

Legion members cook breakfast

ABOVE: Dan Braley and June Erdmann serve up pancakes, eggs and sausage at the Tigerton American Legion pancake breakfast fundraiser April 11 at the Tigerton Community Center. Bucket raffles were also part of the event that drew hundreds throughout the morning and early afternoon.

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LEFT: Jerry Erdmann, foreground, and Dale Clark flexed their muscles making pancakes for the American Legion Post 239 breakfast fundraiser April 11 at the Tigerton Community Center. The breakfast featured buttermilk and potato pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, desserts and drinks. A bucket raffle was also held.

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Incumbents keep seats on county board

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Four Shawano County Board supervisors turned back challengers in the April 7 election.

District 9 incumbent Ken Capelle defeated challenger Charles Fritsch 187-157.

In District 14, incumbent Matt Pleshek defeated challenger Timothy Novitski 188-109.

District 20 incumbent Rick Giese beat back a challenge from Roy Martin, 277-87.

Also, District 25 incumbent Dennis Knaak defeated challenger Steven Steinke 184-97.

In District 2, in which incumbent Heather Pahl did not run, Collin Pomplun received 145 votes. Aaron Gilling, running as a

write-in, did not receive any votes.

In District 5, vacated by Curtis Naja's decision not to run, did not have a candidate on the ballot or an official write-in candidate. However, Charles Anderson received four write-in votes.

District 7 incumbent Jeremy Gretzinger won another term with 14 write-in votes. Initially not seeking another term, neither he nor anyone else was on the ballot, but he later opted to run as an official write-in.

District 22 also had no candidates on the ballot as incumbent Michael Trunk did not run. James Radtke ran as an official write-in and received 59 votes.

In Cecil, Steve Bartz, Casper Wallrich and Mark Hendricks won trustee seats with 97, 87 and

83 votes respectively. Pat Westcott placed fourth with 73 votes.

Tigerton voters favored Shawn Much, Jeff Koepke, and Stephanie Dobrinska for trustee positions. They garnered 120, 105 and 81 votes, respectively. Jessica Hammons collected 77 votes in her losing bid.

In the Antigo School Board race, Mike Parizek, Daniel Nicholson and Bobbie Braun won in Shawano County, with Christina Grant, Dawn M. McCann and Jean Adams losing. Overall, it was Parizek, Nicholson and Adams claiming seats on the board.

In the Bonduel School District, Greg Borowski defeated Nina Rouse 649-596.

Representing the Stockbridge-Munsee Community in the

Bowler School District will be Roberta Carrington, who defeated Chenoa Martin 250-178.

In the Clintonville School District, David Battenberg and Laurie Volrath won in Shawano County, but both lost overall. The winners were Jason L. Moder and Glen Drew Lundt.

The Clintonville school referendum requesting an additional \$1.95 million in operational funds per year for five years passed in the county and overall.

In the Gillett School District, overall, challengers Nicole Blaszkowski 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.

The operational referendum

seeking \$2 million to \$4.3 million a year over the next five years failed overall.

Representing the Town of Germania on the Tigerton School Board will be David Awe, who received five votes. Brad Breaker had four votes, while Kevin Breaker, Brian Damrau and Mark Carlson each had one.

In the one contested race for a seat on the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board, incumbent Laura Magee defeated challenger Bradley Wormsbacher 463-272.

In the race for a 10-year seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Chris Taylor defeated Maria Lazar statewide, but Lazar won in Shawano County, 4,899-3,653. Taylor defeated Lazar in Menominee County.

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High school students learn about agriculture careers.

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Students explore options in ag industry

By MIRIAM NELSON
Correspondent

The Wittenberg-Birnhamwood FFA paired with the Shawano County Farm Bureau to host an event that featured 21 businesses directly connected to the agriculture industry.

A total of 290 students from Wittenberg-Birnhamwood High School and surrounding school districts attended the April 9 event.

Disbursing information on the variety of business and work opportunities within the ag industry was the main focus of the event. Matt Christian, WBHS ag teacher, said agriculture is a popular course of study in the school district and WBHS has 240 FFA members.

“We have UW-River Falls and NTC (Northcentral Technical College) here representing advanced education programs,” Christian said. “We have businesses here focusing on animal genetics, welding, HVAC businesses.”



The agriculture career fair held April 9 at the Wittenberg-Birnhamwood High School ag building was organized by, from left, WBHS extracurricular adviser Ken Matsche; students Kassie Fischer, Lily Fischer, Olivia Szews, Rebekah Pockat and Askyah Fuhrman; and ag teacher Matt Christian.

Nueske’s Applewood Meats and Great Lakes Veneer were two of the more locally based businesses that had information booths at the event.

Christian also noted that this was a great opportunity to utilize the ag building and promote upcoming events like the meat raffle and the greenhouse sale.

Students bussed in from other schools – Bowler

and Marion students – attended the job fair. Many WBHS students and FFA members attended the event, but there were several unfamiliar faces in the crowd as well.

“I’ve seen quite a few new faces, so maybe this will get them to take some ag classes in the near future,” Christian said.

Shawano County Farm Bureau Vice President Bob Krause has worked with

Ken Matsche, WBHS extracurricular adviser, on other projects and was excited to collaborate with him. Matsche wanted to have something at the school just for students for agriculture and in agricultural-related fields.

“They’ve done a great job with their facility and allowing us to use it,” Krause said. “I’m very, very pleased to see so many great businesses coming

out, universities and NTC. A lot of opportunities for students to explore today.”

To ensure growth in the ag industry, the State Farm Bureau, located in Madison, recognizes that students need the opportunity to learn by doing and attending secondary education classes. The Shawano County Farm Bureau addresses this by hosting the Brunch on the Farm to generate money

for their scholarship programs. Each year, about 300 young people help out with the one-day event in June.

