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Endangered animals such as this polar bear figure prominently in Joan White's artwork. The Lakewood artist has been creating works of art from an old church building for nearly 40 years. **FOR THE FULL STORY, SEE PAGE C2.**

GREG SEUBERT

3 charged after trouble on Konitzer Road

One man is charged with attempted homicide in the first degree, while two others are charged with drug crimes following a melee in the Town of Oconto Falls.

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School district to survey residents

The Oconto Falls School District is going to get community input on school workplace culture and why voters shot down its referendum.

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The runs were flying in the Wildcats' game against Wausaukee, but the boys found themselves one run short of winning.

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Charges filed following Konitzer Road melee May 1

Oconto County District Attorney expects to charge several other people

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

Three people were charged last week in the wake of a May 1 disturbance on Konitzer Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, and Oconto County District Attorney Edward Burke said more charges were forthcoming.

Most serious of the allegations is an attempted first-degree intentional homicide count against Joey J. Vandewettering, 59, of Gillett, who is charged with breaking a truck's windshield with a trident spear, shoving it at the driver, narrowly missing him, and finally discharging a shotgun at the truck as it drove away.

Two other people are charged with drug crimes, and Burke said May 5 that he expected to file complaints against other individuals who were staying at or visiting the Konitzer Road residence.

The disturbance apparently began shortly after 8 a.m. when Daniel J. McDermid came home to the Konitzer Road property after being released from jail to pick up some of his belongings, Burke said.

After his arrest, Vandewettering told a deputy that McDermid had damaged one of his motorcycles, which was parked on the property, and that is what lead to the altercation according to the complaint. Vandewettering said that McDermid attacked him and the fight escalated.

McDermid said he was taking his tires off a custom-made trike when

Vandewettering came outside with the three-pronged spear. He got in his truck, and Vandewettering broke the windshield, then came around to the driver's side and shoved the weapon through that window, impaling the seat, the complaint said.

He said he was driving away when Vandewettering allegedly shot at the truck. McDermid said he was struck above the eye by a BB, and there were birdshot marks all down the side of the truck, the complaint said.

After talking with McDermid and before any arrests were made, deputies developed a plan to enter the property, which included "multiple campers, vehicles, buses, outbuildings and an unknown number of individuals," according to the complaint. The Oconto County Sheriff's Department's mine-resistant ambush protected vehicle was deployed and used for cover as armed deputies cleared several individuals from the property.

Vandewettering told a deputy he believed he had broken ribs as well as head and back injuries from McDermid attacking him with a lead pipe, but he was medically cleared and the deputy reported seeing only one bad bruise on the man's left forearm. Vandewettering further said he threw the spear because he had been attacked but "was not forthcoming" over whether he had used a firearm during the altercation, the complaint said.

Frustrated that he was arrested and McDermid was not, Vandewet-

tering said he "may get a deer rifle and shoot at squad cars in the future to see what happens" and would wait for McDermid to leave the courthouse one day with a firearm to kill him, according to the complaint.

In addition to attempted first-degree intentional homicide, Vandewettering was charged with first-degree reckless endangerment, threatening a law officer and misdemeanor battery. During a May 4 court hearing, Judge Michael T. Judge set bail at \$150,000 cash and adjourned his initial appearance until 1 p.m. May 19.

Also charged after the incident were:

- London Nicole Hiers, 32, of Marinette, who was staying at the Konitzer Road residence and is charged with possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a drug trafficking place and misdemeanor possession of THC.

- Robert L. McDermid Jr., 44, who lives at the home and, after a search warrant was executed, was charged with possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), maintaining a drug trafficking place, three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hiers and Robert McDermid are also due back in court on May 19.

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Gardebrecht elected Oconto Falls School Board president

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

Clint Gardebrecht was elected the new president of the Oconto Falls School Board during the board's re-organizational meeting on May 4.

Gardebrecht, who has been on the board since 2015, succeeds longtime

president Ron Leja, who was defeated in the April election.

He was chosen over Bryan Baumler, who is starting the second year of his first term, having been first elected in 2021.

Baumler was then picked as vice president over Jan Stranz, who chaired the meeting as the incumbent

vice president. The secret-ballot vote tally was 4-3 for both Gardebrecht and Baumler.

The board voted unanimously for Stranz to succeed Gardebrecht as board clerk and to reelect Ken Harter as board treasurer.

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CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Oconto County Times Herald, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 920-848-3427.

Oconto Falls to survey community and school staff

Board seeks feedback on failed referendum, workplace culture

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

The Oconto Falls School District plans to survey the community in late May and early June about how to proceed toward a new middle school and other building needs.

Voters last month rejected a \$49.9 million referendum that included a middle school estimated at \$31 million, as well as more secure entrances and other improvements at the district's three other school buildings.

During the school board's May 9 meeting, Superintendent Dean Hess reported that questions are being developed with the help of consulting firm School Perceptions.

"The intent is that we get enough feedback so that we get a flavor of an understanding of why people voted the way they did, what they would prioritize for the future, and ultimately asking for their feedback on what they want you to know as a school board of how to potentially move forward with next steps," Hess said.

The main focus of the referendum was to Washington Middle School near downtown Oconto Falls, which has sections built in 1917, 1957, 1983 and 1995.

Hess said the survey would ask respondents to prioritize the various components of the plan the district presented in April.

"The needs that caused us to go to referendum in the first place still exist," he said. "So those needs are still there. We just need to understand what is the community focused on and how they want us to potentially meet these needs or not. And if it's yes, then in what manner and what kind of time frame."

The district is considering going

back to the voters in the next general election on Nov. 8. The plan is to review the community feedback at the board's July meeting. Under state law, the board must make a decision by early August to place a question on the November ballot, Hess said.

The district is also moving forward with a workplace feedback survey of teachers and other staff with the help of School Perceptions. The survey was due to be placed online May 10 and is expected to be available through May 25.

Administrators were planning to conduct the survey in October, but board members asked in April that it be done before the end of the school year. The workplace environment emerged as an issue after former board member Sharon Stodola-Eslien resigned in December, alleging that Hess and other administrators engaged in "a pattern of mistreatment" that had staff members "walking on eggshells."

Stodola-Eslien helped wage a social media campaign urging voters to reject referendums until the district's culture improves.

Hess said the School Perceptions survey walks respondents through "specifics of their work environment, things that are going well and also things that we can improve upon, and then it goes into the level of support they feel that they're receiving, whether it's support for accomplishing their role, whether it's support for professional improvement and the training that they receive, to more specific the level of support from administration and the board."

Board president Clint Gardebrecht thanked Hess for moving the survey forward to this spring. School Perceptions plans to report the results by mid-June, and Hess said administrators would start working on an action plan for the board to review in July.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of May 5

A bench warrant was issued for Faith Emaleigh Nicole Parins, 21, Pulaski, after she failed to appear in court on charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 31.

Proceedings of May 4

Barbara Ann Besiak, 43, Amasa, Michigan, pleaded no contest to possession with intent to deliver amphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possession of THC, in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 19. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for July 15 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Troy Allen Whisman, 18, Abrams, pleaded no contest to felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 11, and misdemeanor battery, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 26. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for July 12 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

After a preliminary hearing, Virginia M. Huycke, 36, Oconto, was bound over to circuit court on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, and misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 1. Arraignment was scheduled for May 19.

Proceedings of May 3

Tristen T. Brunette, 20, Oconto Falls, was sentenced to four years in prison, followed by five years of extended supervision, for second-degree child sex assault, in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 8, 2020. He was given credit for 65 days already served in jail. Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that among other conditions of his extended supervision, Brunette may have no contact with anyone under 18 without his agent's approval, must enroll and actively participate in sex offender treatment and cognitive thinking programs, obtain a mental health evaluation and follow through with any recommendations.

Jessica N. Miller, 37, Green Bay, was sentenced to three years in prison, followed by three years of extended supervision, for possession with intent to deliver amphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 23. Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that the sentence must be served consecutively to any current sentence. Among terms of the extended supervision, Miller must maintain absolute sobriety; have no contact with her co-defendants or anyone who uses, sells or possesses illegal drugs; comply with her alcohol and other drug abuse assessment and follow through with any treatment recommendations; and complete all programs deemed necessary by her Department of Corrections agent. Judge said she is eligible for the Substance

Abuse Program, which can lead to early release if successfully completed.

Joshua M. Waschbisch, 34, Oconto, pleaded no contest to battery by a prisoner, in connection with an incident that occurred March 16, 2021. Judge James A. Morrison placed him on three years' probation after imposing and staying a prison sentence that would be consecutive to any sentence he is currently serving. Among other conditions of probation, Waschbisch must maintain absolute sobriety and obtain and maintain full-time employment.

Sarah E. Stoneburner, 36, Escanaba, Michigan, pleaded no contest to two misdemeanor counts of theft by false representation, in connection with incidents that occurred Jan. 11 and Feb. 8, 2019. Three felony charges were dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Michael T. Judge placed Stoneburner on two years of probation and ordered her to pay restitution and complete all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by her probation agent.

Dean D. Christl, 34, Beaver, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 26, 2020. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for July 5 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Morgan A. Butner, 42, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of possession of cocaine and operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 20. In a plea agreement, a felony charge was dismissed but read into the record. Judge Michael T. Judge sentenced Butner to 132 days already served in the county jail and assessed fines and fees of \$1,125.

James R. Johnson, 33, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to child abuse-recklessly causing harm and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 18. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for June 16.

Proceedings of May 2

DaShawn Gene Walton, 20, of Gary, Indiana, and formerly Oconto, was placed on two years' probation for substantial battery intending great bodily harm, in

connection with an incident that occurred April 22, 2021. Judge Jay N. Conley included 30 days of jail time during each of the two years. If arrangements can be made, the jail time may be served in Indiana or in another Wisconsin county that is closer to Indiana. Among other probation conditions, Walton must comply with any assessments, counseling or treatment deemed necessary by his probation agent, and Conley said his record may be expunged if Walton successfully completes the sentence. An expungement review hearing was scheduled for May 2, 2024.

Dimitri J. Kiutacheff, 39, Chicago, was placed on two years of probation after a prison sentence was imposed and stayed for possession of narcotic drugs, in connection with an incident that occurred May 6, 2021, and bail jumping, for an Oct. 14 incident. Among other conditions, Judge Jay N. Conley ordered that Kiutacheff serve nine months in the county jail with credit for 204 days already served, undergo an alcohol and other drug abuse assessment and obtain and maintain full-time employment.

Shane J. Schreiber, 41, Shawano, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 3. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for July 6 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

After a preliminary hearing, Paul M. Fletcher, 42, Green Bay, was bound over for trial and pleaded not guilty to first-degree reckless endangerment, burglary while armed with a dangerous weapon, false imprisonment, and misdemeanor counts of operating a firearm while intoxicated and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 12. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for June 6.

Melissa M. Wolf, 37, Oconto, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second and subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 19. A judicial pretrial hearing was scheduled for June 16.



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Fredenburgh given 25 years for child sex abuse

Former Suring trustee groomed girl, 12, for sex

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

U.S. District Judge William Griesbach had a blunt message to friends and family of John Fredenburgh before sentencing him to 25 years in federal prison.

"No one pleads guilty to a 15- to 20-year crime if they didn't do it," Griesbach said during the May 5 sentencing hearing. "If you think she's making it up, get a life. Use your head. This is what he did, and he lied to you."

Fredenburgh, 37, a former Suring village trustee, pleaded guilty in December to traveling in interstate commerce for the purpose of having sex with a minor, and one count of attempting to entice a minor to engage in sexual conduct, in connection with an eight-year relationship with a girl, now 18, that turned sexual when she was 12.

She confided the affair to her mother when she was 17, and Oconto County authorities charged him in March 2021 with 24 felony counts stemming from the long-term abuse. Federal investigators got involved when they learned Fredenburgh had crossed the state line into Michigan for at least one of the sexual encounters with the girl.

Noting that letters he received from some supporters indicated they still believed Fredenburgh's early denials, Griesbach said any one of the acts he has admitted would result in a conviction and prison time.

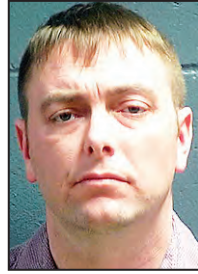
"This is hundreds of acts over eight years," he said.

Before the sentence was imposed, the victim and several family members and friends asked Griesbach to impose the maximum allowed by law, which could have been as much as 40 years.

Fredenburgh was a coach, and the victim was a friend of his daughter.

The girl's uncle said she was groomed by Fredenburgh, who built a great amount of trust with her and her family.

"He took away her childhood, he took away all of her adolescence, there were threats made with a gun, and she's got to live with all of



**JOHN
FREDENBURGH**

this," the uncle said. "She did not deserve this horror."

Her mother said Fredenburgh came forward after the girl's beloved grandmother died, and the family was grateful to "let an adult bond with her, not realizing she was being preyed on."

When the mom reported Fredenburgh to the police, her daughter was angry and said she hated her. It took weeks for the girl to understand what he had done to her, the mother said. In their small town, they have had to endure community reaction with comments to the mother like "How could you not have known?" and comments to the girl that she was making up the allegations.

The girl's father said Fredenburgh came across as a friendly person who always had a smile on his face and an encouraging word, even convincing the community to elect him to the village board, all of it masking the dark reality.

"No young girl or family ever has to go through what this man did to her. I feel guilty every day that I didn't see the evil in this man," the father said. "I hope everybody in this room from both sides will understand what's happened to my little girl."

With her mother and aunt standing at her side, the victim read a four-page statement describing the abuse and its impact on her life.

"I don't know how old I will be when I finally feel I have my life back again," she said.

She described Fredenburgh giving her compliments about how pretty she was as early as when she was 10. When she was 11, he planted the idea that when she turned 18 they would get married and move to California.

Then he started suggesting sex, and during a sleepover one night when she was 12 he texted her to meet him upstairs, saying, "It's now or never ... otherwise you can't come over or be friends with my daughter anymore."

It was not the first threat that occurred during the secret relationship. She said he held a gun on

her several times, including one incident in a hotel room when she was 17 when he held a gun on her and threatened to kill her and then himself.

She was overcome by emotion several times as she spoke, and at one point Griesbach stopped her, pointed out that he had read her statement before the hearing, and told her she did not have to continue.

"No," she replied. "I have to do this, to help myself heal."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Humble recommended a prison term of 320 months, or nearly 27 years.

"This court doesn't see many cases more serious and horrific as this," Humble said.

Fredenburgh abused the girl sexually and emotionally for years, he said, and yet "he still purports to be a pillar of the community," citing a statement in the pre-sentence report.

A 320-month sentence would be slightly above federal sentencing guidelines but would be a fair and just term, Humble said.

Defense attorney Krista Halla-Valdez argued for a 15- to 20-year term, citing that her client signed a plea agreement with a range of 188-285 months, or about 16 to 23 years.

"That is serious punishment, and he was willing to do that," he said. "At no point is Mr. Fredenburgh excusing or rationalizing his behavior ... Nobody is trying to downplay this as not a serious crime ... he's not doing that either."

Halla-Valdez pointed out that Fredenburgh had no previous criminal record, sustained a traumatic brain injury while serving in the military, and wants to go to a

prison where he can obtain needed mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Given a chance to make a statement, Fredenburgh said he was sorry.

"I've let many people down in my community, in my family, (the victim) and her family," he said. "I'm devastated by what I've done to (her) mental health."

Fredenburgh said he wanted people to know that while his actions were "deplorable, they were not malicious."

Before imposing sentence Griesbach said Fredenburgh preyed on people's innocence and gained the trust of the community, portrayed himself as an upstanding leader.

"He could have been that person," the judge said, but instead committed "a horrible crime" over a long period of time. "This is not a one-time mistake of judgment. This is a lifestyle."

To the victim, who had said she feared she might never recover from the trauma, Griesbach said, "You can see in the letters of support that this is not irreparable damage. Don't throw in the towel. You've already helped a lot of people by coming forward. Your life is still of great value."

Fredenburgh himself is still salvageable if he uses his time in prison to "reflect on what he's done and make amends," Griesbach said.

The judge gave Fredenburgh credit for pleading guilty and sparing the victim the ordeal of testifying in an open trial, but added, "He also spared himself the complete airing of everything he did."

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M. Eugene "Gene" Zeuske, 97, of Shawano, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at his home on the Wolf River Channel.

Gene was born on June 21, 1924, at the home farm on the shores of the Wolf River, Town of Matteson, a son of the late Max Paul and Ethel (Hanson) Zeuske. He received his love of hard work and the outdoors from his parents. Gene's mom, Ethel, instilled in him temperance and the importance of public service and community involvement that he exercised into the last days of his life.



Gene attended Wolf River School and graduated from Clintonville High School in 1943. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served America during World War II. After the war, he was hired as the farm bureau representative in Langlade County, where he met the love of his life, Vi Ourada, in Antigo.

After marriage, Gene and Vi moved to Waupaca County for the Farm Bureau for several years before moving to Shawano and starting an American Family Insurance Agency. Gene's tireless work on behalf of his customers earned him great respect and numerous achievement awards.

Together, Gene and Vi shared 68



years of loving marriage until Vi passed away in 2018.

Their greatest joy was their three children, son, Todd (Terry) Zeuske, Verona, and

their family, Drew, Zachary (Terri) and Troy; daughter, Candee (Ray) Arndt, Brookfield, and their family, Catie, Chris (Allie) Arndt and their daughter, Sadie; and daughter, Cathy Zeuske (John Gard), Suamico, and their family, John (Sarah) Gard and Libby (Chris) Sobic and their daughters Madeleine and Lillian. Gene is survived by his sister, Joyce Geiger and many nieces and nephews.

Gene's service to the Shawano area spanned decades of appointed leadership positions: police/fire commission; Shawano Municipal Utilities; Badger Power Marketing Utilities (founding commissioner). Gene was active in many civic clubs, serving as president of the Shawano Jaycees and Lions. He personally worked to rebuild the Shawano Lake Gun Club and served as president.

