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Meleah Cynor, Geneva Capetillo, Kendall Weiler, Cassidy Graski, Ellie Petersen, Angela Baures, Alexx O'Hara, Sam Shepherd, Amaya Goessl, and Gretchen Cwikla helped clean up the lawn at the Old School. *Cindy Cardinal photo*



Juliana Vientos, Ashlyn Thornton, Kyan Hatlestad, Emmy Rupert, Sydney Walia, and teacher Kathy Olejniczak did yardwork for Linda Clark. *Cindy Cardinal photo*

O-W students and staff give back on Community Service Day

By **Cindy Cardinal**

On Wednesday, May 7, students and staff from Owen-Withee Schools once again traveled throughout Owen and Withee as they lent a hand to various organizations and elderly community members. Students in grades 6-12 participated. Due to the

high demand for their services many groups visited multiple sites. After spending their morning giving back to the community, students were treated to burgers cooked by Middle/High School Principal Nate Johnson. In the afternoon, students were allowed to choose some games and activities to participate in.

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Bipartisan bill to end daylight saving in Wisconsin introduced in state Legislature

By **Annie Pulley**
The Badger Project

Tired of springing forward or falling back? Recently proposed legislation would end the practice of daylight saving time in Wisconsin.

Rep. Nate Gustafson (R-Fox Crossing) introduced the Assembly's version of the bill in April alongside a bipartisan group of lawmakers. The bill was referred to a committee April 2.

The bill notes that federal law generally bans states from deviating from standard

time or eliminating daylight saving time but allows a state that lies entirely in one time zone, as Wisconsin does, to observe standard time instead of daylight saving time as long as it's throughout the whole state.

In the U.S., 48 states, including D.C., but not Arizona and Hawaii, observe daylight saving time, which means that people set their clocks forward by one hour in the spring.

Benjamin Franklin invented the concept in order to better utilize daylight hours during the warmer

months, and the system was adopted during World War I to conserve energy.

A March Gallup poll showed that more than half of Americans favor separating from the centuries-old practice.

The Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, a trade group, is the only organization lobbying against the bill, according to the state's lobbying website. No one is officially lobbying for it.

Hundreds of bills are introduced in the Wisconsin State Legislature every session, but only a fraction are

signed into law.

This is the first time Wisconsin legislators have proposed eliminating the timing convention this century, said Madeline Kasper, a managing analyst at the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau.

A similar bill that would end the practice at the national level is regularly introduced in Congress, including this year.

Wisconsin began the practice in 1957 after a statewide referendum.



A unique way to say thank-you. *Cindy Cardinal photo*

Owen-Withee-Curtiss Fire & EMS holds drive-through fundraiser



The street outside the fire hall was a busy place during the Owen-Withee-Curtiss Fire & EMS District Mother's Day Chicken Dinner on May 11. They sold out early. *Cindy Cardinal photo*



Packing up chicken dinners for the drive-through customers. *Cindy Cardinal photo*



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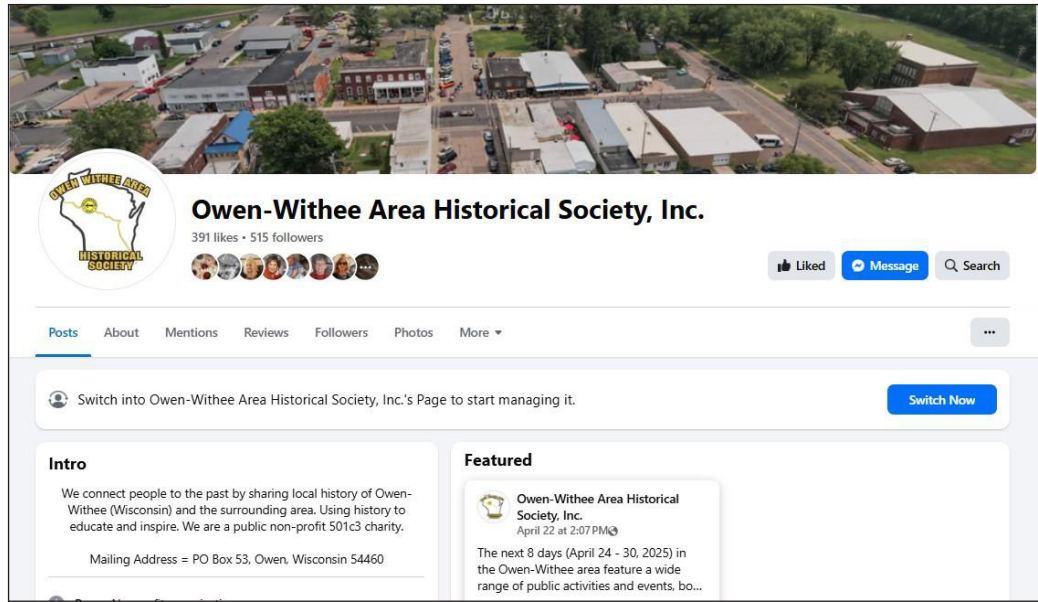
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Owen-Withee Area History Series

Preserving History in the Modern World - Challenges and Solutions for Rural Areas

By Allan Hodnett

Preserving history in the modern world, especially in the age of broadband internet, Facebook, text messaging, TikTok, and Instagram, poses unique challenges. Rural areas, like those in northern Clark County, Wisconsin, face additional hurdles due to limited resources, an aging population, and a lack of interest from younger generations. Preservation and education about local history in northern Clark County are vital for several reasons. They help foster a sense of identity and pride among residents, connecting them to their roots and shared heritage. Educating younger generations about the history of their community can instill a sense of responsibility and continuity, ensuring that traditions and stories are passed down. Furthermore, understanding local history can inspire community involvement and cohesion, strengthening the bonds between residents and contributing to the area's cultural richness and resilience.



Facebook Page of the Owen-Withee Area Historical Society.

Aging Population

One significant challenge is the aging population in rural areas. As older generations pass away, their first-hand knowledge and stories are at risk of being lost. The Owen-Withee Area Historical Society, which plays a crucial role in preserving local history, seeks ways to document and archive the reminiscences of the elderly residents before it's too late.

You can help – document your own memories and submit them to the Owen-Withee Area Historical Society (Attention: Allan Hodnett).

Limited Resources

Preservation efforts require substantial financial resources, which are scarce in rural communities. Consider donating your time, historical artifacts, or money to support local Owen-Withee area historical preservation.

Recruit others. Spread the word.

Lack of Interest

The younger generation, especially Gen X and Millennials, may not show the same level of interest in local history as older residents. The allure of social media platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook shifts focus away from traditional historical preservation methods. Developing engaging

content that resonates with the interests of the younger demographic is essential.

Brain Drain

Another problem is the brain drain, where educated individuals move away from rural areas in search of better opportunities in urban centers. This migration results in a shortage of volunteers and advocates for historical preservation. Creating incentives for local engagement and fostering a sense of community pride can help mitigate this issue.

Utilizing Modern Technology

Leveraging the same technology that poses challenges can also offer solutions. Creating digital archives and interactive websites can make historical information more accessible and engaging to the tech-savvy younger generation. Sharing historical snippets on social media platforms can pique interest and draw a broader audience to local history. The Owen-Withee Area Historical Society and the Owen-Withee Facebook pages often include historical themed

posts. "Liking" and "Sharing" those posting further leverage that information.

Engaging Content Creation

Developing content that is both educational and entertaining is key to attracting volunteers and supporters. Videos, virtual tours, and interactive posts on platforms like TikTok and Instagram can highlight significant historical events and figures from Owen-Withee and the surrounding areas.

Preserving the history of rural areas in the modern world is fraught with challenges, but it is crucial for maintaining the cultural heritage and identity of communities like Owen and Withee, Wisconsin. By utilizing modern technology, creating engaging content, forming strategic partnerships, and recruiting dedicated volunteers, historical societies can overcome these hurdles and ensure that the rich tapestry of local history is preserved for future generations.

Traditions Assisted Living sold to Sunlight Assisted Living

By Jason Hazuga

It is a bittersweet day as I announce the sale of Traditions Assisted Living to Marshall Horner of Sunlight Assisted Living. As we embark on a new chapter, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. It has been an incredible

journey building Traditions and providing a home for our tenants. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served and supported each of you.

Thank you to our tenants for choosing Traditions as your home. Your smiles, stories, and the unique bond we have created will always

hold a special place in my heart.

Thank you to our families for your trust and support. I appreciate your unwavering commitment to your loved ones and the partnership we have built.

And finally, thank you to our dedicated team members. Your hard work, compassion,

and dedication made Traditions the best place around. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

As we transition to new ownership, I hope you know that the foundation we have built will continue to be a strong and supportive one. I wish you all the best in the future. God Bless!



Marshall Horner (right) has purchased Traditions Assisted Living from Jason Hazuga. Submitted photo

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Dusting Off The Files



95 Years Ago – May 15, 1930

The Commencement exercises of the Owen High School will be held on Friday evening, May 23 at the gymnasium. There are 19 members of the graduating class this year.

Mrs. Elmer Martinson of Withee broke her right leg at the ankle, bruised her knee and suffered cuts about the face last Friday when she fell from a horse near the Claviter filling station.

85 Years Ago – May 16, 1940

Henry Wollum, owner of the Owen Sunshine Canneries, Inc., which was recently reorganized, last night stated at the meeting of the Owen Commercial Club that his company will can soybeans this summer as an experiment.

Ray Conzemius, owner of Ray's 5¢ to \$1 store, left Saturday of last week for the Twin Cities, where he visited with friends and relatives, and on Tuesday, May 14, at

Hastings, MN, was united in marriage at the home of his parents, to Miss Kathryn Rotty, also of Hastings.

A new concern, the Clark County Dairy Sales Cooperative Association, to be headed by Otto Borgen, will open its office in the basement of the Woodland Hotel within the week.

75 Years Ago – May 18, 1950

E.C. "Jack" Olds, of the B.&O. Garage, Owen handed over the keys to a new Chevrolet car, in which the seniors of the Withee high school will receive their driving instructions, to their principal, Myron Fritsch.

65 Years Ago – May 19, 1960

Gene Lavin was the first youngster to claim a bicycle as the result of selling 16 new subscriptions to The Owen Enterprise.