“We give out eight \$500 scholarships to high school students throughout Shawano County,” Krause said. “The only requirement is that they help Brunch on the Farm at least one time and they go into an agricultural-related field.”

Krause also noted that it’s one of their main events and a great way to get the word out to people about agriculture. As a major employer in Shawano County, the ag industry is always looking to give people the opportunity to learn about how many different types of jobs are an interconnected part of the agriculture industry. Hosting events like the event at WBHS and the Brunch on The Farm are great opportunities to reach people who don’t know how prevalent the industry is and the impact it has on the economy.



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Shawano County Humane Society to host slumber ‘pawty’ at its shelter

Event will raise awareness about animals’ needs

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

What’s it like to live in a pet shelter?

Volunteers with the Shawano County Humane Society are joining others from around the country April 18 for a Shelter Slumber Pawty to raise awareness for the shelter.

For 24 hours, they will experience shelter life firsthand and raise funds for animals in need. Every donation helps provide food, medical care and a second chance for homeless pets.

Participants will actually sleep inside the dog kennels and the cat rooms.

“The purpose of the slumber pawty is twofold, to help cover the growing costs of care for the shelter while also giving our community a better understanding of what life is like for animals living inside kennel – 24 hours a day,” said Tara Kelliher, who volunteers at the humane society. “When we learned about this nationwide event, it felt like a meaningful and creative way to not only generate support but also bring awareness to the daily reality



The Shawano County Humane Society has several dogs available for adoption — including Parker, a 3-year-old male poodle/miniature mix.

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our animals experience.”

On a normal day when the shelter closes and the lights go down, the animals inside are still awake. What happens overnight is often witnessed through cameras in the humane society.

Many dogs and cats sit quietly for hours, staring toward the door, waiting for someone to walk through it.

They wait for footsteps in the hallway; they wait for

voice they recognize.

Many of the animals pace their kennels over and over again.

Some become so overwhelmed with stress that they become physically sick. They are frightened, confused and trying to cope.

Cats often meow throughout the night.

“We currently have eight people committed to spending the night and are

prepared to host up to 12 participants,” Kelliher said. “Volunteers are actively working to secure donations for food, drinks and other needs to help make the event a success.”

Residents can support the slumber pawty through monetary donations; meals for participants and staff; donations of prizes, merchandise or giveaways; and in-kind donations for the shelter.

Anyone interested in supporting the slumber pawty in these ways can reach out to fundraising@shawanocountyhumanesociety.org.

The Shawano County Humane Society, 1290 Jaycee Court, Shawano, provides treatment and care to animals needing protection, returns lost pets to their owners, provides education to the public and places unwanted pets in new homes. The nonprofit, no-kill shelter operates on donations and fundraisers.

The shelter is always accepting donations to support general operations, and it maintains updated wishlists on its website so community members can see the most immediate needs. Visit <https://www.shawanocountyhumanesociety.org> for details.

To donate directly to the slumber pawty, visit <https://mtcy.co/sqliaf>.

Davel cleared of wrongdoing in Kronenwetter

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Workplace allegations continue to dog Jim Davel, former Shawano County administrative coordinator.

Kronenwetter officials announced on the village Facebook page March 31 that an outside investigator cleared Davel of any wrongdoing based on a workplace allegation there. No details were provided.



JIM DAVEL

“The investigator has now finished his review and, although the specific findings are subject to the attorney-client privilege, the Village Administrator was cleared of any wrongdoing,” according to the social media post. “The Village is looking forward to putting this matter

behind it so it can continue to focus on improving the community and addressing its taxpayers’ interests. If the Village is able to share more information in the future, it will do so.”

Davel, who resigned from Shawano County in fall 2025, was hired to be the new village administrator in Kronenwetter in Marathon County effective Nov. 3. During his last year with Shawano County, Davel and others were repeatedly involved in public debate over allegations of workplace behavior, missing funds and ethics violations with then-Supervisor Lowel Hammett.

Any ethics complaints against Davel were never publicly verified, as the ethics committee usually met in closed session. However, a letter from a former employee to the county’s human resources department accused Davel of “unprofessional and inappropriate behavior.”

Davel’s ethics complaints against Hammett were aired in open session. Hammett was eventually found guilty of violating the county ethics code; while he was removed from his position on the ethics committee, a vote to remove him from the county board failed.

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Students lead way at school powwow



Shawano Community High School students and guests move around the arena in a two-step dance style April 11 during the school's second annual powwow. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Detectives can't find missing man

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The case of a missing Marion man continues to be investigated by the Shawano County Sheriff's Department, but officials are not having any luck with new leads.

"The Jason Bell case is still very much active," said Detective Brad Schultz. "As of right now, I do not have any new leads to share."

Bell was 48 when he was

reported missing by family members on the evening of Oct. 22, 2024.

Bell was last seen at home Oct. 8, 2024, but the last ping of his phone was on Oct. 10, 2024, away from his home on Stony Hill Road. Bell is white, has hazel eyes, is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 215 pounds.

The sheriff's department does not believe Bell had any means of travel. He has friends and family

in the Fox Lake area, as well as Henderson, Nevada.

"We would, as always, welcome any new tips from the public to assist us in locating Jason and bringing some answers to his family," Schultz said.

Anyone with information related to this case should contact Schultz through the sheriff's department's non-emergency line at 715-526-3111 or by email at bradley.schultz@shawanocountywi.gov.

Communication rates decline for inmates

Inmate welfare fund revenue to drop \$8,000 per month

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Inmates at the Shawano County Jail are now paying less for communicating with friends and family members.

Rates were decreased April 1 in accordance with the federal Martha Wright-Reed Act. While the news may be good for inmates, Shawano County officials said the local inmate welfare fund will take a substantial hit because of the lower rates.

"Revenue from the communications system assisted with offsetting costs back to the inmate welfare – for example, mental health counselors, hygiene items, uniforms, mattresses, etc.," said Troy Beyer, jail

administrator. "The jail will still receive revenue from the inmate commissary program to assist with the inmate welfare revenue. However, the jail will not receive the same of amount of revenue prior to the Martha Wright-Reed Act."