Gene was presented with the Distinguished Service Award from the Shawano Area United Way. From its beginning, he was elected

vice president and its first campaign chairman, followed by nearly a decade of his relentless effort to expand the program into the county. Gene's conscientious service to the state of Wisconsin included election as the Shawano delegate to the Wisconsin Conservation Congress for over 20 years and was appointed by four Wisconsin governors to be the Shawano County representative to the East Regional Planning Commission.

For over a half-century, Gene was a dedicated volunteer for local, state and national Republican candidates, earning awards for his hard work and efforts.

Yet, Gene was happiest planting trees on his farm or planning the next big project at his Gunn Lake cabin on Sunrise Point in Ontario, Canada. He found great joy in making over 200 trips to Canada with his wife, family and lifelong friends. Often his trips included more building supplies than fishing rods.

Over the last six months, Gene worked from home watching the birds in his backyard, entertaining his many visitors and family and discussing current events. We are so thankful to his wonderful caregivers who ensured his health and happi-

ness: Sue Olson, Annette Hammond, Emily Parsons, Cheryl Sampson and Amy Dickson.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Dennis, Duane and Don.

A memorial service for Gene will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Shawano. Pastor Debbie Pagels will officiate. Military rites to follow.

Visitation will take place at Mickelson Funeral Home in Shawano on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, from 4-6 p.m. Visitation will continue at the church on Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Private family inurnment will take place at Riverside Cemetery in Embarrass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the American Legion Post 117 in Shawano.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service, Inc. is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com.



The Zeuske family would like to thank Dr. Douglas Mielke, Dr. Jill Wiley, Dr. Cindy Lasecki and the Unity Hospice staff for the great care they gave to Gene.

Donald A. Nordwig

Donald "Don" A. Nordwig, 86, of Clintonville, passed away Thursday, May 5, 2022, at the ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah.

Donald Arthur Nordwig was born Sept. 22, 1935, in Mattoon as the son of the late Arthur and Dulice (Kopelke) Nordwig. He grew up in the Shawano area and at the young age of 16 started driving truck for a local cheese factory. He met Barbara Lichtenberg at the Shawano County Fair, and a few years later the couple were united in marriage on July 20, 1956, in Clintonville. The couple resided in Clintonville while Don continued his truck driving career — first on his own and later working for Schneider and Foreway.

After retirement, he drove for Bayland and even delivered Christmas trees for Arneson's from Clintonville to Chicago. Don enjoyed going to antique truck shows with his buddy Bill Schoenike and



volunteered in his spare time with the Clintonville Goodfells. He was a past member of the Clintonville Curling Club and enjoyed ushering as a faithful

member at St. Martin Lutheran Church in Clintonville. Don will be remembered fondly by his family as the best dad who was a softy at heart.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; children, Lynn (Tom) Paroubek, Debra (Tim) Stori and Paul (Cindy) Nordwig; grandchildren, Andy, Joseph (Emilee) and Mike (Danielle) Paroubek; Kara (Mathew) Zellner; Matt (Jessie) and Marc Stori; and Melissa, Lauren and Ben Nordwig; great-grandchildren, Jack, Arthur, Amelia, Graham, Bennett, Isabelle, Jayden, Mason and Owen; and his sister, Janet (Wayne) Habeck.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Rita (Gene) Gurlt; and his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Don and Julie Lichtenberg and Gene and Arlyle Rosenthal.

Don's funeral service was held Monday, May 9, 2022, at the St. Martin Lutheran Church in Clintonville with the Rev. Jason Zobel officiating. Interment followed at Graceland Cemetery in Clintonville.

Don's family would like to express their most sincere thanks to the staff in the palliative care department of ThedaCare Medical Center in Neenah, the Clintonville Area Ambulance Service, the Clintonville Police Department and also to neighbors Dan Scherschel and Tim Morgan for their help and support.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory of Clintonville is assisting his family. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Janice Braham

Janice "Jan" Braham, 82, Gillett, a



gem of a person who saw the magic in all things, died Sunday morning, Feb. 27, 2022.

Graveside services will be held at noon Saturday, May 28, 2022, at St. Anthony Cemetery in Oconto Falls with Pastor Mark Kostreva officiating.

Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the family.

Gerald F. Heins

Gerald "Jerry" Floyd Heins, 77, resident of High Point, North Carolina, died May 4, 2022.

A memorial service was held Friday, May 6, at St. Michael Lutheran Church in High Point. A second memorial service will be held at a later date in Wisconsin.

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Cecil man charged in vehicle standoff

Snowplows used to eventually trap driver, end incident

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A chase involving a historic military vehicle with a standoff sandwiched in between kept state Highway 29 closed for hours on the evening of May 8, and a Cecil man has been arrested and charged in the incident.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department responded around 5:15 p.m. to reports of a heavy truck-type military vehicle on the highway in western Shawano County travelling down the roadway with a flat tire, thus causing a traffic hazard, according to Lt. Jesse Sperberg.

Deputies located and attempted to stop the vehicle, according to Sperberg, but the driver, identified



AARON RENEL

in court records as Aaron Renel, led them on a short chase, coming to a stop in about a half-mile on the eastbound lane median of Highway 29 near County Road G in the Town of Seneca. The eastbound highway was shut down due to the incident.

Renel, 39, allegedly would not cooperate and would not exit the vehicle. Because of comments allegedly made by Renel and the conditions of this incident, the Shawano County Special Response Team responded to this scene, Sperberg said. Deputies, including trained negotiators, communicated with Renel for about four hours, and during this time, arrangements were made with the Shawano County Highway Department for the use of snowplows in case the driver

tried to flee the scene.

About 9:30 p.m. Renel allegedly did just that, heading eastbound on Highway 29. Deputies tried to stop the suspect vehicle, using the snowplows in an attempt to perform a moving roadblock. The vehicle then crossed the median and began heading eastbound in the westbound lanes of the highway, according to Sperberg.

Renel allegedly came back to the eastbound lanes but then against crossed the median and was driving the wrong way down the highway. At one point, Renel allegedly drove into the median and a deputy operating a snowplow was able to pin the truck into the median, immobilizing it. Renel allegedly would not exit his vehicle and had to be removed with force. No serious injuries were reported to any law enforcement or this suspect, Sperberg said.

Renel made his appearance in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court on May 9 and is being charged

with felony count of fleeing and eluding an officer in a vehicle and second-degree recklessly endangering safety, along with a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer.

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. set a \$10,000 cash bond for Renel and scheduled an adjourned initial appearance for 1:30 p.m. May 18 in Branch 2 at the Shawano County Courthouse. At that appearance, Kussel will also address charges filed April 29 against Renel that include intentionally pointing a firearm at a person, disorderly conduct with the use of a dangerous weapon, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Other conditions of the bond include absolute sobriety and no illegal drugs, with prescription medication permitted. Renel is also not allowed to operate a motor vehicle.

Kussel also ordered a competency exam for Renel.

Musolff named new Shawano School Board president

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

There is still a Mike in the president's position on the Shawano School Board, but it's not Michael Sleeper.

Mike Musolff, who served the last year as vice president, was elected by a 6-3 vote on May 2, defeating Sleeper. Musolff will be taking charge of the board at a time when the trust between the Shawano School District and the parents and taxpayers who call the area home is a little shaky. Musolff's election generated applause from the audience of about 40 people.

Jamie Beyer, who was just elected to the board in 2021, was named vice president by unanimous consent. Another newer face, James Davel, was named the board's clerk, also by unanimous consent.

Chuck Dallas was reelected as treasurer for a second term, getting five votes and beating out Alysia Pillsbury and Mart Grams, who each received two votes.

The leadership positions are for one year, after which time the board will cast new votes at its reorganizational meeting in May.



Mike Musolff, left, was elected president of the Shawano School Board by a 6-3 vote, beating out incumbent Michael Sleeper, right.

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Event planned to aid youth fighting leukemia

Celebration and fundraiser will take place May 21 at Doc's Harley Davidson in Bonduel

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Doc's Harley-Davidson in Bonduel will be hosting a celebration and fundraiser for a 2-year-old who is battling leukemia.

Amira Rynish, of Green Bay, was diagnosed with leukemia last June, said her aunt, Ashley Pearce.

"She was diagnosed about a week after her second birthday," said Pearce. "The recovery for leukemia is about 2½ years of active chemotherapy treatment, in addition to steroids and other chemotherapy drugs."

Pearce added that Rynish is being treated at the Children's Hospital in Milwaukee.

"That is about a two-hour drive one-way for her family to get there," said Pearce. "How many times a week she is down there really depends on what part of treatment she is in."

To assist her sister and brother-in-law in covering financial costs, Pearce helped to organize the benefit at Doc's, which will be May 21 from 3-8 p.m.

"We are going to be close to the zoo area, so families can go and look at the animals," said Pearce. "We are going to also have a kids' game zone, which will feature face painting."

She added that raffles will also be included, with beef, guns, booze and a mystery box being raffled off, as well as pulled pork and sloppy Joes being supplied for food.

"It is kind of going to be a celebration for how far she has come in her treatment, but also an effort for us to cover as many of her financial expenses as possible," said Pearce.

Pearce said that, throughout the process, the family has met a lot of people in similar situations.

"I want people to leave this event knowing that this is more common than they think," said Pearce. "It is heartbreaking to know that so many families are hearing the news that we heard last June."

Pearce said that Rynish noticed this and is showing support for people in the same situation as her.

"You see how much she cares and loves for others around her — she is very receptive of others' emotions, I think, because she has



A May 21 fundraiser at Doc's Harley-Davidson will help with medical expenses for Amira Rynish, of Shawano, who was diagnosed with leukemia last June.

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gone through so many emotions herself," said Pearce. "Amira has a really good outlook on life, so I think it helps to relieve some of the hard days."

She noted that the family has heard support from the Shawano

and Bonduel communities for Amira.

"The support that we have had from people looking to donate and volunteer, it is amazing," said Pearce. "To see how close a family and a community can come to-

gether when someone is affected by cancer is amazing."

Pearce added that the Rynish family is also donating to other families who are in similar situations.

"Amira has a little brother, Atlas, who just turned 1, so some of his clothes that he has out grown are getting passed forward to another family," said Pearce. "They are also looking for ways to ease the burden that leukemia brings on a family."

She also noted that although hearing the diagnosis was heartbreaking, the silver lining has been that the family has become much closer.

"We have always been a super close family, but this has brought us together in a way that can't be replicated," said Pearce. "To use humor and celebrating the good days has helped to handle the rough days."

In addition to organizing the event, Pearce mentioned that she and the rest of the committee are partnering with the Community Benefit Tree.

"They are a nonprofit organization that helps to plan benefits and help with families who are going through medical and financial situations," said Pearce. "All of the money that is raised in this benefit gets put into a special fund, and they will help to manage the money — including paying Amira's medical bills."

To sum up what visitors can expect at the event, Pearce said that it should be an afternoon and evening of family fun.

"Families should not be afraid to bring their kids," said Pearce. "There are multiple raffles. There is a full slew of things that will be available."

Pearce added that Rynish recently learned about celebrations and parties and is excited for this upcoming celebration.

"I don't know if she knows it's about her," said Pearce. "We are planning on having a birthday card stand, where visitors can give her card for her birthday in June. She loves dinosaurs, so she excited to see all of the different dinosaur decorations."

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OPINION

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Ask lawmakers for the records they delete

If a legislator deletes an email, is it truly gone? Not necessarily.

On March 10, Dane County Circuit Judge Valerie Bailey-Rihn ordered Assembly Speaker Robin Vos to search for deleted emails that should have been preserved after an open records request from American Oversight, a watchdog group.

Weeks later, Vos' team surrendered an astounding 20,000 emails recovered from the "deleted items" folders of government email accounts.

Obtaining records from state lawmakers can be especially difficult. Decades ago, the Wisconsin Legislature exempted itself from the state's records retention statute. The smallest township in Wisconsin is required to keep some records for years, but the legislators and their staff can destroy records at will.

The state's open records law states that, once a record has been requested, destroying it is illegal. If you make an open records request, even legislators



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Steve Fawcett, Vos's staff counsel, waited up to 13 days before he notified staff to stop deleting records that may have been responsive to American Oversight's requests. On March 30, Bailey-Rihn found Vos in contempt of court in a different case, saying he and the Assembly had shown "a collective and abject disregard" of a prior order to produce the records.

Former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman, who was hired by Vos at taxpayer expense to search for evidence of fraud in the 2020 election, was also ordered by a

need to pause their deletions to properly respond to your request.

Bailey-Rihn took this further, ordering Vos to search for records that had been deleted but were still retrievable.

judge to stop deleting records.

The Wisconsin Legislative Council, the nonpartisan agency that gives legal and policy advice to the Legislature, concluded last year that Gableman's Office of Special Counsel is subject to the records retention statutes, and yet it was continuing to delete records it decided were "irrelevant or useless" to its investigation.

As the Wisconsin Examiner recently reported, the ability to request records that have been deleted opens up a new avenue for reporters and others seeking to hold public officials accountable — and perhaps provides an end-run around lawmakers' ability to delete records.

"I've already changed my request template," Amanda St. Hilaire, an investigative reporter at Fox6 WITI in Milwaukee who makes hundreds of records requests a year, told the news outlet. "I've never thought to request specifically deleted records because based on the way the law works, I al-

ways was under the impression that if they could retrieve those records, that would be responsive to my request."

Jeff Ylvisaker, director of the Legislative Technology Services Bureau, declined to answer my questions regarding its retention policies that might explain how much email is in their archives and perhaps still accessible.

That's unfortunate, because lawmakers shouldn't be deciding which records to keep and which to destroy, a power that could be used to hide misconduct. Lawmakers' exemption from the retention rules in place for everyone else should be eliminated.

Until then, citizens seeking to know what lawmakers are up to should be asking them to search the trash cans, too.

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (www.wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. John Foust is a council member and a computer consultant in Jefferson.

GUEST COLUMN

As Roe v. Wade in limbo, is it 1849 or 2022?

On May 2, a leaked draft opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court showed that our nation's highest court intends to overturn Roe v. Wade, our constitutional right to abortion.

The leaked opinion from the Supreme Court is an unacceptable roll back of our constitutional rights. It's evidence of a frenzied effort from politicians and judges to restrict our freedom to choose, and continues a long-running war on women, health care and reproductive rights.

Right now, Roe v. Wade is the only thing standing between us and a 173-year backslide in Wisconsin's health care system. If the highest court's draft opinion becomes final, Wisconsin would revert back to a criminal abortion ban written into law in 1849.



CHRIS WALLOCH

books.

The 1849 law makes abortion illegal, even in cases of rape or incest, and would also threaten doctors who provide or facilitate abortions in Wisconsin with felonies. It could force local clinics to close their doors for good, barring millions of Americans from access to essential medical care.

This statute has not been enforceable since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled abortion was legal in the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, but it was never repealed and remains on the

By punishing not only those who are in critical need of reproductive health care but also the medical professionals giving them a safe choice, politicians and supreme court justices against Roe v. Wade are telling Wisconsin one thing: your body, their choice.

Twenty-six states would lose access to safe abortions if this draft opinion were to become final. That means 36 million women could be stripped of their right to make decisions about their own bodies. Those 36 million women aren't strangers — they're our neighbors, our friends, our children and people who make our communities what they are.

For now, abortion is still legal. The draft opinion that was leaked has no

current legal authority, but attacks on reproductive freedom are real and significant. The high court is opening the door for politicians to impose new restrictions on people's freedom to control their own bodies.

This is a wake-up call to come together to protect and support our friends and family members' ability to decide if or when they become a parent.

No judge, no politician, no elected or partisan-appointed official should be able to take away our right to make personal medical decisions for ourselves, or take away our ability to decide if we want to start a family.

Chris Walloch is the executive director at A Better Wisconsin Together.

OPINION PAGE POLICY

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CMN institute gets \$650K sustainability grant

Recently the Bay and Paul Foundation awarded \$650,000 to the Sustainable Development Institute at College of Menominee Nation.

President Christopher Caldwell expressed his gratitude for the large gift.

"We are always deeply indebted to those who see the importance of our work as one of the nation's 35 accredited tribal colleges and

universities," Caldwell said. "Part of that work for the College of Menominee Nation includes the focus on sustainability that is led by our Sustainable Development Institute for over 25 years. SDI leads many projects to better understand human-environmental relationships, including Indigenous peoples and climate change."

These funds will be distributed

over two years of programming to initiate a revisiting of the theoretical model of sustainability and SDI as an institution.

Tom Kenote Jr., SDI director, is excited to use the Bay and Paul Foundation's support to develop a new era of SDI focus and work.

"We are excited for this next iteration of the Menominee Theoretical Model of Sustainability," Kenote

said. "We plan to host community dialogue sessions to reimagine what sustainable development looks like in today's context. We also plan to use the funding to support operations here at the institute."

The funds provided cover SDI staff costs to plan, implement, analyze and present community workshops and convening. Work has already begun.

Holt and Bascom Logging Camp Museum to reopen

The Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood will reopen on Memorial Day weekend. Maintenance and cleaning has been done by volunteer staff to ready the site for visitors.

A recoating of the camp is expected to be completed this summer by Mountain Log Homes, and Camp Manager Dave Zuleger's to-do list also includes repairing two windows. The recoating is an expensive procedure, and donations are needed to cover the cost.

"We are so happy these schools will be able to join us this year," said Bob Brown, school tours coordinator. "The staff always enjoys seeing the excitement build as the children enjoy a unique hands-on interactive experience at the logging camp."

Camp Director Kathleen Marsh reported that the museum lost one of its best school tour guides this past winter.