A Joint County School Committee comprised of Clark and Taylor counties held a hearing at the Cur-

tiss Elementary School on Thursday evening, May 12. The hearing was held to act on a petition which asked for the detachment of most of the Town of Hoard and a small section of the village of Curtiss from the Curtiss School District and the attachment of the same to the Owen-Withee School District. Following a conference the Joint School Committee voted unanimously to deny the petition. At the same time a new petition was drawn up calling for the dissolution of the Curtiss School District and a division of the territory involved between the Owen-Withee and Abbotsford School Districts, with the portion going to Owen being considerably smaller than called for in the first petition.

55 Years Ago – May 14, 1970

The Commercial Credit Corporation wishes to announce the promotion of Mr. Larry T. Klabon, La Crosse, to Loan Manager of the La Crosse office. Mr. Klabon is

the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Klabon, Withee.

Sacred Heart Church of Elmwood was the setting Saturday, April 18 for the marriage of Mary Ellen Lechner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lechner, Elmwood and Ronald Allen Kallio. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Toivo Kallio, route 2, Owen.

45 Years Ago – May 13, 1980

Representatives of the Owen and Withee business community appeared before the O-W school board on Monday evening, May 12, 1980 during their regular meeting, with the request that the school district "spend more money for school purchases in the district."

The Curtiss Village Board directed the village attorney to draft an ordinance saying that mobile homes inside village limits must be in a mobile home park during their meeting on Tuesday evening May 6, 1980.

35 Years Ago – May 17, 1990

Northwest Petroleum will be installing new underground piping and pumps at Withee Oil Company. There will be new pumps, a canopy and underground tanks to keep up with current EPA regulations. Slobodnik Construction is doing the excavating and Braun Construction the concrete work.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Colby of Owen announce the engagement of their daughter Stacy to Curtis Graski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Graski of Rte. 1, Withee. The wedding date is set for June 29, 1991.

25 Years Ago – May 17, 2000

Father Al Jakubowski, pastor of Holy Rosary Catholic Church of Owen and St. Bernard's Catholic Church of Abbotsford, will observe 25 years in the priesthood on May 25.

The State Bank of Withee and the Community Insurance Agency welcomes Bri-

an Lehman, a Certified Insurance Counselor, to their staff as an agent to the Insurance Agency.

15 Years Ago – May 19, 2010

The Village of Withee Board met at their new meeting room in the former Community Insurance building. The first order of business became a heated topic as the board gave their feelings about the Indianhead Housing Units. Trustees Hiipakka and Frankiewicz, who live near the apartment complex, voiced their opinions clearly that something should be done about the fact that Indianhead is breaking the zoning ordinance.

A son, Sawyer William-Donald Halida, was born to Jason and Nicole Halida, Withee, on May 3, 2010. The baby weighed 10 lbs. 15 oz., and measured 21 inches long.

NEWS FROM Here & There

TRG Jessica Zarnke, Loyal financial literacy teacher

received the Governor's Financial Literacy Award for excellence in financial litera-

cy education.

The Loyal and Greenwood school boards have honed in on July 2028 as the target date for the districts to start operating as one consolidated district.

The Clark County Press

The Office of the Commissioner of Railroads' has made a motion for a hearing

on the determination of the adequacy of warning devices and potential closure of the Wisconsin Central Ltd. tracks with Century Road, Basswood Avenue, Badger Avenue, 153 Road, Capital Road, Sandhill Avenue and First Avenue in the Town of Unity.

Stanley Republican

Bob Wozniak, S-B Class of 1985 but now of Verona and Verona High School has been selected to the 2025 Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in recognition of a lifetime of service to Wrestling.

The Stanley Bike Trail has taken a new turn, following a meeting Thursday, May

1 at City Hall. The revised trail route if approved will run from Stanley-Boyd High School down Fourth Avenue to Emery, at which point it will turn left and head to First Avenue, turning on to city owned land past McKnight Street before continuing down West Fourth Avenue to Chapman Park.

O-W Area Chamber asks you to Save the Date

By Cindy Cardinal

The Owen-Withee Area Chamber of Commerce is already planning for 2026. With the first weekend in April also being Easter

weekend, they have decided to move the Business Expo to April 11. Expo hours may be expanded as well. Save the date and watch for updates in 2026.

REALESTATE Transfers

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

Cities Greenwood
Dennis J. Susa, Pensacola, Florida, to **Longview Realty LLC**, Marshfield, May 2, 114 North Main Street, \$190,000

Thorp
B.K. Anderson LLC, Stanley, to **418 E. Stanley LLC**, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company, Spring Valley, May 9, 418 East Stanley Street, \$840,000

Jamie M. Gurklis, Fall Creek, to **Second Block Investments LLC**, Thorp, May 8, 302 East Grant Street, \$130,000

Lander Capital LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company, Eau Claire, to **Laura Hopkins**, Thorp, May 7, 428 East Street, \$152,000

Phillip D. and Jodi L. Stolp, Waunakee, to **JA Construction and Drywall LLC**, Thorp, May 6, 1.3 acres

of vacant land on South Church Road, \$22,500

Villages

Gilman
Wayne Zastrow, Gilman, to **Jay A. and Lynette M. Rosemeyer**, Gilman, May 8, entire 3.5 acre parcel on West Hickory Street, \$60,000

Townships

Butler
Michael Mayenschein, Thorp, to **Eldon P. Steiner**, Thorp, May 5, entire 30.3 acre parcel on Tie-in Avenue, \$150,000

Roosevelt

Lawrence Henry Wagner A/K/A Larry H. Wagner Estate, Destin, Florida, to **Kenneth J. Pogodzinski**, Withee, May 2, entire 40 acre parcel of vacant land on 10th Avenue, \$80,000

Lawrence Henry Wagner A/K/A Larry H. Wagner Estate, Destin, Florida, to **Henry M. and Ashley M. Vande Hey**, Greenleaf, May 2, N 281 8 1/2 Avenue, \$389,000

OWEN-WITHEE Police Report

April 3- 9:22 p.m. Assist Clark County Sheriff's Office, CTH D/Pine Road, Owen.

April 5- 3:33 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), South CTH D, Owen.

3:31 p.m. Traffic Stop-Citation(s), East CTH X/North CTH DD, Owen.

3:39 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), North CTH T, Withee.

4:01 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), South CTH T, Withee.

4:32 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), East CTH X.

4:38 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), North CTH T, Withee.

4:50 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), North CTH T, Withee.

April 6- 1:10 a.m. Noise Complaint, Central Avenue, Owen.

3:28 p.m. Traffic Crash-Non-reportable, North Pine Street/2nd Street, Withee.

3:42 p.m. Assist Clark County Sheriff's Office, STH 29/Hilene Avenue, Abbotsford.

4:40 p.m. 911 Disconnect (Hang-up), West 3rd Street, Owen.

April 7- 11:48 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Hwy D, Owen.

5:29 p.m. Information Only, Pine Street, Stanley.

6:59 p.m. Domestic Disturbance-All Other, West 3rd

Street, Owen.

April 10- 6:10 a.m. Harassment-Stalking, CTH X, Withee. 9:20 a.m. Fraud-All Other, East 6th Street, Owen.

2:10 p.m. Suicide-Attempt/Threat(s), 2nd Street, Withee.

April 13- 8:09 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), East CTH X/CTH T, Withee.

April 14- 9:45 a.m. Theft-All Other, Central Avenue, Owen.

5:51 p.m. Notification/Deliver Message/Etc. South Oak Street, Owen.

9:18 p.m. Alarm-Business, Division Street, Withee.

10:18 p.m. Alarm-Business, Division Street, Withee.

April 15- 4:43 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), West CTH X.

4:47 p.m. Welfare Check, East 3rd Street, Owen.

5:08 p.m. Traffic Stop-Citation(s), East CTH X.

5:33 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), West CTH X.

5:46 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), East CTH X.

6:07 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), North CTH D, Owen.

7:13 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), West STH 29.

April 16- 12:00 p.m. Truancy, West 3rd Street, Owen.

3:10 p.m. Burning Violation, East 9th Street, Owen.

6:53 p.m. Assist-Clark County Sheriff's Office, East Mill Street/Stockwell Street, Withee.

April 18- 4:34 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), West CTH X.

6:15 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), East CTH X.

9:15 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), West CTH X.

9:28 p.m. Extra Patrol, East 4th Street, Owen.

10:31 p.m. Intoxicated Person(s).

April 19- 3:45 p.m. Juvenile Complaint, East 3rd Street, Owen.

5:38 p.m. Traffic Crash-Property Damage, West 3rd Street, Owen.

6:26 p.m. Fraud-All Other, East 2nd Street, Owen.

10:17 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), West CTH X/North CTH DD, Owen.

11:12 p.m. Traffic Stop-Citation(s), West CTH X.

11:27 p.m. Assist Clark County Sheriff's Office, CTH D, Owen.

April 20- 2:06 p.m. Domestic Disturbance-Disorderly Conduct, 3rd Street, Withee.

8:20 p.m. Assist-Motorist, Cardinal Avenue/CTH X, Owen.

8:39 p.m. Suspicious Activity-Vehicle(s), East 5th Street, Owen.

10:58 p.m. Animal-Cruelty/Neglect/Trapping, East 3rd Street, Owen.

April 21- 9:59 a.m. Assist-Other Mutual Aid Request, West 3rd Street, Owen.

12:59 p.m. Uncontrollable

Juvenile, West 3rd Street, Owen.

April 22- 9:00 a.m. Municipal Code Violation, West CTH X/North CTH DD, Owen.

7:32 p.m. Welfare Check, Front Street, Withee.

9:11 p.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), West CTH X.

April 23- 8:58 a.m. Disturbance-Non-Domestic-Verbal, Etc., CTH X, Owen.

1:38 p.m. Information Only, West 3rd Street, Owen.

2:29 p.m. Truancy, West 3rd Street, Owen.

3:10 p.m. Juvenile Complaint, West 3rd Street, Owen.

April 25- 3:45 p.m. Found Items/Property, West 3rd Street/CN RR Tracks, Owen.

3:50 p.m. Fraud-All Other, Summit Street, Withee.

4:06 p.m. Welfare Check, South Harding Street, Owen.

4:20 p.m. Welfare Check, Dania Street, Withee.

April 26- 8:35 p.m. Traffic Stop-Citation(s), 4th Street/Madsen Street, Owen.

9:50 p.m. Traffic Stop-Citation(s), West STH 29.

10:06 p.m. Traffic Stop-Citation(s), East CTH X.

