava Brei in the 100-and the 200-meter dashes, Resch in the high jump, Kylee Beversdorf in the long jump and Harper Rogowski in the 400.

Placing third were Bev-ersdorf in the 400, Gabri-elle Timm in the 3,200-me-ter run, the 4x100 team, the 4x200 team, Brei in the long jump and Kaydence Burclaw in the discus.
On the boys side, it was Landen Schmidt winning the discus and taking sec-ond in the shot put.
Third-place finishes were recorded by Donald Komosa in the 400 and the high jump.
Bonduel boys captur-ing the gold were Griffin Uelmen in the 800 and the high jump, Ben O’Brien in the 3,200, Samuel Roberts in the long jump and triple jump, and Ryan Westrich in the shot put.
Earning second place were Roberts in the 200, O’Brien in the 1,600, the 4x200 team, the 4x400 team and the 4x800 team.
Coming in third were Westrich in the 200, Oliver Chitwood in the 3,200, Owen Springborn in the long jump and Westrich in the discus.
Top finishers for the Gresham/Bowler team were Isabella Stevens, second in the girls shot put and third in the high jump; and the boys 4x100 relay team, third.
Marion’s best perform-ers were Presley Stewart-Rolfs, fifth in the girls high jump, and Jesse Trebus, fourth in the boys 800.
Team scores
Girls: Wittenberg-Birn-wood 170, Bonduel 117, Newman Catholic 112, Edgar 99, Crandon 42, Gresham/Bowler 35, Northland Lutheran 29, Marion 24
Boys: Edgar 156, Bonduel 151, Newman Catholic 143, Wittenberg-Birn-wood 61, Crandon 47, Northland Lutheran 18, Gresham/Bowler 13, Marion 8
Oconto
Oconto Falls girls won 11 events, including all four relay races, and the boys won eight at five-team meet at Oconto High School.
Gold medal winners for the girls were Rylie Shal-low in the 100, Abby Budz in the 200, Brynn Hodkie-

wicz in the 400, Brooke Hodkiewicz in the 800, Hailey Delzer in the 1,600, Josie Saari in the 100 and 300 hurdles, and the 4x100, 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams.
Taking second place were Gracie Miller in the 100, Ashlyn Vandermoss in the 200, Rhiana Vandey-aht in the 400 and long jump, Evelyn Savage in the 800, Arianna Impastato in the 1,600, Mackenzie Lotto in the 300 hurdles and Moran Moynihan in the discus.
Capturing third were Savage in the 400, Gwen Maggio in the high jump, Miller in the long jump, Budz in the triple jump, Anna Burd in the pole vault and Ava Hodkiewicz in the discus.
On the boys side, first place was earned by Em-erson Rice in the 800, Griffin Kopke in the 1,600, Alex Haines in the 110 hurdles and high jump, the 4x100 relay team, Brady Bursa in the long jump and Bryce Schefdore in the discus.
Coming in second place were Elijah White in the 100, Isaac Bramer in the 200, Brant Laluzerne in the 400, the 4x200 relay team, Jonathan Moody in the discus and Schefdore in the shot put.
Placing third were Bursa in the 200, Sage Mendolla in the 800, Brax-ton Rajkovich in the 3,200, Emerich Skarban in the 100 hurdles and high jump, and Moody in the shot put.
Not to be outdone, Menominee Indian had its share of gold medals.
For the boys, Barron Waupoose won the 200 and the 400, Mitchell Perez won the 300 hurdles and Kenew Awonohopay won the triple jump.
Julius Kaquatosh placed second in the 3,200, as did Nakadin Boyd in the 300 hurdles.
In the girls competi-tion, Alexis Zhuckkahosee won the high jump. Lena Waukau was second in the triple jump.
Placing third were Zhuckkahosee in the 100 and Waukau in the 200.

Shawano soccer team has rough outings against Menasha, Stevens Point

May 9 Stevens Point 6, Shawano 1
Stevens Point scored three goals in each half en route to a 6-1 home victory over Shawano.
Pulaski 1, Manitowoc Lincoln 0
Ellie Mangold scored Pulaski's only goal, but that was enough for a 1-0 win over Manitowoc Lincoln.
Peighton Brandenburg

made two saves for the Red Raiders.
May 7 Menasha 7, Shawano 0
Shawano fell to 3-12 after a 7-0 Bay Conference loss to Menasha.
Goalkeeper Brynlie Boyles had 11 saves for the Hawks.
Scoreboard
Pulaski 8, Ashwaubenon 0
Menasha 7, Shawano 0

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In game one, Tigerton's McKenzie Hoffman hit 2-for-3, as did Angel Welch (with three RBIs and two runs scored), Hailey Erdmann (one RBI and two runs scored), Aaliyah Lederhaus and Joselyn Zimdars (one run scored and one RBI). Danika Tiller hit 2-for-2 with two RBIs and two runs scored.
Tiller was the winning pitcher, striking out six and walking five in six innings.
In the second game, Angel Welch, Tiller and Sienna Breaker all hit 2-for-2.
Angel Welch had an RBI and scored twice. Tiller had two RBIs and scored once. Lederhaus had two RBIs and scored once.
Lillian Welch had two RBIs and scored three runs.
Tiller was gain the winning pitcher, striking out five and walking one in four innings.
Scoreboard
Shiocton 10, Bonduel 9
Tigerton 11, Bowler/Gresham 8
Tigerton 14, Bowler/Gresham 3
Coleman 15, Gillett/Suring 1
Crivitz 18, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 4
Amherst 18, Menominee Indian 3
Pulaski 5, Notre Dame 1
Shawano 3, West De Pere 2
Manawa 8, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 5
May 8

New London 2, Shawano 1
May 6 Wittenberg-Birnamwood 10, Menominee Indian 5
Wittenberg-Birnamwood defeated Menominee Indian 10-5.
The Chargers held a 4-1 lead after the first inning, but by the fifth inning, the game was tied 5-5. Wittenberg-Birnamwood scored twice in the sixth and three times in the seventh to secure the win.
For the Chargers, Rory Salvesen hit 2-for-3 with a triple and two runs scored. Brie Ladika hit 2-for-4 with a double, a home run, three RBIs and two runs scored.
Camryn Miller also had a double.
Joining Ladika with RBIs were Lexi Scheurer, Jayda Moenke, Lillian Lemieux and Miller.
Ella Eichman was the winning pitcher.
Scoreboard
Weyauwega-Fremont 4, Bonduel 2
Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 12, Wausaukee 11
Marion 12, Northland Lutheran 8
Northland Lutheran 10, Marion 6
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 10, Menominee Indian 5
Fox Valley Lutheran 3, Oconto Falls 2
Pulaski 13, Manitowoc Lincoln 2



