

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY FOR BELLE PLAINE CHEESE

Brandl family keeps area swimming in dairy goodness

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Belle Plaine Cheese has been run by the Brandl family for 50 years, but the business has existed in southern Shawano County since 1894.

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Cheddar, more at heart of Belle Plaine Cheese

Brandls have owned company for 50 years, selling 80 different flavors of Wisconsin cheese

By **NICOLE HIXSON**
Correspondent

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Don and Diane Brandl's ownership of the Belle Plaine Cheese Factory.

The cheese factory originally began in 1894 when 13 farmers created a co-op, and changed hands several times over the years. In 1972, the Brandls took over the business.

Before purchasing the cheese factory, Don Brandl was already an experienced cheese maker, helping his father-in-law make cheese and worked at a different cheese factory when he was 18 years old.

"I took it over and it flourished. The equipment was all in here but I improved on the equipment. I had to put trucks on the road and keep the trucks updated," Brandl said.

At the time of the purchase, Diane was pregnant with her fourth daughter, eventually adding on a fifth a few years later. The factory had living quarters, and for a time the family lived there.

"The living quarters were quite small," Brandl said. "We added on two rooms to make room for the family. After 10 years, we built a new home just south of the factory."

As a family of seven, the business was a family affair. The daughters all helped their parents from time to time at the factory.

"Over the course of the 50 years, the five of us girls helped out wherever was needed," said Darcy Stempa, Brandl's daughter.

Brandl added: "They had to fill in when we were short of help."

The Belle Plaine Cheese Factory would make its own cheese onsite. At its height, they made over 10,000 pounds of cheese each day.

"There were approximately 50 farmers shipping their milk here," Brandl said. "We made cheese for a little over 28 years here. Mostly colby, monterey jack and pepperjack. We could be thankful, though, that we had smaller farmers back in the years otherwise it wouldn't be possible that we would have been making cheese. Thanks to the farmers we were able to carry on the business of making cheese."

Eventually the decision was made



Standing together at the Belle Plaine Cheese Factory is the Brandl family, which includes, from left, standing, Darcy Stempa, Denise Stueck, Donell Bonetti, Doreen Thorpe and Donna Baenen; seated, Diane Brandl and Don Brandl.

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to stop cheese production and focus specifically on retail, in the hopes that it would be less labor intensive. In doing so, the Brandls were able to expand and offer their customers more flavors of cheese.

"I had to have something to do," Brandl said in regards to his semi-retirement. "We developed these flavor cheeses over the years so now it's gotten into quite a variety of cheeses. It would be pretty hard to make all of the varieties in one place."

The family is proud to offer cheese from all over Wisconsin and still packages some of the cheese for sale.

"We get it from all quality chee-

semakers around Wisconsin. It's strictly Wisconsin cheese," Stempa said.

The Brandls also age their own cheese.

"Every day is a challenge," Brandl said. "We are the only cheese store outside of the grocery store in the area."

Customers who visit now will not only enjoy the 80 different flavors of cheese, but also the antiques and memorabilia that are for sale. Collecting North American taxidermied animals became a hobby of Brandl's, and customers can now peruse the onsite museum while shopping.

"Time goes by quickly when you

love what you're doing and you enjoy what you do," Brandl said. "We thank the many cheese customers over the years who have supported us. If it wouldn't be for the farmers, we wouldn't have cheese or a cheese factory. I wouldn't have the opportunity to have a career in the cheese industry."

The factory is located at N3473 Wisconsin Ave. in the Town of Belle Plaine. Signs are located off of state Highway 22 providing direction to the store. Cheese can be ordered and shipped April through November. It is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call 715-526-2789.

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DON BRANDL, who owns Belle Plaine Cheese Factory with his wife, Diane

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Retzlaff sons Raymond, 12, and Oliver, 9, interacting with dairy cows in the family's barn before their daily chores at the Retzlaff Century Farm, which has been in existence now for more than 150 years, in the Town of Belle Plaine.

