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The hunt is on!

First through sixth graders scramble for position April 19 during the annual Easter Eggstravaganza at Hillside Assembly in Gillett. Younger kids had their own Easter egg hunt in another room. The hunts were brought inside after a big rainstorm outside the church the night before. **MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 4.** WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

Gillett teacher is Kohl Fellow

Dantoin has been teaching for 31 years

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Gillett Elementary School teacher Tammy Dantoin has been selected as a 2025 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Fellow.

The fellowship program recognizes and supports teaching excellence and innovation in Wisconsin, supporting teachers in the pursuit of their unrealized goals for their classrooms or professional development.

The 100 Herb Kohl Fellowship recipients and the 100 schools where they teach will each receive a $6,000 grant.

Dantoin's career spans 31 years, with two stints at Gillett Elementary School — first from 2002 to 2012, and then returning to Gillett in 2018.

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Principal Curt Angeli said Dantoin has served on several interview panels and can be counted on to tell prospective teachers, "I've taught in other schools. I came back to Gillett and will retire here, because it took me those years to realize that Gillett is 'home.'"

Angeli told the Gillett School Board at its April 17 meeting that at one time, the Gillett School District had a teaching roster full of Kohl Fellowship winners. Most of them have since retired, except for Dean of Students Bryan Brown and Special Education Director Wendy Simonis.

"Tammy, with her tremendous gifts and her tremendous leadership, I'm hoping this will be the first of many," Angeli said.

Angeli said Dantoin has grown immensely as a leader over the years.

"She takes on student teachers, and she has cultivated staff members that we have now — that is who she is. She takes them

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Oconto County jail OT way down

Effort results in improved morale, cost savings, sheriff says

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The Oconto County Jail has seen a dramatic decrease in corrections officers' overtime over the past seven years, Sheriff Todd Skarban reported to the county board during its annual meeting April 15.

In 2018, the jail reported 632 12-hour overtime shifts, and it was still at 467 OT shifts in 2019 when the department started to focus more attention on the issue, Skarban said.

They got it down to 151 in 2022, 142 in 2022, 132 in 2023 and 131 in 2024, and it appears they will level out around 130 per year, he said.

"Why would you guys care? Well, if you go back to the 2018 numbers, that's $303,360 in overtime expenses," Skarban said. "Now, if you look at today, you're at $62,880, a difference of $240,480 – that's only 2018. So '19 there was a savings, '20 there was a savings, '21, '22 — what we're saving in money is what I'm saying."

SKARBAN

There's also an advantage in human terms when the overtime numbers are reduced, the sheriff said.

"People aren't coming to work every single day of their life. They're actually able to take the time off when they need it, and they get a little rest," Skarban said. "So they come in with some good energy to serve the people and to help make sure that we can provide appropriate care for our inmate population."

The numbers came during Skarban's annual report, one of several reports the board heard at its annual meeting. Among other highlights in 2024:

- The county saw "arguably one of the safest on record," with violent crime and traffic fatalities down significantly.
- The new substation in the Town of Riverview opened, improving the department's ability to serve the northern part of the county.
- Two new K-9 officers are about to join the force, with the retirements of Turbo and Raven.
- For the fifth time in the last six years, the jail got a perfect rating during its annual state inspection.

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Gerbers, Young complete their service to Gillett

Ondik, Beyer will fill their spots on school board

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The Gillett School Board said goodbye April 17 to two members with a combined 54 years of service.

Board treasurer Cliff Gerbers and president Jamie Young each decided not to run for reelection. Gerbers served 42 years on the board — 14 three-year terms — and Young served for 12 years, or four terms.

Superintendent Nathan Hansen said board members give up a portion of themselves.

"You give up time with your family. You give up time in your community. You give up time going fishing, whatever it is you want to do, and you tackle controversial issues, and really you're a representative of the community," Hansen said. "You're here to help our kids and help our community grow and prosper."

He said he appreciates Young's empathy and commitment to the job.

Cliff Gerbers reviews the bills April 17 during his last meeting on the Gillett School Board after 42 years, most of them as board treasurer.
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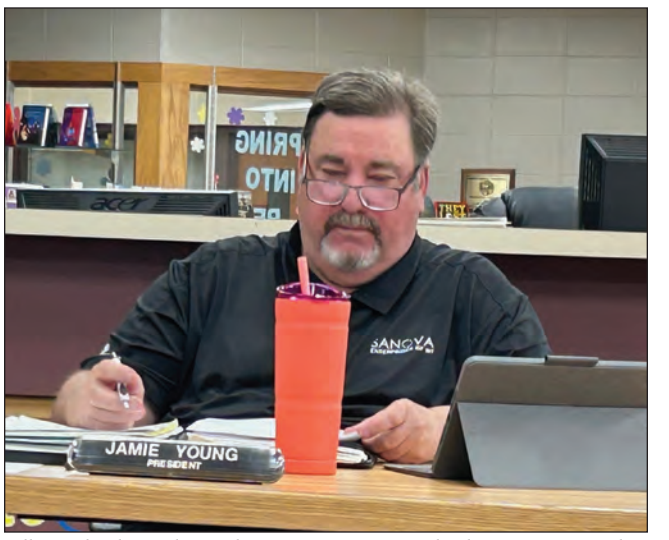

Gillett School Board President Jamie Young runs his last meeting April 17 after 12 years on the board.
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"I've never worked with a board president who called me to check and see how I was doing personally. Usually your interactions are business, agenda, whatever it is. But to actually check in with me and say, like, 'You doing OK? You feeling OK? How are you settling in?'" Hansen said. "Jamie's talked about responding in the course of 12 years every phone call, email that he's responded to, I really believe that about Jamie, and I think again that's the commitment and the time that it takes."

Hansen got a laugh when he said Gerbers has been on the board "almost as long as I've been alive."

"I don't know if we can let him leave without having a couple of laughs, because you see Cliff and the way he handles things, he's always got a way to make you smile. He's always got a way to try to not make it personal and miserable," Hansen said.

The superintendent quoted a CESA 8 director as saying Gerbers always found a way to enjoy what he was doing.

"That spirit can be infectious, and I think it's something we're really going to miss," Hansen said.

Trisha Ondik and Lorie Beyer were elected April 1 to succeed Gerbers and Young on the board. Hansen said they missed the April 17 board meeting because they were in Green Bay attending a Wisconsin Association of School Boards regional orientation for new board members.

"It was the only option they had to attend in person regionally," Hansen said. "We talked about it, and I talked with board members and really felt like it was probably better for them to attend that session than attend here. They regret not being able to attend both, but I think they're doing good work for us right now by attending that session."

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County board passes sheriff's wellness program

'It's got to be above and beyond what we're offering right now,' Skarban says

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The Oconto County Board approved a resolution April 15 to create an expanded wellness program in the sheriff's department.

Supervisors approved a $48,000 transfer from the county's general fund to support a contract with an Oconto Falls company called Wellness Command Post, which provides 28 counselors trained in military and law enforcement counseling.

Sheriff Todd Skarban said the idea is to offer staff more comprehensive support than the wellness program for general employees can provide.

"If something traumatic happens, such as a fatal crash, we got a place for you to go now that's a little bit more enhanced and a little bit more — to handle what's going on inside," Skarban said. "We ask our jail staff to bring in hundreds of more inmates from other counties; that weighs on them."

Other events that staff has to deal with include dispatchers who must handle more than 30,000 emergency calls every year or the administration team members who process open records requests for things like photos from fatal crashes or other deaths, he said.

"We gotta get back to our team and make sure that they're OK physically and mentally, so they can lead that quality life at home," Skarban said. "When they can go home and be home, that's important. It's important for their rest, but then where are they in their mind?"

According to the resolution, the Sheriff's Office Employee Wellness Program will provide:

• Trauma-Informed Training: Implement training for all employees on recognizing signs of trauma and stress in themselves and colleagues, and strategies for coping and resilience.

• Mental Health Resources: Partner with local mental health professionals to provide confidential counseling services and workshops aimed at stress management and trauma recovery.

• Peer Support Programs: Work in concert with the team to develop a peer support system where trained officers can provide emotional support to their colleagues who may be experiencing job-related stress or trauma.

• Wellness Initiatives: Create wellness initiatives, such as fitness programs, stress-reduction workshops and team-building activities, that promote physical health and team cohesion.

• Regular Check-Ins: Encourage regular mental health check-ins among the team, fostering an environment where discussing mental health is normalized and supported.

• Feedback: Establish a feedback mechanism where employees can voice concerns or suggestions related to their wellness without fear of stigma or retribution.

• Continuous Improvement: Regularly assess and improve the Wellness Program based on feedback and evolving best practices related to mental health and wellness in law enforcement.

"This is really a platform for a foundational approach for conflict resolution, to get those traumas out of there or put them in a small package and put them where they need to put them," Skarban said. "That's what this is about, and it's got to be above and beyond what we're offering right now."

The board passed the resolution unanimously.

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Dinner fundraiser will benefit Lakewood library

The fourth annual Lakes Country Public Library Fundraiser Dinner is scheduled for April 26 at the McCauslin Golf Course Country Club on County Road F, 1 1/2 miles east of Lakewood.

The theme for this year's dinner is "Here Comes the Sun." Silent auction bids will be accepted and 50/50 raffle tickets sold during the social hour, which begins at 5 p.m.

Proceeds from the fourth annual Lakes Country Public Library Fundraiser Dinner on April 26 will be used to offset costs for a solar panel system.
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Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Seating for the event, which has sold out the past three years, is limited to 70 guests.

Tickets are $75 per person and can be purchased in person at the Lakewood Library or via will call by sending a check to 15235 State Highway 32, P.O. Box 220, Lakewood, WI 54138.

Call 715-276-9020 for more information.

All proceeds from the event will be used to offset costs for the final phase of the building project — installation of a solar system.

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Passing the torch

New Maple Valley Town Chairman Mike Beyer, left, presents a plaque to retiring Chair Russel Brock at the annual town meeting April 15. Brock stepped down after 18 years of service. CONTRIBUTED

County goes back to full-time 4-H educator

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Oconto County will again have a full-time 4-H educator in its University of Wisconsin extension office, after the county board had its annual meeting April 15.

The county has shared a 4-H coordinator with Marinette County since 2019, requiring the person to cover an area from Niagara south to Little Suamico, County Administrator Richard Heath told supervisors.

After the recent retirement of community development educator Dale Mohr, the county is able to review its priorities, Heath said.

"With Mr. Mohr leaving, that frees up money for this position without any disruption in the budget," Heath said. "I think it's a worthwhile investment."

Supervisor Tracy Ondik called the move an excellent idea.

"My experience is that the last four years at the Oconto County Youth Fair has seen huge participation from the various 4-H organizations," Ondik said, adding that he would like to see the person work cooperatively with other groups to allow greater participation.

"There's a large amount of competition for the fair week among other organizations in this county, and youth have to make decisions about what they're going to participate in," he said.

Mohr was active in facilitating the county's teen court, and the new 4-H educator will be asked to take on those duties as well, Heath said.

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and she nurtures them," he said, and used one first-year teacher as an example. "She has absolutely raised the level of this teacher in her first year to where I don't even feel like she's a first-year teacher. That's really because of Tammy and everything that she does."

Most importantly, Angeli said, Dantoin forms a "wonderful" learning environment in her classroom.

"She has high expectations for her kids and holds them to account, and then in the same breath has them all laughing and engaged in her lesson," he said. "There's never a moment you walk by her room where she is not active with her class or teaching small groups. She is beloved by her students, her parents and her fellow staff ... and, not surprisingly, her principal."

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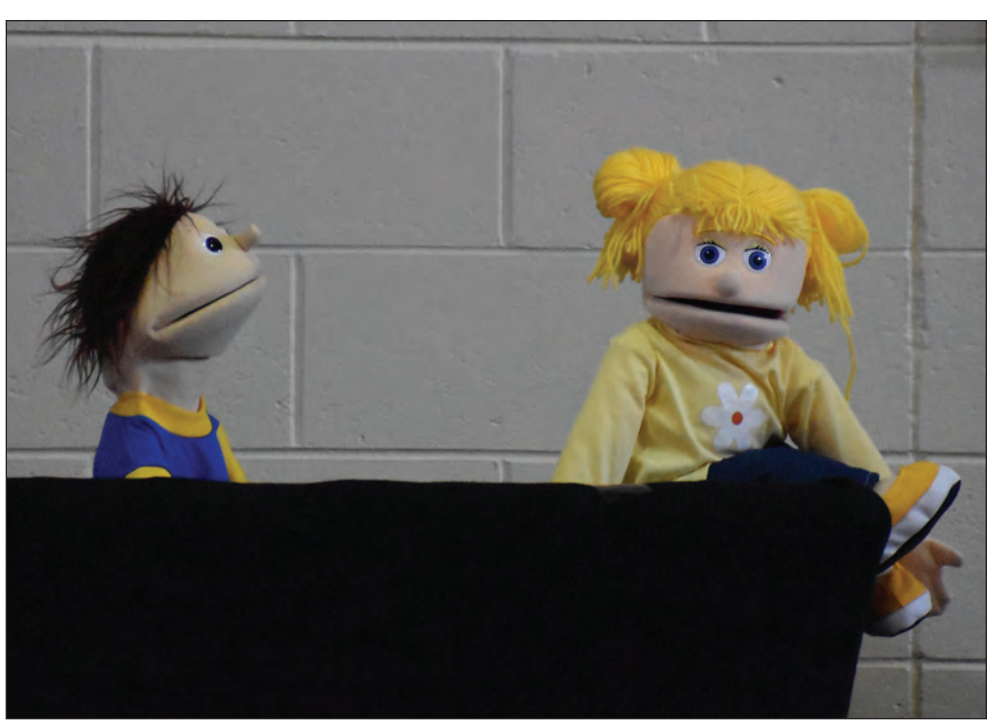
Eggstravaganza 2025

PHOTOS BY WARREN BLUHM
NEWS EDITOR

First through sixth graders gather eggs April 19 during the annual Easter Eggstravaganza event at Hillside Assembly in Gillett.

A heavy rainstorm the night before brought the Easter egg hunt inside. The eggs are scattered across the floor.

Kids enjoy pre-hunt games in the Hillside Assembly gymnasium.



A puppet show is among the festivities during the prelude to the Easter egg hunt.

Pastor Jonathan Carlson says a prayer with the kids and parents.

