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New leaders to take over at town meetings

Annual meeting is generally the third Tuesday in April

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Several Oconto County towns will be under new leadership when their annual town meetings are held April 18.

The town chairs and boards elected April 4 officially assume their offices at the town meeting, which is generally held on the third Tuesday in April, when electors of the town may approve a tax levy, set compensation for town officers, and conduct other business specified by state law.

It will be the first meeting for newly elected Little Suamico Town Chairperson Dale Mohr, who was elected after longtime chair Elmer Ragen chose not to run for another term in office. Voters replaced the entire town board, as Liz Paape and

Tracey Krumrei defeated incumbent supervisors David Pribyl and Douglas Allen.

In Riverview, Supervisor Jim Zittlow takes over as chairperson from Ann Hogan, who served in that role for many years and also chose not to seek re-election. Zittlow had no opposition for the post.

Philip Christensen is the new chairperson in the Town of Breed, having defeated Supervisor Deven Babickey in the race to succeed Richard VandeWettering.

Two incumbent chairs were defeated in northern Oconto County. Monica M. Zeller outpolled incumbent Townsend Town Chairperson Carla Rae VanCamp, and Supervisor Richard Edison was elected Lakewood town chair over incumbent Joanne Roy, who was

not on the ballot but registered as a write-in.

A pair of other new town chairpersons were elected unopposed — Thomas Big T. Portier in the Town of Little River, succeeding Michael Shew, and Dan Bergh in the Town of Pensaukee, succeeding Mike Skaggs.

Oconto County's results in the one statewide race were the opposite of the overall numbers. Milwaukee County Judge Janet Protasiewicz was elected to a 10-year term on the state Supreme Court, but former Justice Daniel Kelly carried Oconto County by a margin of 7,996 to 4,424.

Incumbent Oconto County Judge Michael T. Judge was elected without opposition to a fourth six-year term on the bench.

Oconto County spring election results

Results of contested local races in the April 4 spring election.

ABRAMS TOWN BOARD

✓ Debbie Annie Winans 294

Bonnie Hearley 145

✓ Dennis R. Ferdon (inc.) 362

Ben Huempfer 223

BAGLEY TOWN BOARD

✓ David Leisner 65

✓ Mike Fischer 58

Darryl Houska (inc.) 45

Tom Bauer 36

BREED TOWN CHAIR

Deven Babicky 139

✓ Phillip Christenson 174

BREED TOWN TREASURER

✓ Ethel Firgens (inc.) 226

Mary Beth Ascher 82

LAKEWOOD TOWN CHAIR

✓ Richard Edison 238

Joanne Roy (inc.)(write-in) 81

LAKEWOOD TOWN BOARD

✓ G. Scott VanLaanen (inc.) 300

✓ Daniel Alan Urfer (write-in) 39

Timothy Warner (write-in) 32

LITTLE RIVER TOWN SUPERVISOR 2

Timothy A. Goldschmidt 122

✓ Darlene Bourassa 187

LITTLE SUAMICO TOWN CHAIR

David E. Pribyl 725

✓ Dale Mohr 905

LITTLE SUAMICO TOWN BOARD

David E. Pribyl (inc.) 616

✓ Tracey Krumrei 690

Douglas L. Allen (inc.) 501

✓ Liz Paape 805

MORGAN TOWN BOARD

✓ Jeff Folts (inc.) 242

John Kolkowski 193

✓ Ron Korzeniewski (inc.) 248

OCONTO CITY COUNCIL

Garret Sowle 360

✓ Bob J. LeBreck (inc.) 525

✓ Riley Sowle 478

Rachel L. Demerath 467

OCONTO MUNICIPAL JUDGE

✓ Cheryl A. Young 587

Steve Brazeau 431

OCONTO FALLS SCHOOL BOARD

✓ Emilie Trudell 1,803

Ginny O'Harrow 1,160

✓ Carrie Hill 1,785

RIVERVIEW TOWN BOARD

Tawny Booth 96

Michael Rzepka 111

✓ David R. Szepanski 127

✓ Dave Van Zeeland 212

SURING VILLAGE BOARD

✓ Terry Bengston (inc.) 82

✓ James F. Kohlwey (inc.) 64

Amber Wozniak (inc.) 47

Mark Dudenhoeffer 28

✓ Tina Nieling 85

MORGAN REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

1. Do you support industrial solar in the Town of Morgan?

Yes 141

✓ No 285

2. Should the Town of Morgan Board of Supervisors continue to support health, safety and environmental conditions and requirements pertaining to industrial solar in the Town of Morgan?

✓ Yes 312

No 107

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.

Moon brightens up night sky



The moon lights up the village of Pulaski during the late night hours of April 5. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, The April moon is known as a pink moon, due to the bloom of the ground plant, ground phlox. The moon should appear full to the naked eye for up to three days after its peak on April 6.

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An April pink moon lights up the night sky over state Highway 32 in Pulaski. The moon reached its peak during the early morning hours of April 6.

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Happy 99th Birthday Caroline Benak



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Oconto
Oconto County Sheriff's Department
220 Arbutus Avenue, Oconto

Oconto Falls
Oconto Falls Police Department
500 N. Chestnut Ave., Oconto Falls

Suring
Suring Police Department
604 E. Main Street, Suring



Gillett seeks federal funds for street rebuild

Robin Hood Lane work scheduled in 2024

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The city of Gillett hopes to obtain a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to pay for reconstruction of Robin Hood Lane next year.

The city council approved a resolution authorizing \$582,140 in

matching funds for the project, one of several requirements to qualify for the federal funds.

Also approved were a Fair Housing Ordinance prohibiting housing discrimination in the city, an anti-displacement and relocation assistance program, a policy prohibiting police from using excessive force, and a plan for citizen participation that encourages people — especially low- to moderate-income families — to take part in the process, including

“reasonable and timely access to local meetings and information.”

The various resolutions were approved at the council’s regular monthly meeting, which followed a public hearing on the project, which is scheduled for 2024.

All of those are requirements to qualify for grants through the CDBG program, which “provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing

decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons,” according to the website of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which oversees the funding.

On the state level, the Wisconsin Department of Administration distributes CDBG funds to municipalities that do not receive an annual allocation directly from HUD.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of April 6

• A June 13-14 jury trial was scheduled for Mark D. Halverson, 39, Mountain, who is charged with fleeing an officer in a vehicle, first-degree reckless endangerment, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 22, 2022. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for May 24.

Proceedings of April 5

• Kennedy M. Nagel, 27, Abrams, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property, resisting or obstructing an officer, and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 6. A felony charge of fleeing an officer in a vehicle was dismissed but read into the record. Judge Michael T. Judge imposed two years of probation beginning with 30 days in the county jail;

she was given credit for two days already served.

• A May 2-4 jury trial was postponed for Leonardo Juarez, 53, an inmate of Green Bay Correctional Institution, on charges of second-degree sexual assault, child enticement for sexual purposes, false imprisonment, and exposing himself to a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 31, 2018. The defense asked for more time to complete testing. A status conference was scheduled

for June 28.

• Presley Keith Moore, 37, Oneida, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and misdemeanor charges of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, failure to install an ignition interlock device, and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 10. A plea hearing was scheduled for June 27.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

April 9

Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including suspicious activity on Sunshine Road in the Town of Lena, an unwanted party on South White Potato Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, an unwanted party on Tracey Lane in the Town of Riverview, a disturbance on South Oakland Avenue in Oconto Falls, criminal damage on Delcore Road in the Town of Oconto, harassment on Muehl Drive in Suring, an animal bite on Konitzer Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, a drug investigation in the Town of Stiles, six traffic stops, four traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; four 911 hangups and six open lines; two crashes, one involving deer.

April 8

Deputies responded to 59 incidents, including fraud on County Road EE in the Town of Abrams, an animal bite on North Flat Rock Lane in the Town of Gillett, harassment on state Highway 32 in the Town of Gillett, a disturbance on Menominee Line Road in the Town of Underhill, suspicious activity on Wiedenheft Lane in the Town of Abrams, six traffic stops, seven traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; seven 911 hangups and eight open lines; eight crashes, two involving deer.

April 7

Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including theft on East Main Street in Lena, suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, a disturbance

on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, a structure fire on Molitor Road in the Town of Oconto, an animal bite on Morgan Marsh Road in the Town of Morgan, a disturbance on West Crooked Lake Lane in the Town of Riverview, an animal bite on Maplewood Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, a weapon offense near Sandalwood Road and Main Street in the Town of Abrams, drugs in Oconto, threatening on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a structure fire on County Road G in the Town of Maple Valley, five traffic stops, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; one open-line 911 call; two ambulance calls; six crashes, one involving a turkey, one involving deer.

April 6

Deputies responded to 69 incidents, including property damage on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Snyder Lane in the Town of Pensaukee, a disturbance on state Highway 32 in the Town of Gillett, 20 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three welfare checks; two 911 hangups and two open lines; two crashes, both involving deer.

April 5

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including a disturbance on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico, an animal bite on Vandermeulen Lane in the Town of Morgan, fraud on County Road F in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, four traffic stops,

three traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, three citizen assists, one welfare check; four 911 hangups and one open line; one crash, involving a turkey.

April 4

Deputies responded to 52 incidents, including suspicious activity on Hunts Lane in the Town of Gillett, threatening on Business 41 in the Town of Oconto, a disturbance on Superior Avenue in Oconto, suspicious activity on Bear Lane in the Town of Doty, theft on Deering Road in the Town of Underhill, six traffic stops, three citizen assists, one welfare check; four 911 hangups and four open lines; two ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

April 3

Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including suspicious activity on County Road C in the Town of Chase, burglary on state Highway 32 in the Town of Gillett, sexual assault in Oconto, drugs in the Town of Pensaukee, harassment on North Creek Lane in the Town of Little River, drugs in the Town of Maple Valley, a disturbance on Duane Road in the Town of Stiles, four traffic stops, two traffic hazards, three citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident; one 911 hangup and three open lines; two crashes, both involving deer.

April 2

Deputies responded to 48 incidents, including suspicious activity on Airport Road in the Town of Oconto, suspicious activity near County Roads K and CC in the Town of Oconto Falls, a drug investigation in the Town of Lena, suspicious activity

on Landing Lane in the Town of Stiles, 11 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and three open lines; one ambulance call; four crashes, three involving deer.

April 1

Deputies responded to 54 incidents, including suspicious activity on Brookside Road in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity on South Richmond Avenue in Gillett, fire on Havenwood Hills Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, theft on Goldhorn Road in the Town of Brazeau, an animal bite on Machickanee Lane in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on Garrity Road in the Town of Morgan, a disturbance on Rugg Road in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity on Pickerel Lake Road in the Town of Townsend, drugs in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on Frog Pond Road in the Town of Oconto, six traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; four 911 hangups and two open lines; two crashes.

March 31

Deputies responded to 48 incidents, including a disturbance on Washington Street in Oconto, trespassing on state Highway 32 in the Town of Gillett, a death investigation in the Town of Morgan, trespassing on Landing Lane in the Town of Doty, 12 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four citizen assists; five 911 hangups and four open lines; one ambulance call; one crash.

Library nears expansion fundraising goal

Even as costs go up, evidence is there that Lakes Country needs to grow to meet patrons' needs



Tom Thielke, one of the volunteers working on the expansion project for Lakes Country Public Library, talks about the history of the library, as a blueprint and rendering show a packed audience what's going to be done with the library when construction work begins.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The efforts of volunteers advocating for an expansion of Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood and raising the money for it are getting close to their goal — even if the goal posts keep moving.

So far, the library has accumulated \$1.375 million to more than double the size of the small library serving four towns bordering Oconto and Marinette counties. That amount would have been enough for the original goal of \$1.25 million set in 2021.

However, the costs for construction materials and more have shot up since then. The goal was raised to \$1.5 million last year, and the current estimates are that it could now cost around \$1.8 million to build an addition that would suit the needs of the communities, according to information furnished at a public information meeting April 5.

Among the funds already pledged are \$500,000 grant U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin was able to get the library through federal earmarks, as well as \$300,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds that Oconto County has approved.

In addition to the funding obtained already, officials are anticipating a \$20,000 grant from the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation for a teen

zone, \$5,000 from the Don and Ora Lee Charity Golf Tournament, and an additional \$50,000 from the Bond Foundation on top of the \$50,000 already pledged last year.

The project has also seen almost \$210,000 in personal donations. Volunteers got their biggest boost among those donations in December when \$61,280 was collected, which was attributed to both holiday giving and earning tax credits as bills become due.

What hasn't changed, however, is that there is an immense need for the library every day. A homeschooling group utilizes the books and broadband for lessons, according to Tom Thielke, a co-chairman for the expansion project, and he recently visited on a day when there was a children's program and saw firsthand how many families utilize the library.

"We need to improve our facility," Thielke said. "On one Monday at about 10 o'clock, there were about 11 children in the children's room on the other end with about five parents. It makes for kind of a crowded room and kind of on the noisy side."

At the same time, he noted that there were four other girls between the ages of 8 and 11 who felt they too old for the children's story hour.

"They were having a discussion about the different types of lip gloss," Thielke said, getting chuckles from

the audience. "Important things get discussed here."

With no public schools between Suring and Wabeno, Lakes Country serves as an important local resource for youth learning, Thielke said. There is currently very little space for meetings, and many of the groups that once utilized the library for meetings and events have had to look elsewhere because the current facility is too small.

Thielke pointed out that when the pandemic forced the library to close its doors, the parking lot quickly filled with people in their vehicles with their laptops and other technology because Lakes Country is one of the few facilities in the area with reliable high-speed internet.

"We just felt that the time is now," Thielke said. "We need to expand. We needed a better option. We have a term called a CLIC — a Community Learning and Information Center, and that's what we're aiming for."

Kathleen Marsh, who has been the major advocate for getting money for the library, noted that the project would not be where it is without the cooperation of the chairpeople for the towns of Lakewood, Townsend, Doty and Riverview. However, she admitted it's been more of a struggle raising money for the library than it was for the nearby Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum, and she cited the Baldwin grant funding as an example.

AT A GLANCE

The history of Lakes Country Public Library

- 1981: The need for a local library was identified.
- 1982: With assistance from the Nicolet Federated Library System, the library was organized. In October, the Lakes Country Public Library opened the doors to serve the public.
- 1987: The rented facility was sold and the library moved to an old converted tavern.
- 1988: Plans for the construction of a new facility of 2,290 square feet were finalized. Funding was obtained from the fundraising of the Friends of the Library, the Town of Lakewood, and a Federal LSCA grant.
- 1989: The doors opened to the new home of the Lakes Country Public Library.
- 1996: An 864 square-foot addition was completed to accommodate the increase in library use.
- 1997: The library joined the shared Outagamie-Waupaca and Nicolet Federated Library Systems Automated system. A public Internet station was installed with funding from the NFLS, Wisconsin's Educational Technology Board and the Federal Library Services and Construction Act.
- 1998: There was a dramatic increase in the sharing of materials with other libraries. Courier delivery service increased from once to three times per week. The meeting room is being used by many local organizations.
- 1999: A T-1 telecommunications line was installed. Three additional Internet stations were added. Courier delivery service increased to five times per week.
- 2014: Fiber optic cable is run to the library, increasing the number of patrons who can use the internet at high speeds.
- 2018: A committee formed to explore the idea of be-coming a joint library, jointly funded by the towns of Lakewood, Townsend, Riverview and Doty.
- 2019: The joint library agreement was approved.
- 2020: The Lakes Country Public Library began operations at a joint library but had to close and offer limited services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: www.lakescountrylibrary.org

"It is going to cost us some money to get that because we have to satisfy some difficult process showing that we're who we say we are — and this is due to a lot of the fraud going on during the pandemic — and we have to prove the project is needed," Marsh said. "We have to have an environmental study and lots of other things."

Marsh was glad that funding continue to comes in and noted that there are over 200 individual donors spanning 17 states who have given to the project.

"There's something about this place," Marsh said. "People are smitten by it, and I can't explain it exactly, but it certainly happened to me."

