

Council gets update on lifeguard search

City of Oconto Falls may apply for recreation grant for various parks concerns

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Chances are improving that East Side Beach in Oconto Falls will be staffed by lifeguards this summer after all.

Because of a chronic lack of candidates and other budget issues, the city passed a 2024 budget based on setting a swim-at-your-own-risk policy at the beach without lifeguards or a swimming raft, but the city council reopened the possibility of hiring lifeguards after a public outcry.

During the March 12 meetings of the council and its park and recreation committee, Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman reported that the city had received one application for the position of lifeguard supervisor and seven applications for lifeguard.

Two of the applications are from candidates who still need to earn their lifeguard certification, and another only wants to work part-time as a fill-in, Friedman said. The city reimburses lifeguard

for the cost of their certification training, and the S&S Hometown Bar and Restaurant offers scholarships to candidates for the upfront costs.

Ideally the city would hope to have a roster of 10-12 lifeguards, City Administrator Peter Wills said. Last summer it seemed there were a dozen people available, but by the time the season started it was down to nine.

“Six really worked a regular schedule,” Wills said.

Friedman said information about the lifeguard openings is posted all over town at stores, schools and online.

Alderspersion Ashley Bahrke asked about the ideal number, recalling that at a park and recreation committee meeting in January, it was stated that the city needed a minimum of eight lifeguards. Committee Chairman Mat McDermid said 10 is a more realistic number to work with.

Meanwhile, the city is also exploring



A boat anchors off shore while young people enjoy the water at East Side Beach during the Sunset Concert Series event last July in Oconto Falls. The condition of the raft makes it unlikely it will be available this summer, and the city is struggling to find lifeguards to staff the swimming area.

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Pulaski High School band celebrates St. Patrick's Day



Members of the Pulaski High School band perform along the route of the March 16 St. Patrick's Day parade that began at the Shawano Lake Golf Course and ran west on Lake Drive to North Bay Circle.

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Sotka found guilty in double homicide

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

A Green Bay man who killed two women while out on bail from an Oconto County stalking case was found guilty of two counts of first-degree intentional homicide March 11.

A Brown County jury deliberated for about an hour before returning guilty verdicts against Richard W. Sotka, 49. The defense did not contest that Sotka killed Rhonda Cegelski and Paula O'Connor but asked jurors to consider finding him guilty of reckless homicide rather than the more serious crime of intentional homicide.

The murders occurred while Sotka was out on bail, having posted \$10,750 cash while he awaited trial on charges of stalking and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 1, 2021, and an alleged Oct. 31, 2021,



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Dana Delores (Ermis) Nicola passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 10, 2024.

Dana was born on Dec. 11, 1988, to Dohn and Roma Ermis in Shawano. She graduated from Suring High School with the class of 2007 and lived in Suring with her family. Her greatest accomplishment was being a mother to her three children. She was very proud to have made them from scratch.

Dana had a very strong presence in her commu-



nity. She helped to coordinate and grow the Suring Youth Basketball program. She coached her daughter, Alexa, and the junior high girls basketball team. Dana was passionate about spending time with her family, crafting, horses, the Green Bay Packers, the annual Boots 'N' Mugs

Bean Bag Tournament and her friends who became family. She enjoyed all types of music and was an avid concert attendee.

Dana was a mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin and friend. She served as the hostess and event planner of the Ermis family. She planned many family gatherings and holiday celebrations and ensured that all were invited to join and were welcomed into the family.

Dana is survived by her children, Alexa and Lin-

coln; their father, Michael Nicola; mother, Roma Ermis; siblings, Mike (Kel-lie), Devin (Jocelyn), Darren (Kassandra), Daniel (Melissa), Dohn (Jessica), Dustin (Jordyn) and Darcie (Andrew). Dana is further survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Dana was preceded in death by her daughter, Emersyn; father, Dohn; grandparents, Dennis and Phyllis and Vernon and Margaret; nephew, Jude.

Visitation was held on

Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home from noon to 3:30 p.m. The memorial service was held at the Red Maple Country Club at 4 p.m. with Pastor Dominic Petit officiating. There was a meal to follow.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

If anyone is struggling and needs help, there are

resources available. The Oconto County Crisis Line is available at 920-834-7000 and the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is available to call or text at 988. Please reach out for help.



Mavis G. Steffen, 92, of Gillett, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2024.

Mavis was born on Oct. 23, 1931, to the late Raymond and Gertrude (Strupp) Perschbacher in Advance. She graduated from Gillett High School with the class of 1950 and then attended Marinette County Teachers College, graduating in 1957.

For the first years of her career, Mavis taught at Kelly Lake, Pleasant Valley



and Four Town School before settling at Gillett Elementary School. She had a memorable 34-year career, retiring in May 1993. Mavis married Willis "Bill" Steffen on May 28, 1960, at St. John Catholic Church in Gillett and they spent

43 loving years together before his passing in 2003.

She greatly enjoyed playing all kinds of card games and dominoes, watching the Game Show Network, baking cookies and spending time at the family cabin. Mavis was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and St. John Catholic Church.

Mavis is survived by her children, Judy, Mike and Joe; honorary "grandchildren," Aaron,

Amanda and Emily; "great-grandchildren," Miles and Maverick. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; brothers, Victor (Betty) Perschbacher and Jerry Perschbacher.

Visitation was held on Friday, March 15, 2024, at St. John Catholic Church from 4-7 p.m. Visitation resumed on Saturday,

March 16, 2024, at St. John Catholic Church from 9 a.m. until the Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Francis Dias officiating. Mavis will be interred at St. John Catholic Cemetery beside Bill.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like

to thank the ninth floor staff at St. Vincent Hospital and Unity Hospice for their care and compassion.



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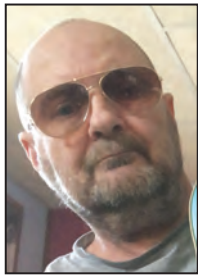
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Tom Borko, 62, Stiles, died early Monday morning, March 11, 2024, following a 24-year illness with COPD.

He was born May 17, 1961, in Manistique, Michigan, to Steven and Mary Ann (New) Borko. Tom grew up in Manistique where he graduated high school. He went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force for eight years.

On March 11, 2004, he married Linda Dan-



tinne in Oconto. Tom lived in the area for most of his life where he was employed as a carpenter and most recently with Beyond Abilities. He also started an online COPD support group, which has grown over

the years to over 18,000 people. At one time, he enjoyed goose and duck hunting as well as fishing. Tom also loved playing the guitar and interacting with his five grandchildren.

Survivors are his wife of 20 years, Linda Borko, Stiles; four stepdaughters, Candie Dantine, Stacey (Joel) Hutzler, Kim (Tom) Dagit and Tiffaney (Corey) VandenBush, all of Green Bay; five grand-

children, Parker Hutzler, Miles and Mollie Dagit, Eli and Ellie VandenBush; one sister, Ann Borko, Manistique, Michigan; one niece, Rachel Norman, Green Bay; his dog, Harper.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date in Manistique, Michigan. Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the Borko family.

CORRECTION

Jailynn Gear's name was misspelled in a photo caption in the March 15 Times Herald. We apologize for the error.

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Harold Lewis, 94, Oconto Falls, died Thursday evening, March 7, 2024, at a Green Bay hospital.

He was born Nov. 6, 1929, in Oconto, to Edward and Violet (Clark) Lewis. Harold married Charlotte Ruth Andre on July 31, 1959. They had six children together and enjoyed nearly 65 beautiful years together.

Early on, Harold and Charlotte lived in Milwaukee, where he worked as a prison guard for Milwaukee County. Eventually, they returned to Oconto County



where they lived for over 40 years. Harold took especially good care of his lawn and enjoyed fishing in his free time. He was a social butterfly, known by everyone in the neighborhood. He enjoyed attending Oconto United Methodist Church for many years.

Survivors are his wife, Charlotte; his six children, Sally Lewis, Jeffrey Lewis, Timothy Lewis, Tamitha Lewis, Patrick Lewis and Betty (Shane) Stange; two grandchildren, Dana (Dan) Lundgren and Hayden Stange; and two great-grandchildren, Mia and Evelyn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings, Ross Lewis, Carl Lewis, Bob Moe and Margaret Lonzo.

No funeral services will be held.

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restraining order violation.

On Jan. 29, 2023, Sotka stabbed Cegelski, 53, and O'Connor, 58, to death. He was arrested in Arkansas the day after the murders, having cut off and discard-

ed an ankle bracelet he was ordered to wear while out on bail in the Oconto County case.

Sotka faces a mandatory two life sentences, and Brown County Circuit Court Judge Beau Liegeois

must determine whether he will ever be eligible for release on parole or extended supervision. The judge scheduled sentencing for May 20 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

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Gillett refinances water, sewer bonds

The Gillett City Council has authorized bonding for up to \$1.2 million to finance and refinance improvements to its water and sewer systems.

The council approved resolutions March 7 authorizing the issuance and sale of \$729,000 in water system mortgage revenue bonds and \$463,000 in sewerage

system mortgage revenue bonds.

The resolutions indicate that the bonds are a refinancing of water system revenue bonds issued in 2007, 2009 and 2020 and sewerage system revenue bonds from 2011 and 2020, as well as refunding interim borrowing to provide more permanent financing for

that project.

The bonds will be payable at 2% annual interest or whatever lower rate is available at the time the bonds are issued, according to the resolutions. The principal repayment schedule calls for annual payments between \$4,800 and \$10,200 starting May 1 and continuing through 2063.

Beach swimming area to be better defined

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

The city of Oconto Falls will install buoys to define the swimming area at West Side Beach.

The Oconto Falls City Council approved a Park and Recreation Committee recommendation to use boat launch fees to pay

for the buoys after hearing concerns about swimmers who wander far from shore from the sandy beach along a stretch of the Oconto River.

One boater told the committee it's a fairly common occurrence to encounter swimmers in the middle of the river.

"You will get people just about every time you're out there who want to swim to the other side, and you're going along and you see only that much of someone sticking out of the water," the unidentified man said.

The recommendation passed the council unanimously.

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Linda K. Cavazos

Linda K. Cavazos, 76, a Gillett resident, passed away Wednesday evening, March 13, 2024, at Bellin Hospital, Green Bay.

She was born March 2, 1948, in Chicago, daughter of the late Grover and Opal (Thompson) McDougal. Linda was a loving caring person who made friends with everyone and was willing to share her opinion whether you wanted it or not.

