



Alec Ingold, fullback for the Los Angeles Chargers, prepares to defend himself April 9 as an Abrams Elementary School student gets ready to strike during a dodgeball game in the elementary school gym. The game was dungeon dodgeball, which follows the rules of regular dodgeball but requires players hit by balls to go to a mat considered to be a dungeon until a catch of a ball from an imprisoned player frees everyone on the team.

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NFL player shares smiles and advice at Abrams Elementary

Alec Ingold tells how positive attitude, hard work made him a success

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Alec Ingold has accomplished what very few people in northeast Wisconsin have – being a fullback in the National Football League. Ingold paid a visit April 9 to Abrams Elementary School to let students know that their dreams can come true, too, as long as they have a good attitude and work hard. A smile also goes a long way, he said. Ingold has played for the Miami Dolphins for the last four years, but now he’s



Christine Ingold, third grade teacher at Abrams Elementary School, talks about her son, football player Alec Ingold, as he visits the school April 9. On the screen nearby is a photo of Ingold when he played for the Miami Dolphins. This year, he’s moving to California to be a fullback for the Los Angeles Chargers.

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Gillett, Lena school referenda fall short

Gillett loses by almost 2-1 margin; Lena loss slim

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Referenda for the Lena and Gillett school districts fell short on Election Day on April 7 as efforts to exceed the state-mandated revenue limits failed. Lena’s referendum fell short by only 14 votes, 354-340, while Gillett’s referendum failed by an almost 2-1 margin with a vote tally of 944-482. Lena School District was asking for \$6 million in additional funding over the next five years. In the first year, the district would need \$1 million, which would grow \$100,000 each year until the funding reached \$1.4 million. District officials said declining enrollment, reduction in state aid, more high-cost special education students and inflation were all factors that prompted the district to ask for more money in this operational referendum. Gillett School District was asking for much more, as its fund balance has dwindled to almost nothing. Ranging from \$2 million in the first year for the referendum to \$4.3 million in the fifth year, the first two years would have been spent trying to bring teacher pay up to average. The tax rate was expected to go from \$5.93 to \$8.30 in 2027. The district had originally indicated it would have to dissolve and become part of other nearby school districts if the referendum passed, but that statement from Superintendent Nathan Hanson was walked back as public meetings began in earnest. With the Lena votes, there were more yes votes with the Town and village of Lena, with votes of 109-102 and 75-55, respectively. The largest gap against came the referendum from the Town of Stiles, with a vote tally of 76-55. The Gillett referendum had no precincts where the majority was in favor. The Town of Gillett had the largest gap with a vote of 134 in favor and 281 against. The Town of Underhill also had a significant schism with a vote tally of 184-81. The city of Gillett had a closer tally of 237-162 against. Hanson said the Gillett School Board would go back to the drawing board to figure out what to do next. Among things

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Heisel gives up teaching license

Man, 25, charged in UTV fatal crash

Teacher among Oconto Falls, staff named in lawsuit

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

An Oconto Falls teacher named in a federal lawsuit alleging rampant sexual misconduct among staff in the district has surrendered his teaching license with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

David Heisel, a technology education teacher, voluntarily surrendered his license March 31.

With Disparti Law Group leading the case, six plaintiffs filed a lawsuit against the Oconto Falls School Board in March.

Amanda Watzka, one of the original three plaintiffs, claimed she was groomed and sexually assaulted by Heisel over three years while at least a dozen colleagues and administrators observed their relationship and said nothing.

No criminal charges have been filed against Heisel.

The lawsuit alleges that in fall 2025 and early 2026, the plaintiffs discovered for the first time that at least 12 teachers and staff members had engaged in grooming, sexual abuse or both with at least 20 identified victims spanning at least 35 years (1988-2025).

The plaintiffs also claim the board had responded to student-on-student sexual assault reports by dismissing victims and taking no corrective action; and the board had received substantial evidence of sexual harassment of female staff members, and that the same staff member was sexting with a student, and the board responded by promoting the individual; and the board had systematically discredited, shamed, silenced or threatened students and parents who came forward.

"This case is about driving meaningful reform and making our schools safer for every student who walks through their doors," the law firm said in a news release. "We are encouraged that David Heisel has surrendered his teaching license in the state of Wisconsin, but this is only the beginning. More must be done to ensure our schools are truly safe."

Heisel has held a teaching license since 2002, switching to a lifetime teaching license when it was created in 2017.

He resigned from the district at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

State Sen. Eric Wimberger (R-Gillett) encouraged the DPI to continue its investigation into allegations of grooming and sexual assault in the Oconto Falls School District, including against Heisel.

"The highest responsibility of any education official is to ensure our children are safe at school, especially from predators disguising themselves as authority figures," Wimberger said. "Ending the Heisel investigation early will not only betray the public's trust but deny the chance of restoring accountability for the victims who came forward."

The DPI's policy is to terminate investigations into allegations of sexual misconduct by teachers as part of a settlement when the teacher voluntarily surrenders his or her teaching license.

"I am calling on DPI to continue investigating the Oconto Falls situation, even after David Heisel surrendered his license," Wimberger said. "These allegations deserve a full and proper examination so our community can transparently know what

happened, when it happened and who knew about the misconduct occurring in our schools."

A letter to the community on the homepage of the Oconto Falls School District, while expressing support for anyone who has been victimized, reminds residents that allegations are not necessarily factually accurate.

"Additionally, one must consider the reputation of the attorney making those allegations," the letter states, in reference to Cass Casper, Disparti's lead counsel in the lawsuit.

In March 2023, the Illinois Supreme Court suspended Casper for engaging in professional misconduct by violating state ethics laws.

According to the Illinois State Bar Association, Casper was suspended for one year and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed after 60 days by a two-year period of probation with conditions.

While representing a group of employees in a federal civil rights lawsuit against the city of Chicago and various individual defendants, Casper called one of the defendants whom he knew to be represented by counsel and had an approximately 20-minute conversation about the case.

He later falsely stated to that defendant's counsel that he made no such call, altered his cell phone records to make it appear as though he did not make the call and sent those altered records to the defendant's attorney. He also filed the altered records, along with a sworn declaration falsely claiming that they were accurate, with the court.

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By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A 25-year-old Little Suamico man is charged with homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle as a result of a crash that killed a 48-year-old man also from Little Suamico.

Elijah Schanau faces up to 25 years in prison, a fine of \$100,000 or both as a result of the April 5 crash.

He made his initial appearance in Oconto County Circuit Court on April 7, where his bail was set at \$20,000 cash, court records show. Schanau posted his bail and was released the same day, according to jail records.

He is scheduled to return for an adjourned initial appearance April 20.

According to the criminal complaint, Schanau was southbound in his pickup truck on Old 41 Road near Vermeiren Road in the Town of Pensaukee when he crashed



ELIJAH
SCHANAU

into the rear of the UTV. Oconto County deputies were first notified of the crash about 3:26 a.m.

The UTV driver was found unresponsive under the vehicle. He later died from his injuries.

A pickup truck with "heavy disabling front end damage" and deployed airbags was discovered up the road from the UTV, according to the complaint. A car was parked behind the truck. Schanau's father was standing outside the car and identified Schanau as the driver of the truck. Schanau was sitting inside his father's car.

Schanau told deputies he was at a bean bag tournament in Oconto, had a few alcoholic drinks and was rounding a corner

when he hit a UTV that was in his lane. Schanau said he didn't have time to react because of the corner.

A preliminary breath test put Schanau's blood alcohol content at 0.238%, about three times the legal limit.

Officers said the scene appeared to show the UTV struck the end of the guardrail of the bridge over the Pensaukee River and got stuck. After being struck by the truck, the UTV was pushed across the bridge and tipped onto the driver's side. The truck continued pushing the UTV for several hundred feet before they separated.

The victim's wife said her husband messaged her earlier in the night and said he needed help. She and her son went to search for him and came across the accident scene.

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Porrior, Carey-Mielke win seats on county board

By KEVIN PASSON
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Two new faces will be welcomed to the Oconto County Board following the April 7 election.

In District 9, Joseph Porrior, of the Town of Morgan, defeated Carl Blahnik, of Abrams, 192-135. Porrior will replace Jolene Barkhaus, who opted not to run again.

In District 29, Brenda Carey-Mielke beat Cody Schaal, both of Mountain, 197-157. The seat was previously held by David Van Zeeland, who resigned from his seat in October.

For the Gillett School Board, challengers Nicole

Blaskowski and Elizabeth Telford won with 550 and 522 votes respectively. Challenger Ben Korth garnered 474 votes, while incumbent Jamie J. Heroux picked up 434 votes.

In the Oconto Falls School District, incumbent Emilie Trudell and challenger Misty Gilbertson were elected, while challenger Brandon Martzke placed third in a race to fill two seats.

The district crosses county lines. Trudell earned 1,660 votes, followed by Gilbertson's 1,405 and Martzke's 1,149.

Carrie Hill opted not to seek reelection.

In the race for a seat on

the Suring School Board, incumbent Ron Christensen defeated challenger Michael Nicola to represent the towns of Bagley, Maple Valley and Spruce 868-274.

In the Wisconsin Supreme Court, won statewide by Chris Taylor, Maria Lazar prevailed in Oconto County, 6,166-4,432.

Are results are unofficial.

There were 10,796 ballots issued in the county, including 1,430 absentee ballots. Based on an estimated voting age population of 31,516, voter turnout was at 34%.

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Workshop to help gardeners get most out of spaces

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension, in partnership with the Oconto Falls Community Garden, is conducting a workshop designed to help gardeners get the most out of their garden spaces.

The workshop will take place at 6 p.m. April 23 at the Oconto Falls Community Garden, 831 S. Main St.,

Oconto Falls.

Scott Reuss, regional crops and soils educator with UW-Extension office in Oconto County, will lead the session. Topics will include sequential planting, companion planting, vertical space utilization, soil and soilless mix selection and preparation, seed starting and a seed swap opportunity. Attendees are

encouraged to bring questions to help guide the discussion.

The workshop is free and friendly to beginner gardeners.

For information, contact Sarah Schindel at the Oconto County Extension Office at 920-834-6898 or sarah.schindel@wisc.edu, or Reuss at 715-732-7510 or scott.reuss@wisc.edu.

Pulaski teacher named Kohl Teacher Fellow

Kaitlin Skarban, of Sobieski, a teacher at Pulaski High School, was among recipients of the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation 2026 Teacher Fellowship award.

Skarban was recognized for her exceptional leadership, dedication to students and commitment to educational excellence.

From more than 1,200 nominations and rigorous review and scoring at the regional and statewide levels, 100 teachers were selected to receive Teacher Fellowship awards of \$6,000.

Each recipient's school will also receive a matching grant of \$6,000 to further support student

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The Kohl Foundation award program was established by Kohl, former U.S. senator, philanthropist and businessman. Since 1990, the foundation has awarded more than \$43.5 million to Wisconsin teachers, principals, students and schools.

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Oconto Falls updating outdated electric systems

\$6.4M substation project behind rate hike in 2025

By KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities will replace its outdated electric distribution system with modern facilities that have three times its present capacity.

“It’s aging and is ready to be replaced,” Beth Rank, interim manager, said April 9.

The Public Service Commission approved the project the same day.

Utilities have been replacing their old 4 kilovolt distribution systems with 12.4 kV systems to keep up with increased customer demand for electricity as they adopt advanced technology dependent on reliable electrical power.

OFMU’s existing electrical distribution system is old enough that Rank couldn’t immediately say how long it’s been in service. It’s referred to as a

“legacy” system in documents submitted to the PSC.

The changeover to a higher capacity began with building two new substations beginning in 2024 to replace two older substations, rated for 4.6 kV service, and were approaching the end of their useful life.

The new substation went into service at the end of 2025, according to Forster Electric Engineering, the city’s electrical consulting firm.

The \$6.4 million substation project was a main driver behind the 22.5% rate increase the PSC authorized last fall and OFMU implemented in December, Rank said.

“That was the biggest project we’ve had, before that there weren’t many projects,” she said.

Forster’s report to the PSC stated that the upgrade project could require a 7% increase in revenue or about an \$8 increase in monthly residential electric bills currently at \$78.

However, Rank said

the 12.4 kV upgrade won’t require a rate increase as the new transformers have been acquired and most of the labor will be done in-house.

The entire OFMU distribution system will be upgraded to 12.4 kV mainly by changing out the dozens of old transformers with ones that have the higher capacity. Power lines to each address won’t be changed.

The process could interrupt power for one or two hours, according to Forster.

Work is scheduled to begin this summer, and the utility will call each customer and inform them when their power will be interrupted.

The changeover is expected to take about three years to complete, according to Forster.

The utility buys power from WPPI, which is distributed over WE Energy transmission lines. American Transmission Co.’s 138 kV line will be OFMU’s new electrical connection and should be more reliable, Rank said.