Notice of Annual Meeting Town of Morgan

The Annual Meeting for the Town of Morgan will be held Tuesday April 18, 2023 at the Morgan Town Hall, 3276 County Road C, Oconto Falls, pursuant to State Statute 60.11 (2) & (5). The meeting will be called to order at 7:00 PM.
Erin Mooers, Clerk
WNAXLP

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC NOTICE Utility Commissioner Appointment

The Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls will meet on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 for their annual Reorganizational meeting. On this date, Council will appoint a Utility Commissioner. If any resident from the City of Oconto Falls is interested in this position, please submit your letter of interest for consideration before Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Send to: City Administrator, Peter Wills, PO Box
70 - 500 Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

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State of Wisconsin Town of Oconto Falls Oconto County

Pursuant to s.70.45, Wis. Stats., the Town of Oconto Falls assessment roll for the year 2023 assessment will be open for examination on the 5th day of May, 2023 at the Oconto Falls Town Hall, 8680 State Highway 22, Oconto Falls, WI from 1pm to 3pm. Instructional material about the assessment, how to file an objection, and board of review procedures under Wisconsin law will be available at that time.
Notice is hereby given this 14th day of April, 2023.

Susan L Mogged, Town of Oconto Falls Clerk
WNAXLP

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, that The City of Oconto Falls Planning Committee will hold a Public Hearing on April 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. The purpose of this hearing is for the consideration of:

- Public Hearing for Rezoning Requests For Parcels
- a. Parcel 040303000723, County Road I
- b. Parcel, 040303000831 County Road I

All residents of the City of Oconto Falls are encouraged to attend. The meeting room is handicapped accessible. A copy of proposed rezoning ordinance can be picked up at the Municipal Building. Persons needing additional accommodations should contact City Hall at (920) 846-4505.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023 – 9:00 A.M. LAND & WATER RESOURCE COMMITTEE OF THE OCONTO COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS BRAZEAU TOWN HALL 10892 PARKWAY ROAD, POUND, WI 54161

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 – 9:00 A.M. Brazeau Town Hall 10892 Parkway Road, Pound, WI by the Land & Water Resource Committee in accordance with Chapter 33.26 of the Wisconsin Statutes on the proposed formation of an Inland Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District, in the Town of Brazeau. A summary and report of this hearing will be submitted to the Oconto County Board of Supervisors for its consideration in voting on the formation of this proposed lake management district to be known as the White Potato Lake District.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Supporting materials are available for public review in the Oconto County Clerk's Office, Oconto County Courthouse 301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI, during regular business hours or contact 920-834-6800.

Land & Water Resources Committee
Oconto County Board of Supervisors
Dated this 4th day of April, 2023
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OBITUARIES

Leola Anderson



Leola Anderson, 73, of Suring, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, with her family by her side, after fighting cancer for two years. Leola was born on Jan. 28, 1950, to the late Roland and Mary Philippi. She grew up in Suring and went to the Suring School, where she was the first girl to join FFA. Leola married Danny Anderson Sr. on July 18, 1970. The couple bought a farm and she continued her passion of farming and caring for animals with her husband.

Leola enjoyed spending time with her family, going on trips and pickings rocks for gems. She enjoyed selling Avon to her local community and friends for over 40 years.

Leola is survived by her husband of 53 years, Danny; four children, Darlyn Anderson, Danny Anderson Jr., Jodi (Chuck) Fetterly and Dawn (Brad) Gruszczynski; 10

grandchildren, Brendan, Cole, Dustin, Angel, Carrie, Hailey, Tolyn, Brit-tany, Dakota, and Justin; four brothers, Roger (Mary) Philippi, Ronald Philippi, Bob Philippi, and

Roy (Danelle) Philippi; sister, Laurie (Michael) Wentworth; brother-in-law,

Wade (Carol) Anderson; and sister-in-law, RoJean Ashley. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, in-laws, sisters- and brothers-in-law.

A celebration of life will be held for

Leola on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at the How Town Hall from noon until 3 p.m.

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

The family would like to thank the Bellin Cancer Team, Dr. Hassan Tahsildar, Jani Cook NP, and Unity Hospice nurses Dana and Ashely for the care and compassion offered to Leola over the years and during her time of need.

Donna K. Carrigg

Donna K. Carrigg, 61, of the Town of Belle Plaine, passed away Friday, April 7, 2023, in Appleton.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.



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The Oconto Falls School District invites offers to submit proposals to manage their School Nutrition Program. The contract will start July 1, 2023 and go through June 30, 2024 with the option to renew for up to four one-year terms. The estimated number of meals served is 210,580 lunches and 53,825 breakfasts annually. This will include delivery to four schools.

Organizations who intend to submit proposals are highly encouraged to attend the pre-proposal meeting on April 18, 2023 starting at 9:00 am at the following location: Oconto Falls District Office, 200 Farm Rd, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Proposals are due on May 2, 2023 by 12:00 pm at the District Office. Late proposals will not be accepted.

To obtain a copy of the request for proposal or if there are questions, please contact Kim Sinclair by phone 920-848-4471, or email to kim.sinclair@of-ps.org.

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Johnson talks debt with business leaders

Concerns about not balancing budget having consequences grow locally

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Sen. Ron Johnson visited with business leaders in Shawano on April 5, but much of his discussion surrounded debt in the United States and the consequences.

He claimed that the national debt has more than doubled — from \$14 trillion to \$32 trillion — in the last few years, but he fears that debt will shoot up to \$50 trillion in 10 years with some of the proposals being pushed by President Joe Biden's administration.

"There's not a year where we don't have less than \$1.5 trillion in debt," Johnson said, noting that before the pandemic, the federal government spent \$4.4 trillion maximum, but there's no clear idea now how much is being spent, even among members of Congress.

"We never talk about it," Johnson said. "We have the world's largest financial entity, and nobody — not even the press — talks about it. Well, it's \$6.2 trillion."

Johnson admitted he voted for the CARES Act, which was the first spending bill to provide relief during the pandemic, because no one wanted to see the country collapse as lockdowns were implemented on schools, businesses and most daily life. However, he said he plugged his nose as he voted yes because the cost continued to rise.

"We had to give the financial markets confidence we were not going to let the banks collapse," Johnson said. "We were not going to allow financial contagion. It started at \$750 billion, but then it went up to \$2.2 trillion. We've literally spent trillions of dollars we didn't have to spend."

Johnson noted the recent omnibus spending bill passed by Congress, which had \$1.7 trillion in spending, could have been much less with his amendment that stripped out all the federal earmarks. The amendment failed, and Johnson blamed Democrats, including Wisconsin's other representative in the Senate, Tammy Baldwin.

"My Democratic colleague here in Wisconsin got \$255 million worth of earmarks," Johnson said. "Now, she'll go around the state, and the media will sing her praises, but it's basically a campaign contribution to her that we don't have."



U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson listens to a question during a business forum April 5 at the Lighthouse in Shawano, where much of the discussion addressed the federal debt and its impact with running the government, relations with China and more.

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Johnson also reported that tax cuts for 95% of Americans are due to expire this year, but he is on the Senate Finance Committee to address that and make sure taxes don't go up at a time when inflation is at a 40-year high and people are spending much more than they have before for the basic essentials.

Some of the business leaders expressed concern that China has covered much of the debt that the United States has, and Johnson was

asked when the bill would come due. With the Chinese government working more with Russia, there was concern in the room about how the debt could threaten American democracy.

Johnson said the massive debt and its connection with China and others is concerning, but he didn't believe that China would just call in the marker because of the effect it would have on the world market. However, the United States is currently the world leader in currency, but if the

dollar falls from the top spot, that could spell trouble for the country.

"None of this just happened," Johnson said. "We were not just unlucky. It was all caused by massive deficit spending, all this debt, and a lot worse can occur."

The senator cited as an example that trading of petroleum fuel is done through dollars, but if that ceases to be the case, the high prices Americans are already paying for fuel could skyrocket.

Johnson noted that China has its own debt to deal with, and even said that could be stabilizing for the economy.

"Would you collapse someone's economy because they owe you \$1.8 trillion?" Johnson said. "Would you collapse their financial system? I wouldn't."

The concerns about China extend beyond financial concerns. With the uneasy situation involving Taiwan, there's concern about having to go to war, something Johnson does not favor.

"I don't even want to contemplate, much less recommend, us going to war with China," Johnson said. "Decades ago, when China was a fraction of the size of our economy, a fraction of the size of our military, didn't have nuclear weapons, you could pretty assure Taiwan we could provide them security. They're a third of the world away, and China's growing its military by leaps and bounds, and they have the technology asymmetrically take out our assets. It's very difficult to project military strength across an ocean."

Another suggestion among the business leaders addressed how companies in the private sector are still unable to find workers and that it might be better for the federal government to reduce its workforce to provide people available to work locally.

Johnson questioned whether that proposal would work but agreed the federal payroll is bloated.

"We have to restore the fiscal sanity and function of our federal government," he said. "We're going to use the federal debt ceiling as a tenet and control to prevent a government shutdown. With each agency, we don't shut it down. We just fund it at last year's level."

Senator chats with St. Paul students

Johnson answers questions about politics, business as he promotes patriotism, family values

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson brought a message of family values and hard work to students from St. Paul Lutheran School during a visit there April 5.

Johnson espoused patriotism as he spoke with the children and answered some of their questions, while talking about the state of society today. Although there are some things happening in the United States that he doesn't approve of, the senator still feels the country is ahead of others.

"This is the greatest country in the world — a land of opportunity because of freedom," Johnson said. "It is important to utilize the opportunities you've been given in this school to utilize those tools to lead a successful life in this great country."

Johnson offered three things that he believes will guarantee people succeed in life. The first was finishing high school, and then he suggested that people become "lifelong learners."

"Being humans, we just have a thirst for knowledge," Johnson said. "If you look at this marvel we call creation, you ask questions. Never stop asking questions."

His second recommendation was to not have children until in a relationship.

"It's not fair to them (the children) if you're not ready," Johnson said. "Having children is a serious responsibility, and you should be prepared for them."

Avoiding drugs and alcohol was the third recommendation Johnson gave for successful living. He noted that in his capacity as both a U.S. senator and a private citizen, he has heard the horrible tales from surviving friends and family members of those who succumbed to their addiction, and he pointed out the fentanyl epidemic where the deadly drug is made to look like candy.

"Life is far too precious," Johnson said. "With fentanyl, too much of it caused you to almost immediately stop breathing, and then you die. This might seem like too serious or sober a subject for young kids, but it is serious, and it's real. Life is a gift in Bonduel, in Wisconsin, in America. Don't blow it."



U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson answers a question April 5 as he visits with St. Paul Lutheran School students and staff.

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One student inquired about how small to medium daily production companies could establish themselves in a system where larger corporate farms are becoming more commonplace. Johnson noted that the foundation of dairy in Wisconsin gives entrepreneurs many ways to break into the industry, but that it shouldn't be at the expense of the families who have a rich history in farming.

"I think it would be terrible to lose traditional family farms," Johnson said. "My parents both grew up on farms — my mom on a dairy farm with 100 cows, and my grandfather painted his barn yellow so that it really stood out. I understand the grace and the lifestyle of a dairy farm, but I also understand the work."

Another student's question about whether he'd voted the day before generated a quick reply about how the election turned out, referring to liberal judge Janet Protasiewicz getting elected to the Supreme Court over conservative Dan Kelly, but he also turned it into a civics lesson

describing the three branches of government.

"There's a real difference in how conservatives view the courts and how the left views the courts," Johnson said. "We want to elect judges who are actually judges and don't go beyond the constitutional mandate. The left, unfortunately wants to use the court as super-legislators, and they want activist judges that don't go by the word of the law but based on their political thoughts and preferences."

Johnson told the students to realize the education they're receiving at a parochial school can be the best thing for them to receive.

"I really do hope that you students truly appreciate what your teachers and your school administrators are giving to you here," Johnson said. "It is a gift to be provided an education that is first grounded in faith, in morals and in values. This type of education will give you the tools to be successful in life."



Kadence Kuhn, a second grade student with St. Paul Lutheran School, asks a question to U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson during his visit on April 5.

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NBC	25 Today  12 (6:00) Today 		12 906 Outdoors 		12 Today's Homeowner  12 Roots Less 		8 Paid Program  12 Roots Less 		Earth Odyssey With Dylan 		Wild Child  (DVS) 		Harlem Globetrotters 		One Team Sports 		8 Paid Prg.  12 The Voyager 		Premier League Soccer Manchester City vs Leicester City. (N)  (Live) 				Premier League Goal Zone (N)		Motorcycle Racing Monster Energy Supercross: Atlanta. (N)  (Live) 				Paid Program 		NBC Nightly News											
PBS	Wild Kratts "Osprey"  (E)  (DVS) 		Curious George  (E)  (DVS) 		Work It Out Wombats!  (DVS) 		Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood  (DVS) 		Best of Sewing With Nancy  (DVS) 		Quilting Arts Quilt Canada 2022.  (DVS) 		Garden Smart  (DVS) 		Woodsmith Shop Making a stick chair.  (DVS) 		Essential Pépin "Savory Staples"  (DVS) 		Lidia's Kitchen "The Fish Market"  (DVS) 		Steven Raichlen's Project Fire  (DVS) 		Cook's Country "Seafood Two Ways"  (DVS) 		America's Test Kitchen  (DVS) 		Christopher Kimball's Milk Street  (DVS) 		Sara's Weeknight Meals  (DVS) 		Pati's Mexican Table "Turkey Day"  (DVS)		This Old House (DVS)		Ask This Old House (DVS)		John McGovern's Main Streets (DVS)		Weekends With Yankee (DVS)		The Lawrence Welk Show "Salute to New York City" A show dedicated to New York. (DVS)	
WACY	Hearts 		oh baby! 		Paid 		Mak 		Memory Out 		Emeril 		Bensin 		World's 		World's 		SOS: Survive 		Silver 		Angling 		Heartland 		Mod 		Mod 		Gold 		Gold									
WTPX	Bones 		Bones 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU 		Law & Order: SVU									
CW	14 Outdoor  34 Pop-star! 		14 Paid Program  34 MyPillow 		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild 		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild 		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild 		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild 		Pet Vet Dream Team 		Tails of Valor  (E) 		14 Science  34 Live Life-Win 		14 Paid Program  34 MyPillow 		14 Paid Program  34 Rescue 		14 Cook Like  34 Paid Program 		14 Minor League Baseball Peoria Chiefs at Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. Fox Cities Stadium. (N) 				34 Highway Thru Hell 		14 Paid  34 Bloodline 		14 Paid Program 		14 Last Man		14 Last Man					
WYOW	14 Outdoor  34 Pop-star! 		14 Paid Program  34 MyPillow 		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild 		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild 		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild 		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild 		Pet Vet Dream Team 		Tails of Valor  (E) 		14 Science  34 Live Life-Win 		14 Paid Program  34 MyPillow 		14 Paid Program  34 Rescue 		14 Cook Like  34 Paid Program 		14 Minor League Baseball Peoria Chiefs at Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. Fox Cities Stadium. (N) 				34 Highway Thru Hell 		14 Paid  34 Bloodline 		14 Paid Program 		14 Last Man		14 Last Man					

SATURDAY				EVENING								APR. 15			
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY		8 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N) 8 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Paid Program Paid programming.	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)					8 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 8 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	8 (3:5) Weird Earth 2 (3:5) Investigate TV	2 (0:5) The Song "Cole Swindell"	8 (3:5) Storm of Suspicion 8 (3:5) Opry (N Same-day Tape)		
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW		8 Local 5 News at 6 (N) 8 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	8 Discover Wisconsin 8 Inside Edition Weekend (N)	5 Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame 7 FBI: International		NCIS: Hawai'i "Nightwatch" A Navy seaman is involved in a murder. (DVS)		48 Hours		8 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 8 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	8 (3:5) FBI: International 8 (3:5) Project Pitchlight	7 (0:5) The Song "Cole Swindell"	8 (3:5) Friends 8 (3:5) Opry (N Same-day Tape)		
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK		USFL Football Philadelphia Stars vs Memphis Showboats.	USFL Football New Jersey Generals vs Birmingham Stallions. Protective Stadium. (N) (Live)						53 The Big Bang Theory 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)		Farmer Wants a Wife "An Emotional Goodbye" One of the ladies departs unexpectedly. (DVS)		53 S.W.A.T. "Miracle" 11 Jeopardy!	11 Wheel of Fortune "Margaritaville Resorts Family Vacation"	
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		8 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 8 Elite Money Market Update	23 MyPillow Bed 12 Wheel of Fortune	The Wall "Amber and Chelsea" Two sisters take on the wall.		Weakest Link "Who's Unsure If They're Confused?" Contestants play trivia for \$1 million. (DVS)		Saturday Night Live "Seth Rogen; Spoon" From Oct. 06, 2007: Seth Rogen; Spoon. (N)		23 News 12 Newswatch 12 Saturday		(29) Saturday Night Live "Ana de Armas; Karol G" Host Ana de Armas; Karol G performs. (N) (Live)			
PBS 20 WHRM 38 WLEF 36 WPNE		The Carol Burnett Show Lucille Ball and Mel Torme.		Shakespeare and Hathaway -- Private Investigators Rock star thinks the devil is after him.		Maggie Murders on Masterpiece A mystery author's death.		Unforgotten on Masterpiece Remains are found near a motorway. (DVS)		Midsomer Murders "Red in Tooth and Claw: Part 2" Delphi Hartley's summer pet show. (Part 2 of 2)		(44) Midsomer Murders "Red in Tooth and Claw: Part 2" Delphi Hartley's summer pet show. (Part 2 of 2)		(31) Bad Move "Festive Cheer" Nicky and Steve host a party.	
42 WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud	Two/Half Men	Chicago Fire "You Will Hurt Him"		Chicago P.D. "Protect and Serve"		Am Housewife	Am Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	S.W.A.T.		
		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		14 The Big Bang Theory 8 The Good Doctor	14 The Big Bang Theory "The Collaboration Contamination"	Masters of Illusion Wayne Hoffman; Eric Jones; Ana DeGuzman	Masters of Illusion "Blocks, Crystals, and Cocktails"	Totally Weird and Funny Disposable laptops. (N)	Totally Weird and Funny Kayaking on a balcony.	14 The Rookie (DVS)	14 ★ Armed and Dangerous (1986) John Candy.	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)		14 TMZ (N)		14 To the Rescue Dogs need to get to their forever homes.	