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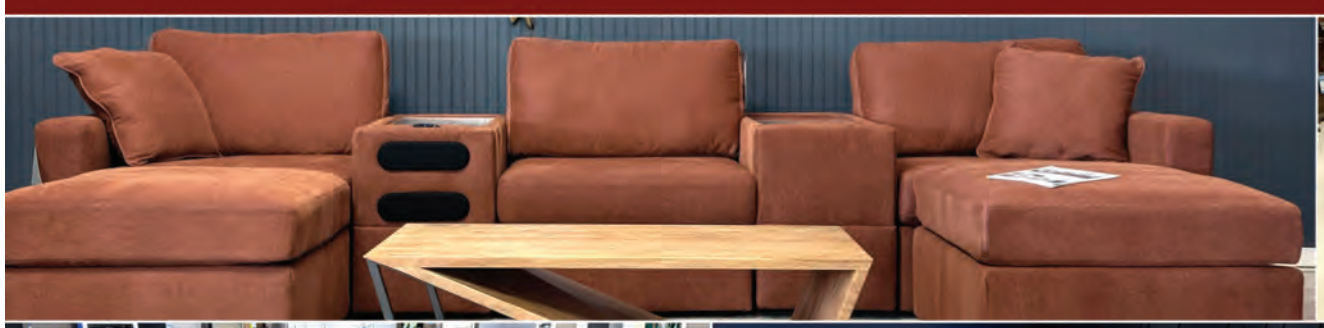

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In this show, it's all about the sauce

Twin brothers star in 'Spaghetti Western or Mission Im-pasta-ble'

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Audiences should not expect anything mellow about the melodrama "Spaghetti Western or Mission Im-pasta-ble," which Pulaski High School will be performing the last weekend in April.

In this show, audiences find Grannie Smith and her granddaughter, Petunia Pearl, running a restaurant and hotel with the fun name of the Hoot 'n' Holler, but they're behind on the mortgage, which is held by the dastardly Duke Dreadful, who plans to take it from them with the assistance of his dear Saucy Sally. While the hero, Kirk Ketchum, and his sidekick, Harriet Holdem, are doing their best to lead the effort to save the business, Grannie and Petunia decide to enter a spaghetti sauce contest in the hopes of winning the prize money and getting out of debt.

The show is family friendly, which means that all audiences should get a kick out of it.

While melodramas are entertaining enough on their own when reading the script, the PHS show has an additional twist with the hero and villain being played by twin brothers Cooper and Hayden Witte.

"This might be my experience talking, but I feel the production is going very smoothly," said Cooper Witte, who plays Kirk. "I like a lot of the humor that is displayed within the play, and I really like the people I am cast with."

He finds it interesting to be facing off against his brother in the show.

"It was a thought that popped into my mind when I first saw the casting for the play, and it had come to realization that me and my brother were really two of the only senior boys with a lot of experience under our belts, and there was going to be a specific male lead and a specific male villain," Witte said. "I didn't think that it was going to happen. Being able to perform as a lead with my twin is just another experience I don't think I'll ever be able to forget."

Amy Tubbs, the show's director, noted that "Spaghetti Western" is a newer show in the pantheon of theater productions, and she liked the pasta theme.

"That was not a theme we had for a melodrama yet," Tubbs said. "We just thought it would be something different and something fun, and it has been."

In the tradition of far-out names and characters, Tubbs said the show has a dirty character named Dusty, whose sauce has a raccoon tail and tree branches in it. However, it might not be a match for the sauce Grannie and Petunia come up with, which has a secret ingredient, especially after Duke Dreadful sells Dusty some snake oil that makes his sauce less than palatable.

"It's a melodrama, so everyone's got to go down," Tubbs said.

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ABOVE: The heroic Kirk Ketchum, played by Cooper Witte, saves the day and the heroine of the show, Petunia Pearl, played by Jossy Kelly, in "Spaghetti Western or Mission Im-pasta-ble," which will be performed April 26-27 at the Ripley Performing Arts Center.
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RIGHT: Saucy Sally, played by Evie Decker, the villainess in the melodrama "Spaghetti Western or Mission Im-pasta-ble," is unsure whether she wants to continue to be with Duke Dreadful in a scene from the second act.
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Ivy, played by Samantha Grossen, foreground, looks disgusted at her drink made by Soma, played by Leslie Lemerond, while fellow employees Ian, played by Avery Moureau, and Mel, played by Madeline Stuewer, watch in a scene from "The Café Mocha Murders." Box in the Wood Theatre Guild is the first Wisconsin troupe to perform the show written by Deanna Strasse from Milwaukee.
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Caffeinated murder mystery comes to Shawano theater

Box in the Wood to hold first Wisconsin performance of play

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The coffee is brewing as the Box in the Wood Theatre Guild finds out who is caffeinated enough to murder in "The Café Mocha Murders," which debuts at the end of April.

The employees of The Bean Shack gather for a less-than-thrilling employee meeting during a raging evening storm. There's one employee missing, though, with rumors that he was fired and soon after died as a result of making a drink called The Devil's Joe. However, the murders have just begun when the lights go out and another employee's expiration date has passed.

That alone might be enticement for theater lovers to come out and see whodunit, but this show is unique, according to first-time director Sabrina Demaskie. The show has a little Midwest flair due to its playwright, Deanna Strasse, being from

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "The Café Mocha Murders"
WHEN: 7 p.m. April 25-26 and May 2-3, 2 p.m. April 27 and May 4
WHERE: Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano
TICKETS: $15 adults, $10 youths. $20 VIP seating. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at https://shawanoarts.ludus.com.

Greater prairie-chickens booming once again

I cringe as I set my alarm for 4 a.m. I am not a morning person, but on the rare occasion when the benefit far outweighs the unwelcome blare of my alarm clock, I make the sacrifice. In this case, there was no doubt that it would. I hope to witness one of the most remarkable displays in all the birding world — the early morning "booming" of the greater prairie-chicken.

The adult male greater prairie-chicken is a barred brown-and-white chicken-like grouse with a small head, rounded wings and short tail. He doesn't sound very interesting, but for a few weeks in the spring, when the male wants to establish his territory and attract a mate, he is nothing less than spectacular. With his head low and wings held stiffly by his side, he clicks his tail and raises ear-like plumes on his head. Then he blows up bright orange air sacs on his neck, transforming himself into a dazzling performer, all the while drumming with his feet in double time.

When the orange air sacs inflate, they produce a booming vocalization that can be heard up to a mile away. It is a resonant three-noted "whoo, whoo, whooooo" along with whoops and cackles. Males clash relentlessly at these gatherings, chasing each other, leaping into the air and striking with wings, feet, and bills. As they pass, females they perform "flutter jumps" — leaping into the air while flapping their wings, all part of their courtship display.

Two male greater prairie-chickens go head-to-head during a mating dance in central Wisconsin. LISA JANSEN

The booming ground where the males "perform" is called a lek. Leks usually are on higher ground and have little to no vegetation. During the courtship displays, only a few males, mostly experienced older males, are accepted by females for mating. The males with the largest eye combs, longest legs and best territories (nearest the center of the booming ground) appear to have the best breeding success.

No pair bond is formed during mating. While the female proceeds to select nest sites and rear young, the male continues his spirited ceremony to charm more females. After the breeding season, they all gather in flocks.

Greater prairie-chickens are non-migratory. In winter, they create horizontal tunnels in the snow which insulate them from the freezing temperatures. Feathers on their legs and feet help keep them warm. During winter months, they can be observed perched in trees feeding on buds.

The greater prairie-chicken is listed as a threatened species in Wisconsin. According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the statewide population of this species has decreased dramatically over the last 50 years. This year, the DNR reported 288 male prairie chickens on 37 leks. These leks are primarily located on four state-owned properties in central Wisconsin, with a majority concentrated on the Buena Vista Grasslands.

The Wisconsin DNR manages over 30,000 acres as greater prairie-chicken habitat. They have written a 10-year greater prairie-chicken management plan in cooperation with the greater prairie-chicken advisory committee and approved by the Natural Resources Board. The Society of Tympanuchus Cupido Pinnatus, scientific name for greater prairie-chicken, is a nonprofit organization also dedicated to protecting prairie chickens.

Threats to our Wisconsin greater prairie-chickens include habitat loss and fragmentation as well as a new threat, a 7,109-acre solar project planned to directly adjoin the Buena Vista Wildlife Area grasslands. The project will be four times larger than any previously approved solar facility in the state and will be the second largest solar project in the nation. While many conservation groups support solar energy, they oppose how close the project will be to the greater prairie-chickens and their habitat.

Jim Keir, a former 20-year Buena Vista Wildlife manager and DNR prairie chicken expert, stated: "In my professional opinion, the current greater prairie-chicken population is alarmingly low, and any significant negative impact to the birds and their habitat may be the tipping point that leads to endangerment and extirpation from Wisconsin."

Birdwatchers from around the world travel to Wisconsin in April to attend the Central Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival. The festival includes birding tours, observation blinds, nature walks and exhibits. While the festival has already taken place this year, you can still enjoy seeing prairie chicken videos on the Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival YouTube page. UW-Stevens Point also offers prairie chicken tours and information at https://www3.uwsp.edu/wildlife/pchicken/Pages/default.aspx.

When my alarm buzzes in the dark of night, I rise without hesitation and drive to central Wisconsin. As a sunbeam peeks over the horizon, I begin to make out chicken-like birds with wings stiff, tails clicking and ear plumes erect suddenly breaking the silence with the beating of their feet. Like little orange suns appearing across the prairie, their air sacs inflate with a "whoo, whoo, whooooo." As their melodic booming fills the air, joy fills my soul. Let the show begin.

Lisa Jansen is a Wisconsin master naturalist, nature writer and award-winning photographer. She specializes in raising awareness of birds and butterflies of the Midwest.

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Spending time among the trees also helps boost our immune system. Studies reveal that tree-filled landscapes help decrease domestic conflict, as well as aggression and violence at schools. A mindful walk through the woods, known as forest bathing, helps reduce blood pressure and stress. It increases focus and energy levels, improves sleep and much more.

When planting new trees, make sure to select

one that will fit in the space when mature and thrive in the growing conditions. Plant tags and catalog descriptions can provide you with this important information. Consider including trees that provide multiple seasons of beauty with flowers, fruit, fall color and form. Look for those that also support birds and pollinators as they deliver many other environmental benefits.

Select a planting location away from overhead and underground utilities to avoid future conflicts. Avoid plants that eventually could grow into wires or structures that may interfere with utilities and power transmission, creating a real hazard.

Always call 811 or file a request online at https://call811.com/811-In-Your-State at least three business days before putting the first shovel in the ground. When your request is received, this nonprofit group contacts all the appropriate underground utilities. The utilities' locators will then mark the location of the underground utilities in your work area. Contacting them first reduces the risk of injury, the inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable or other utilities, and the potential cost incurred to repair a utility you damage when skipping this step.

National Arbor Day, celebrated on the last Friday of April, recognizes the important role trees play in the environment. MELINDAMYERS.COM

Once the location is cleared, you're ready to start planting. Locate the tree's root flare (where the roots curve away from the trunk) by gently pulling the soil away from the trunk as needed. Dig a hole two to five times wider and the same depth as the distance from the root flare to the bottom of the root ball. Set the tree in the hole, carefully remove it from the container and loosen or prune off any circling roots. Cut back burlap and wire baskets when planting balled and burlapped trees.

Plant the tree so the root flare is even with or slightly above the soil surface. Roughen the sides of the hole and backfill with the existing soil. Water thoroughly and spread a 2- to 3-inch layer of mulch over the soil surface, keeping the mulch away from the tree trunk.

Continue watering throughout the growing season, the following year and as needed once established. Check the soil moisture and thoroughly water the root ball and surrounding soil when the top few inches of soil are crumbly and slightly moist. Apply 10 gallons of water for every inch of the trunk's diameter at 4 1/2 feet high.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including "Midwest Gardener's Handbook," "Revised Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program.

Ghost keeps columnist from joining him

After paranormal things began happening at Holt and Balcom Logging Camp, I asked our curator, Bob Brown, if he'd experienced anything similar. Bob said he hadn't, but he said he believed that spirits do walk among us. Except for the story I am about to relate, I haven't seen the invisible guests taking up residence in the museum. But I feel and welcome their comforting presence. It's like having a crew of guardian angels.

I am convinced a ghost I call Charlie was the one who played Moving the Chair while I was cleaning the bunkhouse in 2014, because a year later Charlie decided to get up close and personal. This wasn't my only encounter with spirits. Both of my parents, my sister Carol, and my best friend Barb come from time to time, usually when a song, scent or holiday ritual opens a "window" to the netherworld. I've never really seen them; I just know they're there. With Charlie, it was different. I was not, as Shakespeare would say, "in my cups" when he appeared. I was stone cold sober every time.

During my first sighting, I was outside the museum closing up. I saw him sprint across the garden area in front of the building, as if he had to get inside before I closed the dingle doors and locked the bunkhouse. He turned toward me and then disappeared, like he was the one who was afraid of me.

He looked to be in his early 20s, about 5 feet, 10 inches, well above average back in the Big Pine Era. He was lanky and fit, fully bearded with heavy eyebrows and wearing a mackinaw jacket, wool pants, fur hat and laced leather boots. I don't have a clue as to why, but I knew instantly his name was Charlie.

Charlie appeared and vanished so fast that, at first, my brain couldn't process what my eyes had seen. I was rattled and needed to sit down. I went back into the cook shack, parked my shaking backside on a bench and replayed the scene in my mind. Was I seeing things? Going crazy? No, I told myself as I carefully conjured up the apparition. After I calmed down, I went home, but I didn't tell anyone except Jon. Enough people already think I can be a bit too imaginative.

Whatever. I saw Charlie again a couple of years later, but not at the camp. I was out walking, halfway down our narrow half-mile gravel road. Using my iPhone earbuds, I was listening to Jango, an online country music radio channel I love. I was approaching what I call the Big Blind Curve when there he was, about 10 yards into the woods and waving frantically in a beckoning motion. I hesitated, then shouted, "Charlie, it's High Tick Season, and I'm wearing a T-shirt and shorts!" I can't explain it, but I had an extraordinarily strong compulsion to go see what he wanted.

I muted my phone and started to carefully pick my way through the foliage. Suddenly, I heard engines. Two all-terrain vehicles came flying down the road, not slowing at all for the blind corner. I didn't recognize the ATVs as they raced past, and helmets shielded the drivers' faces. I surmised they were "lookers," trespassers who regularly ignore our two posted private road signs. They must have seen me though because they turned onto a rough logging trail in our woods and snuck out the back way via Sandy Ridge Lane.

As the sound of their engines faded, I realized I was trembling. I would surely have been killed if it hadn't been for Charlie. I looked to where I'd seen him waving, but he was gone. Whew.

Another similar experience occurred a few months later, then years passed with no visit from my spirit friend. Until a few weeks ago. I was driving home from a library board meeting on Nicolet Road. Suddenly, there he was, frantically motioning me toward him once again. I pulled onto the shoulder to take a better look. Moments later, a huge pickup truck came roaring up the hill, well over the center line. There is no doubt I would have been badly injured or killed had I been on the road.

I know. It all sounds totally fantastical, an old woman's hallucination. It's fair to ask, why did this happen to me? I think perhaps I was his lady in a former life. Did he somehow fail me and come back to set things right? I like that idea because I believe deeply in redemption and restitution. If that was his mission, I really do consider the debt fully paid. You can rest in peace, Charlie. I'll see you on the other side.

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The show includes a fight scene between the hero and villain and the hilarious scene with a batch of dynamite, which are staples in many melodramas. There is also the threat of tying someone to the railroad tracks, although it is not seen on the stage.