OBITUARIES

RUTH MOORE

Ruth (Renel) (Johnson) Moore, 80, of Gillett, peacefully passed into the arms of Jesus on Monday, April 6, 2026, surrounded by her family.

Ruth was born Feb. 11, 1946, in Oconto Falls, to Robert and Harriet (Jones) Renel. She grew up in the area and attended Elm Lawn School, a one-room schoolhouse serving grades K-8. Those early years were fondly remembered by Ruth, especially the singing programs that brought her great joy.

After attending high school, Ruth married Dale Johnson. Together they built a family home in Gillett, where Ruth remained and devoted herself wholeheartedly to raising their four children, Robert, Robin, Ray and Rhonda. Life brought challenges, but Ruth faced them with determination, faith and an unwavering commitment to her family.

Ruth worked tirelessly to provide for her children, always finding ways to make ends meet and ensure they were cared for and loved. No matter the circumstances, she made Christmas a special and meaningful time, filling her home with warmth, generosity and joy.

Her strong faith guided every aspect of her life. Ruth served as a Sunday School superintendent and was deeply involved



in her church, where she was especially known for organizing and creating some of the most memorable and entertaining Christmas and Vacation Bible School programs the congregation had ever experienced.

Through the years, Ruth’s work ethic never wavered. She worked third shift as a CNA, drove two daily school bus routes, cared full time for two of her grandchildren, and baked and decorated cakes to earn extra income – all done with love and a desire to support her family.

Ruth found peace and happiness in gardening and later discovered a new sense of freedom and enjoyment in owning and riding a motorcycle. After 35 years of being single, she was blessed to find love again and married Philip Moore in February 2017, beginning a new and joyful chapter of her life.

Ruth was known for

her selflessness, her loyalty to friends and her remarkable ability to forgive – qualities she always credited to her relationship with God. Her life was one of quiet strength, deep faith and unconditional love. She leaves behind a legacy that will live on through her family and all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Harriet and Robert Renel; and her brother, Fred Renel.

She is survived by her loving husband, Philip Moore; her children, Bob (Lisa) Johnson, of North Carolina, Robin (Jared) Banaszynski, of Gillett, Ray Johnson, of Oconto, and Rhonda Johnson, of Shawano; grandchildren, Melissa, Jordan, Brianna, Abigale, Jackson and Gabriella; great-grandchildren, Roman, Cooper and Julian; and brother, Terry (Mary) Renel.

A funeral service took place Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Faith United Lutheran Church in Gillett. A private burial was held at Woodlawn Cemetery, Oconto Falls.

The family would like to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Gillett Ambulance and Fire Department and to the wonderful caregivers at St. Clare Hospital for the compassion, dignity and kindness shown to Ruth and her family on the day of her passing.

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committed to a two-year, \$7.5 million contract with the Los Angeles Chargers. The move comes after Ingold was released by the Dolphins' new head coach, Jeff Hafley – a former defensive coordinator for the Green Bay Packers.

The Green Bay native's visit to Abrams was particularly special in that his mother, Christine, teaches third grade at the school. She got the opportunity to share photos of her son when he was growing up and also when he took his love of football to the college and professional levels.

Ingold played high school football at Bay Port in Suamico before moving on to college ball at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He then entered the NFL playing for the Oakland Raiders in 2019, where he stayed until he suffered a torn ACL in the 10th week of the 2021 season. On the positive side, he was nominated for the Walter Payton Man of the Year award, and he earned a spot in the 2024 Pro Bowl.

When not playing football, the 29-year-old is an author and motivational speaker. He founded the Ingold Family Foundation, which helps to advocate for adoption and foster care, as well as teach financial literacy and professional development skills. He also wrote a book, "The Seven Crucibles: An Inspirational Game Plan for Overcoming Adversity in Your Life," which addressed some of the keys he shared with students about being successful in life.



Students and staff applaud NFL player Alec Ingold on April 9 after he speaks to them about his football career and shares how a positive attitude has helped him to succeed in sports. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

"When I was your age, I wanted to do something really special and really fun with my life," Ingold said. "I loved the Green Bay Packers at the time. I loved playing football, so my dream was to get into the NFL, and that doesn't always work out for a lot of people. They try really hard, and sometimes they fall short."

For Ingold, making his dreams came down to three key actions:

- Being a good teammate. Ingold said it's really important to him that he's helping people. He noted that being helpful also means sticking to his word, and if he says he's going to do something, he does it.

- Working really hard. The method for Ingold to make that happen is to show up every day and to do his best. He told the students that sometimes doing their best might not result in obtaining goals, but putting in the effort eventually will pay off.

- Responding with grace to bad things. Ingold said that when he's having a bad day or his team loses a game, he avoids dwelling on negativity; instead, he responds to the occasion and moves forward.

"I'm really good at picking myself back up and moving forward," Ingold said. "That's really cool for a football player to say, right? Those are

three really good things, but the secret is you guys can do those three things today."

While walking through the halls at Abrams, Ingold saw signs outlining positive behaviors like being honest and being kind. He said that means the students are already doing some of the things he suggested.

"When you're in class, you need to be a really good listener," Ingold said. "You need to listen to your teachers. There might be someone struggling with a problem, and you want to go help them. You're being a good teammate just like I'm being a good teammate. That's something you can control and

something you can do every day."

Trying your best when things are hard is important, Ingold said, and that can lead to doing something special.

"When I don't feel like going to school, or I don't feel like going to class, whatever it might be, this is my trick – I smile," he said. "It's free to smile. Did you know that? It doesn't cost anything, and it doesn't cost anything to have a great attitude."

Ingold told the students about his time playing for the Dolphins and recounted that the team got to be in the shade for home games at Hard Rock Stadium, while the visitors were stuck out in the

blazing sun, which made the opposing team really tired. However, there was one nail-biting game that the Dolphins played against the Chargers, and the home team scored a touchdown to pull ahead with 10 seconds left in the game.

The Dolphins started celebrating, thinking the game was won. That was a mistake, Ingold said.

The Chargers were able to get the ball into field goal position in the remaining seconds, kick the goal and win the game.

"The team that was really hot, really sweaty, they pulled themselves back together, and all of a sudden, I saw this team running onto the field with a bunch of smiles on their faces," Ingold said. "My team lost, and the other team won, and I saw this really good attitude."

It wasn't just Ingold trying to maintain a positive attitude after the loss. The family was there, and mother Christine Ingold said they were determined not to wallow in defeat.

"When you are an NFL player family, the guys have a hard time picking themselves up after they lose. You just lost, and it's not something you enjoy doing," Christine Ingold said. "I remember getting in the car with him, and his wife said, 'We are not going to let this ruin our night.' We didn't. We got home and ordered a ton of food, and we ended up playing cards that night. He picked himself up relatively quickly, with the help of his wife."

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being considered are more cuts to staff and programs, but the board will also look at revising its operational numbers and present a different referendum for the November election, when voter turnout is higher.

Hanson noted that if a second referendum fails, the district will be looking at either consolidating with a neighboring district like Bonduel, Suring,

Pulaski or Oconto Falls, or it might have to dissolve, and the homes in the district would be absorbed by those other districts in accordance with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

"The board is going to have to make some tough decisions over the next couple of months, but we are not giving up on our school district, so we hope our community won't

either," Hanson said.

Lena School District Superintendent Ben Pytleski expressed disappointment in the results but also some optimism, commenting that the district cannot afford to fall into negativity. He said he respects the decision of the voters and that there is still a lot of work to do as the current school year comes to an end.

"While we will be

making some important decisions in the next couple of weeks, it is important to remember that the district's goal will be to continue to be and protect who and what we are – a small school with incredible programs and offerings," Pytleski said. "This is why students and families want to be here and we will do all we can to protect our brand. We will continue to thrive."

Lena's fund balance is in decent shape, according to information Pytleski provided at public meetings the last couple of months, so there has been no talk about consolidation or dissolution in his district, but there will be a need to make some cuts to avoid depleting the district's savings.

Lena and Gillett were among 72 school districts asking voters to approve

referenda April 7, and Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction Jill Underly said that was an indication that the state is not doing enough to properly fund schools. She noted it has been an issue going back for several years.

"Years of chronic underfunding from the state, combined with rising costs, have pushed too many districts into an unsustainable cycle, forcing communities to repeatedly turn to voters just to meet simple, basic needs like keeping schools staffed and the lights on," Underly said. "This is unfair to students, educators and taxpayers alike, and it is placing an increasing strain on communities across our state."

"Wisconsin must renew its commitment to investing in our children. That means adequately funding public schools so every district can deliver the high-quality education students deserve, without being forced to rely on repeated referendums to survive."

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Pulaski boys, girls win at Denmark

Martion/ Tigerton dominate at Cats Invite

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Saturday, April 11
Denmark Cold Vike
Invite**

Pulaski's boys and girls track teams finished in first place at the 12-team invite at Denmark.

The girls tallied 163.5 points, and the boys had 160.5. No other team topped 90 points.

Winning for the girls were Maggie Gerth in the 1,600-meter run in 5:22.75 and in the 3,200-meter run in 11:28.83; Aubrey Omernik in the 100-meter hurdles in 17.78; the 4x100-meter relay team of Addison Krueger, McKenna McKeefry, Meagn Kraft and Faye Brunke in 53.13; Olivia Spongers won the long jump at 15-7.75.

Other Pulaski medalists were Sprangers, second, 100-meter dash; and Brunke, third, 100-meter dash; Tayln Pratt, third, 200-meter dash, Olivia Lemirade, fifth, 200-meter dash; and Pratt, third, 400-meter dash, and Lemirade, fifth, 400-meter dash.

Emerson Fabry was third in the 800-meter run, Adelaide Bruckert was sixth in the 1,600-meter run, and Cameran Reiss was fourth in the 3,200-meter run.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Sophia Lange was second, and Omernik was fourth.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Krueger, Kraft, Brunke and Sprangers placed second. Also in second were the 4x400-meter relay team of Fabry, Lange, Brynn Becks and Pratt; and the 4x800-meter relay team of Addison Swan, Reiss, Fabry and Gerth.

Noelle Manning was second in the discus and fourth in the shot put.

Rebecca Huisman placed fourth the high jump, and Kraft tied for fourth the pole vault. Kraft was sixth in the long jump.

Wining for the boys were Keaton Dauk in the 200-meter dash in 23.20, the 110-meter hurdles in 15.47 and 300-meter hurdles in 40.66; Arden Gillen in the 3,200-meter run in 10:19.52; the 4x200-meter relay team of Max Fredrickson, Sawyer Goodness, Andre Burnett and Kam McKeefry in 1:33.79; and Bohdan Schmidt in the long jump at 21-0.5.

Also with points were Fredrickson placing fourth in the 100-meter dash; McKeefry in fifth in



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Harper Krull, center, placed third in the 55-meter hurdles at the Girls Warrior Invite at Wausau West. She also placed fifth in the 1,600-meter run.

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the 200-meter dash; and Mitchell Pilon was second in the 400-meter dash, and Walker Wozniak was sixth.

In the 800-meter run, Parker Marshall finished fourth, and Bryce Voelz was fifth. Marshall was second in the 1,600-meter run, and Grayden Gossen was sixth. Dayne Groth was second in the 3,200-meter run, and Gossen was fourth.

Nico VanDerPerren placed second in the 100-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles.

In the 4x100-meter relay, the team of Schmidt, Burnett, Anthony Ficari and Danene Kehoe placed fifth. Placing second in the 4x400-meter relay were McKeefry, Goodness, Fredrickson and Wozniak. Also in second was the 4x800-meter relay team of Groth, Gillen, Voelz and Pilon.

Libero Angeli was fifth in the discus, and Kehoe was sixth in the triple jump.

**Friday, April 10
Boys Warrior Invite**

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Aydrean McGeshick won the 200-meter dash in 25.72 and the 400-meter dash in 59.51, while Logan Gibson won the triple jump at 41-0.50 in the Wausau West invitational.

Also winning medals for the Chargers were McGeshick, fourth, 55-meter dash; Gibson, sixth, 55-meter dash; Gibson, third, 200-meter dash; Gibson, third, 400-meter dash; McGeshick, second, long jump; and Mason Wierzba, sixth, shot put.

Leading the Bonduel contingent was Jackson Krause, who placed fourth



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ethan Fischer competed in the long jump at the Boys Warrior Invite at Wausau West.

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in the shot put.

Amias Saldana Busch finished sixth in the triple jump, and Garrett Anderson was sixth in the 800-meter run.

**Thursday, April 9
GB Cats Invite**

Marion/Tigerton's boys and girls track team won a six-team meet in Bowler, with Gresham/Bowler teams placing second.