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Belle Plaine farm celebrates sesquicentennial

Retzlaffs keep dairy operation all in the family as they've kept agriculture tradition alive

By **NICOLE HIXSON**
Correspondent

Retzlaff Century Farms, owned by Nathan and Tajia Retzlaff, is celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary this year in the Town of Belle Plaine.

However, the dairy farm has actually been in operation and owned within the family for 159 years. A true family operation in every sense, the Retzlaffs are assisted by their young children, Raymond and Oliver.

During the Lincoln Administration in 1863, ancestor Carl Retzlaff purchased the farm of 80 acres from Hannah Wescott. Over the years, the family farm has been passed on through the generations and has significantly expanded and changed.

A recent addition has been the family's switch to a new free stall barn.

"We took over and we were still in the tie stall barn," Tajia Retzlaff said. "Then we bought the majority of the neighbor's herd. We didn't have to buy a lot of cows to fill the free

stall barn. Now we're done. No more expansion."

Now the Retzlaffs own 340 acres and rent over 200 more, farming hay, corn and wheat. However, the main focus is the cows.

"It's always been dairy," Tajia Retzlaff said. "We are currently milking 216 today. We milk three times a day."

The Retzlaffs do a lot to ensure their cows are well taken care of. As Tajia Retzlaff said, "they're pets."

Proper nutrition, illness management and consistent care are crucial in a farm of this size. However, most notable is the family's approach to daily operations.

"We're hands on," Nathan Retzlaff said. "That's the way we've always been. That's how we lasted 160 years."

Their two sons are also a large help in this regard, especially since they are so interested and involved in many aspects of the farm's day-to-day operations. While their parents are the sixth generation to own the farm, one day the ownership will be passed on to the

seventh generation. In many ways, the sons are training for that time.

"You're always farming for the next generation," Tajia Retzlaff said. "Everybody has their set chore and to make sure it's completed by the end of the day even though they are in school. They come home and do their chores. Raymond likes pigs more. Oliver likes cows. They do 4-H. They do sports. They want to participate in dairy judging. We definitely are in an area where it takes a tribe to raise a family."

Grandparents, extended family and a crew of full-time and part-time workers help as well. Even neighborhood children looking to gain experience working with the cows have been known to lend a hand on a part-time basis.

Unsurprisingly, over the years many challenges have faced the family farm.

"We had a barn fire where we lost our cows and quite a few calves in February of 2019," Tajia Retzlaff said.

"We have one survivor."

For Nathan Retzlaff, there are sacrifices one has to make to keep the farm going. When hundreds of cows need to be milked several times a day, it is difficult for him to be able to find time to participate in activities that are most important, such as attending his son's sports games. Farm management can also be a challenge.

"You can't start from scratch anymore. I can't believe how hard it is to find workers," Nathan Retzlaff said. "Everything's getting more expensive. It's changed so much."

However, the farm and cows remain incredibly important to the family. Ensuring the success of the farm today, ensures success of the farm for their sons and future generations. Despite the challenges and difficulties, there are other benefits. The farm serves as a gathering place for extended family and friends.

"There's one thing that's pretty cool about it," Nathan Retzlaff said. "Everyone comes back to the farm."

Thorpe's memory still carries lightning

Jim Thorpe's Sac and Fox name was Wa-tho-Huk. Although the English translations of his tribal name vary, "Path Lit by Lightning" is the most poetic way to describe the moniker given



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to the child born during a thunderstorm. Nearly 70 years after Thorpe's death in 1953, his latest biographer David Maraniss employed that poetic translation as the title of his lauded new book on "the greatest athlete who ever lived."

Maraniss knows how to recognize a good story. The two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist is the author of "When Pride Still Mattered," the definitive biography of Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi that served as the basis for the famed Broadway production.

Yet, Maraniss wrote that in 2003, he balked when Oneida Nation of Wisconsin tribal member Norbert Hill Jr. told him to write a biography of Jim Thorpe. Maraniss explained that he had other books planned, but because of Hill, a seed had been planted. "Four years ago, my interest in Jim Thorpe sprouted into obsession."