"They're doing a great job," Tubbs said, referring to the student actors. "They're creating some really awesome characters and exceeded, in a lot of cases, what I thought they were capable of doing, so that's even more exciting."

She added that having stereotypical characters helps the students to stretch the limits and make them as outlandish as possible. For example, Petunia, the heroine, stumbles all the time, creating great anticipation about whether her next move will end up being a surprising success or a horrific failure.

"I think melodramas let them be more physical in their roles, because everything is really exaggerated," Tubbs said. "You don't do a dainty trip; you fall flat on the floor. Everything is just big and bold and ridiculous. That's more fun for them, because it's so silly."

Tubbs noted that having twin brothers in the show also adds to the fun.

"I don't think I've ever had that before," she said. "It's not quite an evil twin thing, but it kinda is."

Evie Decker, who plays Saucy Sally in the show, enjoys being able to perform the bad girl role.

"When I got the role, and the cast list came out, I was really excited because I've always wanted to play a villain," Decker said. "I've never played a bad role before, so figuring out the ins and outs of the character, what she wants, what drives her, that's been really exciting."

Decker said she enjoys the western style of the show and listening to her fellow actors' accents.

"All of the characters are really different," Decker said. "I really like it."

Besides the main show, the student actors have written several skits to be performed at intermission with a pasta theme, including one with vampires.

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "Spaghetti Western or Mission Im-pasta-ble"
WHEN: 7 p.m. April 26, 2 p.m. April 27
WHERE: Ripley Performing Arts Center, Pulaski High School, 1040 S. St. Augustine St., Pulaski
TICKETS: $8, available at the door or at pulaskihs.ludus.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

BOWLER: American Red Cross blood drive, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bowler High School, 500 S. Almon. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

SHAWANO: Mason Crosby Meet and Greet, 4-6 p.m., Sun Drop Museum, 920 S. Franklin St. $10 charge with all proceeds going to Safe Haven of Shawano County.

SHAWANO: Duel It for the Kids, 5:30-10:30 p.m., Shawano County Park Pavilion, W5785 Lake Drive. Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos entertainment with proceeds to Dollars for Scholars. Social 5:30 p.m., entertainment 7 p.m. Complimentary appetizers, cash bar, casual dress code. $60 admission.

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

SHAWANO: "Café Mocha Murders" by Deanna Strasse, 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Box in the Wood Theatre Guild production. $15 adults, $10 children, $20 VIP seating. Tickets at shawanoarts.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

SHAWANO: American Legion Post 117 Bowling Tournament, all day, Lakeshore Lanes, 210 Airport Road. $20 per team. Basket and paddle raffles, 50/50 drawings all day. 715-851-7552.

PULASKI: Pulaski Maker Marketplace, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pulaski Community Park, 429 E. Pulaski St. Curated event showcases artists and creatives from the Pulaski area.

ABRAMS: Machikanee Ski Club Spring Cleanup, 9 a.m. to noon, meet at 6625 Timberline Road. Bring gloves, grabbers, and bright colored clothing.

NAVARINO: Annual Trail Fun Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. 5k and 10k run, up to 5k walk, $25-$40. Registration 7-8:30 a.m. or in advance at navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Spring Walk and Trail Cleanup, 10 a.m., parking lot at All Aboard Nutrition, 620 S. Main St., or Four Seasons Resort, 201 N. Airport Road. Walk an in-town Park-to-Park loop or the Mountain-Bay Trail. Clean up along the way.

SHAWANO: Water Trails Spring Cleanup, 10 a.m., Lighthouse Boat Landing, W6440 Gumaer Road. Hosted by Shawano Paddlers. Bring your own boat; gloves, trash bags, snacks and water provided.

WITTENBERG: Artists' Free Play XII, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. A collection of artwork by a variety of area artists.

PULASKI: Wine, Cheesehead and Coin Event, 1-3 p.m., Pulaski Historical Museum, 129 W. Pulaski St. Wine tasting, cheese sampling and coin evaluation. Free admission to all museum exhibits.

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway opening night, 6 p.m., 990 E. Green Bay St. Gates open 4 p.m. $12, ages 12-16 $6, and under 11 free.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 27

SHAWANO: Zurko's Midwest Promotions Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. $2 admission, 12 and under free with adult.

WITTENBERG: Artists' Free Play XII, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. A collection of artwork by a variety of area artists.

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MONDAY, APRIL 28

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

LITTLE SUAMICO: American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., Fire Department, 5974 County Road S. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

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THURSDAY, MAY 1

SHAWANO: God's Little Wonders: Parent/Tot Hour, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Hands-on activities and crafts, songs and stories, faith nurturing.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 2

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

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Milwaukee, and Box in the Wood will be the first troupe in Wisconsin to perform it.

"She's fairly local," Demaskie said. "Her publishing company's on the border of Wisconsin and Illinois. It's a fairly new show, too. It was written in 2022."

Demaskie added that Beverly, one of The Bean Shack's customers, was specifically designed to be a Midwestern woman, but a lot of the characters have the Midwestern accent that everyone knows and loves.

"That's all in the script, too," Demaskie said. "I think it's been fun."

Choosing a murder mystery was an easy decision for Demaskie, who was part of a classic mystery for Box in the Wood a few years ago.

"I really wanted to do a murder mystery in general," Demaskie said. "Murder mysteries are my favorite genre. I was in 'And Then There Were None' (by Agatha Christie) when we did it, and that's my favorite play of all time. As soon as I knew I was directing something, I wanted to do a murder mystery, and my assistant director showed me the show."

Demaskie said that audience members won't have to worry that the show's limited to one corpse on the stage.

"In 'Café Mocha Murders,' people start dropping," Demaskie said. "Starting with Steven. We don't know what happened to Steven, and we're not talking about Steven."

Despite the spectre of death that hovers over all murder mysteries, Demaskie feels that "Café Mocha Murders" will touch audience members' hearts.

"Even though this show is a murder mystery, I think it has a lot of heart, and there's a good message to it, and there's a lot about family and camaraderie," Demaskie said.

As part of marketing efforts, Demaskie and her crew did an interview with Strasse to get her take on why she wrote the play. In the interview, Strasse reiterates the "heart" of the show.

"She never really wanted to write a comedy," Demaskie said. "That wasn't really her deal. She liked the dramas with a lot of intricate, inter-spliced characters, but people just kept telling her. 'Write us a comedy. Write us a murder mystery.' So, she decided to write this, and she was very adamant that she wanted to include a moral, a message, something for the audience to take away, and I think she did a really good job with that."

Having that moral in place makes putting together the show — whether its the lights, the set pieces or the actors' performances — a piece of cake, according to Demaskie.

"It really helps you with designing the show," she said. "If you know what you want the theme to be and you know what you want the audience to take away, you can make sure that, from everything from how people do their characters down to how we build the set, you can make sure that everything encompasses and helps drive home that moral."

To that end, one set piece might be very familiar to Shawano residents. The bar where the cast makes their coffee concoctions was obtained after Angie's Main Café closed a few years ago. Demaskie further created the warm coffee shop feel by getting furniture from the Habitat Restore, which included a table in the shape of a coffee cup.

Another unusual step with the show is VIP seating at some tables that are part of the set, allowing some audience members to be immersed in the show.

The excitement for the show is not limited to the director. Jennifer Maglio, who plays Beverly, likes how the cast has been able to bond with the playwright, something atypical in most shows because the writer is either far away or has passed.

"I like how excited the writer is for this particular performance because she's from Wisconsin, but this hasn't been played in Wisconsin," Maglio said. "Her family hasn't seen it yet, and she's so excited that it's being played near her family for the first time."

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Lena shuts out Gillett/Suring in baseball

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Caleb Schlosser starts his slide to score Lena's third run in the sixth inning during the Wildcats' 5-0 win over Gillett/Suring on April 17.
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April 19
Southern Door 3, Bonduel 1

Southern Door traveled to Bonduel for a Saturday morning baseball game and came out on top by a 3-1 score.

Drew Daoust was the winning pitcher for the Eagles, and Beckett Hartlaben took the loss for the Bears.

Hartlaben doubled and Joe Felhofer, Cade Johnson and Mason Zuleger had singles for the Bears.

Daoust and Tyler Neinas had two hits each for Southern Door.

April 18
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 6, Wausau West 4
April 17
Bonduel 17, Menominee Nation 0

Bonduel jumped on Menominee Nation in the bottom half of the first inning, scoring four runs en route to a 17-0 shutout that lasted four and half innings. The game was put on ice with 11 runs in the fourth inning.

Beckett Hartlaben, Kody Schroeder Joe Felhofer and Race Anvelink all hit doubles for the Bears in their 12-hit attack.

Felhofer, Hartlaben and Schroeder all had two hits apiece. Felhofer and Carter Moesch both drove in three runs.

Mason Zuleger went the distance for Bonduel and only gave up one hit while striking out eight.

Shawano 15, Green Bay East/West 1

After blowing out Green Bay East/West just days earlier, Shawano hitters were at it again, winning 15-1 in Green Bay.

The Hawks are 4-1 in the Bay Conference and 5-1 overall. The win was Shawano's fifth in a row.

Lena 5, Gillett/Suring 0

The Wildcats baseball team scored four unearned runs in the top of the sixth to break open a scoreless pitcher's duel between Lena's Isaac Peterson and Gillett/Suring's Parker Haak at Gillett's Orby Jones Sports Complex.

Dash Comins struck out swinging at a ball in the dirt that rolled all the way to the backstop, and by the time the dust settled, Comins had reached second base. He advanced to third and then scored on a Caleb Schlosser single.

Peterson helped his own cause by doubling in two runs during the four-run outburst. Lena added a run in the seventh inning to complete the scoring.

Lena stayed perfect at 3-0 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference, while Gillett/Suring fell to 2-3.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 4, Iola-Scandinavia 1

The Chargers improved to 3-0 in the CWC East with a 4-1 win over Iola-Scandinavia.

Marinette 3, Oconto Falls 2

A 3-2 loss to Marinette moved the Panthers into a tie for first place in the North Eastern Conference as both teams are 3-1 in league play. It was Oconto Falls' first loss of the season.

Gresham 12, Marion 2
April 15
Oconto Falls 6, Marinette 1

Jack Adler hit 2-for-3 with one run scored and one RBI, and Trace Brehmer was 1-for-2 with a run scored and an RBI in Oconto Falls' 6-1 win over Marinette.

Carter Heroux was the winning pitcher. In five innings, he allowed four hits and one earned run, while walking three and striking out three.

Shawano 19, Green Bay East/West 0

Shawano batters enjoyed a 19-0 shutout over Green Bay East/West in a Bay Conference game.

Menominee Nation 18, Marion 15
Port Edwards 8, Bowler 6
De Pere 6, Pulaski 5
Gillett/Suring 10, Niagara 6
April 14
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Bonduel 1

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Chris Sippl and Bonduel's Cade Johnson locked up in a pitchers duel on a cold,windy Monday with Witt-Birn coming out on top 3-1.

Sippl threw a complete game for the win, striking out seven in the process. Johnson struck out 10 in five innings in the loss.

Johnson had the Bears only hit, an RBI single in the sixth. Connor Meverden homered for the Chargers.

Shawano 10, Waupaca 0

Shawano blanked Waupaca 10-0 in a nonconference match.

Bowler 7, White Lake 0
Lena 15, Goodman/Pembine 1
Tigerton 8, Marion 0
Gresham 9, Northland Lutheran 5
Menominee Nation 15, Manawa 5
Lena 15, Goodman/Pembine 1

Bonduel roughs up Menominee Nation 15-1

April 19
Green Bay Preble 9, Pulaski 0
Green Bay Preble 7, Pulaski 2

Pulaski's softball bats were relatively quiet as the Red Raiders lost both ends of a doubleheader to Green Bay Preble.

Pulaski was shut out 9-0 in the opener and fell 7-2 in the second game.

April 17
Bonduel 15, Menominee Nation 1

Bonduel jumped out to an early lead and won 15-1.

Five runs were scored in the first inning with the big hit being a two-RBI single by Emery Thompson.

Six runs were scored in the second with Allison Zernicke, Greycyn Wudtke and Tatum Sporisky hitting consecutive RBI singles.

Thompson and Sporisky combined to allow one unearned run on four hits with six strikeouts in five innings.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 6, Gillett/Suring 3
Oconto Falls 8, Waupaca 1
Pulaski 13, Sheboygan North 0
Shawano 5, New London 2
Tigerton 10, Elcho 0
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 10, Iola-Scandinavia 5
April 15
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 20, Weyauwega-Fremont 0
Gillett/Suring 5, Niagara 2
Almond-Bancroft 12, Bonduel 1

Almond-Bancroft used a five-run third inning and a six-run fifth inning to to defeat Bonduel 12-1. The winners also sandwiched a one-run fourth inning in between the two big scoring innings.

Jayla Reinke had the Bears only RBI, knocking in Taylor Rank.

Kallie Wilcox was the losing pitcher.

Laona/Wabeno 12, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 2

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas scored the first and last runs of the game, but Laona/Wabeno scored 12 in between to pick up the win.

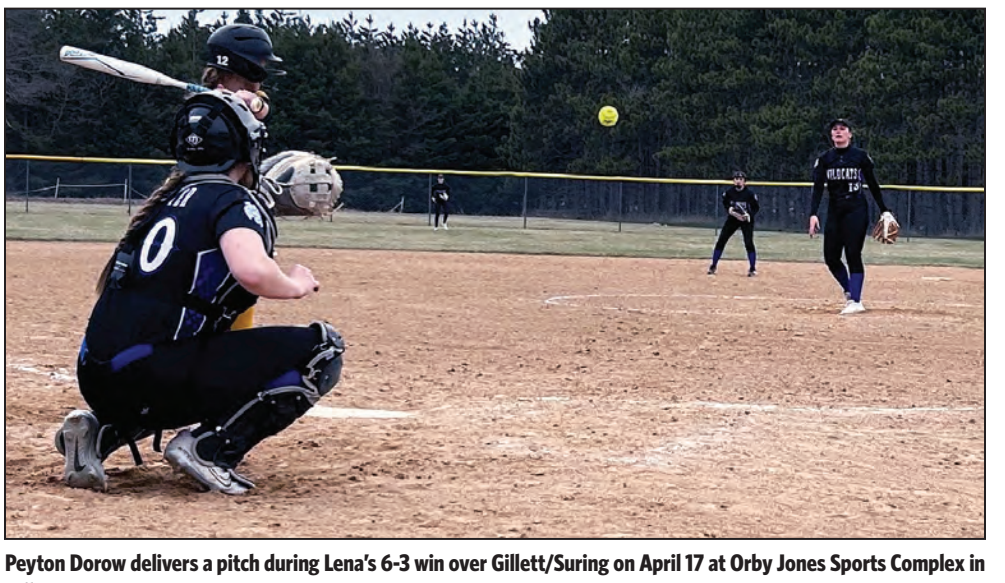
Lauren Paidl and Peyton Dorow each had an RBI for Lena/STAA.