The Marion/Tigerton boys scored 182 points, followed by Gresham/Bowler with 83, Menominee Nation in fourth with 67 and Wolf River Lutheran in Shawano in fifth with 56.

For the girls, it was Marion/Tigerton with 186 points, followed by Gresham/Bowler in second with 118, Menominee Nation in third with 83 and Wolf River Lutheran in sixth with 34.

Winning boys were

Marion/Tigerton's Caleb Stern in the 100-meter dash in 11.73 and 200-meter dash in 24.88; Max Wilkening in the 400-meter dash in 56.92; Tristan Herro in the 300-meter hurdles in 49.79 and the high jump at 5-10.00; the 1,600-meter relay team of Raymond Crum, Kole Grant, Jacob Suehring and Brayden Zietlow in 10:38.37; Aiden Laatsch in the shot put in 38-00.50.

Other winners were Breckin Gleason, Gresham/Bowler, 3,200-meter run, 13.38; Caleb Bohmbach, Wolf River Lutheran, 100-meter hurdles, 19.04; Riley Hohensee, Ethan May, Cody Mehlberg and Leif Steffen, Gresham/Bowler, 4x200 meter relay, 1:49.99; May, discus, 106-08; and Kenew Awonohopay, Menominee Nation, long jump, 18-08, and triple jump, 39-03.

On the girls side of the ledger, winners for Marion/Tigerton were Kennedy Zuniga in the 800-meter run in 2:59.31 and the 1,600-meter run in 6:36.70; Brooklyn Ahlers in the 3,200-meter run in 15:36.98 and 300-meter hurdles in 1:00.70; Bella Conover, Suri Beilfuss, Myah Malueg and Mckayla Taylor in the 4x200-meter relay in 2:11.32; Conover, Hailey Burmeister, Eliana Michaels and Brittany Beechy in the 1,600-meter relay in 6:26.69; Ahlers, Michaels, Beechy and Zuniga in the 4,000-meter relay in 13:20.77; Presley Stewart-Rolfs in the shot put in 33-09.50 and the discus at 99-00; and Taylor in the triple jump at 31-11.

Other winners were Addison Fischer, Gresham/Bowler, 400-meter dash, 1:08.22; Urijah Reeves, Menominee Nation, 100-meter hurdles, 20.95, and the high jump, 5-01; and Elaine Skenador, Rikki Latender, Reeves and Madeline Tomow, Menominee Nation, 4x100-meter relay, 57.76.

Girls Warrior Invite

Wittenberg-Birnamwood scored 35 points and placed seventh among 12 teams at Wausau West. Bonduel placed last with three points.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Harper Rogowski won the 400-meter dash in 1:09.47.

For the Chargers, Eleanor Tassler placed sixth in the 55-meter relay, Harper Krull was fifth in the 1,600-meter run and third in the 55-meter hurdles, and Kelsie Davis was sixth in the shot put and sixth in the discus.

In the long jump, Tassler placed fifth, and Krull was sixth.

Bonduel's points came from Casey Wesenberg's sixth-place finish in the high jump.

**Tuesday, April 7
Rosholt-Webko-Politos Invitational 2026**

Bonduel track and field competitors captured five first-place finishes at the Rosholt-hosted meet at UW-Stevens Point.

Peyton Westrich won the 400-meter dash in 1:01.74, and Mariah Wondra won the 1,600-meter run in 5:24.83.

The girls 4x200-meter relay team won gold in 1:55.77.

Taking first for the boys were the 4x200 relay team in 1:35.67 and the 4x400 relay team in 3:41.67.

Also collecting podium finishes for the girls were Josie Pawlak, second, long jump, and third, triple jump; Lily Burrack, second, 3,200-meter run; Cierra Schnell, fourth, long jump; 4x400 relay team, fifth; and Westrich, sixth, triple jump.

For the boys, podium places went to Mason Ballwahn, second, 400-meter dash; Amias Saldana Busch, second, high jump; Ryan Westrich, second, shot put; Garrett Anderson, fifth, 3,200-meter run; Gage Anderson, fourth, 800-meter run.

While not winning any events, Oconto Falls claimed several seconds and thirds.

For the boys, Brady Bursa claimed second and Elijah White was third in the long jump. Bursa was also second in the triple jump.

Liam Sondregger placed third in the high jump.

White finished fourth and Bursa was sixth in the 60-meter dash.

The 4x200 relay team was fourth, and the 4x400 relay team placed sixth.

For the girls, the 4x200 relay team placed second. Rylie Shallow was third in the 60-meter dash, and Gracie Miller was fifth.

Emma Meissner was third and Lily Meissner was fourth in the 3,200-meter run.

Aliya Cox won three events for the Suring girls.

She won the 60-meter hurdles in 9.85, won the long jump at 16 feet 11 inches and won the triple jump at 25-2.

Natalie Seibert placed sixth in the 3,200-meter run.

Best for the Suring boys was an 11th-place finish for the 4x200 relay team.

Gillett's boys were paced by Bradyn Wendorff's second-place finish in the 800-meter run.

Red Raiders, Phantoms split baseball DH

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Saturday, April 11
Pulaski 8, West De Pere 4
West De Pere 6, Pulaski 4
Pulaski jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and fought back from a 4-3 deficit to earn the 8-4 victory over West De Pere. The tables were turned in the other game in the doubleheader as the Phantoms were 6-4 winners.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 10, Oconto 0
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood scored in six of the seven innings to shut out Oconto 10-0 in a nonconference game.

Florence 15, Gillett/Suring 2
An 11-run second inning sealed Florence's 15-2 win over Gillett/Suring.

Friday, April 10

Shawano 7, Sturgeon Bay 4
The Hawks scored four runs in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth to defeat Sturgeon Bay 7-4.

Oconto Falls 18, Gibraltar/Washington Island 4
Landon Bramer hit 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and three RBIs as Oconto Falls roughed up Gibraltar/Washington Island 18-4.

Teagan Tate was the winning pitcher.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 2, Pacelli 1
Zandyr Barke hit 3-for-3 with a double as Wittenberg-Birnhamwood defeated Pacelli 2-1.

Other scores: Bay Port 3, Pulaski 0; Niagara 13, Gillett/Suring 0; Tigerton 12, Green Bay NEW Lutheran 5.

Thursday, April 9

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 22, Manawa 1
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood batters pounded out 16 hits, and Manawa committed six errors as the Chargers crushed the Wolves 22-1.

The Chargers scored three times in the first inning, broke the game open with nine runs in the second, and added four in the third and six in the fourth. Manawa's only run came in the top of the fifth inning.

Milo Salvesen was 2-for-4 with four RBIs, and Zandyr Barke hit 2-for-3 with four RBIs.

Braxton Olson hit 3-for-4 with a pair of RBIs. Carson Meronk hit 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Eddie Nowinsky hit 2-for-3 with there RBIs.

Denmark 3, Oconto Falls 0
Teagan Tate and Carter

Heroux each had a single, but Oconto Falls was shut out 3-0 at Denmark.

Landon Timm took the loss on the mound. He pitched four innings, gave up two hits, walked three and struck out five.

Other scores: Elcho 12, Marion 0; Amherst 18, Menominee Nation 7; Fox Valley Lutheran 5, Shawano 1.

Tuesday, April 7
Denmark 3, Oconto Falls 2
It all came down to the fifth inning, when Denmark's baseball team outscored Oconto Falls 3-2 – a score that carried over until the final out was made.

Landen Bramer hit 1-for-1 with a run scored, and Teagan Tate hit 1-for-2 with a run scored and a walk.

Trace Brehmer hit a triple.

Tate was the losing pitcher, giving up two hits and three runs in one inning on the mound. He walked one batter.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 8, Northland Pines 4
Trailing 5-1, the Eagles battled back with three runs in the fifth inning to bring them within a run of a tie game. The Chargers, however, sealed the win with three runs of their own in the sixth inning and then closed the door in the top of the seventh to win the nonconference game.

Tommy Gagnon hit 2-for-2 for Wittenberg-Birnhamwood, and Eddie Nowinsky had a double.

The Chargers used four pitchers, giving up a combined four runs on four hits while striking out 11 and walking 10.

Fox Valley Lutheran

9, Shawano 1
The Hawks lost their Bay Conference opener to Fox Valley Lutheran 9-1 in Appleton.

Shawano got off to a rough start, giving up seven runs in the first inning. It was too big of a hole to crawl out of for the Hawks.

Shawano got its only run in the top of the third inning when Ayden Bystol scored on a wild throw past the third baseman.

Bystol led the Hawks at the plate going 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored.

Grant Keszo took the loss for Shawano, pitching one inning. Drew Hagedorn pitched three innings in relief along with TJ Johnson pitching three innings in relief.

Other scores: Amherst 3, Bonduel 2; Green Bay NEW Lutheran 12, Lena 2.

Pulaski lacrosse teams still searching for wins

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Saturday, April 11
De Pere 16, Pulaski 4 (boys)
De Pere jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first period and never looked back as they defeated Pulaski's boys lacrosse team 16-4.

Everett Just lead the Red Raiders with five goals on the season. He is also Pulaski's points leader with

six.

Pulaski is 0-4 in the Bay Valley Conference and 0-5 overall.

Thursday, April 9
Kimberly 18, Pulaski 2 (boys)

Pulaski's boys lost 18-2 to Kimberly in a Bay Valley Conference matchup.

So far this season, Everett Just leads the Red Raiders with four goals, and Reid Bauer has two.

Tuesday, April 7
Neenah 17, Pulaski 1 (boys)
Neenah 3, Pulaski 3 (girls)
Pulaski's boys lacrosse team fell to 0-3 overall and

0-3 in the Bay Valley Conference after a 17-1 loss to Neenah.

The Red Raiders girls lost 4-3 to Neenah. They are now 0-2 overall and 0-1 in the Bay Valley Conference.

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Uniform muskie season will take effect this year

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Will anglers head to the northern half of Wisconsin – including Shawano and Oconto counties – to fish for muskies almost a month before the previous season opener? That remains to be seen, but anglers will be able to target muskies in the Northern Zone on May 2 instead of waiting until the last Saturday of May. The season will end Dec. 31.

Currently, the state is divided into Northern and Southern muskie zones. The dividing line is U.S. Highway 10, which runs from Prescott on the Wisconsin/Minnesota border to Manitowoc. The change creates a uniform state-wide season.

“Anytime we can simplify regulations, that’s definitely a positive,” said Jordan Weeks, a member of the DNR’s muskie management team. “Making things easier for folks is something we’re definitely interested in. We’re not going to make something simple just to make it simple. It has to make sense biologically as well, and this really does.”

Weeks isn’t sure how many anglers will take advantage of the opportunity and said the DNR will come out with more information on the change before the season gets underway.



The Northern Zone muskie season will begin May 2 instead of the Saturday before Memorial Day. That means muskies like this one from Sawyer County’s Round Lake can be targeted in Shawano and Oconto County waters in early May instead of at the end of the month.

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According to the DNR, Shawano County’s muskie waters include Grass, Lower Red, Pine, Round, Shawano and Upper Red lakes; Wolf River Pond; and a 22-mile stretch of the Wolf River below the Shawano Dam.

Oconto County’s muskie waters include Anderson, Archibald, Bear, Boot, Munger, Waubee and White Potato lakes; Chute Pond; and Caldron Falls Reservoir.

A DNR muskie

management plan for the state that came out in 1979 listed harvest as a major concern at the time, Weeks said.

“They wanted to shorten the amount of time that people could fish for muskies,” he said. “At that time, they projected the harvest was 66,700 muskies a year. Back then, almost every muskie went home.”

That’s not the case anymore, as very few muskies are harvested, because the

vast majority of anglers release any fish they catch.

Muskies will not begin spawning on a water body covered in ice, Weeks said.

“It really depends on weather and lake and river conditions,” he said. “Their peak spawn time is (a water temperature of) 50 degrees. It usually starts around 50 (degrees) and you could see spawning through 60.”

Spawning areas in rivers include backwaters, islands and current breaks,

while areas in lakes and reservoirs include creek inlets and shallow bays with vegetation.

Weeks said the DNR doesn’t anticipate the change to have a negative impact on muskie populations.

“If we did, we wouldn’t have put it forward as an advisory question,” he said. “We will continue to monitor these populations, and if we discover that there are reasons to change again or get rid of

this rule, we would certainly do that. We want to make all of our decisions using data. We’d rather use data than feelings, because you can’t really defend feelings, but we can defend our data collection. That’s where we hang our hat.”

The change will not be in place for Green Bay’s spotted muskie fishery, which will keep its season opener on the last Saturday of May.

“Originally, we included that in our advisory question, but in talks with the Michigan DNR and our Eastern District fisheries folks, they said it was not going to be feasible to open that up,” Weeks said. “That is different than northern Wisconsin and is actually a restoration project.”