Last month, Maraniss, a Madison native, thanked Hill before a crowd of over 320 people gathered at the Rock Garden Supper Club in Green Bay. The evening's program served as the kick-off event for the Brown County Library's Local History Series, drawing sponsorship from Wisconsin's own Oneida Nation and the Green Bay Packers.

Thorpe's ties to Wisconsin predate his birth. While he was a member of the Sac and Fox tribe of Oklahoma through the paternal enrollment practices at his birth in 1887, he had a higher Native American blood quantum from his mother. Charlette Thorpe was Potawatomi, Menominee and Kickapoo, the former two being tribes who remain on a portion of their ancestral land in the Badger State.

Thorpe's football hero was also from Wisconsin. When Thorpe was 11 years old, he attended the Haskell Institute, a boarding school in Lawrence, Kansas, where he met an Oneida Nation member who inspired him. Maraniss quotes Thorpe's admiration: "An Indian by the name of Chauncey Archiquette on the regular Haskell squad was my football idol, and in our scrub games with the homemade football, I always tried to emulate him."

Even though Maraniss's text is framed by Thorpe's success in sports, he told those who



Author David Maraniss listens to a question in the book signing line at Rock Garden Supper Club in Green Bay.

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came to his lecture that Thorpe afforded him "the chance to illuminate the Native American experience through obstacles in his life." He added that Thorpe's alma mater, the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, "is the heart of my book."

While at Carlisle in 1912, Thorpe had what Maraniss called the greatest single year any American athlete has ever had. That summer witnessed Thorpe winning gold medals in the Olympics in the pentathlon and decathlon in Stockholm, Sweden, beating his opponents by "a larger point amount than anyone before or since." Thorpe also served as the captain for the Carlisle football team that fall. In a time when athletes played both offense and defense, Carlisle's team earned a 12-1-1 record, outscoring opponents 454 to 120 en route to leading the nation in scoring.

Thorpe was famously stripped of his Olympic glory

after the nation's media realized he was previously paid to play minor league baseball using his own name, thereby disqualifying him from

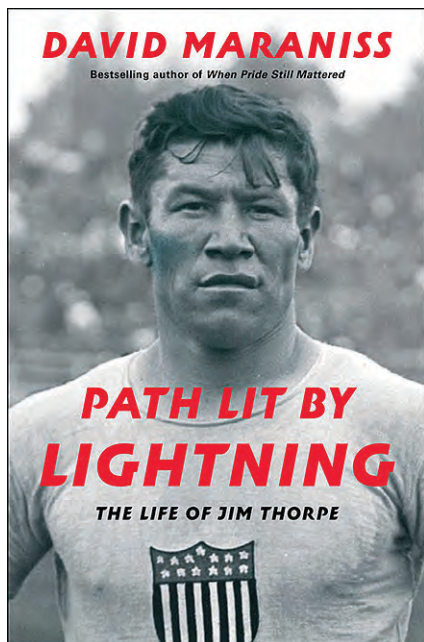
the amateur status required to compete in the games. Maraniss explained this was an injustice as the entire Swedish Olympic team was paid, as were numerous "amateur" athletes in the minor leagues who used aliases in what was called "the Pocahontas league," because so many people were called John Smith. Thorpe's medals and records were posthumously restored this past July.

Thorpe went on to play for both Major League Baseball and the upstart American Professional Football Association. He served as the first president of the latter, and Maraniss noted that Thorpe lending his world-famous name was essential to the success of what was later rebranded as the National Football League.

Maraniss noted that Thorpe's greatness was unparalleled. In 1950, he was recognized by the Associated Press as the "Greatest Athlete of the Half-Century," with Babe Ruth coming in a distant second. In 1963, Thorpe was an inaugural member of the NFL Hall of Fame.

After the event ended, I asked Hill what he thought of Maraniss's presentation. He responded: "There were 50 Oneidas in that room, and all of them stood up a little bit taller after hearing what he said."

As Maraniss proved, Wa-tho-Huk's memory still carries some lightning.