"Don Seifert was a loyal volunteer staffer at Holt and Balcom. Each spring for the past decade, he was part of our team of school tour guides. Don's face would light up as



The late Don Seifert, center with baseball cap, coaches students on how to use a two-person saw during a school trip to Holt and Bascom Logging Camp Museum. CONTRIBUTED

he watched fourth graders from area elementary schools bound off the bus and run across the lawn to enjoy a morning of living like a lumberjack."

Seifert's favorite part was patiently teaching the kids how to use a two-man saw — repeating over and over that the key to success in sawing a log efficiently is to pull, not push, the saw, and to work as a team, Marsh said.

"To help them remember, Don

would lead the kids in chants of 'Pull! Pull! Pull!' she said. "When the cut was almost made, he would have the kids yell out 'Timber!' — always aware that he would have to play the referee, as the wanna-be lumberjacks fought over who would be able to take home the cut piece as a souvenir."

One of his proudest moments was being named Oconto County History

Society Volunteer of the Year, she said.

"That award, which meant so much to him and to his wife, Barb, has never been given to a more deserving person," Marsh said. "Just a few weeks ago, I saw him at a funeral and asked if he would help us out again this year. Without hesitation and wearing a big smile, he said, 'Of course.' Some people cannot be spared. Don was one of them for us. It will not be the same out at the camp this spring without him."

As in the past, the Logging Museum will be open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, Memorial Day through Labor Day. Special tours can also be arranged by calling Brown at 715-276-3505 or Marsh at 715-276-6515.

The museum is grateful for donations from those who want to help keep the area's logging heritage alive at the oldest logging camp in America still sitting where it was built, Marsh said. Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to: Kathleen Marsh, Director; Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum; 16965 Nicolet Road, Townsend, WI 54175.

USDA seeks proposals for wildlife enhancement initiative

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is welcoming new and modified proposals from conservation partners for the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement initiative, a part of the Conservation Reserve Program focused on effectively managing wildlife habitat.

USDA's Farm Service Agency has expanded available practices under this initiative in response to feedback from partners.

"We are committed to offering a strong suite of voluntary conservation options through the Conservation Reserve Program," said FSA Admin-

istrator Zach Ducheneaux. "In 2021, we made several updates to CRP to improve program participation and strengthen its climate benefits. As we work to build on those efforts, we're now encouraging producers to help us strengthen the wildlife benefits of CRP through our SAWE initiative."

Through SAWE, producers and landowners restore vital habitat in alignment with high-priority state wildlife conservation goals. Specifically, landowners establish wetlands, grasses, and trees. These practices are designed to enhance important wildlife populations by creating criti-

cal habitat and food sources. They also protect soil and water health by working as a barrier to sediment and nutrient run-off before they reach waterways.

To help improve the planning and implementation of the SAWE initiative, FSA is adding two new practices with the assistance of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, FSA's sister agency. In partnership with FSA, NRCS employees across the country provide CRP participants with critical conservation planning assistance, which will now include managing for early successional habi-

tat cover establishment or management, and wildlife habitat planting.

These additional eligible practices will enable SAWE partners to better target a wide variety of wildlife species, such as the Northern bobwhite, lesser prairie-chicken, and the New England cottontail.

As part of this year's SAWE sign-up, FSA will also authorize cost-share assistance for producers who would like to re-enroll acres in CRP but need assistance updating their vegetative cover to align with NRCS practice standards for early successional habitat or wildlife planting.

Jury trial scheduled in shooting of officer

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

A jury trial has been scheduled to start Jan. 6, 2023, for the woman accused of shooting an Oconto Falls police officer last August.

Alisha M. Kocken, 29, was charged with six felony counts, including attempted first-degree intentional homicide, and three misdemeanor counts, after she allegedly shot and wounded Officer Nicole Blaskowski.

Kocken appeared May 6 in Oconto County Circuit Court, where Judge Michael T. Judge reviewed a psychologist's report that concluded Kocken could not claim to be not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.

Blaskowski was called to 140 Elm Ave. at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 6 after a woman called 911 to report her child was being kidnapped, then hung up.

According to the complaint, Kocken's boyfriend told the officer

he had taken the child to a nearby park and Kocken had come to the park and accused him of kidnapping the child. The woman then came out of the apartment and eventually grappled with Blaskowski, and during the struggle she was able to pull out the officer's handgun, firing three shots.

One bullet apparently struck the officer's ballistic vest, a second bullet went through a wall into a closet, and the third struck the of-

ficer above the right eye, causing a laceration at the hairline, according to the complaint.

Kocken was examined at Winnebago Mental Health Institute for several weeks and is currently being held in the Oconto County Jail awaiting trial. Judge reserved Jan. 6, a Friday, for jury selection with the trial to be held Jan. 9-11. A final pre-trial conference was set for Dec. 5.

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Alzheimer's classes, support group planned

The Alzheimer's Association and the ADRC of the Wolf River offer family education programs and support groups across Oconto County. The classes are designed to assist anyone with questions about Alzheimer's disease or related dementias or anyone

needing support while caring for someone with dementia.

All programs are free and open to families, caregivers and the general community. Each program is presented by an Alzheimer's Association staff member or trained community volunteer. The association's family education programs have earned evidence-based citations demonstrating the benefits of patient education

and outcomes through programming.

Call 715-526-4712 to register. All programs are held at the ADRC, 229 Van Buren St., Oconto Falls.

The support group is scheduled to meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. beginning June 15 at the ADRC.

The schedule of monthly Monday programs:

June 13, Understanding Alzheimer's

and Dementia, 9-10 a.m.

July 11, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 9-10 a.m.

Sept. 12, Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body, 1-2 p.m.

Oct. 10, Effective Communication Strategies, 1-2 p.m.

Nov. 14, Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior, 10-11 a.m.

Dec. 12, Managing Money, 10-11 a.m.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

May 5

Deputies responded to 56 incidents, including attempted burglary on Elm Lawn Road in the Town of Morgan, a vicious animal on Wiskow Road in the Town of Underhill, theft on County Road F in the Town of Lakewood, theft on Townsend Dam Road in the Town of Townsend, theft on Peshtigo Brook Road in the Town of Maple Valley, threatening on Washington Street in Oconto, fraud on Charolais Road in the Town of Lena, fire on Star Lake Road in the Town of Riverview, a wanted person on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, six traffic stops, one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, three citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; six 911 hangups and three open lines; four ambulance calls; six crashes, three involving deer.

May 4

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including suspicious activity on Pavlat Lane in the Town of Mountain, property damage on East Frontage Road in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on Tilden Avenue in the Town of Oconto, suspicious activity on East Main Street in Suring, suspicious activity on Schwartz Road in the Town of Chase, seven traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; five 911 hangups and two open lines; one crash.

May 3

Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including theft near County Road B and Goatsville Road in the Town of Spruce, theft on Brazeau Road in the Town of Brazeau, harassment on Knapp Street in Suring,

suspicious activity near state Highway 22 and County Road I in the Town of Stiles, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; three open-line calls; one crash.

May 2

Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including drugs at an address in the Town of Gillett, a wanted person near County Road S and Fish House Road in the Town of Pensaukee, fraud on Valley Line Road in the Town of Maple Valley, a disturbance on South Green Bay Road in Gillett, one traffic stop, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one 911 hangup and four open lines; two ambulance calls; one crash, involving a turkey.

May 1

Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including an unwanted party on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, a wanted person on state Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles, a disturbance on Konitzer Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on West

Highland Drive in the Town of Oconto Falls, a disturbance on Frog Pond Road in the Town of Oconto, suspicious activity on County Road EE in the Town of Abrams, a weapon offense on South Chase Road in the Town of Chase, nine traffic stops, one traffic offense, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and four open lines.

April 30

Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including a disturbance on Main Street in Oconto, suspicious activity on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, a wanted person on Ray Lane in the Town of Chase, harassment on Sunnybrook Road in the Town of Lena, a weapon offense on Ridge Road in Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on Red Bank Road in the Town of Underhill, squad damage near County Road H and Mueller Hill Road in the Town of Gillett, eight traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and three

open lines; three ambulance calls; one crash.

April 29

Deputies responded to 54 incidents, including a disturbance on County Road V in the Town of How, a sexual assault at an address in the Town of Townsend, theft on Mayflower Lane in the Town of Underhill, a disturbance on County Road V in the Town of Maple Valley, a disturbance on Pecor Street in Oconto, a disturbance on Main Street in Oconto, a disturbance on Green Bay Avenue in Oconto Falls, illegal burning on Froelick Road in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity on Ostrenga Lane in the Town of Morgan, nine traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, four citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and three open lines; two crashes, both involving deer.

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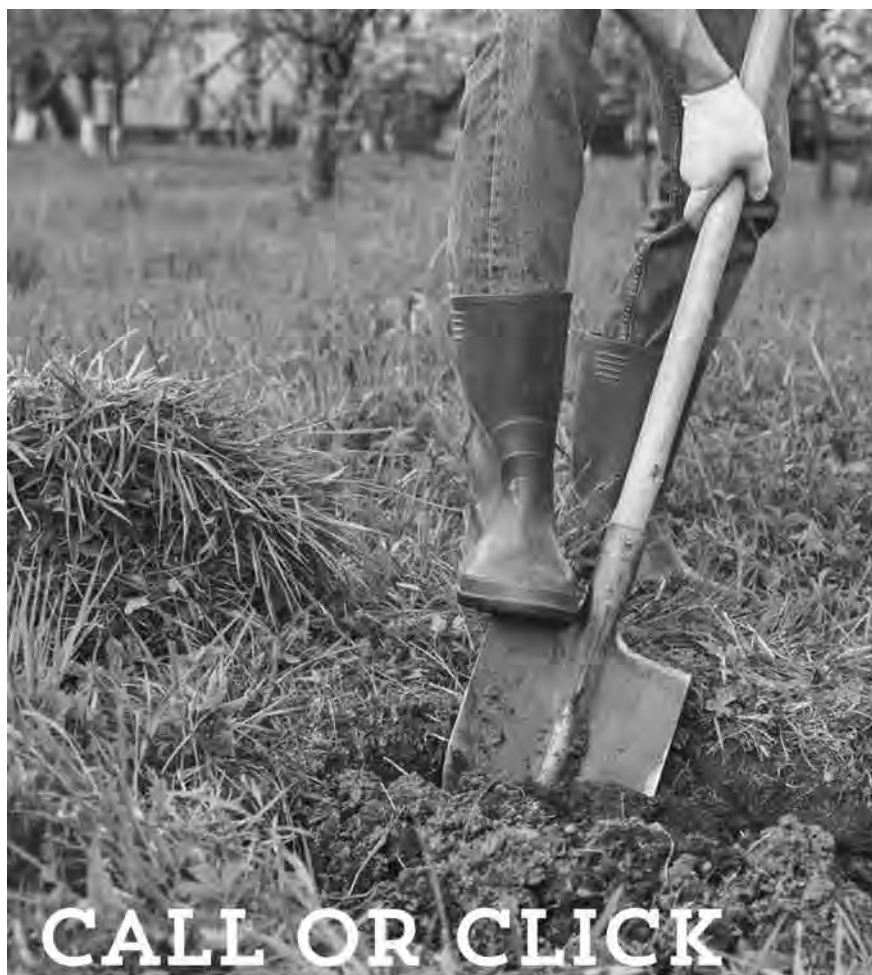
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Julie Belongia, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF BAGLEY NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Pursuant to Sec. 70.45 of the Wisconsin State statutes, notice is hereby given that the Town of Bagley will hold the **2022 BOARD OF REVIEW** for the Town of Bagley, Oconto County on **WEDNESDAY MAY 25th, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Bagley Town Hall, 9812 County Hwy Z Pound, WI, 54161.**

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ORDINANCE NO. 10-4-1: An ordinance for State All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility-Terrain Vehicle Laws Adopted; ATV/UTV Routes and Trails Designated.

Adopted: April 19, 2022
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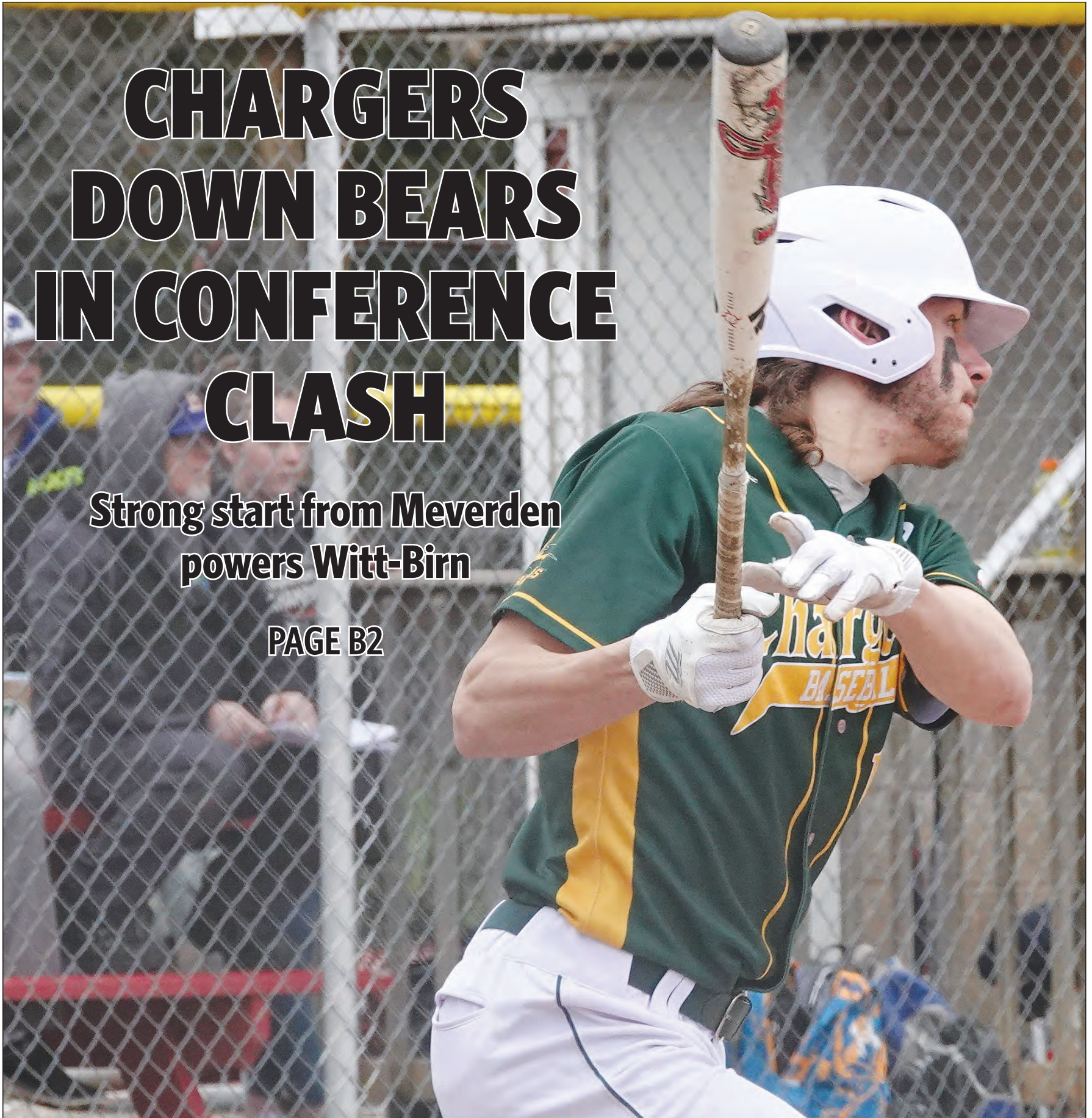
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CHARGERS DOWN BEARS IN CONFERENCE CLASH

Strong start from Meverden
powers Witt-Birn

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Wittenberg-Biramwood's Chase Krull follows through on a swing during a conference game against Bonduel on May 2 in Bonduel.

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Meverden twirls gem in Chargers' win

Witt-Birn blanks Bonduel

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Mason Meverden pitched a gem to guide the Wittenberg-Birnhamwood High School baseball team to a 5-0 Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division victory over Bonduel on May 2 in Bonduel.

Meverden finished just one out shy of a complete game shutout. He instead settled for 6 2/3 impressive innings, scattering nine hits. He struck out six batters and walked just two.

"Just trusting the coaches and the pitches that they call, and then just executing the pitch," said Meverden on what made him successful. "To go all the way through the whole game, you gotta be efficient and not walk people, and that's what I tried to do, just throw strikes."