Wisconsin’s muskie population is in good shape, according to Weeks.

“The number of big fish – 45 inches and larger – is increasing over time,” he said. “That’s our inland and Great Lakes fisheries. Our average length, while it’s not super-large, has been increasing over time, about 2 inches over the last 20 years from 36.7 inches up to 38, 39 inches.”

“Across the board, fishing is better than it has ever been. We have more lakes with muskies, we have larger fish and fewer fish are being harvested, which are all positives when you consider a fishery.”

Menominee Nation/Gresham golfers take third place

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Saturday, April 11 Washington County Invitational

Pulaski golfers tied for 37th place among 54 teams at the Hartford Golf Club and the Washington County Golf Course.

The Red Raiders, who tied with St. Croix Central for a 684, had a first round score of 351 and a second

round score of 333.

Brady Hayward led Pulaski with a 159. He was joined by Casey Madlem with a 167, Bradin Schultz with a 170 and Ben Klarnier with a 188.

Christian Weinberger carded a 196.

Thursday, April 9 Bay Conference Mini-Meet #1

Shawano golfers opened their season by placing sixth out of seven

teams at Westridge Golf Course in Neenah.

The Hawks tallied a 193. Winneconne won with 151.

Seniors Duane Gris-teau-Blanche and T.J. Smith led Shawano, each with a 45. Junior Brayden Mead scored 49, and sophomore Collin Dieck had a 54.

Junior Caiden Cappaert also carded a 54.

Central Wisconsin

Conference Mini-Meet #1

Menominee Nation/Gresham placed third, followed by Marion in fourth and Bonduel in sixth among nine teams at the Weymont Run Country Club in Weyauwega.

Amherst won with a 176, followed by Menominee Nation/Gresham with 201, Marion with 210 (tied with Shiocton) and Bonduel with 215.

Leading Menominee Nation/Gresham were sophomore Alex Mahi and junior Elliott Penass, each with a 47. Senior King Lyons carded a 53, and junior Gabe Boivin had a 54.

Senior Henry Lyons carded a 59.

Freshman Javen Prickette led Marion with a 47.

Junior James Nolan scored 52, followed by senior Jarren Faehling with

a 54 and freshman Payton Prickette with 57.

Freshman Jackson Rindt carded a 68.

Bonduel was paced by senior Griffin Uelmen with a 45.

He was joined by senior Ryan Westrich with 54, senior Gavin Hundt with 58 and junior Kaiden Thornborrow, also with a 58.

Sophomore Liam Rosenthal carded a 70.



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Shawano soccer team tops Marinette 5-4, ties Waupun

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Saturday, April 11
Shawano 2, Waupun 2

Shawano's girls soccer team tied Waupun 2-2 on April 11 in Waupun.

The Hawks are 1-0-1, while the Warriors dropped to 0-2-1.

Thursday, April 9
Pulaski 0, Cedarburg 0

In their first game of the season, the Pulaski girls varsity soccer team took a trip to Cedarburg to play the No. 8 ranked team in Division 2.

Alina Harnowski had the only shot on goal for the Red Raiders, and goal-keeper Tatum Wentland had four saves in her first-ever start.

The Red Raiders will play April 17 at the home of the Division 4 state champions, Appleton Xavier.

Shawano 5, Marinette 4

Shawano won its season opener, a 5-4 decision at nonconference Marinette.

Bonduel softball wins pair of shutouts

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Friday, April 10
Three Lakes/Phelps 14, Marion 2

Three Lakes/Phelps blew open the game with 11 runs in the fifth and final inning to, erasing a slim 3-2 lead and winning 14-2 on the softball diamond.

The Mustangs scored two runs in the first inning but couldn't cross the plate again during the game.

Tigerton 10, Green Bay NEW Lutheran 2

Jaelyn Brady hit a perfect 4-for-4 with a double and three RBIs as Tigerton defeated Green Bay NEW Lutheran 10-2.

Lillian Welch connected on 2-for-5 with a pair of RBIs, and Hailey Erdmann was also 2-for-5.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 12, Amherst 2

Chloe Hanson hit 3-for-4, and Zoey Thorson, Madison Fischer and Kennedy Benbo each had two hits as the Chargers beat the Falcons 12-2.

Kenall Lex had three RBIs. She was also the winning pitcher, scattering eight hits across five innings, while striking out three and walking two.

Bonduel 10, Norway 0

Maddie Hert hit 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs, and Juliana Jacobs hit 2-for-3 with a home run and two RBIs and Bonduel



Bonduel's softball team played two games last week and won both in shutouts. First, they defeated Weyauwega-Fremont 18-0. Then, they shut out Norway 10-0.

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shut out Norway 10-0.

Allison Zernicke also had a pair of RBIs.

Other scores: Niagara 14, Gillett 3; Two Rivers 4, Shawano 3; Goodman/Pembine 22, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 11.

Thursday, April 9
Bonduel 18, Weyauwega-Fremont 0

Bonduel shut out Weyauwega-Fremont 18-0,

after scoring 15 runs in the first inning of what turned out to be a three-inning game.

Mary Margelofsky hit 2-for-2 with a double and three RBIs. Allison Zernicke was also 2-for-2, collecting a double and one RBI.

Jayla Reinke, Marlie Hartmann and Juliana Jacobs each had two RBIs.

Maddie Hert, Hartmann

and Kallie Wilcox also had doubles.

Wilcox pitched the full three innings, striking out seven along the way.

Freedom 12, Oconto Falls 2

Amelia Danielczak connected on a triple for Oconto Falls in the Panthers' 12-2 loss to Freedom.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 8, Manawa 2

Jayda Moenke hit 2-for-4 with four RBIs and a double in Wittenberg-Birnamwood's 8-2 win over Manawa.

Kennedy Benbo hit 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI, while Brie Ladika hit 2-for-4.

Kendall Lex was the winning pitcher. She allowed five hits and two runs in six innings while striking out eight.

Pulaski 9, Manitowoc Lincoln 7

Ella Maroszek led the Red Raiders, hitting 3-for-4 with a pair of RBIs in Pulaski's 9-7 win over Manitowoc Lincoln.

Kamrie Dorn hit 2-for-3 with an RBI, and Kennedy Novak was 2-for-4.

Dorn won the mound, pitching five innings. She gave up seven runs on four hits striking out three and walking six.

Shawano 6, Winneconne 5

Shawano used a four-run second inning and one run in the bottom of the seventh to claim a 6-5 win over Winneconne.

Jacey Cowden hit 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a double. Kadence Meyers hit 2-for-4, and Addison Gusick was 2-for-2 with a double.

Lily Bubolz pitched all seven innings, giving up seven hits and five runs while walking three and striking out nine.

Other scores: Amherst 13, Menominee Nation 1.

Monday, April 6
Shawano 6, Little Chute 3

Three players had multiple hits as Shawano defeated Little Chute 6-3 on the softball diamond.

Ayanna O'Kimosh hit 2-for-2 with a double and two RBIs. Jaelyn Hietpas hit 2-for-3 with a double, and Ava Watchel also hit 2-for-3.

Kadence Meyers connected on a triple, as the Hawks scattered eight hits in their six innings at the plate.

Meyers earned the win on the mound, allowing three hits and two runs in three innings while walking four and striking out four.

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Elwood P. Dowd, played by Alex Konen, left, talks about the fun he has had with Harvey, even though, Dr. Lyman Sanderson, played by Jacob Grignon, is convinced the man is completely bonkers in a scene from the final act of “Harvey.” The play, originally written by Mary Chase and adapted into several films — including the classic one that debuted in 1950, will be brought to life by the Box in the Wood Theatre Guild in April.

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‘Harvey’ helps characters deal with an unseen friend

Show about eccentric man with invisible rabbit for a friend arrives at Mielke

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

There will be plenty of actors on stage when “Harvey” debuts April 17 at the Mielke Arts Center, but the runaway star could be what the audience doesn’t see.

The play, written by Mary Chase in 1944, follows an eccentric man named Elwood P. Dowd who claims to have a friend named Harvey. The 6-foot, 3½-inch púca, a benign yet mischievous creature based in Celtic lore, takes on the form of an anthropomorphic rabbit that nobody can see — except for Elwood.

His friends are accepting of Harvey’s existence, but his family members are not — including his older sister, Veta Louise Simmons, and niece, Myrtle Mae Simmons, who have become social outcasts due to Elwood’s oddities.

After a high society party is ruined by Elwood’s insistence on introducing Harvey to everyone, Veta and Myrtle Mae decide to have Elwood committed to a sanitarium because, after all, what sane person would claim there’s an invisible rabbit that’s as tall as a human?

However, the commitment becomes more difficult than anticipated when Veta claims that she has seen Harvey, too, and is committed in lieu of Elwood, who wanders off to drink with his friends in town.

First-time director Jennifer Maglio said the classic tale was a perfect one for her to direct, and the last time the Box in the Wood Theater Guild brought “Harvey” to life was back in 2012.

“They wanted to do ‘Harvey’ because, obviously, a play with a giant invisible rabbit seems a little bit Easter-y,” Maglio said. “It was a good choice for spring.”

However, “Harvey” was also pitched by Maglio to the guild because it’s one of her favorite plays. She noted that she’s read the play several hundred times and seen the 1950 film starring Jimmy Stewart



Veta Louise Simmons, played by Julie Bonnin, left, reacts in dismay when it’s suggested that her brother, Elwood, doesn’t need to be committed because he sees and talks to a 6-foot invisible rabbit while Myrtle Mae Simmons, Veta’s niece played by Laci Sperberg, looks on in a scene from “Harvey.”

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: “Harvey”

WHEN: 7 p.m. April 17-18 and April 24-25; 2 p.m. April 19 and April 26

WHERE: Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano

TICKETS: \$15 adults, \$10 children. Tickets can be purchased at shawanoarts.ludus.com.

dozens of times.

“It felt like it was time to bring it back,” Maglio said. “It seemed something that the Mielke was already very well suited to put on, and for my first play, it felt comfortable but also wonderful.”

Maglio walks into the director’s spot after being the assistant director last fall

for “Mr. Burns: A Post Electric Play.” Even though she has acted in a number of Box in the Wood productions, her perspective shifted when she became director.

“Stepping up to the next level adds a whole new set of things that I’m learning as I go,” Maglio said. “As an actor, I’m looking at my role and how it affects everyone else. As an assistant director, I was looking more at how to help the director, but now I have to see how I want to put it all together. It’s more of a bigger picture as opposed to a smaller picture.”

Maglio described Elwood as the nicest person imaginable.

“He is warm and friendly and treats

Exercise can be the best kind of medicine

If you’re looking for one of the most powerful “medicines” available, look no further than your own two feet.

Every day in my chiropractic practice, I talk with patients about moving more and moving better. The reason is simple —

physical inactivity is hurting and even killing us.

It leads to at least 250,000 deaths annually in the United States, as over half of Americans fail to meet recommended physical activity levels. Shockingly,

therisk of heart disease from being inactive is about the same as smoking cigarettes.

Regular physical activity decreases total mortality rates as well as the incidence and mortality from cardiovascular disease, diabetes and some cancers. It improves control of diabetes, hypertension and lipid levels; decreases the risk of cardiovascular events; helps prevent osteoporosis; and, especially in older patients, sustains mobility, reduces disability and decreases the risk of falls.

A study of aerobic exercise, also called cardio exercise, found that patients who perform aerobic exercise receive significantly fewer pain medication prescriptions. This study also found that aerobic exercise is a safe therapy for patients with chronic low back pain. General exercise is also associated with less neck pain.

Guidelines for adults suggest weekly targets for aerobic activity, muscle strengthening activity and stretching activities. Most efforts can be focused on moderate-to-vigorous intensity physical activity. The minimum weekly moderate-to-vigorous intensity physical activity target for adults is 150 minutes for the week. This translates to 30 minutes per day, five days per week.

A person has achieved a moderate intensity if they can talk, but cannot sing while performing that activity, and vigorous intensity if they cannot say more than a few words without pausing for breath.

Before starting any new physical activity, consult with your doctor. Once you have clearance to begin your new plan, here are some helpful tips for getting started:

- Do what you enjoy. Figure out what type of exercise or activities you’re most likely to do (e.g., walking, bicycling, running or swimming). Think about when and how you’d be most likely to follow through.

- Set reasonable goals. You don’t have to train for a marathon. Walk around the block the first day. Then try to do a little more each day. Within a short time, you will have made significant progress toward your goal.

- Go easy on yourself. You might not be able to handle a lot of exercise at first, so start small and increase your activity gradually. Remember to thoroughly warm up and cool down before each exercise session.

- Make it social. Try to find a friend with whom you can exercise. This will give you a little extra motivation to stick with your exercise routine.

- Go outside. A little spring sunshine and fresh air can enhance your mood.