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October can be quite the intoxicating month

I love October. The turning of the calendar to October confirms that we are fully into autumn, my favorite season. I like the cooler weather, the gorgeous fall colors, Oktoberfest and Halloween. My daily walks are so much more enjoyable, and I do them willingly because I don't have to drench myself in bug spray and come home a sweaty mess. There's a definite spring in my step that otherwise only occurs in my second favorite season — spring.

The word "October" comes from the Middle English word for eight. Like most English words, it is borrowed, taken from Old French (octobre) via Latin. October was the eighth month in the Roman calendar. It retained its name even after it fell to month number 10 in 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII inserted January and February into his brand new calendar. No one knows exactly why he kept the name, but scholars think it's because he rolled out what we call the Gregorian Calendar in



KATHLEEN MARSH

October of 1582.

In the interest of full disclosure, October is my favorite month because I was born at the end of it. As the third child in a big farm family, my birthday was really the only day

of the year when I felt special. This naturally made me overly partial to October. I liked picking hickory nuts a heckuva lot better than picking rocks. Raking leaves into huge piles to play in was a lot more fun than cutting the lawn with a push mower or pulling weeds in the garden.

I also liked the slower pace of late October on the farm. By Halloween, the harvest was in, the butchering done, the fruits and vegetables canned and frozen. Even as a young girl, I felt a deep satisfaction in knowing we were ready for winter.

A special bonus was that my folks finally had a chance to spend what they now call quality time with us, especially on Sunday afternoons when we went for rides to visit the relatives.

Now that I live in the Northwoods, October has a special charm all of its own. Gone is the high humidity that breeds yucky mold and stinky mildew. No more gnats to swallow, mosquitoes to repel, deer flies to swat away, hornets and wasps to outrun, and no more disposing of dead ants that expire from a lethal sugar orgy in my hummingbird feeder. All are replaced by the invigorating sights and smells of fall. Even breathing is easier, because the air has a crisp quality that sanitizes body and soul.

OK; nothing is perfect. October does come with a lot of work, especially if you live on a lake. Over the years, Jon and I have settled into a relatively reasonable division of labor. I tidy up the garden; Jon splits

and stacks the firewood. I rake the leaves; he brings in the dock. I put away the lawn furniture; he winterizes the boat. I pack up the lawn ornaments; he watches football. I wash the windows; he watches Westerns. I give the house a deep cleaning; he goes fishing at his cabin in Vilas County. Like I said, nothing's perfect.

October is a bittersweet month, a time for lasts. One last visit from the kids; we won't see them again until the holidays. One last chance to wear shorts, T-shirts and summer sandals — soon to be replaced by bulky sweaters and sensible boots. One last session in the porch swing; one last pontoon boat ride around the lake; one last cocktail on the deck on that last lovely bonus day we always get. Knowing these are lasts, I take the time to savor them, so it's all good.

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

On the hunt for hunter ed instructors

While teaching hunter safety in Waupaca with another instructor Oct. 1, something magical happened.



ROSS BIELEMA

A boy about 12 ran excitedly toward the parking lot of the church, where fellow instructor Chris Hazen and I were teaching a group at our tree stand safety station.

"Dad, I passed!" the boy yelled as he approached his dad's car.

I caught my breath and felt my eyes getting ready for tears. I didn't want to embarrass myself in front of this group of kids, so I pinched them back.

There's no payment for the hundreds of volunteer instructors who share their time and talents in order to help new hunters, trappers, bowhunters and ATV riders learn the safe and legal way to do things, but the rewards are enormous.

I've taught hunter education since 1987, first in Iowa, then in Wisconsin. Our current group, headed by Paul Pienckowski, has taught more students than almost any other group in the state and has won several awards for our efforts. We've had classes as large as 130 students, thanks to our dedicated group of more than 20 teachers.

While every instructor has to give up a few weekends a year, especially during bow season, seeing a young boy or girl pass their field test is always worth the effort.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources hopes to recruit more outdoor education instructors because of a decline in these volunteers statewide, which in turn makes it more difficult for young hunters to get their credentials for hunting on their own.

