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Withee Village Board recognizes Lindgren for years of service

By Cindy Cardinal

The Withee Village Board held their regular meeting on Monday, April 14. Before the Financial Statements were approved, Clerk Ellen Niemi noted the transfers to the Local Government Investment Pool. She also said that she paid as many bills as she could before the meeting as Everett Lindgren would be removed from the accounts and Larry Klabon added and that process would take a couple of days.

Under Committee Reports, Trustee Bill Kroepin reported that the library board is getting ready for Withee Days.

Under the Police Report, Chief of Police Patrick Fehlman said they had been dealing with a lot of animals at large complaints, including

a case where the dogs have been loose multiple times, truancy issues at school and a fraud case.

For Public Works, the board looked at a potential ordinance that was requested by DPW Derek Schad in regard to Culvert Construction Standards. Trustee Randy Shelton asked a question about the section on endwalls having to be provided with metal aprons. He said many people in the village use rocks. The board approved sending the ordinance to village attorney Bonnie Wachsmuth. Once she has reviewed the ordinance, the board will approve it.

An operator license was approved for Bryan Kell. An amendment to the copier contract with EO Johnson was approved. The contract will go from a quarterly to an annual billing. EO Johnson had noticed that when it was billed quarterly, there were quarters that the village went over the amount of copies allowed before paying extra and other quarters where they were under. The annual billing should eliminate this issue.

Clerk Niemi reported that 177 people had voted in the spring election and that Larry Klabon was elected village president and Nancy Amacher trustee. The Organizational Meeting will be held on April 30 following the Board of Review. The board approved removing Everett Lindgren as a signer on the accounts at Forward Bank and adding Larry Klabon.

The meeting ended with Everett Lindgren being recognized for his 16 years of service on the village board.



Withee Trustee Susan Kalepp presents a plaque to Everett Lindgren in appreciation of his 16 years on the Village Board. Cindy Cardinal photo



2025 Badger Girls and Boys: Colton Paczkowski, Isabella Lewallen, Sam Wells, Lydia VanArk, Jack Wendler and Lilli Stinson. Submitted photo

2025 Badger Girls and Badger Boys

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS), a government and leadership conference sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, is an annual program for young women who will have completed their junior-year of high school. The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus will again host the ALABGS conference June 15-20, 2025. Representing OWHS in June are Lydia VanArk, Lilli Stinson, and Isabella Lewallen. Lydia VanArk, daughter of Larry and Julie VanArk is being sponsored by ALA Unit #547 Lublin. Lilli Stinson is being sponsored

by ALA Unit #123 Owen. Isabella Lewallen, daughter of Charles Lewallen and Jeanie Holland is being sponsored through the Owen ALA Unit #123 with a contribution from the O-W Lions Club. These girls will join over 550 girls from throughout the state of Wisconsin to learn about city, county and state government by forming the mythical fifty-first state, Badger, modeled after the state of Wisconsin. The delegates will reside in dorms and experience a week of college life. Each dorm floor will be a "city." The delegates will elect officials and create laws within their city. Two cities will join to form a county, and

a similar process of electing officials and adopting laws will occur. Delegates will be randomly assigned to one of two political parties and have an active role in writing and debating party platforms for which the state constitutional officers stand. Each day will focus on various aspects of state government such as lobbying and attending bill hearings. The delegates will also witness a flag disposal ceremony and learn about veterans, military, and military families.

Jack Wendler, son of Jim and Julie Wendler and Sam Wells, son of Jerry and Dee

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City of Owen holds their Organizational Meeting

By Cindy Cardinal

The city of Owen held their annual Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, April 15. Prevail Bank will continue as their official depository and the Enterprise Sentinel & Rural News will be the official newspaper. Pam Jaffke was re-elected to the position of Council President.

Committee appointments took up the main portion of the meeting. Committee appointments are as follows:

Planning/Zoning Commission: Ray Kilty, Brian Bredlau, John Mauel, Chad Smith, Kyle Wesaby, Dan Renderman, Mark Schmidt

Zoning Board of Appeals: Jason Thornton, Paul Heggemeier, Dennis Lulloff, Jeff Petersen. The Zoning Administrator position

is currently vacant and Paul Heggemeier will step down as soon as a replacement can be found.

Ordinance Committee: Chief of Police Patrick Fehlman, Mayor Scott Jalling, DPW Chad Smith, Brian Bredlau. The Zoning Administrator position is currently vacant.

Sewer Commission: Billy Nelson, Dave Booth, John Mauel, Derek Schad, Chad Smith, Matt Bottlemey. The Kerry Ingredients representative position will be filled by a variety of Kerry employees.

O-W Police Committee: Owen's representatives are Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, and Jason Thornton.

Police Discipline Committee: Wade Hatlestad, Cindy Knight, Jeff Petersen. Withee will appoint two representatives. Currently they are Chris Lulloff and Dan

Hiipakka.

Library Board: Loralee Petersen, Scott Jalling, Debra Smith, Sally Martine, Linda Plautz, Jennifer Scheuer, Roxanna Reitz, Nikki Hall

Downtown Revitalization Committee: Ken Martine, Tim Swiggum, Adam Carr, Toby Wantlin, John Heil, Cindy Cardinal, Carey Hargot

Finance Committee: Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, Jason Thornton

Personnel Committee: Bob Wilczek, Pam Jaffke, Ken Martine

Parks and Recreation Committee: Ray Kilty, Lonnie Kroepin, Bob Wilczek, Rick Nelson, Jim Scheuer, Scott Jalling, Rocky Lehr

Tree Advisory Board: Ray Kilty, Terry Plautz, Matt Riuhinen, Mary Lynn Kiviko, Jenny Parsons

Emergency Management: Chief of Police Pat-



Aldersperson John Mauel, Aldersperson Ken Martine, Mayor Scott Jalling, and Aldersperson Pam Jaffke take their oaths of office. Cindy Cardinal photo

rick Fehlman, Travis Serocki, Tracy Rau, Chad Smith, Scott Jalling

Pam Jaffke will represent the city on the O-W Area Development Corporation; Jason Thornton will represent the city on the Owen-Withee Fire District Board, with Ken

Martine being the alternate. Scott Jalling will represent the city on the Riverside Cemetery Association, Clark County Economic Development, and United Communities of Clark County. Bob Wilczek will represent the city on Clark County Tour-

ism; and Chad Smith will represent the city on the County Municipal Street Improvement Program.

Chief of Police Patrick Fehlman will act as the Local Emergency Government Director and the ADA Local Director.



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Owen-Withee Area History Series

Looking ahead in 2025

By Allan Hodnett

It's Easter Sunday 2025 as I write this story. I hope you have a happy Easter week, no matter how you choose to celebrate. The calendar shows May 2025 to be just around the corner. I don't have a clue as to why time seems to pass by so quickly.

Pausing briefly in respect, the recent tragic double homicide that took place at our neighbor, Gilman to the north of Owen-Withee, plus the death of the perpetrator has left a somber cloud on the area. RIP Josh and Becky Mann. Deep sorrow across a wide part of north central Wisconsin.

I'm turning the focus of this week's "History" series to the future. As president of the Owen-Withee Area Historical Society, I spend a significant amount of my time managing the O-W History Center in Owen and promoting and building the OWAHS brand. We are affiliated with the Wis-

consin Historical Society and the Clark County Historical Society. Our roots are in Owen-Withee, but the vast majority of our base lives outside the immediate Owen-Withee and Clark County boundaries. People such as I, who grew up in Owen-Withee, but left the area after high school and never returned, except occasional "homecomings." My Owen-Withee roots date back to the 1870s, as do many other O-W alumni.

I'd like to invite readers to visit the O-W History Center Museum in Owen, Wisconsin. It's the former Owen City Hall building. We are open by appointment. Reach out to me any time and I can help you and your friends schedule a visit. If you like history, you will be amazed at our collection.

The "go to" site for keeping up with ongoing and special events in Owen-Withee and Clark County is the Clark County Economic Development and Tourism website



From the 2025 O-W Business Expo: Steve Ristolla from the O-W History Center talking O-W History with guests.

and Facebook page. They have ongoing updated calendars.

A few 2025 Owen-Withee activities that the O-W History Center and I am promoting

- include:
- June 7, 2025. O-W hosts the Spring meeting of the Clark County Historical Society.
- June 21, 2025. Annual

meeting of the OWAHS in Owen.

- August 16, 2025. Timberworks Lumberjack Show at Owen Mill Pond.
- September 5-7, 2025. An-

nual Owen Jr. Fair and Owen Train Show.

If you are thinking of visiting Owen this summer, please note that the date of the annual Owen Jr. Fair has been moved from a mid-July fair date to the first weekend after Labor Day.

OWAHS Raffle Winners from the 2025 O-W Business Expo:

- Winner of the "What is It? quiz": Jay Nolt, Longwood. Winner of an OWAHS Thermal Mug
- Winner of Raffle #1: Marilyn Folz, Owen. Winner of Easter Basket Treats
- Winner of Raffle #2: Arlene & Dana Kodl, Thorp. Winner of Easter Basket Treats
- Winner of Raffle #3: Alicia Wilson, Withee. Winner of one year family membership, OWAHS

Thank you again to all my readers who support me. Feel free to reach out to me via email: ahodnett@aol.com or phone/text: 414-840-0846.

Free Community Shred Day at Prevail Bank—Owen May 7

Prevail Bank invites the community to safely dispose of their confidential documents during its Free Community Shred Day on Wednesday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Owen branch (326 North Central Ave.).

Shredding your documents protects your personal information from fraud. Plus, for every pound of paper shredded, Prevail Bank will donate \$1 (up to \$1,000) to Friends of the Old School Inc (FOSI), supporting local history and community programs.