The most important tip? Don’t give up — be consistent and persistent.



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everyone great, but his best friend is a 6-foot invisible rabbit who is driving his family crazy," she said. "The decision has to be made — do you institutionalize him because of it, despite the fact that he's a wonderful person?"

An interesting piece of trivia that Maglio noted was that Jimmy Stewart played Elwood four times. He wasn't Elwood when the play first debuted on Broadway in 1944, but he filled in for the original actor for six weeks. After his film portrayal in 1950, he played Elwood in the Broadway revival in the 1970s, as well as a made-for-television movie in 1972.

"It's really pretty funny, because you can see pictures of him playing Elwood from a young man to an older, gray-haired man so many times over the years," Maglio said.

It's the whimsy of the show that makes it a favorite for the director, who was wearing rabbit ears at one rehearsal.

"It's very much a warm

cocoa play," Maglio said. "It's very comforting, it's very fun, but it's also touching. It's also surprisingly deep. There are things that we had debated for this play that we just don't think about, like is Elwood the main character of the play? I have argued he is not."

Maglio said the play, in her view, is more of a critique on Elwood's sister, Veta. She noted that Veta goes through more a change over the course of the show, while Elwood remains very much the same.

Alex Konen, who is portraying Elwood for Box in the Wood, has a slightly different take on who the main character is. He believes it's Harvey himself, even though there's no stage time or lines for Elwood's buddy.

"I've gone and seen other productions, and I've directed the show once myself," Konen said. "Harvey is the main character, but no one actually sees or hears Harvey. It's more of a catalyst with all of the other problems. All of Veta's problems

are because of my association with my friend, and all of Myrtle Mae's problems are because of my association with my friend, and then the doctors have problems because of Elwood's association with Harvey."

Konen said his mother worked as a stage manager when he was in elementary school, and the performance "Harvey" gave him a lot of time backstage to be able to experience what theater was like. Today, the English teacher also teaches theater and produces shows at Shawano Community High School.

"My principal was actually Elwood P. Dowd, which was a really cool thing in the sense of, 'Hey, there's a guy you wouldn't think did theater, but he's up there doing a part and doing a decent job of it,'" Konen said. "I think part of it was the magic of theater, as well. Even though I was backstage, I saw how it all unfolded and creates that story. It's something that's always stuck with me."

SAM25 spring flower sale set for May 21

Shawano Area Matthew 25, Inc. is once again bringing color and community spirit to Shawano with its annual spring flower sale fundraiser, open now through April 30. Orders must be received by 3 p.m. April 30 to be included in this year's sale.

Flowers will be available for pickup May 21, from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at the parking lot on East Elizabeth Street in Shawano, across from the Little League diamonds.

Participants can order a variety of high-quality plants, including hanging baskets and potted flowers, either online, by calling SAM25, or by submitting a printed order form with payment. Paper forms are available on the SAM25 website or at the SAM25 shelter, and payments can be mailed or dropped off in person during business hours.

SAM25 is also seeking volunteers

to help with flower distribution and delivery May 21. Community members who are interested in volunteering can sign up on the SAM25 website or call the organization for more information.

Proceeds from the flower sale support all SAM25 programs, which provide critical services to individuals and families in Shawano County experiencing housing instability and financial hardship. These programs include SAM's House Emergency Shelter, the resource center, community health services and more — each working to help community members move toward stability and self-sufficiency.

For information or to place an order, visit <https://www.sam25.org/flower-sale>.

For updates, follow SAM25 on Facebook or visit the main SAM25 website.

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- 1. Capital of Tibet
- 6. Templeton of "Charlotte's Web"
- 9. Maisie Williams on "Game of Thrones"
- 13. Poisonous plant
- 14. UN labor grp.
- 15. George Orwell to Eric Arthur Blair
- 16. Movie genre
- 17. Shark part
- 18. Ax mark
- 19. *First Native American to win Olympic Gold
- 21. *The Great One of hockey
- 23. Be indisposed
- 24. Disfigure
- 25. Du Bois' initials
- 28. Hoodwink
- 30. Baking soda
- 35. Bypass
- 37. "Breaking Bad" product
- 39. Spelunker
- 40. Orchestra member
- 41. Charles Dickens' "_____ House"
- 43. Family room staple
- 44. Like United States Capitol
- 46. "Cogito _____ sum"
- 47. Tongue-_____
- 48. Stockholm dwellers
- 50. *Tiger Woods has won this award the most times
- 52. On the wagon
- 53. Silage
- 55. Almond-induced state?
- 57. *Jordan or Phelps
- 61. *Female player with most

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- 64. Infant's woe
- 65. Seafood selection
- 67. Practical
- 69. Stopped sleeping
- 70. Pigeon sound
- 71. *Most decorated gymnast
- 72. Red, or excessively bureaucratic, one
- 73. End of a fuse?
- 74. Balance sheet entry

DOWN

- 1. Drug in "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas"
- 2. John Mellencamp's "_____ So Good"
- 3. Nanny in East Asia
- 4. Polynesian island country
- 5. Tick or mite
- 6. Abundant
- 7. *Boxer a.k.a. The People's Champion
- 8. Kingdom in South Pacific
- 9. Loads (2 words)
- 10. Nabisco cracker
- 11. Noisy talk
- 12. Like Zombie's skin color
- 15. Low on hemoglobin
- 20. Perfectly vertical
- 22. Adam's body part
- 24. Measured, like electricity on utility bill
- 25. *Tied for most PGA Tour wins
- 26. Curve like a bow
- 27. Biotic community
- 29. *O Rei of soccer
- 31. Throw a line
- 32. Steer clear of
- 33. Send to a specialist, e.g.
- 34. *NFL's 7-time Super Bowl champion

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- 36. Got ready to drive
- 38. Old witches, usually
- 42. Small steep-sided hill, in Africa
- 45. Vandalize
- 49. Johnny Nash's "I Can _____ See Clearly Now"
- 51. West African people
- 54. Choose by vote
- 56. Abominable snowmen
- 57. Med. sch. requirement
- 58. *Hall of Famer Bob Feller's home state
- 59. Hoofbeat sound
- 60. Nature walk
- 61. Narrow aperture
- 62. Zilches
- 63. Away from wind
- 66. Many, many moons
- 68. Approx.

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Timing everything during spring turkey season

Timing is everything. For example, writing an every-other-week outdoors column can get tricky with hunting and fishing seasons, state and county meetings and providing enough advance notice for readers to react without giving them too much notice so they forget.

Hopefully you were able to buy a bonus turkey license or two if you either forgot about the Dec. 10 initial application deadline (in today's computer age, this is still a silly and random deadline) or if you just wanted a few extra chances at a gobbler.

Because I always buy a patron license, I am applying for a 2027 turkey tag when most of you are checking your mail for one of those yellow DNR postcards that signal you drew a 2026 tag. This is one nice feature of buying a patron license, which includes most hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, stamps and even a state parks admission sticker voucher.

I usually apply for season C (April 29 through May 5 this year), and that's what I got in the drawing. I also bought a bonus tag for season D (May 6-12), because getting a bird with



Here's the scene every spring turkey hunter dreams of — a strutting gobbler within gun range as he courts a hen. The first season (Period A) began April 15 and continues through April 21, with subsequent seasons continuing for seven-day periods through May 26.

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one tag is never a sure thing (the more tags, the better, in theory).



ROSS BIELEMA
COLUMNIST

Then again, timing is everything. In 2018, when I luckily avoided the earlier seasons, Mother Nature dumped a weekend blizzard on us April 13-15, with up to 35 inches of snow in some areas (Green Bay had about 2 feet).

Turkeys don't go indoors, of course, but many

of those early-season hunters found conditions more like late deer season.

Trying to fool a tom by imitating the calls of a hen is the game in spring, when only bearded birds (adult gobblers, jakes or even bearded hens) can be harvested.

After about 40 years of turkey hunting in two states, I'm a better-than-average caller, especially with a diaphragm call, but my Old Trusty box call (usually my made-in-Davenport Ol' Hess) works just fine. Never forget that turkeys are birds and their

brains are tiny, but their eyes are sharp, so keep movement to a minimum. Ground blinds are great for turkey hunting, especially if you have young or new hunters with you who are sure to fidget.

Some gobblers come in readily to calling while others come in silently. In nature, the hens typically come to the strutting toms, so it takes persistence to wait out a gobbler that may initially gobble, then hang up out of range.

I know several successful hunters, including my older brother,

Brian, who never use a decoy, but I think decoys do work most of the time. If you can add real feathers to your decoy, or even bring a mounted bird afield, go for it. Just be sure to carry your decoys in an orange or camo bag so some careless hunter doesn't take a pot shot at you as you walk through the woods.

Speaking of safety, never wear red, white or blue while turkey hunting, because these are the colors of a tom. Tuck your bird in an orange bag when you carry it out (the same as the one used for decoys). My friend, Darrell Bartell, of Flatline Your Bird Decoys makes a dandy turkey carrier from heavy orange rope and a pool noodle that I hope to try this season.

I've never been a morning person, but turkey hunting is almost always best in the first few hours of the day. In some states, it's even illegal to hunt them in the afternoon, which is crazy.

I have a hard time sitting much past 10 a.m. After the birds fly down from their roosts and head for open cornfields and pastures for early breakfast prior to 8 a.m., I've noticed that a second wave of turkeys sometimes shows up around 9 or later. Late sleepers? Distant visitors? It's hard to say.

I almost never hunt the

afternoons, mainly because they don't seem to call much after 10 a.m.

If I could sit all day in my blind, I'm sure I could increase my success rate, but when it stops being fun, it's time to go home. I don't love wild turkey meat much anyway (all that running and flying makes wild birds much tougher than the fat barnyard variety), so just seeing and hearing turkeys is most of the fun. Time in the woods is time to think, unwind and bask in the calls of spring warblers and the welcome sight of blossoming trees and flowers.

Learn more about conservation efforts that have expanded wild turkey populations and improved or conserved 22 million acres of habitat at <https://www.nwtf.org/our-impact>.

For turkey hunting information, go to <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/turkey>.

Be sure to share your hunting knowledge with a new hunter this season. There are plenty of kids and even older folks who may not have a place to hunt. You can call or otherwise mentor for a young hunter as long as they have a valid tag.

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Snowstorm morphing into blizzard created havoc

The snow on either side of the trail I was traversing was higher than my four-wheeler. My husband, bound and determined to open a path to reach our sap totes and pickle barrels, had gotten the skidder buried in the drifts.

I'd advised him not to undertake this thing, thinking it was too hard, too much snow. Everything was covered. He couldn't be swayed, convinced he could get to our totes. Resignedly sending him off then, he'd advised me to stay close to my cell.

"Just in case," says he.

A few days before, snowstorm Elsa had morphed into blizzard status. I had never ever seen so much snow. A week before, we had spotted robins and every inch of our lawn. Now everything was blanketed like an unblemished, white linen tablecloth. Where do the robins go?

Our trail cam had caught pictures of deer struggling to walk with snow up to their bellies. Going down the trail that day, three of them were standing in the lane not 15 yards from me. Approaching them slowly, they looked back and twitching their ears as if to say, "Thank you," darted ahead of me, staying on the trail. They could run.

Watching them whisk away, their white tails high above their back — as if frolicking — made me laugh out right loud, forgetting for a moment exactly what I was there for.

Driving up to him, we hooked the four-wheeler's winch to the arm of the skidder. Easing back to take up the slack, I put my foot on the brake and ran the line

in. Slowly, slowly the skidder moved out of its white tomb and got upright on solid ground.

Thumbs up, he sent me on my way.

Getting home, I'd barely hung up my outer clothes. Turning to go into the kitchen, my cell phone jangled. I didn't even want to look.

"I'm stuck again. Sorry."

This man has the patience of Job to accomplish something he sets his mind to do. How could I get mad, although I admit I was. Praying all the way down there, I asked God to give me a gracious spirit.

"Father, You grant me grace and mercy every single day. Help me to be gracious to

him."

Greeting him with a smile when he expected a frown, he must have thought I'd lost my marbles, but it made the work easier.

We tried the same tactic and this time the skidder didn't budge. He'd give it gas and it just slid sideways, moving in the opposite direction. Finally, admitting defeat, he took the four-wheeler back to the farm to retrieve the tractor, leaving me behind, waiting in the skidder for him to return.

While I was up there by myself, it dawned on me that weeks before when we'd started collecting sap, we were walking on dried leaves and twigs and watching bugs scurry. Oh, what a difference two days can make.

Back during the brunt of the storm we'd had to feed our animals housed here two big square hay bales, weighing



Despite Kay Reminger's misgivings, her husband toiled for more than two days, using their versatile skidder to make a makeshift road along their ridge. This allowed the couple to continue harvesting this year's bumper crop of sap.