Survivors include two children, Tony (Luz)

Cavazos, Oak Lawn, Illinois, and Georgianna Ward, Gillett; three grandchildren, Allen Ward, Gillett, Nicholas Cavazos, Illinois, Alexandra Cavazos, Illinois; two great-grandchildren, Marshel Ward and Maryanne Ward; two sisters, Mary Haywood and Paula Dyer. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Grover and Opal McDougal; one brother, Mark Dyer;

and one great-grandson, Little Howard Ward.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday March 20, 2024, at Kuehl Funeral Home.

Cremation has taken place following the service.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with Linda's family on her tribute page at www.legacypartners.com The Kuehl Funeral Home, 108 E Main St., Gillett, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

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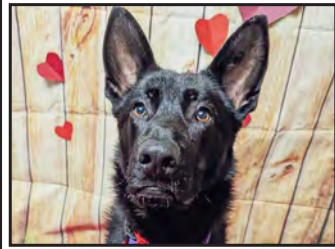
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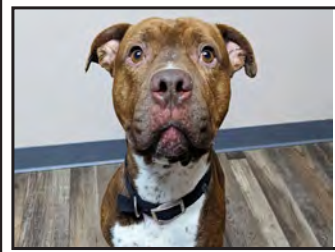
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Artwork by local students is displayed above the bookshelves and on the walls of the Oconto Falls Community Library for Youth Art Month. The exhibit is scheduled to continue at the library through the end of March.

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Info session set on Columbia Street project

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

The city of Oconto Falls is hosting an informational meeting March 26 to provide residents with information about the planned reconstruction of Columbia Street from Chestnut Avenue to North Farm Road.

The meeting is planned for 6 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall, 500 N. Chestnut Ave., Oconto

Falls.

“Our thought is to try to have a meeting — I’m hearing a lot of questions, and different people on different committees are getting questions as we’re doing stuff on Columbia Street — to have folks come in and see the plans, show where the sidewalks are going to be, and talk about the street repairs,” City Administrator Peter Wills told the council

during its March 12 meeting.

A public hearing is also planned for April 9 regarding the city’s application for a Community Development Block Grant to help fund the reconstruction, but Wills said that will be a more formal hearing, and the informational meeting format is more conducive to answering residents’ questions.

The meeting is expected

to cover the scope of the reconstruction including replacement of utilities, water lines, sewer and storm sewer; the planned installation of sidewalks along the south side of the street; and the anticipated detour while the project is underway.

Residents will have an opportunity to provide input about the reconstruction project and proposed activities.

Gillett aims to upgrade Zippel Park playground

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Municipal and business leaders in the city of Gillett are working to raise money for a new and improved playground at Zippel Park.

Alderman Jerry Luther, who chairs the campaign, said the facility would be located near the entrance to the park north

and east of the parking area, and would replace the aging playground equipment behind City Hall.

The goal is to raise up to \$750,000, but whatever funds can be raised are expected to be used sometime this year, Luther said during the city council’s March 7 meeting.

“Playgrounds aren’t cheap, there are several

grants out there and we’re applying for state, federal grants, whatever we can get,” he said. “One grant (application) is for \$350,000, another would be in three sections of \$50,000 each, for \$150,000.”

The council passed a resolution authorizing City Clerk Chelsea Anderson to apply for any available grants from the Wisconsin

Department of Natural Resources.

Luther said the city currently has over \$20,000 in a savings account toward playground equipment. Also, Seneca Foods has pledged \$5,000 toward the project, Gillett Cement is donating the cost of the concrete, and the Gillett Lions Club has offered the proceeds from its golf outing this summer.

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the idea of seeking a recreational grant from Oconto County and solicited ideas from the general public about what is could be used for. The county invited municipalities to apply for grants using part of Oconto County’s remaining allocation from the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

Wills told the Park and Rec Committee that the grants are on a 3:1 matching basis. For example, the city could apply for a \$50,000 grant but would need to contribute \$150,000 of its own funds for a \$200,000 project.

The top things were playground equipment at Memorial Field and West Side Beach and softball improvements at Memorial Field, Wills said.

Several people involved with the Memorial Day weekend softball tournament and local youth baseball and softball programs asked the city to prioritize the softball field fence at Memorial Park.

“That fence at Memorial Field is getting really, really bad,” said Josh Long from the youth programs. “A lot of people got hurt on it last couple of years. With the youth program growing and growing, a lot more kids

are going to use that field, and it’s getting to be a liability.”

The fence is curled up underneath and needs to be replaced, Long said. One player who was injured last summer told the committee he caught his leg under the fence and needed 17 stitches.

About 200 kids are expected to take part in youth baseball programs this summer, Long said.

McDermid said with the new fire station being built on the south end of Memorial Park, it’s a good time to re-envision what the city wants to do with

the park.

“It’d be good if we all sat down this summer and put some ideas down on where we want to go with everything there,” McDermid said.

Christine Grzelak, a citizen member of the committee, said given the amount of community interest, it makes sense to consider improvements at Memorial Park.

“It makes sense to me that while we’re working on the fences to focus on some of the other things that are desperately needed at Memorial Park,” Grzelak said. “We have a good opportunity to make that even better and maybe in the future have the potential to host youth tournaments or softball tournaments, bringing more people to

our community.”

Wills said he also brought in contractors to address lack of ADA compliant restrooms at city parks. He plans to gather quotes on restrooms,

playground equipment, and other issues and make some recommendations to the city council in April.

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Interior secretary stumps for Democrats in Shawano

Trump would 'take a wrecking ball' to democracy, Haaland says

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The U.S. Secretary of the Interior swept through northeast Wisconsin on March 16, but her only public appearances were strictly partisan events aimed at rallying the Democratic Party vote during this election year.

The occasion was a series of coordinated campaign launches with a goal the state party described as to "energize volunteers before they engage their personal networks with relational organizing tools and knock on doors."

Secretary Deb Haaland, who started her speech at the Shawano Civic Center by saying she was "here in my personal capacity,"



Interior secretary Deb Haaland gives a campaign speech to Shawano County Democrats during a political event March 16.

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not in her role as a cabinet member, was also slated to make appearances later in the day in Green Bay, Manitowoc and Sheboygan talking about what she called "the power of Demo-

crats to make the world a better place."

Haaland told a group of more than 50 local residents that the election will be about "who do we trust to fight for us for our

families and for our future." She painted a picture of the 2020 pandemic lockdowns and small business failures and suggested that the election of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala

Harris rebuilt the economy. "We were lurching from crisis to crisis, all of it exacerbated by a chaotic, dangerous president who was only looking out for himself. We were a nation in desperate need of a healing voice and a steady hand, and of course we found that in President Joe Biden," Haaland said. "Main Streets across America are booming, small businesses are launching at a record rate. Latino entrepreneurs are starting new businesses at the fastest rate in over a decade. Black business ownership is growing at the fastest rate in three decades."

All signs point to the economy being headed for a soft landing, she said. "This holiday season, a gallon of gas, a gallon of milk, toys, appliances, electronics, car rentals and airfare all cost less than they did a year ago," Haaland said. "Long story short, prices are down, wages are up, jobs are abundant, and

America is building again." The November election will provide a choice between two very different visions of America, Haaland said, and she warned of dire consequences if presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump is elected president again in 2024. "If he gets back into power, make no mistake, he will take a wrecking ball to the foundations of our democracy, and that means we have no choice but to beat him again," she said. She wrapped up by saying the stakes in this year's election couldn't be higher. "I know every single election, we all say it's the most important election of our lifetime, and it turns out that that's always true, right?" Haaland said. "That is something we have to internalize, and it's up to us — it's up to all of us — to make sure that President Biden gets re-elected."

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Walleye tag reward study begins in Green Bay, tributaries

Together with Walleyes for Tomorrow, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the implementation of a walleye reward tag study for Green Bay and its major tributaries.

Green Bay and its tribu-

taries support a world-class fishery boasting a robust walleye population and trophy-sized fish. Results from DNR angler creel surveys have shown the popularity of this fishery has grown in recent years, and staff has seen increased angler effort

targeting walleyes.

The DNR will begin tagging up to 5,000 walleyes with green and yellow floy tags to better understand the walleye fishery and gather information on population levels and harvest. Fish will be tagged throughout Green Bay's five major spawning areas in Wisconsin — the Fox, Oconto, Peshtigo and Menominee rivers and Sturgeon Bay.

In addition to the yellow and green tags, 200 red reward tags will be distributed throughout these waters. Walleyes for Tomorrow is offering a \$100 reward to

anglers who report catching walleyes with red tags. Thanks to funding from Walleyes for Tomorrow, the DNR hopes to continue this tagging study for the next three to five years.

Anglers who catch a tagged walleye of legal size can harvest or release the fish. Any tagged fish not meeting minimum length requirements should be immediately released once the tag information has been obtained. Follow responsible catch-and-release practices and leave the tag intact for all released walleyes.

For all colored tags,

anglers should report the tag number, tag color, fish length, location caught, date caught and whether the fish was harvested. Additionally, for red tags that read "REWARD \$100" with a valid reward date listed, anglers must verify their tag to redeem the reward. This can be done by:

- If harvested, present the physical tag or email a picture of the tag that includes the three-digit tag number to the DNR.
- If released, take a close-up picture of the tag that includes the three-digit tag number and a picture

of the angler holding the walleye with the attached tag visible.

To report your catch to the DNR, email dnrfhg-fish@wisconsin.gov or call 920-662-5411. To mail in a floy tag from a harvested fish, send it to: Attn: Fish Biologist, 2984 Shawano Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313.

Upon reporting a green or yellow floy tag, anglers will receive information about the fish, including the date, location, size, sex and estimated age at the time of tagging. Anglers do not need to provide picture verification or mail in the physical tag when reporting walleyes with green or yellow tags.

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BY LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

There's a new boutique in downtown Shawano where the fitting room is in a walk-in bank vault.

The Ultimate Closet women's clothing boutique, owned by Ann Lenss, is in the former bank building at 146 S. Main St., next door to Martin Jewellers. It opened in the reinvigorated Shawano downtown shopping district Feb. 3.

"One day, I walked into a store (Ultimate Closet in Green Bay), where I shopped a lot, and I just said to the owner 'I love your shop. I just love the clothing,'" Lenz said. "The owner looked at me and said, 'Buy it,' and that was the start of my dream."