Can't make it to Prevail Bank in Owen? Join us at one of our other Community Shred Days:

- May 7 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.) – Owen – Friends of the Old School Inc
- May 8 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.) – Marshfield – Children's Miracle Network
- May 13 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.) – Baraboo – People Helping People/Adopt a Veteran Program
- May 15 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.) – Wausau – Humane Society of Marathon County
- May 16 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.) – Medford – Operation Horses Heal
- May 16 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.) – Eau Claire – YMCA of the Chippewa Valley/Youth Summer Camps
- May 20 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.) – Stevens Point – CAP Services

- May 20 (1 p.m.–4 p.m.) – Phillips – Catkins Animal Rescue

A \$5 donation per box is suggested for more than three boxes of paper. Donations for the local nonprofits chosen by the Branches (listed above) can be made before or during each event.

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Badger

from Page 1

Wells and Colton Paczkowski, son of Jim and Kelly Paczkowski are this year's Owen-Withee High School representatives to the 2025 session of Badger Boys State. Jack and Sam are being sponsored by the American Legion Post #123 of Owen and Colton is being sponsored through the American Legion Post #123 with a contribution from the O-W Lions Club. Badger Boys State will be holding its 82nd session on the UW-Eau Claire campus from June 8-14, 2025. Hundreds of young leaders from across Wisconsin will become citizens of one of 27 cities and one of nine counties. Citizens

are tasked with electing public officials at the city, county and state levels and governing throughout the sessions. Through this process, young leaders not only learn the fundamentals of civics, but also develop the interpersonal skills and confidence necessary for the next generation of leaders to feel empowered to be leaders in their local communities.

Badger State citizens become eligible for numerous scholarships and for the opportunity to attend Girls Nation or Boys Nation in Washington, DC.

Congratulations to this year's representatives from Owen-Withee High School to Badger Girls State and Badger Boys State.

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Dusting Off The Files



95 Years Ago – April 24, 1930

Clark County's first motor policeman or "speed cop" has been selected by the Clark County Highway Commission and started his duties on the highways of Clark County this week. H.R. Haire of Owen has been equipped with a motorcycle and other necessary equipment and will police the highways of Clark County with orders to enforce all state driving laws.

A fire discovered in the ice house, belonging to Mrs. Cora Miller, threatened three other buildings at the north end of Central Avenue, Saturday afternoon. The origin of the fire thought to be from boys playing with matches, or from a spark from a nearby bonfire.

85 Years Ago – April 25, 1940

H.M. Wollum, president of the Owen Canning Company, left today for Madison where he is consulting with

authorities of the state department of foods completing final arrangements for the canning operations at the plant which will be resumed this summer. The plant did not operate at all last summer.

75 Years Ago – April 27, 1950

Several weeks ago Carl Hill, constable, street and water commissioner of the village of Withee, submitted his resignation to the Village Board. Action on the matter was taken at the board's meeting a week ago but all that was done was to accept his resignation formally and to view the list of applicants for the position which they received after advertising for applicants.

At one o'clock this afternoon principal W.K. Doonan accompanied the Modern Problems class of the Owen High School on a tour of the Clark County Asylum. The tour was made possible

through the cooperation of the institution's superintendent, Mr. Calvin Mills, who personally conducted the group of 31 students through the buildings and grounds.

65 Years Ago – April 28, 1960

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be witnessed Monday forenoon by employees of the Frederick Post Manufacturing Corporation and the public when Mr. R.J. Piehl, president of the firm, turns the first shovelful of dirt on the site where the firm will construct their new plant. The old building will be completely razed except for the dry kiln and boiler rooms.

As a result of two Joint County School Committee hearings held at the Woodland School, two miles south of Curtiss, and after conferences with the school boards involved the Joint County School Committee of Clark and Marathon counties detached about half of the

Woodland School District and attached it to the Colby Elementary School District, and the Joint County School Committee of Clark and Taylor counties dissolved the Woodland School District and attached the western half to the Owen-Withee School District.

Mauel's Dairy will soon have a new home. Situated on Highway 29 to the west of the Holy Rosary School, the building of concrete block construction will include a 16x30 foot store and service room, a 12x12 foot utility room, a 10x20 foot freezer room as well as a 12x16 foot boiler room. To the rear is a large three stall garage.

55 Years Ago – April 23, 1970

Miss Delores Rinehart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rinehart, Owen, was escorted by her father down the aisle of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Marshfield on Saturday, February 28,

where she became the bride of Glen Vern Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Turner, Route 1, Owen.

45 Years Ago – April 24, 1980

Clark County will host the 1983 Farm Progress Days show! On Tuesday, April 15 during the spring session of the Clark County Board, the supervisors confirmed this by passing a resolution which cleared the way for the county to host the annual three day event. The board decided that the Clark County Health Care Center would be the ideal site for the show.

William T. "Bill" Ridpath, age 50, Owen businessman, was dead on arrival at the Colby Clinic after suffering an apparent heart attack on Sunday afternoon, April 20, 1980, while he was helping the O-W Fire Department fight a grass and brush fire on the Howard Anderson farm.

35 Years Ago – April 26, 1990

Connie Pogodzinski of Pogo's Hardware Plus in Withee drew the five on-stage finalists for this week's Money Game Show in Milwaukee, scheduled to air on Saturday, April 21, 1990.

25 Years Ago – April 26, 2000

Hannah Martine won recognition as the district winner for the Respecteen Speak For Yourself letter writing contest. Hannah's letter was picked from approximately 10,000 letters to win. Hannah's letter pointed out the lack of nutritional facts on fast food labels.

15 Years Ago – April 28, 2010

Terry Parker and Richard Entrop, of Temple, TX, have announced the engagement of their daughter Kristen Diane Parker to Mark Alan Blumenstein, both of Temple. The couple plans a June 12 wedding.

NEWS FROM Here & There

The Clark County Press
During the April 8 Neillsville Commission on Public Works, clerk-treasurer Rex

Roehl reported the post office had lost the city's April 1 water bills.

Tribune-Phonograph

Three students and two teachers were chosen to represent their classmates and co-workers during Tuesday's groundbreaking ceremony at the Abbottsford School District. The event officially kicked off a two-year, \$17 million project that will include the addition of four classrooms at the elementary school, an expand-

ed parking lot and various other improvements to the K-12 campus.

The Thorp Courier

The Thorp city council has offered the open Chief of Police position to Daryl Pries. Pries is currently the Chief of Police for the village of Cadott.

The Thorp city council tabled a recommendation for

a conditional use permit for The Rock Church. This issue will be returned to the Planning Commission to review the city's current ordinance and whether a non-profit entity like a church may be allowed into a property zoned Commercial 1 (C-1).

Stanley Republican

Town of Thorp Treasurer Rita Derks was celebrated

at the April 9 meeting for 35 years of service as treasurer for the township.

Following a recommendation from CBS Squared, the Stanley City Council awarded the bid for the Maple Street Reconstruction Project to Haas Sons, Inc. for a total of \$3,776,669.37 during Monday night's meeting on April 7.

MARRIAGE Licenses

Jacob J. Miller, Town of York and **Saloma D. Miller**, Town of Eaton, on May 1, 2025, in the Town of Eaton.

Miles W. Hinojosa and **Rachael M. Mizek**, both of Wood County, on April 18, 2025, in Portage County.

Clayton J. Petras, Town of Sherman and **Nereida G. Gomez Navarro**, Marathon County, on April 19, 2025, in the Town of Sherman.

Timothy J. Weaver, New York and **Abigail R. Hoover**, Town of Longwood, on May 27, 2025, in the Town of Longwood.

Matthew S. Clark, Village of Spencer and **Sarah M.**

Burich, Town of York, on May 3, 2025, in Marathon County.

Malachi R. Askeland and **Joanna N. Johnson**, both of the Town of Sherman, on May 10, 2025, in the Town of Fremont.

Stanley H. Prusinski Jr. and **Katie L. Bucki**, both of Marathon County, on May 10, 2025, in the Town of Loyal.

Marvin S. Fox, Town of Thorp and **Rosanna M. Brubaker**, Town of Withee, on May 22, 2025, in the Town of Withee.

Lucas R. Ingold and **Harlee R. Zvolena**, both of Marathon County, on May 3, 2025, in the City of Loyal.

to **Taylor D. Mertens**, Withee, April 11, 414 West North Street, \$45,000

Townships

Aurora

Stewart J. and Tracey Tietjen, Stanley, to **Lawrence Joseph Romanowski**, Stanley, April 15, entire 35 acre parcel on Babit Avenue, \$201,250

Stewart J. and Tracey Tietjen, Stanley, to **Rodney and Melody Hoover**, Gilman, April 15, entire 18.2 acre parcel on Babit Avenue, \$91,000



A MOMENT *with the mayor*

BY SCOTT JALLING
MAYOR OF OWEN

After two years of planning, we finally have our first of many events for Owen's Centennial celebration. It will be kicked off on Friday, April 25 at the Owen Public Library. Author Chad Lewis will give a presentation on Lumberjacks, Legends, and Lore at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26 will be our birthday bash at the Owen Millpond Park at 11:00 a.m. starting with a color guard and featuring Patty Steiner singing the National Anthem. This will be followed by a tree planting in honor of the 100 year celebration. The first tree will be planted by the iconic Master

Package building and the second tree will be planted in the Veterans Park to honor past and present veterans. Next on the agenda will be birthday cake and Mauel's ice cream served by former Miss Owens. Next on the agenda, we will open up the time capsules from Owen's 75th anniversary. This will be an exciting piece of history to witness. Next on the agenda will be the premiere of Owen's Centennial song composed by Owen-Withee graduate Tim Gelhaus. This will lead into our open mic/talent show starting at 1 p.m. Also happening in conjunc-

tion with our celebration is the 15th annual Clark County Spring Into the Arts being held at the Old School gym in Owen on April 25 and 26. This event is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Also, on April 26 the Owen-Withee Area Historical Society Museum will be open from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the History Center and sign the Happy 100th Owen birthday card. This will make for a very exciting and historic weekend for the City of Owen.