April 27- 12:00 a.m. Traffic Stop-Warning(s), South CTH T, Withee.

April 28- 2:29 p.m. Damage to Property-Other Than Criminal, North West Street, Owen.

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Improving outcomes through faster stroke intervention

Stroke is a leading cause of disability and death in the United States, and for rural communities, timely treatment can be a significant challenge. During Stroke Awareness Month, Aspirus Health is highlighting how telestroke technology is helping bridge that gap and bring expert-level care to patients closer to home.

Telestroke technology connects emergency teams with neurologists through secure video conferencing, allowing stroke patients to be evaluated and treated faster.

"Telestroke gives us access to a neurologist in the Emergency Department when we want to discuss the patient's condition," said Dr. Philip Bovet, Emergency Medicine Physician at Aspirus Health. "We can have their consultation right away, which makes treatment quicker and more effective."



When a stroke is caused by a blood clot, known as an ischemic stroke, medications like TNK (a clot-busting drug) can be used to dissolve the clot and restore blood flow. But the effectiveness of this medication depends heavily on how quickly it's administered.

"Every minute that goes by is 1.9 million neurons that we

lose," said Dr. Bovet. "Time is brain, so every minute counts."

Telestroke enables emergency teams to act fast, even during busy shifts, and can reduce the need to transfer patients to larger facilities.

"It's been very helpful knowing that when we have a stroke patient come in, we

have the security of a neurologist who's available on the screen right away," he said. "It helps put me at ease knowing I have a specialist taking care of the patient, too."

Dr. Bovet, who grew up in Antigo said he's proud that advanced stroke care is available in the region he calls home. "Knowing that technology like this is available here for family and friends is a great asset to have in our community."

Know the Signs. Act Fast.

Stroke symptoms can include sudden numbness, confusion, trouble speaking, vision problems, dizziness, or severe headache. If you or someone else is experiencing these signs, call 911 immediately.

For more information about stroke care at Aspirus, visit aspirus.org/stroke-care.

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VIEWPOINTS

The first official GOP candidate for governor in 2026



The 2026 elections seem far away. Unless you are a potential candidate.

The year BEFORE election year is when you get your campaign going.

So it makes sense that one of the least known potential candidates—Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann—has officially kicked off his campaign for governor next year.

Schoemann, 43 and a vet, needs the time to travel the state, get to know Republican voters and donors and try out campaign themes.

He most certainly will be in a Republican primary next summer if he sticks it out. There won't be a Democratic primary unless Dem Gov. Tony Evers opts out of a bid for a third four-year term.

Schoemann, first elected county exec in 2020, launched his campaign while accusing Dem Evers and the status quo of failing Wisconsin. He said entrepreneurs

can't afford to pursue their dreams in Wisconsin, young families can't afford to put down roots, and parents and grandparents can't afford to retire here.

Schoemann said he regularly runs into people living down south who are proud to say they're from Wisconsin.

"I, for one, think it's about damn time we build a Wisconsin where people are proud to be, not just be from," Schoemann said during a kickoff event in West Bend.

Schoemann took a series of shots at Evers, who hasn't announced whether he will seek a third term next year. Schoemann said even if Evers "calls it quits on his own—God willing," the Dems who would run to replace him would only offer the same failed status quo.

Schoemann slammed Evers for a veto he issued in the 2023-25 budget that annually increases the cap on per pupil spending through 2425, saying it would lead to four centuries of property tax increases. He hit Evers for proposing higher fees on hunting and fishing and car registrations in the 2025-27



budget, saying Evers' spending plan would take Wisconsin from a surplus to a deficit in two years.

"We have a state government built for 1975 and 1995, not 2025 and certainly not 2045," Schoemann said.

Democratic Governors Association spokesperson Izzy Levy said in a statement that Schoemann "brings to this race a toxic record of

attacking public schools, opposing reproductive freedom, and championing Elon Musk's attacks on the programs and service Wisconsinites rely on."

Schoemann is the first Republican to officially enter the field.

Others mentioned as possible candidates include: businessman Bill Berrien; U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany,

R-Minocqua; Senate President Mary Felzkowski, R-Tomahawk; businessman Eric Hovde; and state Sen. Pat Testin, R-Stevens Point.

Dems who have been mentioned by political insiders as possible candidates if Evers doesn't run include: Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley; Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson; Attorney General

Josh Kaul; Secretary of State Sarah Godlewski; Lt. Gov. Sara Rodriguez; and outgoing state Dem Party Chair Ben Wikler.

Watch what the field does in 2025; that will be a key to 2026.

For more, go to www.wispolitics.com.

Cardinal's Tweets by Cindy Cardinal

It is spring, things are growing, and it is time to think happy thoughts. Last year because of shoulder pain, I couldn't do any work in my flower bed, so needless

to say, I will have to do triple the work this year just to get ahead of last year's weeds. I still have to go slow, but I am making progress.

When I was a kid, my

grandma's rule was we planted garden on Memorial Day weekend. I followed that rule for years, never planting anything before Memorial Day. But things have changed.

It started warming up outside and I saw my honeysuckle vine start to leaf out. I saw peonies, daylilies, hostas, and astilbe all starting to grow. The greenhouses were open and the urge to plant

the dirt was strong.

I live in an apartment, but that doesn't mean I don't plant things. In addition to having a flower bed, I plant in pots on my deck. I am already seeing radishes and lettuce coming up. Hopefully, other things will be soon.

This time of year, I think like Oliver Wendall Douglas on Green Acres. Just like him, "I'd take a little seed, a

tiny little seed, I'd plant it in the ground, I'd put some dirt on it, I'd water it, and pretty soon, do you know what I'd have?" I'd have growing vegetables and pretty flowers, that's what I'd have.

Of course, since I was in such a hurry, I had to cover the flowers I planted a couple of nights. I went through that age old debate of whether to cover things early or get up

and do it at 3 a.m. I voted for early and then it never got below 38°. Better safe than sorry though.

I got a bonus out of it. My blood pressure gets closer to what it should be when I am out digging in the dirt.

The world is a better place when we take time to smell the flowers and play in the dirt. Have a great gardening season!

Why is America's postal service struggling?

By Bill Barth

I have visited Benjamin Franklin's grave at the Christ Church Burial Ground in Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love.

Old Ben must be spinning in it right now, his supply of brotherly love seriously tested.

The U.S. Postal Service he founded has become - let's try to say this without profanity - a stumbling mess.

Per his will, the inscription he directed for the gravesite read simply, "Benjamin and Deborah Franklin." Maybe this thoroughly American original was far-sighted enough to limit his eternal exposure to the post office's reputation.

Obviously, there's a story behind the hot blood I'm feeling toward the mail service. Multiple stories, in fact.

Several are personal. Another - and the most egregious - comes from a close acquaintance. All are recent, from 2025. The maddening tale ranges from the merely annoying to the outrageous,

with potential for serious consequences. Taken as a whole, it paints a picture of the proud service Franklin fathered drifting toward failure.

By the way, allow me to make something clear. The men and women doing the everyday work of delivering mail locally seemed reasonable and caring when approached about my bad experiences. Don't blame them.

It takes over-educated and over-paid higher-ups - no doubt tied to Washington's dysfunctional politics - to engineer this kind of incompetence and indifference.

On to the stories:

First, let's start small, with erratic delivery times. Not all that long ago, one could set a watch by when the mail would come. Even neighborhood dogs knew when to stand watch at the window for the mailman. Not this year. The mail might show up early afternoon. Or supper time. May-be 7:30. What happened? Don't know, but the rumor mill suggests the service is

chronically understaffed and looking for help.

Moving on from the merely annoying to the infuriating. I manage the business side of our family farm in downstate Illinois. That means I pay quarterly income taxes to the Illinois Department of Revenue. I use tracking numbers to monitor delivery. The January payment envelope I mailed was returned to me, weeks later, claiming it was undeliverable because of a wrong address. It wasn't wrong. Left with no other choice I re-mailed the payment to the exact same Springfield, Illinois address and it went through just fine. Why? Who knows. Fortunately, the Illinois taxman accepted the late payment was the fault of the post office.

Well, one mistake can happen with anybody, right? So when April rolled around and it was time to send both yearly and quarterly federal and state tax payments, once again I obtained tracking numbers and mailed envelopes to the feds and the states of Wisconsin and

Illinois. No problems with the states. But through the tracking I watched two envelopes for the feds - one for yearly taxes, the other for a quarterly payment - bounce around the postal system day after day after day. The system let me know delivery would be late. The notice should have read really, really late! Eventually, the envelopes arrived, so that's something, but I could have walked them to Louisville faster.

Those are personal experiences. Now for what happened to a close friend - let's call him David to protect the innocent from retaliation because, well, you never know these days. Again, the topic is taxes, which can cause raw nerves even if everything is going right. David first filed electronically - like I'll do next time - but then the roof caved in on him. Somebody had filed already using his Social Security number. To start fixing this nightmare, he had to file new forms through the mail to set a federal process of correction in motion. David has a refund coming,

but was told that could take months to sort out. If you're late paying taxes, you can expect penalties and interest. What are the chances the IRS will pay interest as it hangs onto David's money? Leave that story for another day. David dutifully got a tracking number and mailed the forms. Readers know what happened next. Tracking showed nothing. Lost in the system. Nobody knows where. Pour a stiff drink and start over.

Look, I'm a news guy. I've followed the travails of the postal service over the years. I'm aware of its fiscal problems. I know there are those who propose privatization. There have been headlines the past few months during Trump Two about ordering cuts and re-organization.

What's the right fix? No

idea. But this level of postal disservice is not sustainable.

Logic suggests, with this much failure in my personal experience, there must be millions of other stories out there. That is truly alarming.

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WORLD
According to Mark

BY MARK TOBOLA

As I am working through factory days, sometimes I take the time to listen to congressional hearings, testimonies, and other news from Washington DC. I also try to listen to varied news sources, so as to hear a more rounded and full understanding of things that are going on right now. I don't just listen to one source, nor do I look at one side. I've already learned in life that there is often more to the story than what one person/side is sharing, and I try to find out about that.

I caught a bit of an interview with Steve Forbes, a financial mind and recognized news source. He was discussing the challenges going on not just now, but for the last 30-50 years for American manufacturing. One of the components of that which gets very little discussion is all of the regulation that surrounds the industry, and how you basically can

build and fill an entire factory, only to be shut down at the end...In other words, regulation is a major issue and a major component of why so many jobs have left the United States.