Lenss said her girls always told her that she should own a shop, noting that they called her "a professional shopper."

Lenss researched how to start a small business. She consulted with Suzette Hackl-Kroll from Thornberry Cottage on Main Street, asking her if she was happy she made the move to Shawano, and she said she was.

Intending to move the business to Shawano, Lenss jumped right in after retiring from the Green Bay Area Public School District. She had been with the school district for 32 years, most recently as a principal.

"I've shopped in Shawano for years, and knew of a couple of great shops that were here and knew that we needed another women's shop here," Lenss said. "I thought, what a great opportunity to bring it to Shawano."

Heather Pahl from Martin Jewellers owns the bank building. Pahl asked Lenss if she wanted to lease a spot.

"Everything just came together," Lenss said. "I knew it was meant to be."

The interior had basically torn down to cement floors at that point, according to Lenss. Pahl confirmed that the vintage tin



Anne Lenss shows off the repurposed bank vault in her new women's clothing boutique in downtown Shawano. The Ultimate Closet opened at 146 S. Main St. on Feb. 3. Lenss, a retired principal from the Green Bay Area Public School District, is committed to providing a high level of customer service.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

ceiling would stay, that wood floors could be installed, and that special lighting from the Green Bay shop could work there.

"People talk about that when they come in. 'Oh, the building is so beautiful,'" Lenss said, "and when they look at the fitting room and see that it was the

bank vault, and see the vintage ceiling, those unique features really make it a destination.

"I think that going to boutiques in small towns is just wonderful. Supporting local has always been big for me."

Lenss explained that customers will find casual and comfortable clothing to more formal attire, such as dresses and skirts for weddings. There is also a nice selection of jeans, along with tops for the working woman.

"That was something we wanted to capitalize on, to bring in quality clothing that you can have in your closet and wear over and over again," Lenss said, adding that she really enjoys putting outfits together for customers.

Racks of clothes are placed strategically, with plenty of room to browse. Fixtures are modern and blend seamlessly with the vintage touch of the tin ceiling. The front display window is bright and airy.

"My daughter, Alexis Retzlaff, was the one that came up with the current display," Lenss said.

Renovation was completed mid-January and they started to move in.

"My son, Gavin, was a big help. He helped move boxes," Lenss said. "We are a very close family. The kids are instrumental in helping. My mom (Cindy Holewinski) is also a very big help. My daughter, Brianna Boyer, comes in and



Current fashions are on display in The Ultimate Closet, a women's boutique opened by Anne Lenss in downtown Shawano on Feb. 3. The shop on Main Street is in a repurposed bank building. The shop is bright and clothing rack placements allow for easy browsing by customers, who are coming from the Shawano area, Wausau, Stevens Point, Appleton and Green Bay.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Auditions coming for 2 theater events

Abrams Spotlight plans 'Boeing Boeing' for June; 'Wizard of Oz' coming in July

Two theaters in northeast Wisconsin are holding auditions for summer shows.

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. will hold auditions for its summer comedy, "Boeing Boeing" to be presented June 6-9 and June 13-16.

Individuals will have two opportunities to audition at 6-8 p.m. April 1 or April 3 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. The auditions will include a reading from the script. Individuals are encouraged to complete the audition paperwork online at www.abramstheater.com prior to arrival.

If an in-person audition isn't feasible, contact ASPI at 920-826-5852 or theater.aspi@gmail.com regarding an alternate audition time or a video audition. Rehearsals start the week of April 7 and will be held two to three evenings a week.

Similar to Shakespeare's comedies of merry misadventures and mistaken identities, "Boeing Boeing" tells the exploits of French bachelor Bernard and his lovely female flight attendants. Three flight attendants, to be exact, from three different countries. They all believe they're engaged to Bernard.

Directed by Wayne Strei, the comedy calls for a cast of six male and female actors, ages 16 and older. No stage experience is necessary to try out.

"Boeing Boeing" is written by Marc Camoletti, translated by Beverly Cross and Francis Evans and presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

Meanwhile, the Box in the Wood Theatre Guild is planning auditions for "The Wizard of Oz."

The guild will be holding open auditions from 6-9 p.m. April 5 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6 at the Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano.

Follow the yellow brick road in the stage adaptation of L. Frank Baum's beloved tale, featuring the iconic musical score from the MGM film. The timeless tale, in which young Dorothy Gale travels from Kansas over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz, continues to thrill audiences worldwide.

Actors ages 13 and older are welcome to audition. Auditioners should prepare a song from a musical to perform at the audition that is not from "The Wizard of Oz." They should bring their own music track to perform with, and a Bluetooth speaker and cables will be available for use. A piano is also available.

Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch and Professor Marvel/The Wizard are non-singing roles, so those interested in auditioning for these roles will do cold readings from the script. Auditioners should register for an audition date and time by going to <https://tinyurl.com/oz-auditions>.

The show is scheduled for July 11-14 and July 18-21. Rehearsals will be scheduled two to three times a week beginning in April. For information, contact the director, Brandon Byng, at 920-737-8620.

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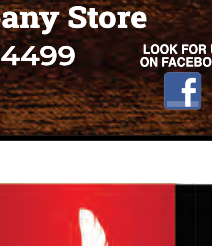
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A male American Goldfinch beckons in the summer.
JOEL TRICK

Goldfinches brightening up area homes, feeders

We are seeing American goldfinches in the company of house finches at our feeders now. The breeding males seem to glow in the sunlight as they show off their bright yellow plumage. Accented by black wings with white markings, dark eyes, a black cap and stout orange bill, this is a handsome bird. The breeding females are more subdued in coloring being duller yellow beneath and more olive in hue above than the breeding males.

Generally, goldfinches flock with other birds. In addition to seeing them with house finches, they often are found in the company of pine siskins and common redpolls, according to the Cornell Lab All About Birds (AAB) website.

Watch these birds and you find that goldfinches are very acrobatic, able to balance on the head of a sunflower or thistle plant to find their favorite food — seeds. Unlike many other birds whose diets include insects, according to AAB, the American goldfinch's diet is exclusively seeds, although they may inadvertently eat an occasional insect. Two of their favorite seeds are nyjer and sunflower seeds.

According to www.audubon.org, the small black, thin, nyjer seed is very nutritious, being high in oil (30-40%), on par with black oil sunflower seeds. It is imported, mainly from India and Ethiopia where it is grown for oil and medicinal uses.

Even though nyjer seed is often referred to as "thistle seed," according to

www.forthebirds.com, it is not related to thistles but is the seed of the African yellow daisy. You can easily find nyjer seeds where you buy other bird seed.

Tune your ears to the most common call of the American goldfinch to detect whether it is in your neighborhood. According to AAB, this is the bird's potato chip call sung with a very even cadence. In the spring and early summer, you may hear the male's tee-tee courtship call when he lands near a female, often followed by a robust burst of song.

Another way to identify an American goldfinch is to watch for its distinctive flight behavior. According to AAB, they fly with a bouncy, undulating pattern and often call in flight making it easy to tell them apart from other birds.

Interestingly, the American goldfinches' reproductive cycle is tuned to its favorite seed producing plants. As noted on the AAB website, they wait until June or July to build tightly woven cup-shaped nests as this is when milkweed, thistle and other plants have produced their seeds. Not only do the seeds provide food for the young, but the fibers and "down" from the seed heads are incorporated into the nests, making them soft and waterproof. Even spider silk is used in nest construc-

tion; the female uses the strong lightweight "threads" to lash the foundation of the nest to supporting branches.

According to AAB, the American goldfinch is a short term migrant. It can be seen in Wisconsin and other parts of the central U.S. year-round. Some migrate as far north as southern Canada to breed, and others head south to overwinter in the southern U.S. and Mexico. Their numbers grow here in the Midwest in the spring when the southern migrants head north. That's why we are seeing more of them at our feeders these days.

The American goldfinch is considered a common species, and although their numbers declined between 1966 and 2019, the AAB website reports them to be of low conservation concern.

Put some nyjer or sunflower seeds in your feeders. American goldfinches are not fussy and will eat the seeds from a hanging tube feeder, platform feeder or off the ground. You can also plant some of their favorite seed plants like sunflowers and native milkweeds to attract them to your yard. Like the coming warming days, these golden birds with their energetic grip on life warm our hearts as they beckon in the summer.

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Field Office and prior to that with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch in Buffalo, New York. As endangered species coordinator for the USFWS, she helped conserve and recover federally listed threatened and endangered species in Wisconsin.

Deadline for writing contest approaches

The deadline of April 6 is approaching for the 18th annual George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest, sponsored by the Shawano Area Writers.

There is no entry fee for student writers in grades 1-12 to submit as many entries as they would like in either fiction, nonfiction, poetry, or all three categories.

Contest coordinator John Mutter Jr. announced that the judges for the 2024 contest are Jerry McGinley, of Waunakee, Christine Hawkinson, of Prairie du Sac, and Michael Belongie, of Beaver Dam. All entries are judged anonymously by the independent panel of writers.

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Menominee officials seek stories about drug addiction

Drug addiction impacts everyone, and the Menominee Nation's Drug Addiction Intervention Team (DAIT) wants to hear their stories as part of its podcast series "Talk About It."

Members of the DAIT are tribal and county leaders in health, education, law enforcement, first responders, social services and more who are working to identify and break down barriers, identify roadblocks

to care and treatment and find collaborative solutions to the opioid drug problem on the reservation.

Part of the group's public outreach efforts includes a podcast addressing topics regarding the opioid epidemic. To date, over a dozen episodes have been aired, covering signs of addiction, harm reduction, seeking help, how to talk about fentanyl, recovery coaches, drugs in the

schools, adverse childhood experience, assessment and treatment options, what people can do about the fentanyl crisis, children and exposure to substances, and drugs with the legal system.

A new set of podcasts will be taped in the coming months with the new title, "Do Something," and the DAIT is looking for community members willing to share their experiences, including those who are will-

ing to share their recovery story or those have a family member battling addiction that would like to share their view on the impact of drug use in the community.

"We know there are so many stories in our community that need to be shared," said Addie Caldwell, DAIT co-chairwoman. "It can take courage to talk about it, but when these stories are out in the open, others have a better understanding of

the problem and impact. It is going to take the entire community to do something about the opioid epidemic in order for it to be eradicated. Talking about it and then doing something about it is essential. We know that is a very tall order — but we have to keep working on it now and for future generations."