The actual date of Owen becoming a city was April 30, 1925. So in commemoration, on April 30, 2025 there

will be a centennial stamp cancellation available at the Owen post office. You can also order centennial shirts or our centennial book now by contacting myself or Cindy Cardinal.

The centennial yard signs are still available. Please contact myself, Phil Greschner or Cindy Cardinal if you are interested.

Hope to see you all there. Please come out and celebrate with us.

Have a good week. Until next time.

REALESTATE

Transfers

The following transfers were recently filed with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue:

Villages

Deanne L. Wells, Withee, to **Straightline Investments LLC**, Owen, April 17, 712 Front Street, \$60,000

Pearl Orsbourn, Colby, to **Kay Marie Schmidt**, Withee, April 14, 502 West Mill Street, \$236,000

James M. Mauel, Owen,



BACK Home

BY CHRIS HARDIE

Operation garden relocation begins

The calendar may say we are nearly a month into spring, but for me it doesn't really arrive until I start digging in the dirt.

Turning over the soil and beginning to plant is the act of faith that says warmer days are ahead. The earth is still cold but it too welcomes the longer days and the growing strength of the sun.

This year's arrival of spring happened to cruelly coincide with a day more like the season past. The temperature barely crept past 40 with a howling wind out of the north that made it feel more like the lower 20s. But with a schedule filled with other commitments, it was the appointed day.

So donned in several layers, a stocking cap and insulated work gloves, I faced the task at hand.

Since moving back to the farm in 2006, we have had four different locations for our fruit and vegetable garden. Make it five in 2025.

Our previous location became choked off with weeds as I lost the war against quack grass and other noxious invaders. It also was quite a ways from the house. The new spot is more convenient, closer to water and has

been part of our lawn for a few years.

Operation Garden Relocation began last fall. Not wanting to use chemicals to kill the vegetation, we covered the area with a heavy plastic tarp to smother the grass. But I quickly discovered that the turf stakes that I used were not enough to hold the tarp against the wind gusts.

The solution was a menagerie of heavy objects, including steel fence posts, chunks of wood, rocks and even a few metal lawn chairs. Just when I figured I had enough weight, another northerly blast would lift a corner of the tarp and overturn it. The final solution was about 20 strategically placed concrete blocks.

After I retrieved all of my winter weights, I pulled the tarp and the plastic covering a few other smaller strips that were laid for other plantings. The large garden area was to be tilled by a neighbor with a tractor and a cultivator, but the smaller strips I planned to dig with my rototiller.

I went to the barn to get the tiller and discovered one of the tires was flat. The air leaked out just as fast as my air compressor could put it in. It wouldn't be the first

time I've used equipment with a flat tire and won't be the last.

Undaunted, I pushed the machine to the garden area and fired it up. The first strip was tilled in a few minutes. But about halfway through the second strip, the rototiller's tines stopped moving. I tried adjusting the tension on the trip cable that operates the tines, but that was futile.

I wheeled the machine back to the barn and popped off the housing. I am not a small engine expert, but I quickly ascertained the cause of the breakdown. The drive belt had snapped in two pieces.

After muttering a few choice words that were not flattering to the machine that was only a few years old, I went inside to warm up and searched online for a replacement belt. I muttered some additional choice words about tariffs and the like when I discovered the belt was more than \$50. I found one for \$39 and may live to regret that choice later on.

My wife Sherry – equally bundled up against the icy wind – joined me outside as we dug up rose bushes to transplant. We also planted four apple trees that had been

shipped by the nursery.

Our neighbor then arrived and dug up the large garden space with a few passes of the cultivator, saving me at least a few hours of rototiller time. I did hold my breath when during the second pass there was a loud clunking noise coming from the cultivator. A piece of iron rebar buried in the dirt had wrapped around the auger. Thankfully we were able to bend it enough to pull it free and there was no damage done to the cultivator.

The next day Sherry planted 50 asparagus crowns and 250 strawberry plants. I dug up, divided and transplanted some rhubarb and hauled a few wheelbarrows of dried manure to cover the plants and gave everything a good soaking.

There's plenty more to be done. There are more transplants to come and more flowers and vegetables to sow after we escape the frost season.

But Phase I of Operation Garden Relocation is complete.

Will I get my tiller fixed in time for Phase II?

Stay tuned for the next episode.

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You think it's early for 2026 campaign maneuvers? Guess again



In the political world, it's never too early to think about the next election.

And so, days after the big April 1 state Supreme Court election, potential candidates are maneuvering on 2026 races for another Supreme Court seat, governor and western Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District.

So, in order, new developments in those three big 2026 races:

Next spring's race for the Supreme Court. Two liberal appeals court judges, both former Dem legislators, were atop the list of potential candidates to challenge conservative Justice Rebecca Bradley next spring, when she is up for another 10-year term. Bradley says she'll be running.

Liberal appeals court Judge Chris Taylor, who sits on the Madison-based 4th District Court of Appeals, says she's been heartened by the encouragement from supporters and will have more to say about a possible bid in the coming weeks.

But Pedro Colón, who's on the Milwaukee-based 1st District appeals court, tells WisPolitics he's decided against running for state Supreme

Court in 2026, citing personal reasons.

Colón said he "was not in a place this time to go through it."

"Luckily for Wisconsin, there's a lot of interest in their race, and I'm sure there's going to be one or two or three candidates independent of my decision, which will be healthy for the state to figure out the direction it wants to go after the (Susan) Crawford race," Colón said.

Ideological control of the court won't be at stake in next year's race. But conservatives must win the contest to have a shot at flipping the 4-3 liberal majority in 2028.

The race for governor. Dem Gov. Tony Evers has yet to say whether he'll seek a third four-year term. But a host of Republicans are thinking about it.

One is Bill Berrien, CEO of Pindel Global Precision and Liberty Precision, a contract manufacturer in New Berlin. He recently announced the creation of a PAC to advance conservative policy solutions and help "Republican candidates get back to winning."

Dems have won 15 of the past 19 contested statewide races since Donald Trump first took office in 2017.

"Wisconsin Republicans have been losing elections for too long, and that ends in 2026," Never Out of the Fight PAC said in the announcement.



Berrien, a former Navy SEAL, dubbed the group the Never Out of the Fight PAC. That refers to the SEAL's code, "I am never out of the fight."

The PAC said it has assembled a team that played roles in wins by Trump and GOP U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson.

Betsy Ankney, who served as Johnson's campaign manager in 2016 and led a super PAC that backed him in 2022, told WisPolitics she's serving as the general consultant for Never Out of the Fight. Ankney said others on the team include Dylan Lefler, who worked on Johnson's

2022 campaign and Trump's bid last year, and BJ Martino, a longtime pollster with the Tarrance Group.

Others mentioned as possible GOP gubernatorial candidates: Senate President Mary Felzkowski, former U.S. Senate candidate Eric Hovde, Washington County Exec Josh Schoemann, state Sen. Pat Testin and northern U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany.

Testin, R-Stevens Point, told WISN's "UpFront" show recently that his focus now remains on the state budget, while acknowledging questions about whether he may consider a bid for governor in

2026.

"Right now, my primary focus is getting through the state budget process and working with my colleagues," he said. "You know we might have a tough year of mid-terms, so right now it's all budget. There's a lot of speculation, a lot of names being thrown around, and so keeping options open, but right now the focus is the budget."

The 3rd CD race. U.S. Rep. Derrick Van Orden, R-Prairie du Chien, will be up for his third two-year term in November 2026.

He has been a controversial figure and will be a Dem

target again next year.

Dem nonprofit leader Rebecca Cooke, from the Eau Claire area, has already launched her bid to take on Van Orden. It'd be her third run. The first time, she lost in a Dem primary, and in 2024 she won a Dem primary to take on Van Orden in the general election. But she lost as Trump narrowly won the state.

Now Emily Berge, president of the Eau Claire City Council, has filed to run for the 3rd CD, setting up another Dem primary.

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A Bird's Eye View

by Jimmy Cardinal



There's a quote that's probably misattributed to Mark Twain that goes, "History doesn't repeat itself, but it does rhyme." Last weekend marked the 250th anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord, the first shots fired in the American Revolution. Milestone anniversaries are a good time to take stock and reflect, and if we listen closely now, we can hear the events of today rhyming with the echoes of our past.

"For imposing taxes on us without our consent"

President Donald Trump's tariff policies could potentially place an enormous tax burden on any business or individual who depends on imported goods. A quick look at the clothes in your closet or the phone in your pocket will reveal that you, like ev-

ery other American, depends on imported goods. Thus, his tariffs threaten to place that burden on you, me, and everybody else. We already see the effects of his erratic tariff policy reverberating through the economy as prices go up on Main Street and stock values go down on Wall Street.

"For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world"

Tariffs don't just increase our cost of living by placing a greater tax burden on us, they also spur our trading partners to retaliate, which closes markets to American farmers and merchants. As I wrote in this space two weeks ago, those trading partners will find new partners to trade with and we will be left as the odd man out, to the detriment of our economy.

"He has made Judges de-

pendent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices"

Last month, Trump called for the impeachment of a judge simply because he ruled against the president. The statement was so egregious that Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts took the rare step of speaking out and rebuking the president for his remarks. It isn't just judges, however, members of the Department of Justice, lawyers who are also officers of the court have had to resign rather than to follow Trump's unlawful orders. This undermines the independence of the judiciary, which should answer to the law, not to a man.

"For depriving us in many cases, of the benefit of Jury trial"

You have seen the stories by now. Foreign nationals being rounded up by masked, plain clothes federal officers and imprisoned without any due process. While there are other policies of the current president that rhyme with those of a certain 18th cen-

tury empire, the rhymes and echoes that should worry us the most are those that demonstrate a complete disregard for the rule of law and the protections of due process.

For your consideration:

Rümeysa Öztürk, a Turkish doctoral student at Tufts University. She has been denied access to a lawyer and bail while she is currently imprisoned in Louisiana. Federal officials claim that they have revoked her visa and detained her because she is a supporter of Hamas. The only available evidence so far is an op-ed in a student newspaper where she accused Israel of committing genocide in their war against Hamas, speech that is protected under the First Amendment.