KAY REMINGER

approximately 1,000 pounds and with a 3 feet by 3 feet by 8 feet berth. We had them stored in our barn mow for emergency feed. My husband maneuvered those monstrosities out of the mow, down the snow-covered barn hill and plowed yard, and over to both pens of animals.

Our skidder is a piece of machinery that is extremely versatile. My husband also uses it to plow snow, clean barns, feed animals, pick rocks and poke into round soybean or cornstalk bales used for bedding. With different bucket

attachments, it handles just about every job we throw at it.

Now apparently handling a new job — forging a trail through our woods to continue our sapping journey.

So that day my husband backed the tractor up to where I was waiting in the skidder. Hooking the chain up to the bar, I got instructions.

"It might give you a jolt, and drive forward as soon as I start pulling."

For over 40 years I've accomplished jobs with my husband that I thought seemingly impossible and highly uncomfortable. This was right up there near the top of the list. We had to hook up twice and — yes, a jolt is an apt description of what happened — but he got me out.

All told, it took him 2 1/2 full days of sheer grit and determination, but he got it opened up — close to a half-mile. I'd be remiss if I didn't commend my husband on this. If it were up to me, we'd have closed up shop due to snowdrifts up to our waist in the woods, cut our losses and called it a day. His optimism and can-do attitude has garnered us the best sap harvest we've ever had, and at this writing, we're not done yet. I'm very proud of him and told him so.

We've seen it all — and so far endured — during this year's sap collection.

Even through snowstorm Elsa.

("The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy." Psalm 103:8, New International Version)

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

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

KESHENA: Winter Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., College of Menominee Nation Cultural Learning Center, N172 State Highway 47-55. Presented by CMN Sustainable Development Institute. Local vendors, healthy food, artisan crafts and more.

OCONTO: Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Story and crafts for preschool children. A caregiver must stay with the child.

KESHENA: Author Event, 5 p.m., Menominee Cultural Museum, W3426 County Road VV. David R.M. Beck, author of “Bribed With Our Own Money: Federal Abuse of American Indian Funds in the Termination Era.” Meet the author, book review and discussion.

SHAWANO: Shawano Uncorked 2026, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Shawano County Park Pavilion, W5791 Lake Drive.

Wine and cheese tasting event to benefit Boys and Girls Clubs of Shawano County. Admission \$60.

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

SHAWANO: “Harvey,” 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Box in the Wood Theater Guild production. Adults \$15, children \$10, reserved seating \$25, shawanoarts.ludus.com or at the door if available.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

NAVARINO: Midwest Sandhill Crane Count, 5:30-7:30 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Information at navarino.org.

SHAWANO: ClubFR Drift Day 108, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. \$20 day, \$35 weekend.

WITTENBERG: Scouting for Food, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wittenberg Sentry, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Scouting America Pack

445 collecting nonperishable items for Wittenberg food pantry.

SHAWANO: Women’s Closet Cleanout, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Stubborn Brother Brewery, Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St.

NAVARINO: 40th Anniversary Celebration, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Historical displays, children’s crafts and activities, food and cake available. Live rap-tor demonstration 10-11:30 a.m., monarch butterfly presentation 12:30-2 p.m.

WITTENBERG: Artists’ Free Play XIII, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Juried art show.

KESHENA: 34th Annual Sturgeon Feast and Celebration Powwow, noon to 6 p.m., Menominee Nation High School, 500 State Highway 47-55. Sturgeon walk to Keshena Falls 10 a.m., grand entry at noon, ceremony 3 p.m. honoring

Dave “Nahwahquaw” Grignon for his decades of service, Maec-Michehswan Big Feast 5-6 p.m.

OCONTO: Knights of Columbus Booyah Sale, 3-6 p.m., Holy Trinity Parish, 300 Arbutus Ave. \$10 per quart.

SHAWANO: Auto racing, 6 p.m., Shawano Speedway, 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. Adults \$15, seniors \$12, younger than age 11 free. Check the Shawano Speedway page on Facebook for updates and weather-related conditions.

SHAWANO: “Harvey,” 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Box in the Wood Theater Guild production. Adults \$15, children \$10, reserved seating \$25, shawanoarts.ludus.com or at the door if available.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

SHAWANO: Zurko’s Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$2.

SHAWANO: ClubFR Drift Day 108, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAir Motorsports Raceway, W5901 County Road BE. \$20 day, \$35 weekend.

WITTENBERG: Artists’ Free Play XIII, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Juried art show.

SHAWANO: Free Pizza Sampling Party, noon to 2 p.m., VFW Post 2723, 810 S. Olson St. Pizza from Good Time Charlie’s Bar and Grill, Clintonville. While supplies last.

SHAWANO: “Harvey,” 2 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Box in the Wood Theater Guild production. Adults \$15, children \$10, reserved seating \$25, shawanoarts.ludus.com or at the door if available.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

SHAWANO: Shawano Has History Plaques and Places Class, 5:30 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Admission \$20. A guided one-hour walking tour of downtown Shawano.

OCONTO: Small Group Bible Study, 6-8 p.m., The Good Place Bowling Center, 1128 Main St. For information, call 920-516-7390.

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, APRIL 22

OCONTO FALLS: The Friends of the Library, 1 p.m., Oconto Falls Community Library, 251 N. Main St. Public invited to attend and see what this friendly group is all about.

SHAWANO: Medicare 101, 2-3 p.m., Shawano County Human Services, W7327 Anderson Ave. Free class hosted by Aging and Disability Center of the Wolf River Region.

SHAWANO: Adult Open Swim, 4-7 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. \$3 at the door. Lap swim lanes and water walking available. Age 16 and older; no registration needed. Entry not permitted after 6:30 p.m.

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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

OCONTO: Thursday Play Group, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Meant for children to play and interact with other children at the library. A caregiver must stay with the child.

GILLETT: American Red Cross blood drive, noon to 5 p.m., Gillett High School Commons, 208 W. Main St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

OCONTO: Faithful Readers Community Bible Study, 2:30 p.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Multidenominational study of the book of Genesis. For information, call/text Steve at 920-360-0883.

OCONTO FALLS: Gardening Workshop: Get the Most Out of Your Garden Spaces, 6 p.m., Oconto Falls Community Garden, 831 S. Main St. Free and open to the public.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

OCONTO: Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Story and crafts for preschool children. A caregiver must stay with the child.

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COURT NEWS

- Brooke Marie Krause, 45, Oconto Falls, was charged April 6 with three counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Court Commissioner Jacob Evans set a \$750 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until April 16.
- Elijah Luke Schanau, 24, Little Suamico, was charged April 7 with homicide by the intoxicated use of a motor vehicle. Evans set a \$20,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until April 20.
- Angeline E. Bruns, 42, Gillett, was charged April 8 with taking and driving a vehicle without consent, felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Judge Jay Conley scheduled an initial appearance for April 16.
- Zachary L. Robenhorst, 23, Oconto, was charged April 9 with felony bail jumping. Evans

- set a \$1,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until April 16.
- Oliver Hubert Miotke, 51, Lakewood, was charged April 9 with false imprisonment and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Evans set a \$1,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until April 16.
 - Moxie J. Barke, 20, Kincheloe, Michigan, was charged April 10 with possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Kent Hoffman set a \$2,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until April 16.
 - Dean Francis VanDreel II, 50, Pulaski, was charged April 10 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense). Hoffman set a \$1,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until April 16.

04/17/2026

NOTICE

TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY

ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY, OCONTO COUNTY, WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2026 ON

TUESDAY APRIL 21ST, AT 7:00 pm

AT THE MAPLE VALLEY TOWN HALL

9088 CNTY HWY Z, SURING, WI 54174

ALL TOWN MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

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INVITATION TO BID

TOWN OF BAGLEY, OCONTO COUNTY

The Town of Bagley, Oconto County is accepting sealed bids to

black top **Kopatz Rd.** (NW corner sec.23 Town of Bagley) starting at the junction of

County Hwy Z going Easterly approx. 2700 feet.

THIS IS A L.R.I.P. PROJECT.

Work to be provided will consist of pulverizing existing black top, **delivery, laying, compacting,**

20 foot wide, 2.5 inches thick of new black top compacted to 2 inches. One culvert will be

replaced at the eastern end of project.

In addition the bid will include **2 foot gravel shoulder** on each side of all resurfaced road area deliv-

ered, spread and graded.

Sealed bids will be accepted until **6:00 PM on Monday May 4 , 2026**

Bids to be awarded after board's review of all bids.]

Send sealed bids to:

Town of Bagley

10005 Madsen Rd.

Suring, Wi. 54174

The Town of Bagley reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part(s) thereof, waive

any informalities in the bidding process, and to accept the bid proposal or portion of a bid proposal as

deemed the most advantageous to the Town of Bagley.

Alan Sleeter, Clerk

Town of Bagley

920-590-0198

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CITY OF GILLETT

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOXIOUS WEEDS

RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

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15-3Public nuisances affecting health.

66.96 Noxious weeds.

(1) The term "destroy" means the complete killing of weeds or the killing of weed plants above the

surface of the ground by the use of chemicals, cutting, tillage, cropping system, pasturing livestock, or

any or all of these in effective combination, at such time and in such manner as will effectually prevent

such plants from maturing to the bloom or flower stage.

(2) The term "noxious weeds" as used in this chapter includes the following: Canada thistle, leafy

spurge and field bindweed (creeping Jenny) and any other such weeds as the governing body of any

municipality or the county board of any county by ordinance or resolution declares to be noxious within

its respective boundaries.

66.98 Duties; powers; collection of tax.

(1) Every weed commissioner shall carefully investigate concerning the existence of noxious weeds in

the district; and if any person in the district neglects to destroy any weeds as required by s. 66.96, etc.

In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 66.98 – Noxious weeds must be cut or sprayed and

destroyed. All weeds can be hauled to the City of Gillett's yard waste site at 310 W Park Street. The

Common Council finds that lawns, grasses and noxious weeds on nonagricultural lots or parcels of

land, as classified under the Zoning Code, within the City of Gillett which exceed eight (8) inches in

length adversely affect the public health and safety of the public in that they tend to emit pollen and

other discomforting bits of plants, constitute a fire hazard and a safety hazard in that debris can be hid-

den in the grass, interferes with the public convenience and adversely affects property values of other

land within the City. For that reason, any nonagricultural lawn, grass or weed on a lot of other parcel

of land which exceeds eight (8) inches in length is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

Sec. 8-1-5.(e)

Abatement of Nuisance. If the Weed Commissioner shall determine with reasonable certainty that

any public nuisance as defined in Subsection (b) above exists, the City shall cut or cause to be cut

all grass and weeds from the subject's property and shall charge the expenses of so doing at a rate

as established by resolution by the Common Council. The charges shall be set forth in a statement to

the City Clerk/Treasurer who, in turn, shall mail the same to the owner, occupant or person in charge

of the subject premises. If said statement is not paid in full within thirty (30) days thereafter, the City

Clerk/Treasurer shall enter the charges in the tax roll as a special tax against said lot or parcel of land,

and the same shall be collected in all respects like other taxes upon real estate, or as provided under

Wis. Stats. § 66.0907.

-Clerk Chelsea Anderson

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Monday, April 27: Shawano, WI
Open House 4 – 7 p.m.
Shawano Civic Center
225 S. Main Street
Shawano, WI

Wednesday, April 29: Goodman, WI
Open House 4 – 7 p.m.
Goodman Municipal Building
506 Mill St
Goodman, WI

Tuesday, April 28: Crystal Falls, MI
Open House 4 – 7 p.m.
Crystal Falls Township Hall
1384 W US 2
Crystal Falls, MI

Thursday, April 30: Lakewood, WI
Open House 4 – 7 p.m.
Waubee Lake Lodge
18398 Waubee Park Lane
Lakewood, WI

Learn more at <https://tcenergy.com/Northwoods> or scan the QR code.



Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Drop off your unwanted medications for safe disposal at one of these locations:

St. Clare's Hospital

855 S Main St
Oconto Falls, WI 54154
10:00am-12:00pm

Bellin Health Oconto Hospital

820 Arbutus Ave
Oconto, WI 54153
10:00-12:00pm

Little Suamico Fire Dept.

5974 County Rd S
Little Suamico, WI 54141
10:00am-12:00 p.m.

Suring Police Department

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PUBLIC RECORD

OCONTO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT

April 12
Deputies responded to

48 incidents, including a weapon offense on Jacklin Court in the Town of Breed; theft on County Road T in the Town of Townsend; a noise disturbance on Jameson

4/17/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, in compliance with requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that the Town of Gillett, Wisconsin (the "Town"), will hold a public hearing on April 27, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Town Hall, 10908 Town Hall Road, Gillett, Wisconsin, regarding the proposed reissuance of \$41,585,000 Town of Gillett, Wisconsin Tax-Exempt Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, Series 2021A (WI RNG Hub North LLC Renewable Natural Gas Production Plant Project) which were originally issued on December 23, 2021 and will be refunded by a new series of bonds (the "2026 Reissued Bonds").