At first, I heard this and it just kind of hit me and didn't go anywhere. But then, as I gave it time, it started to register with me how much is not happening...And then I started to recall articles and discussions not just from our local area, but from all over the nation, discussing this as being a real issue. Sometimes I have to wonder if we've taken some of our regulation too far? Sometimes I also wonder if it isn't far enough. And other times, I wonder what other potential solutions are out there to help solve these issues. I guess it's a topic I'll have to keep digging into and see what I can learn!

Upcoming Strong Bodies class in Greenwood

Classes are forming for the Strong Bodies programs in Greenwood. Classes will be held at the Greenwood High School in the Old Gym located at 306 West Central Ave, Greenwood. These classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00-12:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, June 3. This class will be eight weeks long. The suggested contribution is \$20, which is used to

expand and fund the program to all locations across Clark County. Strong Bodies is an evidence-based, progressive strength-training program throughout the United States. Its goal is to improve the health and well-being of middle-aged and older adults by increasing access to structured, safe and effective strength training programs. Scientific research has

demonstrated that exercise with weights will increase strength, muscle mass, and bone density in middle-aged and older adults. This will in turn, reduce the risk for numerous chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, osteoporosis and arthritis. Come join us for the fun. To register, please contact the UW-Extension office at 715-743-5121.



BACK Home

BY CHRIS HARDIE

NFL draft promotes Wisconsin

I've done many jobs and traveled many places, but one thing I will always be – a proud Wisconsinite.

Don't get me wrong – I have nothing but deep respect for my nearby Iowa and Minnesota neighbors as I frequently work with them in my day job as CEO of the 7 Rivers Alliance, a regional economic development organization that serves part of the tri-state region. But being Wisconsin born and raised, my affinity for the Badger State and its people runs generations deep.

As such, I am a lifelong Green Bay Packers fan like many other Wisconsinites. The public ownership of the Packers and the unique small market feel of the team is truly unique in the world of the National Football League and professional sports.

It's that culture and pride that was on display recently in Green Bay for the annual NFL draft. I was part of a group of state and regional development officials who attended the draft and used it to showcase Wisconsin with national site selectors.

Site selectors help companies find the best location for their business operations. They find the best locations based on factors like real estate market conditions, labor availability, tax incentives, and regulations.

After an opening night reception on Wednesday night April 23 at our lodging in Sister Bay – about 90 minutes north of Green Bay (lodging was a little tight in Tiletown) – we met with the site selectors Thursday morning for a breakfast gathering at the

Donald and Carol Kress Pavilion in the Egg Harbor Library. After a presentation from Missy Hughes, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation secretary, we all pitched the positives of our regions of Wisconsin.

Holding up the back of my hand to represent Wisconsin, I pointed to my thumb as Door County and said we were located all the way over on the other side of my hand on Wisconsin's west coast. And even with the views of Lake Michigan out our window at the time, I told them we were located in the most beautiful part of the state with our hills, bluffs and streams. Our quality of life, our workforce and our people are second to none.

Then we climbed aboard our coach bus and went to Tiletown and Lambeau Field to experience the draft. Many of us wore the NFL garb of our favorite team. While the green and gold dominated, our guests represented teams like the Bears, Browns, Giants, Eagles and other NFL teams.

We walked the draft grounds and were given a private tour and history of Lambeau Field. We intermingled with the masses – which included Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers and other officials. We then adjourned to EUA Architects located above the Packers Athletic Club in Tiletown to view the draft on large screen TVs with a view of the Tiletown District and Lambeau Field from the windows.

When the Packers first round draft selection of receiver Mathew Golden was announced later in the evening, the roar of the estimated

205,000 people was loud and long. After the first round, we boarded our bus and took the trip back to Sister Bay, finally ending what for me was a 19 hour day.

Absolutely, it was fun. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, mingling with fans from around the country and some pretty interesting costuming. Those attending can attest to the endurance test it had on our bladders as we patiently waited in line for bathrooms.

But more importantly, it gave us connections with the folks who help guide businesses all over the world. We made some personal connections and are hopeful that it will lead to a follow-up meeting where we can bring those interested to Wisconsin and our respective regions to have them see first-hand why we are the perfect location for their clients.

Whether it's the NFL or economic development, it's all about setting yourself up for winning.

Speaking of winning, I'm happy to report that our rototiller is once again up and running as we engage in spring gardening activities.

As I wrote about a couple of weeks ago, the tiller broke down after throwing a belt.

I ordered a replacement and was able to repair the tiller with a little help from an on-line video as a guide. I'm still a little slow to embrace such technology as I was raised in an era where you just figured it out, but am certainly not opposed to working smarter and not always harder.

I'm still learning.

Stronger Summers start with Healthy Kids

Well-child visits provide personalized care and early support to help children thrive year-round

Child wellness takes on heightened importance during the summer months, serving as a reminder for families to prioritize proactive healthcare and build a strong foundation for lifelong well-being. Ensuring a child's health goes beyond growth charts and temperature checks. It involves supporting their physical, emotional, and developmental needs at every stage.

Angela Helm, a family medicine physician assistant with Aspirus, champions child wellness through comprehensive well-child checkups. These visits are vital opportunities to assess physical, emotional, and developmental health and to offer guidance tailored to each child's unique needs.

"Well-child visits are so much more than a quick

once-over," says Helm. "They're an essential touchpoint for both families and providers to ensure children are thriving in all aspects of their lives—body, mind, and spirit."

Annual appointments play a critical role in prevention, early detection, and health education. In addition to evaluating growth and physical health, providers address concerns like sleep patterns, nutrition, mental well-being, and safety habits. Routine immunizations are also updated to keep children protected against preventable diseases.

"Each child is unique, and these visits give us the chance to partner with families to provide personalized care and guidance," Helm adds. "From managing picky eating to discussing screen-

time limits, we aim to empower parents with actionable insights."

Scheduling well-child visits early helps ensure children are on track with key health milestones before the back-to-school season. Whether or not a child is involved in organized sports, these visits remain an essential part of their overall health care journey. Preventive care remains a central focus in pediatric health, supporting long-term wellness through consistent monitoring and early intervention.

Appointments can be scheduled by contacting your local Aspirus clinic, using the My Aspirus app, or visiting MyAspirus.org. Families without a current Aspirus provider can visit aspirus.org/find-a-provider to explore options.

CLARK COUNTY Court Reports

Report Date: December 16, 2024

Speeding - \$276.10
Rue, Michael Charles; Owen; 44.

Speeding - \$225.70
Boon, Donald John; Neillsville; 77. **Sanchez Hernandez, Hector;** Loyal; 38. **Sandoval, Terra Linn;** Humbird; 34. **Strama, Garrett Donald James;** Medford; 24.

Speeding - \$200.50
Kunhart, Frederick William; Neillsville; 68. **Morales, Antonio Jose;** Greenwood; 16. **Winter, Mark Alan;** Medford; 46.

Speeding - \$175.30
Allard, Michael John; Neillsville; 35. **Becker, Abraham;** Stetsonville; 42. **Blunt, Jason Michael;** Humbird; 53. **Pernsteiner, Joseph Christopher;** 18. **Shaw, Verlyn C.;** Neillsville; 82.

Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto <10,000 lbs. - \$175.30
Balzeski, Ryan Alan; Neillsville; 41.

Operating a Vehicle Without a Valid License - \$200.50

Caceres Moreno, Marlon Elieth; Thorp; 31. **Itehua-Sanchez, Miguel;** Neillsville; 45. **Palacios Galan, Victor Manuel;** Abbotsford; 50. **Perez Gomez, Juan;** Unity; 34. **Praado Sarabia, Ricardo;** Curtiss; 28. **Telesfor Roque, Sandra;** Neillsville; 25.

Operating a Vehicle While Suspended - \$200.50

Bock, Bianca Paige; Neillsville; 20. **Garcia Jacinto, Maria Guadalupe;** Neillsville; 23. **Knuth, Brent Robert Frank;** Neillsville; 26. **Lopez Angel, Jaime;** Curtiss; 25. **Sanchez Hernandez, Hector;** Loyal; 38. **Operating a Vehicle Without Insurance - \$200.50**
Becker, Abraham; Stetsonville; 42. **Caceres Moreno, Marlon Elieth;** Thorp; 31. **Itehua-Sanchez, Miguel;** Neillsville; 45. **Lopez Angel, Jaime;** Curtiss; 25. **Perez Gomez, Juan;** Unity; 34. **Sanchez Hernandez, Hector;** Loyal; 38. **Schwartz, Daniel Arthur;** Medford; 44. **Telesfor Roque, Sandra;** Neillsville; 25.

Operating a Vehicle Without Proof of Insurance - \$10
Strama, Garrett Donald James; Medford; 24.

Seat Belt Violations - \$10
Kuhn, Jason Keith; Neillsville; 52. **Strama, Garrett Donald James;** Medford; 24.

All Other Violations
Balderas, Abram Miguel; Neillsville; 17; Fail/Stop for Unloading School Bus; \$326.50. **Balzeski, Ryan Alan;** Neillsville; 41; Retail Theft; Restitution, \$269.79. **Bautista Pena, Miguel Angel;** Abbotsford; 31; Possession of Cocaine/Coca; Costs,

\$443.00.

Boon, Michael C.; Neillsville; 52; Knowingly Violate a Domestic Abuse Order Injunction; Charge Dismissed but Read In (3x). Bail Jumping-Misdemeanor; Charge Dismissed but Read In (11x). Knowingly Violate a Domestic Abuse Order; Charge Dismissed but Read In.

Bounds, Robert L., Jr.; Withee; 52; Criminal Damage to ATM/Other Machines [Repeater]; Probation, sentence withheld, \$518.00. Theft-Movable Property <=\$2500 [Repeater]; Charge Dismissed but Read In.

Caceres Moreno, Marlon Elieth; Thorp; 31; Operating w/PAC >=0.08, <0.15 (1st); Dismissed on Court's Own Motion. OWI (1st); DOT License Revoked 6 Months, Alcohol assessment, \$968.00.

Carrillo, Travonte Sinuhe Napaco M.; Loyal; 17; Fail/Maintain Vehicle Speedometer; \$175.30.

Cruz, Jose Ortiz; Curtiss; 19; Speeding in 55 MPH Zone (25-29 MPH); DOT License Suspended 15 Days, \$250.90.