TUESDAY				EVENING								APR. 18											
6 PM		6:30		7 PM		7:30		8 PM		8:30		9 PM		9:30		10 PM		10:30		11 PM		11:30	
ABC		9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)		Entertainment Tonight (N) 14		The Rookie "S.T.R." (N) 14 (DVS)		The Rookie: Feds "I Am Many" The Feds work to stop a killing spree. (N) 14 (DVS)		Will Trent "Bill Black" Will goes under cover as a criminal. (N) 14 (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)		(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 14		(:37) Nightline (N) 14							
9 WAOW 2 WBAY		9 Action 2 News at Six (N)																					
CBS		9 Local 5 News at 6:00 14 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6		9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 14 9 Inside Edition (N) 14		FBI "Sins of the Past" (N) 14		FBI: International (N) 14		FBI: Most Wanted "Rangeland" (N) 14		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 14		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 14							
5 WFRV 7 WSAW																							
FOX		9 The Big Bang Theory 14 11 Jeopardy! (N) 14		9 The Big Bang Theory 14 11 Wheel of Fortune (N) 14		9-1-1: Lone Star "Open" Grace confronts her father. (N) 14 (DVS)		(:01) Accused "Scott's Story" A surgeon makes an unwelcome discovery. 14 (DVS)		9 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		9 Seinfeld "The Ticket" Jerry tries to evade a vengeful writer.		9 Seinfeld "The Cadillac" 14 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 14		9 Last Man Standing 14 11 (:07) The King of Queens 14		9 Last Man Standing 14 11 (:07) The King of Queens 14		9 The Goldbergs 14 11 (:35) The King of Queens 14			
NBC		9 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 14 9 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 14		9 Family Feud 14 11 Wheel of Fortune "Great American Cities"		Night Court A blood moon brings out weird cases. 14		American Auto The team tries to save their jobs. 14 (DVS)		The Wall "Monet and Kevyn" (N) 14		Weakest Link "Smells Like Money" Contestants play trivia for \$1 million. (N) 14 (DVS)		9 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 14 9 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 14		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 14					
26 WGBA 12 WJFW																							
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) 14				Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Slave Trade" Questlove; S. Epatha Merkerson. 14		My Grandparents' War "Keira Knightley's grandparents. (N) 14		How Saba Kept Singing Musician David Saba Wisnia. (N) 14		Big Sonia (2016, Documentary) Sonia Warshawski. Sonia Warshawski is confronted with a tough decision.		NOVA "Weathering the Future" Americans fight against extreme weather. 14 (DVS)									
20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE																							
32 WACY		Family Feud (N)		Two/Half Men		Dateline "Secrets in the Snow" 14		Chicago P.D. "The Radical Truth"		My News at 9		NBC 26 Tonight		Two/Half Men		Am Housewife		Am Housewife		Mom 14			
46 WTPX		Chicago Fire "Leaving the Station"		Chicago Fire "It Ain't Easy" 14		Chicago Fire "It Ain't Easy" 14		Chicago Fire 14		Chicago Fire "God Has Spoken"		Chicago Fire "Under the Knife" 14		Chicago Fire "Warm and Dead" 14									
CW		10 The Big Bang Theory 14 11 Divorce Court (N) 14		10 The Big Bang Theory 14 9 Divorce Court 14		Superman & Lois "Closer" An assignment reveals a deadly foe. 14		Gotham Knights "Under Pressure" The Mutant Gang retaliates. 14		11 Last Man Standing 14 9 The Liquidator 14 (DVS)		14 Seinfeld 14 9 Chicago P.D. 14 (DVS)		11 The National Desk (N) (Live)		10 The National Desk (N) (Live) 9 black-ish 14 (DVS)		11 Last Man Standing 14 9 black-ish 14 (DVS)		11 Young Sheldon 14 9 Family Guy 14 (Part 1 of 2)			
14 WCWF 94 WYOW																							

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

SHAWANO: “Uncorked” wine and cheese fundraiser for Boys and Girls Club of Shawano, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Boarders Inn and Suites, W7393 River Bend Road. More than 35 varieties of wine, local brews, music, good eats and prizes. \$60 per person; purchase tickets at shawanouncorked.givesmart.com or call Wendy Crawford at 715-853-7221.

WITTENBERG: Spring Gala, 7-10 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. A night of art, food, drinks and fun. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. 715-253-3525 or wallsofwittenberg.com.

CLINTONVILLE: “Seussical the Musical,” 7 p.m., Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road. Performed by Wolf River Homeschoolers Performing Arts program. Admission free, but donations accepted to offset production costs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

KESHENA: Sturgeon Feast Pow Wow, Water Walk 10 a.m. at Keshena Falls, Grand Entry 1 p.m. at Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, W2908 Tribal Office Loop Road. Traditional art vendors, individual boxed sturgeon and feast food will be given out after the powwow.

WITTENBERG: Spring Art Show Artists’ Free Play X Show, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Juried art show. Photography, painting, printmaking, textiles, mixed media, etc.

SHAWANO: Meat and Booze Raffle, 3-5 p.m., The Lighthouse, W6440 Gumaer Road. Fundraiser for Republican Party of Shawano County.

SHAWANO: Shawano Speedway opening night, gates open 4 p.m., racing 6 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Dirt Kings late model tour. \$10, 12-16 \$5 and under 11 free.

KELLY LAKE: Bridge the Gap Autism



Horton the Elephant, played by Taya Jannusch, talks through a clover to the Whos in a scene from “Seussical the Musical” which runs April 14-16 at Clintonville High School and is performed by the Wolf River Homeschoolers Performing Arts.

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Benefit, gates open 5:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., Romy’s Holiday Inn, 9600 E. County Road E. Hosted by Sportsmen for Autism. Raffles, silent and live auctions. Tickets \$25. bridgethegapforautism.org

CLINTONVILLE: “Seussical the Musical,” 7 p.m., Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road. Performed by Wolf River Homeschoolers Performing Arts program. Admission free, but donations accepted to offset production costs.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

SHAWANO: Zurko Outdoor Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$2.

WITTENBERG: Spring Art Show Artists’ Free Play X Show, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Juried art show. Photography, painting, printmaking, textiles, mixed media, etc.

CLINTONVILLE: “Seussical the Musical,” 2 p.m., Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road. Performed by Wolf River Homeschoolers Performing Arts program. Admission free, but donations accepted to offset production costs.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

LENA: Women’s Self-Defense Class, 6 p.m., Lena High School little gym, 304 E. Main St., led by Lena Police Chief James Herald and sponsored by the Women’s Ministry of the Lena Seventh-day Adventist Church. RSVP to Diane Netzer (920-829-5328) or Loretta Kippenhan (920-826-7183).

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

LENA: Maximizing Your Energy, 6:30 p.m., Seventh-day Adventist Church, 538 Harley St. Dr. Nathan Jackson presents the “whole person approach” to promote health and well-being. Free admission.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

SHAWANO: Shawano County Progress Summit, 4:30-8 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St. Panel discussion “Why Shawano County?” business representatives discuss why they located their businesses in Shawano County, 7-9 p.m., followed by networking. Chamber members \$20, non-members \$25, admission includes heavy hors d’oeuvres and two beverage tickets.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

SHAWANO: “Twelve Angry Jurors,” 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Adults \$15, 18 and under \$10. Purchase tickets at shawanoarts.com.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

NAVARINO: 13th annual Trail Fun Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. 10K run, 5K run, 5K walk or kids 1 mile. \$15-\$40, register at navarino.org.

NAVARINO: Earth Day open house, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Plant sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Paw Patrol 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WITTENBERG: Spring Art Show Artists’ Free Play X Show, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Juried art show. Photography, painting, printmaking, textiles, mixed media, etc.

MOUNTAIN: Celebrate Spring Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7 p.m., Crooked Lake Community Center, 15445 County Road W. All-you-can-eat spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread sticks, dessert bar, coffee, milk. Adults \$9, children 5-12 \$4, 4 and under free. Sponsored by Crooked Lake Mountain Lions Club.

SHAWANO: “Twelve Angry Jurors,” 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Adults \$15, 18 and under \$10. Purchase tickets at shawanoarts.com.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

SHAWANO: Zurko Outdoor Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$2.

WITTENBERG: Spring Art Show Artists’ Free Play X Show, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Juried art show. Photography, painting, printmaking, textiles, mixed media, etc.

SHAWANO: “Twelve Angry Jurors,” 2 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild. Adults \$15, 18 and under \$10. Purchase tickets at shawanoarts.com.

FRIDAY					EVENING					APR. 21				
6 PM					7 PM					10 PM				
ABC					NBA Countdown (N) (Live) (E)					News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)				
1 WAOW					NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) (E)					2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)				
2 WBAY														
CBS					S.W.A.T. “Bunkies” Tan faces a difficult personal decision. (N) (E)					3 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)				
3 WFRV					Fire Country “Watch Your Step” A blaze at a wellness retreat. (N) (E)					4 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)				
7 WSAW														
FOX					WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)					5 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)				
5 WZAW										6 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)				
11 WLUK										7 Seinfeld Jerry and George work on a pilot script. (E) (E)				
NBC					Lopez vs Lopez					8 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)				
25 WGBA					Grand Crew Fay helps Nicky and Anthony cope. (N) (E)					9 NewsChannel 12 at 10pm (N)				
12 WJFW					Dateline NBC (N) (E)									
PBS					Rebus “Let It Bleed” Rebus investigates a man’s death. (E) (E)					10 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)				
20 WHRM					(:10) A Confession “Episode 6” Halliwell is brought to court. (E) (E)					11 NewsChannel 12 at 10pm (N)				
35 WLEF														
38 WPNE														
32 WACY					Chicago P.D. “Trouble Dolls” (E)					12 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)				
45 WTPX					My News at 9					13 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)				
CW					NBC 26 Tonight					14 Seinfeld “The Friars Club” (E) (E)				
14 WCWF					Hawaii Five-0 “A’ale Ma’a Wau” (E)					15 The National Desk (N) (Live)				
34 WYOW					Hawaii Five-0 “Ka’oia i’o ma loko” (E)					16 The National Desk (N) (Live)				
					The Great American Joke Off (N) (E)					17 black-ish (E) (DVS)				
					The Liquidator (E) Dolls” (E)					18 black-ish (E) (DVS)				
										19 Family Guy (E)				

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U.S. Census: Wisconsin exports set records

Wisconsin food, forestry and agriculture product exports set a record in 2022, according to U.S. Census trade data.

Exports were shipped to 142 countries totaling nearly \$4.22 billion, a 7% increase from the previous record in 2021.

U.S. Census data shows that dairy product exports totaled \$617 million, up 32% from 2021, the highest level on record and more than \$100 million above the previous record year in 2014. Crop products, including grains, wood and vegetables increased more than 5% to \$2.82 billion, a 10-year high. Meat products declined 2% to \$782 million.

In total, U.S. agricultural exports exceeded \$220 billion in 2022, up 10% from the year prior. Wisconsin now ranks 12th in the nation for agricultural exports.

"This record-breaking year again presents an opportunity to strengthen our state as a leader in agricultural exports," said Randy Romanski, secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. "Building off of last year, this momentum, the investments of Gov. Evers and the work of DATCP's International Agribusiness Center positions Wisconsin agribusinesses well for the next year."

Gov. Tony Evers has advocated for strategic investments in Wisconsin's agricultural exports, and the 2021-23 budget marked the first time that state funding was allocated to the

DATCP's International Agribusiness Center (IABC) to promote Wisconsin agriculture exports.

The funding, which received bipartisan support in the state legislature, supported IABC initiatives that create opportunities, facilitate connections and help eliminate barriers for new and existing exporters. This support helps Wisconsin agribusinesses build on their success and develop pathways to new markets. Evers recently proposed his 2023-25 budget, which proposes further investments in Wisconsin's agricultural exports.

DATCP's IABC is working collaboratively with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to implement the Wisconsin Initiative for Agricultural Exports (WIAE) plan. This plan provides flexibility to respond to exporting challenges and facilitates unique opportunities that connect exporters with international markets and buyers. More on the WIAE can be found at <https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/AgDevelopment/WisconsinInitiativeForAgriculturalExports.aspx>.

The latest release of U.S. Census data shows that post-pandemic demand is driving export growth in several markets as logistics challenges decrease. Wisconsin's top five markets, making up more than two-thirds of total exports, are Canada, China, Mexico, Korea and Japan. Canada, Mexico and Korea showed double-digit increases in 2022, while Japan remained unchanged from 2021.

Moon brightens up night sky



An April pink moon lights up the night sky over state Highway 32 in Pulaski. The moon reached its peak during the early morning hours of April 6.

GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

Work begins to restore Sturgeon Guard



A male lake sturgeon is measured and weighed after being netted last year on the Wolf River. The Sturgeon Guard, a group of volunteers that keeps an eye on the spawning fish in the Wolf and Fox rivers, is back this spring. The fish attract big crowds each year below the dam in Shawano.

GREG SEUBERT

Menasha man believes program essential to protect and preserve Wisconsin's sturgeon

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

As far as Don Mielke is concerned, spawning lake sturgeon need all the help they can get.

That's why the Menasha man is behind an effort to revive the Sturgeon Guard program, a group of volunteers that helps protect the large fish that make their way up the Wolf and Fox rivers from Lake Winnebago each spring to spawn and are vulnerable to poaching.

After overseeing the program since its inception in the 1980s, state Department of Natural Resources officials announced last year that the program would be discontinued for the foreseeable future due to fewer volunteers and a drop in illegal harvest cases.

That announcement came after the agency canceled the guard in 2020 and 2021 because of COVID-19.

"To me, it gave an open invitation to anyone that was even thinking of the possibility of doing some illegal activity," Mielke said. "I know that we had a great number of people volunteering in the past. I talked to a few of them and they were equally disturbed that the river system was just not going to be watched any more."

Spawning sturgeon — some of them more than 7 feet long — have

drawn big crowds for years, including below the dam in Shawano, at Bamboo Bend in Shiocton in Outagamie County and along the Wolf River Sturgeon Trail near New London in Waupaca County.

"I live on the shore of Lake Winnebago and have been an active sturgeon fisherman all my life," Mielke said. "If somebody would spear a 100-pound fish, people would travel 50, 60 miles to see it. Now, we have such a wonderful population of big fish, and I feel a great part of that has to do with the guard. I know (poaching) is still going on, and I guess (the decision to suspend the program) really struck a nerve with me."

Sturgeon For Tomorrow, a statewide organization that created the Sturgeon Guard with the DNR in the 1980s, is helping fund the program, according to Mielke.