It's no secret that hunting has been losing participants nationwide in recent years. Youngsters have school sports, video games and dozens of other distractions. Add in more single-parent families (many of whom never learned to hunt) and older hunters leaving the sport, and you have a recipe for declining numbers.

Although hunter numbers briefly shot up during the COVID-19 pandemic, in part because more people found themselves looking for



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources volunteer hunter safety instructor Chris Hazen of Royalton teaches students about tree stand safety Oct. 1 in Waupaca. The DNR hopes to find 450 new instructors by the end of the year in their first formal recruitment effort.

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outdoor activities and also because there was more need for economical ways of feeding families, hunting license sales have begun to decline again. And there are fewer volunteers nationwide and Wisconsin is following the pattern, said Ashley Van Egtern, the DNR's hunter education program specialist.

Van Egtern, essentially the assistant administrator for the state's hunter safety program, has worked closely for many years with administrator Jon King, who left on June 28. She was preparing last year's program report and noticed the decline in instructors, which was accelerated by the pandemic (for a brief period, there were no in-person hunter ed classes and even those under age 18 were permitted to take online classes alone to satisfy their mandated education in order to hunt alone).

Instructor numbers declined 19% from 2020 to 2021, with about 2,600 active volunteers. Last year, 28,243 students statewide were certified through 315 traditional, 165 internet field day, 31 archery and 12 online-only classes. The number of students has actually risen in recent years, from 21,893 in 2019 and

25,425 in 2020, according to the 2021 report.

"In terms of volunteer instructor recruitment, this is the first year that we've joined forces with our Office of Communications and launched an instructor recruitment campaign that involves social media, GovDelivery email marketing, our Outdoor Skills Trailers and the actual instructors themselves," Van Egtern said.

In addition to the personal rewards of seeing a youngster's beaming face when they pass a class, volunteers feel pride in the huge contribution they collectively make to a safe hunt.

In 1966, there were 264 Wisconsin hunting accidents. The state launched a voluntary hunter ed program in 1967, which became mandatory in 1985 for those born Jan. 1, 1973, or after. Blaze orange was mandated in 1980 (blaze pink is now also legal).

Hunting accidents have dropped by more than 95% since the mandate, with 12 accidents (including one fatality) in 2021. Hunting is statistically one of the safest of all sports.

As of March 1, all students ages

17 and younger must attend an in-person course (either a traditional class or an internet class with a field day) in order to be certified to hunt alone. Virtually anyone at any age (there is no minimum age) may hunt as a mentor with a licensed hunter (search "mentor hunting" on the DNR website for details).