Oconto Falls 14, Marinette 4
Shawano 5, Menasha 3
Menominee Nation 13, Marion 9
April 14
Bonduel 8, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 7

Bonduel fourth back from a pair of three-run deficits to defeat Wittenberg Birnamwood 8-7.

Bonduel trailed 4-1 after the first inning but scored three in the third to tie the game.

After surrendering three unearned runs in the fourth, the Bears tallied two in the sixth on a two-out single by Taylor Rank, and two more in the seventh on back-to-back two-out singles by Haley Conradt and Maddy Sokolski.



Peyton Dorow delivers a pitch during Lena's 6-3 win over Gillett/Suring on April 17 at Orby Jones Sports Complex in Gillett.
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The Chargers loaded the bases in the seventh inning, but Kallie Wilcox worked out of the jam to secure the win.

Tatum Sporisky was 3-for-3 and made several spectacular catches in centerfield.

Taylor Rank had a pair of hits and three RBIs, and Juliana Jacobs had two hits including a leadoff single to set the table in the seventh.

Lena/STAA 11, Goodman/Pembine 1

Hannah Thomson collected four RBIs and a double as Lena/STAA beat Goodman/Pembine 11-1.

Hanna Parrett also had a double and two RBIs, with Kali Fischer also getting an RBI.

Adrena Rabas had there stolen bases, and Peyton Dorow hit 2-for-3.

Tigerton 11, Marion 1
Pulaski 20, Green Bay Southwest 0
Denmark 5, Oconto Falls 3
Port Edwards 17, Bowler/Gresham 5

Pulaski boys lose both at Sun Prairie lacrosse triangular

By NEW Media Staff

April 19
Bay Port 12, Pulaski 0
Sun Prairie 19, Pulaski 2 (boys)
Pulaski was manhandled by Sun Prairie United 19-2 in their second match at the Sun Prairie Triangular.
In the first game, Pulaski lost 12-0 to Bay Port.
The Red Raiders are 0-8 overall.
April 15
Wausau 15, Pulaski 2 (boys)
The Wausau Wild went wild on the Pulaski Red Raiders, winning 15-2 in a Bay Valley Conference game at Wausau East High School.
Central Wisconsin 43, Pulaski 7 (girls)
The Central Wisconsin Wolfpack showed no mercy to the Pulaski girls lacrosse team, crushing the Red Raiders 43-7 in a Bay Valley Conference matchup.

Red Raiders tennis team tops Jaguars, Hawks

April 17
Pulaski 5, Ashwaubenon 2
The Red Raiders pulled out three singles wins and a pair of doubles matches to defeat Ashwaubenon 5-2.
The Jaguars began with a promising start when Quinn Nooyan defeated Justin Fraedrich 6-0, 4-6, 10-6.
However, Pulaski then proceeded to win the other three singles matches, take the No. 4 match to three sets.
At No. 2, Nathan Maroszek won 6-2, 6-1, followed by Mikel Iglesias-Mino winning 6-0, 6-2, at No. 3. Then, at No. 4, Jonah Drevs won 3-6, 7-5, 10-2.
In the No. 1 doubles match, Ryan Symons and Henry Piczkowski won 6-0, 6-1, and at No. 2, William Gosse and Oscar Delmarcelle won 6-4, 6-2.
Ashwaubenon's Dylan Gillespie and Ryan Lai won at No. 3 doubles, beating Jakob Malchow and Conrad Kreutzberg 6-2, 6-3.
Menasha 4, Shawano 3
The Hawks fell to 0-7 on the season with a 4-3 loss to Menasha.
April 14
Pulaski 6, Shawano 2
Pulaski tennis players won all four singles matches and two of the four doubles bouts against Shawano, ending the day at 6-2.
The No. 1 singles match between Pulaski's Fraedrich and Shawano's Ruben De Gaspari took there sets. De Gaspari opened with a 7-5 win before Fraedrich responded with 6-0, 10-5 sets for the win.
The other singles matches weren't quite as close.
Nathan Maroszek defeated Tanner Thiel 6-4, 6-1; Mikel Iglesias-Mino shut out Elias Popp 6-0, 6-0; and Jonah Drevs beat Everett Grover 6-2, 6-0.
At No. 1 doubles, Pulaski's Ryan Symons and Henry Piczkowski opened with a win over Abraham Kim and Evan Anderson 6-2, 6-2.
The No. 2 match took three sets. Pulaski's Donovan Holderness and Oscar Delmarcelle prevailed over Kiernan Sheldon and Charlie Grieves 6-4, 2-6, 10-4.
Shawano's John Kim and Bakytzhan Tulenov won in tiebreaker over William Gosse and Conrad Kreutzberg 6-1, 7-6 (5).
At No. 4 doubles, Shawano's Adam Prey and Samuel Green defeated Jakob Malchow and Lucas Ford 7-5, 6-1.

Shawano, Pulaski soccer teams come up short in most recent matches

April 17
West De Pere 5, Shawano 1
The Hawks dropped their second Bay Conference soccer game of the season, a 5-1 loss to West De Pere. Shawano is 1-4 overall.
Appleton North 4, Pulaski 0
Pulaski was shut out 4-0 by Appleton North and dropped to 3-2 overall.
April 15
Seymour 5, Shawano 0
Shawano lost 5-0 to Seymour for its third shutout loss in a row. It was also the Bay Conference opener for both teams.
April 14
Pulaski 2, Kaukauna 1
Pulaski improved to 3-1 overall with a 2-1 non conference win over Kaukauna.
Kara Barber scored both goals for the Red Raiders, with both coming in the second half.

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Pulaski girls win six first-place spots in De Pere

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

April 17
Dan Baker Invite

Pulaski's girls track and field team captured six first-place finishes at De Pere.

Olivia Sprangers won the 100-meter dash in 13.12 and the 200-meter dash in 26.23.

Emerson Fabry won gold in the 800-meter run in 2:25.78. Lily Urben was first in the 300-meter hurdles.

The 4x200-meter relay team won first place in 1:46.99, and the 4x400 team won in 4:15.84.

Olivia Stedl placed second in the 1,600-meter run.

Faye Brunke was third in the 100-meter dash and fifth in the 200-meter dash.

Katelyn Jossie placed third in the 100-meter hurdles and fifth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Lydia Gwidt placed third in the long jump.

Noelle Manning earned fifth place in the shot put.

The 4x800 relay team finished in fifth place.

For the boys, Joe Mijal led the team with a second-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles. He was also third in the 300-meter hurdles.

Rylan Opperman finished second in the pole vault.

The 4x400-meter relay team and the 4x800 team each ran to second place.

The 4x100 team placed third, as did the 4x200 team.

Mitchell Pilon finished fourth in the 800-meter run.

Parker Marshall placed fourth in the 1,600-meter run, just in front of Arden Gillen's fifth-place finish.

Gillen was fourth in the 3,200-meter run.

Bennet Vanschyndel finished fourth in the high jump, and Bohdan Schmidt was fourth in the long jump.

Libero Angeli was fourth in the discus.

Jacob Betley placed fifth in the 400-meter dash.

Bonduel performs well despite weather challenges

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

April 15
Clintonville Conference Pent

Bonduel High School's track team delivered impressive performances at Clintonville, despite challenging weather conditions with temperatures around 40 degrees and winds ranging from 20-30 mph.

The girls team placed first among the six competing schools.

Mariah Wondra dominated the distance events, winning the 1,600-meter run in 5:44.01 and the 3,200-meter run in 12:03.04.

Teagan Engel and Kember Frome also performed well in the longer run, finishing third and fourth, respectively, with times of 14:34.38 and 15:44.95.

Josie Pawlak claimed first place in the long jump with a mark of 15-7.75 and also performed well in the triple jump, finishing fourth with a distance of 32-1.5. Peyton Westrich showcased her speed, securing second place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.30 and second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:05.17.

Amelia Wilcox placed fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.74. Rachyl Hutter excelled in the field events, winning the shot put with a throw of 30-8 and placing third in the discus with a throw of 98-9.

Abbi Heller also performed well in the shot put, securing second place with a throw of 30-0.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Cierra Schnell finished second with a time of 53.76, setting a season record, while Amelia Wilcox secured third place with a time of 53.90, achieving a personal record.

Schnell also placed third in the long jump with a distance of 14-8.5. In the triple jump, Audrey Weier finished second with a distance of 32-6.75, Peyton Westrich placed third with a distance of 32-3.5, Josie Pawlak secured fourth with a distance of 32-1.5, and Audrey Jacobs finished fifth with a distance of 31-6..

The 4x400 relay team also put in a strong performance, finishing second with a time of 4:49.39.

In the boys events, Sam Roberts shone brightly, securing second place in the long jump with a leap of 20-7.25 and the triple jump with a distance of 40-1. He also placed third in the discus with a throw of 116-8.

Mason Ballwahn sprinted to a fourth-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.70. Griffin Uelmen finished fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.95, setting a season record.

In the 3,200-meter run,, Oliver Chitwood and Joah Dworniczak placed fourth and fifth, respectively, with times of 13:05.72 and 13:29.93, both achieving season records. The 4x800 relay team also excelled, finishing second with a time of 9:49.55.

Suring Tri

Suring handily won its triangular against a pair of other local schools.

The girls won with 107 points, compared to Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy with 40 and Gillett with 34.

Suring's boys collected 85 points, compared to Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas' 47 and Gillett's 26.

Suring's winners in the boys events included C. J. Richard in the 200-meter dash in 26.33, Blake DeGrave in the 110-meter hurdles in 19.25, DeGrave in the 300-meter hurdles in 48.80, the 4x100 relay team (Bradly Bayer, Cooper Ruch, Karl Hischke, Grant Thomson) in 59.34, the 4x400 relay team (Kroix Kempka, Dayne Ermis, Garret Peters, Michael Bailey) in 4:05.39, Bailey in the shot put at 38-2, Bailey in the discus at 110-9, Bailey in the pole vault at 9-6 and Peters in the triple jump at 36-5.

Winning for Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas were Zander Thomson in the 100-meter dash in 12.03, Erick Kosch in the 400-meter dash in 1:00.65, the 4x200 relay team (Max Peterson, Dax Peanosky, Brayden Graef, Parker Boomsma) in 1:53.26, the 4x800 relay team in 11:42.00, Thomson in the high jump at 6-0 and Thomson in the long jump at 17-10.

Gillett earned first-place finishes from Jeremiah Froelich in the 800-meter run in 2:27.66, Froelich in the 1,600-meter run in 6:17.50 and Bradyn Wendorff in the 3,200-meter run in 10:33.11.

Winners for the girls were:

Suring: Lexi Remis, 400-meter dash, 1:09.38; Bunny Cramer, 800-meter run, 2:52.46; Aliya Cox, 100-meter hurdles, 15.00; Cox, 300-meter hurdles, 53.12; 4x100-meter relay, Kaelyn Cook, Kaitlyn Borkovec, Karli Fischer, Ella Graef, 1:02.69; 4x200-meter relay, Karissa Hischke, Sophia Marquardt, Madelyn Hatfield, Chloe Schroeder, 2:10.67; 4x400-meter relay, Tessa Losurdo, Gerndt, Cramer, Ellayna Skarban, 4:54.88; Losurdo, pole vault, 6-6; Cox, long jump, 15-7.25.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas: Hayden McNurlen, 200-meter dash, 31.78; 4x800-meter relay, Miriam Alberts, Alexis Maloney, Kate Peters, Della Kostreva, 12:38.00; Eva Brooks, high jump, 5-6.

Gillett: Ginger Gerndt, 100-meter dash, 13.75; Lily Hansen, 1,600-meter run, 6:35.00; Sophie Limberg, 3,200-meter run, 14:27.36; Audrey Pate, shot put, 32-1; Pate, discus, 97-2; Pate, triple jump, 31-9.5.

Wild Rose Quad

Marion's boys and girls had a handful of podium finishes at Wild Rose.

The boys 4x100-meter relay team placed second in 49.58, while the 4x200-meter relay team was fourth.

Tristan Herro placed second in the high jump at 5-6 and seventh in the long jump.

Caleb Stern placed third in the 100-meter dash in 12.61 and third in the triple jump at 37-4. He was also sixth in the 200-meter dash with a personal record of 25.73.

Landon Marquardt finished in fifth in the 110-meter hurdles in 20.80, a season record.

Herro's discus throw of 104-8 was a personal record and good enough for sixth place.

The girls 4x800-meter relay team, the only entry in the event, won with a time of 12:17.66. The 4x400-meter relay team finished second in 5:34.17.

The 4x100-meter relay team placed fourth, as did the 4x200-meter relay team.

Presley Stewart-Rolfs captured second in the discus at 99-10, a personal record. She was third in the shot put at 29-7, also a personal record.

Kennedy Zuniga placed fourth in the 800-meter run in 2:53.42, a season record for her. She was also third in the 3,200-meter run in 14:59.92, a personal record. Brittany Beechy set a personal record in the 1,600-meter run 6:53.27, which placed her in third.

Bridget Much placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles, with a season record of 25.39. Mieka Hirshom placed fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a personal record time of 1:15.86.

Much was fifth in the triple jump, and Madison Larson was sixth.

NEC Pent

Oconto Falls boys finished first and the girls were second at Wrightstown.

The Panthers captured the top four spots in the 200-meter dash for boys. Evan Yuma won in 23.50, followed by Elijah White in 23.73, Isaac Bramer in 23.97 and Brady Bursa in 24.50.

White finished second in the 100-meter dash in 11.39, followed by Yuma in third in 11.50 and Croix Gardebrecht in fifth in 11.98.

Yuma also captured first in the 400-meter run in 54.34, and Brant Laluzerne was second in 56.62.

Ben Adams won the 1,600-meter run in 4:52.69.

White, Bursa, Bramer and Conner Wilquet teamed up for the 4x100-meter relay and own first place in 46.06. Laluzerne, Gardebrecht, Skarban and Emerson Rice won the 4x400 in 3:49.61.

In the 4x800, it was Griffin Kopke, Kolten Krueger and Rice taking second in 9:46.30.

Gardebrecht, Weston Hoskins, Colt Rhodes and Bramer placed fourth in the 4x200 in 1:40.54.

Skarban won the high jump at 5-4, with Gardebrecht getting second place, also at 5-4.

Bursa won the long jump title at 20-2 and the triple jump title at 39-10.

Skarban placed second

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Fischer leads Gresham/Bowler

April 14
Tri-County Early Meet

Addison Fischer's second-place finish in the 400-meter dash was the best of the day for Gresham/Bowler's track team. Alivia Perez was fifth in the race.

Fischer also placed third in the 200-meter dash and fifth in the long jump.

Emily Jensen finished third in the shot put and fifth in the discus.

Perez was fifth in the high jump.

The girls 4x100-meter relay team and the 4x800 team each placed fifth.

For the boys, Adam Gourley placed third in the 110-meter hurdles.

The 4x200 team was third, and the 4x100 team was fourth.

Leif Steffen placed fourth in the triple jump, and Ethan May was fifth.

Mason Wilber placed fifth in the high jump.

FRCC Quad

Pulaski's girls placed fourth in the quad at Green Bay Preble.