"The Sturgeon For Tomorrow group was adamant about trying to find someone to continue it," he said.

Mielke contacted the group's five chapter presidents, as well as DNR sturgeon biologist Margaret Stadig and conservation warden captain Ben Trembl.

Trembl came to Mielke's home to discuss Mielke's idea.

"He said, 'Don, I came here to your house for one reason: to talk you out

of this,'" Mielke said. "He said, 'After I listened to your ideas, I don't see why it can't work.' With that, we were off and running."

Volunteers will be stationed along the Wolf River from Shawano to New London and along the Fox River in the Princeton and Montello areas.

"What (the DNR) would like to see us do, is we will be their eyes," Mielke said. "We will write down things and take pictures. We are also on a mission to educate. All of these volunteers are going to have information sheets on why the fish are doing this. We are certainly going to continue the tradition of the guard."

Mielke said he wouldn't be able to revive the program without help.

"There's no way one person can do it," he said. "We're dividing the areas up into quadrants. A gentleman named Ed contacted me, and he lives in Montello. He sent me an email and has been involved with the guard for years. He's going to be the leader for the Princeton area, and he has his group of volunteers."

Mielke already has several volunteers lined up for this year's spawning event, which typically happens in mid-to late April, and in the past has lasted from three to 11 days.

"The response I've gotten has been overwhelming," he said. "I'm answer-

ing emails now as I'm sitting at my desk. We have a gentleman from Park Falls, a lady from Stevens Point, people from Bloomer. I have other family and friends that I can tap into. We will contact people via phone approximately two days before we need them at various sites. After they serve their shift, we'll send them a thank you letter and a gift card that they can use for either fuel or food, whatever they choose. It was just an idea that came to me."

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Mielke at 920-428-1386 or email him at amerimilk@aol.com.

"I prefer an email simply because I can print that off," he said. "When you send me an email, also include your phone number because that's the way we're going to be contacting people. I'm not going to turn down any volunteers."

Mielke doesn't want to think about what could happen to Lake Winnebago's sturgeon population without the guard.

"No one has a crystal ball, but I can see the system deteriorating slowly when you take these massive fish — the extremely healthy males and females — out of production," he said. "There are a lot of people that want to abuse this sport, but I have found a lot of people that want to keep the tradition going."

Kids hunt for Easter eggs in Shawano



While finding Easter eggs in Kuckuk Park, children also do their part in keeping Shawano clean, as they dispense of plastic Easter eggs after the Shawano Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt on April 8.

LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA



Shawano Police Officer Tyler Thornborrow meets, greets and hands out stickers to the children and adults that were in attendance during the Shawano Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt at Kuckuk Park on April 8.

LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA



Shawano resident Samuel Senn reaches down as he locates a Easter egg on the ground during the Shawano Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt at Kuckuk Park on April 8. Senn was just one of many children who trekked through the fresh snow in search of a prize.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

American insanity about guns needs strong cure

To the editor:

Does it bother you that gun violence is now the leading cause of death among children in the United States? What about the fact that there have been 130 mass shootings so far this year with so many occurring in our children's schools?

It has been said: "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result." America has become an insane nation, at least when it comes to guns.

In my personal opinion, the first truly shocking issue with gun violence in America was when John Wilkes Booth discharged a .44 caliber Derringer to the back of President Abraham Lincoln's head. Then, there was President McKinley. Then Kennedy. Then Malcolm X. Then Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy. At some point, collectively and individually, we all started to accept the things we cannot change. The nearly 40,000 American deaths and 75,000-plus injuries each year, including 8,000 children and teens, has become a staggering yet non-resonating statistic at this point.

Of course, the National Rifle Association and the gun manufacturers of America have a hand in this. Gun sales soar with each onslaught. So do prices. So do profits.

Follow the money. After the Marjory Stoneman Douglas school shooting, protest marches were held around the country, including Green Bay where one poster listed NRA campaign donations to Wisconsin lawmakers that year: Ron Johnson, \$1 million; Mike Gallagher, \$43,000; Tammy Baldwin, \$0.

It's not about guns. It's about money, and at this point, the thousands and thousands of innocent lives that are lost as "collateral damage" each year. Strict Constitutionalists are big on

the fact that words like "abortion" and "homosexual" aren't in the constitution. Neither are "bump-stocks," "high capacity magazines," "armor piercing bullets," "rapid-fire semi-automatics" and "ghost guns." Why do some words count, and others don't?

In the time period when the Second Amendment was drafted, a skilled marksman with a muzzle-loading musket could get off two maybe three volleys in a minute. Today, the average mentally-troubled 28-year-old can get off three or more dozen — legally.

That's the insanity that America has become on guns. More capacity, more shooting, more killing — accompanied by the tortured logic that with enough guns in enough hands, we'll all be safe. Yeah right, and I've got a bridge to sell you — and guns, too. Buy them now. The price is going up, and the value of our lives?

Steve Parks, Bowler

Gillett approach to misbehavior is better

To the editor:

I read the article about the Gillett School Board meeting, in your March 24 Oconto County Times Herald, with interest and applause. The statement by Gillett Secondary School Principal Shawn Limberg that "the way we do school does not work for some students" made public something we all knew but rarely say out loud. The idea that skills, learned in places other than the classroom, should count as credits toward high school graduation is refreshing. More carrot, less stick.

I would like to contrast this with the new ordinance, 02023-03-02 under Chapter 19 — Offenses against Public Peace and Safety, approved by the Oconto County Board on March 23. This ordinance is seven pages and has several sections.

Section 19.1500 [Truancy] describes a "dropout" as a child who ceased attending school, a "truant"

as a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse, and a "habitual truant" as a pupil who is absent all or part of five or more days during a semester. The forfeiture for being one of these is: \$50 plus court costs for the first violation and \$100 for each subsequent violation up to a max of \$500 per semester, and these forfeiture cost may be assessed against the parents or guardians.

If a "dropout" has a driver license, the court can suspend it, take possession of it and "the court shall destroy the license." Also, the "dropout" can be ordered to participate in counseling at their or their parents or guardians' expense.

There are several more sections in this ordinance. I will not bore you with all of them, but I want to say a something about one more: Section 19.1600 Bullying. The forfeitures in this section are \$50 plus court costs for the first violation, \$100 for the second and \$250 plus costs for subsequent offences; with no maximum. All stick.

I think this ordinance is unnecessary and draconian. Leave the discipline to the parents and the school. In addition, I think this ordinance has the potential to cause teenagers to distrust, dislike and fear police.

Teenagers are transitioning humans. We all have known teenagers for whom "the way we did school did not work" but they became outstanding citizens, mothers and fathers. So, let's not make it more difficult for teenagers to become outstanding adults by financially burdening them when they are teenagers for being teenagers.

Gary Frank, Town of Underhill

Schools need more guns, users for protection

To the editor:

Six minutes. That's 360 seconds.

This is the average time, start to finish, of a mass shooting.

Coincidentally, according to FBI and other records, it's the same amount of time it takes on average

for a police response.

What does this tell us?

No matter how fast the police drive to the scene or go inside and try to take down the crazy person with a gun, it's almost always too late.

In a Secret Service study of 67 school shootings, no police stopped a single attacker. Zero. The recent Nashville school shooting was over in 14 minutes. The police killed the attacker, but not before she killed six.

This is not a condemnation of the police (although they totally blew it in Uvalde, failing to learn the lesson of Columbine, which was to go inside and confront the attacker immediately), but simply a reflection of the reality of trying to stop a gunman with unarmed teachers and administrators. Some schools have a single school resources officer, but that single cop can't work miracles.

What is the simple solution that most of us can't admit? It's to have firearms in schools. All schools. We need a simple bank of teachers, administrators, janitors and others trained to pick up a gun and stop the threat. It's the same thing I've been teaching more than 1,000 men and women of all ages since 2012. Any adult with basic skills can learn this. It's not a superpower that some police claim it to be.

Wisconsin has an existing law that allows anyone with a school contract (that's most every employee) to carry a gun in school with the district's OK. We just need a state legislator to get a legal opinion from the state attorney general. You can read this law at the Wisconsin Department of Justice website.

More gun laws never stop criminals, who by definition do not obey laws. We teach our school staff to use CPR and the Heimlich maneuver, fire extinguishers and other life-saving basics. We just don't have the time to call for help when there's a gunman in school. Many states have already armed teachers. What are we waiting for? More dead children?

Ross Bielema, New London

OPINION PAGE POLICY

NEW Media welcomes letters from its readers and wants to publish as many as possible. Letters should be no longer than 400 words and must be typed.

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Thank you letters will be considered for publication on community pages in the paper. The 400-word limit applies to thank you letters, as well.

The best and most expedient way to send letters is by email to news@newmedia-wi.com. Put "letter to the editor" in the subject line and send the text in the body of the email.

Letters can also be sent by mail or delivered in person to 1464 E. Green Bay St., Shawano.



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Egg hunt, more at Hillside Assembly



Young children and toddlers swarm around a room at Hillside Assembly in Gillett during the church's annual Easter Eggstravaganza on April 8, where families got to enjoy games, watch Easter-themed skits and hunt for Easter eggs.



Qwynn Kurtz decorates a cookie April 8 at Hillside Assembly's annual Easter Eggstravaganza in Gillett.



Diesel Hansen, left, and Cam Hansen stack Easter egg shells on top of each other to see who can make the tallest tower without them toppling over April 8 at Hillside Assembly's annual Easter Eggstravaganza in Gillett.

PHOTOS BY LEE PULASKI • CITY EDITOR



Frank Renel, 2, of Oconto Falls, grabs a colorful Easter egg to bowl in a game April 8 at Hillside Assembly's annual Easter Eggstravaganza in Gillett.



Diesel Hansen, left, and Cam Hansen stack Easter egg shells on top of each other to see who can make the tallest tower without them toppling over April 8 at Hillside Assembly's annual Easter Eggstravaganza in Gillett.

City of Gillett Utility Department Flushing Notice

The City of Gillett Utility Department will be flushing hydrants on Monday – Wednesday, April 24-26, 2023. There may be some discoloration in your water with this procedure, please plan your activities accordingly.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Conditional Use Permit – 201 Fourth Street-Village of Lena April 17, 2023, 5:45 p.m.

Please take notice that a public hearing will be held before the Village Board of the Village of Lena, Wisconsin on April 17, 2023, at 5:45 p.m. at the Village of Lena Municipal Building located at 117 E. Main Street, Lena, WI.

Village of Lena property located at 201 Fourth Street is requesting a conditional use permit for the construction of an accessory building.

At the above time and place, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

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Notice of the City of Gillett to Adjourn Open Book & Board of Review to a later date

NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK FOR ASSESSMENT ROLL EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. Stats., the assessment roll for the Year 2023 assessment will be open for examination on **Monday, May 1, 2023 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** at the City Municipal Building, 150 North McKenzie Avenue, Gillett WI 54124.

Open Book by Appointment ONLY

If property owners have questions regarding the valuation of their real estate or personal property and are unable to attend Open Book examination date, you are encouraged to contact R & R Assessing, 307 N Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin (920-846-4250) prior to this date to discuss any concerns.

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review (from here on referred to as BOR or board) for the City of Gillett shall meet on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm** at the City Municipal Building, 150 North McKenzie Avenue, Gillett WI 54124 to hear objections from property owners who follow requirements pursuant to s.70.47(7), Wis. Stats.

Please be advised of the following requirements:

- Sec.70.47(7)(aa), Wis.Stats., provides that the BOR may deny a hearing to a property owner who does not allow the assessor to complete an exterior view.
- After the first BOR meeting and before the BOR's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the BOR may contact, or provide information to, a member of the BOR about that person's objection except at a BOR session.
- No person may appear before the BOR, testify to the BOR by phone or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the BOR or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under sub.(3) (a), that person provides to the BOR clerk a notice as to whether the person will ask for removal under sub.(6m) and if so which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.
- When appearing before the BOR, the person must specify in writing, his or her estimate of the land value and improvements that he or she is objecting and the person must specify the information that he or she used to arrive at that estimate.
- No person may appear before the BOR, testify to the BOR by phone or object to a valuation; if the assessor or objector made the valuation using the income method; unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under state law (sec.73.03(2a), Wis.Stats.), that the assessor requests. The municipality or county must provide by ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses provided to the assessor under this paragraph and provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under state law (sec.19.35(1), Wis.Stats.). The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.

Respectfully submitted, City of Gillett Clerk Chelsea Anderson
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NOTICE CITY OF GILLETT SEXUAL PREDATOR COMMITTEE MEETING

Offender Appeal Session
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

Immediately following Common Council Reorganization Meeting
(Common Council Reorganization Meeting 6:00 PM)

Committee may deviate from agenda as needed

1. Chairperson calls meeting to order.
2. Clerk takes roll and informs Committee that the Open Meeting Law has been complied with.
3. Public Input
4. Discussion and possible action on Appeal of Timothy Tennant requesting to live at 319 S Green Bay Avenue Lot 33, Gillett, WI 54124.
Pursuant to Section #19.85 (1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes, the committee may convene in closed session for the purpose of deliberating any case which is the subject of a hearing before this body. The committee may likewise convene in closed session to discuss health and treatment related information consistent with Wisconsin Statute section 146.82(1); also consistent with the policies set forth in WI St sections 938.299 and 938.78 mandating confidentiality, appeals involving juvenile offenders or offenses will be held in closed session, unless otherwise noted. The Committee may convene in closed session per WI ST #19.85(1)(f) to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of the person referred to in such histories or data.
5. The Committee may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2) WI stats
6. Discussion and possible action on any other sexual offender board, correspondence or news.
7. Discussion and possible action on possibly setting next meeting date
8. Adjourn

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City of Gillett

ORDINANCE NO.: Chapter 25
INTRODUCED BY: Spaulding
SECONDED BY: Mohr

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GILLETT, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that **Chapter 25, Floodplain Management**, is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

1.0 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION, FINDING OF FACT, STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, TITLE AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization in s. 61.35 and 62.23, for villages and cities; and the requirements in s. 87.30, Stats.

1.2 FINDING OF FACT

Uncontrolled development and use of the floodplains and rivers of this municipality would impair the public health, safety, convenience, general welfare and tax base.

1.3 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This ordinance is intended to regulate floodplain development to:

- (1) Protect life, health and property;
- (2) Minimize expenditures of public funds for flood control projects;
- (3) Minimize rescue and relief efforts undertaken at the expense of the taxpayers;
- (4) Minimize business interruptions and other economic disruptions;
- (5) Minimize damage to public facilities in the floodplain;
- (6) Minimize the occurrence of future flood blight areas in the floodplain;
- (7) Discourage the victimization of unwary land and homebuyers;

Prevent increases in flood heights that could increase flood damage and result in conflicts between property owners; and

Discourage development in a floodplain if there is any practicable alternative to locate the activity, use or structure outside of the floodplain.

A full text of said Resolution may be obtained from the City of Gillett Clerk's Office located at 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett WI 54124. Phone 920-855-2255.

Adopted: April 6, 2023
Published: April 14, 2023

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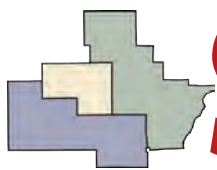
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**Snowy, wet conditions cancel
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The Bonduel baseball field at Village Park had no snow in the outfield but snow still covered the infield on April 6, forcing the team to postpone a couple games during the week. With warm temperatures in the extended forecast, the spring season should be in full swing shortly.

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AUTO RACING



IMCA Stock Car drivers pass in front of the main grandstand for the 2022 opening night of racing at Shawano Speedway on April 23, 2022, in Shawano.

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Shawano Speedway ready for green light

Jam-packed schedule lined up

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Speedway racing season is preparing to kick off its 2023 season and hopes to do so within the month.

The speedway's opening night is set for April 15, but with snow still melting and the track needing to dry out a bit more, speedway and fairgrounds marketing and promotions manager Brad Luepke says they won't rush things.

"We're not going to force a show in," said Luepke during an interview on April 3. "When the track is ready, we'll race, that's the bottom line."

Luepke added that he hopes to get a few practices in before opening night.

Luepke is back in his position after stepping back from the role in February 2022. He was back in the position by the time the Shawano County Fair happened and now is focused on moving forward.

"We have an opportunity to move forward and we have. We got an aggressive schedule, probably more aggressive than we've had special wise since I've been here," said Luepke.