Bonduel's golfers won the May 6 Central Wisconsin Conference Mini Meet at Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola with 336 strokes. Colin Fischer was the medalist, leading the field and his teammates with a 77. From left are Sam Wolf, Jaxon Bogacz, Jake Dreyer, Fischer and Reed Luepke. CONTRIBUTED

Bonduel golfers win at Iola

May 10 Bay Conference Mini-Meet No. 5
Shawano golfers scored a 189 and placed fifth out of six teams at Ledgeview Golf Course in De Pere.
Junior Blake Knope led the Hawks with a 42. He was joined by Tristan Miller with 48, Noah LaRok with 49 and Jakob Stuhr with 50.
May 9 Marion Invitational
Marion golfers won their own invitational at Glen Carin Golf Course in Ogdensburg.
The Mustangs hit a low score of 362, three strokes better than the 365 hit by both Amherst and Antigo. Wittenberg-Birnamwood was fourth with a 370. Bonduel was eighth with a 416, and Menominee Indian/Gresham was 12th with a 472.
Scoring for Marion were Brady Malueg with an 86, Jack Schoen with an 88, and Collin Grogan and Edward Schoen each with a 94. Samuel Gueths had a 101.
Wittenberg-Birnamwood was led by George

Seegmiller with an 85, followed by Joey Seegmiller with an 86, Owen Schultz with a 97 and Jaden Clark with a 102. Nicholas Flak scored a 108.
Griffin Uelmen led Bonduel with a 94. He was followed by Ryan Westrich with a 98, Aidan Beau-lieu with a 111 and Ethan Schauder with a 113. Evan Wilcox scored a 127.
For Menominee Indian/Gresham, it was Franky Allery with a 110, Jefferson Hoffman with a 120, and Kaidyen Zaitz and Cierra Ninham each with a 121.
Sara Kelley carded a 139.
Oconto Falls Stu Anderson Invitational
Oconto Falls fielded two teams among the nine at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls.
Oconto Falls placed fifth with a 357, and Oconto Falls 2 placed eighth with a 386. Pulaski was seventh with a 373.
Kadyn Riel led Oconto Falls with a 76 and was joined by Austin Anderson with a 92, Carson McDer-mid with a 94 and Isaiah Hirst with a 95. Nick Trepanier scored a 100.

Pulaski golfers were Casey Madlem with an 89, Bradin Schultz with a 91, Brody Hronek with a 94 and Reed Gussert with a 99. Eli Holderness carded a 102.
Jackson Burd scored a 94 to lead the Oconto Falls 2 team. He was joined by Landon Magnin and Alex Egan, each with a 97, and Will Allen with a 98. Sullivan O'Harrow scored a 112.
May 6 Central Wisconsin Conference Mini Meet
Bonduel won the latest CWC Meet with 336 strokes, topping Wittenberg-Birnamwood's 356 second place. Marion's 401 tied for fifth place and Menominee Indian/Gresham's 515 finished in 10th place.
The mini meet was held at Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola.
Colin Fischer was the medalist, leading the field and his Bonduel teammates with a 77. Jake Dreyer was next with an 82, followed by Jaxon Bogacz with an 85 and Reed Luepke with a 92. Sam Wolf carded a 100.

George Seegmiller led the Chargers with an 85. August Barke carded an 86, Joey Seegmiller had a 92 and Owen Schultz had a 93. Jaden Clark carded a 109.
For Marion, Samuel Gueths had a 98, Edward Schoen and Jack Schoen each had a 99 and Brady Malueg had a 105. Collin Grogan carded a 118.
And for Menominee Indian/Gresham, it was Gryffin Hoffman with a 119, Holly Brady and River Wheelock with a 131 and Porter Hoffman with a 134.
Fox River Classic Conference Mini Meet
Pulaski's score of 324 put the Red Raiders in fourth place out of 10 teams at the Fox Valley Golf Course in Kaukauna.
De Pere and Notre Dame Academy tied at 302, and Bay Port had a 303.
Brady Hayward's 74 was the third best on the day. Other Red Raiders adding to the team score were Dixon Holewinski at 81, Connor Burant at 82 and Zachary Valeria at 87.
Colin Schultz carded a 90.

Both Pulaski lacrosse teams suffer losses

May 11 Brookfield 24, Pulaski 3
Pulaski's girls lacrosse team lost 24-3 to Brookfield.

The game was part of the Wisconsin Dells Invitational played at the Wisconsin Dells Sports Complex.
The Red Raiders are

0-4 in the Fox River Classic Conference and 0-9 overall.
May 7 Bay Port 21, Pulaski 0
Pulaski's boys lacrosse

team dropped to 0-2 in the Fox River Classic Conference after a 21-0 thrashing at the hands of Bay Port. The Red Raiders are 0-12 overall.