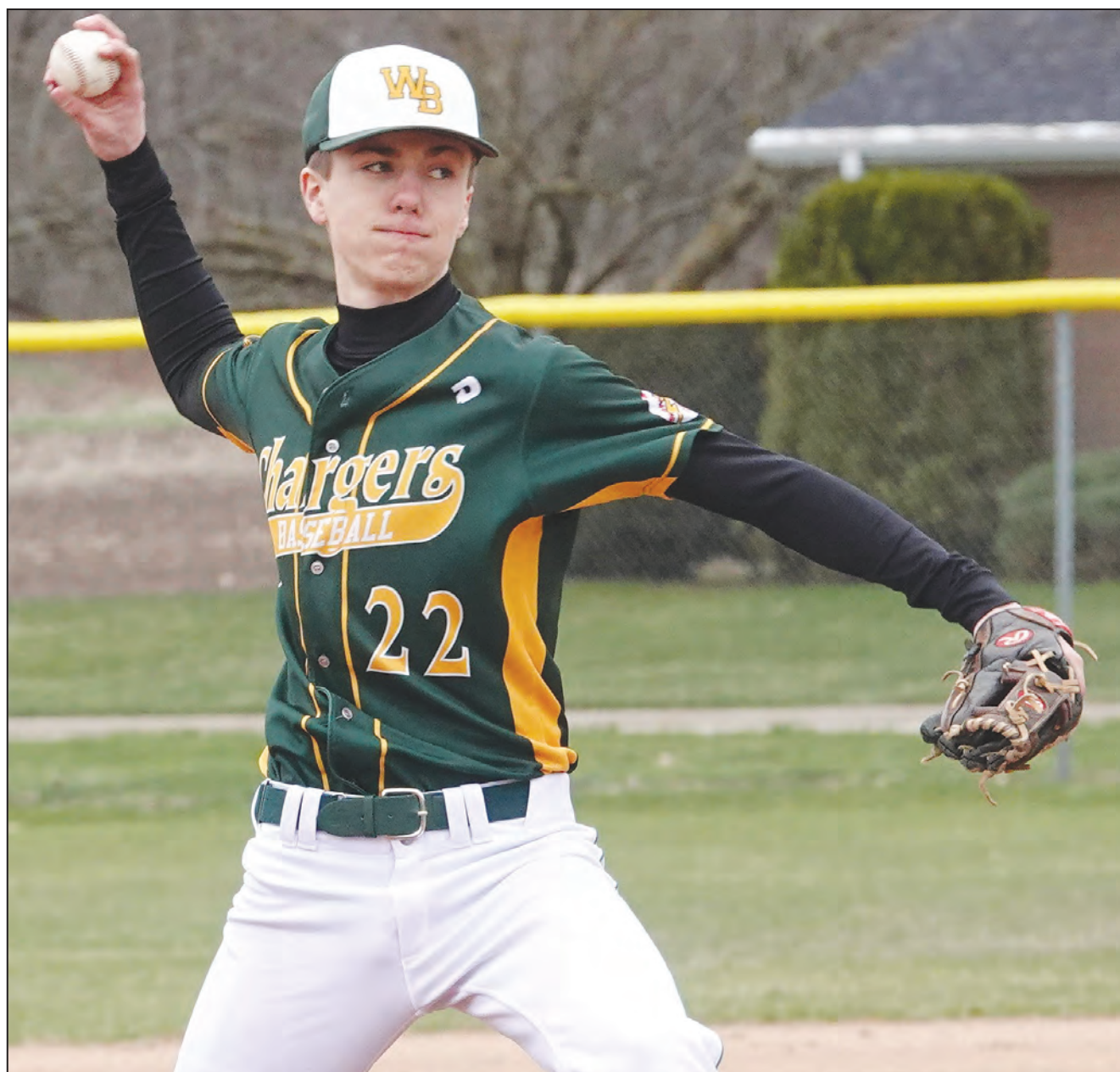
He got some timely defensive plays behind him and the team's offense was eventually able to get him some run support.

The first inning was one of Bonduel's best scoring chances after a leadoff double from Noah Weier. The Bears tried to bunt him to third, but the Chargers pounced on the ball and eventually got Weier out after a rundown. Later in the frame, Meverden got a flyout to strand runners at first and third.

Bonduel's Karson Stoss singled to open the third inning, but he never moved off the base as Meverden got a strikeout and two flyouts to escape the frame. Reece Stoltenow walked and Adam Beilfuss singled in the fourth inning for Bonduel, but Meverden was able to pick off a runner at second base to end the threat.

Charlie Tauchen and Colin Margelofsky each singled in the fifth for Bonduel, but Meverden escaped the inning with a strikeout. Bennett Engel and Stoltenow singled to open the sixth, but a forceout followed by a double play ended the scoring chance.

Tauchen and Weier each tallied hits in the seventh against Meverden, and he eventually went over 100 pitches. Ben Wesolowski came on in relief and needed just two pitches to induce a game-ending groundout.



Wittenberg-Birnhamwood's Mason Meverden delivers a pitch during a CWC-East game against Bonduel on May 2 in Bonduel. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

"We've been really consistent all year, not many errors," said Meverden. "So I pitched to contact — let them put it in play because I'm confident every single time that we can get them out. Our outfielders are great, they cover so much ground out there. It calms you down a lot."

After stranding the bases loaded in the first two innings, Witt-Birn was able to push across the game's first run in the third.

Max Fraaza and Evan Meverden were hit by pitches and Chase Krull walked to load the bases for the Chargers. Kaden Schmidt then walked to plate Fraaza.

While it ended up being the only run against Bonduel starting pitcher Mason Bohm, the visitors drove his

pitch count up in a hurry and forced a pitching change in the third.

The Bears ended up using three pitchers in the contest in an effort to preserve some pitching for later games in the week.

"So they really made me throw strikes. They were really patient in the box," said Bohm, who ended up getting the first seven outs. He walked four batters and hit three others while striking out three. "We were battling a tight zone all day — and they were too. I thought it was a pretty good zone, I just couldn't hit it."

In all, Witt-Birn drew nine walks, with Quinton Sippl having four of them.

Witt-Birn added two runs in the

fourth, with Sippl walking and Ian Salvesen and Ben Wesolowski singling to load the bases at the start of the frame. Fraaza came through with a sacrifice flyout to plate Sippl, and then Pierson Potrykus grounded out to plate Salvesen.

In the sixth, a misplayed flyball and error on a grounder helped the Chargers score their final two runs. Wesolowski scored when Fraaza reached on the error. Fraaza later scored on a balk.

"This kept us in the running for first and second in conference, so we just have to play it that way I guess," said Fraaza on what the win meant to the team.



Bonduel's Reece Stoltenow, center, signs a letter of intent to Concordia University with his parents Dan, left, and Julie looking on May 6 in Bonduel.

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Stoltenow to continue basketball career at Concordia

Playing in college lifelong dream for Bonduel senior

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Bonduel High School senior Reece Stoltenow fulfilled a dream of his May 6 inside the high school's gym when he signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Concordia University in Mequon.

"Playing college basketball has been a dream of mine ever since I've been growing up, so it's really just a good day, a happy day," said Stoltenow.

Stoltenow said that his recruiting process picked up a lot of steam in his senior year.

"Over the summer I really put in a lot of hard work — got in the weight room, got in the gym a lot," said Stoltenow. "Probably about the start of basketball season I started getting some looks from different colleges to come play basketball.

"Around December, we went down to Concordia to go look at the campus and meet the coaches and I just loved it there. I knew right there that that is where I wanted to go."

The hard work over the summer paid off in a big way for Stoltenow, who had his best season as a senior.

After making the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division

honorable mention team as a junior, Stoltenow jumped up to the first team as a senior. He put up averages of 16.7 points, 4.3 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.5 steals during the season.

Stoltenow knocked down 87 3-pointers this winter, putting him amongst the state leaders in that statistic.

"What I'll remember the most (about playing at Bonduel) is the team and the coaches I've been with along the way," said Stoltenow. "I mean, it's just been amazing. The bonds that we've built and the friendships that we've built will last forever."

Concordia being a Lutheran school is something that appealed to Stoltenow after attending St. Paul in Bonduel growing up. Stoltenow played state games at Concordia, so it became a dream of his to go there.

Stoltenow added that during his visit, everyone associated with the program "was really nice. It was just amazing there."

While the team didn't specify what role he might serve in the years to come, Stoltenow is excited to get on campus, prove his worth and enjoy the experience.

Concordia is coming off a 14-11 season and 11-6 run through the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference. The team tied for first place with Concordia Chicago and St. Norbert.

Instead of signing his letter while others looked on, Stoltenow had family members, coaches, teammates and friends sit and stand alongside him as he signed.

"My parents have really been the driving factor in all my things," said Stoltenow. "Me and my dad, we come down here and shoot, we work out all the time. My mom supports me in everything that I do. Obviously

my grandparents are there for me all the time too, and it's wonderful to have those kind of people there in your life."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Gresham unable to overcome early deficit



Gresham's Bryson Nelson runs toward first base during the team's CWC-North game against Manawa on May 5 in Gresham.

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Pecore's homer sparks Wildcats late in contest

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Gresham Community High School baseball team fell behind early and eventually lost 15-3 in five innings to Manawa in a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division contest May 5 in Gresham.

Manawa seized control of the contest with a seven-run first inning. The visitors had their first eight batters reach and drew five walks in the frame. Gresham also gifted Manawa a couple runs on misplayed balls.

The visitors continued to tack on to their lead and led 15-0 before Gresham was able to score in the fourth and fifth innings.

In the fourth frame, Lukas Pecore started the inning with a single and came around to score after four walks. Wesley Thiex drew the bases-loaded walk to force in Pecore.

Gresham was able to end the game positively with two runs in the fifth. Belasaire Vele battled at the plate before drawing a walk, and then Pecore crushed a two-run homer to left field.

"We just use it as motivation," said Vele of the late runs against Manawa. "We want to win the conference this year. Might be a little tough, but we're just going to keep going hard and we'll see what happens."

After scoring late, Gresham is now focused on figuring out a way to have its offense show up earlier in games so they aren't playing from behind.

"We got to hype up our team, talk a lot more, encourage," said Pecore, who added the team was still very young.

Although it wasn't able to score until the later innings, Gresham had some other scoring chances.

Bryson Nelson and Pecore each singled in the first inning, but a strikeout on a check swing ended the frame.

Blade Hoffman singled to open the third, stole second and then moved up to third on a groundout, but he was doubled off third on a Vele lineout to the pitcher.

Gresham used three pitchers to get through the contest. Jack Haffner started but was unable to record an out. Kale James came on in relief and worked into the fourth inning before Robert Kaquatosh got the final six outs.

"I mean, we got to start out on top. Our pitchers have to throw strikes, and the defense has to play defense," said Pecore on how to team can improve at the start of games.

Along with his homer and two runs scored, Pecore ended up with three of the team's five hits.

"We just got to be strong," said Vele. "We have to get out fundamentals down, getting the easy plays that we can get. Getting in and out of the inning, getting the bats going — that helps a lot to either get a lead or stay in the game."

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ATHLETE PROFILE: ELIZABETH KARY

Shawano senior leading with positivity

Every high school team needs athletes to be positive role models and lead the team on and off the field. Elizabeth Kary is one of those athletes for the Shawano Community High School softball team, and she also produces at the plate and in the field.

Kary plays catcher for the Hawks and bats in the heart of the team's lineup.

She is coming off a junior season in which she made the Bay Conference first team. After her senior season wraps up, she plans to join the Milwaukee Area Technical College softball team in the years to come.

Q: When did your interest in softball begin?

A: When I was 8 years old.

Q: What is your favorite part about the softball season?

A: Being able to spend time with my team and being able to compete against the great competition within our conference.

Q: What has the game of softball taught you over the years?

A: How putting time and effort into something can greatly improve your skill level.

Q: After a big junior season, what kind of individual goals do you have set for yourself this spring?

A: I had a great season last year hitting wise, and I set a goal this year to do even better than I did last year.

Q: As the season winds down, what are the team's keys to success?

A: We need to stay grounded, and we need to make sure we come mentally prepared for every game.

Q: You plan on playing softball for Milwaukee Area Technical College in the future. With that in mind, what are you doing



Shawano's catcher Elizabeth Kary makes a throw during the team's win over Clintonville on April 18 in Shawano.

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to try and cherish your final high school season?

A: I'm trying to have as much fun as possible with the people I get to play with. I know I'm going to miss the younger girls the most, so I'm trying to do everything I can to

make memories with them.

Q: As a senior, how do you lead the rest of the team?

A: I try to make sure I keep a positive attitude at all times. When you get negative, that's when things start to spiral out of control.

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Elizabeth Kary

Sport: Softball

Positions: Catcher

School: Shawano Community High School

Year: Senior

Q: Before a game starts, do you or the team have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: We have a team huddle where one of us gives a little speech. Our infield also has a little huddle before the game starts.

I also am very superstitious, and I refuse to change my lucky socks and I draw a "GP" in the dirt before my first at bat.

The "G" stands for Georgia, who was my sister that passed, and "P" stands for Pete, who was my grandfather who passed. When I play, I play for them. It's my little reminder that they're still around watching me.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Shawano softball team?

A: Camping with my travel team when we were younger.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Son in Law." TV show — "Psych." Musical artist — Doja Cat

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: I really love musicals. I have a whole playlist dedicated to different songs from different musicals.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: I want to travel all over the world and have a career I love and a cool dog that comes with me everywhere.



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ATHLETE PROFILE: CALVIN SCHEURER

Dual-sport athlete excelling this spring

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School senior Calvin Scheurer is enjoying a big spring as an athlete. He serves as one of the boys golf team's top individuals and also pitches for the baseball team.

He led the golf team and finished as the medalist during a Central Wisconsin Conference meet on May 2 at Greenwood Hills Country Club in Wausau. He also led the team at the Bonduel Invite on April 29 at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil and the Weymont Invite on April 21 at Weymont Run Country Club in Weymont.

Scheurer tossed five innings against to earn a CWC-East win for the baseball team on April 28. He worked four innings and got the win in a CWC crossover win over Manawa on April 19.

Q: When did your interest in golf and baseball begin?

A: I have always had an interest in baseball since I was little. But I started to pick up golf when I was about 11 years old. I give that credit to my grandpa (Bill Scheurer), which is who I learned the game from.

Q: What is your favorite part about the spring sports season?

A: Usually it's finally being able to get outside after a cold winter, but we weren't so lucky this spring. But one of my other favorites about the spring season is, hands down, definitely the golf bus rides.

Q: What has golf and baseball taught you over the years?

A: Baseball has taught me multiple things, but one thing to point out is the level of respect and discipline the game has taught me over the years. Golf, on the other hand, no matter how bad you are playing, getting mad at yourself is not gonna make it better. Personally, I believe golf is more of a mental than physical sport.

Q: It's not easy to play multiple



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Calvin Scheurer putts during the Bonduel Invite on April 29 at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil.

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sports in a single season, let alone perform well in both. How are you pulling it off?

A: First, you definitely have to make time to practice both sports. So basically the grind never stops, and I'm very glad I am able to make both sports work.

Q: Talk about how golf and baseball overlap and makes playing both at the same time a bit easier for you.

A: Golf and baseball overlap quite

a bit. Given that golf is my primary sport, my free days are usually filled up with baseball games. It is nice because not only am I out of school a lot, if I struggle one day, I am able to get away for a little bit and play another sport.

Q: What kind of individual accomplishments are you striving for in each sport this spring?

A: For golf, I would like to win conference player of the year. But as far as baseball, every time I take the start on the mound, I am just looking

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Calvin Scheurer

Sport: Baseball and golf

Baseball position: Pitcher

School: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Year: Senior

to put a W in the books.

Q: Before a game or meet starts, do you or your teams have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: Nothing much for baseball, but for golf I like to start every morning with a McDonald's breakfast sandwich and a mocha coffee.

Q: What are the keys to success for both your teams as the spring season begins to wind down?

A: Our golf success comes from playing our own game and not worrying about others and being able to forget the bad shots. For baseball, given that we have a pretty solid defense, when we are able to get the bats to rally, we are able to produce wins.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Wittenberg-Birnamwood golf and baseball teams?

A: Our 2021 conference champs for golf was 100% my favorite memory. Baseball would definitely have to be the dugout environment.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — The "Rocky" series. TV show — "The Crush with Lee & Tiffany." Music artist — Thomas Rhett

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: I am very quiet and humble in person.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: After graduating high school, I hope to get my associate degree in criminal justice and become a police officer a couple years down the road.

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Bowler's Paiser commits to St. Norbert

Panther set to join Green Knights softball team

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Bowler High School senior Morgan Paiser took the next step in her athletic career when she signed a letter of intent to play softball at St. Norbert College on May 3 in front of family, teammates, coaches and classmates inside the school's gymnasium.

"It means a lot," said Paiser after signing. "There's been a lot of tears, especially the last couple days. It's kind of like it's hit. Ten years of lots of hard work, countless nights out on the field hitting balls. It's finally paid off."

Paiser's recruitment process wasn't a quick one. It wasn't until a second visit to St. Norbert that the Bowler athlete decided that's where she wanted to continue playing.

"The coach (JoAnn Krueger) was just so welcoming. She felt like a grandma (to me)," said Paiser while chuckling. "She's just so nice."

Paiser, who also played volleyball and basketball at Bowler, added that the St. Norbert campus also appealed to her, and having the school be "close to home" was also a plus.

While Paiser's high school career has been hampered by the pandemic



Bowler's Morgan Paiser, right, signs her letter of intent to St. Norbert as her softball coach Alison Van Grinsven looks on May 3 at Bowler High School.

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and some shortened springs because of inclement weather, she's left her mark.

As a junior, Paiser landed on the

Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division honorable mention team.

She drove in eight runs and clubbed

six doubles during the conference portion of the season to help nab that honor, and ended up finishing near the top of the conference in RBIs for the entire spring.

This spring has added another dimension to Paiser's high school career, with Gresham athletes joining the softball team to form a co-op.

Bowler was able to schedule the signing at a time when both her Bowler teammates and new Gresham teammates could be in attendance, which Paiser enjoyed greatly.

"It was actually nice that we got Gresham here," said Paiser, adding there were issues earlier in the week.

"It was comforting knowing I have a family backing me up no matter what."

With the high school softball season still ongoing, there's time for Paiser to continue making memories.

She said she's hit a few home runs in her lifetime, but hopes to hit a grand slam before she heads off to college.

After her high school career comes to a close, Paiser will continue putting in the work so she can earn a prominent role on the St. Norbert team.

The Green Knights senior first baseman will leave after this season, and the coaching staff believes Paiser could be the one taking over that spot in the years to come. She also said third base would be another option.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Gresham/Bowler teams each 2nd at Weyauwega-Fremont Invitational

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Gresham/Bowler boys and girls track and field teams each scored 80 points to place second at the Weyauwega-Fremont Invitational on May 5 in Weyauwega.

The Tigerton girls came in third

with 44 points, while Marion took seventh with six points.

Emmitt Kietlinski led the Gresham/Bowler boys with three top finishes. He won the triple jump (40 feet, 8½ inches), long jump (18-4) and high jump (6-3). Kellen Pingel was the top

finisher in the boys discus (120-10).