"New victory lanes going in, new concrete slab for that, new victory lane sign.

"Everything is moving forward, that has been the theme and the goal since I came back and the team we have in place is very good and very dedicated."

The Dirt Kings are back at the speedway for two dates this season (opening night and July 29). There's a \$500 to win Mighty 4 Division special on May 22.

Racing for a Reason is back for a 13th season and has raised over \$224,000 for cancer in the first 12 years. That night is scheduled for June 17. That night, there's also a \$4,000 to win IMCA Stock Car special.

The speedway will host two IMCA Modified specials this year. A \$1,000 to win special is set for June 24 and a \$3,000 to win special is marked for July 22.

Fan appreciation night is Aug. 19, with a \$3,000 to win special for the IMCA Sport Mods.

Luepke is also excited for the debut of retro night, which is set for Aug. 12. The night will pay homage to the speedway's rich tradition.

"The goal is to always have something going on every Saturday night," said Luepke. "If it's not a race special, it's a promotion."

A full list of speedway specials

can be found at www.shawano-speedway.net/shawano-speedway-race-schedule.

"It's going to be a different environment here," said Luepke. "My first nine years here was good and we grew but I believe that this year, the environment will be even different than what it's been in the past. I'm really excited about it."

Luepke anticipates 40 or so drivers for the specials, which should make great racing for fans to watch. The specials were coordinated with other track's schedules in mind, which should bring some of the area's top talents to Shawano those weeks.

"People really want to see the best of the best race against each other, and this gives them an opportunity to see that," said Luepke.

In terms of drivers lined up to race in Shawano, Luepke said there was over 100 on the pit board, which is a good sign of how many usually show up every week.

Many, if not all of the speedway's divisions — Late Models, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Mods, IMCA Stock Cars and Mighty 4 — will include some new faces from past years.

In 2022, Ron Berna (Late Models), Jordan Bartz (IMCA Modified), Jeffery Teske (IMCA Sport Mod), Trent Nolan (IMCA Stock Car) and Tanner Westphal (Mighty 4) won track titles.

Bob Schmidt is the speedway's new race director and is a familiar face after serving a number of different roles in Shawano over the years.

"Very dedicated to the sport, very dedicated to this track, so that should be a huge bonus for us," said Luepke of Schmidt.

There's also some new workers around the track, but they also come to Shawano with experience on their side, which should make for a smooth transition, even early in the season.

The workers had what Luepke described as a "productive meeting" and discussed protocol for all kinds of situations that might pop up on race day. "Getting that in line will help a lot, you'll see a lot better flow."

There's also a second Jaws of Life on the safety truck, and although Luepke hopes they never have to use it, it's a great addition for safety.

Even if the speedway cannot open on April 15, the fan fest event that got canceled March 25 in Clintonville is now set for April 15 in Shawano.

For more information on the fan fest event, and all other things speedway-related, visit www.shawanospeedway.net. The speedway also releases news and other notes on its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/shawanospeedway.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: ASHTON HENNING

Shawano senior hoping for another huge season

The Shawano Community High School baseball team has high aspirations for a second straight spring. A big part of the reason for optimism surrounding the team is because of senior Ashton Henning.

Henning was the Player of the Year in the Bay Conference as a junior, making the first team unanimously as an infielder.

In conference play, Henning hit for a .419 average, with 12 extra-base hits, 25 RBIs and 19 runs scored. He worked 34 innings on the mound, earning five wins and a save. Henning finished with 48 strikeouts and a 2.60 earned run average.

The Shawano standout made the all-state honorable mention list and was a member of the first team in the North Central District.

Q: When did your interest in baseball begin?

A: It started as soon as I was able to throw a ball. From watching my sibling (Chase) play, it grew on me and I've loved it ever since.

Q: What has baseball taught you over the years?

A: Not only has baseball taught me how to work well with other teammates, but it has also taught me about patience, hard work and consistency.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do out on the baseball field, and why?

A: I would say my favorite thing to do on the field is pitch. I love trying to read hitters' swings and just having pressure on you to perform.

Q: You excel as both a hitter and pitcher. Talk about the work you've put in to become the complete player you are today.

A: It has definitely been a long process. From taking thousands of cuts on the tee to throwing bullpens at open gyms, it is something that has taken me a long time to get to. I would also say that my father (Duane) has played a huge role into my success I've had.



Shawano's Ashton Henning pitches during the team's regional title win over Seymour on June 1, 2022, in Shawano. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Q: After a monster junior season, do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish by the end of this season, and what will it take to achieve those?

A: A couple of goals personally I would like to achieve is conference player of the year along with making it on the all-state honors. I am going to

have to work hard and stay consistent through out the season and play to my full potential each and every game.

Q: Your team finished just a couple wins short of state last spring. What kind of goals does the team have this time around, and how can the team accomplish those?

A: I don't think our goals have

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Ashton Henning
Sport: Baseball
Positions: Pitcher, shortstop
School: Shawano Community High School
Year: Senior

changed much from last year. We think we should be in the same spot as last year if not making a state run. We need to work together as a team and play hard each and every day.

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

A: I think I lead the team by being an example of hard work. The extra work I put in I hope other players see and it rubs off on them and they do the same.

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

A: If I have time I go straight to the tee and take as many cuts as I can. I would say during warm ups before a game I like to clear my head and build my confidence before the game starts.

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

A: I think my favorite memory is winning regionals last year. It is a goal we had set in the beginning of the season and then to put it all together and accomplish it just shows us what we can do.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Criminal Minds." Movie — "Benchwarmers." Musical artist — Luke Combs.

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

A: That I dislike vegetables.

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

A: College baseball has always been a dream of mine so that is one thing, and another thing I would like to accomplish is to have my own business.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: BRAILYN ST. LOUIS

Falls' senior hopes to cap track season at state

Oconto Falls senior Brailyn St. Louis is hoping to end her high school career with her best track and field season yet.

In her junior season, St. Louis was the North Eastern Conference's top high jumper, winning the conference meet after clearing 5 feet. She placed third in the 100-meter hurdles in 17.41 seconds.

St. Louis went on to qualify for sectionals in the high jump.

The senior has already earned some strong finishes during the indoor portion of the spring season. She placed second in the 55 hurdles (8.2 seconds), fourth in the high jump (5-0) and tied for sixth in the 45 dash (6.2 seconds) during a meet on March 21.

St. Louis won the 55 hurdles (8 seconds), was second in the high jump (4-10) and third in the 45 (6.1 seconds) during a meet on March 27.

Q: When did your interest in track and field begin?

A: My interest in track and field began when I was in 7th grade. I always thought that being able to compete with bigger and better schools was fun. I got told by the high school coach at the time, that I should stick to high jump because he thought I could go far with it.

Q: What has track and field taught you over the years?

A: Track has taught me that you need to work hard for what you want to accomplish.

Q: What is your favorite event to compete in, and why?

A: My favorite event to compete in is 100-meter hurdles simply just because they are fun to me and I love practicing them and helping my teammates.

Q: After some strong track and field seasons in high school, what kind of individual goals have you set for your senior year,



Oconto Falls' Brailyn St. Louis competes in the high jump during the Gillett/Suring Invite on April 25, 2022, in Suring.

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and what will it take to achieve those?

A: A goal I have set for myself includes making it to sectionals and pushing it even farther to state. I can achieve this goal by keeping a positive mindset and attitude from now until the end of my season.

Q: You've already earned some strong finishes this season.

How do you keep striving for more instead of getting complacent as the season rolls on?

A: I continue to set new goals for myself, not only to improve individually, but to lead the team as a whole as well.

Q: You were the conference champion in high jump last spring. Talk about the work

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Brailyn St. Louis

Sport: Track and field

Events: High jump, 100 and 300 hurdles

School: Oconto Falls High School

Year: Senior

you've put in to become so great in that specific event.

A: I try to put in extra work often after practice to keep improving myself.

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

A: I try to lead the rest of my team by constantly encouraging everyone and by making everyone feel like they are a part of the team. As a senior, I've been in underclassmen's shoes and want to be like the senior that I once looked up to.

Q: Before an event starts, do you have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: I always jam out to music whether I'm with my team warming up or completely alone before an event.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Oconto Falls track and field team?

A: One of my favorite track memories was getting thrown into a sprinting running event and losing to my sophomore sister (Hailyn) twice and not being able to keep a straight face

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "All American."
Movie — "Fireproof. Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

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

A: I got a skull fracture at three months old.

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

A: I hope to earn my cosmetology and lash tech license next fall.

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3 area youth wrestlers place 1st at state

Several others finish in top six

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Area youth wrestlers turned in strong showings during the Wisconsin Wrestling Federation Kids Folkstyle State Championships on March 24-25 in Madison.

Marissa Zeitler of Gillett/Suring and Brooke Huffman and Eli Komanekin of Wittenberg-Birnamwood led the area wrestlers at state with first-place finishes.

Several other area wrestlers also placed in the top six at state.

Gillett/Suring

Zeitler took first in the girls born in 2012-13 85-pound weight class, going 4-0 on her way to a state title.

Zeitler won three decisions and once by pin, not allowing her opponents to score any points in any of the four matches.

Everett Zeitler earned second in the boys born 2010-11 97-pound weight class. He outscored his three opponents 22-0 on his way to the title match, which he lost 2-0 by sudden victory.

Ethan Tachick, Aidan Britzke and Cameron Wagner also wrestled for the Gillett/Suring team at state.

Witt-Birn

Huffman was the top finisher in the girls born 2008-09 172-plus weight class. She won all three of her matches by pin.

Komanekin was first in the boys born 2010-11 210 weight class. He won two matches by pin and another by a 5-0 decision.

Payton Jozwiak took third place in the girls born 2014-15 90 class



Gillett/Suring's Marissa Zeitler, third from left, stands atop the podium after winning the girls 2012-13 85-pound weight class at the Wisconsin Wrestling Federation Kids Folkstyle State Championships on March 24-25 in Madison.

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after winning her final four state matches, three of which were by pin.

Faith Weso took third in the girls born 2010-11 135 class.

Jaxon Moenke claimed fifth in the boys born 2012-13 110 class after going 5-2 at state. Landon Meronk was sixth in the boys born 2010-11 82 class after finishing 3-3.

Koltyn Starr, Jaxton Groshek, Ethan Schulist, Sawyer Huffman, Dalton Fletcher, Carter Waldvogel, Aubree Beran and Cassidy Inderdahl also wrestled for Witt-Birn at state.

Bonduel

Bonduel had three wrestlers place at state, with Alisha Berg's second-place finish leading the team.

Berg earned that finish in the girls born 2008-09 172-plus class. She finished 2-1, with her wins both

coming by pins.

Gracie Bogacz claimed fifth in the girls born 2012-13 95 weight class. She went 3-2 at state.

Emily Berg earned sixth in the girls born 2014-15 65 weight class. She went 3-3 at state.

Maxton Lee, Ethan Berg, Benjamin Diemel, Thomas Vanderzanden, Jackson Krause, Alivia Kolaski, Gavyn Hill and Summer Bogacz also wrestled in Madison.

Pulaski

Pulaski sent eight wrestlers to Madison and had three return with top-six finishes.

Kutter Preslaski earned third in the boys born 2010-11 79 weight class after going 4-1.

Bohdan Schmidt went 5-1 to place third in the boys born 2008-09 125 weight class.

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This week's high school and college highlights can be found online at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Cage Preslaski was the other top-six finisher, taking fourth in the boys born 2012-13 100 weight class with a 3-2 record.

Bryce Van Lannen, Keaton Dauk, Wes Olson, Quinn Leimkuehler and Lilian Wiitala also represented Pulaski at state.

Oconto Falls

Two Oconto Falls area wrestlers placed in the top three at state.

Aaron Gilbertson was the second-place finisher in the boys born 2012-13 135 class. He went 3-1 at state, with two wins by pin and another by major decision.

William Maciejewski claimed third in the boys born 2014-15 75 weight class. He finished 4-1 in Madison.

Jase Franzmeier, Braxton Denowski, Levi Mommaerts, Isaiah Holtz, Nola Coppens, Jack Falkowski and Trevor Fisher also represented the area at state.

Shawano

Shawano had six wrestlers competing at state in Madison, but none were able to place.

Cash Panske, Millie Panske, Nikkolos Waukau, Marcus Brezgel, Owen Montour and Kian Morstad were the six wrestlers that represented Shawano.

Lena

Lena sent four wrestlers to the state championships, but none were able to place in the top six.

Max VandenHeuvel, Parker Boomsma, Jacob Sellen and Isaac Peterson represented Lena.

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Team	W	L
Golfside	108 1/2	35 1/2
Launching Pad	86 1/2	57 1/2
Lakeshore Lanes	86	58
Bamboo	85	59
Farmall Fanatics	84	60
Brother's	83	61
Northern Advantage	73 1/2	70 1/2
Rosie's Railway	58	89
Full Service Tents	57	90
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High individual scratch games:

Cody Lindal 278, Carson Malueg 266, Randy Umentum 259, Brad Weisnicht 258, Jeremy Pederson 258, Ed Brusky 257, Carl Malueg 256, Todd Schertz 255, Zack Ruehle 248, David Hicks 248.

High individual scratch series: Ed Brusky 739, Jeremy Pederson 718, Todd Schertz 713, Brad Weisnicht 700, Bryant Rankin 692, Carson Malueg 689, David Hicks 686, Zack Ruehle 665, Bill Grosskreutz 662, Scott Pederson 648, Cody Lindal 648.

Him & Hers Couples — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Brothers Pub	40	16
Gingerly Salon	39	17
Keglers	34	22

Buss Automotive	32	24
Lunds Corner Bar	29	27
CDH	28	28
MW Auto Body	26	30
Brothers Pub Too	25	31
Bust N' Balls	24	32
Pin Heads	23	33
The Farmers	22	34
Just 4 Fun	14	42

High individual scratch games: Mary Metoxen 268, Brad Weisnicht 267, Steve Renik 266, Kevin Zuleger 253, Dave Rindt 249, Kyle VanDerLinden 246, Steve Rouse 241, Sharon Buss 225, Ashley Schuh 222, Cindy Hackbarth 196, Jessie VanDerLinden 190, Cheryl Rouse 188.

High individual scratch series: Brad Weisnicht 725,

Mary Metoxen 714, Kevin Zuleger 669, Dave Hackbarth 650, Bill Grosskreutz 635, Jesse Metoxen 624, Kyle VanDerLinden 618, Sharon Buss 589, Ashley Schuh 543, Cheryl Rouse 518, Lisa Krueger 509, Diane Durkee 507.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Kautza Excavating	29	16
Clark Construction	29	16
Chet and Emil's	27	18
White Insurance	25	20
Schmidt Schulta	23	22

High individual scratch games: Jordan Wanta 280, Riley Rew 267, Jeremy Praslowicz 264.

High individual scratch series: Tim Lemke 689, Reid Praslowicz 686, Jeremy Praslowicz 683.

Turkey season quickly approaching



A group of turkeys make their way to thicker cover on March 30 on Shawano County private land.

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As the snow melts, ground thaws and temperature rises, my favorite time of year arrives. The spring turkey season is closing in fast.

The season kicks off with youth hunters (under age 16) hitting the woods on April 15-16. The first of six time periods then runs April 26-May 2, with the following five periods also lasting a week.

The spring turkey hunting guide is available online at widnr.widen.net/s/gpssrnsnqg/wm_282_spring_2022_turkey_permit_levels.

This year, I was fortunate enough to be awarded a harvest authorization for Period A in Zone 3, where I do just about all my hunting on public land in Shawano County.

It's the first time in awhile that I've gotten lucky enough to get one of those, and I'm absolutely thrilled that I'll be one of the first hunters in the state to get a crack at taking down a hard-gobbling tom.



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After moving to this area five springs ago, and then having my family own private hunting land over two hours away, I had to find different avenues to get my turkey hunting fix. I've always enjoyed challenging myself in life, and public land hunting was the way I determined I could both challenge myself and get more turkey hunting opportunities in the spring.

To get familiar with some of the many acres of public land here — some of which I've never even stepped foot on — there were many hours of scouting I've put in over the years. There are a few places that I instantly fell in love with, and have basically hunted exclusively over the

past several years.