The loss of revenue will total about \$8,000 per month, Beyer said.

How that shortfall will be made up or how services will be affected has yet to be determined.

Previously, inmates paid 16 cents per minute for emails and texts, 21 cents per minute for phone calls and 39 cents per minute for video visitation.

"Rates are now 13 cents per minute for all communication (phone calls, emails, texts) and 21 cents per minute for video visits," Beyer said.

The jail receives 2 cents per minute to be used for supervision, security and infrastructure of the inmate communication system. The

remaining amount is charged by the vendors for them to operate the services.

Inmates use kiosks and tablets to communicate with friends and family. Phone calls with attorneys remain free of charge.

The Martha Wright-Reed Act was approved by Congress and the Senate with broad bipartisan support before being signed into law by President Joe Biden on Jan. 5, 2023.

Because the bill was passed using procedures for non-controversial legislation, there was no recorded roll-call vote listing individual "yea" or "nay" votes for each member of Congress.

In the Senate, the bill was passed by unanimous consent, which means no senator present objected to its passage.

In the House of Representatives, the bill passed on a voice vote.

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Arbor Day event set at Shawano's Memorial Park

The city of Shawano will celebrate Arbor Day beginning at 9 a.m. April 24 at Memorial Park's southwest shelter building, 901 S. Lincoln St., Shawano.

Members of the Shawano Tree Advisory Committee and city officials will recognize Friend of Nature Award winners Dan and Pam Nowak and Willow Shores Condominium Association as this year's award recipients.

Friend of Nature Awards are given annually to individuals and businesses who have shown leadership and commitment to improving their properties by planting and protecting trees and landscape

plants. The plantings on these properties enhance the natural qualities of the properties for improved natural beauty, and by providing shade, aesthetics, bird habitat, improved air quality and improved stormwater runoff retention.

In recognition of this award, the properties will have a Nature's Friend sign posted on their yard for public viewing and a tree planted in their honor provided by Shawano Public Works.

Fourth and fifth grade students from Olga Brenner Intermediate, St. James Lutheran and Sacred Heart Catholic schools will

attend the celebration and assist with the planting of trees in Memorial Park for the winners. In addition, trees will be planted in memory of Mark Dillenburg, a longtime city employee who passed away last year.

Shawano is celebrating 32 years as a Tree City USA national member and a 14th year Growth Award. The city is also celebrating its 23rd year as a Tree Line USA Award recipient, with support of the Shawano Municipal Utilities. Patricia Lindquist, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regional representative, will present the awards.

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Pulaski boys, girls win at Denmark

Martion/ Tigerton dominate at Cats Invite

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**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.

Winning 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.

TINA BACON

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.

TINA BACON

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 9
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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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.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

‘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

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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.

THEME: LEGENDARY ATHLETES

ACROSS

- 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).

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.

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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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Dispose of unused medicines during Drug Take Back Day

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The semiannual Drug Take Back Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25.

Residents with unused or expired drugs can take them to a variety of drop-off sites for safe disposal.

"We'll have three location that they can come and drive up and give us your prescription medicine," Shawano County Sheriff George Lenzner said. "It's very important to get those off the street, out of the house so that they're not misused or flushed down the toilet, which can be bad for the environment."

Officers will set up at the Bonduel Police Department, 205 S. First St., Bonduel; Stockbridge-Munsee Public

Safety, W1344 Camp 14 Road, Bowler; and Siga Funmaker Community Center, W17634 Radke Road, Wittenberg.

"We collect about 600 pounds of prescription meds every six months," Lenzner said about the medicines collected during the Drug Take Back Days and at the permanent drop-off locations.

The collected medicines are taken to Wausau for disposal.

Permanent sites are at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center, Shawano County Sheriff's Department, ThedaCare-Shawano and the Bonduel Police Department.

Lenzner said he's amazed at what is dropped off by residents.

"It's amazing when we see some of the stuff that is so expensive," he said. "I wish it could be reused."

"Some of it's not even opened; it's not out of date," added Chief Deputy Ty Raddant.

Needles are not supposed to be turned in at either the temporary or permanent drop-off sites.

"We're not supposed to take needles, but people still put them in there," Lenzner said. "We do dispose of them."

People have been known to put other things in the drop-off boxes. Lenzner has seen bottles of shampoo and pill bottles filled with baby teeth.

"That's why we glove up before we open that thing," he said of the disposal boxes.

Questions can be directed to 715-526-3111.

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Giving bowls some color



Lorena Bricco, of Clintonville, gets some help painting a bowl from Nova Bricco, 3, during a workshop April 7 at Shawano Community High School. The Briccos and others in the community worked to paint a variety of ceramic bowls for Shawano Area Matthew 25 to sell for its Empty Bowls fundraiser. The event, held in fall, helps to fund operations at SAM's House, an emergency homeless shelter in Shawano.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Kurowski Dairy to host brunch

Shawano County Farm Bureau announced recently that Kurowski Dairy will host the 2026 Shawano County Brunch on the Farm from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 28.

The event will give community members the opportunity to explore a traditional family dairy farm and take part in a morning packed with family-friendly activities.

Kurowski Dairy has been owned by Gloria and Cletus Kurowski since 1990. Their daughter, Tia Arndt, returned to the family farm full-time after graduating from University of Wisconsin-River Falls in 2013. Their son, Travis Kurowski, returned to the farm part-time in fall 2025.

Cletus Kurowski started milking cows in 1980 on his parents', Harry and Shirley Kurowski, farmstead. In 1982, he married Gloria, and together they have grown the herd to what it is today.