For the girls co-op, it was Valarie Cerveney and Hannah Cerveney leading the way. Hannah Cerveney posted a mark of 14-6 to win the long jump, while Valarie Cerveney had a distance of 34-3½ to win the shot put.

Tigerton's Elizabeth Robbins won the girls 200-meter dash in 28.73 seconds. She was also first in the triple jump with a top leap of 28-2.

Bridget Much had Marion's top individual finish, placing fourth in the 100 hurdles in 24.27 seconds.



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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Wildcats fall just short in wild conference game

Miscues hurt Lena against Wausaukee

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Lena High School baseball team suffered a tough 13-12 loss to Marinette & Oconto Conference foe Wausaukee on May 6 in Lena.

The contest looked to be a pitcher's duel through three innings before turning into a slugfest in the final three frames. The lead switched hands several times over the final couple innings, and Lena eventually came up a run short.

"We just got to take out of it to make the plays we can and get better every day," said Logan Shallow who started on the mound and pitched the first five innings. "We fought hard and we were in it the whole time, we just couldn't pull it out."

After Shallow worked a 1-2-3 first inning, Lena took advantage of some Wausaukee miscues to go ahead 3-0 in the bottom of the first. Logan Graef singled before Shallow walked, and both scored after a Lane Whiting sacrifice bunt turned into an error. Whiting stole third base and then scampered home after a throwing error for the third run.

Wausaukee was able to scratch across a run in the third frame, but Lena still appeared to be in control.

Things changed in a hurry in the fourth, when Wausaukee plated five runs to go ahead 6-3. A couple of errors and misplays in the field aided the big inning, with every run scoring with two outs.

"We just made too many mistakes, bad throws. We just gotta throw the ball," said Whiting, referencing a couple times fielders hesitated before making a throw, which cost the team a couple potential outs.

"We just have to think about what we're gonna do before the play happens. We just have to keep practicing hard and learn from our mistakes."

Lena wasn't going to go down without a fight though, rattling off six runs in its half of the fourth to take a 9-6 lead.

Logan Shallow drove in Bryce Kittredge and Tyler Shallow before Whiting put another ball in play that was misplayed by Wausaukee, allowing Graef and Shallow to score. Anthony Seefeldt plated Whiting on



Lena's Sam Marquardt looks on after hitting the ball during the team's M&O game against Wausaukee on May 6 in Lena.

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Lena's Logan Graef pitches during the team's M&O game against Wausaukee on May 6 in Lena.

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a double, and then came around to score when Luke Misco tripled on a flyball to right.

The wild contest continued with Wausaukee tallying two runs in the fifth off some more Lena miscues. Logan Shallow capped his day with a couple strikeouts and a groundout to

escape with a lead still.

Tyler Shallow pitched next for Lena and worked into the seventh inning. He surrendered a run in the sixth, but the Wildcats got the lead back with a run of their own in the sixth.

Sam Marquardt singled in Whiting

with two outs to make it a 10-9 game.

Wausaukee was able to capitalize on a couple more Lena misplays in the seventh and scored four times. Tyler Shallow pitched to two batters before Graef came on and worked the rest of the inning.

Down three, Lena continued to fight until the end.

Kittredge walked before Tyler Shallow and Graef singled to load the bases. With two outs and two strikes on him, Whiting kept the Wildcats' hopes alive with a two-RBI single, scoring Kittredge and Shallow. Seefeldt then walked to load the bases again.

Marquardt was the next batter, and ripped what looked to be the game-winning hit to center, only to have the ball hang up long enough in the air for the Wausaukee center fielder to make the catch and end the contest.

"The fact that the guys kept their fight was very impressive," said Logan Shallow. "It shows a lot to how much it means to them that they stayed in it and didn't get discouraged."

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Hawks finish 7th, Red Raiders 9th at Oneida Classic

Marcell, Moesch
lead ShawanoBy MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Shawano and Pulaski boys golf teams each competed in the Oneida Classic on May 2 at Oneida Golf and Country Club in Green Bay, placing seventh and ninth, respectively.

Shawano earned a team score of 337 for its seventh-place finish. Pulaski came in ninth with its score of 352.

De Pere and West De Pere each had scores of 313 to finish as the top teams. Ashwaubenon posted a 326, Bay Port a 331 and two Notre Dame teams had 332s to fill out the top five. Green Bay Preble was eighth with a mark of 342, while Seymour and Green Bay Southwest rounded things out with scores of 391 and 406, respectively.

Even though it finished outside the top five with its team score, Shawano had two golfers place among the top 10 individuals. Kaden Marcell fired an 18-hole round of 76 to take fifth outright, while Owen Moesch tied for 10th with a round of 79.

"I feel like today what kept my round going was my confidence level and my mental game," said Marcell. "I never really got down on myself today and when I did, I got right back into it. My putting was the strong suit today, also."

"Today, I was able to hit around 50% of greens in regulation and around 62% of fairways off the tee," said Moesch. "So, I would say that my accuracy off the tee and my ability to give myself birdie putts by hitting greens in regulation allowed me to place as well as I did."

Akrin Verhein fired a round of 88

for the Hawks. Gage Gorman carded a 94 and Ayden Hale a 99 to round out the five-golfer team.

"I feel like this gives our team a very good idea of what regionals will look like and what it will take to advance," said Marcell, who added the classic was beneficial in preparing the team for 18-hole meets and what challenges those meets present.

"My team and I learned that every stroke is important and contributes equally among ourselves," said Moesch. "Even though all five guys may not be playing well, every stroke from every person on the team is critical for us to place well in meets. We will definitely take that thought in consideration when playing in upcoming matches."

Colin Schultz was Pulaski's top finisher at the classic, firing a round of 83. He credited his chipping for helping him to the strong round.

Dylan Carley was second on the team with a round of 86.

"The first nine holes, I really had a tough time hitting my irons from 150 yards in," said Carley. "I really had to get my head in the game if I wanted to turn in a score to help out my team."

"On my eighth hole, I turned things around with the first par of the day. With this first par under my belt I was able to turn my bogeys from the previous holes into pars, turning my score around."

Connor Burant carded a round of 90 for the Red Raiders, while Dixon Holewinski was three shots back at 93. Zachary Valeria was the fifth golfer on the team, posting a score of 98.

Unlike Shawano's lineup that boasted five seniors, Pulaski's included no seniors and just one junior.

"The team learned that nothing is going to come easy," said Schultz.



Shawano's Gage Gorman follows through on a shot during the Oneida Classic on May 2 at Oneida Golf and Country Club in Green Bay.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Shawano boys, girls teams dominant at Bay Conference quad

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Community High School boys and girls track and field teams each placed first at a Bay Conference quad on May 3 in Green Bay.

The boys team accumulated 112 points, while the girls scored 108 points.

Elliott Lowney placed first in three events to lead the Shawano

boys. He won the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, 1 inch. Lowney also won the 100- and 200-meter dashes, with times of 11.32 seconds and 22.9 seconds, respectively.

Jackson Smits claimed first in the shot put (39-8) and discus (145-0) for the Hawks. Riley Siegfried was the top finisher in the pole vault (10-6), Will Chelberg was first in the 1,600 (4:43.73), and Brandon Reed placed

first in the 110 hurdles (17.88).

Drake Herm, Jayden Pinero, Lucas Nuthals and Logan Korth teamed up for first place in the 4x100 relay (47.93). Alec White, Connor Chelberg, Andon Chelberg and Jaymin Boivin formed the first-place finishing 4x400 relay (3:52.29).

On the girls side, it was Isabel Roloff leading the way. She won

the 100 (12.87), 200 (27.61) and pole vault (10-6).

Grace Chelberg was the top finisher in the 800 (2:32.08) and 1,600 (5:38.21) and teamed up with Grace Beyer, Adalyn Barkley and Lily Guenther for first in the 4x400 (4:32.54).

Piper Novitski placed first in the 100 hurdles (17.99), and Makenna Bubolz won the long jump (16-0¼).

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AUTO RACING

Springborn victorious for 2nd straight week

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Troy Springborn picked up his second feature win of the young season during racing action at Shawano Speedway on May 7.

Springborn won the Late Model feature race again after accomplishing the feat on opening night April 23.

Jayden Schmidt won the IMCA Modified feature, while Tyler Sobiesczyk claimed first in the IMCA

Sport Mod feature. Trent Nolan was first in the IMCA Stock Car division, and Tanner Westphal crossed the finish line first in the Mighty 4 feature.

Luke Postl took second in the Late Model feature, with Ron Berna, Nick Anvelink and Joel Bennett rounding out the top five.

Jordan Bartz followed Schmidt to the finish line. Kevin Feck claimed third, with Brekken Kleinschmidt

taking fourth and Jerry Muenster fifth.

Sobiesczyk moved up 10 positions from his original starting spot to claim the IMCA Sport Mod win. Matthew Radtke settled for second, with Max Oreskovich in third after moving up 12 spots. Kevin Bethke and Jeffery Teske rounded out the top five, with Teske also maneuvering past 12 cars.

Nolan worked his way past seven

cars to win the IMCA Stock Car feature. Kyle Frederick accomplished the same feat to take second. Travis Van Straten, Vern Stedjee and Dylan Stedjee capped the top five.

Westphal moved up six positions to claim his win. Carl King grabbed second, and Lucas Hacker took third. Calvin Stueck and Brad Wedde finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Full results can be found at www.myracepass.com/tracks/1874.

BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Northern Division

Aniwa 13

Wittenberg 10

Aniwa earned a high-scoring win over Wittenberg on May 8 in Aniwa.

Nolan Hoppe finished with six hits, including two doubles and a homer, to lead Aniwa at the plate. Wade Farmer homered and had two hits, while Hunter Gipp and Cory Mortenson also posted two hits each.

Hoppe also picked up the win on the mound. James Tomson was dealt the loss for Wittenberg.

Noah Cole homered and had four hits for Wittenberg, while Preston Bagley also clubbed a homer. Keegan Miller chipped in three hits.

Eland 14

Hatley 1

Eland rolled to a win over Hatley on May 8 in Eland.

Tyler Nelson picked up the win for Eland, while Tanner Kocher suffered the loss.

Eland outhit Hatley 6-3.

Elderon 16

Birnamwood 8

Elderon doubled up Birnamwood to start its season with a win on May 8 in Birnamwood.

No other stats were available at press time.

South Central Division

New London 2

Plover 1

New London edged Plover on May 8 in Plover.

Chevn Aus tossed six scoreless innings to pick up the win over New London.

Dylan Moeller drove in both of the team's runs, while Landen Guyette and Austin Warren had two hits each.

Derek Lemmens had three hits for Plover. Zack Hintz was dealt the loss.

Scandinavia 19

Green Lake 9 (7 inn.)

Scandinavia eased to a win over Green Lake on May 8 in Scandinavia.

Caleb Bembenek drove in six runs on four hits to power Scandinavia's offense. Jesse Dickert homered, drove in two runs and finished with three hits, while Gavin Erbes also drove in two runs on three hits.

Sterling Lutz picked up the win on the hill after striking out seven batters across six innings.

Carter Rhode took the loss for Green Lake. Damien Netzler drove in three runs on two hits, while Jordan Bucholz and Cole Boge had two hits each.

Scandinavia 12

New London 1

Scandinavia opened its season win a lopsided win over New London on May 1 in New London.

Sterling Lutz struck out seven bat-

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ters across seven innings to earn the win on the mound.

Joe Strigel led Scandinavia with three hits, while Gavin Erbes and Braden Hunkins had two hits each.

Colby Schmude drove in New London's run. Myles Parker was the losing pitcher.

Weymont 16

Plover 6 (8 inn.)

Weymont knocked off Plover on May 1 in Weymont.

Alex Niles was credited with four RBIs for Weymont. Tyler Wetzel drove in a pair, while Adam Krause had three hits and scored four runs.

Wetzel earned the win after pitching five innings. Zack Hintz was dealt the loss for Plover.

Plover's Levi Baerwolf drove in two runs.

DAIRYLAND LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Pulaski 5

Cecil 4

Hunter Larson hit a walk-off home run to lift Pulaski past Cecil on May 8 in Pulaski. Larson finished with three hits.

Garrett Kaczowski, Kendall Kaczowski and Cody Pangrazzi pitched for Pulaski, with Pangrazzi earning the win after tossing two innings.

Cole Anderson took the loss for Cecil after working an inning. Isaac Boldt started and struck out eight batters across seven innings.

Jake Sager, Grant Bouche and Garrett Engel each had two hits for

the Mudhens.

Bonduel 4

Navarino 2

Bonduel rallied past Navarino on May 8 in Bonduel. The Broncos scored all four runs in the eighth after the Rangers tallied two runs in the top of the frame.

Adam Frost and Hunter VanderLinden each drove in two runs for Bonduel. Frost had two of the team's six hits.

Wyatt Reinke earned the win on the mound after striking out five batters across the final two innings. Jack Reinke struck out four batters across seven scoreless frames.

Ryan Boettcher took the loss on the mound for Navarino after pitch-

ing the entire game. At the plate, Matt Krause had three hits, while Boettcher doubled twice.

Waupaca 24

Nichols 1

Waupaca rolled to a win over Nichols on May 8 in Nichols. The Lakeman outhit the Nitros 19-1.

Ryan Joseph led the way for Waupaca, driving in five runs on three hits and also scoring three times. Luke Russell had two hits, three RBIs and two runs, while Jason Ellie, Johnny Popham, Ryan Dayton and Brady Johnson drove in two runs each. Ellie, Popham, Walker Smith and Tyler Dayton scored three times each.

Cam Seidl started and struck out

eight batters across four innings. Joseph got the win after striking out four across two innings, and Russell got the final three outs.

Waupaca 14

Bonduel 5

Waupaca opened its season with a convincing win over Bonduel on May 1 in Waupaca.

Wes Austin drove in three runs for Waupaca, while Johnny Popham drove in a pair. Ryan Makuski and Jason Ellie each had three hits.

Cam Seidl started and struck out six batters across four innings. Luke Behm got the win after working two frames, and Jim Nighbor sealed up the win by striking out three batters over three innings.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls win home invitational

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls track and field team accumulated 150 points to win the Wittenberg-Birnamwood Invitational on May 2 in Wittenberg.

The Witt-Birn boys placed fourth with 91 points, while Bonduel came in fifth with 68 points. The Gresham/Bowler boys took seventh with 40½ points.

The Bonduel girls came in third

with 108 points, while Gresham/Bowler was sixth with 34 points.

Reese Rogowski led the Witt-Birn girls team with first-place finishes in the 100-meter dash (12.9 seconds), 200 (26.34), 400 (58.4) and long jump (17 feet, 4 inches).

Jalynn Horacek, Allison Linke, Faith Resch and Kit Stewart teamed up for the top finish in the 4x100 relay (55.67). Horacek also won the triple jump (33-1¾).

Simon Schairer placed first in

the 400 (53.96) to lead the Witt-Birn boys. Jacob Tomlinson was the top finisher in the shot put (41-8½).

Schairer was also on the 4x400 relay team that took first in 3:47.01. Alex Centeno, Connor Groshek and Craig Wendel filled out the team.

Bonduel's 4x800 boys relay team of Parker Perry, Ayden Dunst, Ben O'Brien and Karter Schroeder teamed up for first in 9:50.2.

Ashlyn Kurey was the top finisher in the girls 1,600 (5:52.65) for the

Bears, while Gaven Vance won the boys 200 (23.71).

Gresham/Bowler's 4x200 girls relay team of Hannah Cerveney, Willow Demaskie, Valarie Cerveney and Ireland Jensen claimed first in 2:04.28.

Gresham/Bowler's Emmitt Kietlinski placed first in the boys high jump (6-0) and triple jump (42-6½).

Marion and Wolf River Lutheran also had athletes in action, but neither team had top-eight finishers to earn any team points.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

UW-Platteville

Pulaski High School graduate Kayla Lipsey placed eighth in the women's heptathlon while competing for the UW-Platteville track and field team during the WIAC Outdoor Championships on May 6 and 7.



KAYLA LIPSEY

Lipsey placed fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.38 seconds and was sixth in the javelin throw with a top toss of 28.09 meters.

She also placed ninth in the 100 hurdles (17.37) and long jump (4.69 meters), 10th in the 800 (2:40.23), 11th in the high jump (1.36 meters) and 13th in the shot put (7.36 meters).

UW-River Falls

Shawano grad Jewel Waupekenay played in all four of the UW-River Falls softball team's games last week.

In a loss to UW-Platteville on May 2, Waupekenay posted a hit. She had another hit in the team's win over Platteville later in the day.

Waupekenay was credited with a sacrifice in the team's WIAC Tournament loss to UW-Whitewater on May 6.

The team then lost to UW-Oshkosh in its second tournament game on May 6.

UW-Stout

Pulaski grad Kevin Ruechel had a big day while throwing for the



KEVIN RUECHEL

UW-Stout men's track and field team at the WIAC Outdoor Championships on May 6 and 7.

Ruechel had the top marks in the shot put (18.29 meters) and discus (50.18 meters) competitions.

He also placed eighth in the hammer throw (51.87 meters) and 24th in the javelin throw (37.61 meters).

Concordia University

Bonduel graduate Derrick Folkman ran in the 800 and 1,500 for the Concordia men's track and field team at the NACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 6 and 7.

Folkman finished 22nd in the 1,500 with a time of 4:57.66 and was 23rd in the 800 with a mark of 2:22.27.

Dubuque University

Gillett graduate Riley Engebretsen ran the 1,500 for the Dubuque men's track and field team at the Dr. Tucker Open on May 7.

Engebretsen posted a time of 4:40.66.

UW-Stevens Point

Menominee Indian graduate Guadalupe Corn placed 25th in the women's shot put while representing the UW-Stevens Point track and field team during the WIAC Outdoor Championships on May 6 and 7.

Corn's top throw was 10.78 meters.