Kseniia Petrova, a Russian biologist and researcher at Harvard Medical School. She was detained for failing to declare frog embryos that she brought with her for her research, a violation that typically results in a fine. In-

stead, she was detained and is also being held in Louisiana. She could be deported back to Russia, where she could be imprisoned for protesting against Russia's war in Ukraine.

"For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offenses"

And then there is perhaps the most well-known case of a foreign national being denied due process, Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia. Garcia is a Salvadoran immigrant who illegally entered the United States, but a federal immigration judge barred his deportation because he had a reasonable belief that he would be persecuted back in El Salvador. Despite the judge's ruling, federal agents arrested him and deported him without a trial back to El Salvador. The government claims that he is a member of the violent MS-13 gang, but he has no criminal record and the government has yet to produce any evidence to support their allegation.

"We hold these truths to

be self-evident, that all men are created equal"

The quotes throughout the column are from the same document, the Declaration of Independence. You'll notice that the Framers didn't say all citizens are created equal. Nor did they limit the protections of the Fifth Amendment to citizens, which guarantees all "persons" due process. If the government doesn't have to prove that what it is accusing these individuals of is true, then they don't have to prove that what they are accusing you of is true. Seem far-fetched? In his meeting with the President of El Salvador, Trump said that "The homegrown are next, the homegrown."

The Americans who fought at Lexington and Concord were no strangers to the overreach of government and the denial of basic liberties and the rule of law. These days I wonder how many of the so-called "patriots" in America would have sided with King George at the Old North Bridge.

Fiscal Facts: Districts approve most referenda even as "Retry" efforts increase

A majority of school district referenda across this year's February and April elections were approved by Wisconsin voters.

Larger dollar amounts and more operating questions are being asked of voters each year. And this time, many efforts were also second, third, or fourth attempts by districts to get a similar measure ap-

proved – attesting to the financial and political pressures faced by Wisconsin school districts.

Across 94 ballot questions in the February and April elections, unofficial results show Wisconsin voters approved 53 school district referenda. These ballot initiatives ask voters to raise their own property taxes to pay for

district operations, or to pay down debt for building and renovation projects.

The 56.4% rate of approval represents a slight increase over the 54.9% of referenda approved in 2023; approval rates tend to be lower in odd-numbered years when midterm and presidential elections are not on the ballot.

Though the passage rate

of referenda this year is an increase from 2023, it is otherwise the lowest in a non-presidential or midterm election year since 2011. This marks the continuation of a trend toward lower approval rates since they peaked in 2018 and 2019.

Of the 10 largest referenda by dollar amount this spring, only three passed: those in

Oshkosh, Racine, and Port Washington-Saukville. Arrowhead, Kenosha, Sheboygan Falls, Beloit, and Fond du Lac were among the larger districts in which voters rejected referenda.

The 94 questions asked of voters this year, however, is the most in an odd-numbered year since 2007, and the 62 operating referenda are the most in an off-year since 2001. This follows a record-setting 148 operating referendum questions posed to voters in 2024.

Wisconsin Policy Forum analysis also shows that 36 – or more than one-third – of this year's referenda were "retries" of previously failed questions. We define a referendum "retry" as an instance in which a district's ballot measure fails, and the district goes back to referendum within two years for the same purpose.

Ultimately in 2025, for the 16th straight year, a majority of school district referenda in Wisconsin passed. Over time, more of these questions have focused on operations, as

districts contend with budget pressures that include inflation, state-imposed revenue limits, the disappearance of pandemic aid, and now a more uncertain economic future.

Despite lower overall approval rates for these ballot questions, more initially unsuccessful referenda are being retried and a significant number are eventually passing – a sign of the ongoing financial pressure on districts.

A key question now is how Evers and lawmakers respond in the next state budget, and whether they will seek to raise revenue limits or related aid or find ways to help districts control their costs. Without some action at the state level, referenda – and retries – are likely to remain a relatively common feature on Wisconsin ballots.

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Area Legislators Visit Aspirus Stanley Hospital and Clinic

Leaders from Aspirus Health recently updated three area legislators on several important initiatives to expand medical services to rural areas of Wisconsin.

State Representatives Rob Summerfield (R-Bloomer) and Karen Hurd (R-Withee) as well as State Senator Jesse James (R-Thorp) visited Aspirus Stanley Hospital last week to gain information and insight into Aspirus Health including the plans for a new hospital and clinic in Chippewa Falls.

Aspirus recently finalized the purchase of 22.1 acres of land in Chippewa Falls and plans to break ground in the coming months for the project which marks a significant step toward helping close health care gaps in the region.

The new Chippewa Falls Hospital and Clinic will be located on Chippewa Crossing Boulevard, near the inter-



Aspirus Stanley Hospital and Clinic Imaging Technologists Brett Michels and Tracy Raske showcase the Computed Tomography (CT) scanner to State Representative Karen Hurd and State Senator Jesse James during a visit to Aspirus Stanley Hospital and Clinic. Submitted photo

section of Seymour Cray Sr. Boulevard. Initial services will include primary care, emergency services, inpatient care, as well as lab and imaging capabilities.

The legislative group also

toured Aspirus Stanley Hospital and Clinic to learn more about the critical access hospital and clinic and the services provided by Aspirus in its northwest division which also includes Aspirus Medford



State Representative Rob Summerfield with Nikki Anderson, Aspirus WI Northwest Division Clinic Director and Anne Sadowska, Aspirus WI Northwest Division Chief Administrative Officer during a visit to Aspirus Stanley Hospital and Clinic. Submitted photo

Hospital and Clinic as well as several community-based primary care clinics and other services in the legislators' districts.

"We are grateful for the time of our elected officials

and appreciate the opportunity to highlight our existing operations and future plans for Chippewa Falls," said Jason Troxell, President, Aspirus WI Northwest Division.

Other features of the leg-

islative visit included an overview of Aspirus Health's Community Health Improvement program which includes extensive community involvement and a longstanding commitment to local populations with programs focusing on mental health and access to care.

"This was another great opportunity for us to highlight the impact of our programs and services," said Anne Sadowska, Chief Administrative Officer, Aspirus WI Northwest Division. "We look forward to continuing the discussion on these important topics with our elected officials."

Additional focus on important health care specific topics like Medicare reimbursement, Wisconsin's Next of Kin legislation and proposed reforms to prior authorization regulations all generated healthy discussion.



WORLD According to Mark

BY MARK TOBOLA

I do not consider myself a full on "environmentalist" type of person. I am fascinated by green technologies, and I love the ideas and ways we can produce energy in all sorts of different ways. I also think we all can agree that we like clean air and clean water, too. The biggest reason I say that is because I have spent at least 15 years talking to people all over the nation, and they tell me that they want what I want!

In the last year, there have been a great many weather-related incidents all over the world. In the United States, it's been one of the most active weather years in a while. Yahoo! News has an article from The Cool Down news agency, in which they discuss how modern weather professionals are noting the unpredictability of weather, and how it "seems harder to

predict with current models." They cite a few things in the article and point to those as "alarming changes" that are "unpredictably impacting weather models."

Also, over the last couple of years, I've been following a number of folks who track the weather, too. One YouTube channel belongs to Ryan Hall, and he does a remarkable job of explaining how our weather works, and why it's working as it is. He often discusses how our software models for weather are known to only be good for a while, and the further out you go, the more inaccurate the software gets. The second thing he goes into a lot is how our weather is coming to be, and how you can look back over the decades and see that cycle repeating over and over again.

What it really tells me,

personally, is that we haven't gotten the art and science of predicting the weather correct yet. There is room for improvement, and I am looking forward to it. I admit that I have rather rosy and optimistic ideas about what better weather prediction can provide. But you would think that it would help people stay safe and not be hurt or killed in weather incidents in the future. Or maybe, it could improve to the point that new buildings can be made weather resilient in ways we just cannot do today! Who knows? But I hope it all continues to improve. In the meantime, I also hope people get better at taking steps to ensure they and their loved ones, and their property, can all stay safe, no matter what storm may come.

Alcohol and Cancer: Aspirus Health raises awareness of the risks during Alcohol Awareness Month

New warning labels mandated by the government may soon appear on alcohol products, alerting consumers to serious health risks, including cancer. Similar to cigarette warnings, these labels aim to educate the public about alcohol's dangers. Yet, despite extensive research, many people remain unaware of alcohol's link to cancer.

The U.S. Surgeon General's January 2025 advisory identifies alcohol as the third leading preventable cause of cancer in the United States, contributing to approximately 100,000 cancer cases and 20,000 cancer-related deaths each year. Aspirus Health is working to increase awareness of these risks and encourage informed choices about alcohol consumption.

"Any time the American public is consuming a product that can cause cancer, I

think it is important for us to know," says Andrew Huang, MD, a Radiation Oncologist with Aspirus Health.

Alcohol is a known carcinogen, and research shows it increases the risk of several cancers, including those of the mouth, throat, liver, and breast. But its impact goes beyond cancer. Long-term alcohol use can lead to organ damage and contribute to chronic diseases of the liver and heart.

For years, some studies suggested that moderate drinking had health benefits, but newer research has debunked that idea. Dr. Huang explains that earlier studies failed to account for people who avoided alcohol due to preexisting health conditions. "Once those individuals were removed from the data, the reality became clear: there is no protective effect of alcohol. Even small amounts increase

the risk of death," he says.

Avoiding alcohol completely is the safest choice, but moderation is key for those who choose to drink. Excessive or habitual alcohol use can harm both physical and mental health. "It is not just about the physical effects," Dr. Huang says. "Alcohol can impact relationships, mental health, and overall well-being."

Aspirus Health encourages individuals to have open conversations with their primary care provider about alcohol use. Honest discussions help assess personal risk factors, explore healthier alternatives, and provide resources for those looking to cut back. Regular checkups offer an opportunity to take control of long-term health.