Doss, Christian A.; Neillsville; 41; License Restriction Violation - Class D or M Vehicle; \$200.50. Operating While Revoked (Forfeiture 4th); \$389.50. Theft of Property; Restitution; \$275.30.

Ecker - Rupnow, Sandi L.; Humbird; 40; Breeding Place for Vermin; \$150.00.

Forsting, Bryce Ricki Alan; Stanley; 21; Uniform controlled substance act violation; \$236.00.

Foth, Amy Jo; Greenwood; 40; Keeping a large number of dogs/cats a nuisance; \$200.50.

Garcia Maganda, Viladely; Curtiss; 36; Exceeding Speed Zones, etc. (25-29 MPH); Dismissed on Prosecutor's Motion. Violation of Child Safety Restraint Requirements Child under 4 Years of Age; Dismissed on Prosecutor's Motion (2x). Violation of Child Safety Restraint Requirements Child 4 Years but less Than 8 Years of Age; \$150.10. Violation of Child Safety Restraint Requirements - Child 4 Years but less Than 8 Years (2nd w/in 3 Years); Dismissed on Prosecutor's Motion. Operate w/o Valid License (2nd w/in 3 years); Costs, \$579.00.

Gomez Perez, Victor Manuel; Greenwood; 30; Exceeding Speed Zones, etc. (11-15 MPH); Charge Dismissed but Read In. Operate w/o Valid License (2nd w/in 3 years); Costs, \$579.00. **Grambsch, Johnathan Matthew;** Greenwood; 19; Un-

necessary acceleration with motor vehicle; \$263.50. Disorderly Conduct with a Motor Vehicle; \$326.50.

Gruber, Kyle J.; Neillsville; 36; Use or Possess w/Intent to Use Masking Agent [Repeater]; Costs, \$443.00.

GS Trucking Of Neillsville Inc.; Neillsville; Violate Class A Hwy Weight Limits (2+); \$624.30.

Hart, Michael P.; Neillsville; 36; Operating Left of Center; \$213.10.

Itehua-Sanchez, Miguel; Neillsville; 45; Display Unauthorized Vehicle Registration Plate; \$238.30.

Johnson, Tobi Lee; Owen; 47; Driving Too Fast for Conditions; Dismissed on Prosecutor's Motion. Operating w/PAC >=0.08, <0.15 (1st); DOT License Revoked 6 Months, Alcohol assessment, \$968.00. OWI (1st); Dismissed on Court's Own Motion.

Kreciak, Michael A, Sr.; Colby; 62; Trespass to Land; Found Guilty at Court Trial; \$200.50 (2x).

Kroepflin, Kade Martin; Thorp; 22; Operate w/o Carrying License; Costs, \$181.50.

Kuhn, Jason Keith; Neillsville; 52; Failure of Operator to Notify Police of Accident; \$389.50. Failure to Keep Vehicle Under Control; \$213.10. Operating Left of Center; \$213.10. Fail/Notify Address Change (Photo License); \$162.70.

Larocque, Jeremy Lee; Unity; 53; No Tail Lamp/Defective Tail Lamp-Night; Charge Dismissed but Read In. OWI (4th); Dismissed on Court's Own Motion. Operating w/PAC (4th); DOT License Revoked 30 Months, Ignition interlock, Local jail, Costs, Other fees, Alcohol assessment, \$2,307.00.

Lopez Angel, Jaime; Curtiss; 25; Failure to Keep Vehicle Under Control; \$213.10.

Luther, Nathaniel L.; Neillsville; 36; Possess Firearm-Convicted of a Felony; Probation, sentence withheld, \$518.00. Possess w/Intent-THC (>200-1000g); Charge Dismissed but Read In. Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Charge Dismissed but Read In.

Mallory, Kenneth A.; Granton; 61; Operating a motor vehicle w/o insurance; Dismissed on Prosecutor's Motion. Operating Left of Center; \$175.30.

Martin, Brandon Zimmerman; Withee; 24; Fail/Stop at Stop Sign; \$175.30.

Marzinske, Dakota L.; Dorchester; 28; Manufacture/Deliver Amphetamine (<=3g); State prison, Extended Supervision, \$518.00.

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Monday, May 19- Lemon baked chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed veggies, cantaloupe, wheat bread & butter

Tuesday, May 20- Steak sandwich with grilled onions & peppers, wheat bun & butter, sweet potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, chocolate Texas cake

Wednesday, May 21- Spaghetti, garlic bread, carrots, spinach salad with bacon dressing, apricots, peach cobbler bar

Thursday, May 22- Sausage potato gratin, bacon cauliflower salad, tropical fruit, wheat dinner roll & butter

Friday, May 23- Macaroni & cheese, green beans, coleslaw, pears, wheat bread & butter, banana blondeie

Owen-Withee School District Breakfast Menu

May 19- Cereal, breakfast bar, fruit, juice.

May 20- Pancakes, syrup, fruit, juice.

May 21- Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice.

May 22- Cereal, quick bread, fruit, juice.

May 23- Assorted donuts, cheese stick, fruit, juice.

Lunch Menu

May 19- Chicken noodle soup, PBJ, fresh fruit, pears.

May 20- Walking tacos, corn, fresh fruit, pears.

May 21- General Tso's chicken, chicken nuggets

(ES), fried rice, fresh fruit.

May 22- Pulled pork, broccoli, fresh fruit, apple-sauce.

May 23- Hamburgers, baked beans, fresh fruit, fruit cup.

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OBITUARIES

Karen Horan 1941-2025

Karen Ann Grow Horan, 83 years of age, of Altoona, passed away peacefully on March 7, 2025. Karen was born on August 4, 1941 to Norman and Maxine Grow in Marshfield. Karen was married to David Arthur Horan who preceded her in death on November 14, 2021. Together they often traveled north or out west in their pick-up camper. Adventures were always on the 'path less traveled'. Whether it was to a small-town thrift sale or an out west adventure, they were always ready to break and turn down that dirt road!

Karen earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Art Education from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and the University of Minnesota. Following teaching in public schools, she joined the UWEC faculty in 1978 and over the course of 27 years served as head of the Art Education Program, teaching art methods classes, supervising student teachers, and developing many Continuing Education classes for teachers. She retired in 2004 as an Assistant Professor Emeritus. She loved her students and many continued to reach out to her throughout the years.

Karen was most proud of her work with Native peoples in Wisconsin and the Southwest. In 1990 she developed and facilitated the first course in the University of Wisconsin system for the implementation of Public Bill #31-The Wisconsin Indian

History and Culture Act. This was followed by five classes developed with the intention of promoting the history and culture of Native Americans. Three courses featured the art and culture of the Ojibwa in Wisconsin, two field studies in the Southwest featured the art and culture of the Pueblo, Navajo and the Hopi Native peoples, and one featured the artwork of a Lakota artist in conjunction with the Foster Gallery Exhibition she curated in celebration of the new UW-Eau Claire Indian Studies Major. Post retirement Karen developed, applied for, and received a U.S. Department of Education grant to promote a partnership between agencies of higher education (UWEC) and school districts in northern Wisconsin. Students from the Red Cliff, Bad River, and La Courte Oreilles (UWEC) and school districts in northern Wisconsin. Students from the Red Cliff, Bad River, and La Courte Oreilles (UWEC) and school districts in northern Wisconsin. Students from the Red Cliff, Bad River, and La Courte Oreilles (UWEC) and school districts in northern Wisconsin. Students from the Red Cliff, Bad River, and La Courte Oreilles (UWEC) and school districts in northern Wisconsin.

Karen was gifted with the WAEA (Wisconsin Association for Educators of Art) Higher Education Art Educator of the Year award in 1994, the Distinguished Service Award in 2018, and in 2020 was awarded the Distinguished Fellow award. Throughout her years of membership, she has presented, along with many of her art education students, at WAEA state conferences, four national (NWEA) conferences,



and one international (IN-SEA) conference in Hamburg Germany.

She is the author of the book, Eulogy to the Wisconsin Barn, and the altered photographs from her book have been exhibited in UW-Eau Claire's Foster Gallery, at the Washburn, WI Museum and Cultural Center, and in the UW-River Falls Chalmers Library. When Karen wasn't traveling, she most enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially at the family cabin on Lake Superior.

Karen is survived by her son Mark David Horan; daughter Kelly Ann Horan Speckien (Rick) of Osseo; grandchildren Kyle, Kimberly, Anna, Sam; and great grandchildren Daniel and Brooke; other relatives and friends and her loving little dog Annie.

A Celebration of Life for Karen will be held from 10:00 - 1:00 on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Castle Rock Barn, S12360 Young Rd, Osseo. Memorial contributions will be given to beloved charities in Karen's memory or donations can be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Cremation Society of Wisconsin, Altoona is assisting the family. Online condolences may be shared at www.cremationsociety-wi.com.

Matthew Joseph Lukowicz 1962-2024

1st Sgt. Mathew Joseph Lukowicz, age 62, of Hampton, VA, passed away at his home on November 28, 2024.

A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m. at Riverside Cemetery with Military Honors provided by Lublin American Legion Post #547, Owen American Legion Post #123, Owen-Withee Vets Club, Thorp VFW Post #9057 and the United States Marine Corps.

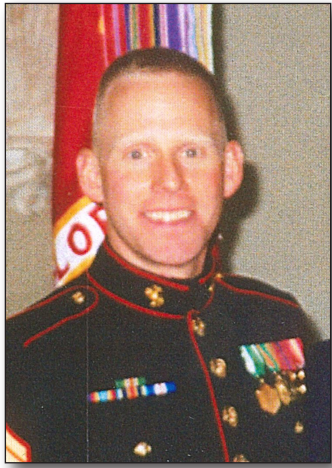
Matt was born on February 3, 1962, the son of Dorothy A. (Hiebsch) Hillmer of Moline, IL and the late Phillip J. Lukowicz. He grew up in Rice Lake and was a star athlete in track and cross country. He broke school records in both events. After graduating from Rice Lake High School in 1980, Matt enlisted in the Marine Corp where he served for 23 years. He also graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA with a Bachelor of General Science Degree in December 1999.