Winona State University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood gradu-



MADDY PIETZ

ate Maddy Pietz won the 400 dash while representing the Winona State women's track and field team during the Deb Schulz Open on May 6.

Pietz posted a time of 57.84 seconds to win

the race.

Western Technical College

Pulaski grad Chase Reinke played in several games for the Western Technical College baseball team last week.

Reinke was dealt the loss against Rochester Community and Technical College on May 3. He struck out three batters and allowed six runs (five earned) over five innings.

He drove in three runs on four hits and scored four runs in a lopsided win over Minnesota West Community and Technical College on May 7. He had two hits, two runs scored and two RBIs in another win over the same team that day.

Reinke tallied a hit in a win over Minnesota West Community and Technical College on May 8. He pitched 2 2/3 innings and was tagged with the loss in a loss later that day.

UW-Eau Claire

Suring grad Mitch Stegeman won the men's pole vault while competing for the UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team during the WIAC Outdoor Championships on May 6 and 7.

Stegeman cleared 4.7 meters to claim the top finish.

He also took part in three other events, placing 11th in the 110 hur-



MITCH STEGEMAN

dles (15.75), 17th in the high jump (1.82 meters) and 22nd in the long jump (6.47 meters).

UW-La Crosse

Oconto Falls grad Tucker Bouche pitched in three games for

the UW-La Crosse baseball team last week.

In a win over Luther (Iowa) on May 4, Bouche retired all three batters he faced to seal the team's victory.

He picked up the win against UW-Eau Claire on May 6 after allowing one run across 2 1/3 innings.

Bouche allowed two unearned runs in the team's loss to Eau Claire on May 7.

St. Norbert College

Lena graduate Kennedy Marquardt and Oconto Falls graduate Emily Gonnering helped the St. Norbert women's track and field team win the NACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 6 and 7.

Marquardt and the 4x400 relay team placed second in 3:54.02. Individually, she took 15th in the 200 dash (27.15).

Gonnering competed in two events, taking ninth in the javelin throw (29.99 meters) and 13th in the hammer throw (32.28 meters).

Oconto Falls graduate Mason Sefcik pitched in a loss for the St. Norbert baseball team last week.

Sefcik pitched eight innings, allowing two runs on 12 hits and no walks while striking out three. St. Norbert lost 2-0.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BOYS GOLF

Hawks take 2nd at invite

Owen Moesch and Kaden Marcell guided Shawano to a second-place finish as a team at the Chilton Invite on May 7 at Sheboygan Town and Country Golf Course in Sheboygan.

Shawano had a team score of 320, just behind West De Pere's 318.

Moesch was the invite's medalist, shooting an 18-hole round of 72, just one over par. Marcell tied for second with a round of 74.

Ayden Hale and Akrin Verhein each fired rounds of 87 for Shawano, while Gage Gorman tallied an 88.

Lena claims 2nd at invite

Lena turned in a team score of 353 to place second as a team at the Crivitz Invite on May 6 at Hunter's Glen Golf Club in Crivitz. Oconto was first with a mark of 341.

Braden McVane led Lena with an 18-hole round of 76. Evan Vander Zanden was second on the team with an 86.

Drake Dionne (92), Mason Simonson (99) and Vance Turezc (120) filled out the five-golfer team.

Bonduel wins Thornberry Invite

Bonduel had a team score of 347 to place first at the Thornberry Invite on May 5 at Thornberry Creek at Oneida in Oneida.

Cooper Uelmen turned in an 18-hole round of 80 to lead Bonduel and finish as the invite's medalist. Reed Luepke fired an 81 for the Bears, while Jake Dreyer and Noah Weier each carded 93s. Charlie Tauchen shot a round of 106.

Witt-Birn placed seventh with a score of 443. Seth Fischer (106), August Barke (107), Logan Hanson (108), Abigail Rasmussen (122) and Addisyn Meydam (136) formed the team. Marion came in eighth with a mark of 445, with Isaiah Gueths (105), Quinn Tolan (110), Sam Gueths (111), Kasey Roethle (119) and Owen Spiegel (132) filling out the lineup.

Menominee Indian/Gresham placed 10th with a team score of 454. Corbin Welch (104), Dugan Webster (105), Ayanna Smith (117), Reese Nietzer (128) and Trentyn Harrison (175) formed the team.

BASEBALL

Oconto Falls drops 2 to Lux-Casco

Oconto Falls was defeated 11-1 in a pair of North Eastern Conference



Shawano's Ayden Hale putts during the Oneida Classic, held May 2 at Green Bay's Oneida Golf and Country Club.

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matchups on May 7 in Oconto Falls.

Isaac Raddatz scored the team's lone run in the first game. Logan Kramer took the loss after pitching

two innings, while Jeffrey Virtues worked four innings.

Jake Sager scored in the second game for the Panthers. Cy Vizelka

led the team with two hits. Jack Adler was dealt the loss on the mound after working three innings, and Sager also tossed three innings.

Marion 7**Rosholt 5**

Marion held off Rosholt in a Central Wisconsin Conference crossover matchup May 6 in Rosholt.

Jay Brei and Ethan Scheef each drove in two runs for Marion. Ryan Malueg and Brie finished with two hits each.

Jaden Stuhr picked up the win on the mound after striking out 14 batters over 5 2/3 innings. Nick Malueg got the final four outs to seal up the win.

Witt-Birn 10**Iola-Scandinavia 9 (8 inn.)**

Wittenberg-Birnwood earned a wild win over Iola-Scandinavia in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division game on May 5 in Wittenberg.

Witt-Birn scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the contest. After Iola-Scandinavia scored three runs in the eighth, Witt-Birn came back with four runs in its half. Kaden Schmidt delivered a two-RBI single to win the game for the Chargers.

Schmidt finished with three hits and three RBIs. Chase Krull had three hits and scored twice, while Pierson Potrykus, Ben Wesolowski and Mason Meverden all had two hits.

Krull earned the win after pitching two innings. Wesolowski started and worked four scoreless innings before Potrykus and Calvin Scheurer each got three outs.

Pulaski 5**Manitowoc Lincoln 0**

Kyle Olson pitched a gem to lead Pulaski past Manitowoc Lincoln in FRCC action on May 5 in Pulaski.

Olson struck out nine batters over seven innings. He surrendered just five hits and one walk and needed just

87 pitches to get through the game.

Logan Hochevar drove in two runs on two hits to lead the Red Raiders at the plate. Caden Rybicki scored twice, while Lincoln Simons had two hits and a walk.

Shawano 20**Green Bay East/West 3 (5 inn.)**

Shawano routed Green Bay East/West in a Bay matchup May 5 in Shawano. The Hawks scored 12 runs in the third inning.

Andrew Popp drove in four runs on three hits for Shawano, while Ashton Henning had two hits, two RBIs and three runs scored. Zac Jurmu posted two hits and scored four times, while Carson Popp had two RBIs on two hits while scoring twice.

Brady Hannes and Braedyn Kowalkowski each were credited with two RBIs for Shawano. Deacon Carroll, Jacob Landon and Jacob Polzin all finished with two hits, while Landon, Polzin and Michael Metcalf-Grassman all scored twice. Joey Sperberg scored three runs.

Tom Keszo earned the win after allowing one run across three innings. Bryce Popp worked the first two innings.

SOFTBALL**Bonduel tops Amherst twice**

Bonduel continued its perfect season with 2-1 and 14-2 wins over Amherst in CWC-East play on May 5 in Bonduel.

In the 2-1 win, Claire Gehm was the winning pitcher after working all seven innings. She struck out four, and the run she allowed was unearned. Nakiyah Henning pitched a complete game in the 14-2 win, striking out one over five innings.

Abby Stoltenow and Tatum Sporisky each tallied two hits in the 2-1 win for Bonduel. Sporisky scored both runs, with Hailee Thompson

and Lila Pleshek driving her in.

Henning drove in three runs on two hits in the lopsided win, while Pleshek posted three hits. Audrey Weier and Abby Stoltenow each drove in three runs on two hits.

Tigerton 12**NL/WVL 2 (6 inn.)**

Tigerton cruised to a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division win over Northland Lutheran/Wisconsin Valley Lutheran on May 3 in Tigerton.

Abby Swartz plated three runs on four hits, scored three runs and stole two bases to lead Tigerton offensively. Bethany Jobe and Jess Burayi each drove in a pair on two hits.

Skyler Hauser scored three runs for Tigerton, which broke the game open with a six-run fourth. Burayi led the team with four steals, with Hauser and Angel Welch tallying two each.

GIRLS SOCCER**Shawano 13****Green Bay West 0**

Shawano rolled to a Bay Conference win over Green Bay West on May 5 in Shawano.

Caitlyn Moede scored two unassisted goals in the first eight minutes for Shawano. Trinity Popelka netted four goals in the contest, while Abigail Rabideau had two.

Faith Lammers, Anne Carrier, Rachael Cooper, Ellie Huebner and Ginger Eggert added a goal each for the Hawks. Kaylee Rindt, Kyla Dove, Moede and Cooper all were credited with an assist.

Goalie Brynlie Boyles made one save to post the shutout for Shawano.

TRACK AND FIELD**Lowney leads Hawks at invitational**

Shawano's Elliott Lowney won three events to lead the boys team

at the Freedom Irish Invitational on May 6 in Freedom.

Lowney won the 100-meter dash in 11.3 seconds and 200 dash in 23.24 seconds. He posted a leap of 19 feet, 1 inch to place first in the long jump.

Isabel Roloff had the girls team's only first-place finish, winning the 100 dash in 12.94 seconds.

The Shawano boys placed fourth as a team with 65 points, while the girls took fifth with 62 points. Full results can be found at www.athletic.net.

Robbins leads Tigers at meet

Elizabeth Robbins led a trio of Tigerton athletes during a meet May 2 in Plainfield.

Robbins took second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.09 seconds, third in the long jump with a leap of 13 feet, 7 inches and was fourth in the 200 in 29.61 seconds.

Mary Kreklow finished third in the 1,600 (6:52.15). Jade Selle's best finish was third in the triple jump (27-3).

BOYS TENNIS**Fox Valley Lutheran 5****Shawano 2**

Shawano dropped a Bay match to Fox Valley Lutheran on May 3 in Shawano.

Josh Bergmann picked up a win at No. 2 singles for Shawano. Tristan Tetting and Isaac Welander teamed up for a win at No. 1 doubles.

Singles: No. 1: Eli Stern F def. George Buerman, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 2:** Josh Bergmann S def. Joshua Van Rossum, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 10-8; **No. 3:** Levi Wolgramm F def. Tristan Sheldon, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 4:** Christian Monigal F def. Benjamin Langlois, 6-2, 6-0. **Doubles: No. 1:** Tristan Tetting-Isaac Welander S def. Jonah Uhlenbrauk-Aidan Mattek, 6-3, 2-6, 10-5; **No. 2:** Daniel Travato-Charlie Tian F def. Seth Williams-Andrew Vandenheuvel, 6-2, 3-6, 10-5; **No. 3:** Owen Olsen-Jack Breiland FVL def. Ryan Buerman-Elias Popp, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Oconto Falls girls win Peshtigo Invitational

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Oconto Falls High School girls track and field team placed first after scoring 109 points at the Peshtigo Invitational on May 5 in Peshtigo.

Marinette was a distant second with 82.5 points. Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy tied for fourth with 66 points, while Gillett was eighth with 59 points and Menominee Indian 10th with 24 points.

On the boys side, the Oconto Falls

boys team accumulated 92 points to take third behind Kewaunee's 167 points and Marinette's 99 points. Lena/STAA was fifth with 56 points, Gillett took seventh with 34 points and Menominee Indian claimed 12th with 13 points.

Oconto Falls' Hannah Ludemann, Brooke Hodkiewicz, Brynn Hodkiewicz and Maddy Przybylski teamed up for a first-place finish in the girls 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4 minutes, 31.82 seconds.

Evan Yuma, Devon Dorn, Noah

Hirst and Conner Wilquet formed the first-place finishing 4x100 relay team for the Oconto Falls boys. The quartet posted a time of 46.88 seconds.

Leading the Lena/STAA co-ops were Sam Marquardt, Sidney Sylvestor and Eva Brooks. Marquardt won the boys 200 dash in 23.99 seconds, while Sylvester had the top leap of 38 feet, 5½ inches in the triple jump. Brooks won the girls high jump after clearing 5 feet.

Gillett had four first-place finishes

on the night. On the girls side, Ryann Wagner won the 800 (2:41.81), while Angela Mosconi claimed first in the 1,600 (5:45.41). For the boys, Alex Peterson took first in the 1,600 (4:36.08), with Evan Peterson first in the 3,200 (10:22.4).

Menominee Indian's top individual finishes came from Emma Komanekin. She was second in the long jump (14-5) and 300 hurdles (52.03). Asenex Turney led the boys team with a fourth-place finish in the discus (113-4).



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ART IN THE WOODS

Lakewood artist takes sketches, paints them on wood

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Joan White is pictured in her Lakewood business, Nicolet Studio, where she has painted and sold her artwork for more than 30 years. Her pieces of art start out as sketches that get transformed to wood.

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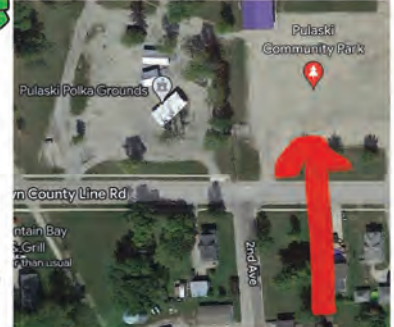
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Artist draws on wood, wildlife for inspiration

White brings nature of Oconto County alive from old Baptist church

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

A vivid imagination, an eye for detail and a love of wildlife have added up to a successful career for Lakewood's Joan White.

She has owned and operated Nicolet Studio out of a former church building in the northern Oconto County community for nearly 40 years.

"The idea was when I graduated from art school, I wanted to be an artist," White said on a recent Saturday afternoon in her studio.

"I guess I didn't realize how unusual that is, to make a living as an artist. When I moved up here, I needed a studio space, and this place was sitting vacant. It's an old Baptist church. I got it for a song, fixed it up and have been here ever since. That was 38 years ago."

White is no stranger to the Lakewood area.

"I'm from Appleton, but my folks had a cottage up here on the Oconto River," she said. "That's what started me coming up here as a kid. I just fell in love with the area. It's peaceful."

With a lot of help from her husband, Ken, a retired carpenter, White's speciality is paintings on carefully selected slices of wood.

"I'm drawn to the forest — always have been," she said. "I always liked wood. I started painting on a couple boards and realized I had a feel for it. Sometimes, I have an idea in my head of what I want to paint, and then I have to look for the right piece of wood. Normally, I stare at the wood, I see something and I go from there."

White's original plan was to come up with unique pieces of art.

"Initially, it was trying to sell something and put food on the table," she said. "I was doing landscapes, a whole smattering of things for the first few years. I started painting on boards and then my husband starting finding some more unusual wood."

"I wanted to paint something that no one else was doing or couldn't do. Instead of just putting a bird on a branch, I really studied the wood, tried to see what was in it and let it tell a story to me. The knots, the grain, the color, the shape, I took it all in. I sketch out what I see and paint from there."



Joan White paints in her art gallery in Lakewood. Most of White's paintings feature animals, but some include people.

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Ken cuts the wood, cures it for a year or more, kiln-dries the wood and planes and sands every piece until they are glassy smooth. The final painting is finished with several coats of wood sealer.

White prefers burl wood, but she also uses wood from birch, maple, cherry, black walnut, oak and ash trees.

She sells much of her work through a website — joanwhite.com — and the studio's Facebook page, facebook.com/JoanWhiteWoodPaintings.

"We traveled around the country and did log home shows," she said. "Usually, I was the only artist at the show because nobody had thought of it. I formed a relationship with collectors all over the country."

Many of White's pieces feature endangered or threatened animals.

"Probably 80% are bears and deer, the usual thing, but then I have to break away from that," she said. "We travel a lot, so I have a lot of subject photos from different places that I can use."

White said she has painted thousands of pieces over the years and usually works on one at a time.

Most of her work are reproductions.

"Mostly everything in here are reproductions of wood pieces," she said. "They look like wood, but they're a print. My printer laminates a lithograph to a composite and then cuts it out so they look like wood. They've really been selling well. People like them for their cabins, and they're a fraction of what an original costs."

"I have a really good printer in Green Bay," she said. "She's a photographer. I take her the original piece, she does a really high-res photo of it and she has a really fancy printer and makes the prints. I sign and number them on the back so they're a limited edition."

Customers who wander into Nicolet Studio, located at 15346 Gage St., a block off of state Highway 32, usually purchase the reproductions.

"The online sales are more the original pieces because those are true collectors that are looking for my original work," White said. "Once people started liking my work and word got around, I formed close relationships with my collectors. When I would paint a piece and think, 'Oh, Karen would like this piece,' I'd contact her."

Some of those collectors have dozens of White's original pieces.

"One time, Ken and I did a show in Chicago and one of our collectors invited us over for dinner," she said. "It was up and down the halls and everywhere. He and I hadn't seen some of these pieces in quite awhile, so it was fun to revisit them."

White has kept only one piece for herself.

"The one thing I took away from going to art school is I remember one instructor said, 'If you're going to make a living at it, you can't get attached to your own work,'" she said. "I've kept one piece for myself out of all of them. It was after a trip to Africa. When I got back, I did a collage of the trip and it was meaningful, so I kept it."

White knows the day she stops painting will eventually come, but that won't be anytime soon.

"I get days where I'm not feeling creative, but it doesn't happen very often," she said. "I just go sit in the woods or go trout fishing and it re-inspires me. I am working a little less now because I feel like I've earned it. I used to work every single day in the summer. I try to be here from 10 to 4:30, but if we want to take off and go camping, we do. I probably worked too hard, but that's how you get good at it."