To find a provider in your area, visit <https://www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider>.

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Monday, April 28- Lasagna, garlic bread & butter, broccoli, Mandarin spinach salad with poppy seed dressing, fruit cocktail

Tuesday, April 29- Sour cream dill chicken, chuck-wagon corn, Mandarin oranges, wheat roll & butter, apple pie

Wednesday, April 30- Beef pot roast, roasted potatoes, carrots with onions, wheat bread & butter, strawberry shortcake

Thursday, May 1- Spice rubbed pork, scalloped potatoes, squash, fresh melon cup, wheat bread & butter, banana split dessert

Friday, May 2- Battered haddock bites, roasted potato medley, calico bean bake, tropical fruit, wheat

bread & butter, dream cookie

Owen-Withee School District

Breakfast Menu

April 28- Cereal, breakfast bar, fruit, juice.

April 29- Pancakes, fruit, juice.

April 30- Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice.

May 1- Cereal, pop-tarts, fruit, juice.

May 2- Cake donut, cheese stick, fruit, juice.

Lunch Menu

April 28- Hamburgers, baked beans, fresh fruit,

pears.

April 29- Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, pineapple, fresh fruit.

April 30- Chicken nuggets, carrots, fresh fruit, pears.

May 1- Pretzel dog, baked beans, fresh fruit, peaches.

May 2- Garlic cheese bread, broccoli, fresh fruit, fruit cup.

Breakfast and Lunch milk choices: 1% white or chocolate. Salad bar and bread & butter served daily. Alternative is offered in MS/HS every day. Menus are subject to change.

State Patrol urges drivers to be patient and avoid distractions to keep highway workers safe

April Law of the Month: Work zone safety

Construction season is approaching, which means crews will soon be out fixing and building our roads and bridges. Drivers have one of the biggest roles in keeping work zones safe for construction crews.

The Wisconsin State Patrol's April Law of the Month encourages drivers to help create a safe space for crews who work on and alongside the road.

"Construction crews and county highway personnel often work within feet of traffic," Superintendent Tim Camahan said. "These people need to be able to rely on drivers to do their part to ensure a safe work zone. The Wisconsin State Patrol is working to combat unsafe driving in work zones with the help of troopers on the road and overhead with our Air Support Unit. Last year, we issued over 7,000 citations and warnings for traffic law violations in work zones."

Speeding, following too closely and distracted driving

cause most work zone crashes. These crashes are preventable. According to preliminary data for Wisconsin, there were 2,174 work zone crashes in 2024, resulting in 10 fatalities and 779 injuries. On average, that is one work zone crash every three hours.

Work zone safety tips

Driving safely and slowly through work zones will protect workers and motorists. Wisconsin's laws further protect road workers, with penalties for traffic violations doubling in work zones.

Do your part to keep work zones safe with these tips:

Buckle up, phone down. Eliminate distractions. State law prohibits the use of handheld electronic devices in work zones, except to report an emergency. Looking down for just five seconds at 55 mph takes a driver's eyes off the road for the length of a football field.

Plan ahead. Leave early or take an alternate route when construction is anticipated.

Know before you go with 511 Wisconsin. Download the 511 Wisconsin app or call 5-1-1 for the latest travel information across the state.

Expect the unexpected. Speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be shifted, and crews may be working on or near the road.

Keep your distance. Rear-end collisions are common in work zones, so give yourself extra space.

Be patient. If you don't see workers, that doesn't mean they're not there. Always be watchful for workers and vehicles throughout the work zone.

Move over or slow down for stopped emergency vehicles with warning lights activated. The Move Over Law requires drivers to move out of the lane closest to a maintenance worker or emergency responder. If you can't move over, slow down.

Use the zipper merge strategy when lanes are reduced. Take alternating turns to merge.

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OBITUARIES

Elaine B. Severson 1934-2025

Elaine B. Severson age 90, of Owen, journeyed into Eternal Life on Saturday, April 19, 2025 with her husband by her side and surrounded by love. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at Immanuel United Church of Christ, rural Greenwood. Rev. Nancy Amacher will officiate, and burial will follow in the Greenwood City Cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Andy Vine, Weston Vine, Genevieve Severson, Al Bey, Rick Severson, Dale Severson, and David Acker. Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of service.

Elaine Betty Worden was born to Earl Lee and Susan Lucille (Keyes) Worden on October 4, 1934. She was born at the Owen Hospital in Owen, and was called the snow-white baby by the nurses. Elaine grew up on the family farm known as Pine Court Farms in Greenwood. She had one sibling, Gorden Worden. As a young

girl, Elaine grew up loving her cats, and her Pinto horse named Tony. After graduating from Greenwood High School, she worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. In her youth, she met the neighbor boy who became the love of her life, Douglas Severson. They were inseparable and were united in marriage on July 1, 1962 in Wausau.

After they began their life in Illinois, Douglas worked as an operating engineer and Elaine became a mother of two children, Cherri and Keith. In 1998, Douglas retired and they returned to Wisconsin and enjoyed their time together at their cabin in and on the family farm. They were blessed with two granddaughters, Genevieve and Melissa Severson. Melissa was very close to her grandma, and always by her side. Melissa married Andy Vine, and together they had three great-grandchildren for Elaine. She especially loved spending time with them.

Elaine had many interests, but especially loved her cats, always willingly welcoming a stray cat in. She also loved her miniature donkeys and horses. Elaine had a strong



faith in God and enjoyed her gospel music.

She will be dearly missed by her husband, Douglas; her daughter, Cherri (Al) Bey; her son, Keith (Dana) Severson; her granddaughters: Melissa (Andy) Vine, and Genevieve Severson; three great-grandchildren: Weston, Payson and Calvin Vine; other relatives and friends.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Gorden Worden; and her mother and father-in-law, Luella and Vern Severson.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.cud-diehf.com.

Cuddie Funeral Home of Greenwood, WI is assisting the family with arrangements.

Insights

Right Choices

"When you come to a 'fork' in the road, take it," is an oft-quoted bit of advice from Yogi Berra. It has brought a smile to the face of many when they first hear it. But if you listen to what he is saying, it's rather dangerous. Let me explain.

"Wherever you want to go, is OK. Just follow your own path and enjoy life," is what I think Yogi Berra is suggesting. But, is following our own self-designed path the best thing we can do with the life God has given us?

God gave us His Proverbs for us to have His understanding to know right from wrong. In fact, if we go back to a conversation between God and Solomon, his first request of God was

for the gift of insight: he wanted to be able to discern right from wrong. Solomon, at that time, wanted to honor God with his whole heart. He knew that honoring God would be difficult without God's insight to guide him. What a wise request! "God," he begged, "please guide me."

Perhaps he saw his father, David, struggling with his humanity when he had to choose right from wrong. Perhaps he saw his father grieve over a poor decision that cost someone their life. Perhaps he saw David, his dad, deal with guilt when he did not follow God's guidance. There was something deep within him that challenged him to "be insight-

ful, or discerning." So, he asked God for this gift of "discernment," and when he understood and applied it in his life, he recognized its value. When he recognized it's value to him, he wanted to pass it on for us to use in our lives. How thoughtful of him to want to share God's Word with us to guide us and keep us from sin.

God has given us the only resource we need to be discerning: His Word. If we choose to honor Him we can find His directions in His Word. Life is safe and certain if we follow His Word!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we know that You will guide us and guard us if we seek Your will and stay obedient to Your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture: For giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young. Proverbs 1:4

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CLARK COUNTY Jail Bookings

April 10-April 16
Format: Name; Classification; Charge(s); Release Reason (if given); Release Date (if given).

April 10
Wojner, Krisopher Michael; New Charges; Operate/Go Armed with Firearm-Intoxicated, Carry Concealed Weapon, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Possession of THC, Possess Drug Paraphernalia; \$2,000 Bond; April 11.

April 11
Crillo, Cody David; Probation Violation; Probation Violation; April 14.

Lovelien, Kevin Kyle; Sentenced; Theft-Movable Property.

April 12
Ryan, Robert Thomas; Warrant; Warrant-Other Jurisdiction; \$8,570 Bond; April 13.

April 13
Mortenson, Zane Robert; Warrant; Warrant-Other Jurisdiction; \$1,436 Bond; April 13.

April 14
Williams, Sir Moses; New Charges; Vehicle Operator Flee/Elude Officer, Possess Firearm-Convicted of Out-of-State Felony,

2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Possession of THC; \$5,000 Bond; April 15.

April 15
Hayes, Joel Christopher; Warrant; Warrant-Other Jurisdiction; \$4,700.77 Bond; April 16.

Hernandez Ortega, Santiago; Print/Mug; Operate Without a Valid License; April 15.

Zimmerman, Laray Curtis; Warrant; 2nd Degree Sexual Assault/Use of Force, 3rd Degree Sexual Assault; \$1,000 Bond; April 16.

CLARK COUNTY Court Reports

Report Date: November 1, 2024

All Other Violations
Neisius, Paul M.; Medford; 54; Non-Registration of Vehicle - Auto <10,000 lbs.; Dismissed on Prosecutor's Motion. Operating While Revoked (Revocation due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal); Costs, \$579.00.

Pierce, Joseph C., Sr.; Neillsville; 70; 1st Degree Child Sex Assault - Sexual Contact or Sexual Intercourse w/Person under Age of 13 [Persistent Repeater] [Lifetime Supervision of Serious Sex Offenders]; Found Guilty at Jury Trial; State prison, Costs, \$518.00. Repeated Sexual Assault of Same Child (At Least 3 Violations of 1st Degree Sexual Assault) [Persistent Repeater] [Lifetime Supervision of Serious Sex Offenders]; Found Guilty at Jury Trial; State prison, Costs, \$518.00.

Prusinski, Ashley Marie; Greenwood; 25; Inattentive Driving; \$187.90.
Reiner, Robbie A.; Neillsville; 57; Sex Registry Violation; Costs, Other fees, \$2,443.00.