Matt excelled in every

aspect of being a Marine. As a staff sergeant, he was selected to attend the Marine Security Guard (MSG) School and was assigned to be the Post Commander of the U.S. Embassy in Argentina, ensuring the safety of the embassy staff as well as the U.S. Ambassador to Argentina and his family. Matt was subsequently selected to be an instructor at the MSG School due to his outstanding performance as a post commander. He rose to the rank of First Sergeant before his retirement and commanded thousands of Marines during his stellar Marine Corps career. Upon his retirement, he became a weapons instructor for the Department of Defense in Williamsburg, VA for 19 years.

In addition to his mother, Dorothy, Matt is survived by his children: Katie Lukowicz and Kaden Lukowicz, both of VA and son, Cameron (Courtney) and daughter, Maddie Gray, also of VA; his sister, Beth (Mike) Keough and their children Ben and Megan of Stevens Point, WI; brother, Jay (Cathie) Lukowicz and their children, Abigail and Jonathan of St. Charles, MN; his Aunt Lois (Greschner) Dehne of Owen, WI; his "adopted" uncle, Ed Wendt of Eau Claire, WI; and several cousins.

He is preceded in death



by his father, Phillip; his grandparents: Joseph and Margaret Hiebsch, John and Isabelle Lukowicz; his uncle and aunt, Bob and Mary Jane (Hiebsch) Eckert, uncle Gerald Hiebsch and uncle Joseph Stanley Greschner. Matt will be greatly missed by family and anyone who knew him.

In lieu of flowers and plants, a Memorial Fund has been established for the education of his granddaughter, Maddie Gray Lukowicz.

Funeral Homes entrusted with arrangements are: Alt-meyer Funeral Home in New Port News, VA, Rafferty Funeral Home in Moline, IL and Maurina-Schilling Funeral Home in Owen.

Family and friends may express condolences online at www.maurinaschilling.com.

Insights

Homeschooling

Early childhood education begins at home. From the very first moment a child opens its eyes, hears a noise from any source, experiences warmth or cold or feels the pangs of hunger, the opportunity to teach and learn is present and profound.

Though an infant does not know the difference between a Bible or catalog, the object will make an impression which will eventually be interpreted. And if there are more catalogs than Bibles, the child will one day understand the priorities of the parents.

Homes have walls and floors, shelves and ceilings. But what parents place on the walls or hang from the ceilings or place on the shelves

is a choice. In my childhood home, everywhere we looked were objects that had a reference to God. I still remember my mother explaining or interpreting the meaning of pictures or using an old globe to tell a story about missionaries and what they did for Jesus. It was an important part of our family life. What I was taught through being "schooling at home" remains a very important part of my life and ministry today.

"Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding...When I was a boy in my father's house and an only child of my mother... he taught me: keep my commands, get wisdom and understanding!" How precious!

"My son, I'm passing my wisdom to you that came from my father...when I was young and tender." God's wisdom was passed from grandfather to father to child. We are all passing on what is of value to us, too.

Prayer: Father, we each leave a legacy to everyone we meet. May it bring honor and glory to Your name! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture: My children, listen when your father corrects you. Pay attention and learn good judgment, for I am giving you good guidance. Don't turn away from my instructions. For I, too, was once my father's son, tenderly loved as my mother's only child. My father taught me, "Take my words to heart. Follow my commands, and you will live. Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them. Proverbs 4:1-5

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N13520 County Road E
Colby, WI 54421
Reverend Donald Bruce
Contact: Sue Lindau, Secretary
(715) 223-4315 (church) or after 2:00 at home at (715) 223-3529
Sunday Service - 8:15 a.m.
Sunday school - 9:15 (Sept. - May)

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Community Alliance Church
1106 Meridian Street
Curtiss, WI 54422
Pastor Carl Swarr
Sunday worship - 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday school - 11:00 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, ELCA
1131 Meridian Street, Curtiss
Sunday Services at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Ken Schmidt
Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m.
Mailing address:
P. O. Box 125, Curtiss, WI 54422
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St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church
123 North Main Street, Greenwood
St. Anthony Catholic Church
407 North Division Street, Loyal
Holy Family Parish
W8170 Main Street, Willard
Father Emmanuel Famiyeh, pastor
Mass Schedule
Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. at Holy Family and 6:30 p.m. at St. Anthony
Sunday 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary and 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony
phone: 715-255-8017
web: stanthonyloyal.org

Missionary Baptist Church
302 North Main Street, Greenwood
Our Staff
Geoff Smith, pastor
Daniel Stiemann, assistant pastor
phone: 715-267-6114
www.mbcgreenwood.com

One in Christ Parish (ELCA)
Our Saviors Lutheran - 9:30am
110 W. Begley Street, Greenwood
Sunday School during worship
Emmanuel Lutheran Church - 11:00am
W5752 Colby Factory Road (Longwood)
Nazareth Lutheran - 8:00am
1127 Division Street, Withee
Sunday School during worship
Pastor Elizabeth Bier
phone: 715-503-0183
web: oneinchristlutherans.com

United Church of Christ - Immanuel
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phone: 715-267-6547

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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
phone: 715-255-8880
Sunday worship schedule
Granton - 8:00 a.m. at Zion American Lutheran
Loyal - 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran
web: trinityloyal.org

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Holy Assumption Orthodox Church
N1249 County Rd. F, Lublin, WI 54447
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St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church
19195 County Rd. G, Gilman WI 54433
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Fr. Hermann Klarr
715-669-3855
web: holassympionwi.org
Service Schedule
Divine Liturgy in Lublin at 9:30 a.m. on first, third, and fourth Sundays of the month
Divine Liturgy, at 10:00 a.m. at

St. John the Baptist in Huron on second Sunday of month
Vespers (night prayer) at 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays

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Parochial Administrator
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St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
315 E. Davlin St., Gilman
St. Michael Catholic Church
Hwy 73, Jump River
St. Stanislaus Catholic Church
West 13381 South St., (Cty. Hwy F), Lublin
St. John Catholic Church
North 657 Cty. Hwy. W, Sheldon
Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. at St. Michael;
7:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul;
10:30 a.m. at St. John the Apostle
More information at
www.fivesaintscluster.com

St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA
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www.stjohngilman.org

St. Mary's Polish National Catholic
N1235 West Street, Lublin
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W5568 Main Street, Sheldon
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Community Alliance Church
111 South Division Street, Withee
Andy Davis, pastor
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.
phone: 715-229-4609
web: www.witheeccc.org

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
415 West 3rd Street, Owen
St. Bernard-St. Hedwigs Catholic Church
111 North Church Street, Thorp
Father Stanislaus Michael Anthony
Pastoral care: 608-881-9265
Mass Schedule
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
St. Bernard-St. Hedwig
Sundays 8:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary
St. Mary's Czestochowa -
last Saturday of month at 7 p.m.
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Wednesday and Friday:
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Owen Mennonite Church
W5003 County Road N, Owen

United Church of Christ
107 South Oak Street, Owen
Mailing Address: c/o Carol Hoffman
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

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Know Your Legal Rights

What to do if another website steals or posts your content

By Atty. Zak Wroblewski

Finding your personal images or videos posted online without your permission can be upsetting. Unfortunately, this is becoming more of a problem for people who use platforms like OnlyFans, Twitter, Reddit, and Instagram to promote their work. You may feel angry, embarrassed, or taken advantage of. Whether the content was taken from a personal account or is part of your professional work—such as photography, music, or digital art—you have the right to have it removed.

Copyright violations affect a wide range of people, from content creators and influencers to artists and musicians. The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) provides a legal pathway to take down unauthorized content through a “DMCA takedown notice” or, if necessary, a “cease-and-desist letter.”

However, navigating the removal process can be complicated, especially if your work has been posted across multiple platforms.

What is a DMCA Takedown Notice?

A DMCA takedown notice is a formal request to a website or platform demanding the removal of copyrighted material. Website owners and

hosting services are required to take down copyrighted content if they receive a valid request from the copyright holder. This applies even if the website itself did not upload the material—once notified, the platform is responsible for removal or may face legal consequences.

Most websites outline their takedown request process in their terms of service. This often includes submitting specific forms, providing proof of ownership, and explaining why the use is unauthorized. If the notice is incomplete or formatted incorrectly, the platform may reject or ignore the request. Attorneys can ensure your takedown request meets all necessary requirements so that your content is removed as quickly as possible.

DMCA Takedown vs. Cease-and-Desist Letter

A DMCA takedown notice is a legal process under copyright law that requires websites to remove copyrighted material upon request from the rightful owner. A cease-and-desist letter, on the other hand, is a broader legal demand that can also be used to stop defamation, trademark infringement, or other unauthorized use.

While a takedown notice directly requests content removal, a cease-and-desist letter serves as a warning that

legal action may follow if the material is not taken down. If a website ignores a takedown notice, sending a cease-and-desist letter is often the next step before pursuing legal action.

What if a Website Ignores a Takedown Request?

Most platforms comply with DMCA takedown notices, but some, particularly adult content sites and offshore hosts, may delay or refuse removal. When this happens, website operators can be held legally responsible for copyright infringement.

Legal options in these cases may include:

- Sending a cease-and-desist letter demanding removal and warning of legal action.
- Filing a copyright infringement lawsuit, which may result in financial damages against the website operator.
- Working with search engines to de-index stolen content, making it harder to find online.

Consequences for Websites That Ignore Copyright Laws

Websites that fail to remove copyrighted material can face serious penalties. Courts have awarded significant financial damages to copyright owners when a website refuses to take down stolen content after a valid request.

Search engines like Google may also de-index non-compliant sites, making them nearly invisible in online searches. Additionally, payment processors and ad networks may sever ties with these platforms, cutting off revenue sources. In extreme cases, repeat and intentional copyright violations can lead to criminal charges, fines, or imprisonment.

Why Legal Assistance Can Help

While the DMCA takedown process may seem simple, different websites have their own rules for submitting requests. If a single video or image has been reposted across multiple platforms, handling each removal request individually can be overwhelming. Mistakes in formatting, missing documentation, or failing to follow platform-specific rules can result in delays or rejections.

A legal professional familiar with DMCA enforcement can help by ensuring takedown notices are properly formatted, handling communication with website administrators, and taking further legal action if necessary.

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ENTERPRISING FOODS

Taco Noodle Dish

- 3 cups uncooked wide egg noodles
 - 2 pounds lean ground turkey
 - 1 envelope reduced sodium taco seasoning
 - 1 tsp. onion powder
 - 1 tsp. chili powder
 - ½ tsp. garlic powder
 - 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
 - 1 can (4 oz.) green chiles
 - ½ cup water
 - 1 cup shredded cheese
- Toppings:**
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
 - 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
 - 1/3 cup sliced ripe olives
 - ½ cup taco sauce
 - ½ cup fat free sour cream
- Preheat oven to 350°.