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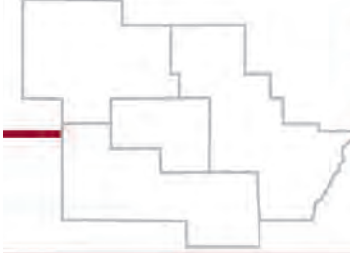
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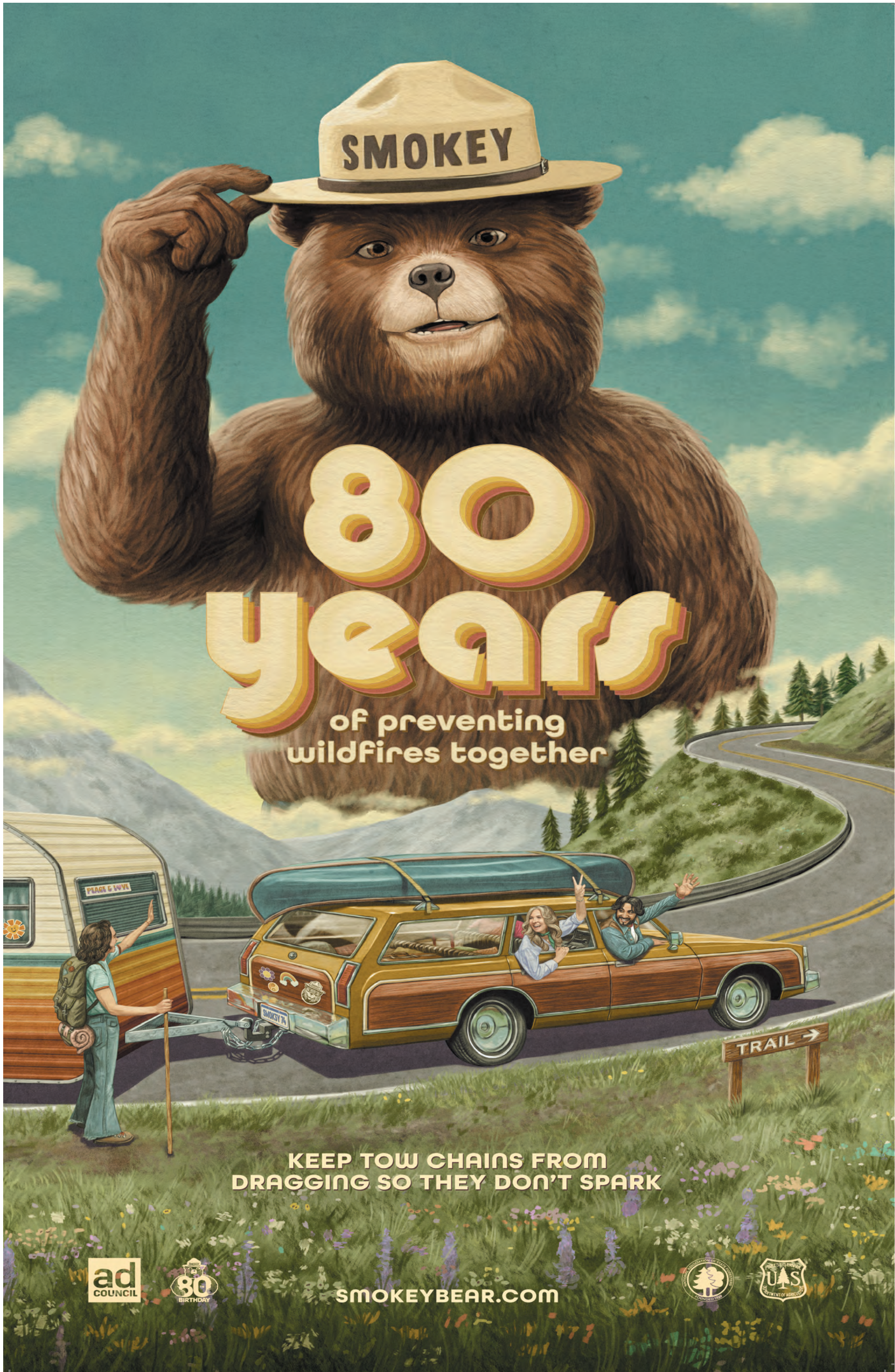
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2 county farms get USDA clean energy grants

Rural Development Wisconsin state director Julie Lassa announced April 24 the U.S. Department of Agriculture is funding 19 clean energy projects, including two in Shawano County to lower energy bills, expand access to domestic biofuels and create jobs and new market opportunities for Wisconsin farmers, small business owners and agricultural producers.

“Today’s announcement showcases the variety of rural people and businesses using programs like the Rural Energy for America Program to save money on their energy costs that can then be reinvested in their operations,” Lassa said. “This not only strengthens their business but helps sustain and build the local economy.”

Lassa announced more



A newly installed solar array stands in a field in Marion. This small array will save a local cabinet manufacturer \$981 per year, replacing 89% of the company's energy use.

TEGAN GRIFFITH

than \$2.8 million in grants through the Rural Energy

for America Program (REAP) during a visit to

David Blashe’s cabinet manufacturing company

in Marion.

Robert Helbach Jr. in Wittenberg will use a \$122,539 grant to install an energy efficient grain dryer. This project is expected to save \$4,615 per year. It will replace 37,783 kilowatt hours, 32% of the business’s energy use, per year, which is enough energy to power three homes.

Blashe will use a \$13,166 grant to install a small solar electric array. This project is expected to save the rural cabinet maker \$981 per year. It will replace 7,377 kilowatt hours, 89% of the company’s energy use, per year, which is enough energy to power one home.

The REAP program helps agricultural producers and rural small business owners expand their use of wind, solar, geothermal, and small

hydropower energy and make energy efficiency improvements. These innovations help them increase their income, grow their businesses, address climate change and lower energy costs for American families.

Since 2021, USDA has announced in Wisconsin more than \$14.5 million through REAP in 140 renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements that will help rural business owners’ lower energy costs, generate new income, and strengthen their resiliency of operations.

USDA continues to accept REAP applications and will hold funding competitions quarterly through Sept. 30. The funding includes a dedicated portion for underutilized renewable energy technologies.

Dallas takes on child trafficker in ‘Desperation in Death’

When I saw J.D. Robb’s “Desperation in Death” in InfoSoup, I had to check it out. This ongoing story features New York City Police Lt. Eve Dallas and her team of dedicated officers. It is 2061 but age-old heinous crimes continue. The worst is human trafficking.

Mina Cabot and Dorian Gregg couldn’t be more different. Mina is a much-loved child of privilege, while Dorian is an unloved and abused child forced onto the streets at age 12. Their common denominator is stunning good looks. They, and many others, have been snatched from the street and taken to The Academy to be trained, groomed and sold.

When Mina hatches a plan to escape, Dorian reluctantly agrees. All



goes well until Dorian sprains her ankle. Mina decides to lead the guards away and makes a run for it. Minutes later, as she hides, Dorian hears a blood-curdling scream. All she can do is hide and wait, praying that Mina got away.

The next morning, Dorian manages to hobble away from her hiding place and into the basement of an abandoned building. She is found by a boy who calls himself Mouser. He helps her to a safe place run by an older man named Sebastian.