The 2026 Reissued Bonds will be issued in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$41,585,000 pursuant to Section 66.1103 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to refinance a project owned by WI RNG Hub North LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Borrower") which consisted of (i) the design, development, construction and operation of an anaerobic digester to be located at 11620 County Road H on 7.5 acres of land in the Town of Gillett owned by Zahn's Farms, LLC ("Zahn Site 1"), (ii) the acquisition and installation of related anaerobic digester equipment at 6613 Mueller Hill Road in the Town of Gillett ("Zahn Site 2"), (iii) the lease of Zahn Site 1 and Zahn Site 2 to the Borrower for the production of renewable natural gas, (iv) payment of capitalized interest during the construction period, (v) funding of a Debt Service Reserve Fund and other funds, if necessary, and (vi) payment of certain professional fees and costs of issuance (collectively, the "Project").

The 2026 Reissued Bonds will be special, limited obligations of the Town and will not constitute an indebtedness of the Town within the meaning of any state constitutional provision or statutory limitation or a charge against its general credit or taxing powers.

At the hearing, all persons will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to express their views, both orally and in writing, on the proposed 2026 Reissued Bonds and the location and nature of the Project proposed to be refinanced. Comments made at the public hearing are for the consideration of the Town Board but do not bind any legal action to be taken by it.

Published: April 17, 2026

Renee Carlson, Town Clerk
Town of Gillett, Wisconsin

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
city of gillett
OCONTO COUNTY, WI
ZIPPEL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

General Notice
city of gillett is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
ZIPPEL PARK IMPROVEMENTS
Project # 09443021

The City of Gillett will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (Quest vBid) for the construction of Zippel Park Improvements until May 5, 2026 at 10 AM. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud during a virtual public bid opening that will be held at the day and time of the bid closing. All plan holders will receive information via Quest on how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid opening.

The Project includes the following Work:
Site excavation and grading; turf restoration; storm sewer; asphalt paths; concrete sidewalks; basketball and pickleball courts including, asphalt paving, court surfacing, pavement markings, fencing, and sporting equipment; prefabricated restroom building installation including new water, sanitary, and electrical services; pathway lighting and miscellaneous electrical installation; pavement markings; and open-air shelters.

The anticipated Milestone A Substantial completion date is October 16, 2026, Milestone B Substantial completion is May 28, 2027, and final completion date is June 11, 2027 . Milestone A shall include all work other than the court surfacing, light poles, restroom building, and final turf restoration. All items shall be completed by Milestone B other than the punchlist items.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

www.Quest cdn.com

Bidding Documents are available for download from Quest CDN at www.Quest cdn.com . You may download the digital plan documents for \$45 by inputting Quest eBidDoc #09443021 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or contact by email at info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with Quest CDN as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. Quest CDN requires the bidding documents to be downloaded from the site in order to submit a bid in the Vbid system. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through Quest CDN. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than Quest CDN.

Instructions to Bidders.
No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the Owner as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the award of the contract. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder as soon as the contract is signed, and if after 15 days the bidder shall fail to do so, the certified check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the Owner as liquidated damages. No bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

This project anticipates use of Wisconsin DNR Stewardship LAWCON funding. Pursuant to Executive Order 12432, we encourage Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), including Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), and Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit bid proposals (National Park Service Agreement Article XXII = General and Special Provisions item 3).

Contractors must also comply with the National Park Services Agreement Article PA21AP12222 – Strengthening Buy-American Preferences for Infrastructure Projects Per E.O. 13858. Per Executive Order 13858, entitled "Strengthening Buy-American Preferences for Infrastructure Projects" the Contractor shall maximize, consistent with the law, the use of iron and steel goods, products, and materials produced in the United States, for infrastructure projects as defined by the Executive Order when the statement of work includes alteration, construction, conversion, demolition, extension, improvement, maintenance, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or repair.

The minimum wages to be paid on the project shall be in accordance with the wage rate scale established by Federal Davis Bacon Wage Rates. Federal wage rates can be found at https://sam.gov/content/wage-determinations . Be aware that project Administrators, Bidders, and Contractors are required to use the latest federal wage rate available at the time of bid opening.

This project anticipates the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding. Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

This project anticipates use of funds related to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The Contractor shall conform to the statutory requirements known as "Build America, Buy America" which applies to all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project. Bid Proposals may be denied if the requirements of this section are not met and waivers are required.

Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

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Way in the Town of Little Suamico; an unwanted party on Manor Drive in Suring; six traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident; one 911 hangup and one open line; seven ambulance calls; three crashes, one involving a turkey.

April 11
Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including harassment on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett; sexual assault at an undisclosed location; fire on Cross Road in the Town of Little Suamico; trespassing on County Road J in the Town of Oconto; an ATV accident near Parkway Road and Kust Lane in the Town of Brazeau; a disturbance on Dionne Street in Lena; suspicious activity near South Range Line and Delcore roads in the Town of Little River; suspicious activity near U.S. Highway 41 and Brookside Cemetery Road in the Town of Pensaukee; six

traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, one miscellaneous traffic incident, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and six open lines; two ambulance calls.

April 10
Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including a wanted person on Kalies Shady Lane in the Town of River-view; fraud on East Main Street in Suring; suspicious activity on East Groninger Street in Suring; attempted fraud on County Road W in the Town of Riverview; child abuse at an undisclosed location; disorderly conduct on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett; suspicious activity on Valentine Road in the Town of Morgan; a disturbance on Dionne Street in Lena; a disturbance near state Highway 32 and Twin Pines Road in the Town of Lakewood; two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and one open line; three ambulance calls; five crashes, three involving deer.

April 9
Deputies responded to 66 incidents, including harassment on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico; sexual assault at an undisclosed location; squad damage on Evergreen Road in Oconto; animal neglect on North River Road in the Town of Oconto; harassment on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto; trespassing near U.S. Highway 141 and Stiles Road in the Town of Stiles; a death investigation at an undisclosed location; a wanted person on Collins Avenue in Oconto; fire on Little Beaver Lake Road in the Town of Oconto Falls; four traffic stops, six traffic offenses,

two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents; three open-line 911 calls; four ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

April 8
Deputies responded to 66 incidents, including a disturbance on North Farm Road in Oconto Falls; a fire control burn on County Road J in the Town of Oconto; suspicious activity on Washington Street in Oconto; an unwanted party on Tappa Road in the Town of Stiles; property damage on Booth Lane in the Town of Riverview; trespassing on Fuller Lane in the Town of Stiles; suspicious activity at Lena Public Library, 200 E. Main St., Lena; suspicious activity on Wickman Way in the Town of Abrams; six traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and two open lines; 10 ambulance calls; one crash, involving deer.

April 7
Deputies responded to 65 incidents, including a death investigation at an undisclosed location; identity theft on Logtown Road in the Town of Oconto; a disturbance on Gillett Town Hall Road in the Town of Gillett; a structure fire on Wittock Lane in the Town of Oconto; harassment on Meadow Court in the Town of Chase; a death investigation at an undisclosed location; three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; five 911 hangups and one open line; four ambulance calls; one crash.

April 6
Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including an animal bite on Soukop Road

in the Town of Brazeau; suspicious activity on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico; four traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents; one open-line 911 call; two ambulance calls; one crashes, involving deer.

April 5
Deputies responded to 48 incidents, including automobile theft on Delcore Road in the Town of Oconto; animal neglect on state Highway 32 in the Town of Riverview; a death investigation at an undisclosed location; suspicious activity on Knitter Lane in Town of Lakewood; a disturbance on Logan Road in the Town of Breed; seven traffic stops, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; two 911 hangups and one open line; six ambulance calls; five crashes, one fatal, three involving deer.

April 4
Deputies responded to 77 incidents, including fire on River Road in the Town of Mountain and near Nicolet and Moonlight Bay roads in the Town of Townsend; an animal bite on East Brook Street in Suring; suspicious activity on state Highway 64 in the Town of Brazeau; a fire control burn on Valley Line Road in the Town of Spruce; a noise disturbance on Hip Hus Court in the Town of Underhill; 16 traffic stops, five traffic hazards, six traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and four open lines; three ambulance calls; one crash.

April 3
Deputies responded to 82 incidents, including a disturbance on East First Street in Gillett; suspicious activity on Molitor Road in the Town of Little River; fraud on North Brown County Line Road in the Town of Chase; harassment on Country Oaks Drive in the Town of Little Suamico; internet fraud on Parkway Road in the Town of Brazeau; a noise disturbance on Hip Hus Court in the Town of Underhill; a noise disturbance on East North Street in Suring; a disturbance on County Road I in the Town of Oconto Falls; 11 traffic stops, four traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, four citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; six open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; one crash.

4/10/26, 4/17/26, 4/24/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority
908 East Main Street, Suite 501
Madison, WI 53703
Plaintiff,
V.
Sabrina R. Vandenberg
146 Lindsey Ave
Oconto, WI 54153
Defendant.

Summons
Case No. 2026CV000010
Judge Jay N. Conley
Foreclosure of Mortgage: 30404

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,
To each person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 40 days after April 10, 2026, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Oconto County Courthouse 301 Washington St, Oconto, WI 54153-1621, and to Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C., plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 200, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated: March 25, 2026.
Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 200
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(414) 775-7700
pleadings@il.cslegal.com
50-26-00056

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff Electronically signed by Shawn R. Hillmann
WI State Bar No. 1037005
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NOTICE

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE
Annual Town Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026
at 6:00 P.M.

at the Stiles Town Hall, 5718 Watercrest Rd, Lena

Terrah Patton, Clerk
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4/17/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

State of Wisconsin
Town of Oconto Falls, Oconto County
Assessment Roll is Open for Examination and Open Book

Pursuant to s.70.45, Wis. Stats., the Town of Oconto Falls assessment roll for the year 2026 assessment will be open for examination on the **27th day of April, 2026 at 2pm until 4pm** at the Oconto Falls Town Hall, 8680 State Highway 22, Oconto Falls.

Instructional material about the assessment, how to file an objection, and board of review procedures under Wisconsin law will be available at that time.
Notice is hereby given this 15th day of April, 2026.

Susan L Mogged
Town of Oconto Falls Clerk
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Pizza**



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**Simply
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2/\$5.00 20 oz.

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**Crav'n
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\$1.99 16 oz.