This is a family operation that includes spouses



Kurowski Dairy near Bonduel, a family-owned dairy farm, is farmed by, from left, back row, Bella Schroeder, Travis Kurowski, Tia Arndt and Harlow Arndt; front row, Sawyer Arndt, Cletus Kurowski, Gloria Kurowski and Isabella Arndt.

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and grandchildren. Tia's husband, Harlow Arndt, and their children, Isabella and Sawyer, are regularly involved in farm chores. Additionally, Travis's

fiancée, Bella Schroeder, contributes her help and encouragement, making the farm's success a true family effort.

The Kurowski family

milks 130 cows and manages nearly 700 acres of productive cropland, all of which are connected near the farm. They retrofitted the original tie stall barn in 2008 to a modernized swing-10 milking parlor.

Since hosting Brunch on the Farm in 2014, the Kurowskis have enhanced their operation by adding a calf barn, ensuring healthier, happier calves from day one. With a focus on quality genetics, they also utilize live bulls with outstanding pedigrees to naturally strengthen their herd, keeping the family farm thriving for generations to come.

To join the farm bureau as a volunteer on the day of the event or join the planning committee, email shawanobrunch@gmail.com for more information. For updates and additional details, follow the Shawano County Farm Bureau and the Shawano County Brunch on the Farm event page on Facebook.

Gresham seeks to fill 2 board vacancies

The Gresham School Board is seeking applications to fill two vacant seats on the board.

Eligible candidates must be residents of the district and meet all legal requirements for holding public office in Wisconsin. The appointed individuals will serve until April 2027, at which time the position

will be filled by voters.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest by May 4 to Superintendent Newell Haffner at haffnen@gresham.k12.wi.us. Interviews with candidates will tentatively be held May 11.

For more information, contact Haffner at 715-787-3211, ext. 850.

OBITUARIES

JEROME H. ROHDE

Jerome Rohde, 92, passed away April 4, 2026, at Oakridge Gardens, Menasha.

He was born Jan. 26, 1934, in Neenah, the son of Howard and Leona (Dingeldein) Rohde. Jerome was a U.S. Army veteran honorably discharged in 1962. He was employed with American Can, Menasha, where he met his wife, Grace Peeters, and the two were married Nov. 15, 1969. They shared 54 years together before her passing in 2023.

Jerome was an avid Packers fan, hunter and outdoorsman who loved animals and sitting on his deck drinking coffee. His greatest joy in life was his wife, Grace, and any time he spent with her was memorable. They enjoyed traveling together to Alaska and Hawaii. He will be remembered most as being fun, lighthearted and a bit of a jokester.

Jerome is survived by his sister, Janet (Don) Jarchow; a sister-in-law, Janice Rohde; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Jerome was preceded in death by his wife; parents; and siblings, twin Gerald



Rohde, Howard (Martha "Sis") Rohde, Janice Reinert and Sharon (Marvin) Wilson.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2026, at the Wichmann Funeral Home, 537 N. Superior St., Appleton. Visitation will be held on Monday at the funeral home from 4 p.m. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are appreciated to the Oshkosh Humane Society or Hope Highway Dog Rescue.

Jerome's family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the caregivers over the last year, especially Kristen, for their care, compassion and kindness.

Misfeldt speaking at youth writing awards

Shawano Area Writers has announced that Terry Misfeldt, author of "Shevivor" and former editor of Future magazine, will share his writing wisdom with award winners and guests at the 20th annual George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest awards ceremony May 17 at the Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano.

Misfeldt began his journalism career at The Thorp Courier before becoming state editor for the Wisconsin Jaycees. That led to his hiring as a staff officer for the United States Jaycees in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he served as managing editor and editor of Future, with a circulation

of 380,000 members. In 1984, he interviewed President Ronald Reagan in the Oval Office during the 1984 election campaign.

Following advancement to senior director for corporate development, Misfeldt became chief executive of the Delta County Area Chamber of Commerce in Escanaba, Michigan. He was named an honorary squadron commander at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base and traveled to the Eighth Air Force Headquarters in Louisiana on board a KC-135 tanker.

After moving to Green Bay in 1990, Misfeldt served as marketing director for the National Railroad Museum before starting his own marketing,

advertising and public relations businesses. He helped establish numerous Business Network International (BNI) chapters in northeast Wisconsin and officiated Wisconsin high school soccer matches for 25 seasons.

In 2022, he published his first novel, "Shevivor." It's the story of a successful young woman who survives a grizzly bear attack. Now retired and moderating the Green Bay Area Writers Guild, Misfeldt is a member of the Wisconsin Writers Association and is working on the sequel to "Shevivor," among other writing projects, including the story of his uncle's service in World War II aboard a minesweeper.



Terry Misfeldt, of Green Bay, will be the guest speaker for the 20th annual George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest awards ceremony May 17 at the Mielke Arts Center.

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

April 12
Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including operating while revoked on County Road M in the Town of Herman; a disturbance on River Road in Bowler; a fight in progress at Davita Shawano Lake Dialysis, W7305 Elm Ave., Town of Wescott; a disturbance on South Second Street in Bonduel; one 911 call; two traffic hazards; one welfare check; three crashes.

April 11
Deputies responded to 23

incidents, including a noise disturbance on Elm Street in Tigerton; suspicious activity near Dollar General, 410 State Highway 22, Cecil; illegal burning near Lulu Lake Drive and Lake Crest Road in the Town of Wescott; operating while revoked near East Pioneer Avenue and North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; bail jumping at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; a disturbance on Sunrise Avenue in the Town of Richmond; theft on Leopolis Road in the Town of Herman; trespassing on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on

Cherry Road in the Town of Herman; juvenile alcohol on Laatsch Road in the Town of Grant; suspicious activity on Nichols Road in the Town of Lessor; one welfare check; two crashes.

April 10
Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including a disturbance on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; harassment on East Pioneer Avenue in Wittenberg; attempted burglary on West Vinal Street in Wittenberg; drugs at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; bail jumping on Lessor-Navarino Road in the Town of Navarino; five 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazards three welfare checks.