Sebastian has a long

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: Desperation in Death (Lt. Eve Dallas, Book 55)

AUTHOR: J.D. Robb (Nora Roberts)

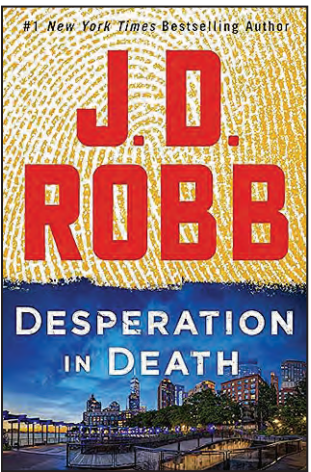
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history with the NYPD and keeps a low profile while taking in “stray” children. In exchange for a safe house, food and medical care, the children commit petty crimes and cons to bring money to run his “group home.” Knowing that he does some good, the police pretty much leave them alone. For the first time, Dorian feels safe and cared for.

As Dorian adjusts to her new freedom, Lt. Dallas is struggling to find Mina Cabot’s killer. She was found impaled on the



piece of wood she tried to use as a weapon. She is wearing a tailor-made white shirt, too-small uniform pants and extremely expensive “sex underwear.”

As a runaway, Dorian is in the system, and drops of her blood on Mina tell them she was not alone but nothing else. Dallas is

convinced that Dorian is alive and hiding from both her captors and the police.

As Dallas concentrates on human trafficking and kiddie porn, she is appalled at the number of children who have disappeared without a trace. With extra help from Roarke, her team peels back the layers hiding a vast network of perverted businesses.

When Sebastian finally convinces Dorian to speak with Dallas, the pieces begin to come together. “Auntie” Iris Swan runs the Academy. She and a cadre of corrupt and sadistic employees snatch attractive children, train them, then sell them for millions of dollars. Sickened and angry, the team doubles down on finding the Academy, Swan and any potential buyers be-

fore a planned auction can take place.

The carefully orchestrated take down goes smoothly, but the follow-up at cop central puts icing on the cake. Many low-level workers are eager to cut deals implicating Iris Swan, but the woman smugly signs a deal expecting minimal punishment. Dallas and her team can’t help laughing when Swan discovers that the deal only covers crimes in NYC. As Swan rages and threatens, she is arrested for multiple federal crimes, ensuring she’ll spend decades in a cage.

As the exhausted team heads for home, Eve impulsively invites everyone to a barbecue at her home on Sunday. Does this signal a crack in her personal armor or is she just overtired?

Stay alert for farm machinery when driving on rural roads

As days get warmer, the itch to hit the field gets stronger. It’s springtime in Wisconsin, which means planting season is getting underway for farmers across the state.

Traveling with agricultural equipment on the road poses an increased hazard that is often a dreaded part of farming. It is critical that farmers ensure their vehicles meet legal requirements and operate safely while sharing roadways with their fellow motorists.

“Everyone is busy, and during the busy seasons, it’s easy to get impatient with farmers on the road,” said Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Brad Olson. “Staying vigilant and patient on the roadway is a responsibility all motor-

ists share. At the end of a long hard day, we all want to make it home safe to our families.”

Commit to staying safe on the road this spring with these five mindful tips:

• **Make smart decisions:** Follow safe, smart driving practices at all times. Before attempting to pass in a no-passing zone, know that is illegal to pass an implement of husbandry including farm tractors and farm machinery or an agricultural commercial motor vehicle (Ag CMV).

Motorists should wait to pass a slow-moving vehicle until they have safely entered a passing zone. Farmers should not pull over in a no-passing zone to let vehicles pass

unless the road shoulder condition and width can allow for the farm machinery to completely move onto the shoulder.

Farmers also should not wave a driver forward to pass. While these actions seem courteous, it sends mixed signals and is not encouraged. In a passing zone, or if the shoulder width permits, farmers are obligated to yield the roadway to an overtaking vehicle so they do not impede the normal movement of traffic.

• **Be alert:** Stay alert while driving, as you never know when you’ll meet farm equipment on the road.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation recommends that motorists should slow down im-

mediately whenever they see a slow-moving vehicle emblem (orange and red triangle) on the rear of a tractor or other piece of equipment. This emblem indicates that the farm machine usually travels slower than 25 mph. Stay alert, focused and patient when passing a slow-moving agricultural vehicle in an area where passing is legal.

• **Watch out:** Watch out for unexpected turns into field driveway, as it is more likely for farm equipment to turn there than at an intersection. It can turn into a dangerous situation when a farmer is attempting to make a left-hand turn. Farm equipment, especially the tractor, will have two flashing amber or yellow lights on

the cab or tire fenders of the tractor when on the roadway. When a farmer signals to turn, the light will continue to flash in the direction the farmer is turning. The other light will go solid.

Farmers are asked to comply with the proper lighting and marking requirements to draw attention to the size, shape and speed of agricultural vehicles and to alert motorists that caution is required. There are specific requirements for different types of equipment.

• **Leave space:** When a motorist legally passes large farm equipment within a short distance of a controlled intersection (stop sign or stop lights), this action can dramatically impact the reaction

time and braking distance for the farmer. Farm equipment is heavier than a passenger vehicle, which makes it critical to have adequate braking distance.

• **Don’t assume:** Don’t assume that because you can see the farmer that they can see you. Blind spots are common on farm equipment. Accident risks are highest when equipment is backing up or moving in an area with limited space or turn radiuses.

“Safe roads not only protect lives but also support the long-term viability of farms and rural communities,” Olson said. “It is about fostering a culture of shared responsibility for the well-being of our communities.”

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

May 12

Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including drugs on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; ATV problem on County Road C in the Town of Angelica; intoxication at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one crash.

May 11

Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including operating without a license at Mielke Park, N5649 Airport Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Malueg Road in the Town of Grant; drugs at an undisclosed location; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one crash.

May 10

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including drugs at Mielke Park, N5649 Airport Drive in the Town of Wescott; drugs on Sugar Bush Road in the Town of Aniwa; assault on Lake Drive in the Town of Hutchins; property theft at Mattoon Auto Body, 805 Fourth St., Mattoon; identity theft on South Jefferson Street in Bonduel; recovering stolen property on Gold Creek Lane in the Town of Almon; assisting with a fire on Op-perman Way in the Town of Richmond; trespassing on County Road G in the Town of Herman; five 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one crash.