Anyone interested in potentially being a guest on the Do Something podcast

can contact Leah Pamonicutt, drug intervention coordinator, at lenpamonicutt@mitw.org or 715-799-6427. Those selected for a podcast interview will be notified in advance with additional details provided.

Podcast episodes are posted twice a month and can be listened to on the tribe's website, www.menominee-nsn.gov/CommunityPages/Podcasts.aspx, Spotify and Apple Music.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

KESHENA: Zumba Gold, 12:10-12:50 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: 715-524-3194 or edijafra@yahoo.com.

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

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents "Oklahoma!" 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Adults \$19, senior citizens and children 5-17 \$17. abramsspotlightproductions.com or 920-826-5852.

KESHENA: Boots Scootin' Boogie — A Tribute to Reba, Brooks and Dunn, 8 p.m., Menominee Casino Resort, N277 State Highway 47-55. General admission \$15 and receive \$5 Free2Play. Tickets at www.menomineecasinosort.com or at the Cage cashier.

WITTENBERG: "Clue," 7 p.m., Wittenberg-Birnamwood

High School, auditorium, 400 W. Grand Ave. \$10 adults, \$5 children and senior citizens.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

OCONTO FALLS: Karl Zeitler Memorial Hunt and K-9 Challenge, 8 a.m., Fox Ridge Game Farm, 8585 Valley Line Road. Law Dog Challenge 10 a.m. Fundraiser for area K-9 law enforcement officers.

SHAWANO: Zurko Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano Community Hall, 115 E. Division St.

SHAWANO: FlavorFest Cooking School and Expo, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Live cooking demonstrations, Q&A sessions, a vendor expo, and an Amish Haystack meal experience complete with homemade pie and ice cream. \$10 for cooking school, \$27 for cooking school and Amish meal.

NAVARINO: Willow Trellis Workshop, 9-11 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646

Lindsten Road. \$50 fee. RSVP by March 20 at 715-758-6999 or www.navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Easter Eggstravaganza, 9:30 a.m. to noon, St. James Lutheran Church, 324 S. Andrews St. Egg hunt ages 0-3 years 10 a.m., 4-6 10:30 a.m. and 7-9 11 a.m. Face painting, crafts, music, and snacks.

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

SHAWANO: Fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt, 1-1:45 p.m., Methodist Church on the Hill, 1000 Engel Drive. Over 300 prizes, Beja Shriners, face painting, 2,500 rubber ducks and over 20,000 eggs. Shawano Police Department also on hand to fingerprint children.

SHAWANO: Easter Egg Hunt

in the Pool, 1:30-4 p.m., Shawano Recreation Center, 220 E. Division St. Swim for eggs, games, pictures with the Easter Bunny, prizes.

WITTENBERG: "Clue," 7 p.m., Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, auditorium, 400 W. Grand Ave. \$10 adults, \$5 children and senior citizens.

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents "Oklahoma!" 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Adults \$19, senior citizens and children 5-17 \$17. abramsspotlightproductions.com or 920-826-5852.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

OCONTO: Social with Cards, 1 p.m., Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 300 Arbutus Ave. Sheephead and smear, \$5 lunch donation, raffles. St. Anne de Beaupre Society fundraiser.

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents "Oklahoma!" 1 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Adults \$19, senior

citizens and children 5-17 \$17. abramsspotlightproductions.com or 920-826-5852.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

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

GILLET: Maundy Thursday service, 6 p.m., Tabor United Methodist Church, 120 W. Main St.

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

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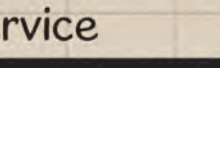
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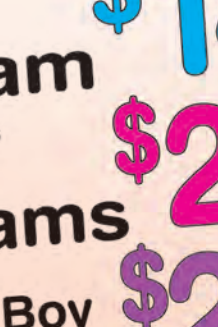
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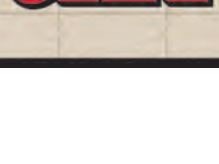
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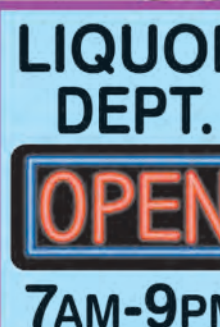
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Shawano kicks off spring track season

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Even before the WIAA boys state basketball tournament games were held, high school spring sports got underway, with a handful of Shawano boys track

members competing in the Oshkosh High School Invitational at UW-Oshkosh on March 12.

The Hawks didn't field a full team and ended up with three points, placing last out of 22 teams. Stevens Point won with 80

points.

Senior Ethan Onesti placed sixth in the 1,600-meter run in 4:36.04. That finish led to Shawano's only points.

In the 400-meter dash, sophomore Joshua Lesperance placed 26th in 59.44.

He was 22nd in the triple jump at 35 feet 5.5 inches.

Onesti finished 10th in the 800-meter run in 2:05.36, while junior Trevor Schwartz was 30th with a time of 2:23.48.

Micah Welander, a freshman, finished in 29th

place in the 200-meter dash in 26.89.

Fellow freshman Josiah Kuehl placed ninth in the 3,200-meter run, finishing out spot out of the scoring, with a time of 10:49.97.

Senior Ryan Shanty tied at 21st in the long jump at

18-03. Welander was 33rd at 15 feet even.

In the preliminaries, Shanty placed 40th in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.88 seconds but did not qualify for the final race.

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IN BRIEF

Haffner makes it to semifinals in WIAA Girls 3-Point Challenge

Gresham senior Madolyn Haffner was among four girls to make it to the semifinals in the 2024 WIAA Girls 3-Point Challenge on March 9 in Ashwaubenon.

Lindsey Schadewalt of New Glarus won the challenge and set a new record for total points.

Ten participants were selected for the event based on stats information entered by coaches into the WisSports.net database.

The top two 3-point shooters (with a minimum 75 attempts) from each division were chosen to participate.

In Division 5, Haffner made 59 of 120 attempts for a 49.2% success rate. Placing second was Reese Grimm of Pittsville, who made 51 of 110 for 46.4%.

Haffner, a senior, made 18 in the first round, 17 in the semifinals but then missed the finals.

Each girl shot five balls from the same five points on the court.

Dickman earns all-state honor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School hockey player Owen Dickman has been honored by the Wisconsin Hockey Coaches Association (WHCA).

Dickman, a forward on the Antigo and Witt-Birn co-op hockey team, was named honorable mention for the WHCA boys hockey all-state teams for the 2023-24 season.

His teammate, Eli Kassler, also a forward, was named to the second team. It was Kassler's second year being named all-state.

2 Shawano players earn unanimous selections for all-conference

Shawano's Leah Nordin and Logan Sipple each were unanimous selections for the Bay Conference first team all-conference teams for the 2023-24 season.

Nordin, a sophomore who plays guard and forward, hit the 1,000-point mark this season. Teammate Abigail Bystol, a senior forward for the Hawks, was named honorable mention.

Sipple, a junior, plays guard for Shawano.

Three boys and two girls were named to the first team for wrestling.

Sophomore Kody Popelka and seniors Drake Herm and Carsen Herm were named to the first team for boys wrestling. Senior Onna Hermann was named first team for girls wrestling.

Boys named to the second team were sophomore Dylan Gartner, freshman Owen Montour and senior Conner Chelberg.

Girls named to the second team were seniors Caitlyn Moede and Courtney Schenk, as well as junior Lily Tomas.

Panthers represented well with first team all-conference picks

Oconto Falls sophomore Rylie Shallow earned first team honors as guard as well as the defensive all-conference team for the North Eastern Conference in 2023-24.

Freshman Isaiah Holz and senior Garrett Ganter also earned all-conference honors for boys wrestling.

Joining Shallow with girls basketball awards were senior guard Kathryn Raddatz, junior forward Madeline Maloney and junior forward Amber Otto, all earning honorable mention status.

As for boys wrestling, juniors Cole Bozile and Nick Trepanier were named to the second team. Junior Hunter Bozile was named honorable mention.

Three members of the Panthers boys basketball team earned honorable mention status. They are senior guard and forward Alex Haines, sophomore guard Jameson Beaman and sophomore guard Brady Bursa.



The Wisconsin All Star Challenge state champion girls team featured, from left, All Star head coach Brad Krueger, Morgan Bushman (Marshfield), Peyton Smith (Merrill), Marley Krueger (Merrill), Holly Orgeman (D.C. Everest/Wittenberg), Johanna Dellenbach (Rhinelander) and Chris Orgeman (D.C. Everest/Wittenberg). CONTRIBUTED

District 9 bowlers win Wisconsin All Star Challenge

Both the boys and girls teams from the Wisconsin High School Bowling Club District 9 (Wausau region) claimed first place at the All Star Challenge on March 9 at Riviera Lanes in Green Bay.

The girls team included Birnamwood freshman Holly Orgeman.

Bowlers bowled three individual games of bowling to start the day and then went into 10 baker games to finish qualifying. Baker games are when five bowlers are on a team and each bowls two frames.

After the individual games, District 9 girls found themselves sitting in sixth place with 2,610 pins. The top three teams after qualifying advance to match play. Heading into the baker side of qualifying, after five games of baker, District 9 girls were still in sixth place with 3,469 pins. The girls came alive with a couple nice games — including a 225 game — to have 4,033 pins after game eight, which pushed them up to third place with two games left.

After the ninth game,

District 9 girls had 4,211 pins to remain in third place, but only by 10 pins with District 7A right behind them. In the 10th game, District 9 rolled a 168, while District 7A only threw a 142, giving District 9 the final spot in match play.

In match play, District 9 defeated District 10 (Eau Claire area) 389-333 to advance to the championship where District 9 rolled past District 3A (Racine/Kenosha area) 384-331.

Orgeman finished with 11 strikes, eight spares and

four opens, while Peyton Smith (Merrill) led the team with 15 strikes, nine spares and four opens. Johanna Dellenbach (Rhinelander) had 10 strikes, 14 spares and four opens, as Marley Krueger (Merrill) had 10 strikes, 14 spares and 4 opens as well. Morgan Bushman (Marshfield) rounded out the team with eight strikes, 13 spares and seven opens.

The District 9 boys team also qualified for match play in third place and pushed ahead to win the All Star title as well.