Those are now places I can roam without my phone app onX (which I utilize the satellite imagery for). I could walk you to the exact spots I harvested birds in the past two years and point out the spots I hope to harvest some toms on this spring.

That plays into what I love so much about turkey hunting, the memories.

It's not all about the harvest — and if it were, I should have quit hunting a long time ago. It's about waking up well before sunrise to creep into your favorite hunting spots and hopefully be startled by some close gobblers before working your own magic on a turkey call and trying to trick the ever-elusive toms into close proximity.

Sometimes those close encounters don't even end with you laying eyes on the gobbler, and other teams they agonizingly stand there just out of

shotgun range, almost teasing you.

In the few instances that you get a gobbler into range, it's still not a slam dunk that you'll walk out of the woods with the bird draped over your shoulder — again, been there, done that far too many times than I like to admit.

The close calls and missed opportunities are just part of the reason that makes a successful hunt all that much more sweeter.

For me, I'm satisfied eating tag soup as long as I get plenty of time in the turkey woods, get to hear my fair share of gobbles and have a close encounter or two.

Regardless of how things turn out, I'm going to soak up every moment of it all. I hope you get to do the same and get plenty of memories out of the turkey season.

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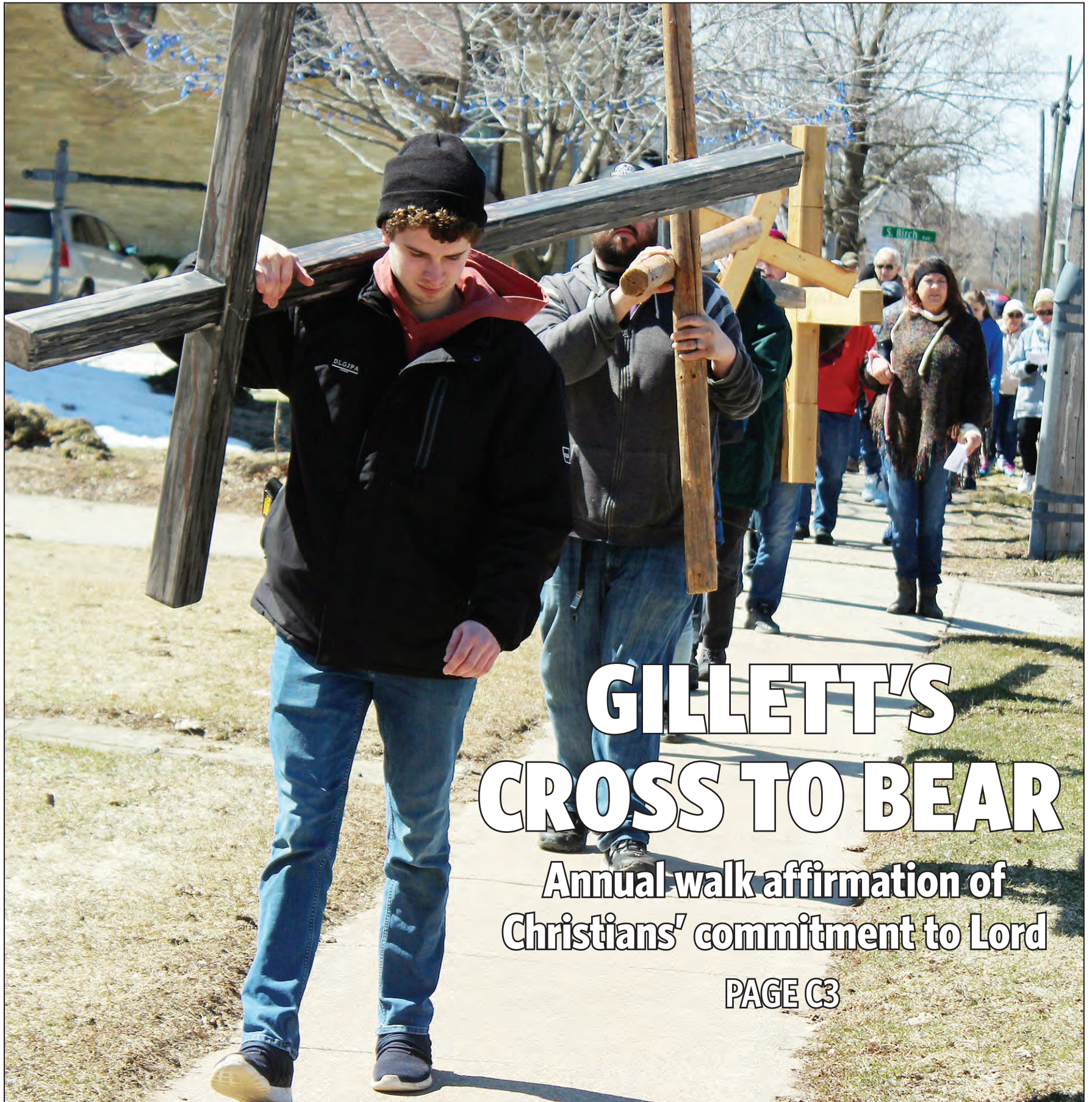
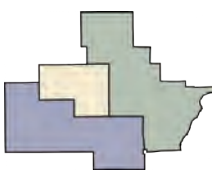
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Gillett residents bear cross at annual walk

Event makes public the story of Christ's crucifixion in preparation for Easter

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Many faithful flock to churches on Good Friday to remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, but in Gillett, some Christians observed the holiday out on the streets.

For decades, members of the Gillett-Suring Clergy Association have held a cross walk, where several volunteers carry large crosses, some lightweight and others heavy, while others follow behind. Starting at Gillett Secondary School and ending at St. John Lutheran Church, known in the community as the Clock Church, the line of Christians stopped along the way to tell the story of Christ's death and to sing hymns.

This year's cross walk brought out more than 30 people, and for many, it was worth it to demonstrate faith in an all-powerful God and how His son took the world's sins and washed them clean. Chris Byars, pastor for St. John, sees the annual event as a way of reaffirming that churches are still standing and still welcoming.

"It's been at least the last 30 years that it's been a tradition here," Byars said. "It's a great witness to the community that the church still stands. It's a way to show our unity in Christ as we walk in the community together. This is all the center of our faith."

Byars has only been part of the cross walk for the last three years, but he said some parishioners have told him that the walk would extend to a restaurant at the top of the hill near the Gillett city limits in years past, but the restaurant is no more.

Even the pandemic lockdown in 2020 couldn't completely extinguish the cross walk, according to Byars.

"One of my parishioners, Gary Lisowe, did the walk all by himself because it was vital for him as a witness to the community," he said.

When the community could come together again for Easter in 2021, a large crowd gathered to take part in the cross walk, and it has continued since, Byars said. He noted that he wants the community to see that his church and others are praying for them and continu-



While some carried crosses along Gillett's Main Street, others sang hymns as they followed behind.

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Jonathan Carlson, pastor for Hillside Assembly of God, reads the story of Jesus Christ's crucifixion April 7 outside Gillett City Hall.

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ing good work.

"It was a nice walk," Byars said. "People had been gathering and realizing what they'd lost the year before."

Pastor Jonathan Carlson with Hillside Assembly of God feels

the cross walk is a reminder that someone died for the people in the community and well beyond.

"It's really showing the community just a little glimpse of what Jesus went through," Carlson said. "He had to carry a cross, and

reflecting on that and remembering just how much He loves us and that He was willing to do that for us."

Carlson noted the cross walk provides a different way for people to witness the message and experience it first-hand.

"He had to go through a public setting, carrying a cross," Carlson said. "It was humiliating for Him. It was torture for Him. This is a way to really reflect on that more and make it more personal."

Having the cross walk take place with the support of multiple churches in Gillett and Suring shows that, even though they may express their faith differently, they can still work together to spread the word of God.

"This shows that what we believe is real," Carlson said. "If we follow Him, we're showing that we're coming together. It wasn't Jesus dying on the cross. He was calling all of us to die to ourselves daily and live a life committed to Him."



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Sandhill cranes continue to migrate north

Between 1,000 and 1,500 cranes visit Navarino Nature Center during migration

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

About 20 guests to the Navarino Nature Center were treated with an exciting event April 6, as sandhill cranes continue their migration north.

Led by Navarino Nature Center director and naturalist Tim Ewing, visitors were taken on a guided, half-mile hike up to Pike's Peak as the sun was setting, giving guests the perfect opportunity to see the birds congregate for the night.

Pella resident Patti Luff called her experience "beautiful" and urged others to get out to the nature center to see the cranes.

"I just love watching them fly in and land," said Luff. "It is so beautiful here, and this is one of the things that makes (the nature center) so beautiful — it is just gorgeous."

Ewing said the spring evening with the sandhill cranes is just one of the events that the nature center hosts. There is also a hike in the fall to see the birds as they migrate back south.

"It is kind of a welcome back to the cranes for spring and an opportunity for the public to see all of them as they are returning in mass numbers," said Ewing. "At the nature center, we are all about getting people outdoors and into nature, so this is just like going up and seeing the sturgeon spawning at the Shawano Dam. This is a rite of spring to get everybody out to watch these birds that are flying hundreds of miles to come back to Wisconsin."

In regards to how long the birds will stay in the area, Ewing said those who are breeding will be around all summer, but expects other migrant birds to continue the journey up to Michigan, Minnesota and Canada.

"Some of them are going to be residents and they will be here all summer, but they are not going to be in these large numbers, because once we get to about May they are going start nesting and breaking apart into the breeding groups and the non-breeding groups," said Ewing. "Our cranes that we have in Wisconsin are coming from Florida, the Carolinas, Georgia."

He added that in normal year the



Navarino Nature Center director and naturalist Tim Ewing, right in black, talks visitors to the Nature Center through various information regarding the sandhill crane migration on April 6. Ewing said that the nature center sees between 1,000 and 1,500 cranes throughout the spring months.

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cranes would have made their way to Shawano County by the beginning of March, but with the recent snowstorms, they were delayed to early April.

Shawano resident Ilia Bordiugov said that this is not the first time that he has seen the cranes migrate through Shawano County and that he continues to come to the nature center for the event, and he continues to learn new information about the cranes every time he attends.

"Today was kind of interesting, because I was driving around today and saw a lot of eagles, hawks and cranes and wasn't sure what was up with that," said Bordiugov. "(Ewing) explained that the rodents and the insects are starting to come out because all of their paths are collapsing with snow melting. A lot of birds are hunting right now."

In total, for the nature center, Ewing said that he will see between 1,000 and 1,500 cranes at the nature

center on any given year. For Shawano County in general, Ewing said that number could increase to 3,000 birds.

"They are coming to areas that support that habitat that they need, which is the wetlands at night," said Ewing. "Then they like the farm lands and agricultural area for feeding during daylight hours. We have a nice mix here in Shawano County, so that is why we have a little bit more cranes than in some of the other counties."

Ewing said that visitors can expect to see more of the birds during their fall migration, as they travel back down south. Ewing also noted that the number of cranes continues to increase throughout the years, as the animals have beaten extinction.

"It wasn't that long ago that the cranes were endangered or threatened — this is a species that has made a major comeback," said Ewing. "As far as making the come-

back, a lot of that has to do with when they realized the numbers were on the decline. They were massively hunted in the 1900s, and basically it came to removing the bird from being hunted and giving it a protected status to where it could then come back."

Although this was a guided hike to see the birds, Ewing said that visitors are welcomed to explore the trails on their own and witness the migration without a guide.

"This is a nightly thing through the spring months," said Ewing. "The whole purpose of the guided hike is to help give them information, answer their questions and get them to where they feel comfortable. Anybody can come out here and use the viewing decks to see the wildlife. Anybody can come out any time."

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CMN students live their ancestors' prayers

The Menominee word “sawae-nohtawaew” translates to English as “gives hearing to his or her prayer.” The sentiment is one that College of Menominee Nation students and staff reflected on when they attended a gathering for Tribal College and University (TCU) personnel in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The March conference celebrated the TCU movement through the mantra “Living Our Ancestors' Prayers.”

CMN is one of 37 TCUs across Turtle Island dedicated to fostering exemplary scholarship that affirms Indigenous knowledge and culture. The schools are members of the 50-year-old organization known as the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), which was founded in 1973 by the presidents of the first six TCUs “to nurture a common vision” for tribal education. That vision includes hosting the annual AIHEC Student Conference, which drew over a thousand participants in its first gathering since 2019.



RYAN WINN

Referred to simply as AIHEC by attendees, the gathering enables students to compete against one another's skills and knowledge in disciplines including archery, art, business, hand games, film, math, theater, traditional plants and writing. While the competition is intense, what the more than three-decade-old conference excels at is affirming the wisdom inherent in earning a post-secondary degree grounded in tribal wisdom.

This year, CMN sent four Menominee students to the event, along with two CMN faculty to serve as their coaches. Melissa Wescott won the coveted CMN Student of the Year award, earning the substance abuse counselor major both a scholarship for the following academic year and lauded recognition alongside her counterparts at other TCUs.

Dr. Lucy Fenzl, CMN's dean of academic success and adjunct biology faculty, coached the school's Science Bowl team. Comprised of biological and physical science majors Catishe Grignon, Shawn “Sonny” Pamonicutt and Nichole Verstoppen, CMN's crew took seventh place in the trivia-based game that tested both students'



College of Menominee students and staff, from left, Shawn “Sonny” Pamonicutt, Dr. Lucy Fenzl, Catishe Grignon, Nichole Verstoppen, Melissa Wescott and Ryan Winn pose before the opening Parade of Flags at the 2023 AIHEC Student Conference.

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knowledge of STEM fields and the speed in which they answered each question.

Grignon also shared a scientific poster presentation about her work studying how the medicinal properties of the bacteria that grows on Menominee land are affected by changes in the seasons. Fenzl explained the catalyst for the research: “CMN is a member of Tiny Earth, which is a cohort run by UW-Madison. It is a crowd-sourcing, student-sourcing research initiative aimed at identifying soil bacteria for its antibiotic capability and connecting students and faculty in this initiative throughout the world.”

While Grignon's work was rightfully lauded by the competition's judges, she reserved her own praise for the conference itself.

“It was an amazing experience overall,” Grignon said. “It brought me back into who I am as an Indigenous person. Seeing and meeting so many other Indigenous people from all over Indian Country made my heart happy. It was inspiring to see so many other Native students sharing their knowledge and skills. For once in my life, I felt like I fit in.”

I had the privilege of coaching Pamonicutt and Verstoppen in the speech competition, where they took first place for both their humorous and serious “Duo Interpretation” scenes. The former enabled them to portray an awkward attempt at a powwow courtship, while the latter highlighted the ways in which Native Americans have fought back against colonization and its enduring impact on tribal sovereignty.

Pamonicutt stated: “The whole experience felt empowering. I loved being around so many Indigenous students while representing the College of Menominee Nation.”

Verstoppen added: “It has been a humbling experience. I have never felt more welcomed by so many like-minded people. In a short time, I formed so many amazing new friendships. The whole experience has taught me to be proud to be Indigenous!”

Although the joy the students shared was specific to them, Fenzl noted that the conference resonates because of the opportunities it offers students.

“I have been a part of the AIHEC conferences coaching the science

students since I started at CMN in 2012,” Fenzl said. “It is an incredible way to showcase our students' knowledge, skills and research while helping students to make important connections with other Indigenous students, faculty and other higher education institutions from around the United States.”

In 1856, the famed Chief Oshkosh addressed the Menominee tribal council contemplating Western civilization. He said: “I wish to pursue a course which will be the best for our children who will follow us.” He noted that this included his commitment to “send our children to school.”

In 1993, the Menominee Tribal Legislature created CMN, whose mission dictates that the school “infuses learning with American Indian culture and prepares students for leadership, careers, and advanced studies in a multicultural world.”

The Creator sawaenohataew and CMN's students' success at AIHEC is further proof that they're living their ancestors' prayers.

Ryan Winn teaches communications, English and theater at the College of Menominee Nation. Visit www.menominee.edu for information about the school.

Hunting turkeys in snow good possibility

Turkey season is just around the corner, but you might not notice with all these lingering spring snowstorms.

Conversation in my circle of friends has moved to talk of hunting gobblers in the snow. I try to avoid this in Zone 3 (which includes portions of Shawano County and all of Waupaca County) by applying for the second season (this year, that's April 26 through May 2). Although for some reason, I didn't get drawn at all and had to buy a "surplus" season four permit.