April 9
Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including suspicious activity on Lessor-Navarino Road in the Town of Lessor; suspicious

activity on County Road E in the Town of Washington; suspicious activity on Belle Plaine Avenue in the Town of Belle Plaine; suspicious activity near Rose Brook and Maple Leaf roads in the Town of Belle Plaine; a disturbance on East Pioneer Avenue in Wittenberg; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents.

April 8
Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including threatening on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; suspicious activity on Belle Plaine Avenue in the Town of Belle Plaine; harassment on Commerce Street in Bonduel; a disturbance on Mill Street in Eland; disorderly conduct at North Star Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Town of Bartelme; assault at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; four traffic hazards; two welfare checks; one crashes, involving deer.

April 7
Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including threatening on Meadow Lake Road in the Town of Wittenberg; suspicious activity on North Broadway Road in the Town of Hartland; suspicious activity on Pioneer Drive in the Town of Wescott; drugs on

Primrose Lane in Tigerton; a weapon offense on Lessor-Navarino Road in the Town of Navarino; harassment on Fourth Street in Leopolis; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks.

April 6
Deputies responded to 28 incidents, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near state Highway 22 and Friendship Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; OWI near North Franklin and West Third streets in Shawano; fraud on Buss Drive in the Town of Washington; criminal damage on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; threatening on Esther Court in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on West Main Street in Bowler; four 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one welfare check; one crash, involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 12
Officers responded to 20 incidents, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on Engel Drive; a disturbance on Aspen Court; one 911 call; two welfare checks.

April 11
Report not received by press time.

April 10
Report not received by press time.

April 9
Officers responded to 22 incidents, including operating while revoked on East Green Bay Street; suspicious activity outside Four Seasons, 201 N. Airport Drive; criminal damage on Jaycee Court; two truancy reports at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; suspicious activity on South Andrews Street; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks.

April 8
Officers responded to 17 incidents, including a noise disturbance at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; pornography at an undisclosed location; a disturbance on Engel Drive; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; three welfare checks.

April 7
Officers responded to 23 incidents, including drug offenses in Smalley Park, 211 N. Riverisde Drive; trespassing on West Eagle Street; a disturbance on East Elizabeth Street; a disturbance on East Richmond Street; drug offenses on East Main Street; five welfare checks.

COURT NEWS

• Preston T. Harris Cook, 32, New London, had his probation revoked March 13 from a 2025 conviction for misdemeanor charges of battery and disorderly conduct. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced him April 8 to a year in county jail, time deemed served.

• Tammy Marie Dumas, 58, Seymour, was charged April 6 with three counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$15,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 10.

• Forrest B. Field, 35, Shawano, was charged April 6 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 20.

• Michael G. Oshkenaniew, 59, Bowler, was charged April 6 with battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma scheduled an initial appearance for July 7.

• Kelly E. Metoxen, 43, Green Bay, was charged April 6 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and felony bail jumping. Judge William Kussel Jr. scheduled an initial appearance for July 7.

• Travis R. Ratliff, 43, Neenah, was charged April 6 with failure to report to jail. Sloma issued an arrest warrant.

• Alex J. Babino, 32, Seymour, was charged April 8 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$100 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 27.

• Daniel J. Kemp, 44, Tigerton, was charged April 8 with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture or store methamphetamine.

Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 28.

• Joe Rice, 45, Green Bay, was charged April 8 with driving or operating a vehicle without consent and burglary to a building or dwelling. Sloma scheduled an initial appearance for July 14.

• Stephanie E. Ray, 38, Green Bay, was charged April 8 with driving or operating a vehicle without consent and burglary to a building or dwelling. Sloma scheduled an initial appearance for July 14.

• Clint A. Dey, 46, Clintonville, was charged April 8 with removing a vehicle's major parts without consent. Sloma scheduled an initial appearance for July 14.

• Kylee M. Tourtellott, 33, Appleton, was charged April 8 with possession of narcotic drugs. Sloma scheduled an initial appearance for July 14.

• Corenea Leatrice Sangare, 46, Green Bay, was charged April 8 with possession of narcotic drugs. Sloma scheduled an initial appearance for July 14.

• Adam Fredrick Juckett, 43, Shawano, was charged April 10 with second-degree sexual assault of a child, child abuse intentionally causing harm and child enticement for sexual contact. Sloma set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 20.