Mary Jo Albrecht does a twirl as she shows off what she's wearing during the Shawano Woman's Club fashion show May 6 at The Gathering.

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Jean Darling, left, and Janet Brusky look over some of the items being auctioned and raffled off during the Shawano Woman's Club fashion show May 6 at The Gathering. More than \$16,000 in baskets and other items were donated for the event.

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Rose Salzmann, shown in her 1920s-style hat holding a replica of a ladies' cigarette holder, was one of more than 250 attendees enjoying the Shawano Woman's Club fashion show on May 6 at The Gathering.

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Fashion show provides more than dapper attire

Event helps Shawano Woman's Club provide things for the community

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The fashion was in the 1920s, but the atmosphere was in the 1920s as the Shawano Woman's Club held its first fashion show since the coronavirus pandemic ground everything to a halt two years ago.

Even though the event, which started 16 years ago, gave female volunteers a chance to show off modern fashions from local retailers May 5 at The Gathering, the main purpose for the show was to raise money for the club to help nonprofit organizations and provide scholarships for secondary education.

"We do this for our philanthropy," said Cindy Holewinski, the chairwoman for the fashion show. "This is to benefit our community."

The 1920s were known as the Roaring Twenties and, with COVID-19 sidelining the woman's club's main fundraiser, Holewinski said it made sense to commemorate such a liberating time for women.

"We had the suffrage (movement)," Holewinski said. "It was so fitting to

use the 'Women Roaring Back' theme, because it meant we were back generating the money for our philanthropy. The second reason we chose to do this type of event is to bring women together. They become partners and sisters in our mission."

Many in attendance decided to don 1920s attire, wearing sequin fringe dresses and other items that looked like they came out of "The Great Gatsby."

More than \$16,000 in items were donated by local businesses and organizations for raffles and auctions, and over 250 people packed the dining hall to check out the goodies and watch their fellow women strut the runway. The showcased fashion items are for sale at Body Essentials, Dreier's Pharmacy, Tumbleweed, Thornberry Cottage Baby and Gifts and B&H.

"This event celebrates the woman, the power of the woman," Holewinski said. "This looks at our heritage and the organization of this club."

The club is one of Shawano's oldest, with roots dating back to the 1800s, and Holewinski said it was important to continue its mission of goodwill by holding events like the fashion show.

"Their mission was to support the staples of the community — the library, Heritage Park and the cemetery," Holewinski said. "We are following what they started."



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'Feather Chronicles' continues to soar at CMN

"We are what we imagine," Kiowa author N. Scott Momaday wrote. "Our very existence consists in our imagination of ourselves. Our best destiny is to imagine, at least, completely, who and what, and that we are. The greatest tragedy that can befall us is to go unimagined."

While Momaday's message affirms the views of optimists who see



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life's proverbial glass half-full, as well as those dreaming lofty dreams for themselves and their loved ones, I've found it resonates loudest in the output of artists. The asser-

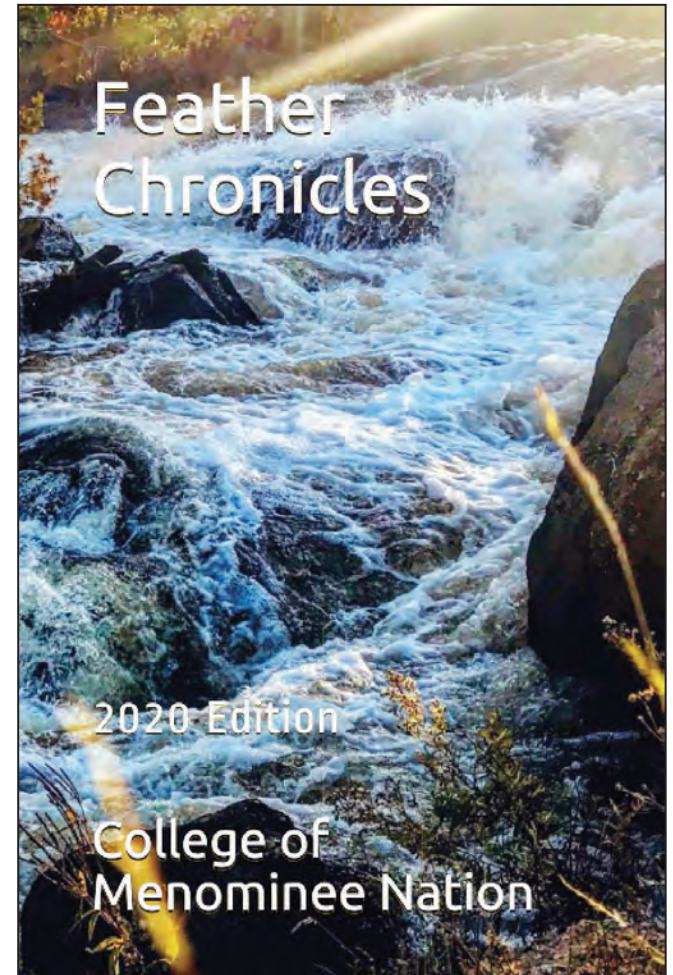
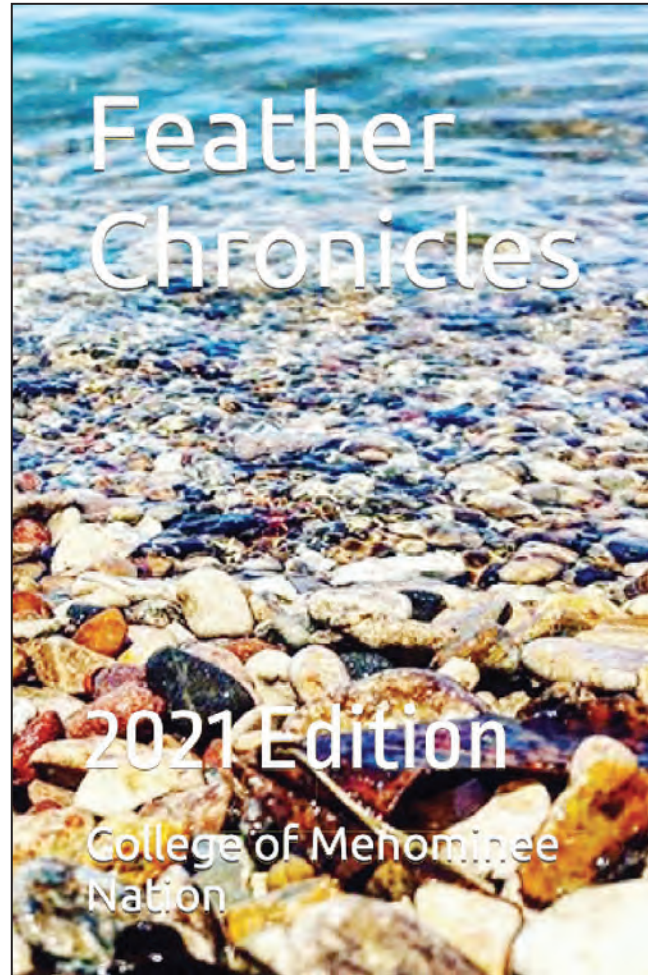
tion is perhaps most apparent in the works of emerging talent.

Since 2008, College of Menominee Nation has produced an annual journal dedicated to showcasing the art of the college community titled, "Feather Chronicles." Spearheaded by faculty emeritus Dr. Dennis Vickers, the text features the work of people affiliated with CMN.

"It began as a writing campus club where students workshopped their stories," Vickers said. The periodical evolved out of those gatherings, as "the principal objective for the journal was to provide a place for students to publish their work." With Vickers' editorial guidance it became more — a creative hub where art could be both shared and enjoyed.

Available in both print and electronic versions, the issues circulate widely and are often offered as gifts to visitors at either the college's Keshena or Green Bay campus. Yet, Vickers noted what pleased him was contributors' desire to "share the journal with their family and list the accomplishment on their resumes." The success of the publication was evident from the get-go, and soon CMN employees and community artists were adding their voices to the fold.

Flipping through the pages, one finds lines examining the natural world, humanity and personal identity. There are verses on both love and loss and all of the cathartic emotions that accompany them, as



The covers of the CMN periodical showcase beautiful imagery every year, but once someone turns the page, the words can evoke images of their own.

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well as some celebrating humor, friendship and wonder about what has been and what will come next.

The presentation is noteworthy in its own right, as the images on the covers as well as those shuffled within the pages showcase contributors' photographic eye for moments worth savoring. Upon reviewing an issue for yourself, it's easy to recognize why the announcement of each new entry is eagerly anticipated.

In 2012, CMN's founding president, Dr. Verna Fowler, wrote the introduction to that year's issue which spoke to a sentiment that faithful readers share: "In many ways each year, our students, faculty and staff, and friends of the College generously express their thoughts and insights on American Indian and other cultures. Their work in the visual and theatre arts, and through music, poetry and prose, makes our College a more lively, spiritual and satisfying place for all.

'Feather Chronicles' is one of our most enduring channels for sharing the creative writing and art of the College."

This spring's production of the 2021 issue marks a turning point in the journal, as Vickers is handing over the editor's keyboard. Although he has only been officially retired from teaching since the fall, a cancer diagnosis and its subsequent care has sidelined Vickers' vigor the past few years. Still, he continued to serve CMN and its students with strength and determination. Joining our department meeting last week, Vickers stated that ensuring the continuation of "Feather Chronicles" was "the last thing on my to-do list."

Having begun my own teaching at CMN the same day as Vickers in the fall of 2005, I can attest that his engagement with our students has been extraordinary to witness. Vickers' kindness, humility and tact has

amazed me time and time again, and that includes hearing him share the ins-and-outs of the campus publication that will forever be a part of his legacy.

Using the disarming humor that endears him to so many, Vickers explained the truth about inclusive, affirming publications: "It doesn't have to turn into 'The New Yorker' to be successful. It is successful as it is."

"Art is affirmation," is another line that Momaday wrote, but it's the showcasing of that art that allows it to reverberate. "Feather Chronicles" reverberates.

Maec waewaenen, Dr. Vickers, for creating a space that allows so many students, staff, and community members to share the works they imagine.

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"The principal objective for the journal was to provide a place for students to publish their work."

DR. DENNIS VICKERS, College of Menominee Nation faculty emeritus and founder of "Feather Chronicles"

Saving today's youth from Nature-Deficit Disorder

I once took a birding class when I was an English major at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. On the first day, my jaw sank when the professor explained that this class would not be a field course as I had hoped. Instead, we would study the skins of dead birds for a semester.

You'll never see a Cassin's auklet



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or an Antarctic petrel in Shawano County, but I held their preserved skins in my hand. I needed a certain number of science credits and it served a purpose, but it was probably one of

the dumber classes I ever took.

We were given a 10-bird quiz on the first day to test our knowledge. I think I got them all right. At the end, we were given the same quiz.

One girl from Chicago (Carbondale attracts many Chicago-area students because of its natural beauty and a direct train line there) confided on our last day of class: "I still can't identify birds that are flying around."

Such is the nature of our young people today. Their faces are buried in \$1,200 iPhones, watching 10-second videos on TikTok of girls preening in front of a mirror, kittens climbing screen doors and camels spitting out their tongues. The days of kids going outside to play tag, sandlot baseball or anything else seem as unlikely as them asking for seconds on broccoli. A walk through the woods to look for animal tracks, shed antlers or birds seems even more remote.

Author Richard Louv has even come up with a term for those kids and adults who don't get outdoors much or experience the wonders of nature: He calls it "Nature-Deficit Disorder." His book, "Last Child in the Woods" is a great read. The cure is as simple as an occasional hike or hunt.

Introducing kids to nature seems natural for those of us who appreciate the natural world around us. At the same time, introducing youngsters to hunting is the next step. It's no secret that hunter numbers have been dwindling for the past few decades.

In 1980, there were about 17 million hunting licenses sold nation-



Andy Beals, 17, of rural New London, helps pull decoys April 24 during his first turkey hunt near his home. Although he was just an observer, he did enjoy seeing two hen turkeys, some sandhill cranes and a raccoon during the morning hunt.

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wide, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. By 2016, that number had fallen to 11.5 million. An aging population, more single-parent families (many who have not been exposed to hunting), more private lands being closed to hunting for a variety of reasons, and the dozens of electronic and indoor distractions competing for our children's diminished attention span are just a few reasons that fewer people are hunting.

Did I mention the lack of hunter recruitment? Many of us hunters tend to be loners, or at least we enjoy alone time in a tree stand or ground blind.

My opportunity to recruit a new hunter came last fall, when a neighbor boy stopped by our rural New London home to see if he could rake leaves for us.

I've learned that raking leaves on a 2-acre parcel surrounded by trees is an exercise in futility and only serves to encourage the grass to grow faster, which requires more mowing. Few ever see our yard anyway, but I admired his willingness to work, so I said sure. Soon Andy Beals was busily raking leaves and loading them into the dump bed of my 6x6 Polaris Sportsman, then driving them the 100 feet to a pile in another section of the yard. He

smiled broadly when I offered the ATV for him to use. That's when he explained all the mishaps he had with ATVs, dirt bikes, knives and even a roll of Saran Wrap.

The stocky lad seems content with the world, always smiling and speaking in a slow, deliberate fashion as he offers his views on any topic.

Beals, 17, loves firearms and plans to one day enter the military. Our discussions on firearms led toward hunting, and soon I was inviting him on a deer hunt. This spring, the topic turned to turkeys and he was happy to share a blind with me, just to observe and learn more about the sport.

I loaned him a camouflage jacket, cap and mask, but since we were in a large permanent ground blind built of scrap wood, he didn't need camo pants. After putting out three decoys, we settled in. I sent out a few notes with my trusty box call, but as I had experienced on several days earlier, not a single tom answered.

Two hens appeared, briefly walked past our decoys and then moved off to a nearby cornfield to look for breakfast.

"I see one. There's a turkey," Beals whispered, pointing toward a nearby woods. It was still a bit dark, but I could clearly see the butt-up walk of a small raccoon.

"That's a 'coon," I said.

"I'm not very good at this," he answered.

We watched sandhill cranes picking around in the same cornfield. Ducks and geese were plentiful in the marsh area, with the whistle of wood ducks overhead a couple times.

Later, a coyote started to come to my calls, but the wind gave us away and he trotted off, never coming in range of my 12-gauge Remington 870 Super Magnum, loaded with 3-1/2-inch No. 5 shot.

Then it was time for breakfast at a nearby café.

Sharing our knowledge of and love for the outdoors seems both simple and profound. Reaching out to a neighbor kid is easy to do, but easier not to do. Take the time to reach out and save a generation from Nature-Deficit Disorder. You'll benefit as much as they will.

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Gillett FFA's state milk quality and processing team includes, from left, Brody Kohls, Zander Davis, Tani Lucht and Scott Heroux.

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Gillett FFA places 3rd at state milk event

The Gillett FFA Chapter placed third in milk quality career development during the Wisconsin FFA career development event on April 29 in Madison.

Team members Zander Davis, Scott Heroux, Brody Kohls and Tani Lucht brought home the honor. Kohls placed 10th overall individually and was the high member on the team.

The event included 35 teams and 137 contestants. Members scored milk, sampled cheese, identified natural versus artificial product, and scored sediment disc after completing a general dairy product knowledge exam.

Gillett FFA had two additional teams qualify for state events in Madison.

The dairy cattle evaluation team, which included Bradin Bjelland, Thayne Bjelland, Laney DeBauch and Taylor Schuster, placed 16th. Members completed a written exam, evaluated

pedigrees and live animals, and prepared oral reasons and delivered them to the judges.

The meats evaluation and technology team, which included Kierstin Genz, Cheyenne Krueger, Cole Schaal and Ryann Wagner, placed 18th. Members evaluated beef, swine and sheep carcasses, identified cuts of meat, and graded the carcasses for quality.

During career development event competitions, FFA members in grades 7 to 12 are challenged to develop critical thinking skills and effective decision-making skills, foster teamwork and promote communication while recognizing the value of ethical competition and individual achievement. Most career development event teams consisted of four members who advanced through regional live and virtual competitions to be able to represent their FFA chapter at the state level.