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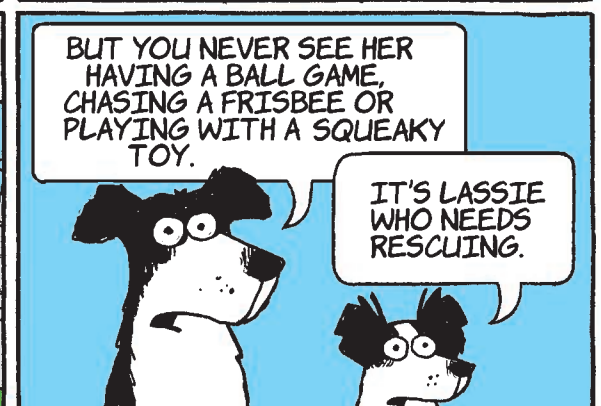
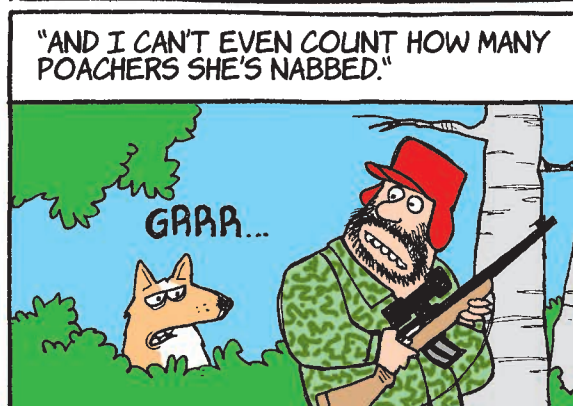
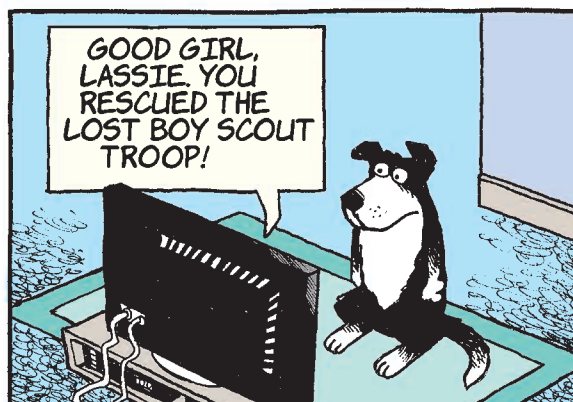
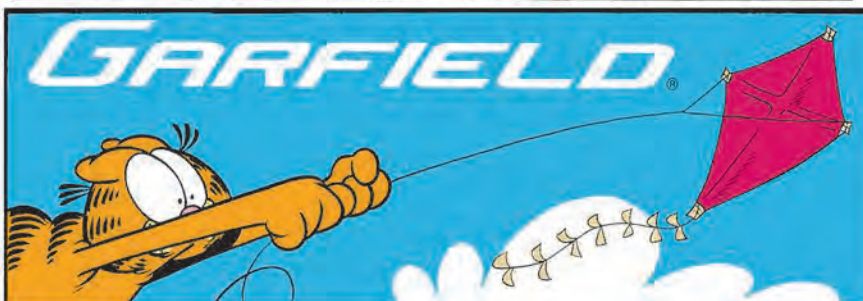
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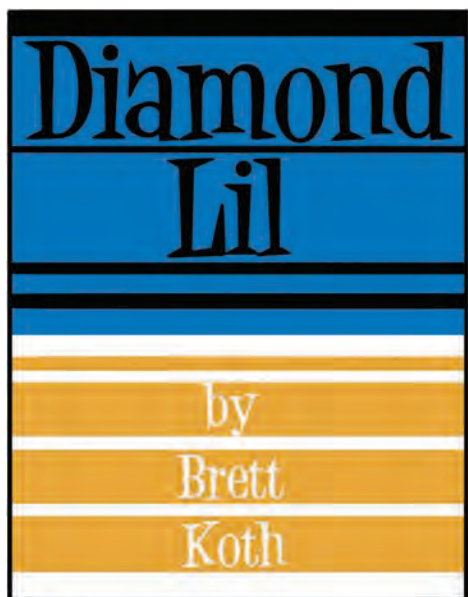
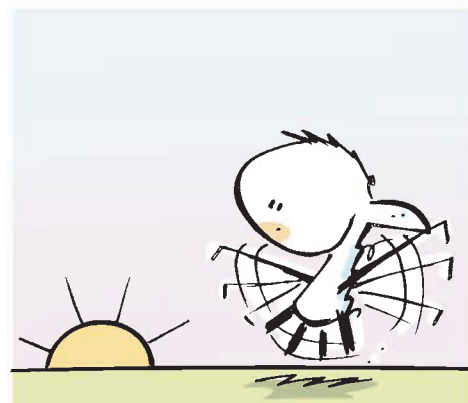
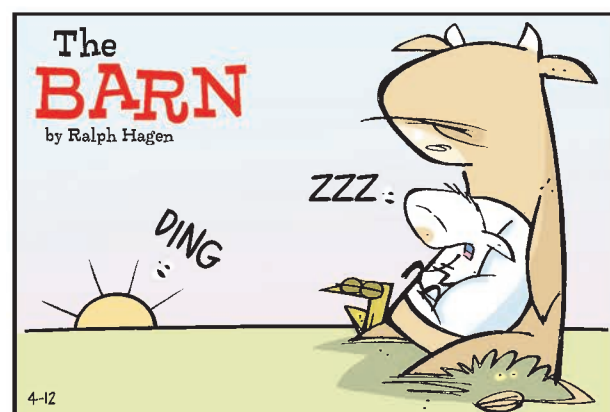
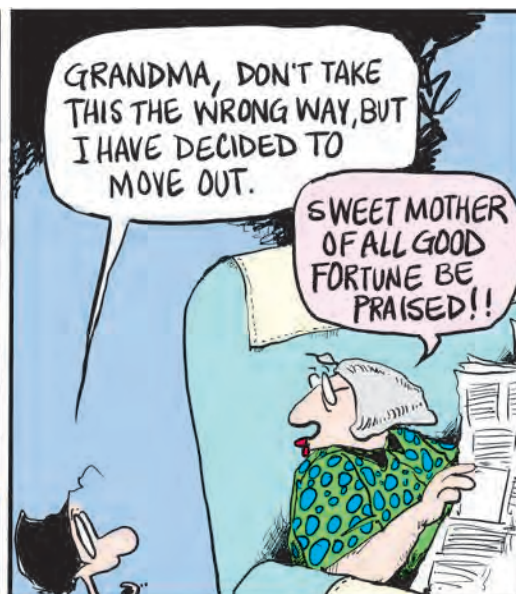
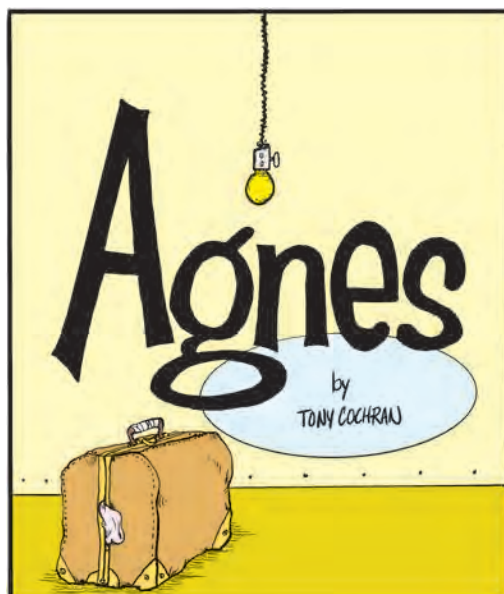
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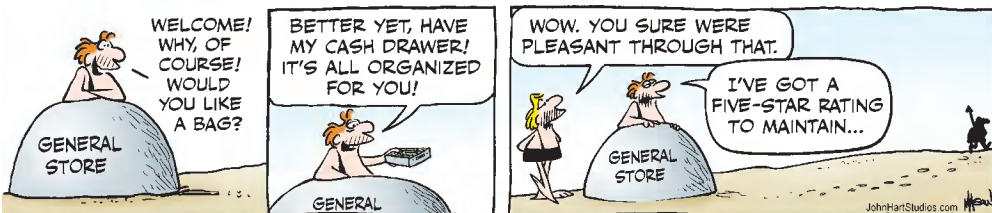
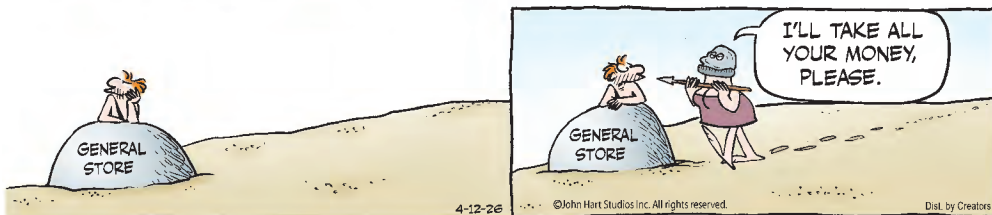
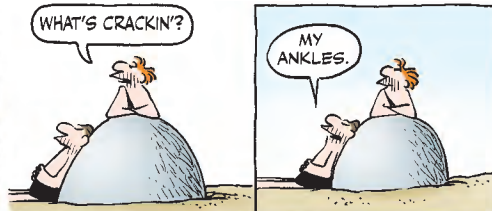
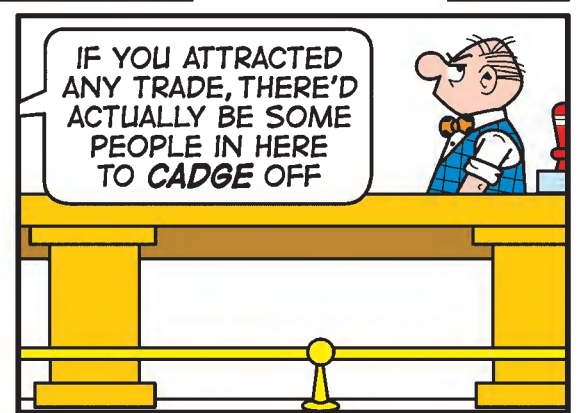
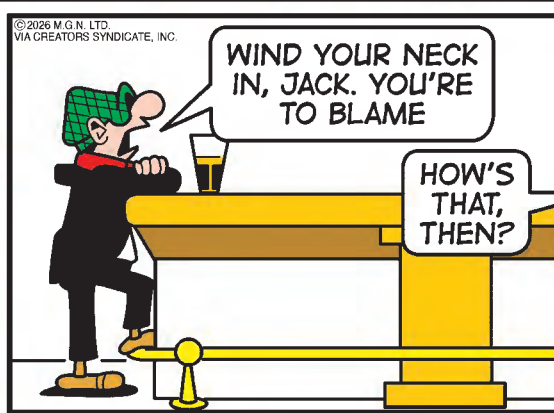
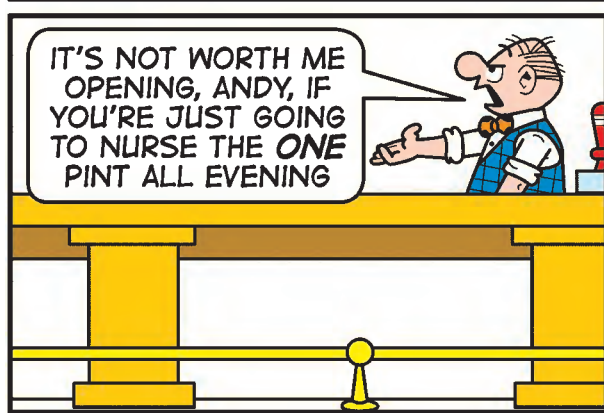
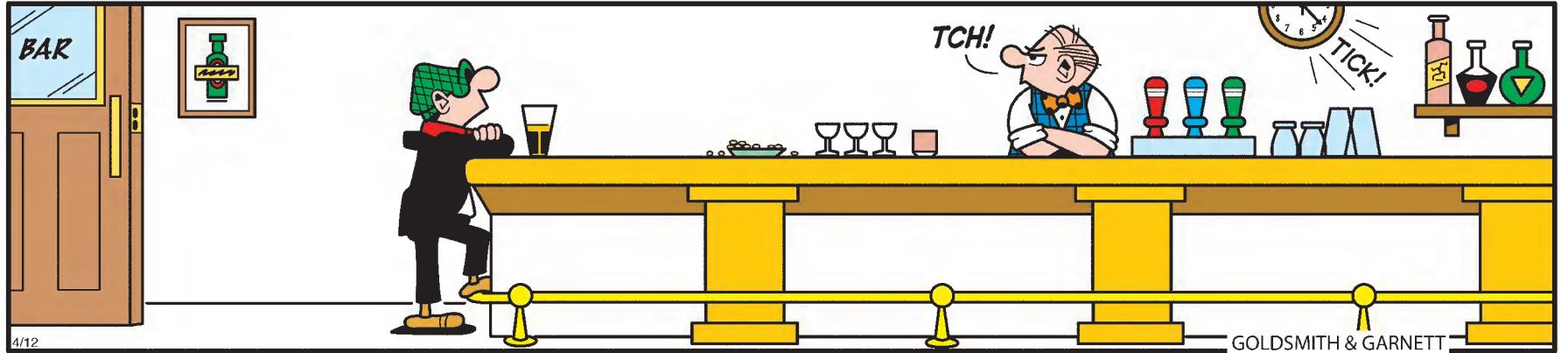






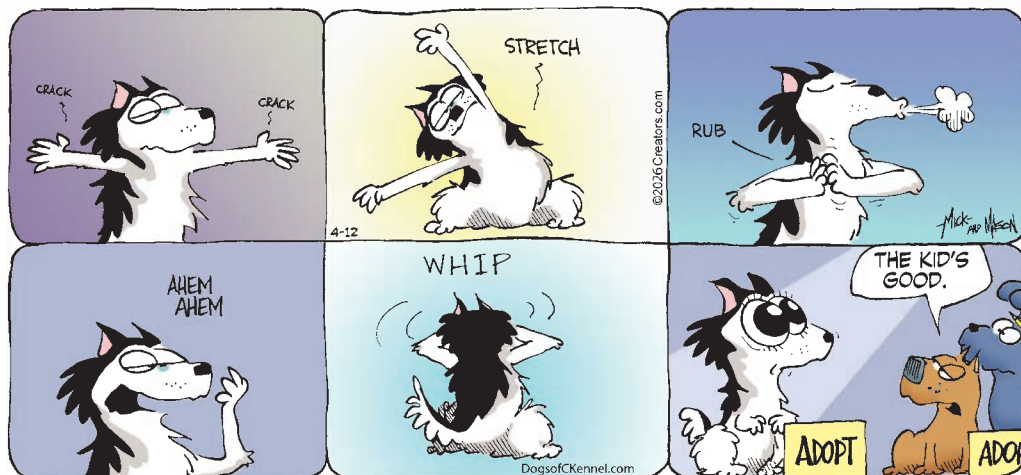
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