May 9

Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including criminal damage on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; assisting with a fire at Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School, 300 S. Prouty St., Wittenberg; shoplifting at Dollar General, 309 N. Genesee

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property. Sloma set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 15.

• Lindsay R. Holstrom, 27, Shawano, was charged May 10 with three counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 30.

• Scott C. McKeever, 61, Bonduel, was charged May 10 with four counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 16.

• Samantha R. Senoracki, 27, Birnamwood, was charged May 10 with possession of narcotic drugs and three counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 20.

• Eugene B. Welch, 55, Clintonville, was charged May 10 with possession of meth-amphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture methamphetamine and two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 28.

St., Wittenberg; criminal damage on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; pornography at an undisclosed location; trespassing on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; warrant on South Lincoln Street in Shawano; animal bite on Rainbow Circle in the Town of Wescott; six reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; three crashes, one involving a dog.

May 8

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including fraud on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; operating without a license on North Cecil Street; three reckless driving incidents.

May 7

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including drugs at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, 400 W. Grand Ave., Wittenberg; criminal damage on Fourth Street in Mattoon; operating without a license on Korth Road in Cecil; drugs on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; trespassing on Evergreen Road in the Town of Pella; two criminal damage complaints on Witt-Birn Townline Road in the Town of Wittenberg; five 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; one deer-related crash.

May 6

Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including trespassing on McDivitt Road in the Town of Wittenberg; two warrants at Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; repossession on Town Hall Road in the Town of Red Springs; operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; assisting with a fire on South Mission Street in Wittenberg; illegal burning on Oak Park Circle in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on County Road M in the Town of Pella; illegal burning on County Road CC in the

Town of Waukechon; harassment on Hillview Road in the Town of Hutchins; assault on North Cecil Street in Bonduel; overdose on Knoke Street in Gresham; bail jumping on state Highway 117 in the Town of Hartland; four 911 calls; one traffic hazard; one reckless driving incident; four crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 12

Officers responded to 24 incidents, including assisting with a fire on South Main Street; vehicle crash with property damage on South Main Street; hit-and-run at El Tequila, 1240 E. Green Bay St.; assisting with a fire on West Eagle Street; vicious animal on Briarwood Lane; found property on East Green Bay Street; warrant arrest on East Fifth Street; noise on South Andrews Street.

May 11

Officers responded to 21 incidents, including found property on West Picnic Street; traffic hazard at Farm Inn on Main, 123 N. Main St.; juvenile returned home on West Pine Street; found property on Sunset Avenue; property theft on South Franklin Street; juvenile alcohol at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; vandalism on East Randall Street.

May 10

Officers responded to 34 incidents, including drugs at Mielke Park, N5649 Airport Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state

Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; found property on East Richmond Street; found property at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; juvenile problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; found property at Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; juvenile problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; vehicle crash with property damage on South Washington Street; juvenile problem at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; reckless driving on South Main Street; operating without a license on North Union Street; drugs on Green Bay Court; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; vehicle crash at Ole Town Tap, 115 N. Main St.

May 9

Officers responded to 27 incidents, including traffic hazard on East Green Bay Street; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; juvenile problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; repos-

session at Heights Finance, 212 E. Green Bay St.; vehicle crash with property damage at Little Caesar's, 1056 E. Green Bay St.; trespassing at McDonald's, 1202 E. Green Bay St.; drugs on East Randall Street; threatening on Prospect Circle.

May 8

Officers responded to 27 incidents, including a hit-and-run at Pawn Shop, 141 River Heights Drive; weapon offense at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; hit-and-run at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; drugs on East Fifth Street; traffic hazard on East Green Bay Street; bail jumping at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.; noise on Waukechon Street.

May 7

Officers responded to 22 incidents, including a death investigation at an undis-

closed location; vandalism on South Lincoln Street; drugs at Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; found property at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; vehicle crash at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; traffic hazard on Waukechon Street; reckless driving on East Lieg Avenue.

May 6

Officers responded to 24 incidents, including operating while intoxicated at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; animal bite on Engel Drive; restraining order violation on South Main Street; operating without a license on East Fifth Street; neglected animal on South Sawyer Street; vehicle theft on Pearl Avenue; attempted theft on East Center Street; traffic hazard on state Highway 22 in the Town of Wescott; repossession on Aspen Court.



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ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

6:00pm

Eland Depot

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District

Board of Education Meeting May 20, 2024

May 20, 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

III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 22, 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. Resignations for Approval

B. Retirements for Approval

C. Teacher Hires for Approval

D. Support Staff Hires for Approval

E. Food Service Director Hire for Approval

F. Summer School Teacher Contracts for Approval

G. Open Enrollment Applications for Approval

H. Paper Bids for Approval

I. Wrestling Mat Purchase for Approval

J. Wittenberg Elementary/Middle School Roof Replacement for Approval

K. 24-25 Student Handbooks for Approval

L. Safety Drills for Information

XIII. Adjournment

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Please take notice that the Village of Wittenberg, County of Shawano enacted Ordinance No. 2024-01, to revise the Floodplain ordinance, on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

The Floodplain Ordinance was revised to be in compliance with the state and federal laws. The proposed legislation is intended to protect life, health and property.

A full copy of the above ordinance can be found at the clerk's office. Any questions regarding this new ordinance can be directed to the Village Clerk's office, 208 W. Vinal Street, Wittenberg, WI 54499. The Clerk's phone number is 715-253-6063.

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-vs-
Defendant(s):
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JOB SUMMARY

☐ Help maintain Village grounds, ballfields, parks and water and sewer properties.

☐ Work directly and indirectly with the general public in a courteous and informative manner.

☐ Assist with Village street and sidewalk repairs.

☐ Assist with maintenance on any Village buildings or structures.

☐ Assist with routine maintenance for Water and Sewer Department.

KNOWLEDGE/ABILITIES and AVAILABILITY:

☐ Must be available on a flexible basis.

☐ Valid WI driver license.

☐ Must be able to operate Village equipment (zero-turn mowers, backhoe, sweeper, trucks)

☐ Able to work off ladders or scaffolding.

☐ Must be able to work independently without supervision.