Adelaide Bruckert won the 1,600-meter run in 5:54.92. Cameran Reiss placed fourth.

Lydia Friendschuh, Talyn Pratt, Megan Kraft and McKenna McKeefry placed second in the 4x100-meter relay.

Friendschuh placed third in the 100-meter hurdles.

The foursome of Pratt, Ella Kapfhamer, Isabella Piwonski-Dickinson and Madisyn Winistorfer placed third in the 4x200 relay.

Sophia Lange placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles, and Bruckert was fourth in the 800-meter run.

Kraft was fifth in the 100-meter dash.

For the boys, Anthony Ficarri, Keegan Bouchea, Nico VanDerPerren and Cole Mathey placed third third in the 4x200.

Bryson Cornish, Daenen Kehoe, Andrew Nowak and Mathey finished fifth in the 4x100.

Hayward leads Pulaski golfers at Sheboygan North Invite

April 16-17
Sheboygan North Invitational

Pulaski golfers ended a two-day meet with a 719 on the Whistling Straits/Irish Course and Blackwolf Run/Original Championship Course.

Hudson won the event with a 625.

The Red Raiders carded a 352 on April 16 and a 367 on April 17.

Leading Pulaski was Brady Hayward with a 79 on the first day and an 87 on the second day for a 166 total.

Also scoring were Dixon Holewinski with a 179 (87, then 92), Casey Madlem with a 188 (93, then 95) and Nathan Jossie with a 193 (100, then 93).

Bradin Schultz carded a 93 on the first day, and Ethan Berger had a 107 on the second day.

April 15
Bay Conference Mini-Meet #2

Shawano golfers placed fifth out of six teams at Shamrock Heights Golf & Supper Club in New London.

The Hawks carded a 202. Seymour won with a 157, and Green Bay East tallied an incomplete score for sixth place.

Shawano was led by Blake Knope's 43. Also scoring for Shawano were Duane Gristeau-Blanche with 46, Tyson Lyons with 55 and Terrance Smith with 58.

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in the 300-meter hurdles in 45.48 and third in the 110-meter hurdles in 16.50.

Rice grabbed third place in the 800-meter run in 2:11.02.

Rylie Shallow won the girls 200-meter dash in 27.32, with Emery Pagel placing third in 28.32 and Brooke Hodkiewicz in fourth at 28.39.

Shallow was second in the 100-meter dash in 12.87. Gracie Miller finished fourth in 13.53, and Pagel was fifth in 13.53.

Hodkiewicz was second in the 400-meter dash in 1:06.17, and Emma Meissner was third in the 800-meter run in 2:50.56.

Meissner won the 1,600-meter run in 6:16.72, while Hailey Delzer placed second in the 3,200-meter run in 12:58.44.

Pagel, Abby Budz, Miller and Shallow won the 4x100 in 52.49, while Mackenzie Lotto, Chloe Anastasopoulos, Budz and Ava Hodkiewicz placed second in the 4x400 in 4:41.27.

The 4x800 team of Meissner, Delzer, Ava Hodkiewicz and Brooke Hodkiewicz had the first-place title in the 4x800 with a time of 11:00.99.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Lotto was fifth in 58.88.

Delzer's distance of 30-9 earned her second place in the triple jump, with Pagel placing fourth at 29-2.

Miller placed fourth in the long jump at 14-6.25. Gwen Maggio was fifth in the high jump at 4-4.

Seymour Quad

Shawano's boys and girls captured more than dozen first-place finishes and even more podium finishes at Seymour.

Winning for the boys were Aiden Rasmussen in the 200-meter dash in 23.88; Ryan Schwitzer was second, and Bryce Lammers was fourth.

Josiah Kuehl won the 1,600-meter run in 5:97.95 and finished second in the 800-meter run.

Francesco Curto won the gold in the 110-meter hurdles in 17.03. He was second in the 300-meter hurdle, and Dawson Aguilar was fourth.

The 4x800-meter relay team was first in 9:46.99. One team was third in the 4x400, and another was fifth. Shawano also placed fifth in the 4x100.

In the long jump, Rasmussen finished second, followed by Kian Morstad in third, Sosaeh Tepiew in fourth and Heriberto Rubio in fifth.

Joshua Lesperance placed second in the tripe jump, and Trevor Schwartz was second in the 3,200-meter run.

In the 100-meter dash, Rasmussen placed third, followed by Lammers in fourth and Maverick Theis in fifth.

Jack Dietz placed third in the shot put. Schwitzer placed third in the 400-meter dash.

In the discus, Chase Katchenago finished fourth, followed by Drew Chelberg in fifth.

Micah Welander placed fourth in the high jump, with Quinten Harkey placing fifth.

The girls were led by Adalyn Barkley's first-place finish in the 800-meter run in 2:41.81. She was followed by Bailey Hendricks in second, Maci Beyer in third, Mikelah Powers in fourth and Jillian Guenther in fifth.

Barkley also won the triple jump at 34-4, with Macey Nelson placing second.

Hendricks led the 1,600-meter field in 5:55.46, and Powers placed second.

Anabelle Schroeder won the 3,200-meter run in 14:43.62.

The 4x200-meter relay won in 1:55.99. The 4x400 won in 4:32.01, and another foursome placed fifth. Shawano's 4x800 team placed fourth.

Madisyn Weinig won the discus at 97-2, with Bailey Defere in second.

Beyer won the high jump at 5-4, a personal record.

Tela Hopfensperger placed second in the 300-meter hurdles.

Weinig placed third in the shot put, followed by Defere in fourth and Breanna Anderson in fifth.

Nelson finished fifth in the long jump.

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DNR spring hearing in Shawano re-elects CDAC delegates

There were few fireworks or discussions April 14 during the Shawano County spring hearing hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and state Conservation Congress.

A total of 13 people attended the annual hearing at Shawano Community Middle School, according to Duane Beyer of Shawano, who was re-elected to a two-year term as chairman of the county's five-member Conservation Congress. Mark Conradt of Shawano was re-elected to a three-year term as vice chairman.

Beyer and Conradt hold the same posts on Shawano County's Deer Advisory Council, which will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. April 29 in Shawano Community Middle School. Other county delegates are Andrew Heinz and Bob Bohardt of Shawano and Mark Heidemann of Marion.

The council determines how many free antlerless deer tags are issued for each paid archery and gun deer tag. They also determine whether they want the county to maintain, increase or decrease the deer population. In virtually all Central Farmland Zones, because of continually growing herds, most CDACs choose to maintain or decrease the herd.

Those attending the 72 hearings (one in each county) were allowed to vote in person on ballots that covered a variety of DNR hunting and fishing management questions, as well as topics for the Natural Resources Board and Conservation Congress. None of the votes (other than delegate votes) are binding but serve to advise the state and Conservation Congress about the views of sportsmen and other wildlife lovers. Residents also could vote online for three days.

Results will appear at https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing.

Topics that probably most interest Shawano County and surrounding residents include a plan to reduce the overall daily panfish limit from 25 to 10 on Shawano Lake and dozens of other lakes in the state, allowing CDACs to extend the archery season to Jan. 31 even if they do not authorize a Holiday Hunt (antlerless only hunt during the Christmas holiday), using technology like cellular trail cameras to monitor traps, allowing fall turkey hunting in northern Zones 6 and 7 and requiring bear baits on public land to be labeled with a person's name and address or DNR number.

Beyer said he welcomes the chance to offer an extended bow season without necessarily offering a Holiday Hunt. Some landowners who hunt their own property may not welcome a Holiday Hunt, because they can't shoot bucks during their last few days of bow or crossbow season. Beyer noted that several snowmobile clubs have fought against the Holiday Hunt, because they need to log trail maintenance hours to obtain state funds but may be doing so during the last week in December. He added that although some snowmobilers didn't want hunters in the woods while they rode trails, poor snowfall during most of the past 10 winters doesn't support that argument.

He encouraged those of all interests to attend the April 29 CDAC meeting and share their thoughts.

One topic not on the spring questionnaire is the state's process of distributing spring turkey tags. This is one of my hot-button topics for several reasons. First, with today's computerized processing that can do thousands or even millions of data computations in seconds, why are we still applying for turkey tags by Dec. 10? Since I buy a patron license every year, I am applying for my 2026 tags in March or April of the previous year. That's the way it works. But most of us are not thinking about turkey hunting in December, and it's easy to forget to apply.

What boggles my mind is the number of surplus tags left for the bonus tag sales in mid-March. This apparently got the attention of DNR conservation warden Jake Donar, who is also a member of the DNR Turkey Advisory Committee.

According to a Milwaukee newspaper, Donar told the committee April 2 that many hunters were having trouble drawing their first or second choice.

Donar's questions prompted the DNR to analyze license data from 2022 to 2024, which revealed an astounding fact: an average of 26% of those drawing a tag never purchased them. The DNR has speculated that some hunters may not be able to hunt on the season dates they originally drew, but the long lag between notification of getting drawn (usually in December or January) and the turkey season is likely a factor, too. Some hunters may simply forget they drew a tag and just buy one during the bonus tag sales. Or some patron license holders may apply for a turkey tag even if they aren't sure they will hunt (because the application fee is included in their licenses).

The DNR is now considering a complete revision of the process.

Duane Beyer of Shawano, who was re-elected April 14 to a two-year term as chairman of the Shawano County chapter of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, shows off a Shawano County buck he bagged in 2023. Beyer also is chairman of the Shawano County Deer Advisory Council.

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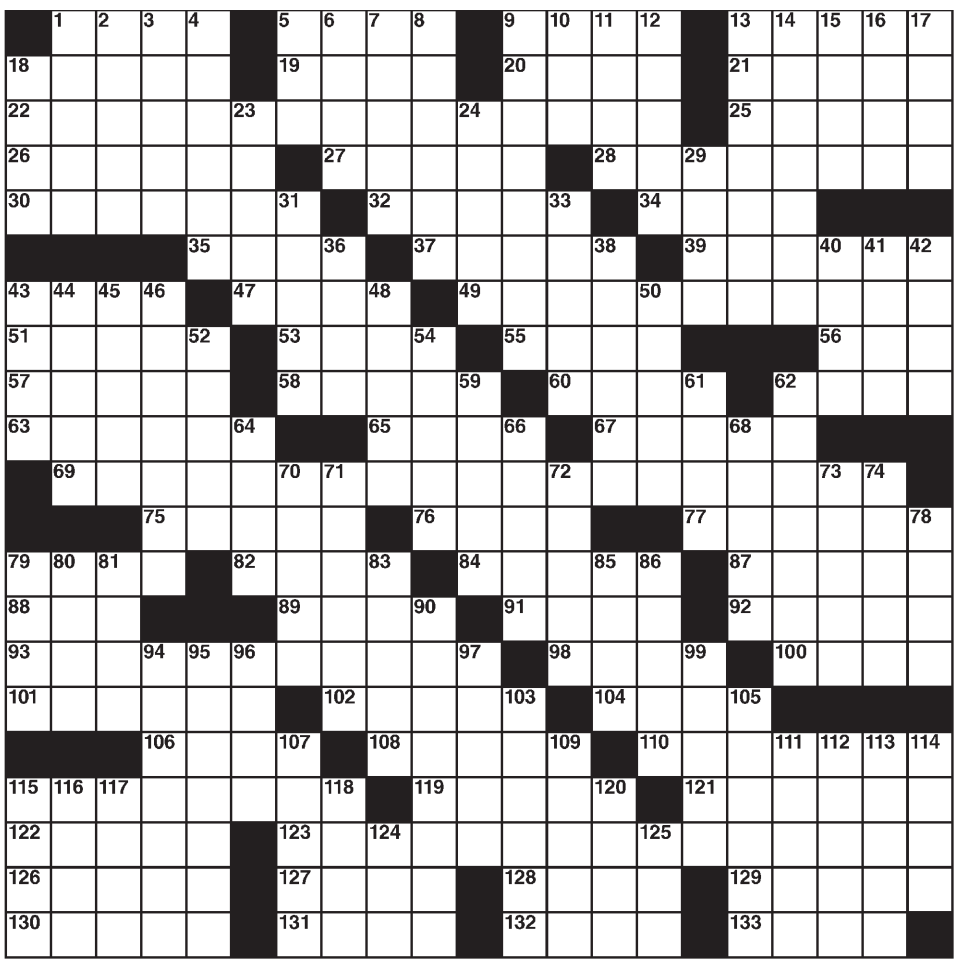

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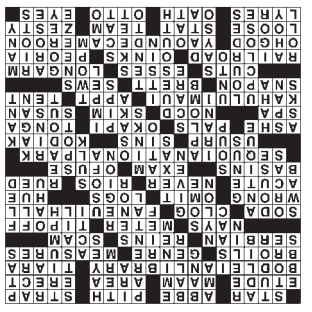

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OBITUARIES

Herman Rusch

Herman Fred Gustav Rusch, born March 12, 1934, in Oconto Falls, passed away on April 16, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, dedication and craftsmanship.

Herman was a self-employed farmer who embraced the land with passion and commitment, working tirelessly to create a home for his beloved family. A jack of all trades and an excellent conversationalist, he had an innate ability to connect with others, sharing stories and laughter that will be remembered fondly by all who knew him.

Family was Herman's top priority, and he cherished every moment spent with his wife of 68 years, Dorothy (Daft) Rusch, and their three children, Rick (Elaine) Rusch, Barbara (John) Mueller and Debra Rusch.

His love extended generously to his grandchildren, Cortny (James DeBrock) Mueller, Trevor (Aly) Mueller, Erika (Josh) Goodwater, Austin Monette, Breiley (Jason) Dordel, Taylor (Billy) Tomchek and Craig (Melanie Carretero) Rusch, as well as his great-grandsons, Miles, Parker, Milo and Oliver. Celebrating life with his family through gatherings and events was something that brought him immense joy.

He is further survived by his brother, Ewald Rusch; brothers-in-law, Ed Daft, Erick (Belva) Milchner and George Janavice; and sisters-in-law, Esther (Mel) Westphal and Marianne Field.

Herman was preceded in death by his parents, Gustav and Olga (Milchner) Rusch; brother, Gerhardt (Ida) Rusch; sister, Martha Rusch; parents-in-law, Gottlieb and Emma Daft; and sisters-in-law, Chris (John) Stasney, Ruth Milchner, Beverly Janavice and Julie Rusch.

Herman's passions also included woodworking, where he displayed remarkable skill and creativity. His craftsmanship and attention to detail were evident in every project he took on, leaving a lasting mark in the homes of his loved ones. Herman loved animals and nature. His warmth, kindness and unwavering support made him a pillar of strength in the lives of many who will carry his memory forward.

A celebration of Herman's life will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Gillett Baptist Church, 10780 Gillett Town Hall Road, Gillett, with visitation at 9 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Reggie Reinhold officiating. Those who gathered will honor a man whose life was a testament to hard work, family and the joy of shared memories. Burial will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery, Oconto Falls.

Donald Ruege

Donald Alfred Ruege, 79, of West De Pere, passed away peacefully April 18, 2025, surrounded by family and friends.