• Christopher M. Weber, 67, Oregon, was charged April 10 with false imprisonment and misdemeanor counts of fourth-degree sexual assault and disorderly conduct. Kussel set an initial appearance for July 14.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice of Public Hearing
Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 @ 9:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Lowel Hammett, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee under the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 40, in Rooms A/B on May 6, 2026 at 9AM, to consider the following application: **CU-5-26:** Conditional use permit request by Thomas M Maroszek for Non-Metallic Mining Extraction in the Town of Angelica at Property Address: N4753 Elm Road / Tax Parcel #: 004-03090-0010, with the public hearing originally noticed for April 1, 2026 having been rescheduled by the PDZ Committee.
CU-7-26: Jeff Curtin, agent for Justamere Cabin Corp, owner request conditional use permit for the purpose of constructing a Single-Family Dwelling (Land Use) in the C-G, Commercial General Zoning District on approximately 0.5200 total acres. Property is located and described as Part of Government Lot 2 as described in Volume 660 Page 249, Section 24, T27N R16E, located in the Town of Washington. Tax Parcel: #044-37430-0010. Property Address: W5045 Resort Road.
CU-8-26: Andrew Fulcer, agent for Dennis Fulcer, owner request conditional use permit for the purpose of constructing a Hunting, Fishing or Recreational Shelter (Land Use) in the FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District on approximately 39.2340 total acres. Property is located and described as the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ Acres Per Plat of Survey, Section 32, T26N R13E, located in the Town of Grant. Tax Parcel: #018-32420-0000. Currently vacant land.
CU-9-26: William G. Kuchta, agent for Eight Kuchta Enterprises LLC, owner request conditional use permit for the purpose of constructing a Single-Family Dwelling (Land Use) in the C-G, Commercial General Zoning District on approximately 4.00 total acres. Property is located and described as the South 292' of the North 533' East of the Railroad in the Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼, Section 25, T26N R18E, located in the Town of Angelica. Tax Parcel: #004-25440-0010. Property Address: N2955 State Highway 32.
CU-10-26: Andrew D. & Ella A. Schrock, request conditional use permit for the purpose of having an Agricultural Home Occupation (Land Use) for the establishment of a bake shop in the FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District on approximately 16.9500 acres. Property is located and described as Part of the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ & the Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ now known as Lot 2 Volume 21 of Certified Survey Map Page 90 Map #4168, Section 33, T26N R13E, located in the Town of Grant. Tax Parcel: #018-33110-0000. Property Address: W13399 Draeger Road.
Any interested person may address the Planning, Development and Zoning Committee by letter or appear in person, or by agent, and be heard at the public hearing. Written correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer.
The Committee will accept and review all previously received pertinent information relative to the above listed item(s) during the open session of the public hearing on May 6, 2026. Notice is further given that printed copies of these proposals are available for public inspection in the Planning and Development office during regular business hours. Please note that upon reasonable notice, effort will be made to accommodate the needs of any person wishing to attend who, because of disability, requires special accommodation through appropriate aids and services. Call 715-526-6766 to leave a message for arrangements.
Dated this April 8, 2026
For: The Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee
By: Kyle Waelchli, Zoning Administrator

NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer.
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PUBLICATION SUMMONS
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
Case Number: 2026CV000026
CASE CODE: 30404

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Darwin Olsen; Cari Olsen; A-1 Exterminators LLC; Discover Bank; Wisconsin Department of Revenue; Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development; Unknown Tenants of W6510 Woods Road, Shawano, WI, 54166
Defendants

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to the following parties named as defendants herein: CARL OLSEN AND A-1 EXTERMINATORS LLC