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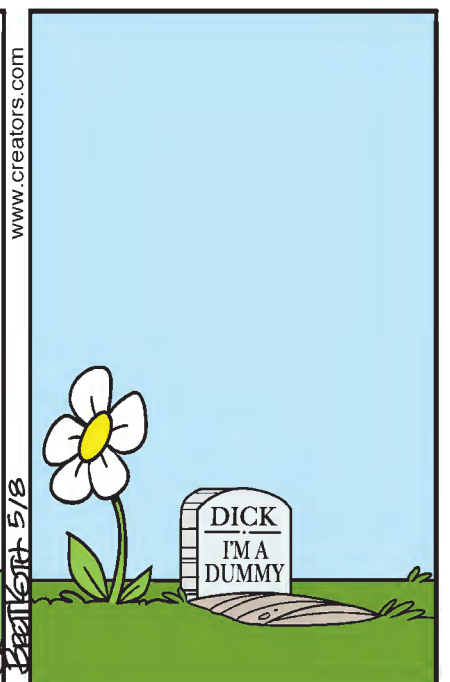
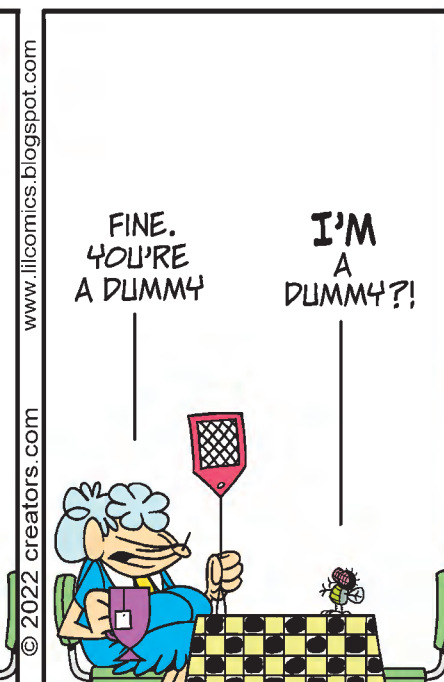
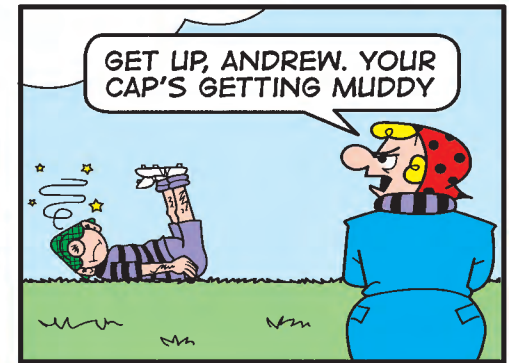
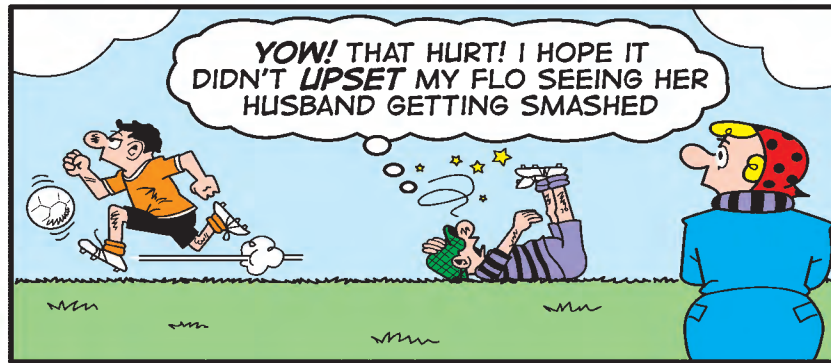
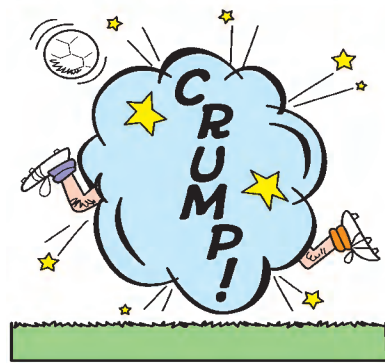
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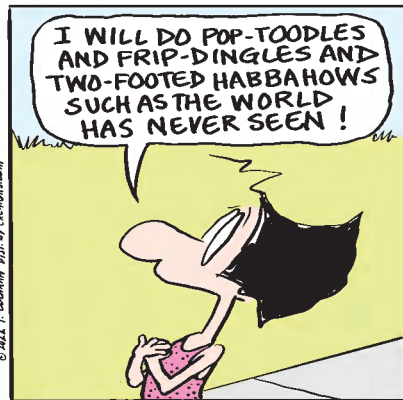
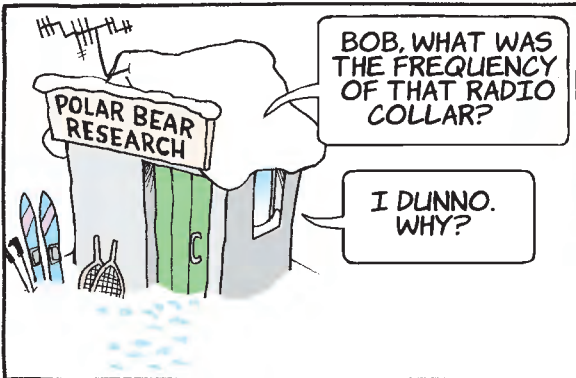
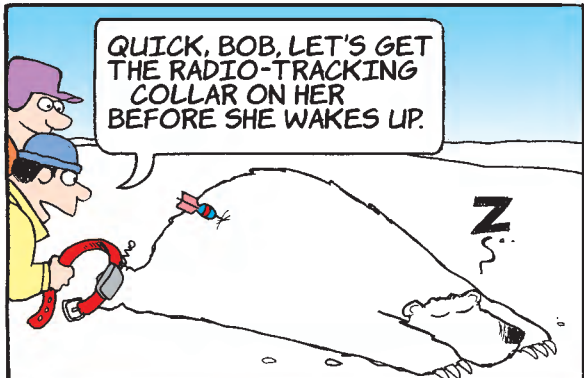
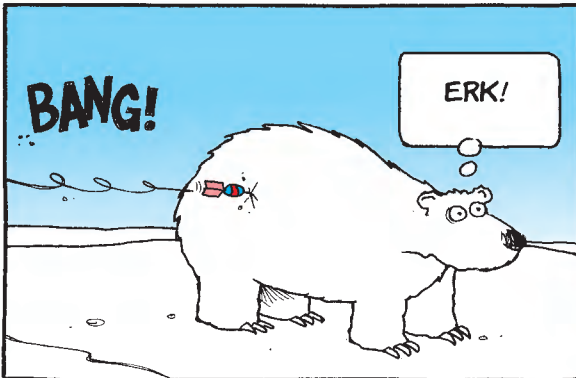
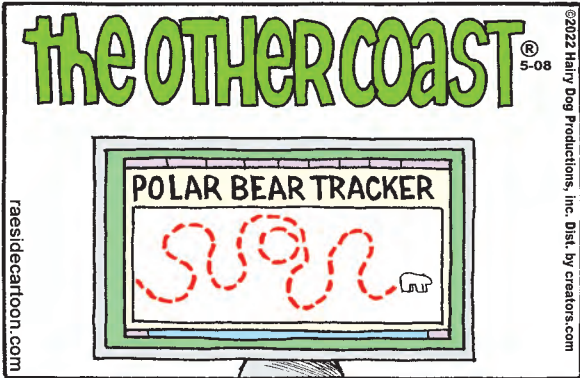
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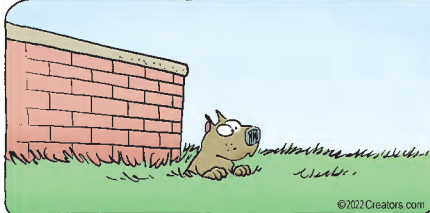
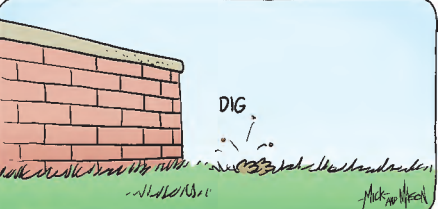
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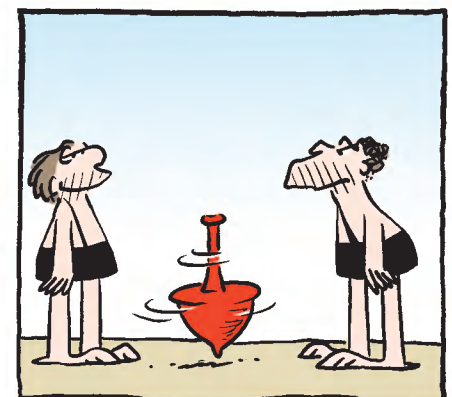
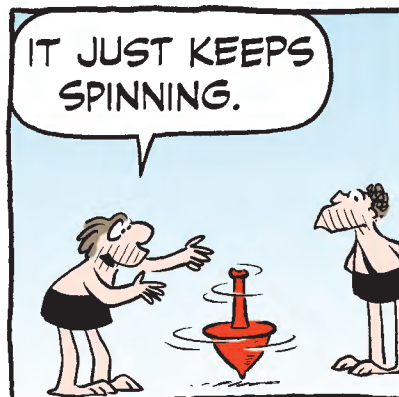
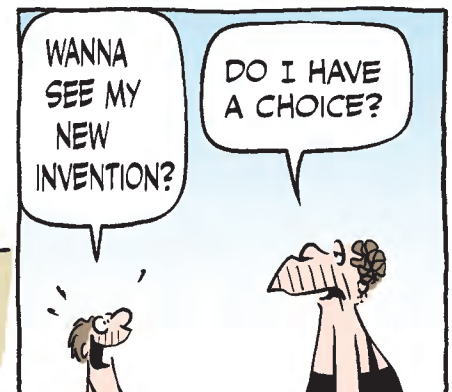
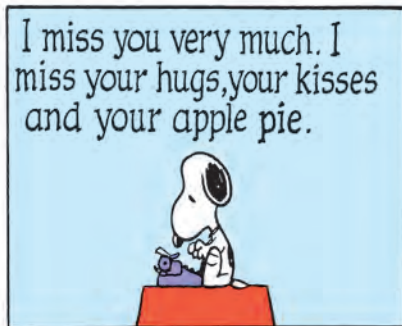
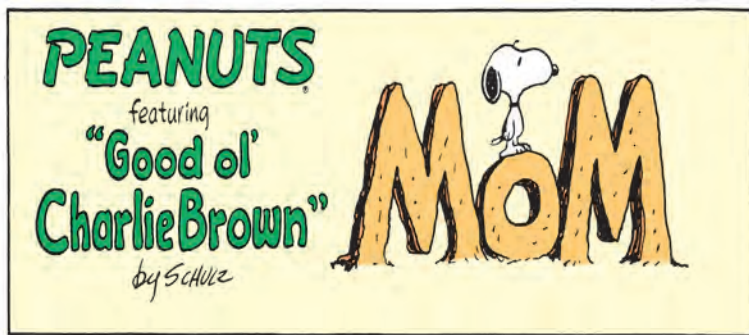


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Chronic lower back pain can be conquered

If you are like most people, you will have at least one episode of low back pain in your life. In fact, low back pain is the No. 2 reason that Americans see their doctor — second only to colds and flus. Low back pain is most commonly associated with heavy physical work, lifting or forceful movement, bending or twisting, awkward positions or standing in one position too long. Even minor events may contribute to an episode. Typically, the pain varies from severe and long-term to mild and short-lived.

Although low back pain has been considered self-limiting, recent research suggests that it is not. The results of several studies show that short-term symptoms do not always



BRIAN GRIEVES

There are many treatment strategies for chronic low back pain. All of these approaches have one thing in common — they are accompanied by a recommendation for exercise. Research has concluded that exercise is beneficial for people with chronic low back pain. However,

resolve in one to two months. Instead, they tend to recur intermittently in most patients. Once chronic, the condition is associated with long-term disability and work absence.

until recently, health care providers were not able to advise their patients about the probability of success under specific exercise programs.

A scientific review sought to determine which exercise program was the most effective for people with chronic low back pain. The review found that back strengthening and stabilization exercises are more effective than aerobics for reducing pain and improving function. Still, aerobic exercise is important for heart health and should not be abandoned.

What does this mean to someone with low back pain or someone wanting to reduce the chance of a low back pain attack? You should focus

upon strengthening and stabilization exercises and do them on a consistent basis. Exercise is important to your overall health, and it will increase your spine's ability to help you do the things you want and need to do. It is important to start any exercise program slowly and to gradually build up your speed and the length of exercise sessions.

Please note that before starting any exercise program, you should consult with your health care professional.

Dr. Brian Grieves is a Doctor of Chiropractic with a master's in public health and a member of the Shawano Community Health Action Team. Call 715-524-8722 for more information.

Sader Speedway sends kindergarten off to the races

The close proximity of St. James Lutheran School to the Shawano Speedway has turned the kindergarten students into race car drivers of their own.

St. James recently held its inaugural Sader Speedway. Summer Wisnfske was the champion once the dust settled and received a trophy for her efforts. Taking second place was Landon Stuebs, followed by Keaton Kropp in third and Livia Buckett in fourth.

"I love to find ways for my students to learn at home as well as here at St. James," said kindergarten teacher Erika Kaiser. "This project allows the student's entire family to be part of a special event."

Sader Speedway spans across the curriculum from art to physical education, according to Kaiser, with students who love their artistic talents to put them on full display. All the race cars were built from scratch by kindergarten families for their children to drive around our racetrack. Each car had to be made from a cardboard box and measure no more than 2 feet by 3 feet. Kindergartners were also tasked with finding sponsors for their cars. Racers competed in four heats to determine who would make it to the final feature.

"Since the Shawano Speedway is such a big part of our community and an event that is a highlight to many of my students' lives, I felt this was a great way for them to work with their families to build a car and to imagine what it feels like to be a real



Some of the participants in the Sader Speedway outside St. James Lutheran school are, front row, from left, Josiah Vigue, Summer Wisnfske, Landon Stuebs, Natalie Sperberg, Atticus VanEnkenVoort, Jessa Herm, Annaraya Bleck, Laila Steffens, Brooklyn Sumnicht, Hattie Dillenburg and Chloe Zueske; back row, Wyatt Marohl, Hudson VanErt, Autumn Wisnfske, Livia Buckett, Gabriel Martin, Trenton Cannon, Keaton Kropp, Kastle Zook, Kya Corn, Vivian DuQuaine and Grace Torry.

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race car driver," Kaiser said.

The kindergarten class provided a program of the 23 racers who would be taking part in the race activities. The program included a picture of each racer, birthday, car number (from 1 to 1,000) and, finally, a fun fact about each driver. These facts included favorite colors, favorite animal and hobbies.

During each heat, all drivers were required to make two fuel stops and one pit stop. A fuel stop consisted of drivers drinking glasses of water and throwing away their cups. The pit stop was drivers working with their pit crews — eighth grade students — changing their shoes and continuing the race to the finish line.

"These little students were given

support and shown Christian love by all the students as they raced around the track, sometimes not in first place," Kaiser said. "Each student was encouraged to finish the race, whether they were in last place or first place. The crowd wanted them to do their best. Our students and their families will have a memory that will last a lifetime."

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

'Cloak and Dagger' to be performed in Oconto

The Machickanee Players have rounded up the usual suspects in their latest production: "Cloak and Dagger."

Audiences will have the chance to figure out who the spy is May 13-15 and May 20-22. This spoof of "Casablanca" is written by Craig Sodaro. Nick, the café owner, hears from a fortune teller that the spy will appear wearing a cloak and carrying a dagger. Unfortunately, five lovely ladies all appear with cloaks and daggers. As Nick questions all the usual suspects, the plot thickens.

Non-meal shows will be May 13 and May 20, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. No reservations are needed for these shows, and walk-ins are welcome.

Dinner shows will be May 14 and May 21, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Dessert shows will be May 15 and May 22, with the doors opening at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required for these shows and will close 72 hours before the show dates.

Reservations can be made by calling 920-934-4353 or going online to themachickaneeplayers.org.

Reuss, Schmidt named UW regional educators

The University of Wisconsin-Division of Extension Agriculture Institute is moving to a structure of having regional educators across the state.

Scott Reuss will serve as a regional crops educator for Shawano and Oconto counties. Reuss has been serving in Extension since 1997 in Marinette County. His current focus in programming is in nutrient management with additional programming in farm management and pest management. To contact Reuss, email scott.reuss@wisc.edu or call 715-701-0966.

Kimberly Schmidt will be a regional dairy educator. Schmidt joined Extension in 2018. She earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from UW-Madison and a master's degree in animal science from University of Tennessee-Knoxville, where her research focused on the heat stress and protein metabolism in lactating



Shown is the cast of usual suspects for the Machickanee Players' "Cloak and Dagger," which includes, from left, Patrick Mines, Greg Hollis, Myrna Peril, Hayley Nerat, Andrea Maxwell, Lynn Hollander, Leigh Moore and Jenny Warpehoski-Fulcher.

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cattle. Before joining Extension, Schmidt was a dairy nutritionist. In her current role, she develops agriculture programming focusing on alternative and traditional forage

management. To contact Schmidt, email kimberly.schmidt@wisc.edu or call 715-526-6136.

Regional educators will provide research-based education to dairy and crop producers by assessing the needs of farmers across their region and designing and delivering educational programming and services to meet these needs. Dairy and crop production are the largest agricultural industries in the state, and regional educators will offer specific expertise that can serve those industries across several counties.

Library, museum get Riverview grants

Two Lakewood nonprofits, the Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum and Lakes Country Public Library, have announced grants from the Town of Riverview.

A \$500 grant was made to Lakes Country Public Library in support of its fundraising dinner May 14 at McCauslin Country Club in Lakewood.

As one of the four towns that jointly owns and operates the library with Doty, Lakewood and Townsend, Riverview gave the award in support of a capital campaign currently underway to raise money to renovate and expand Lakewood Library.

The Logging Camp Museum donation of \$200 is the second one awarded to Holt and Balcom. As in 2021, the grant was one of several made from short-term rental room tax proceeds earmarked to assist local tourist attractions.

Sanapaw CAO post becomes permanent

Geraldine Sanapaw has been named chief academic officer of the College of Menominee Nation.

The CAO is responsible for educational policy and academic programs. Sanapaw's transition into permanency in the CAO capacity was confirmed by the CMN Board of Directors on April 25. Sanapaw has been serving as interim CAO



GERALDINE SANAPAW

since May 2020.

An alumna, Sanapaw began her academic career at CMN, receiving her associate degree in business. She received her bachelor's degree in

business from Silver Lake College and a master's in business administration from Lakeland College. She is currently pursuing an educational doctorate at Concordia University in Leadership Innovation and Continuous Quality Improvement.

"I am looking forward to continuing working with our staff and faculty to support and find new opportunities for our students and the community," Sanapaw said.

She started at CMN as the associate administrator in academic affairs in 2005, but she has also worked in the departments of institutional research and the registrar. Sanapaw has also served on various committees such as finance and planning, endowment and committee on academics.

Final gunless poultry shoot in Lakewood

American Legion Sylvan Post 44 is holding its last gunless poultry shoot on May 14 at 1 p.m. at Bailey's Pour Haus, 15297 State Highway 32, Lakewood.

The post will be raffling off packages of meat, poultry, sausages, bacon, beverages and items donated by local businesses. There will also be 50/50 raffles.

Post 44 of Wabeno is composed of veterans who are committed to helping veterans, their families and the community.

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