Shawano, Pulaski compete on college campuses

Pulaski's boys 4x800-meter relay team had the best finish March 16 at UW-Stevens Point. The team placed 11th.

Other top-20 finishes were Arden Gillen, 15th in 1,600-meter run; Parker Marshall, 19th in the 1,600-meter run; the 4x200-meter relay team, 14th; the 4x400-meter relay team, 16th; and Rylan Opperman, 20th in the 400-meter dash.

March 14

Shawano and Pulaski athletes competed at a large-school meet at UW-Oshkosh on March 14, and it was a small contingent for each track and field team.

Three Shawano runners competed in the 200-meter dash. Senior Logan Korth placed 20th in 25.41 sec-

onds, followed by junior Austin Peterson in 22nd with a time of 25.56 and freshman Ryan Schwitzer in 30th at 26.69.

Pulaski sophomore Rylan Opperman finished 30th in the 400-meter dash in 1:01.63, with Shawano freshman Joshua Lesperance right behind in 31st place in 1:03.61.

Ethan Onesti, a Shawano junior, placed ninth in the 800-meter run in 2:10.85. He was also ninth in the 1,600-meter run in 4:48.53; teammate senior Jaymin Boivin finished in 26th place in 5:11.71.

Shawano senior Aidan Preston finished 23rd in the 3,200-meter run in 11:45.1.

The 4x200-meter relay featured the Shawano team of Schwitzer, junior Drake

Herm, Korth and Peterson finishing in 17th in 1:41.49. A Pulaski foursome placed 20th in 1:44.

A team from Pulaski placed 15th in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:02.61.

In the long jump, Pulaski junior Brayden Kamps placed 22nd with a jump of 16 feet 9.75 inches. A trio of Shawano jumpers also competed with Korth finishing 26th at 16-04, Schwitzer in 29th at 16-02 and Ainsworth in 32nd at 15-03.

Triple jump competitors included Pulaski athlete Madden Skenandore finishing in 13th place with a jump of 37-11.5, and Ainsworth in 24th at 31-02.

Pulaski senior Jack Marsh was the top local athlete competing in the

shot put. He placed 17th with a toss of 43-08. Joining him in the event was Shawano junior Mason Theis, 30th, 36-06, and teammate Andrew Herrmann, a senior, 35th place, 32-01.

In the 60-meter dash preliminaries, Pulaski junior Rylan Rodal placed 13th with a time of 7.33 seconds.

He was joined by Pulaski senior Jake Adams, 15th place, 7.36; Herm, 33rd, 7.66; Pulaski sophomore Malakai Godfrey, 42nd, 7.77; and Shawano sophomore Kaden Ewert, 52nd, 8.04. None advanced to the finals.

In the prelims for the 60-meter hurdles, Skenandore placed 10th in 9.21; he did not advance to the final race.

Charger girls place second

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls track and field team scored 149.5 points and placed second out of eight teams at the Northland Pines Indoor Invitational on March 14 in Eagle River.

The boys team placed 10th out of 10 teams with 14 points.

Menominee Indian's boys were fourth with 65 points, and the girls were fifth with 48 points.

Both teams captured a few first-place finishes.

Urijah Reevis, a Menominee Indian sophomore, ran to first place in the 400-meter dash in 1:06.17.

Wittenberg-Birnam-

wood junior Faith Resch placed first in the 200-meter hurdles in 30.06.

In the 800-meter run, Chargers freshman Nora Bushman captured first (2:42.73), Charger junior Kylee Beversdorf was second (2:46.24), and Reevis was third (2:49.12).

Resch won the high jump at 4-10.

A Chargers four-some placed first in the girls 4x800-meter relay in 11:37.61. Wittenberg-Birnamwood also grabbed first in the 4x400-meter relay in 4:36.46.

Barron Waupoose, an Eagle sophomore, led the field with a first-place finish in the boys 400-meter

dash in 54.5.

In the girls 55-meter hurdles, Wittenberg-Birnamwood captured places two through four. Resch was second in 9.63, freshman Kelsie Davis was third in 11.6 and Jayden Zeinert, a junior, was fourth in 11.78.

In the 55-meter dash, it was Menominee Indian sophomore Madeline Tomow with the best finish, placing eighth in 8.36.

Three freshman Chargers placed in the top seven in the 1,600-meter run. They were Bushman, second, 5:56.69; Gabrielle Timm, sixth, 6:48.01; and Charlie Eichman, seventh, 6:53.32.

Nelson, Stevens, Barkley earn firsts in Wausau

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Gresham/Bowler's Bryson Nelson ran his way to two first-place medals in the boys competition at the Wausau West Early Bird Indoor Track Meet on March 16. He captured first in the 800-meter run and in the 1,600-meter run.

Other than in the 55-meter dash, where all Gresham/Bowler runners placed 25th through 38th, all other events had no runner lower than 18th.

For the girls, Gresham/Bowler's Isabella Stevens earned first place in the high jump, as teammates Addison Fischer and Alivia

Perez tied for ninth.

Shawano only competed in the girls events, with Adalyn Barkley leading the way with a pair of first-place finishes, those coming in the 400-meter dash and the triple jump.

Everyone placed in the top 20, and all but two were in the top 10.

Fabry runs to first at Point Invite

Pulaski's Emerson Fabry won first place in the 800-meter run at the Point Invite at UW-Stevens Point on March 15.

Several other girls earned top-10 finishes.

Ella Hasser placed second in the 400-meter dash; Hallie Morz placed second in the pole vault; the 4x400-meter relay team

was second; the 4x200-meter relay team finished third; and Olivia Sprangers placed third in the 60-meter dash.

Oconto Falls

Oconto Falls girls grabbed two top-10 finishes.

Rylie Shallow was sixth in the 60-meter dash, and teammate Brooke Hod-

kiewicz was sixth in the 800-meter run.

Gillett

Gillett's 4x400-meter relay team placed 28th. It was the highest finish for the team.

For individuals, Haley Bullock placed 33rd in the 400-meter dash, and Hope Soper was 33rd in the triple jump.

Suring leads area schools at UW-O

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Suring collected 38 points and finished in ninth place out of 42 teams at the small-school invite at UW-Oshkosh on March 14. Oconto Falls collected 32 points and finished in 12th place, and Gillett scored six points and placed 36th.

Ben Adams of Oconto Falls ran away with a first-place finish in the Division 2 3,200-meter run in 10:01.56.

In the 60-meter hurdles for Division 3, Suring's Trent VanDenElzen placed second in the prelims in 10.03 and then catapulted to first place in the finals with a time of 9.84.

Oconto Falls' Brady Bursa, Bramer, Evan Yuma and Wilquet placed third in the D2 4x200-meter relay.

Adams grabbed second place in the D2 1,600-meter run. Gillett's Scott Herroux placed eighth in 5:25.72

in the D3 event. Suring's Gavin Staszik placed 14th in 6:13.57.

Cornell raced to third place in the D3 400-meter dash in 55.82. Further back was Gillett's Nash Stage, who placed 16th in 1:00.41.

Gillett's Braydn Wendorff was fourth in the D3 800-meter run in 2:12.53.

Suring's Quinn Thomson, Cornell, Ermis and VanDenElzen placed fourth in the D3 4x400-meter relay in 3:52.5.

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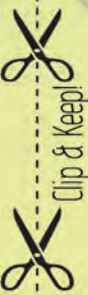
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12 UAB (23-11)

4 Auburn (27-7)

13 Yale (22-9)

6 BYU (23-10)

11 Duquesne (24-11)

3 Illinois (26-8)

14 Morehead St. (26-8)

7 Washington St. (24-9)

10 Drake (28-6)

2 Iowa St. (27-7)

15 South Dakota St. (22-12)

WEST

1 North Carolina (27-7)

16 Howard/Wagner

8 Mississippi St. (21-13)

9 Michigan St. (19-14)

5 Saint Mary's (26-7)

12 Grand Canyon (29-4)

4 Alabama (21-11)

13 Charleston (27-7)

6 Clemson (21-11)

11 New Mexico (26-9)

3 Baylor (23-10)

14 Colgate (25-9)

7 Dayton (24-7)

10 Nevada (26-7)

2 Arizona (25-8)

15 Long Beach St. (21-14)

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Other Teams

Houston (30-4) 1

Longwood (21-13) 16

Nebraska (23-10) 8

Texas A&M (20-14) 9

Wisconsin (22-13) 5

James Madison (31-3) 12

Duke (24-8) 4

Vermont (28-6) 13

Texas Tech (23-10) 6

NC State (22-14) 11

Kentucky (23-9) 3

Oakland (23-11) 14

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Boise St./Colorado 10

Marquette (25-9) 2

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South Carolina (26-7) 6

Oregon (23-11) 11

Creighton (23-9) 3

Akron (24-10) 14

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2 Where Eve lived

3 Little lizard

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38 Genesis twin

39 Created, as cotton candy

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41 End of many work wks.

42 "Impossible!"