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within 40 days after _____, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 311 N Main Street Shawano, WI 54166-2198 and to Randall S. Miller & Associates, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 120 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1140, Chicago IL 60602. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the complaint 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 of seizure of property.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
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CIRCUIT COURT
CAPITAL CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,
v.
APRIL LaCHAPELLE, a/k/a APRIL M. LaCHAPELLE, et al.,
Mortgagor Defendant.
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Case No. 24 CV 200
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on January 30, 2026, in the amount of \$149,371.39, the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
DATE / TIME: May 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
TERMS:
1. 10% down in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts at the time of sale (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted); balance due within ten (10) days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to Plaintiff.
2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.
3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
PLACE: Shawano County Courthouse, First Floor 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin
DESCRIPTION / PARCEL #: Lot One (1), Block Five (5), according to the recorded Plat of Shanahan's Addition to the Village of Shawano, being a subdivision of part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE ¼ of the SW ¼) of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Sixteen (16) East, in the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin.
Parcel ID No. 281-75150-0200
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
703 E. 5 th Street, Shawano, WI
DATE: March 25, 2026. /s/ George Lenzner
George Lenzner, Shawano County Sheriff
Plaintiff's Attorney:
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SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Carol J. Fredrick
DOD: 02/13/2026
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 19
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/13/1937 and date of death 02/13/2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, with a mailing Shawano County, State of Wisconsin address of W9256 Friendship Road, Shawano, WI 54166
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 3, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office
Form completed by:
Michael C. Meyer, Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 178, 111 Grant Street
Marion, WI 54950
715-754-5000
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4/17/26, 4/24/26, 5/1/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT,
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Daniel F. Wood
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 21
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/11/1941 and date of death 01/28/2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 145 Hwy. 45, Birmamwood, WI 54414.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 27, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Attorney Gordon E. Stillings
251 E. Wisconsin Ave.
Neenah, WI 54956
920-725-5305
Bar Number 1000041
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
Case No. 26CV65
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME
CHANGE OF
Isaac Matthew Reed
By Sarah Lyn Steinbach
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Isaac Mathew Reed
To: Isaac Mathew Steinbach-Reed
Birth Certificate: Isaac Mathew Reed
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin
Judge Name: William F Kussel JR
Place: Branch 2
311 Main ST, Shawano, WI 54166
Date: June 3, 2026
Time: 8:15 a.m.
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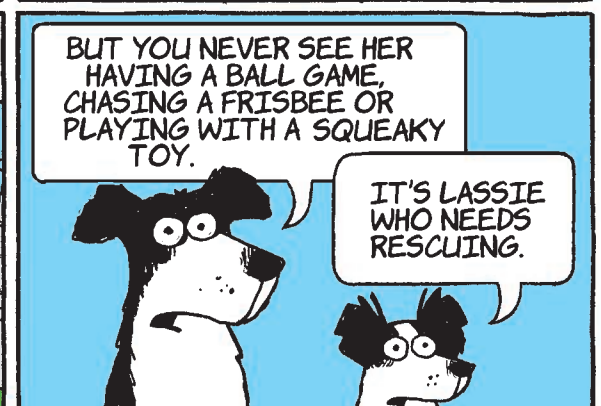
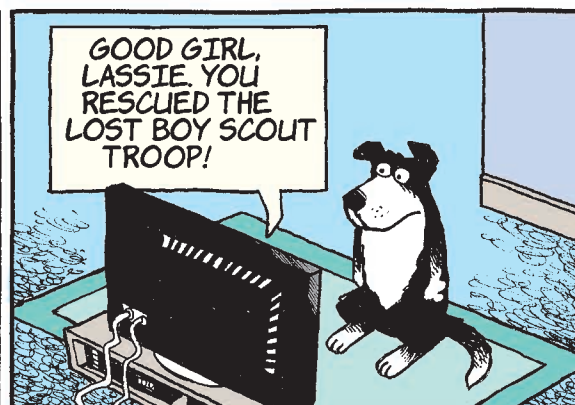
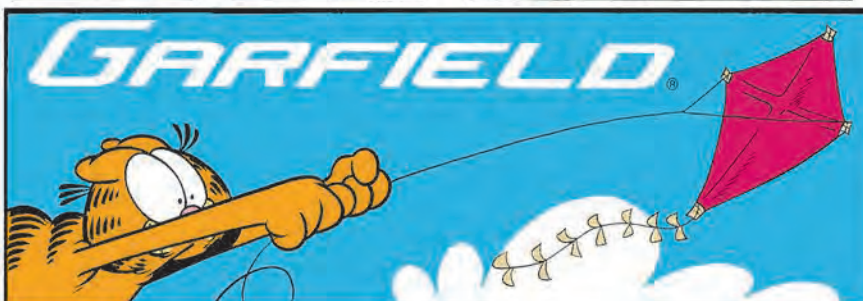
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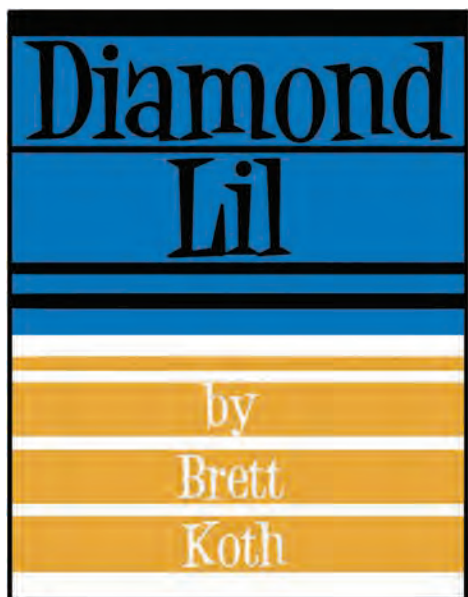
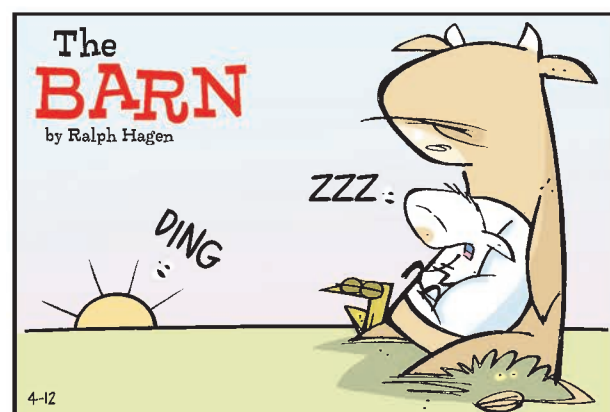
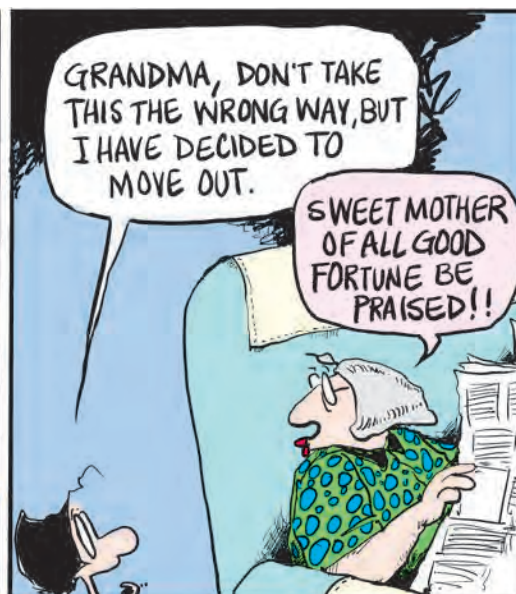
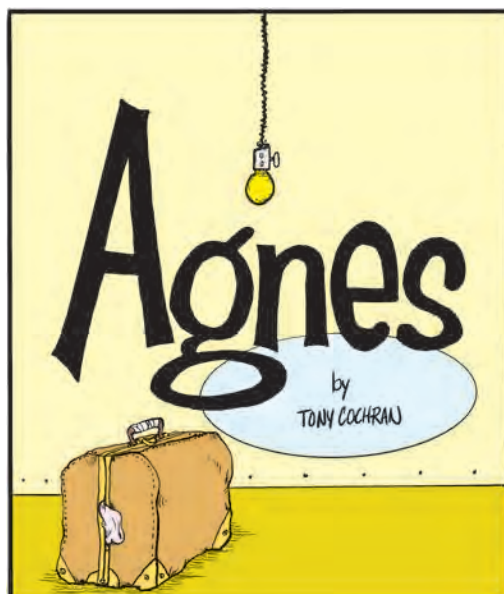
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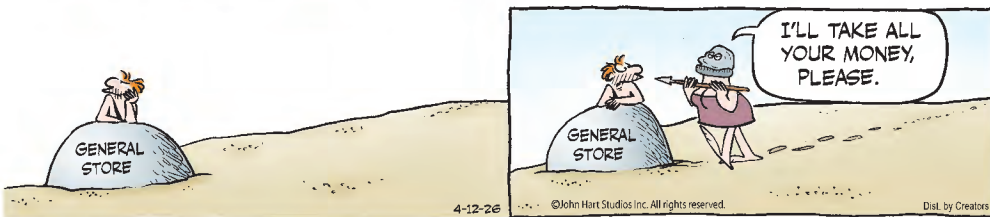
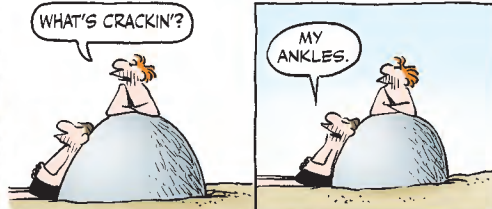
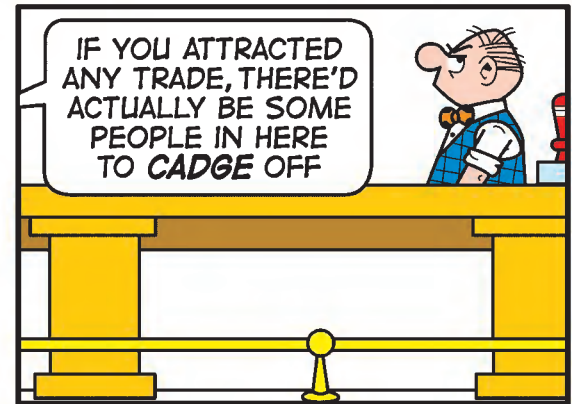
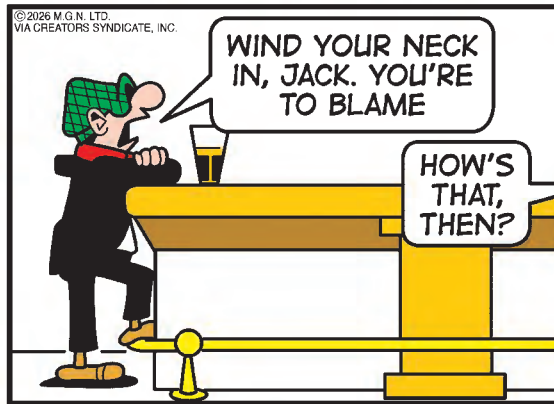
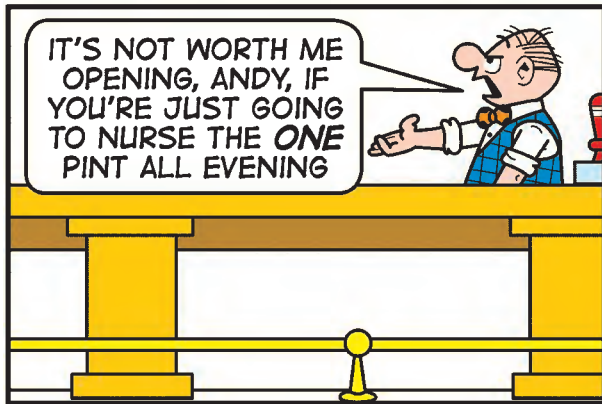
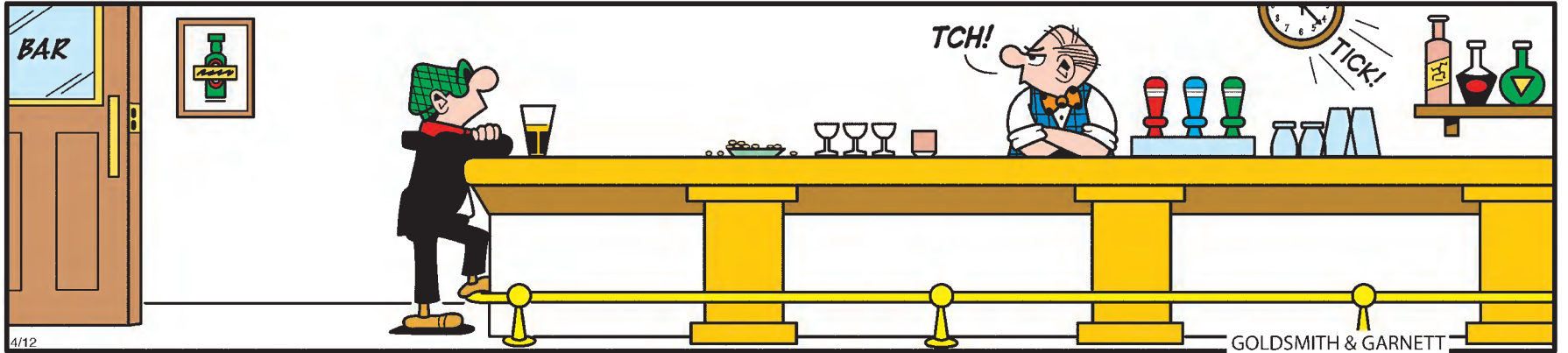