☐ Ability to communicate well with the general public, fellow workers and board members.

Interested applicants may pick up an application at 208 W. Vinal St., Wittenberg, or the form can be accessed on our Village website, using the Village Forms and Permits link at the bottom of the page.

Applications and resumes can be sent to the Village office at PO Box 331, Wittenberg, WI 54499. Review of applications will begin immediately. Wages will be determined by the Village Board at the time of hire.

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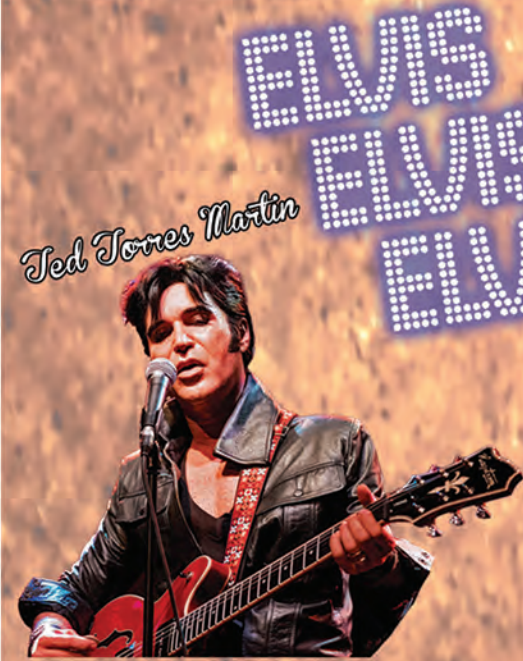
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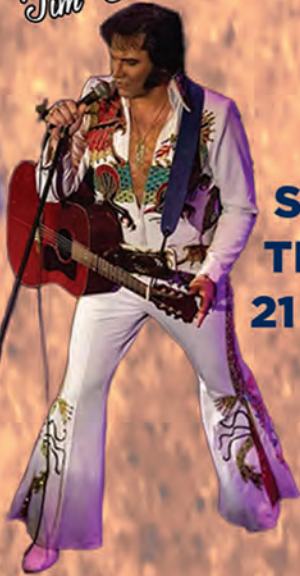
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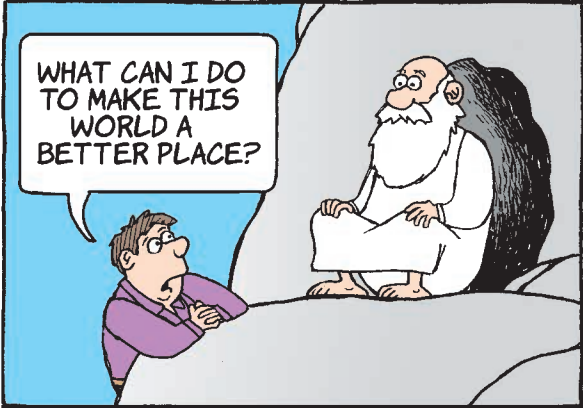
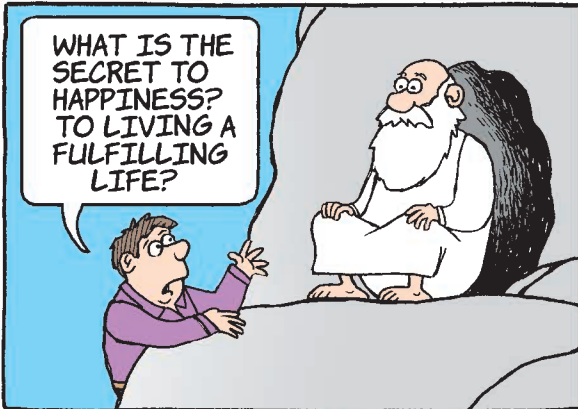
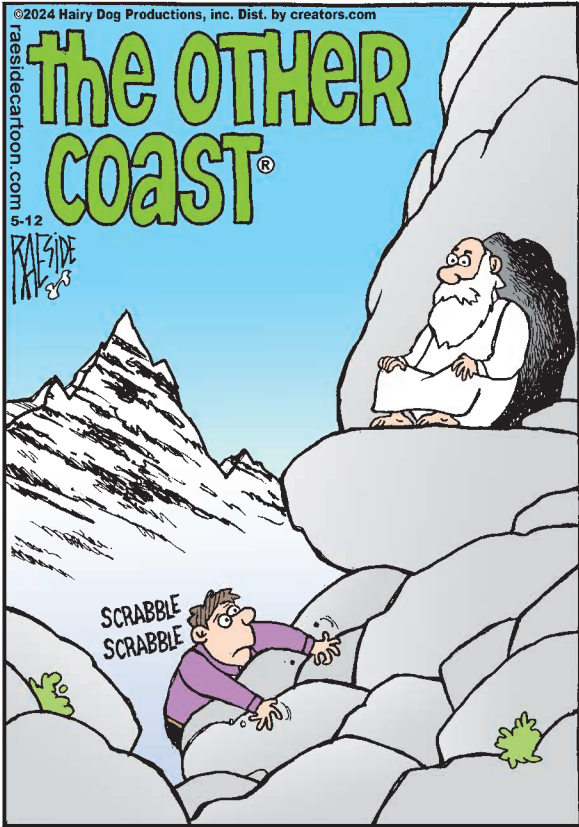
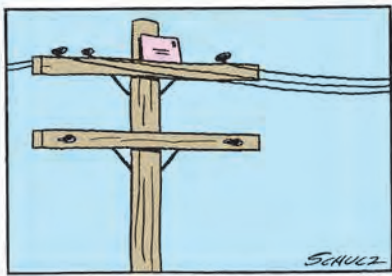
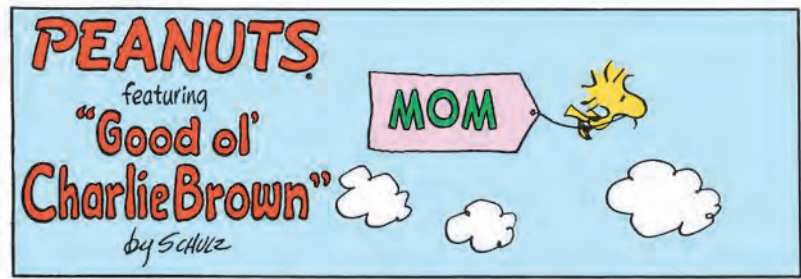