Cook noodles according to package directions for al dente; drain.

Meanwhile, in a large nonstick skillet, cook and crumble turkey over medium-high heat until no longer pink, 6-8 minutes; drain. Stir in seasonings, tomato sauce, chiles and water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes.

Spread noodles in an 11x7-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Top with turkey mixture; sprinkle with cheese. Bake, uncovered,

until cheese is melted, 10-15 minutes.

Top casserole with lettuce, tomatoes, olives and taco sauce. Serve with sour cream.

Prep time: 20 minutes.
Cook time: 10 minutes.
Makes: 6 servings.

Anniversary Chicken

- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
 - 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (6 oz. each)
 - 1 Tbsp. canola oil
 - 4 tsp. teriyaki sauce
 - ½ cup ranch salad dressing
 - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 - ¼ cup bacon bits
 - 2 green onions, sliced
- Preheat oven to 375°.

Place flour in a shallow bowl. Dip chicken in flour to coat both sides; shake off excess. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Brown chicken on both sides; transfer to a greased 13x9-inch baking dish.

Brush teriyaki sauce over chicken. Top with ranch dressing, cheese, bacon bits and green onions. Bake, uncovered, until a thermometer reads 165°, 15-17 minutes.

Prep time: 15 minutes.
Cook time: 15 minutes.
Makes: 4 servings.

Current Events

- THURSDAY, MAY 15**
- **Clark County Board of Supervisors Meeting**, 7 p.m., County Board Room, Clark County Courthouse, 517 Court Street, Neillsville.
 - **Lublin American Legion Auxiliary Unit #547 meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Roosevelt Town Hall.
 - **Lublin American Legion Post #547 meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall, Lublin.

- SATURDAY, MAY 17**
- **Graduation**, 10 a.m., Owen-Withee High School, 832 West 3rd Street, Owen.

- SUNDAY, MAY 18**
- **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, MAY 19**
- **Curtiss Corners Quilt Club**, 6:45 p.m., Curtiss Community Hall, Curtiss.

- TUESDAY, MAY 20**
- **Owen-Withee Food Pantry**, 2-3 p.m., Nazareth Lutheran Church, 1127 Division Street, Withee. Receive fresh produce, meat and shelf stable foods for your household. Anyone in need of extra groceries is welcome. No ID is required. Groceries are loaded right

into your vehicle from a drive-thru style distribution. If you live in the Owen-Withee area and are in need of delivery, please call or text Pastor Elizabeth at (715)255-0013 before 2 p.m.

- **O-W Book Club meeting**, 7 p.m., Owen Public Library. **Discussing book: Read a book by your favorite author and be prepared to tell why you like that author.** Anyone who would like to participate or has questions should call (715)223-5316 or email director@owen.lib.wi.us.

- WEDNESDAY, MAY 21**
- **Life Recovery Group meeting**, 7:30 a.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

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- **LATE START AT O-W SCHOOLS- 9:00 a.m.**

- THURSDAY, MAY 22**
- **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.

The Garden Bug

Bristlecone pines, known for their long life spans, live in harsh conditions high in the mountains of California, Nevada and Colorado. The oldest one known is nicknamed Methuselah (after the longest-lived person in the Bible), and is located in a remote area of the Inyo National Forest in California. Known as “extremophiles,” these trees grow very slowly; their wood is very dense and resinous, and resistant to insects. Often only a strip of living tissue connects the roots to a handful of live branches. — Brenda Weaver

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- FRIDAY, MAY 23**
- **Early Deadline Enterprise Sentinel**, 12 p.m. for May 28 edition

- MONDAY, MAY 26**
- **Memorial Day Rural Cemeteries Memorial Day Observances**, 9:15-12:20, hosted by Thorp VFW Post 9057. Potluck to follow at Reseburg Town Hall. Thorp VFW members should meet at the Town of Reseburg Hall at 9 a.m.

- TUESDAY, MAY 27**
- **City of Owen Common Council Meeting**, 6 p.m., Owen City Hall, 833 W. 3rd Street, Owen.

- WEDNESDAY, MAY 28**
- **Blood Drive - American Red Cross**, 12-5 p.m., Loyal American Legion, 302 N. Union, Loyal. 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).

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Withee - Klabon - Amacher
Hixon - Krueger - Barna
Sexton - Lyle Roe
ELECTON OF OFFICER: Village of Withee Citizen at Large held by Nancy Amacher
NEW BUSINESS: Election of Trustee President
Vice President:
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MINUTES: May 21, 2024
TREASURER'S REPORT:
Financial report
Lot sales, cremation & traditional burials and Yearly review reports
PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
OLD BUSINESS:
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Owen-Withee School Board Meeting High School I.M.C

March 17, 2025

President Julie Wendler called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Angela Greschner called the roll with the following members in attendance: Greschner, Jailing, Nelson, Schmelzer, Wendler, Renderman. Also in attendance were Randy Bergman, Nate Johnson and Julie VanArk. Simington was absent.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Superintendent Bergman verified the agenda was posted properly.

Mason Gay, FBLA President, presented to the board the FBLA Business Report for this

year. Russ Weiler addressed concerns with the baseball team.

A Nelson/Renderman motion to approve the consent agenda, passed by voice vote.

The board approved Kendall Weiler as recipient of the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship. Kendall and Mason will be co-valedictorian and Angela Baures will be Salutatorian. Lydia Lobacz was also approved for the Technical Excellence Scholarship. A Greschner/Nelson motion to approve and congratulate, passed by a voice vote.

The board discussed strategic planning; each board member will find 8 people who they would like to attend the meeting. Meeting will be open to the public as well.

Administrators Bergman, Johnson and VanArk gave their reports.

A Nelson/Jailing motion to move into closed session was made at 7:05pm. Greschner-yes, Renderman -yes, Wendler - yes, Jailing- yes, Nelson-yes, Schmelzer- yes.

The board reported from executive session: A Nelson/Jailing motion to approve Russ Weiler for the assistant baseball coach and Kris Schmidt as assistant softball coach passed by a voice vote.

Motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Julie Wendler, President
Angela Greschner, Clerk

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**Strange
BUT TRUE**

By Lucie Winborne

- More than 300 different species of bacteria are found in dental plaque.
- Bones found at Seymour Island indicate that 37 to 40 million years ago, penguins stood at a formidable 6 feet tall and weighed 250 pounds.
- PEZ candies were originally anti-smoking mints.
- World War II is known as "the blessed war" to many Icelanders because the country has that conflict to thank for its independence.
- Jeanne-Genevieve Gamin was the first female parachutist. In 1799, she jumped from a hot air balloon. This jump was recorded to be around 900 meters high (over 3,000 feet). She was also one of the earliest women to fly in a balloon.
- In the 1920s and '30s, many movie theaters had signs instructing ladies to "Please Remove Your Hats" to keep their elaborate headwear from blocking anyone's view.
- Jeannette Rankin became the first female member of Congress in 1916, four years before the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote, was ratified.
- Mike Tyson saw Muhammad Ali's last match at the age of 14 and got mad at Larry Holmes for beating Ali. Tyson called Ali on the phone and told him, "I'll grow up and get him back for you." Seven years later, Tyson met Holmes for a match, and the then-retired Ali stepped in the ring and said, "Remember what you promised." Tyson made good on his vow in the fourth round.
- The platypus doesn't have a stomach at all: Its esophagus goes straight to its intestines.
- Rainbows are full circles when viewed from a different perspective, and everyone sees a unique version depending on how their eyes perceive light.

Thought for the Day: "Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it." — Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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Last week's answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Swedish car
- Do sums
- Gym pads
- Bruins' sch.
- Cattle call
- Modern money
- Tall, thin person
- Bickering
- Sound from a hot wok
- Small bill
- Elitists
- Warm-up run
- "Top Gun" target
- Fall flower
- "Hamilton" or "Rent"
- Old money of Rome
- Weir
- Tiers
- Not generic
- Flaxen, as hair
- Stitch
- Hosp. workers
- Smiles broadly
- Bikini half
- Solidify
- "The Wire" actor Idris
- Tilt towards
- Region (Abbr.)
- Kreskin's claim
- Without
- "Shoo!"
- Holy Fr. woman
- Sch. supporters
- Prefix with pilot
- Chicago paper, for short
- Lushes
- Indigent
- Venus, to Serena
- "Hacks" actress
- Silent
- Cleric's tunic
- Navy address
- la-la
- Frenzied
- Bill's partner
- Bristle
- Leary's drug
- Morning moisture
- Moines
- Muffin choice
- Cover with cloth
- Wagers
- Power co. supply
- "East of Eden" girl
- Optimum
- Bitty biter
- Sicilian spouter
- Privation
- French article
- AOL, for one

DOWN

- Long lunches?
- High cards
- Regrettably
- Prohibit
- Surrounded by
- Hand (out)
- Anonymous Jane
- 2004 Lindsay Lohan movie

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SPORTS & Outdoors

A Remote Trout Fishing Trip



This was a no man's land type of a trip.

Hello friends,
Last May, I headed down to Columbia County, put my canoe into the Wisconsin River and did a physical and at times dangerous journey for 90 minutes to a stream. Up that stream I fished trout and slept on the shoreline. I only had three bites in 24 hours, but I landed two 17-inch and a 22-inch brown trout. It was pretty much impossible for me to not return this May.

Saturday, May - High 73°, Low 35°

This trip would have me back in my home area as far as where I grew up and naturally, I had my three year old pup Red along. Just to fill you in, this is in a way, a fairly dangerous canoe journey. The reason is, because before I get to the creek I paddle up for almost two miles, and have to paddle through about 600 yards of water just deep enough to float a canoe through muck.

When I was a kid, the ice fishing was pretty good here and while my brothers and I watched tip-ups, we would often skate and play hockey.

Ten years ago I could use my 40 hp Mercury and 16 foot boat to travel these waters. Wild rice and dying plants each Fall combined with sediment flowing down the stream have literally blocked everything and if a person were to fall out of their canoe and could not get back in it, they would die. Simply put there is no bot-

tom.

Large trout and ZERO fishermen besides myself pull me here.