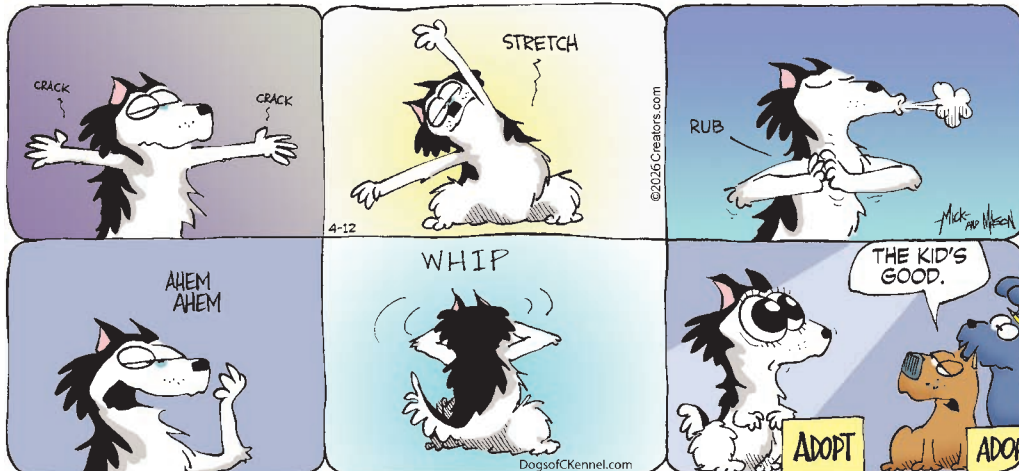
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