He was born March 2, 1946, to Alfred and Angeline (Hansen) Ruege in Suring. He.graduated from Suring High School in 1964. On Dec. 18, 1965, Don married his high school sweetheart, June Schuettpelz.

Don wanted his legacy to be "Our children. Our family." His legacy lives on through his lessons of humor, honesty, respect, integrity and family values

Survivors include June Ruege, wife of almost 60 years; children, Steven Ruege (Rosemarie) Columbia City, Oregon, Retha Kellner-Ruege, Manitowoc; and grandchildren, Kyle Ruege, Sydney, Izzy, Ally Romandine; five step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings Lois Adams (Richard), Gary Ruege (Betty), Naomi Bahrke, Alger Schuettpelz (Althea), Alvin Schuettpelz, Dennis Schuettpelz; nieces and nephews; close friends and neighbors.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. April 28 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2160 Packerland Drive, Green Bay. The funeral will be at 11 a.m.

Lunch will follow. A graveside service with cremated remains will be held after lunch at the Cemetery of the Holy Sepulchre in Howard.

Thanks to the health care workers, Ryan Funeral Home in De Pere, and Beautiful Savior. A longer obituary is available on ryanfh.com.

Lori Zuber

Lori Marie Zuber, a beloved mother, sister and friend, passed away peacefully April 16, 2025, at the age of 54.

Born in Oconto Falls on Aug. 4, 1970, Lori was a cherished member of a large extended family, with a heart that overflowed with love for each of them, especially her three children.

As a dedicated mother and caregiver to her three children, they defined her life. Samantha, Zachary and Justin were the light of her world; their laughter and dreams were her daily inspiration.

Lori is survived by her daughter, Samantha; son, Zachary; brother, Brian Smet; and sister, Nancy (Glen) Grooms; and many other extended family members

Lori was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Mary (DeGrave) Smet; beloved son, Justin Dumas; and sister, Sandy (Ron) Ermis.

A viewing will be held for Lori on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 3-5 p.m. at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls. Mass of Christian burial will follow at 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with the Rev. Walter Stumpf officiating. She will be laid to rest in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Stiles.

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TOWN OF SPRUCE

NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK

Pursuant to Sec. 70.45 of Wis. Statute the assessment roll for the year 2024 assessment will be open for examination on **Monday, the 28th day of April, 2025** from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm.** The assessor shall be available at that time also at the Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Road B, Oconto Falls. Instructional material about the information and Board of Review procedures and how to file an objection will be available at that time.

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Spruce, Oconto County, Wisconsin, shall hold its meeting on **Thursday, the 15th day of May, 2025, 5:00 pm. to 7:00 pm** at Spruce Town Hall, 9097 County Road B, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin.
Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the board of review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board:

1. No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view the property.
2. After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board.
3. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.
5. When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
6. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s. 73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Spruce has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court.* The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1), Wis. stats.
7. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.
8. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 25th day of April 2025.
Lisa Peitersen, Spruce Town Clerk

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04/18/25, 04/25/25, 05/02/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, OCONTO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Roger Kenneth Sohr Jr

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025IN28

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 06-27-1935 and date of death 02-27-2025 , was domiciled in Oconto County, State of WI , with a mailing address of 329 South Main Street, Gillett, WI 54124 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] July 17, 2025 .
5. A claim may be filed at the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington St., Oconto, WI 54153 , Wisconsin, Room 1173 .

Form completed by:
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Shawano, WI 54166
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04/25/25, 05/02/25
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 May 13,2025 at 5:30 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 5:30pm ORD 25-004 Amend Ch 455 Utility Sewer Water Compulsory Connection to Sewer and Water
2. Public Hearing NO.2 immediately following NO.1 estimated 5:40 pm ORD 25-005 Amend Ch 465-13 Weight Limits and Heavy Traffic
3. Public Hearing NO.3 immediately following NO.2 estimated 5:50pm ORD 25-006 Amend Ch 382 Rental Property Article II Short Term Rentals

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.

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04/11/25, 04/18/25, 04/25/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT OCONTO COUNTY
DISCOVER BANK
Plaintiff,

Case No. 25CV00003
vs.
LANCE W PECHA
Defendant.

AMENDED SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
TO: LANCE W PECHA
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You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff Complaint, which is also served on you, s Within Forty (40) days after April 11, 202 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Co requirements of the statutes. The answe COURT, OCONTO COUNTY, 301 WASH attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Wate you.

If no Complaint accompanies this Sumn a copy of the Complaint by mailing or del respective addresses listed above.
If you do not provide a proper answer to day period, the court may grant judgmen and you may lose your right to object to a as provided by law. A judgment awarding may be enforced by garnishment or seizu
Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin March 19

KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:
/S/JOHN H. DANNER IV
JOHN H. DANNER IV
State Bar No. 1125953
Attorney for Plaintiff

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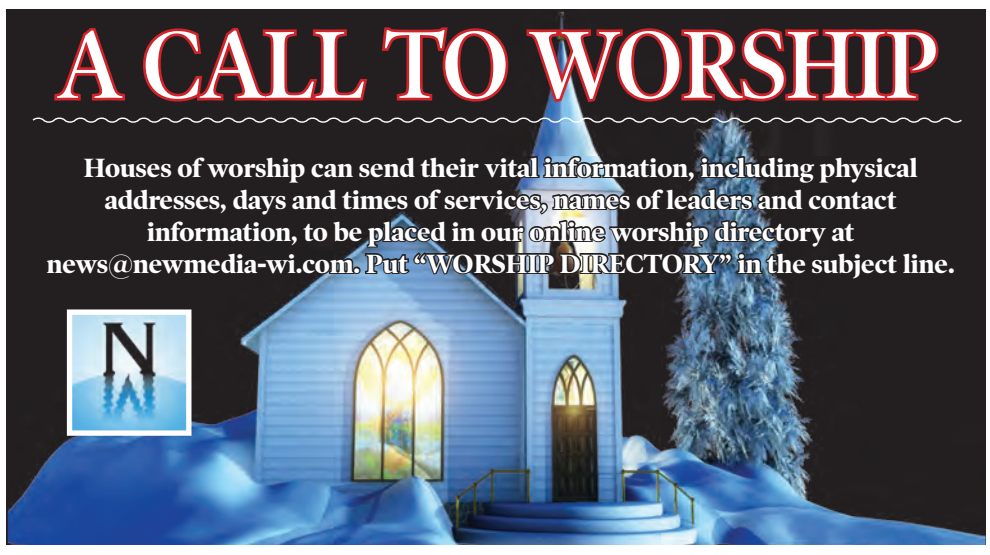


Scammers pretend to help, but they will hack into your life

Have you ever gotten a phone call from someone saying there's a problem with your computer?

They might say they're from Microsoft, Apple or even your bank. They sound super helpful, but here's the truth — they're not here to help. They're trying to scam you.

These fake "tech support" calls are on the rise, and they can lead to stolen money, locked accounts and big headaches. That's why local community banks are warning customers: hang up and don't click.

Here's what usually happens: You get a call or pop up on your computer saying something is wrong. The person says they need remote access to fix it. You give them access — and boom. They're in your system and eventually your bank account. Some even ask you to "refund" money they "accidentally" put in your account.

"These scammers are smooth talkers. They sound kind and professional, which makes people trust them," said Connie Zuleger, chief operating officer at Prevail Bank. "But no real tech support team will ever ask for access to your computer out of the blue."

Here's what you can watch for: Pop-ups with scary messages about viruses, phone calls saying there's a problem with your computer or bank account, anyone asking you to download something or visit a website, and requests for your online banking password or for remote access.

"If it feels fishy, it probably is," said Natalyn Jannene, assistant vice president of marketing at AbbyBank. "We tell our customers to slow down, hang up, and call us directly. It's always safer to double-check."

At each local bank, teams are trained to watch for unusual transactions. If something doesn't look right, bankers will reach out to you directly. Many banks also teach customers how to spot scams through workshops, emails and one-on-one help.

Never give control of your device to someone you don't know. Don't share your banking info unless you call the bank yourself. Talk to someone you trust before sending money. Call your bank if something feels off. They are there to help.

Menards holds pet supply drive

All Menards home improvement stores are now serving as a drop site for a local humane society through May.

Menards offers a variety of pet supplies that will be donated to a humane society, including food, treats, feeders, collars, beds, storage containers, mats and more.

There is a large collection box near the exit doors to place donations.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of April 14

• Dillon Steven Renard, 40, Green Bay, was sentenced to three years in prison, followed by three years of extended supervision with conditions, for theft, taking a vehicle without consent, criminal damage to property and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that happened June 16. Judge Michael Judge gave Renard credit for 303 days already served and ruled he is eligible for the Substance Abuse Program, which can lead to early release upon successful completion.

• An Oct. 21-24 jury trial was scheduled for Brian A. Blasing, 35, an Oconto man serving a prison sentence at Dodge Correctional Institution after being convicted in Marinette County of first-degree reckless homicide by delivering drugs in the death of Terry Westphal. Blasing is charged in Oconto County with first-degree reckless homicide by delivering drugs and manufacture with intent to deliver heroin in the Sept. 12, 2018, death of Jeffrey Dean Pecha, as well as possession of amphetamine with intent to deliver, misdemeanor possession of cocaine and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 29, 2019. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Sept. 22.

• An Oct. 7 jury trial was scheduled for Robert T. Albert II, 53, Oconto, on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, maintaining a drug trafficking place and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and possessing THC, drug paraphernalia and illegally obtained prescription drugs, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 7, 2023. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Sept. 22.

• A Nov. 14-15 jury trial was scheduled for Baldwin C. Framnes, 24, a Gillett man serving time at Dodge Correctional Institution in Waupun, on charges of second-degree sexual assault of an unconscious victim and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly took place Aug. 10, 2024. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Oct. 14.

• Bond was set at $5,000 cash for Kayla Lynn Harris, 29, Oconto, after she was charged with battery or threat to a law officer, child abuse intentionally causing harm, two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 14. Judge adjourned her initial appearance until May 22.

• Bond was set at $5,000 cash for Brady Lee Boucher, 30, Oconto, after he was charged with felony bail jumping in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 13. Judge adjourned his initial appearance until May 22.

Proceedings of April 15

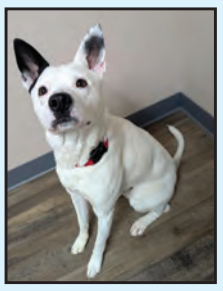
• Ryan Christopher Mootz, 45, New Berlin, was sentenced to three years in prison, followed by three years of extended supervision with conditions, for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (seventh, eighth or ninth offense) in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 4, 2024. Judge scheduled sentencing for April 17 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation. Judge ruled he is eligible for the Substance Abuse Program, which can lead to early release upon successful completion.

Proceedings of April 17

• After a three-day jury trial, Joey Vandewettering, 62, Town of Gillett, was found guilty of first-degree sexual assault, false imprisonment, strangulation and suffocation, first-degree reckless endangerment and possession of methamphetamine, along with misdemeanor charges of battery, disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 27, 2024. Judge Jay Conley ordered a pre-sentence investigation, and sentencing will be scheduled at a later date.

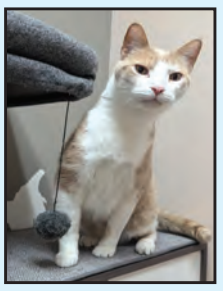
• Henry J. Mahers, 34, Pound, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to strangulation and suffocation, and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 21. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for May 22.

APOLLO



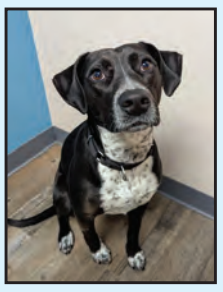
Meet Apollo. He is a young petite pitbull with playful energy. He has done well in his kennel and is potty trained. He is treat motivated and smart.

HAMLET



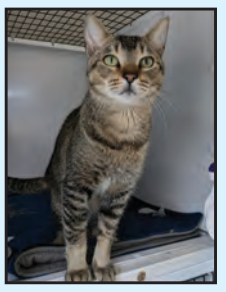
Meet Hamlet. He is a 10 year old senior boy looking for a home. Overall, he is a friendly and calm cat who has done well with other cats in his previous home. He would do great adopted with another buddy.

DAYTONA



Daytona is a very sweet dog, who has been well behaved for staff. She is good with other dogs and likes the outdoors. She has done well in her kennel and is potty trained

SQUIRREL



Squirrel is an adventurous and curious cat. He adjusts well to new environments and is great with meeting new people. He will make a great addition to his new home.

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Killing of stray dogs questioned in Richmond

Residents urge more attempts at rescue efforts

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Several Town of Richmond residents are asking town officials to consider a more humane way of dealing with stray animals following the killing of two dogs apparently abandoned earlier this month.

"The Town of Richmond board members have been given a list of people that are willing to help with stray and loose dogs," Sarah Riesenberg said at the April 15 town board meeting. "There are people on this list that have the tools and experience necessary to help with dogs of any temperament, and those are available 24 hours a day."

On April 8, Town Supervisor Ken Damveld, acting in accordance with local and state police, killed two dogs that appeared to have been abandoned. At least one of the dogs appeared aggressive, according to a report filed by the Shawano County Sheriff's Department.

Riesenberg said many residents are not happy with how the situation was handled.

"Since the town has a list of alternative options for helping and dealing with stray dogs, the public asks that the board consider prohibiting Supervisor No. 2 Ken Damveld from handling any animal cases or acting as constable in the future," Riesenberg said.

Ken Damveld's son, Steve Damveld, is the town constable but is often out of town several days a week. Ken Damveld fills in upon request.

Riesenberg suggested the board may want to ask Steve Damveld to step down and allow volunteers to handle stray dog cases until another resident fills the constable role.

While many on social media expressed anger toward Ken Damveld and the town for its policy, many at the meeting had a different view.

"Harassment and bullying and threats need to stop. We are all God's children," Holly Weatherwax said. "You may not believe what happened was right, but everything that happened was according to the laws that we have in this township."

She said the dogs had no collars and could have been on the run for days.

"No one was looking for them," Weatherwax said. "Where are these owners? Where are the photos of these dogs in their loving house that you guys keep posting about? Nobody has come forward. With that, these dogs could easily have been living just north of this area in the big timber country the majority of their lives and just just happened to venture south into Shawano for the first time."

She also said the dogs could have had rabies.

"If they were feral dogs searching for their next meal and killed someone's chickens, livestock, family pet, would you guys all be standing up for the farmers or the animals that were killed?" she asked.

Weatherwax quoted some statistics that show 4.5 million Americans are bitten by dogs every year, with 800,000 seeking medial attention.

She recalled the 2021 case of Heather Pingel of the Town of Almon, who died after being attacked by the family dog. Pingel was attacked after struggling to pull the dog away from an attack on her son. Shortly thereafter, a family pet in Tigerton also attacked a person.

"Dogs can turn on people," Weatherwax said. "These dogs already showed aggression and after multiple attempts were unable to be caught. What if those dogs showed up in your backyard and attacked you, your pet and, God forbid, your children or grandchildren?"