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49 Mrs. Shakespeare

50 Sorority letter

53 DNA holder

54 Gershwin contemporary

55 Does a Brazilian dance

58 A Super Mario brother

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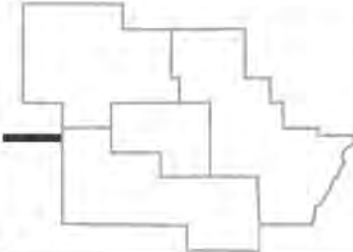
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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of March 15

Justin John Ault, 34, Sobieski, was sentenced to two years in prison, followed by two

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TOWN OF SPRUCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the ICE voting machine to be used at the 2024 Spring Election and Presidential Preference on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, will be conducted for the Town of Spruce on Monday, March 25th, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Rd B, Oconto Falls. The Public Test is open to the general public.
Lisa Peitersen
Spruce Town Clerk

Legals
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03/22/24
CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE APPROVAL
The following Ordinances have been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls on March 12, 2024. A full text of said Ordinances may be obtained from the Oconto Falls Clerk's Office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505. ORDINANCE NO. 24-001, amending ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS - CHAPTER 43-6
Jenny Friedman Deputy Clerk

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03/22/24
Town of How
Notice of PUBLIC TEST
Notice is hereby given that the Public Test for the Voting Equipment be used at the Spring Election on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, will be conducted on Friday, March 29 at 10:00 p.m. at the Town of How Community Building in accordance with the Wisconsin State Statutes, Ch. 5.84(1). The Public Test is open to the general public.
Becky Dickson, clerk/treasurer
Town of How, Oconto County,
ELECTION DAY
Tuesday April 2, 2024 Polls open at 7:00 a.m.
Polls close at 8:00 p.m.
You are required to show a picture I.D. and sign the poll book.
Becky Dickson, Clerk Town of How, Oconto County, WI

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that a Public Test for the voting machine to be used at the Spring Election on April 2, 2024 will be conducted for the City of Oconto Falls on Wednesday, March 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the City Municipal Building, 500 N Chestnut Avenue. The Public Test is open to the general public.
Jenny Friedman Deputy Clerk

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03/22/24
NOTICE TOWN OF BAGLEY
PUBLIC TEST
The Town of Bagley will test the elctronic tabulating machine to be used for APRIL 2nd. 2024 ELECTION will be held on WEDNESDAY MARCH 27TH 2024. at 6:00 PM at the Bagley Town Hall 9812 COUNTY HWY Z POUND, WI. 54161
This test is open to the public.
ALAN SLEETER, CLERK
TOWN OF BAGLEY

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03/22/24
Public Notice
Town of Lena Residents
The Town of Lena will conduct their public testing of voting equipment on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Lena Town Hall, 6087 Goatsville Rd. The test is open to the public. The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Polls are open from 7 AM until 8 PM. Aphoto ID is now required to receive a ballot in all elections.
Dawn Vanark Town Clerk

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given, that The City of Oconto Falls Common Council will hold a Public Hearing on April 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. The purpose of this hearing is for the consideration of:
1. Public Hearing NO. 1 at 6:00pm Proposed Community Development Block Grant Application
2. Public Hearing NO. 2 immediately following NO.1 estimated 6:45 pm Proposed Ordinance 24-004 for Amending Chapter 465-5 Vehicle and Traffic
3. Public Hearing NO. 3 immediately following NO.2 estimated 6:50 pm Proposed Ordinance 24-003 for Amending Chapter 365 Peace and Good Order
All residents of the City of Oconto Falls are encouraged to attend. The meeting room is handicapped accessible. A copy of proposed ordinances can be picked up at the Municipal Building. Persons needing additional accommodations should contact City Hall at (920) 846-4505.

years of extended supervision, for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and a misdemeanor count of operating while his license was revoked, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 5, 2023. Judge Michael Judge ruled that Ault is eligible for the substance abuse program, which can lead to early release upon successful conclusion, and gave him credit for 52 days already served in the county jail. His license was revoked for 36 months, during

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY
A PUBLIC TEST OF THE ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE April 2nd, 2024 ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON March 28th, 2024 AT 5:30 pm AT THE MAPLE VALLEY TOWN HALL 9088 CNTY HWY Z SURING, WI 54174

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE APPROVAL
The following Ordinances have been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls on March 12, 2024. A full text of said Ordinances may be obtained from the Oconto Falls Clerk's Office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone:920-846-4505. ORDINANCE NO. 24-002; amending ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS - CHAPTER 43-7
Jenny Friedman Deputy Clerk.

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03/22/24
City of Oconto Falls
Proposed Columbia Street Reconstruction Project
City Municipal Building
Council Chambers
500 N. Chestnut Avenue
Oconto Falls, WI 54154
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 6:00pm
The City Council of City of Oconto Falls will conduct an informational meeting regarding its proposed Columbia Street Reconstruction Project, from Chestnut to Farm Road, starting Spring 2025. The public is invited to attend to learn about the scope and impact of the Columbia Street Project, provide input on reconstruction project and activities proposed. Agenda for the informational meeting:
1. Scope of Columbia Street Reconstruction.
2. Utilities water sewer and storm sewer replacement.
3. Planned installation of side walk on South side from Chestnut to Farm Road.
4. Anticipated detour during the project.
5. Information about the project can also be found on city website at https://cityofocontofalls.com/temporary-notice/
Residents of the City of Oconto Falls, including residents with low and moderate incomes that may be impacted by the project, are encouraged to attend. The meeting room is ADA accessible. Persons needing additional accommodations should contact the City Clerk at telephone number (920) 846-4505) or email: dclerk@ci.ocontofalls.wi.us; admin@ci.ocontofalls.wi.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
For:City of Oconto Falls
Proposed Community Development Block Grant Application
City Municipal Building
Council Chambers
500 N. Chestnut Avenue
Oconto Falls, WI 54154
Tuesday, April 09, 2024 6:00 PM
The City Council of City of Oconto Falls will conduct a public hearing regarding its proposed application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities (PF) program funds. The public is invited to attend to learn about the CDBG program, provide input on community development and housing needs, and comment on the activities proposed to be included in the CDBG application. Agenda for the public hearing:
1. Identification of total potential funding available
2. Eligible CDBG activities
3. Presentation of identified community development and housing needs
4. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application
5. Review of any potential residential and non-residential displacement
6. Resident input regarding community development and housing needs, the proposed CDBG project, and other CDBG activities
Residents of the City of Oconto Falls, including residents with low and moderate incomes that may be impacted by the project, are encouraged to attend. The meeting room is ADA accessible. Persons needing additional accommodations should contact the City Clerk at telephone number (920) 846-4505) or email: dclerk@ci.ocontofalls.wi.us; admin@ci.ocontofalls.wi.us.

which time an ignition interlock device must be installed in his vehicle(s).
Craig L. Miller, 68, Milwaukee, pleaded not guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and operating a motor vehicle with a prohibited alcohol content, both for the fifth or sixth offense, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 4, 2022. Judge Jay Conley scheduled a motion hearing for April 22.
Bond was set at \$2,500

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03/22/24
City of Gillett Notice
The following Resolutions and Ordinance have been passed by the Common Council for the City of Gillett. A full text of said Resolutions and Ordinance may be obtained from the City of Gillett Clerk's Office located at 150 N McKenzie Ave Gillett WI 54124, Phone 920-855-2255.
RESOLUTION 1-2024 APPROVING Outdoor Recreation Aids
WHEREAS, CITY OF GILLETT is interested in acquiring or developing lands for public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the application.
RESOLUTION NO. 2-2024 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$729,000 WATER SYSTEM MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF GILLETT, OCONTO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND OTHER DETAILS WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS
RESOLUTION NO. 3-2024 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$463,000 SEWERAGE SYSTEM MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF GILLETT, OCONTO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND OTHER DETAILS WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS
ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-8 The Common Council of the City of Gillett do ordain as follows:
Section 1: Gillett Municipal Code 21-8 is amended to add the following section:
21-8 ADOPTION OF STATE REGULATIONS
E. Camping units under Ch. SPS 327
Approved March 7, 2024
Chelsea Anderson, Clerk

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03/22/24
TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
In accordance to Wis. Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of voting equipment to be used at the Spring Election on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, will be conducted for the Town of Oconto Falls on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Town of Oconto Falls Town Hall, 8680 State Hwy 22 West, Oconto Falls. The Public Test is open to the general public.
Susan L. Mogged
Town of Oconto Falls, clerk

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TOWN OF STILES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
In accordance to Wis. Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the ICE voting machine to be used at the 2024 Spring Election on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, will be conducted for the Town of Stiles on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. at the Stiles Town Hall, 5718 Watercrest Rd., Lena. The Public Test is open to the general public.
Jill Babino, Town of Stiles Clerk

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ORDER TO APPEAR
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT OF OCONTO COUNTY
Petitioner : JASON WAYNE WILZ
Respondent: COURTNEY RENEE WILZ
Case No. 23 FA 84
IT IS ORDERED COURTNEY RENEE WILZ appears as follows before Circuit Court Judge Jay N Conley
Location: Oconto County Courthouse - Courtroom 8 301 Washinl:ton Street Oconto, WI 54153
DATE:April 30, 2024 9:00 AM

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TOWN OF MORGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that a Public Test for the voting machine to be used at the 2024 Spring Election and Presidential Preference on April 2, 2024 will be conducted for the Town of Morgan on Tuesday March 26, 2024 at 06:00 PM at the Morgan Town Hall, 3276 County Rd C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. This public test is open to the general public.
Town Clerk
Erin Mooers
920-846-0699

cash for Isaac A. Bell, 17, Gillett, after he was charged with child abuse intentionally causing harm and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 13. Judge adjourned his initial appearance to April 11.
Bond was set at \$15,000 cash for Timothy J. Pearson, 39, Oconto, after he was charged with three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct, resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 14. Judge adjourned his initial appearance until March 25.
A bench warrant was authorized for Kyle K. Sydor, 35, Oconto, after he failed to appear for a plea and sentencing hearing on a charge of theft in a business setting, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 18, 2021.

Proceedings of March 14
A July 24-25 jury trial was scheduled for Stephanie S. Farvour, 38, Gillett, who faces two counts of first-degree reckless endangerment, one count of possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 16, 2022. Conley scheduled a final pre-trial conference for July 8.
Adam J. Martens, 31, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 14. Conley scheduled a jury trial for Aug. 13-14 on that incident and previous charges of child abuse intentionally causing harm, in connection with an alleged Sept. 10 incident, and victim intimidation and misdemeanor criminal damage to property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 14. A final pre-trial conference was set for July 29.

Allyson Faye Britten, 28, Cecil, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping, disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 15. Conley scheduled a pre-trial conference for April 11.
A signature bond of \$5,000 was set for Rebecca A. Krueger, 41, Oconto Falls, after she was charged with theft of movable property - special facts, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 14. Conley adjourned her initial appearance until April 11.
A \$5,000 signature bond was set for Tiffany A. Peshek, 32, Oconto, when she made her initial appearance on a charge of child neglect with a consequence of bodily harm, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 25. Conley adjourned her case until April 11.

A bench warrant was issued for Cindy M. Earley, 55, Oconto, after she failed to appear for a status conference on charges of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 29, as well as a felony charge of child abuse intentionally causing

harm and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 23, 2021.
A bench warrant was issued for Christopher Allen Gulledge, 36, Oconto, after he failed to appear for a hearing on a charge of possession of methamphetamine in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 25.