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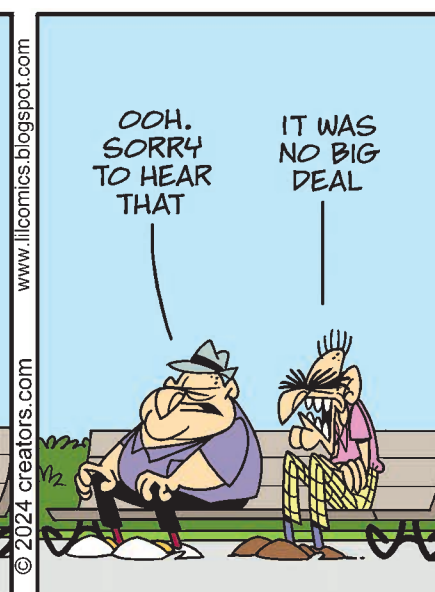
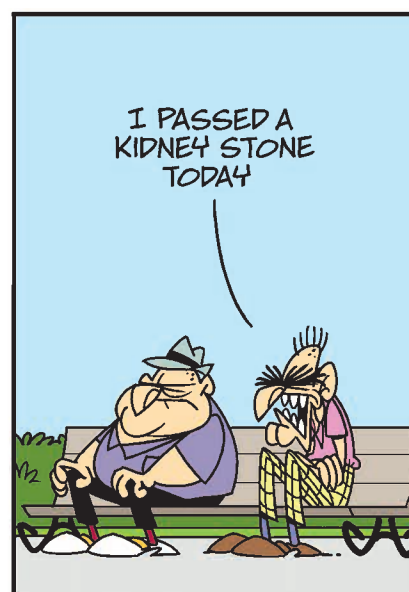
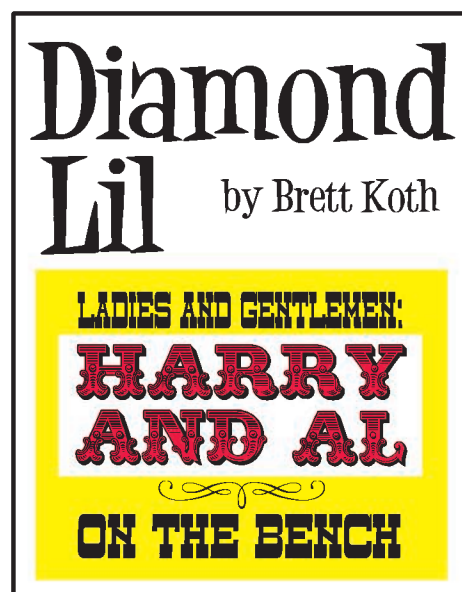
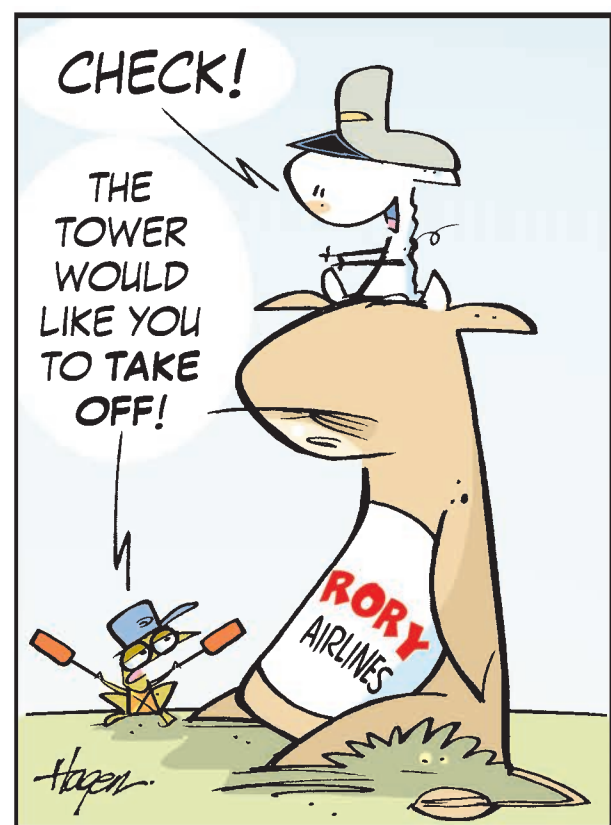
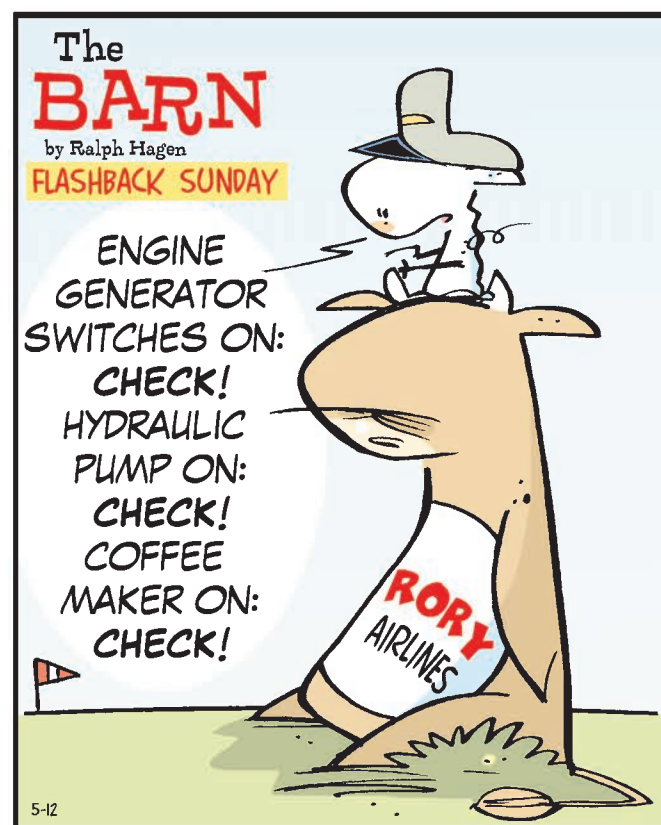
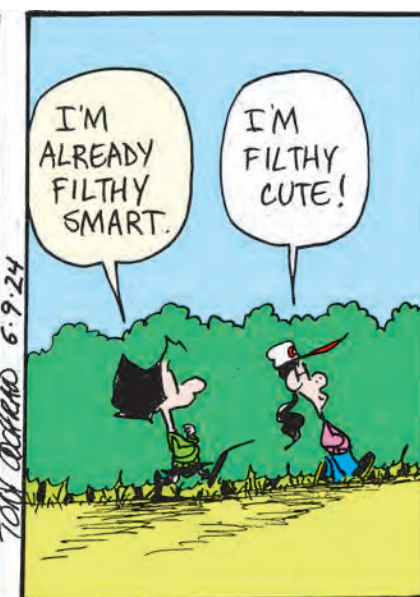
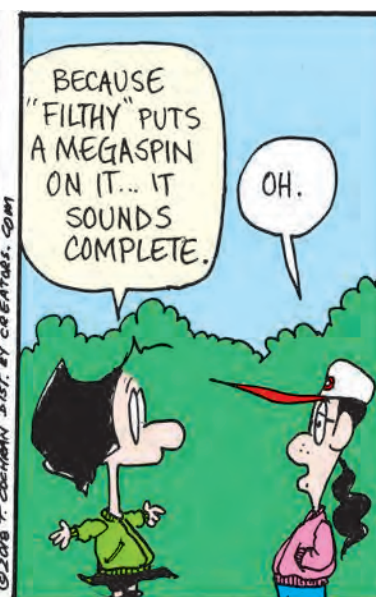
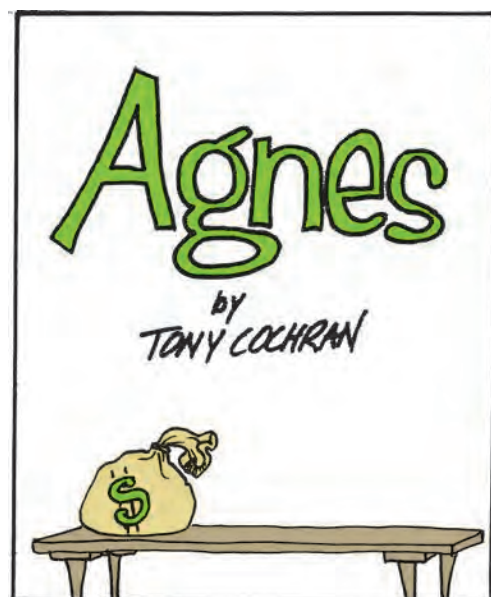
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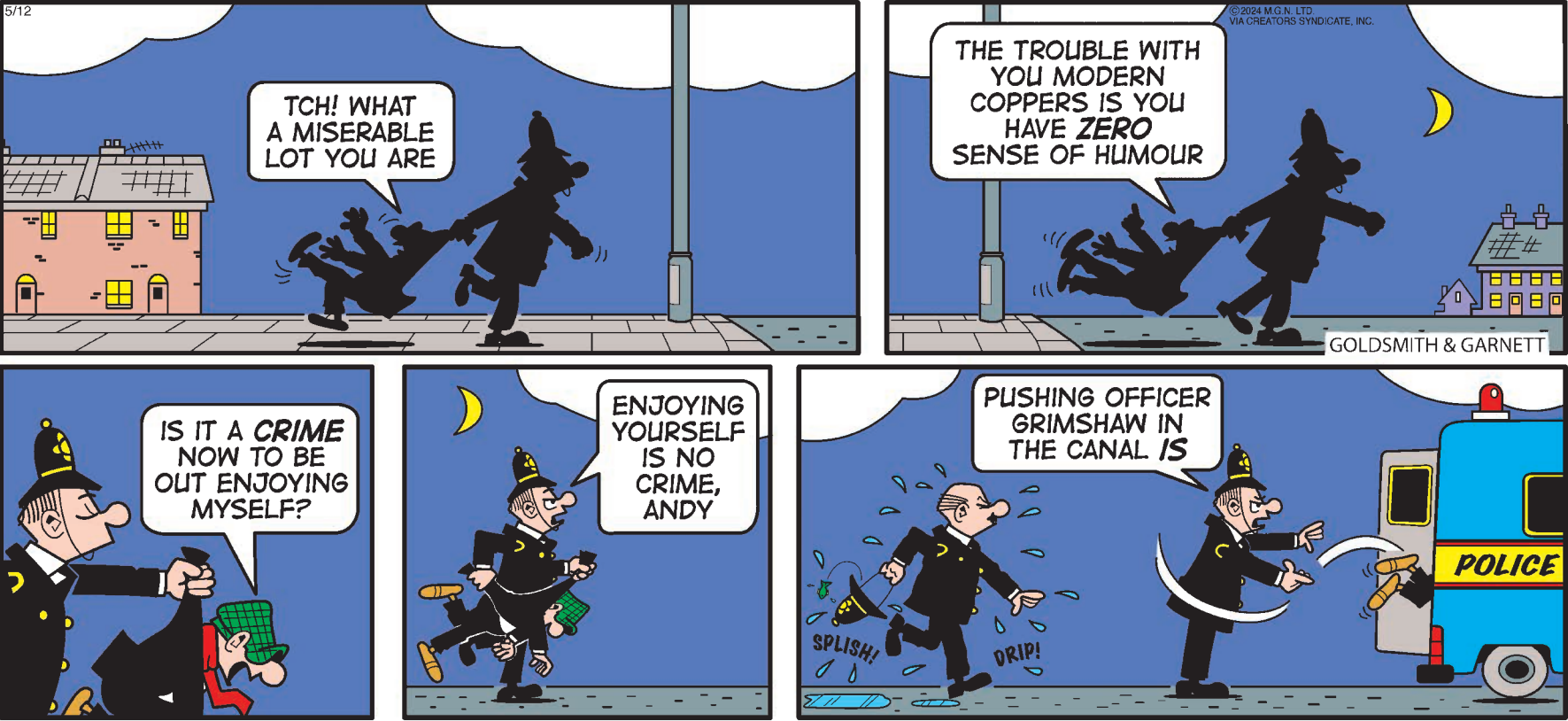
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