After getting through the muck field, there is about a 60 minute paddle upstream and this year it was pretty physical as there was a lot of current. Another "situation" is deadfalls, they block my path and create labor.

When I arrived at my hole which is probably 100 feet long, elbow shaped and three to seven feet deep, I was in excellent spirits, as I would be here two nights.

There was no dry land for a tent, everything was flooded so I pulled up literally a half a truck load of last year's dead grass that was on the top of fallen trees and made a tall pile for my tent. This worked flawlessly, other choice would have been sleeping in my canoe and I have done it here.

So I am in a swamp, there

is more waterfowl here than you can even imagine, I am fishing, doing as little as possible and loving it. Towards dark it actually became damn cold between heavy moisture in the air and probably not bringing enough clothes. I caught three suckers and one 11-inch brown trout. Retiring to my sleeping bag was good and bad. Red likes to snuggle like a tick but she was soaked and muddy which would have made me colder, I kept her a foot away and slept well.

Sunday, May 4 - High 72°, Low 27°

I was up at first light and it was cold out, everything outside of my tent was froze and I had trout to catch. The suckers were hungry, the waterfowl were overhead by the hundreds as were the sandhill cranes. I had one group of cranes fly directly over me and one of them had a leg just hanging. Imagine living

much of your life in shallow water, not being able to swim and only having one leg!

Today I caught my biggest trout of the trip, it was a 16-inch brown. My goal was to crack 15, so I was happy with that. Last year I was here a week later, there were leaves on the trees and the current was much lower. Over three days of fishing I only caught three trout and 11 suckers. Last year I was well aware that I was on a dream trip when I landed the big sumos.

For myself the 100 percent getaway, the huge trout last year and other years are the reason I come here. Most importantly, it's the non-stop wildlife show and the cold reality that my years of reaching this type of hard to get to spots are definitely numbered.

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O-W boys claim title at Gilman invite

The Owen-Withee boys team took home the title and the Blackhawk girls took third at the Gilman Invitational Track Meet Tuesday, May 6.

Seven teams competed at the meet. The Owen-Withee boys dominated, with a team score of 178. Gilman was second with 103. Gil-

man won on the girls side with 134 points, followed by Bruce with 124 and O-W with 120.5.

Top finishes for the Blackhawks were:

Boys

- Sam Wells was second in the pole vault at 9-6.
- Brandon Geldernick

won the long jump at 19-0.5. He also won the 100 (11.32) and 200 meter (22.96) dashes. He was second in the 400.

• Sullivan Poehler won the shot put with a throw of 41-2.75 and the discus with a throw of 128-9.

• Mason Gay won the 400 meter dash in 52.57 and the 800 in 2:07.45.

• Colton Paczkowski was second in the 1600 meters in 5:06.91.

Girls

• Kayla Rasmussen and Lydia Lobacz were second and third, respectively, in the shot put. Rasmussen took second in the 200 meters in 28.61. Rasmussen threw 31-

3.75, while Lydia's throw was 30-10.25.

• Cassidy Graski was second in the 100 meter hurdles in 18.12, and Leah Simenson was third in 18.39.

• Kendall Weiler was second in the 100 meter dash in 13.45. She won the 300 hurdles in 49.20.

Redhawks have tough week

The Thorp/Owen-Withee Redhawk baseball team lost all three games it played last week.

The Redhawks were hitless in a 19-1 loss at Spencer Monday. Evan Penterman scored the lone Redhawk run after drawing a walk in the fifth inning.

The Redhawks lost their next two games to Loyal, by a 16-0 margin on May 5 and 7-0 on Thursday.

Picking up hits for the Redhawks in game one were Landen Penk, Cooper Rosemeyer, Winston Poehler and Rak Werner. In the second Loyal game, Penk had both Redhawk hits.

The Redhawks host Greenwood Thursday, May 15, Alma Center on Monday, May 19 and Gilman on Tuesday, May 20.

2024-25 Spring Sports and Activities Calendar

Owen-Withee	Gilman	Greenwood	Thorp
<p>Thursday, May 15 Varsity baseball game vs. Greenwood at Thorp High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Varsity softball game vs. Gilman at Owen-Withee High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Boys varsity golf match vs. multiple schools at Neillsville Country Club at 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, May 16 Varsity softball game vs. Spencer at Owen-Withee High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, May 17 Graduation at Owen-Withee High School at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Monday, May 19 Boys varsity baseball game vs. Lincoln at Thorp High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, May 20 Boys varsity golf match vs. multiple schools at Skyline Golf Course at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Varsity track conference meet vs. multiple schools at Gilman Elementary and High School at 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Varsity baseball game vs. Gilman at Thorp High School at 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Thursday, May 22 Boys varsity baseball game vs. Gilman at Gilman Elementary and High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, May 15 Varsity baseball game vs. Neillsville at Gilman Elementary and High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Varsity softball game vs. Owen-Withee at Owen-Withee High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, May 16 Varsity track invitational vs. multiple schools at Cadott High School at 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Varsity baseball game vs. Lincoln at Lincoln High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Varsity softball game vs. Clayton at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, May 19 Varsity baseball game vs. Prentice at Prentice High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Varsity softball game vs. Rib Lake at Gilman Softball Fields at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, May 20 Varsity track conference meet vs. multiple schools at Gilman Elementary and High School at 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Varsity baseball game vs. Thorp/Owen-Withee at Thorp High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Varsity softball game vs. Colfax at Gilman Softball Fields at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, May 22 Varsity softball regionals. Time and opponent to be determined.</p> <p>Varsity baseball game vs. Thorp/Owen-Withee at Gilman Elementary and High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, May 23 Graduation at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.</p> <p>Greenwood</p> <p>Thursday, May 15 Varsity baseball game vs. Thorp/Owen-Withee at Thorp High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, May 16 Varsity baseball game vs. Stanley-Boyd at Oriole Park at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Varsity softball game vs. Neillsville at George Scherer Athletic Field at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, May 19 Varsity baseball game vs. Spencer at Greenwood Elementary School at 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Varsity School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, May 20 Varsity Conference Meet vs. multiple schools at Gilman Elementary and High School at 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Varsity baseball game vs. Columbus Catholic at Greenwood High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Varsity softball game vs. Spencer at George Scherer Athletic Park Softball Field at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, May 22 Varsity baseball game vs. Columbus Catholic at Jack Hackman Field at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, May 24 Graduation at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Thorp</p> <p>Thursday, May 15 Varsity baseball game vs. Greenwood at Thorp High School at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Varsity softball game vs. Bloomer at Bloomer Elementary School Softball Complex at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Boys varsity golf match vs. multiple schools at Neillsville Country Club at 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, May 16 Varsity track invitational vs.</p>

SPORTS Scores

Whispering Pines Thursday Ladies League

Standings
As of May 8, 2025

Wisota Chiro/Par None ...	52.0
WPG.....	44.5
Stanley Bowl & Bar.....	44.0
Chapek Properties Calla L.....	39.5
Schuetz's Tavern.....	39.0
Morrie's.....	35.5
PB Hardware & Lumber.....	34.0
Tolley's Bowl & Bar.....	31.5
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Ali Neinfeldt.....	44
Low Net	
Abby Petefish.....	20
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Week 1 Winners: Buck Michlig, Mary Meyer, Kert Boie, and John Boss. Submitted photo

Golf Fun League: Week 1

By Dennis Kieser

The Meadowview Golf Course had been experiencing standing water, wet fairways and difficult playing due to cloudy skies and rain which are common to a Wisconsin spring. But recent clearing and rising temperatures produced much improved course conditions. Soft fairways with greens in excellent condition were offered to 16 enthusiastic

golfers that showed up for the first day of the Tuesday Fun League. Four matching by ability teams were formed through the drawing of cards. Teams went out with team members trying to shoot better than their average. With course conditions as they were, most golfers shot over their average. The winning team, shooting just 4 strokes over their average consisted of Kert Boie, Mary Meyer, John Boss and Buck Michlig.

Hole prizes were won by Phil Beukema, closest to the pin on hole #2 and Buck Michlig, longest putt on hole #9. The Fun League is held each Tuesday at Meadowview Golf Course throughout the summer. Show up early, no later than 9:00 a.m. for registration and team selection with tee-off scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Come and enjoy a low stress round of golf.



O-W Blackhawk archers. Submitted photo

O-W Blackhawk Archery does well at the NASP Eastern National Tournament

By Lisa Westaby

The Owen-Withee Blackhawk Archery 3D and Bullseye teams made the trek to Louisville, Kentucky for the NASP Eastern National Tournament that ran May 8-10 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. The archers ranged from 4th grade through seniors in high school. This larger-than-life tournament had 6,710 archers shooting IBO 3D. Those archers were from 31 states and represented 412 teams. Seventeen of those archers were from Owen-Withee. The Owen-Withee 3D archery team qualified

for the Open Championship in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. There was one archer who qualified for the Open Championship as an individual: Maggie Ebert with a score of 279. She is ranked 64 out of 1,221 middle school girls.

For NASP Bullseye there were 14,972 archers from 33 states representing 720 teams. Twenty-three of those archers were from Owen-Withee. The Bullseye team missed qualifying for the Open Championship by only 17 points; however, three elementary archers qualified for the Open

Championship as individuals: Gavin Westaby with a score of 255, McKenzie Wilson with a score of 257, and Jacob Nelson with a score of 270.

It was an amazing experience for children and families of our small community to travel to such a huge city, and surreal to see our archers shoot simultaneously with hundreds of other archers from all around the eastern United States. The archers are grateful to all their coaches for another great season, and for all the support they have received from the Owen-Withee community.

Service

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Tinley Penney and Josie LaRock on the ladders and Lindsey Potocnik washed windows at the Owen Public Library. Cindy Cardinal photo



Noel Barteck (center) got some help from Evelyn Goessl, Jackie Sanchez, Shea Stolfi, Oliva Nelson, and Royal Tanner and their teacher Lyndsey Stachowicz (back) to do some raking at the United Church of Christ. Cindy Cardinal photo



Tegan Hatlestad, AJ Wilczek and Jozlin Severeid did some weeding around the Withee Village Hall. Cindy Cardinal photo



Leah Simenson, Annabel Zacharias, and Kierah O'Hara added supports to the shelving at the Withee Public Library. Cindy Cardinal photo



Middle/High School Principal Nate Johnson at the grill. He cooked 275 hamburgers for the students and staff who volunteered out in the community. Cindy Cardinal photo