Proceedings of March 13
Josenel I. Williamson, 41, Menominee, Michigan, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and negligent operation of a motor vehicle, in connection with an incident that occurred July 31, 2022, and a second misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct, in connection with an Aug. 21, 2022, incident. Conley withheld sentencing and placed him on two years of probation with conditions.
George Gardea-Eagle, 34, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 23, 2023. Judge scheduled sentencing for May 16 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

The final pre-trial conference was held for the March 21 jury trial of Maxwell Richard Mellen, 41, Green Bay, who is charged with possession of methamphetamine in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 13. Judge approved calling a 20-person panel to seat a 12-person jury.
A Sept. 25-27 jury trial was scheduled for Marty M. LaCourt, 34, Oconto, who is charged with second-degree sexual assault of an intoxicated victim, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 5. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Sept. 9.
James John Crouse, 52, Menominee, Michigan, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on a felony count of possession of THC (second and subsequent offense) and misdemeanor charges of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 16. Judge scheduled arraignment for April 11.
Kyra L. Saldana, 21, Oconto, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 29. Judge scheduled a plea hearing for April 16.

Ryan Christopher Mootz, 44, New Berlin, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 4. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for May 2.

Proceedings of March 11
April M. Westphal, 29, Suring, pleaded no contest to felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while her license was revoked, in connection with an incident that occurred July 9, and two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of child neglect and bail jumping, in connection with an

incident that occurred Sept. 11. Conley scheduled sentencing for May 14 and ordered a presentence investigation.
Kelly S. Urbanek, 61, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to two counts of repeated sexual assault of the same child and one count of first-degree sexual assault of a child younger than 13. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for May 2.

Proceedings of March 8
After a preliminary hearing, Anthony Barrett Wood, 39, Lakewood, was bound over and pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 1. A pretrial conference was scheduled for April 11, along with a status conference on a previous case in which he is charged with substantial battery and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 12, 2023.
Justin A. Biersteker, 43, Little Suamico, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 19. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for April 11.

Proceedings of March 7
Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Joel S. Willmann, 30, Sobieski, after he was charged with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 5. Judge adjourned his initial appearance until March 14.

Proceedings of March 5
Gerald W. Tucker III, 55, Lakewood, was placed on two years of probation after Judge withheld sentencing on misdemeanor counts of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of THC and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 8, 2020. Conditions include 90 days in the county jail with Huber work-release privileges.
Michael Nicholas Hulchiy, 53, Suring, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree sexual assault and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 23, 2021. Four felony counts were dismissed in a plea agreement. Conley withheld sentencing and placed him on one year of probation with conditions.

Edward Phillip Lindahl, 41, Sturgeon Bay, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 27, 2020. Conley scheduled sentencing for April 2 and said he will rely on a recently completed pre-sentence investigation for charges in another county.
Maurice Allen Olson Sr., 33, Suring, pleaded no contest to fleeing an officer in his vehicle, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 6. Judge scheduled sentencing for April 30 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

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\$1.69
Asst Variety
12-16oz

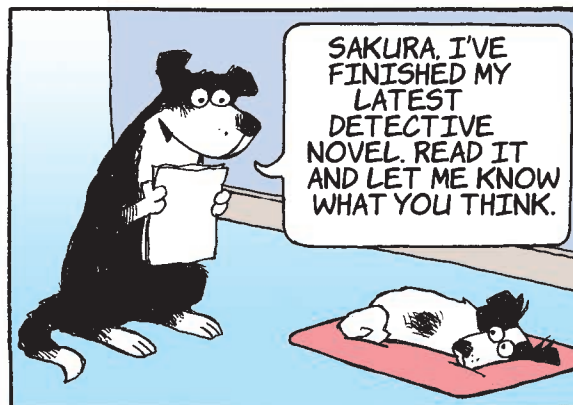
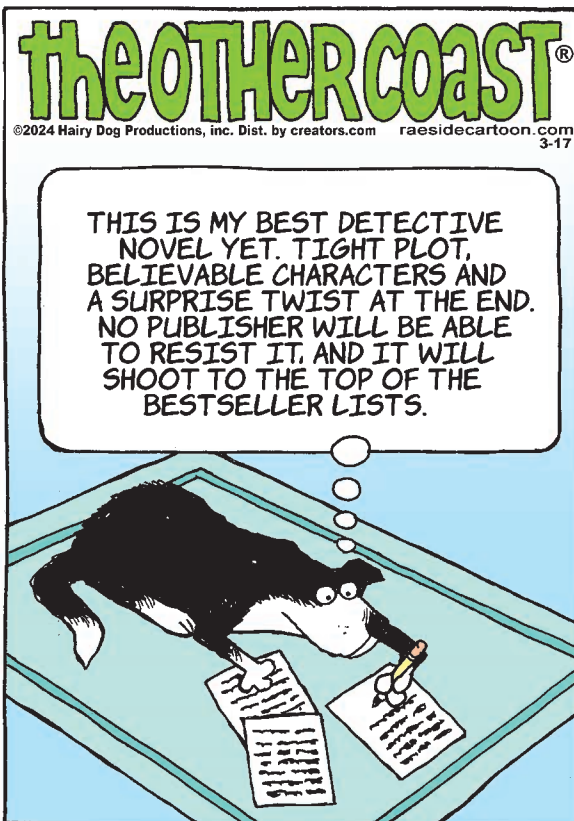
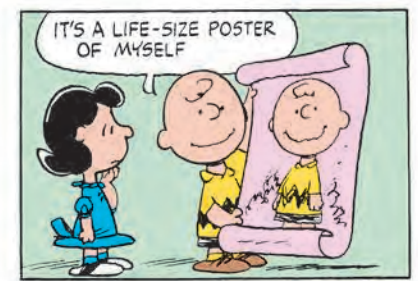
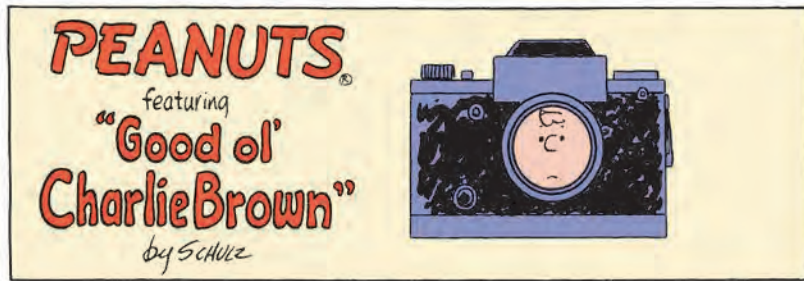
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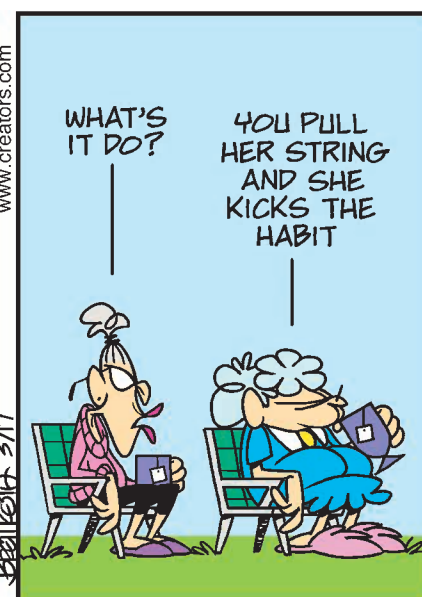
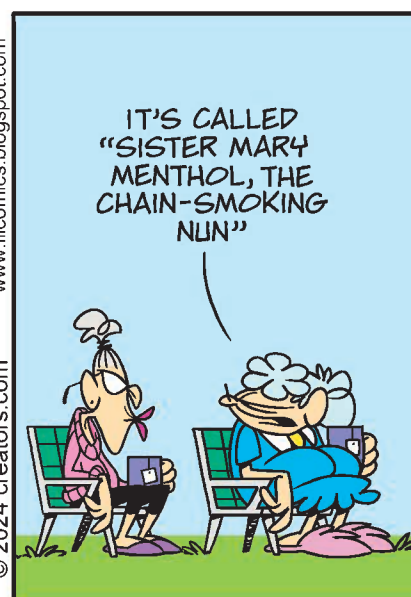
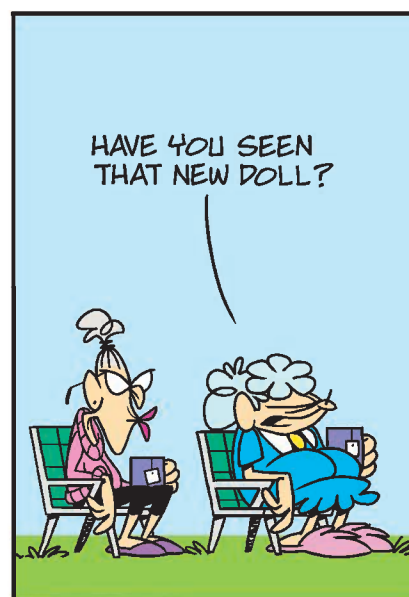
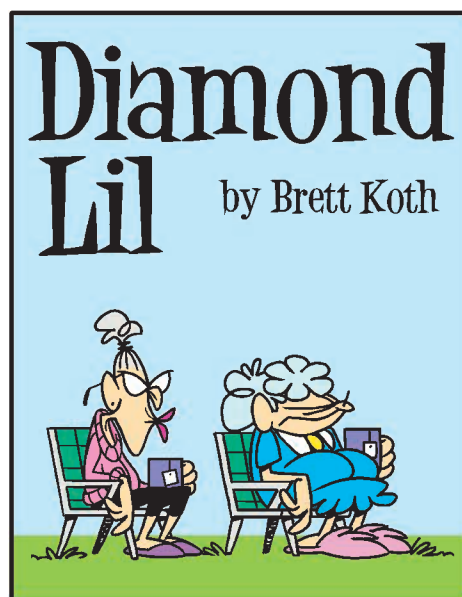
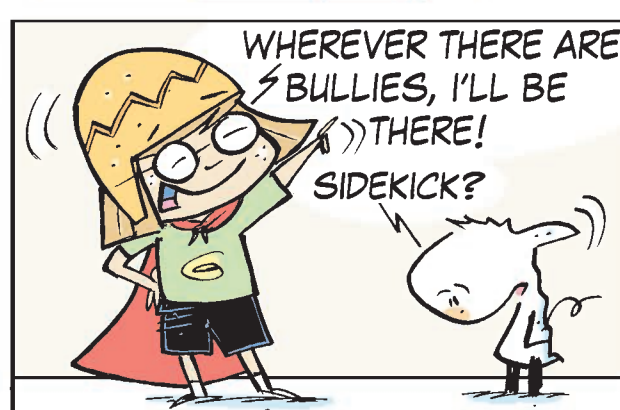
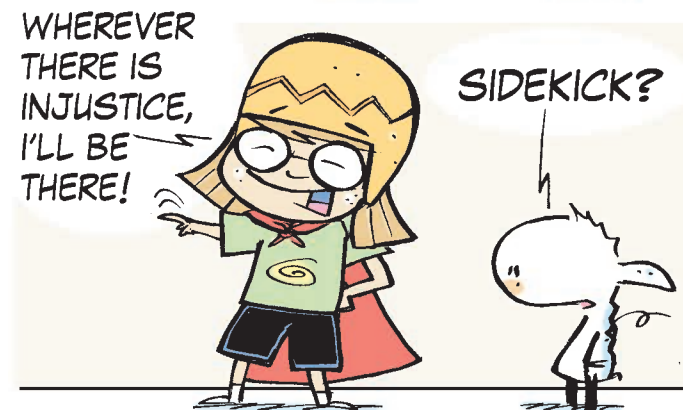
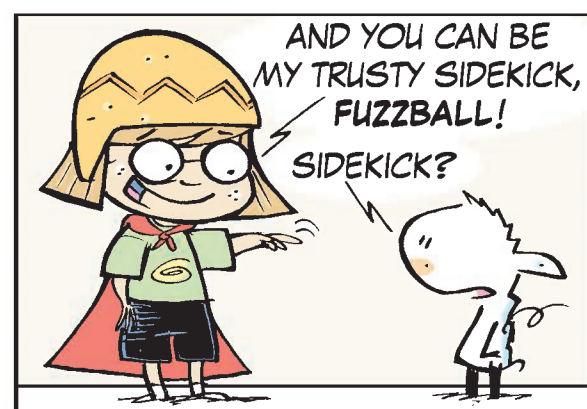
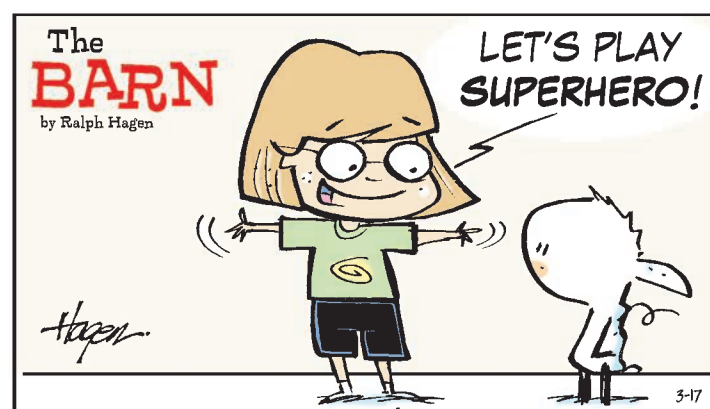
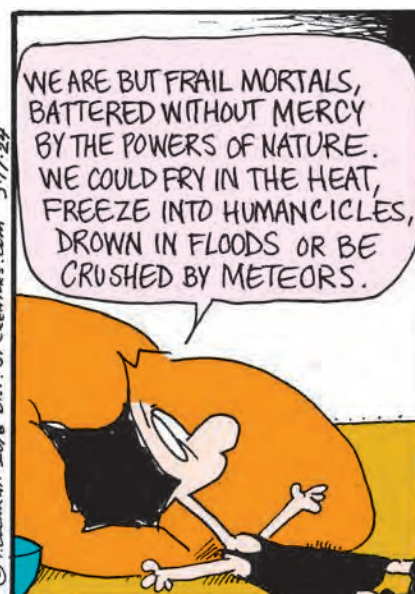
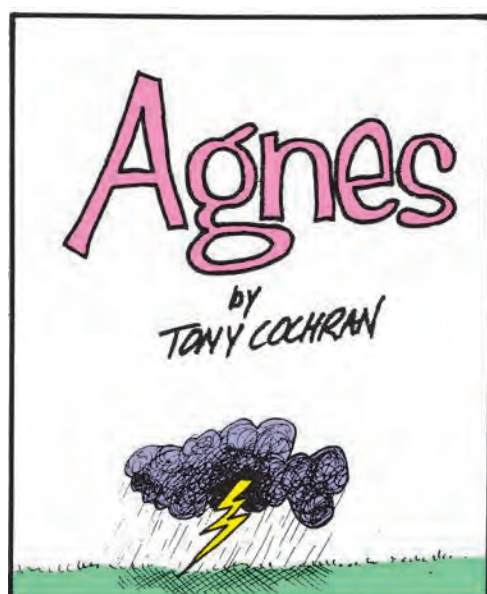
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Variety
8oz