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Several of my friends didn't get drawn in the annual lottery. I always buy a Patron license, which provides most hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, including a turkey permit. For the first time in 22 years, I didn't get drawn.

The Patron license allows the applicant to choose up to three seasons for the drawing, but the state claims I only put in for one (why would I do that?) I'm not a conspiracy-theory type, but I keep thinking that because I didn't get drawn, I then had to fork over another \$10 for a turkey tag, in addition to my \$165 Patron license fee. If I had gotten drawn, it would be 10 bucks less for the state.

Hunters tend to request the earlier seasons, thinking that the birds will be less hunted and, therefore, less wary. Maybe it's just a desire to get out there early. When I moved to Wisconsin from Iowa in 2000, I got a first-season tag and soon found myself plodding through 4-6 inches of snow during the season. No thanks. That's why first season is last in my book.

Hunting in northern counties is vastly different from hunting in southern counties. Northern hunters are accustomed to a little (or a lot) of the white stuff when chasing toms. My experience is that the snow seems to make the birds less active and less likely to answer a call, but again, I've avoided this situation whenever possible.

Friend and co-worker Jennifer Schloss, who has been president of the Neenah-Menasha Strutters chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation for the past decade, is an avid turkey hunter who shares the sport with her husband, Trent, and son, Caleb.

Caleb was just 11 years old when winter snowstorm Evelyn struck the state during the youth turkey season April 14-15. While Shawano dug out from just under 30 inches of snow, Caleb and his dad were trudging through knee-deep snow on public land in Marquette County.

After missing one gobbler, and with Caleb's hand warmers failing, the duo was shivering, cold and miserable. They spotted some turkeys near the edge of their own property on the border with the public land and set some decoys. With 12 minutes left of the season, a huge 26.1-pound gobbler strutted to within 20 yards, and Caleb put it down with his 20-gauge Mossberg pump. It was a hunt they'll never forget and proof positive that persistence, even in a historic snowstorm, can pay off.

Turkey and Turkey Hunting magazine, a publication once owned by Krause Publications in Iola and



This could be your turkey hunting setup this season, if the winter weather continues. A warm blind with a top and even a heater will keep you in the field longer and increase your chances of success.

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now based in Waupaca, offers some great tips for hunting gobblers in the snow.

You've already done at least one of these just by driving around the backroads in winter: Noticing where the birds hang out when there's snow on the ground. I literally drive by my hunting land almost every day, and see the birds clustered in two or three distinct areas. Will they be there when the snow is gone? Not necessarily, but it's a place to start. Two aging, wooden deer ground blinds are conveniently located near these two spots, and they make it easy for me to stay dry and comfortable while waiting for birds to show up in the open field.

Author Jason Houser recommends looking for travel routes between feeding and roosting areas. Set up your blind or ambush spot in a field that is uphill from a roosting area (if possible; in my area, there is no uphill area).

Set your blind up three or four days before you hunt, if possible. This isn't legal on public land, as you must take your blind down when you leave.

Don't be afraid to use a white sheet on your blind to help it blend in with the landscape, Houser said.

Crunchy snow makes walking into and out of your hunting area difficult, especially if the birds are roosting nearby. Plan out a quiet entrance route, if available. Perhaps a weedy creek bank, cattle trail or other natural path will quiet your approach.

Here's a link to Houser's story: <https://www.turkeyandturkeyhunting.com/turkey-scratchings/7-steps-for-hunting-turkeys-in-the-snow>.

Most of us turkey hunters also deer hunt, and we are used to cold-weather conditions. You may need to abandon your lightweight spring camo clothing in favor of the insulated bibs and parkas this year. Bring some handwarmers and a pair of heavy gloves.

By the time this story reaches you, let's hope the sun is shining and the snow is all melted.

I will not put any money on that wish, however.

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Fun conversations to be had with 'Grandson'

First off, I admit I'm a dinosaur; I still have a landline telephone connection. I keep it because I don't have to deal with dropped calls or lousy reception.

I also own a cellphone. Actually, it's my fourth "free" upgrade. Over time, I've learned each has advantages. I can use the landline in a power outage and my cellphone to call BrightSpeed if my landline goes kaput. Better yet, if I misplace my cellphone, I use the landline to call it and listen for the ringtone to go fetch it. What a wonderful symbiotic relationship that only costs a couple hundred dollars a month.

If forced to choose, it would definitely be my cell. For versatility and coverage, you cannot beat it. I wonder how on earth I survived for five decades without one. I started with a clunky bag phone back in 1996. Weak signal, ridiculously short cord, but a godsend in an emergency. I graduated to what is now called a "burner phone" just before Y2K. It was a big improvement but paying for minutes got old and inconvenient. I took the plunge in 2002, purchasing my first iPhone just before we moved to Townsend.

It is no exaggeration to say that



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owning that device changed my life. I appreciated the comforting sense of linked-in security, and now I had a computer in my hand. Truth be told, I spend a lot of time on the computer. Jon says in his next life, he wants to come back as a laptop so he will get more hands-on attention. Gotta love a man with a sense of humor.

Be that as it may, having a cellphone has been beneficial for my health because waiting is not something I do well. Being able to check email or browse online while waiting for whomever or whatever has been really good for my blood pressure. OK, if I forget my phone, I panic, which is really bad for my blood pressure. Whatever. Everything in life's a trade-off.

Getting back to communication platforms. One huge downside of a landline is junk phone calls, and I don't have Caller ID. I know, I know, but I'm one of those crazy old people who still likes a surprise now and

then. Take last weekend. Two total strangers found me in a telephone book (match that, cellphone users) and called to discuss my column on downsizing possessions. With Caller ID, I would have missed those wonderful conversations. Knowing I'm not alone in my mostly unsuccessful quest to simplify my life is so reassuring.

Unfortunately though, the vast majority of junk calls are way beyond annoying. Yesterday I was expecting an important call. When the phone rang, I stubbed my toe and scraped my elbow on the door frame trying to get to it before voice mail picked up. "Hi, Grandma," a mature male voice said. "Who is this?" I asked.

"Who do you think it is? It's your grandson."

Now I have only one grandson with whom I've talked on the telephone since he was a preschooler, and this was definitely not Cameron. Jon had this same call a few weeks earlier. When the caller identified himself as our grandson, Jon cleverly asked, "Mike? Is that you?" The caller replied, "Yeah. It's Mike. How you doin', Grandpa?" Jon's response: "Well, I'm fine, but I don't have a grandson named Mike." Click.

This time when "Grandson" called

me, I said, "I might be an old lady, but I know what a phone scam is." Can you believe he rudely hung up on me? Too bad. I was all set to give him an earful for preying on the elderly. But after thinking about it a little more, I came up with a better idea. Why is it that you always think of clever things to say after the conversation ends? Anyway, the next time I am going to be ready.

"Oh, Cameron, I'm so glad you called. Your grandfather's on another bender. Can you come down and check all the taverns and drag him home? And while you're here, the toilet's backed up, and I can't find the plunger. I hope you can fix it without one, and I need some fresh cow manure for the garden. I always get it from the farmer down the road. Will you help me haul it over? That'll give me a chance to get a ride in your new Tesla."

Oh, it's so much fun to be a grandmother, isn't it? I do hope Grandson, or whatever his name is, calls me again very soon.

Kathleen Marsh is a lifelong educator, writer and community advocate. She has published eight books, four on the history of Townsend, where she and husband Jon are happily retired on the beautiful Townsend Flowage.

Library gets \$500 donation



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 44 treasurer Lorry Runge, right, presents a \$500 donation to Lakes Country Public Library Director Katie Essermann.

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Reenacting Jesus' final days



Lane Brunker, Bryson Bystol and Anahkosaeh Grignon take part in the Stations of the Cross presentation March 30 at Sacred Heart Catholic School. Second and third grade students worked for months learning their parts and feeling the emotion behind the play.

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CLUB NOTES

Suring Area Historical Society

The Suring Area Historical Society meeting was held March 21 at the Suring Village Hall meeting room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all 15 members and guests present. The meeting was called to order by president Adelaide Boettcher.

The secretary and treasurer reports were approved as read. Balance in the account is at \$85,361.41. The motion was made and seconded to purchase three CDs of \$15,000 each to increase our interest on our moneys — one 3-month, one 6-month and one 12-month after April 1.

The roof over the front show windows should be repaired as soon as weather permits. The windows will be updated and repairs made after the roof is fixed. The new engine room is coming along quite well. The Easter display is up.

The annual breakfast featuring kitchen memories April 23 was discussed. We will have several displays at the breakfast. Set-up for the breakfast will be at 2 p.m. April 22. We thank the St. John Lutheran Ladies and the 4-H group who will be serving the breakfast April 23 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed on April 22 to get things set-up for the breakfast. Letters have been mailed for the breakfast, and posters are up. Tickets are available at the Suring Area Library and from SAHS Members.

The computer will be installed at the museum, and Shannon will check into a hotspot. We are also looking for an office desk for the museum. The museum will be open May 27 with a bake sale at the museum. June 3 will be game day at the museum.

Our May brat fries will be May 5, opening weekend for fishing, and May 26, Memorial Day weekend. Our brat fries this year will be held at the Suring Area Library parking lot.

We want to thank Lois Brazeau for the donation of the soda fountain from the Suring Drug Store, which is on display at the museum. Stop in and see our new pictures and displays that will be new this year at the museum.

At 7 p.m. we headed to the Buhrandt Farm Maple Syrup Shack on Elm Road in Suring to get the history on making maple syrup by Steve and Kelly Jo Buhrandt. The tour was truly enjoyed by all attending the tour. It was a beautiful evening and we were treated to good ice cream with maple syrup.

The Lawrence Buhrandt family started making maple syrup with the Allan Tuschy and Joel Hischke families. When that group got too big, the Buhrandts went on their own. They have become very automated and it was interesting to hear the changes in the process.

Steve taps 2,000 trees and gathers 600 gallons of sap a day with the sugar content of 2.2 to 2.4. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup. Steve is a member of the Wisconsin Maple Syrup Association and sells his syrup at the local Suring Auto in Suring and also at the Oconto County Fair along with different market places in Shawano. Steve makes about 110 gallons of syrup a year. He also makes maple syrup pops.

The whole process is very interesting and amazing. We thank Steve and Kelly for a very special evening for our SAHS members.

COLLEGE NOTES

Milwaukee School of Engineering

Jack Stewart, from Hatley, and Grey Tubutis, from Bonduel, were named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's dean's list for the 2023 winter quarter. Stewart is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. Tubutis is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the dean's list.

Ripon College

Ripon College has announced its dean's list for the fall 2022 semester,

recognizing academic excellence.

- Wittenberg: Lauren Bahr
- Gillett: Sydney Young
- Eland: Ava Zamzow
- Oconto: Calysta Kurz
- Lakewood: Matthew Seeber

To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve a 3.4 grade point average or higher on a 4.0 scale and complete at least 12 credits of regular letter-graded work.

UW-La Crosse

Cole Letter, of Bonduel, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in January with highest honors, earning an Associate of Arts in liberal arts.

Sugary drinks linked to heart disease

Those who drink a sugar-sweetened beverage every day may be significantly increasing their risk for heart disease or a stroke, according to a 2020 study reported in the Journal of the American Heart Association.

"Sugar has several negative effects on the heart and arteries," said Dr. Oleg Chebotarev, ThedaCare cardiologist. "Eating foods or drinking beverages that contain added sugar can lead to high blood pressure, chronic inflammation and higher cholesterol and triglyceride levels, all of which can contribute to heart disease."

The most common sugar-sweetened beverages Americans consume include regular soda (not sugar-free), fruit-flavored drinks (not 100% fruit juice), sports and energy drinks, pre-sweetened water, and coffee and tea with added sugar.

These drinks are sweetened by the addition of a number of different types of added sugars, including brown sugar, corn sweetener, corn syrup, dextrose, fructose, glucose, high-fructose corn syrup, honey, lactose, malt syrup, maltose, molasses, raw sugar and sucrose.

One 12-ounce can of regular cola contains nine teaspoons (36 grams) of sugar — the American Heart Association's limit for how much added sugar men should consume each day. Women and children should only consume six teaspoons (25 grams) of added sugar per day.

Chebotarev said sugar affects the heart in several ways.

"Excess sugar adds extra calories to our diet, which are stored in the body as triglycerides," he said. "High triglycerides are a risk factor for developing atherosclerosis, a narrowing, thickening and stiffening of the arteries that can cause poor blood flow to the heart."

Food and drinks with added sugar also increase low-density lipoprotein levels (LDL — bad cholesterol) and decrease high-density lipoprotein levels (HDL — good cholesterol).

Chebotarev said that while bodies need cholesterol for cell development, high cholesterol levels could create fatty deposits in our blood that can block arteries over time and restrict the flow of blood to hearts. Another threat is that the fatty deposits can break loose and pass



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through the blood stream to the heart or brain, causing a heart attack or stroke.

A follow-up study of descendants of the famous Boston University Framingham Heart Study noted

that drinking more than 12 ounces per day of sugar-sweetened beverages is associated with a 53% higher incidence of high triglycerides and a 98% higher incidence of low HDL cholesterol compared to those who drank less than one serving per month.

Chebotarev added that sugar also contributes to chronic inflammation throughout the body, which is also linked to atherosclerosis.

"Caffeine and heart disease can be related as well, with caffeine acting as a stimulant to the heart, which can affect one's heart rate," he said.

With an estimated 70% of Americans adding sugar to their coffee, it also can be a hidden source of added sugar in one's diet. In addition, unfiltered coffee can raise blood cholesterol levels because of certain natural oils that coffee contains, suggesting that one should limit the drinking of espressos, French press and other unfiltered coffee drinks.

Chebotarev offered these suggestions for reducing sugar intake and improving cholesterol levels:

- Eliminate sugar-sweetened drinks from a diet.
- Drink more water.
- Follow a Mediterranean diet.
- Learn to recognize the names of added sugars, and read food/drink labels carefully, noticing how many grams of sugar are in the product. Four grams of sugar equals one teaspoon.

• Get adequate exercise on a weekly basis.

• Have cholesterol levels checked yearly.

"It is possible to lower our risks for developing heart disease," Chebotarev said. "Eating a diet that's low in added sugar is important in that regard. Working toward eliminating sugar-sweetened drinks is a great first step in that direction."

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36 In the ___ luxury
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53 Lasting effect
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Culver's introducing new smokehouse sandwiches

A smoky new menu item is coming to Culver's, and it's sure to delight burger and chicken lovers alike. For a limited time, the new Smokehouse Barbecue Cheddar Pub Burger and Crispy Chicken Sandwich are available at Culver's locations nationwide.

To give guests multiple ways to enjoy this exciting new flavor profile, Culver's crafted the Smokehouse Barbecue Cheddar to pair perfectly with either fresh, never-frozen beef or a crispy chicken fillet. The guest's choice of protein is then topped with a new sweet and smoky barbecue sauce, layers of sharp cheddar, crispy onion rings, pickles and signature mayo. A cheddar bun boasting chunks of real cheddar cheese baked throughout the dough rounds out the tangy and cheesy delight.

"We're always looking to give our guests more ways to enjoy new and exciting flavors, and the Smokehouse Barbecue Cheddar does exactly that," said Quinn Adkins, Culver's director of menu development. "We're excited for guests not only to experience the smoky sauce that gives the sandwich its name, but to truly make it their own with their choice of beef or chicken."

The sandwich will be available at Culver's locations nationwide through June 11 or while supplies last.

CMN memo to help with Native business hubs

The College of Menominee Nation (CMN) and Wisconsin Indigenous Economic Development Corporation (WIEDC) signed a memorandum of agreement.

The purpose of the agreement is for WIEDC and CMN to collaborate to meet the economic development needs of Native entrepreneurs in Wisconsin and provide opportunities for the students in CMN's business administration program. The agreement is a yearly agreement between the two parties.

WIEDC will work with CMN faculty to mentor students in internships and career development, create a Native Business Hub that will serve all tribes in Wisconsin, and assist CMN business administration students in obtaining employment in Native owned businesses. CMN will provide a resource location to assist with local start up of microbusinesses, offer small business training, and collaborate with Tribal and surrounding communities.



Culver's has introduced two new smokehouse sandwiches it will be selling for a limited time.