She acknowledged those in attendance were there because they felt passionate about the topic at hand but reminded them the town officials are doing what is safe for the community.

Pam Nowak, executive director of the Shawano County Humane Society, tried to lay to rest rumors that some people won't give up their pets to the humane society due to the cost.

"We don't want these animals shot. We can find homes," she said. "This is ridiculous. We are there. We have space. We will take them. We will take them for free. We are happy to do that."

Nowak said humane society staff and volunteers will also pick up captured strays if necessary.

"Last year, we got 258 stray dogs," she said. "We returned 115 of those to their owners, and we adopted the rest. We euthanized none."

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

April 14

Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including child abuse at an undisclosed location, criminal damage on Konitzer Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, drugs in Suring, a fire control burn on County Road W in the Town of Mountain, sexual assault in the Town of Little Suamico, fire near CCC and Elm Lawn roads in the Town of Morgan, one traffic stop, one citizen assist, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, five welfare checks; one open-line 911 call; two crashes, one involving deer, one including a turkey.

April 13

Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including fire on Highland Meadow Trail in the Town of Chase, property damage on Wildrose Lane in the Town of Chase, fire on South Chase Road and on Hogan Trail in the Town of Little Suamico, an animal bite on County Road B in the Town of Spruce, fire on County Road EE in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on Melissa Boulevard in the Town of Little Suamico, two traffic stops, three traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; two 911 hangups and two open lines; one ambulance call; one crash, involving deer.

April 12

Deputies responded to 54 incidents, including suspicious activity on Alsteen Lane in the Town of Lena, a disturbance on Jones Lane in the Town of Gillett, fire on state Highway 32 in the Town of Maple Valley, trespassing on County Road J in the Town of Oconto, threatening on County Road G in the Town of Spruce, fire on state Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles and on Nero Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, squad damage near U.S. Highway 141 and state Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles, illegal burning on County Road E in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on Bucks Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, illegal burning near state Highway 22 and Old U Road in the Town of Gillett, four traffic stops, four traffic hazards, one traffic offense, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; five 911 hangups and five open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, all involving deer.

April 11

Deputies responded to 51 incidents, including trespassing on North Rosera Street in Lena, a school threat on East Algoma Street in Suring, fire on Old U Road in the Town of Gillett, a K-9 deployment on East Main Street in Lena, fire on Willow Road in the Town of How, suspicious activity near Allen Road and Union Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, three traffic stops, one traffic offense, three citizen assists, eight miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; three open-line 911 calls.

April 10

Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including fire on Hickory Cemetery Road in the Town of Maple Valley, a death investigation in the Town of Morgan, a drug-endangered child case in the Town of Spruce, suspicious activity on Glenview Way in the Town of Little Suamico, fire on Countryside Road in Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on Deer Hill Road in the Town of Underhill, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, three citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents; one 911 hangup and one open line; one ambulance call; two crashes, both involving deer.

April 9

Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including a fire control burn on Hogsback Road in the Town of Little River, an animal bite on Woodview Road in the Town of Little River, a disturbance on North Main Street in Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on Woodstock Lane in the Town of Chase, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one open-line 911 call; one ambulance call; four crashes, one involving deer, one involving bear, one involving a turkey.

April 8

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including a death investigation in the Town of Lakewood, threatening on Parkway Road in the Town of Brazeau, a disturbance on Business 41 in the Town of Oconto, a death investigation in Oconto, fire on Brookside Road in the Town of Pensaukee, nine traffic stops, two traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, six citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident; two crashes, one involving deer.

April 7

Deputies responded to 48 incidents, including trespassing on North Rosera Street in Lena, harassment on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Rocky Ledge Road in the Town of Pensaukee, harassment on Douglas Road in the Town of Little Suamico and on County Road J in the Town of Oconto, property damage on Moshawquit Lake Road in the Town of Underhill, threatening on County Road J in the Town of Oconto, fire on Hickory Cemetery Road in the Town of Maple Valley, one traffic stop, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and two open lines; two crashes, one involving deer.

April 6

Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including disturbances on East Armstrong Street in Gillett and on West Main Street in Lena, burglary on Walkers Bay Road in the Town of Brazeau, fire near County Road S and U.S. Highway 41 in the Town of Little River, trespassing on Stiles Road in the Town of Oconto, fire on County Road A in the Town of Spruce, animal neglect on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a noise disturbance on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico, fire on Jaworski Road in the Town of Chase, property damage on North Center Street in Suring, suspicious activity on Dionne Street in Lena, two traffic stops, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and one open line; three ambulance calls; four crashes, one involving deer.

April 5

Deputies responded to several incidents, including suspicious activity near Brehmer and Timberline roads in the Town of Abrams, a disturbance on West Main Street in Lena, suspicious activity on East Brown Road in the Town of Little Suamico and on Yatso Road in the Town of Spruce, fire near East Chain Lake Road and Pinkowsky Lane in the Town of Townsend, suspicious activity near state Highway 22 and Young Road in the Town of Oconto, a disturbance on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, suspicious activity on Manor Drive in Suring, nine traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; two 911 hangups and one open line; two ambulance calls; one crash.

April 4

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including theft on Main Street in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on North Flat Rock Lane in the Town of Gillett, two reports of an unwanted party on North Rosera Street in Lena, a missing person on East Main Street in Gillett, suspicious activity on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, six miscellaneous traffic incidents; one 911 hangup and two open lines; one crash.

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04/25/2025

City of Gillett Utility Department Flushing Notice

The City of Gillett Utility Department will be flushing hydrants on Monday – Wednesday, April 28, 29, 30- 2025. There may be some discoloration in your water with this procedure, please plan your activities accordingly.

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04/18, 04/25/2025

NOTICE OF BIDS TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY

The Town of Maple Valley will be accepting sealed bids for the following 2025 road project.
LRIP Project-Reconstruct Janik Road from Cnty A/G east towards Cnty K (End at 1" curve) Approx. 2603 Ft. Remove 44 ft x 18 in Culvert (at curve) fill and compact excavated area with base aggregate. (Bidder responsible for culvert disposal) Pulverize existing asphalt, add 4 in x 25 ft wide Aggregate Base gravel starting at Cnty A/G proceeding east 1000 Ft. Fine grade, water and compact the pulverized road base. Place and compress hot mix asphalt Approx. 2603 Ft. x 21 Ft. wide and 2 inches thick after compaction. Install 2 ft gravel shoulders. Any questions please contact Chairm.an Mike Beyer@ 920-590-3229.

Bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked "LRIP Road Bid" and mailed to Town Clerk Cindy Tousey, PO Box 384, Suring, WI 54174. Deadline for bids is Friday May 2"d at 6:00 PM. Bids will be opened at the Maple Valley Town Hall, 9088 Cnty Hwy Z, Suring, Wi 54174 at the start of the regular monthly Town Board Meeting at 7:00 PM on May 8, 2025.

Bids may be considered for acceptance for a period of not less than 30 days after opening. Project to be completed before September 30, 2025.

Proof of insurance must accompany all bids. The Town Board of the Town of Maple Valley reserves the right to reject any or all bids and accept a bid deemed most advantageous to the Town of Maple Valley.
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$3.99 16oz

Farmland Cubed or Diced Ham

$4.79 16oz

USDA Choice Boneless Ribeye Steaks

$16.99 lb

Klements Smoked Sausages
Regular, Polska, Andouille

$4.29 14oz

Whole Pork Butts

$1.89 lb

Old El Paso Taco Shells

2/$3 Asst Variety 4.6-7.4oz

Pace Picante Sauce or Salsa

2/$5 Asst Variety 16oz

Local Red Potatoes

$2.99 5lb Bag

Orange, Red, or Yellow XL Bell Peppers

$2.69 lb

Crazy Fresh Guacamole, Mangomole, or Picomole

$4.99 10oz

Grape Tomatoes

$1.99 1 pint

Strawberries

$3.59 1 lb

Kretschmar Off-the-Bone Rotisserie Chicken Breast

$6.49 lb
Shaved or Sliced

Sweet P's Frosted Sugar Cookies

2/$4
Asst Variety 13.5oz

Crav'n Breakfast Croissants or Muffins

2/$6
Asst Variety 7.2-9oz

Food Club Battered or Breaded Fish Fillets or Sticks

$4.99 18.2-24oz

Daisy Squeeze Sour Cream

$2.29 14oz

Food Club Cottage Cheese

$2.99 Asst Variety 24oz

Wide Awake Ground Coffee or Pods
11-12oz or 10ct

$3.99 Asst Variety

Food Club Frozen Fruit

2/$5
Asst Variety 12-16oz

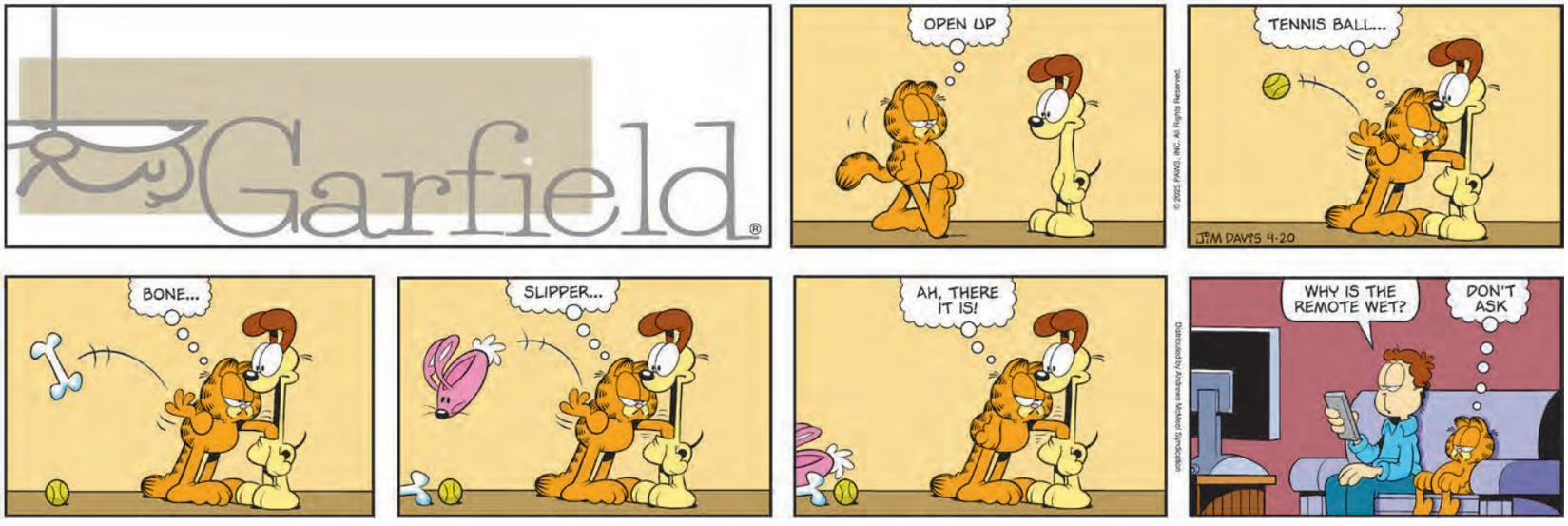
Crav'n Fruit Bars or Ice Cream Sandwiches

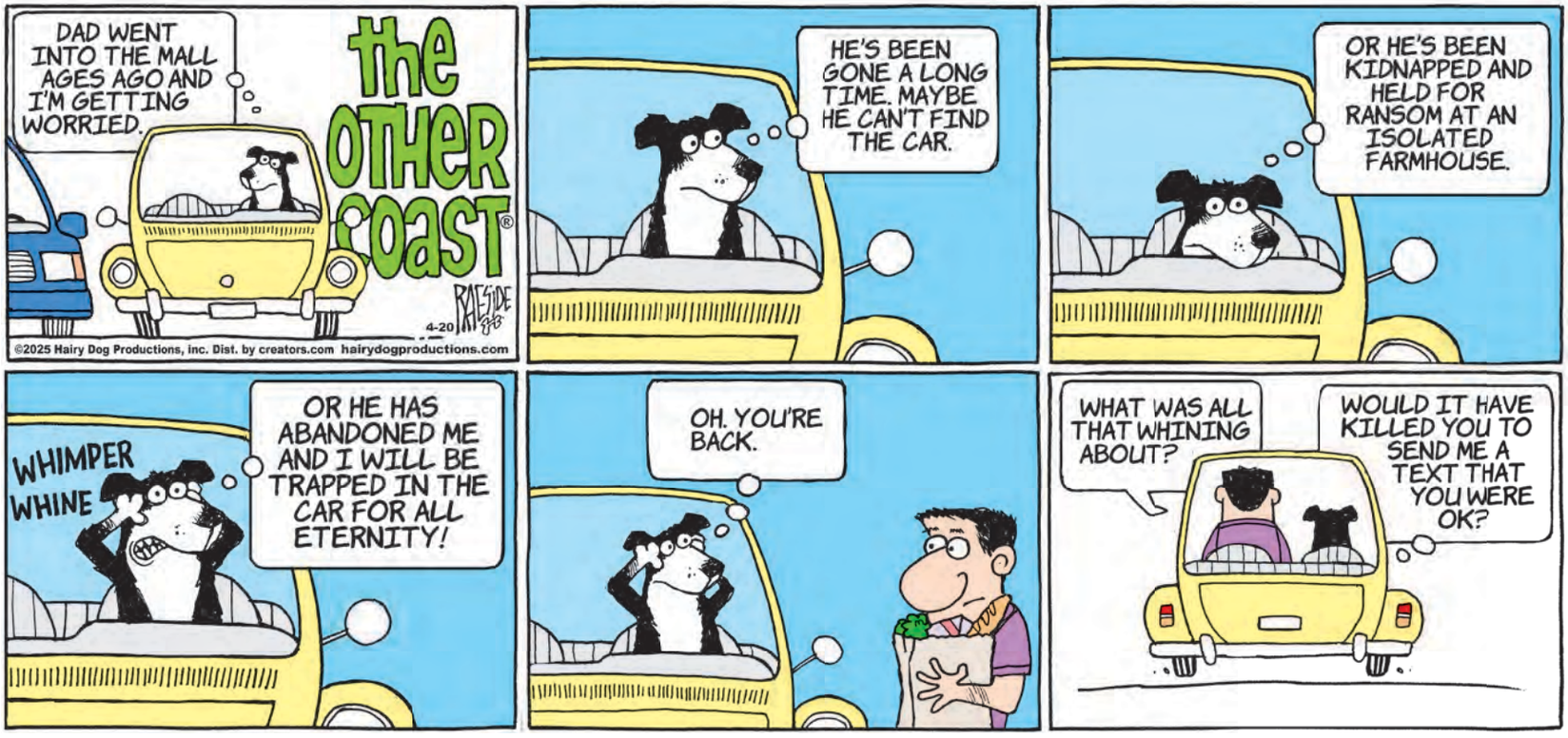
$2.99 Asst Variety 6-12Ct

Drumstick Cones

$4.49 Asst Variety 4pk

PEANUTS
featuring
"Good ol' CharlieBrown"
by Schulz
WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU, PITCHER!
SORT OF!
POW!
OOOO! YOU LOOK SO CUTE LYING THERE, CHARLIE BROWN, WITH YOUR LITTLE EASTER TOES SPARKLING IN THE SUN
GET BACK IN CENTER FIELD WHERE YOU BELONG!
HOW CAN A PITCHER BE SO CRABBY ON EASTER?
SCHULZ