Marie Callender's
Pies



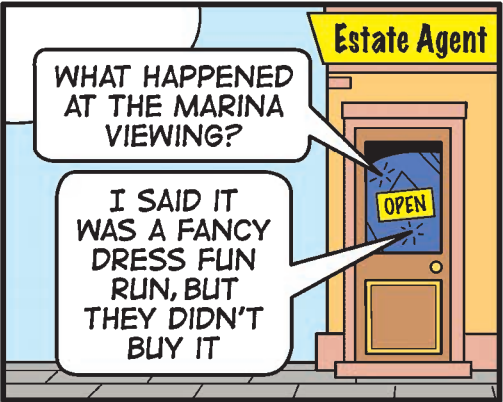
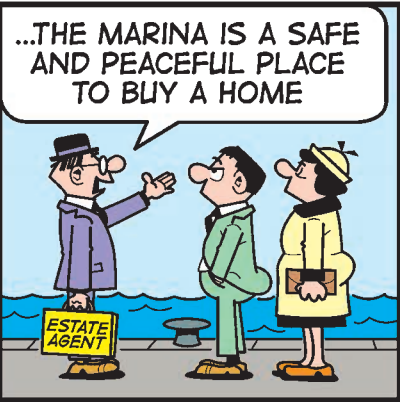
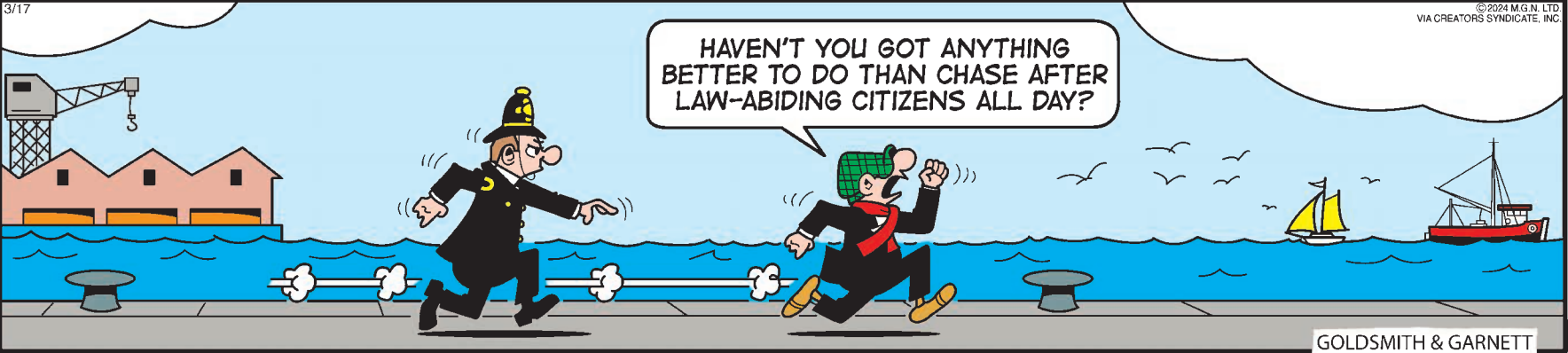
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Asst Variety
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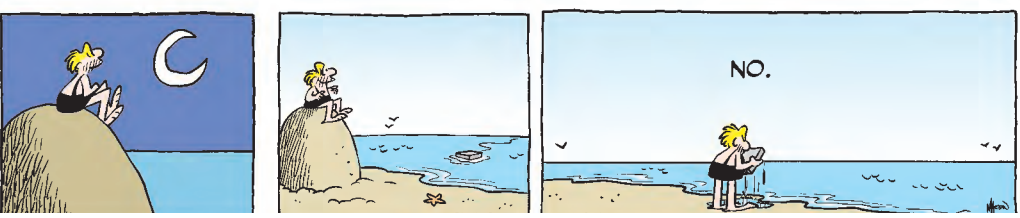
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DOGS OF C-KENNEL

BY MICK MASTROIANNI AND MASON MASTROIANNI





*Reset, Renew,
Relax*

Shop
TILL YOU
Drop
THIS
SPRING

\$40,000
in
Furniture
Shopping
Sprees

An advertisement for a furniture shopping spree. It features a large, light brown tag with a blue string tied around it, displaying "\$40,000 in Furniture Shopping Sprees". To the left, a white sofa and a yellow armchair are shown. The background is a dark green, textured surface.

Saliva **DROWNING POOL**

with opening act:
Any Given Sin

SNAFU *Le Tour*

An advertisement for a concert featuring Saliva and Drowning Pool. The text is in a stylized, gothic font. The background is a dark green, textured surface.

SAT., APRIL 6
TICKETS: \$30
21 AND OLDER

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

LIVE!

An advertisement for the game show Wheel of Fortune. It features the show's logo, which is a colorful wheel with the words "WHEEL OF FORTUNE" in white and "LIVE!" in a gold box below it. The background is a dark green, textured surface.

FRI., APRIL 19
TICKETS: \$35/\$45/\$55
21 AND OLDER



Theresa Caputo

Long Island MEDIUM

An advertisement for Theresa Caputo's Long Island Medium tour. It features her name in a large, gold, cursive font and "Long Island MEDIUM" in a pink, stylized font. The background is a dark green, textured surface.

FRI. & SAT., MAY 3 & 4
TICKETS: \$65/\$75
21 AND OLDER

HARDWIRED

xi TRIBUTE TO METALLICA

An advertisement for the band Hardwired x1, a tribute to Metallica. It features the band's name in a large, white, stylized font and a photo of the band performing. The background is a dark green, textured surface.

FRI., JULY 26
TICKETS: \$20
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