Sanders, Jacob D.; Dorchester; 42; Criminal Damage to Property; Dis-

missed on Prosecutor's Motion.
Shoemaker, Anthony Michael; Humbird; 31; Domesticated Animals at Large 1st offense; \$263.50.

Verstynen, Benjamin; Colby; 44; Disorderly Conduct [Domestic Abuse Assessments] [Domestic Abuse]; Costs, \$367.50.

Vine, Emma Sophia Rose; Greenwood; 21; Automobile Following Too Closely; \$208.50.

Yoder, David J.; Lublin; 25; Possess Open Intoxicants in MV-Driver; \$263.50.

Young, Floyd Gerald; Curtiss; 46; Dogs running at large 1st offense; \$200.50.

Report Date: November 18, 2024

Speeding - \$250.90
Solorzano, Julian Jose; Dorchester; 17.

Speeding - \$225.70
Abramczak, Jessica Lynn; Stanley; 37. **Beachy, Leonard Eugene;** Curtiss; 21. **Massmann, Alexis Marie;** Medford; 23.

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Sunday Services at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Ken Schmidt
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Holy Family Parish W8170 Main Street, Willard
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Mass Schedule
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Sunday 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary and 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony
phone: 715-255-8017
web: stanthonyloyal.org

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W5752 Colby Factory Road (Longwood)
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Nazareth Lutheran - 8:00am
1127 Division Street, Withee
Sunday School during worship
Pastor Elizabeth Bier
phone: 715-503-0183
web: oneinchristlutherans.com

Loyal United Methodist 108 East South Street, Loyal
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715-255-9213
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
On Facebook at Loyal UMC

Trinity Lutheran Church 201 North West Street, Loyal
Zion American Lutheran W2840 Hill Road, Granton
Pastor Dan Zimmerman
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Sunday worship schedule
Granton - 8:00 a.m. at Zion American Lutheran
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web: trinityloyal.org

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web: holyassumptionwi.org
Service Schedule
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North 657 Cty. Hwy. VV, Sheldon
Weekend Mass Schedule
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Sunday: 8:30 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul; 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Apostle
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St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA 20310 County Hwy H Gilman, WI 54433
www.stjohnsgilman.org

St. Mary's Polish National Catholic N1235 West Street, Lublin
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Father Stanislaus Michael Antony
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Mass Schedule
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St. Bernard-St. Hedwig
Sundays 8:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary
St. Mary's Czestochowa - last Saturday of month at 7 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday:
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Wednesday and Friday:
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More parish info at www.stbernardsthdwig.org

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Owen Mennonite Church W5003 County Road N, Owen

United Church of Christ 107 South Oak Street, Owen
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W3631 Bridge Road,
Owen, WI 54460
Sunday worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school - 9:45 - 10:15, Sept. - May

United Methodist Church 409 N. Division Street, Withee
Sunday worship - 9:30 a.m.

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Wednesday night Bible study at 7 p.m.
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www.trinityvineyard.org

Pleasant Ridge Mennonite Church W9996 County Road N, Thorp
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Phone: (715) 669-3440

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Victory Baptist Church (Independent Baptist) 430 E. Stanley St., Thorp
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Girls Varsity Softball Standings for Cloverbelt as of April 21, 2025

School	Overall	Conf.
Gilman	3-3	1-0
Columbus Catholic	1-0	1-0
Loyal/Greenwood	1-3	0-0
Spencer	1-3	0-0
Owen-Withee	0-3	0-0

Standings from WIAA.

Boys Varsity Baseball Standings for East Cloverbelt as of April 21, 2025

School	Overall	Conf.
Spencer	5-0	2-0
Columbus Catholic	5-2	0-1
Gilman	4-1	1-0
Loyal	1-0	0-0
Owen-Withee	0-1	0-4
Greenwood	0-3	0-1

Standings from WIAA.

ENTERPRISING FOODS
Parmesan Chicken Bake
2 Tbsp. olive oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed and finely chopped
¼ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
2 cups prepared marinara sauce
¼ cup chopped fresh basil
1 (8 oz.) package shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
1 (5 oz.) package garlic croutons
Preheat the oven to 350° F. Coat the bottom of a 9x13-inch casserole dish with olive oil, and sprinkle with garlic and red pepper flakes.
Arrange chicken breasts in the bottom of the dish. Pour marinara sauce over chicken. Sprinkle basil over marinara sauce, and top with ½ of the mozzarella cheese, followed by ½ of the Parmesan cheese, and croutons. Top with remaining mozzarella cheese and remaining Parmesan cheese.
Bake in the preheated oven until cheese and croutons are golden brown and the chicken is no longer pink inside, about 35 minutes to an hour, depending on the shape and thickness of your chicken breasts. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of a chicken breast should read at least 160°F.
Serve hot and enjoy.
Prep time: 15 minutes.

Walking Taco Casserole
1 tsp. canola oil
1 pound ground beef
1 small onion, chopped
1 package (1 oz.) taco seasoning
1 can (10 oz.) diced tomatoes and green chiles, undrained
1 can (15½ oz.) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (15¼ oz.) whole kernel corn, drained
1 package (9¼ oz.) corn chips
2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend
Toppings: Sliced green onion, sliced black olives, sour cream, chopped avocado, guacamole, sliced jalapeños
Preheat oven to 350°. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add ground beef and onion; cook until beef is browned and onions are tender, 6-7 minutes. Stir in seasoning mix and diced tomatoes with green chiles. Bring to a simmer, cook until thickened, 2-3 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in beans and corn.
Layer corn chips in greased 13x9-inch baking dish. Spoon taco meat evenly on top. Sprinkle with shredded cheese. Bake until cheese is bubbly, 15-20 minutes. Serve with toppings, as desired.
Prep time: 10 minutes.
Cook time: 30 minutes.
Makes: 8 servings.

Current Events

THURSDAY, APRIL 24
• **FREE Soup & Sandwich Supper**, 4:30-6:00 p.m., St. Katherine's Church. All residents of the Owen-Withee area invited to socialize with friends and neighbors, compliments of your friends at St. Katherine's Church.
• **O-W Vets Club & American Legion meeting**, 7 p.m., O-W Vets Club, Central Avenue, Owen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25
• **Arbor Day**
• **Spring Into the Arts**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., various locations around Clark County, including the Old School, 101 E. 3rd Street, Owen.
• **Author Chad Lewis at Owen Public Library**, 7 p.m., speaking on Lumberjacks Legends and Lore, Owen Public Library, 414 Central Avenue.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
• **Spring Into the Arts**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., various locations around Clark County, including the Old School, 101 E. 3rd Street, Owen.
• **National Drug Take Back Day**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Owen-Withee collection point, Martin's Fresh Market, 707 W. 3rd Street, Owen.
• **Owen Centennial Birthday Bash/Tree Planting**, 11 a.m., Mill Pond Park, Owen. Tree planting, cake and ice cream, opening of year 2000 time capsule, open mic/talent show.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27
• **He is Risen Dinner**, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Longwood Emmauel Church, W5752 Colby Factory Road, Owen. Holy Humor Worship at 10:30 a.m. followed by a dine in or take out meal, including meatloaf and glazed ham.

• **Life Recovery Group meeting**, 6 p.m., Community Alliance Church, Withee. Biblical Approach to the 12 Steps Program but for more than just those struggling with alcohol, the group is for anyone, no matter what their struggle in life, whether that be alcohol, drug addiction, food, depression, anxiety, grief, or anything else affecting your mental health. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions or would like more information, call or text Bob at 715-379-5106 or email him at bwilczek21@hotmail.com.

MONDAY, APRIL 28
• **Blood Drive - American Red Cross**, 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., American Legion Post 73, 6 Boon Boulevard, Neillsville. To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
• **Band Concert**, 7 p.m., Owen-Withee High School gym.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29
• **Blood Drive - American Red Cross**, 11-5 p.m., Thorp Fire & Ambulance District Station, corner of County Road X and S. Wilson Street, Thorp. To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

WEDNESDAY APRIL 30
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• **Village of Withee Board of Review**, 5-7 p.m., Withee Village Hall, 511 Division Street, Withee.

THURSDAY, MAY 1
• **Owen Downtown Revitalization Committee Meeting**, 5 p.m., Red Daisy Girl, Owen. **Always looking for new members and input to make Owen a better place.**

MONDAY, MAY 5
• **Curtiss Lions Club meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Curtiss Community Center.
• **O-W FFA Alumni & Supporters meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Ag Tech Room, O-W High School.

TUESDAY, MAY 6
• **Cinco de Mayo**
• **Teacher Appreciation Day**
• **O-W Lions Club meeting**, 6:30 p.m., IGYS Bar & Grill, Withee. New members always welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
• **Community Service Day**, Owen-Withee Middle/High School.
• **LATE START AT O-W SCHOOLS- 9:00 a.m.**
• **Owen-Withee Area Chamber of Commerce (OWACC) Board of Directors Meeting**, 5:00 p.m., Red Daisy Girl, Owen. Public and OWACC members encouraged to attend!
• **Monthly Outdoor Warning Siren Test**, sometime between 5-6 p.m., throughout Clark County. **Test postponed for severe weather in area.**
• **O-W Booster Club Meeting**, 6 p.m., O-W High School Teacher's Prep Room.