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"The College of Menominee Nation is looking forward to this opportunity to work with the Wisconsin Indigenous Economic Development Corporation to provide resources and outreach to Native-owned businesses throughout the state of Wisconsin," said Brian Kowalkowski, CMN dean of continuing education. "The memorandum of agreement that has been executed between the two organizations emphasizes a strong relationship and a commitment to Native-owned businesses."

The chief executive officer of WIEDC, Jennifer Peters, expressed her excitement about the agreement.

"The Wisconsin Indigenous Economic Development Corporation is excited to partner with the College of Menominee Nation to bring the very first Native Business Hub to the Menominee Indian Tribe," Peters said. "Our goal is to bring Native Business Hubs to all 11 federally recognized tribes in Wisconsin by the end of 2023. Our business hubs are designed as a place that will offer resources, training and collaboration opportunities for our tribal communities, enterprises and native business owners."

Trout Unlimited to hold fundraising banquet

For the 39th year, the Oconto River Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited is sponsoring a fundraising banquet, which will be held April 27 at Romy's Holiday Inn, 9602 E. County Road G, Suring. An entertaining evening begins with cocktail social at 5:30 p.m. with a chicken-and-tips dinner at 7:10 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$40 per person. Sponsorships are available at \$100 which include two dinner tickets, and names go in a pool for a chance to win \$500. Raffle tickets are available for bucket prizes and fishing hole prizes including home products, sporting equipment, firearms and rod/reel fishing combos.

Funds raised at the banquet will go to support cold water stream restoration projects on the north and south branches of the Oconto River and its watershed in Oconto County and Nicolet National Forest. Funds also support Trout in the Classroom projects at 10 area schools, college scholarships, trout stocking in northern main Oconto River and support of Northern Oconto County Trout Alliance at Lakewood trout rearing station.

Tickets are available at Meunier's True Value, 131 Main St., Gillett. For information, contact Dan Sumnicht at 715-853-2463 or Dale Halla at 920-373-6995.

Shawano Farmers Market starts new season in June

Vendor applications for the FRESH Project's Shawano Farmers Market are now being accepted.

The farmers market begins June 17 and will run every Saturday until Oct. 14 at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St., Shawano. This open-air market is now in its 15th year and still growing. Local farmers (produce/fruits/meats), food vendors, and crafters are encouraged to join this fun and growing market.

"We are looking forward to having

a full market again this season," said Mendoza. "Our mission is to bridge food resources to secure local needs through partnerships with rural farmers and community organizations. We will continue to encourage agriculture entrepreneurship in the region and provide consumers with fresh and locally grown or produced products in a convenient location."

To get started visit www.thefreshproject.org and click on the appropriate link for the farmers market forms. For information, contact Mendoza at 715-526-5206 or dave@thefreshproject.org.

Suring historical society to dole out pancakes

The Suring Area Historical Society will be hosting its annual pancake breakfast on April 23 at St. John Lutheran Church, 8905 St. Johns Road, Suring.

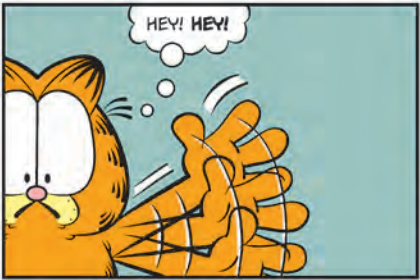
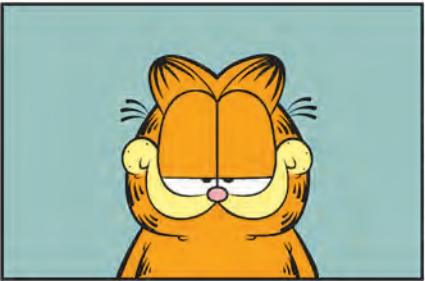
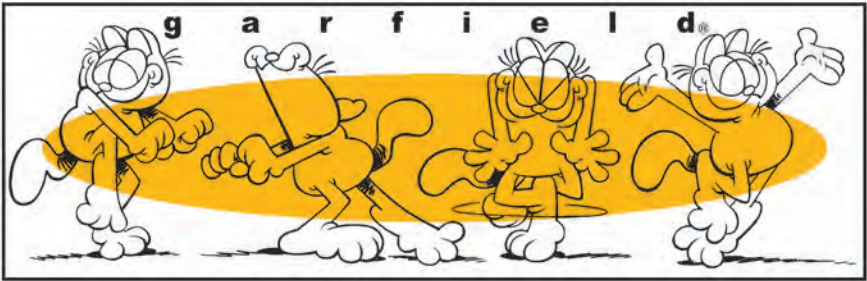
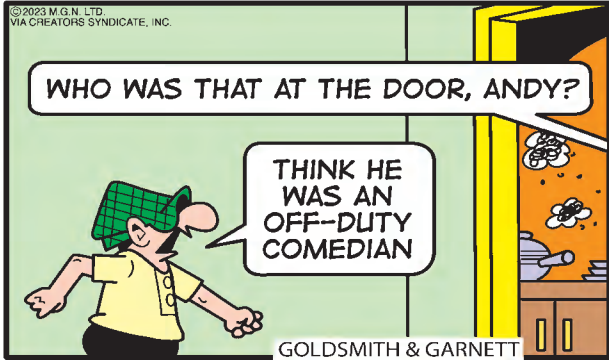
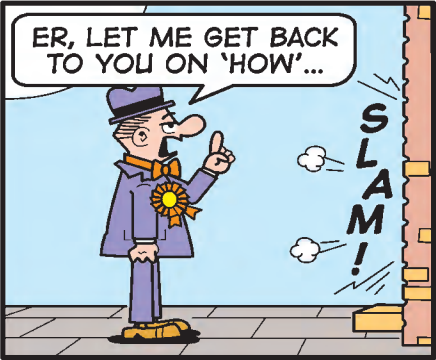
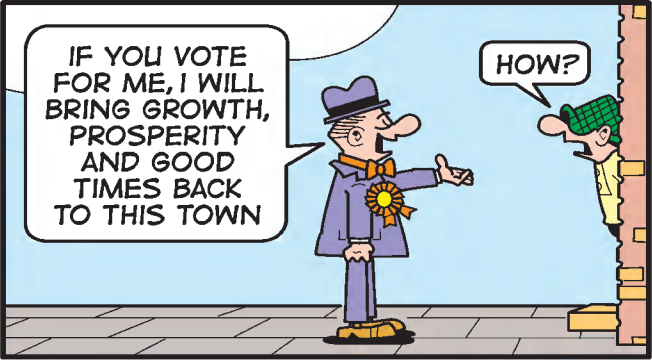
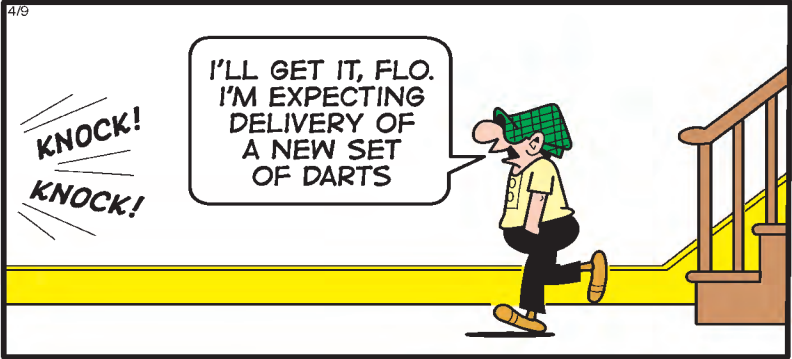
Volunteers will be serving from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu includes pancakes with locally sourced maple syrup; scrambled eggs with ham, bacon, sausage, cheese, onions, peppers and mushrooms; hash browns; applesauce; coffee; milk; and juice.

Advanced ticket prices are \$12, \$8 for ages 6-11, and free for ages 5 and under. Tickets can be purchased from SAHS members or at the Suring Area Library prior to the event. At the door, ticket prices go up to \$15 and \$10 for ages 6-11.

For information or tickets, call Adelaide Boettcher at 920-842-2041, Duane Wardecke at 920-842-4085 or Helen Heimerl at 920-842-2400.

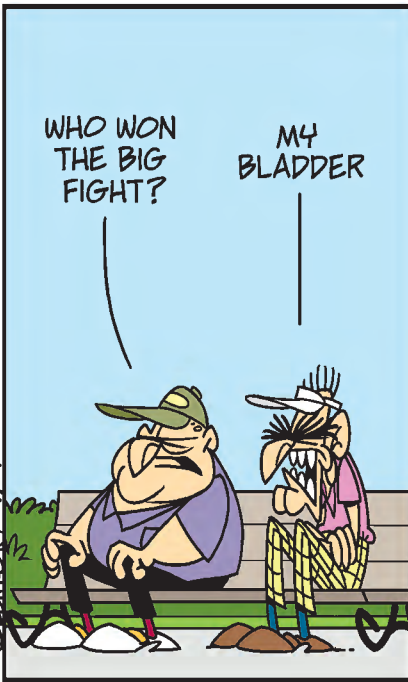
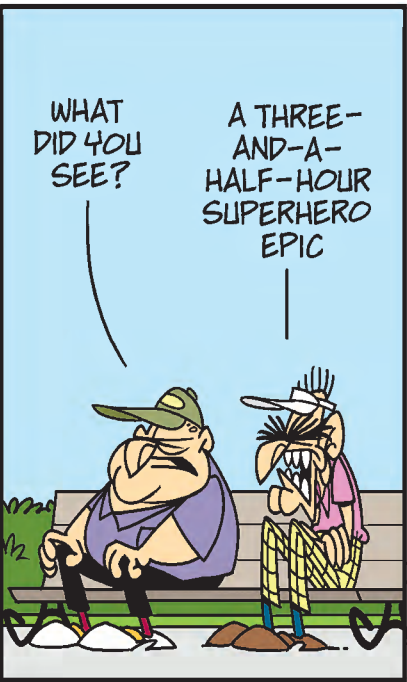
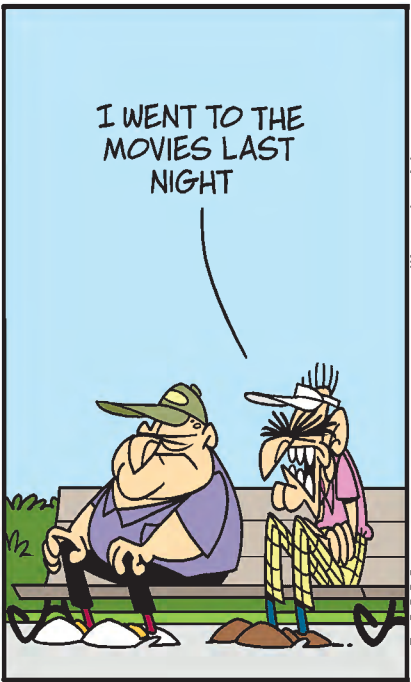
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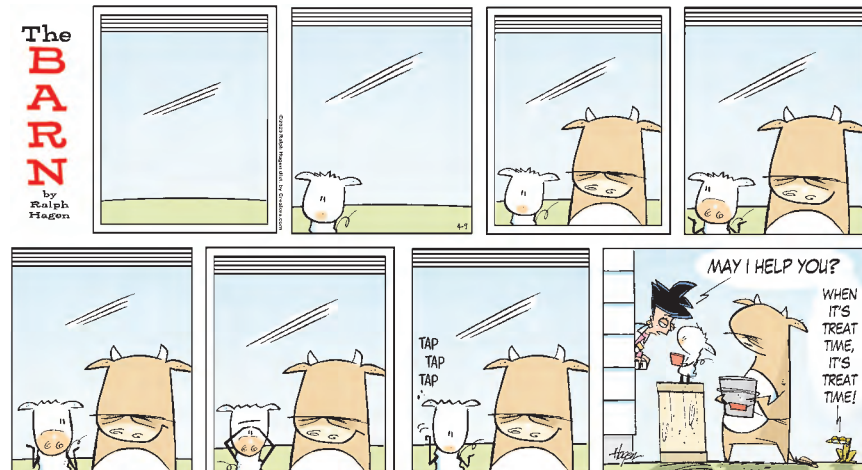
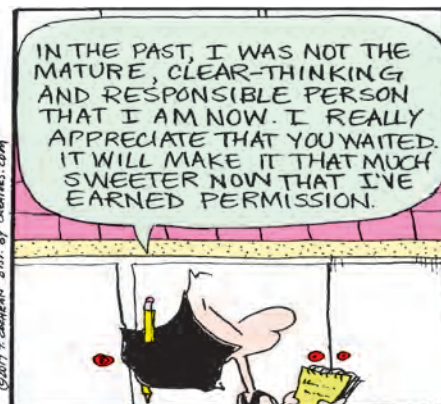
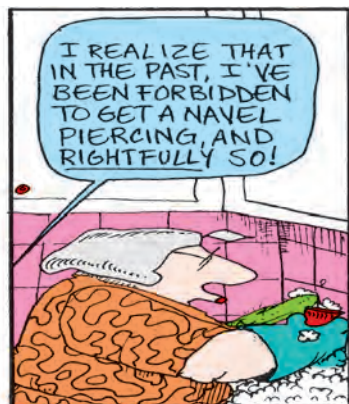
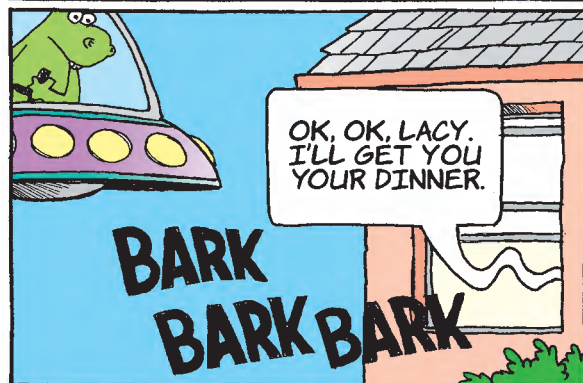
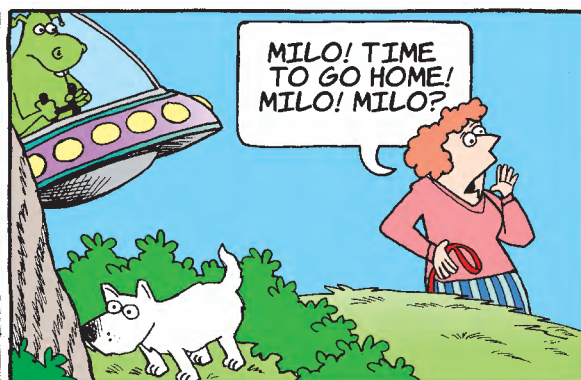
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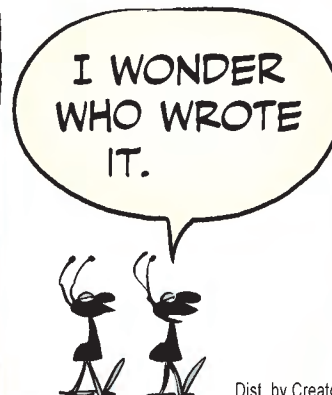
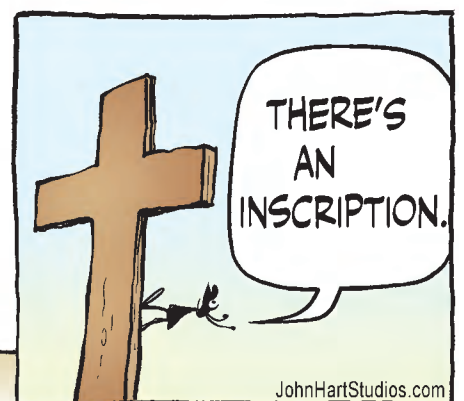
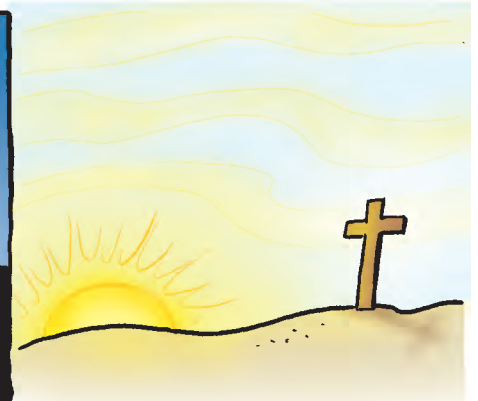


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