Garfield
OPEN UP
TENNIS BALL...
JIM DAVIS 4-20
BONE...
SLIPPER...
AH, THERE IT IS!
WHY IS THE REMOTE WET?
DON'T ASK


the OTHER coast
DAD WENT INTO THE MALL AGES AGO AND I'M GETTING WORRIED.
4-20
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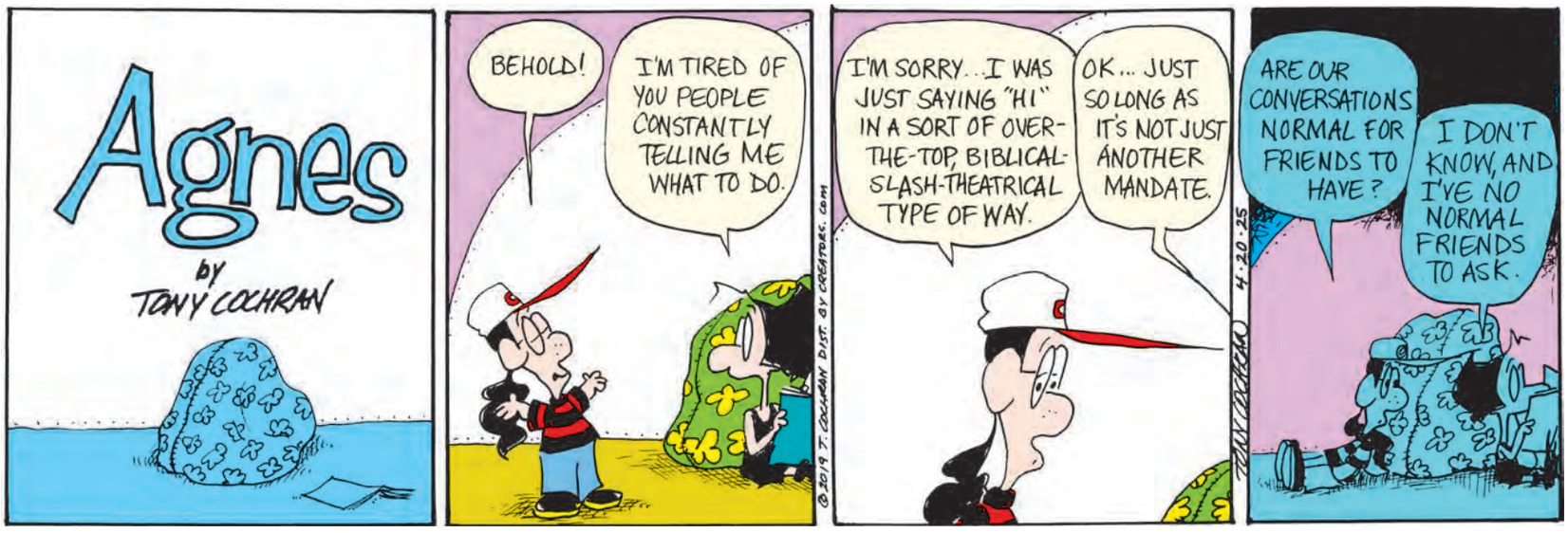
HE'S BEEN GONE A LONG TIME. MAYBE HE CAN'T FIND THE CAR.
OR HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED AND HELD FOR RANSOM AT AN ISOLATED FARMHOUSE.
WHIMPER WHINE
OR HE HAS ABANDONED ME AND I WILL BE TRAPPED IN THE CAR FOR ALL ETERNITY!
OH. YOU'RE BACK.
WHAT WAS ALL THAT WHINING ABOUT?
WOULD IT HAVE KILLED YOU TO SEND ME A TEXT THAT YOU WERE OK?


Agnes
by TONY COCHRAN
BEHOLD!
I'M TIRED OF YOU PEOPLE CONSTANTLY TELLING ME WHAT TO DO.
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I'M SORRY...I WAS JUST SAYING "HI" IN A SORT OF OVER-THE-TOP, BIBLICAL-SLASH-THEATRICAL TYPE OF WAY.
OK... JUST SO LONG AS IT'S NOT JUST ANOTHER MANDATE.
ARE OUR CONVERSATIONS NORMAL FOR FRIENDS TO HAVE?
I DON'T KNOW, AND I'VE NO NORMAL FRIENDS TO ASK.
TONY COCHRAN 4-20-25

The BARN
by Ralph Hagen
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I WANT A DRINK OF WATER.
SIGH
SNORT
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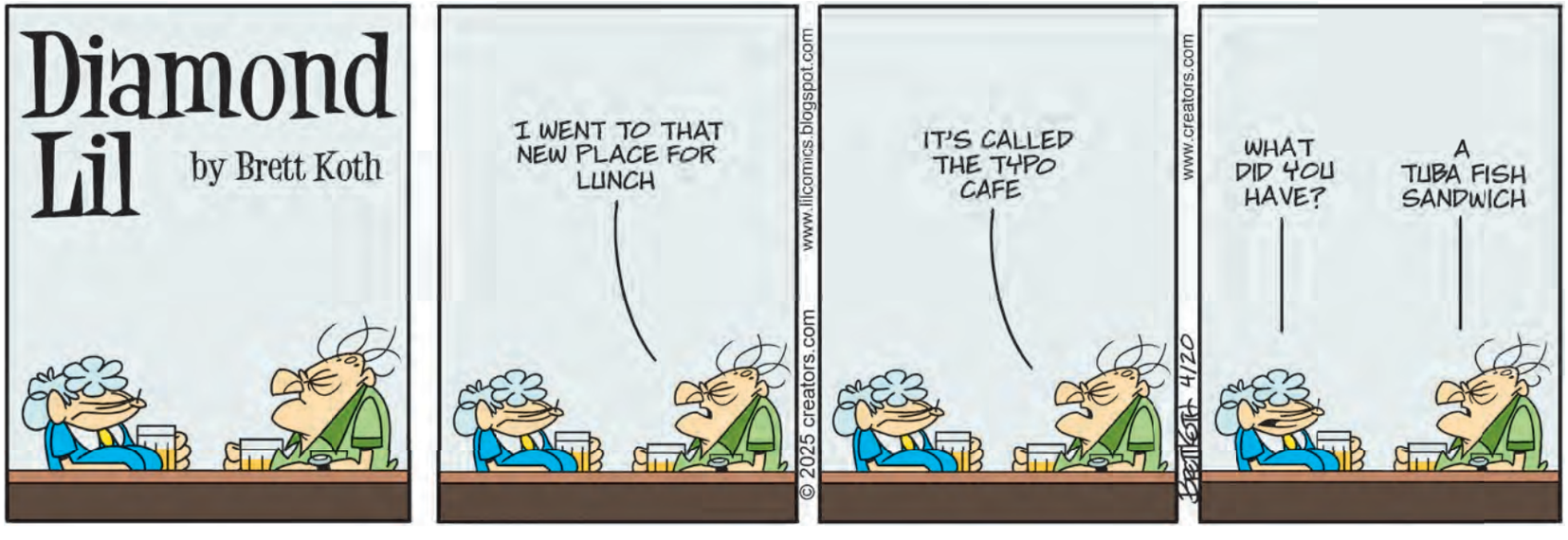
Hagen


Diamond Lil
by Brett Koth
I WENT TO THAT NEW PLACE FOR LUNCH
IT'S CALLED THE TYPO CAFE
WHAT DID YOU HAVE?
A TUBA FISH SANDWICH
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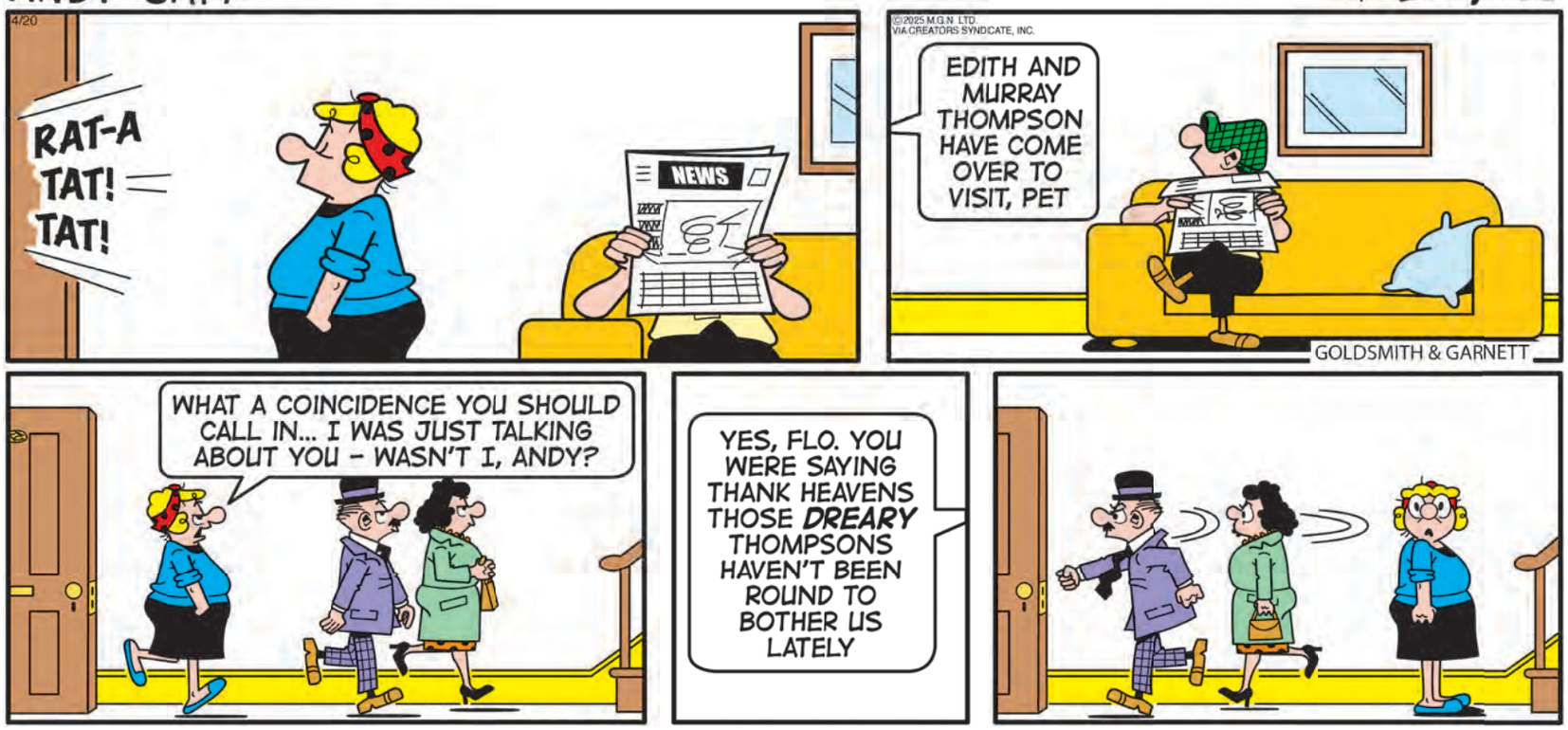
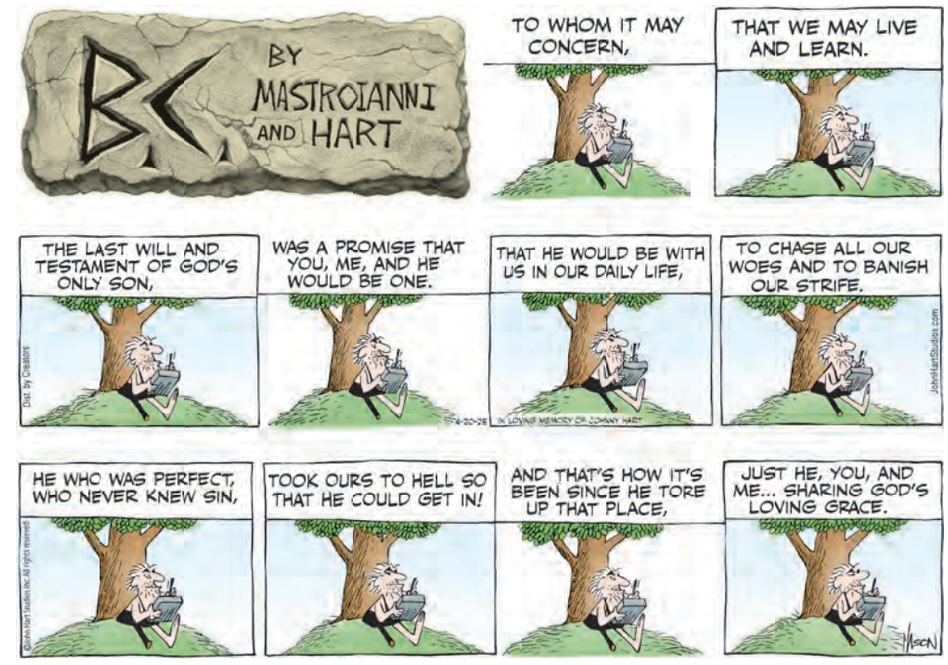
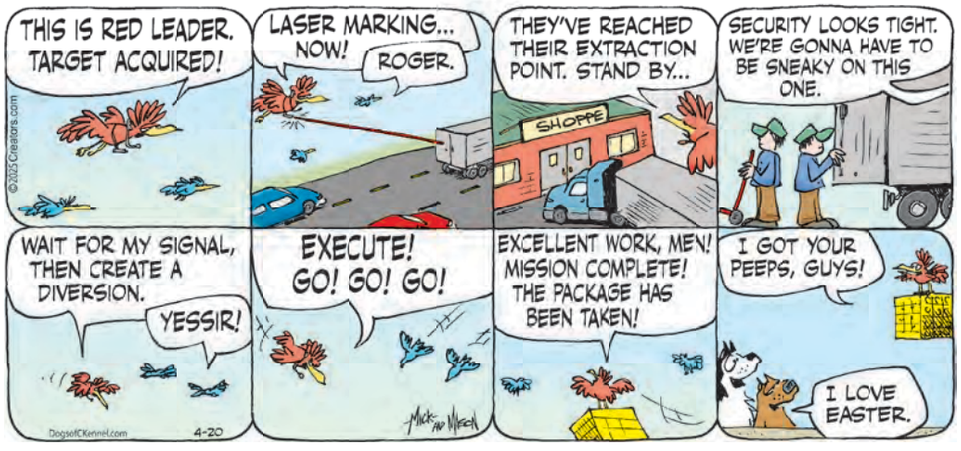
ANDY CAPP

by Smythe

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