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The Garden Bug
The dogwood legend
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Mead Lake District Board Second Quarter Meeting Agenda 2025 April 26, 2025 9:00am - Mead Town Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes from First Quarter - Action item
4. Treasurers Report – Action Item
5. Public Participation for items not on the Agenda
6. Curtis Lindner – Forestry & Parks – Water Levels
7. Agenda Items for 2025 Annual Meeting – Discussion Item
8. Ballot Nominations for Board Seats – Annual Meeting Election
9. Update on NanoBubble Project 2025 – 2026
10. Update on Cabinets for AED Installations - Discussion Item
11. Fish Crib Drop in Fall 2025 – Discussion Item
12. Change Location of Quarterly Meetings to Greenwood Fire Dept. - Discussion Item
13. Draft Budget for 2026 – Action Item
14. Change District Taxes from Assessment to Mill Rate Levy for 2026 Budget Year – Discussion item
15. Day of Connection Update
16. Naming Official Newspaper for the District – Action Item
17. Motion to Adjourn

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Circuit Court
Civil Division
Clark County

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Plaintiff,
Summons

vs.
Darlene J. Marzini
207 E. Central Street
Loyal, WI 54446

Unknown Spouse of Leroy P. Anderson, Sr. a/k/a Leroy Anderson, Sr.
207 E. Central Street
Loyal, WI 54446

Unknown Spouse of Darlene J. Marzini
207 E. Central Street
Loyal, WI 54446

Defendants.

Real Estate Mortgage Foreclosure
Case No: 2025CV000011
Honorable William Bratcher
Case Code No. 30404

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

To the following parties named as defendants herein: Darlene J. Marzini, Unknown Spouse of Leroy P. Anderson, Sr. a/k/a Leroy Anderson Sr., and Unknown Spouse of Darlene J. Marzini.

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Neillsville, WI 54456

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Dated this 14th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Sara Schmeling
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Legal Notice of Dissolution of Marriage Proceedings in the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska Case No. CI 25-1255

To: **Araceli Garcia Maganda**, Defendant in said proceedings, whereabouts are unknown and upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had.

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of February 2025, Erick Bracamontes Gallardo, Plaintiff, filed a Complaint against you in the above-mentioned court. The object is obtaining dissolution of marriage decree and related matters. **You are required to answer** said complaint on or before May 30th, 2025, or said complaint against you will be taken as true

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VILLAGE OF WITHEE

The Village of Withee Board met on April 14, 2025, in the Municipal Building, Conference Room at 6:30 pm for the regular board meeting.

ROLL CALL-President Lindgren called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by Trustees Lindgren, Shelton, Mueller, Kroepin, and Kalepp. Clerk Niemi recorded the minutes. Also, present were Larry Klabon, Nancy Amacher, Mary Rosiejka, Officer Scheffler, Chief Fehlman, and Cindy Cardinal.

MINUTES-A Kalepp/Mueller motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025, regular meeting carried with all ayes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-A Shelton/Kroepin motion to approve the monthly financial statements for the General, Water, and Sewer Accounts carried with all ayes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-A Kroepin/Kalepp motion to approve paying the General Account checks 37213 thru 37239, Water Account checks 7497 thru 7508, and Sewer Account checks 2613 thru 2615 and online payments as presented carried with all ayes.

PAYROLL REPORT-The board reviewed the employee time cards and payroll report.

COMMUNITY INPUT-There was no community input.

COMMITTEE REPORT-Trustee Kroepin said the library board is finishing wrapping Tootsie Rolls.

POLICE REPORT-Chief Fehlman reported there have been cases of animals at large, fraud, and school truancy. A Shelton/Mueller motion to approve the police bills from 3/17/25 to 3/19/25 carried with all ayes.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-DPW Schad is on vacation. Trustee Shelton wanted more information about endwalls vs big rocks for the culverts which Schad can answer. A Kroepin/Kalepp motion to approve the

draft culvert ordinance and send to the attorney for review carried with all ayes.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT-A Kalepp/Mueller motion to approve an operator license for Bryan Kell carried with all ayes. A Kalepp/Shelton motion to amend the EO Johnson maintenance agreement contract for 4/24/25-4/24/26 to an annual allotment instead of quarterly, carried with all ayes. The board was informed that Nancy Amacher was elected to replace outgoing Trustee Mueller, and Larry Klabon was elected to replace outgoing President Lindgren at the April 1st election. A Kalepp/Shelton motion to schedule the organizational meeting for April 30, 2025, at 7 pm, immediately following the BOR meeting carried with all ayes. A Kalepp/Kroepin motion to remove Everett Lindgren and approve Larry Klabon as signer on all Forward Bank accounts, effective April 15, 2025, carried with all ayes. Retiring President, Everett Lindgren, was recognized and thanked for his 16 years of service.

A Mueller/Kalepp motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm carried with all ayes.

Ellen Niemi, Village Clerk

*** These minutes are unofficial and will be formally approved at the next regular board meeting, which is scheduled for **Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm** ***

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Over the course of her 63-year reign, Britain's Queen Victoria survived no fewer than eight assassination attempts.

• Like humans, male kangaroos flex their biceps to impress females.

• The word "sock" comes from the Latin word "soccus" — a loose-fitting slipper worn by Roman comic actors.

• In Europe, nickel is banned in all alloys for widespread allergy reasons.

• Studies have suggested that gifted people often have bad handwriting because their brains work faster than their hands.

• The New York Times predicted that humans wouldn't be able to fly for at least a million years ... in 1903, the same year as the Wright brothers' first manned flight.

• Alexandre Dumas used a particular shade of blue paper on which to write his fiction. For poetry, he used yellow paper, and his articles were penned on pink paper. Once, he ran out of blue paper and had to use a cream-colored pad instead, which he believed had a negative impact on that work of fiction.

• The first American alarm clock was invented in Concord, New Hampshire, in 1787 by Levi Hutchins. It was never patented and rang only at one time, 4 a.m., to rouse him for work.

• Raspberries are a member of the rose family.

• Despite creating some of the most legendary guitars in the world, Leo Fender, the founder of Fender, Music Man and G&L Guitars, couldn't actually play the instrument.

• The pressure in a champagne bottle is three times higher than that of a car tire.

• When in danger, a hairy frog will break its own bones in order to create claws that it pushes through its skin to scratch a predator.

Thought for the Day: "The service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." — *Muhammad Ali*

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Persian Gulf emirate
- 6 Little lie
- 9 Chances, for short
- 12 Winner's gesture
- 13 "All bets — off"
- 14 Haw preceder
- 15 Thesaurus compiler
- 16 Bach's "Coffee —"
- 18 Deserves
- 20 Legal document
- 21 Salonga of "Miss Saigon"
- 23 Commotion
- 24 Deli array
- 25 Arsenal supply
- 27 Wear down
- 29 "Othello" character
- 31 Indian instruments
- 35 Mea —
- 37 Coin aperture
- 38 Be buoyant
- 41 — out a living
- 43 Glacial
- 44 Hoops great
- 45 Ornamental beetle
- 47 Cheery refrain
- 49 Arcade pioneer
- 52 Revue segment

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- 8 London's Big —
- 9 Butler's love
- 10 — four (small cake)
- 11 Plane assignments
- 17 Chirps
- 19 Perfect
- 21 Science room
- 22 Brit. record label
- 24 1501, in Roman numerals
- 26 Available for work
- 28 Japanese seaport
- 30 Snip
- 32 "Open sesame" speaker
- 33 Sinbad's bird
- 34 Pigs' digs
- 36 Praline nuts
- 38 Greek cheeses
- 39 Coniferous tree
- 40 Emulate Douglass
- 42 Obliterate
- 45 Serb or Croat
- 46 Heaps
- 48 "Shark Tank" network
- 50 Emeritus, briefly
- 51 Hot temper

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SPORTS & Outdoors

A great youth turkey hunt



Joey Reifschneider and Jameson Klug were done with their hunt early on Saturday morning.

Hello friends,
Once again this week I have more to write about than I have space. For the third year in a row, I headed down to Dodge County near Burnett and spent a very positive weekend with six young turkey hunters and at least as many mentors. The action was good as well as the wildlife viewing.

Saturday, April 12 - High 58°, Low 30°

Yesterday I made the two hour drive to the Jeff and Melissa Pausma farm near Fox Lake where I would be hunting with 13-year-old Conner Thiede. After that I would head over to Burnett and join the entire gang for a turkey camp type of a weekend. I had just parked my truck in a very picturesque field, pasture type of setting when I realized that I forgot my turkey blind. Good thing I have friends in the area.

So here is the deal, six mentors would be heading out with six hunters and two parents, long before daylight and we would be scattered all over Dodge County. Conner and I have hunted together several times, and we had a blind to set up long before daylight. Pretty bad luck struck when we arrived at the same spot where Conner whacked a massive tom last year when directly above us was a flock of turkey in a burr oak tree. Turkey flew off in the dark and when it started getting light we could see a tom that was out of range and sitting in a tree.

Meanwhile Tanner Weber was mentoring his 15-year-old cousin Joey Reifschneider on the Horicon Marsh. Tanner is 21, Joey had a baseball game the night before and on Sunday morning was scheduled to shoot 100

rounds for the Beaver Dam high school trap shooting team. It took Tanner and Joey about 40 minutes to call in a tom and Joey put it in the frying pan.

My stepson Joey Dushek was mentoring over in Juneau County and had a golden eagle attack his jake decoy as in crushing it.

Near Waupun 13-year-old Griffin Visser was hunting with his grampa, Jeff Visser and working together, Griffin bagged his first turkey.

The entire day Conner and I watched sometimes a flock of crows, sometimes a single crow that would find an owl that seemed to live by us and harass the heck out of it.

By 10 a.m. the team of Jameson Klug, his mentor Jerrod Braun and father Jim Klug had been successful in getting Jameson, who is 9 and came all the way from Greeley, Colorado, his second tom in as many years. In other words, by before lunch,

we were at 50 percent for our kids.

Another wildlife story is that of a hen mallard that we watched last April and then on September 1 for the Early Teal/Goose opener. She raised a brood of 9 or 10, she always seems to hang out in the same 20 square feet of marsh and she never quit quacking, the old girl was there again today.

During the middle of the day and after dark all of the mentors share meals and a ton of laughs, these guys all grew up together near Burnett and were avid with plinking 22s and harvesting lots of game.

Perhaps the most unique turkey whacking story of the day was for 14-year-old Carsyn Thiede who I have enjoyed many quality deer, duck and turkey hunts with. Justin "Beaner" Braun was her mentor, and her dad Tyler Thiede was also a part of the hunt. Beaner, as he is com-

monly called, has an obsession for turkey hunting and this trio spent much of the day chasing the same gobbler which just before dark made the mistake of getting too close to Carsyn.

The following morning Conner and I chose no blind and hunted on the ground at the Pausma farm. We hunted again a deadfall and Conner was asleep, about 20 minutes into daylight. I was working my dad's call "dad passed away in 94," and just like that four jakes flew down from the roost and were within 20 feet of us. Crazy thing is that Conner could only hunt till 8:30. The jakes knew something was wrong and were wandering away pretty steady. Conner Thiede made an excellent shot and just like that our group went 5 for 6.

I think Youth Hunts are a beautiful thing!

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2024-25 Spring Sports and Activities Calendar

Owen-Withee

Thursday, April 24
Varsity softball game vs. Neillsville at Neillsville High School at 5:00 p.m.

Varsity baseball game vs. Columbus Catholic Schools at Jack Hackman Field at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 25
Varsity track invitational vs. multiple schools at Stanley-Boyd High School at 4:15 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Spencer at Owen-Withee High School at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 28
Boys varsity golf match vs. multiple schools at Meadowview Golf Course at 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29
Boys varsity golf match vs. multiple schools at Marshfield Country Club at 4:00 p.m.

Varsity track meet vs. multiple schools at Dorais Field 4:15 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Gilman at Gilman Elementary and High School at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 1
Varsity track invitational vs. multiple schools at Black River Falls High School at 4:00 p.m.

Boys varsity golf match vs. multiple schools at Neillsville Country Club at 4:30 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Thorp at

Thorp High School Herzog Softball Field at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Boys varsity golf match vs. multiple schools at Bloomer Veterans Memorial Golf Course at 10:00 a.m.

Varsity baseball game vs. Spencer at Spencer High School at 5:00 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Holcombe/Cornell at Owen-Withee High School at 5:00 p.m.

Gilman

Thursday, April 24
Varsity baseball game vs. Spencer at Gilman Elementary and High School at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, April 25
Varsity track invitational vs. multiple schools at Stanley-Boyd High School at 4:15 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Loyal/Greenwood at Loyal High School at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 28
Varsity softball game vs. Clayton at Clayton High School at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29
Varsity baseball game vs. Loyal at Loyal High School at 5:00 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Owen-Withee at Gilman Elementary and High School at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 1
Varsity track invitational vs. multiple schools at Bloomer Middle School

Track and Varsity Field at 4:00 p.m.

Varsity baseball game vs. Loyal at Gilman Elementary and High School Baseball Field at 5:00 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Colby/Abbotsford at Colby High School at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Varsity baseball game vs. Cadott at Cadott High School at 5:00 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Spencer at Gilman Elementary and High School at 5:00 p.m.

Greenwood

Thursday, April 24
Varsity baseball game vs. Neillsville at Neillsville High School at 5:00 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Colby/Abbotsford at Colby High School at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, April 25
Boys varsity track meet vs. multiple schools at Spencer High School at 4:30 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Gilman at Loyal High School at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 28
Varsity baseball game vs. Lincoln at Lincoln High School at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29
Boys varsity track quad vs. multiple schools at Mondovi High School Track at 4:00 p.m.

Varsity softball doubleheader vs.

Columbus Catholic at Marshfield fairgrounds at 4:00 p.m.

Varsity baseball game vs. Spencer at Spencer High School at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 1
Varsity baseball game vs. Spencer at Greenwood Elementary School at 5:00 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Spencer at George Scherer Athletic Park Softball Field at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Varsity track invitational vs. multiple schools at Spencer High School at 3:30 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Neillsville at Neillsville High School at 5:00 p.m.

Thorp

Thursday, April 24
Varsity softball game vs. Cadott at Thorp High School Herzog Softball Field at 4:00 p.m.

Varsity baseball game vs. Columbus Catholic Schools at Jack Hackman Field at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 25
Boys varsity track meet vs. multiple schools at Spencer High School at 4:30 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Regis at Carson Park Gelein Field at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 28
Boys varsity golf match vs. multiple schools at Meadowview Golf

Course at 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29
Boys varsity golf match vs. multiple schools at Marshfield Country Club at 4:00 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Bloomer at Thorp High School Herzog Softball Field at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 1
Varsity track invitational vs. multiple schools at Bloomer Middle School Track and Varsity Field at 4:00 p.m.

Boys golf varsity match vs. multiple schools at Neillsville Country Club at 4:30 p.m.

Varsity softball game vs. Owen-Withee at Thorp High School Herzog Softball Field at 4:30 p.m.

First and second grade spring concert at Thorp Elementary at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Boys varsity golf match vs. multiple schools at Bloomer Veterans Memorial Golf Course at 10:00 a.m.

Varsity track invitational vs. multiple schools at Spencer High School at 3:30 p.m.

Varsity baseball game vs. Spencer at Spencer High School at 5:00 p.m.

Varsity softball vs. Stanley-Boyd at Thorp High School Herzog Softball Field at 5:00 p.m.

Redhawks drop pair to Neillsville/Granton

Staff report

The Thorp/Owen-Withee Redhawks baseball team fell to 0-4 on the season with a 9-4 loss at Neillsville/Granton on Thursday.

It was a big improvement over the 15-1 loss at home against Neillsville/Granton on Tuesday, April 15.

The Redhawks jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second inning of Thursday's game but gave up seven runs in the bottom of the inning. Thorp/O-W picked up runs in the fourth and sixth inning. Picking up hits for the Redhawks were Winston Poehler and Evan Penterman, a freshman.

On April 15, the Redhawks were able to muster just one hit against Neillsville/Granton from Cameron Abramczak.

Winston Poehler scored the lone Thorp/O-W run in the second inning after Neillsville had jumped out to a 6-0 lead. Penterman picked up a run batted in for the Redhawks.

Harley Zurakowski stole a base in the game for Thorp/O-W.

The Redhawks committed seven errors in the game.

The Redhawks will play Thursday against Columbus Catholic at 7 p.m. at Jack Hackman Field in Marshfield.

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Luna Wells took her turn with the Easter Bunny a.k.a. Teddy VanArk. Cindy Cardinal photo



Morgan and Bailey Groth take a turn at the ring toss game hosted by Alaina Goessl. Cindy Cardinal photo



This trio was on an egg gathering mission. Cindy Cardinal photo



There were prizes galore available to the kids during the drawing. Cindy Cardinal photo



Lydia VanArk hosted the game where ping pong balls were dropped into cups to win a prize. Aryiah Draheim and Hazelyn Schisel took a chance. Cindy Cardinal photo



Martha Gonzalez helped Gael Delacruz and Jasmine Kroenig helped KayLynn pick a duck from the game hosted by Jack Wendler. Cindy Cardinal photo



Everyone took a seat to see who would win the prizes. Cindy Cardinal photo

Woodgrove Workers 4-H treats youngsters to Easter Egg Hunt

By Cindy Cardinal

The halls and gym at Owen-Withee High School were once again filled with children

on the hunt for Easter eggs on Saturday, April 19. After registration was complete, 80 kids from infant to age 8 were in attendance.

The Woodgrove Workers 4-H crew had scattered eggs throughout the hallways. In addition, games were set up in the gym and children

could get their picture taken with the Easter bunny.

After playing games, tickets were drawn for the big prizes. Then the children

were dismissed to hunt for eggs beginning with the youngest group. Each child in attendance got to find 20 eggs. Everyone also got a

coupon for a free ice cream cone at Withee A&W.

A fun time was had by all.

A&W ribbon cutting marks new chapter for Stanley community

Staff report

The Stanley Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed the community's newest business with a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday morning, April 16, to celebrate the grand opening of the A&W Restaurant under the leadership of franchise owner Deanne "Dee" Wells of Withee. This marks Wells' seventh A&W location in Wisconsin and a significant step in her journey as a small-town entrepreneur.

"This one kind of got thrown at me," said Wells. "We had just opened our sixth location in Merrill in January, and then A&W called in early February and asked if I wanted Stanley. I didn't expect it—but it worked out very well." With her signature enthusiasm, Wells spoke about how the transition took just five or six weeks, citing equipment updates and cosmetic improvements. "We love being in small communities," she said. "We really do."



Deanne "Dee" Wells was posed to cut the ribbon Wednesday, April 16 as the Stanley Area Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed the A&W Restaurant to the community. Staff photo

and Pine Streets, after the previous owners closed the A&W at the end of February.

Stanley Mayor Mike Henke commended Wells not only for her business acumen but for her enduring impact on the region. "When I heard

Dee was buying A&W, I was very happy," Henke said. "I've known her probably 25 years. She's a very, very successful businesswoman. I expect the same thing here—I expect this to rock and roll." The city of Stanley, Hen-

ke added, is well-positioned to support entrepreneurs. "We've got quite a bit of infrastructure to accommodate new businesses. This year alone, we're looking at spending about ten million dollars in improvements."

Chippewa County Economic Development Director Charlie Walker echoed the mayor's sentiments, highlighting the broader economic impact of small business growth in rural areas. "Entrepreneurship is where it's at,"

Walker said. "When an entrepreneur takes that risk and invests in our rural communities, that's how we grow. It takes a different mindset. It takes staff that understand rural communities. We welcome you to Stanley and Chippewa County."

Wells' expansion doesn't stop here. With two more A&W projects already underway in Weston and Wausau, she plans to reach nine locations by the end of the year. Her entrepreneurial story began in Owen, where she started as a carhop. "They say root beer is in my veins," she joked.

The Stanley A&W's successful transition stands as a testament to what's possible when vision meets community support, and Wednesday's event marked more than a grand opening—it was a celebration of local resilience, investment, and growth.

Stanley Area Chamber of Commerce members, Wells, family and employees participated in the ceremony where the ribbon was cut to welcome A&W to Stanley.