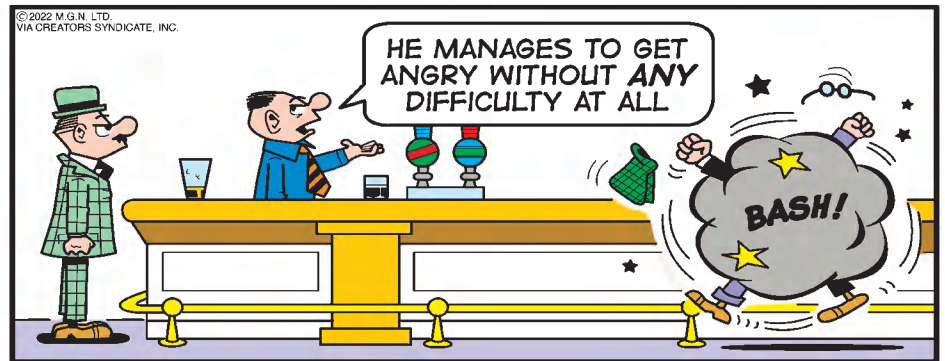
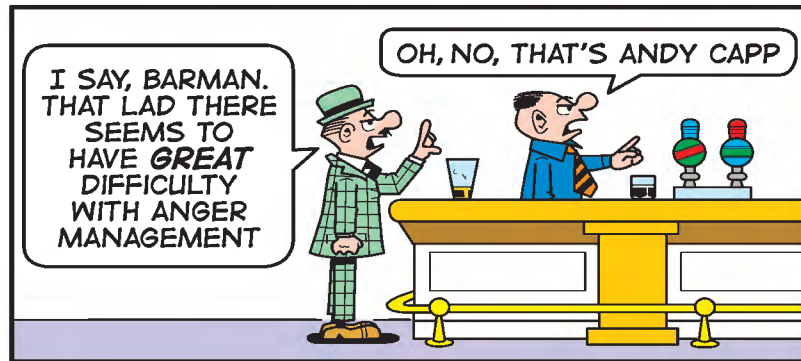
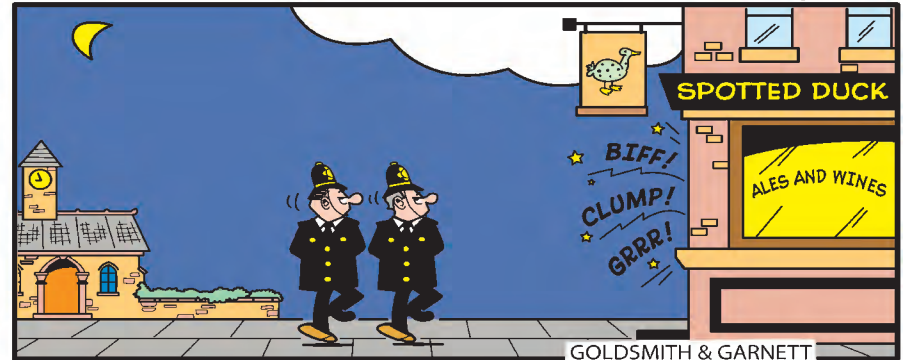
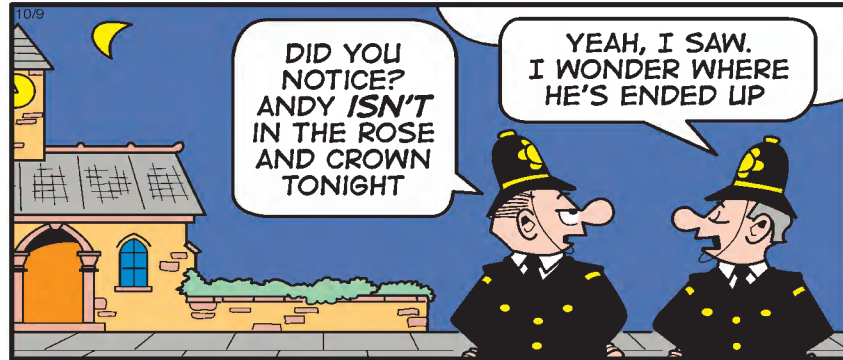
The recruitment goal is to get 450 new instructors this year, with a long-term goal to add about 700 a year. The DNR provides regular training classes for both new and existing instructors, as well as equipment for classes, including "action sets," which are non-firing firearms.

Instructors get regular incentive gifts for milestone anniversaries, and can also win recognition and gifts through the Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructor Association, but the real reward is the satisfaction of helping new hunters join our satisfying and historic sport.

Reach out to an instructor coordinator or any instructor in your area if you would like to join the fun, or drop me an email and I'll help.

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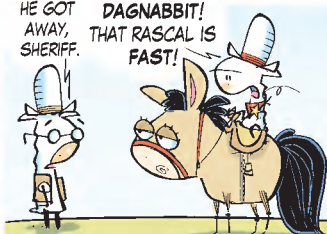
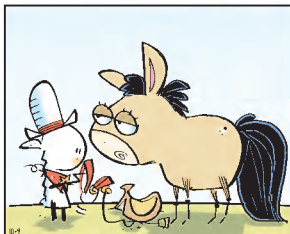
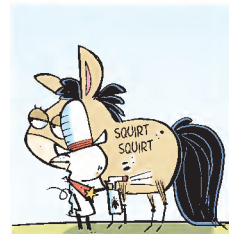
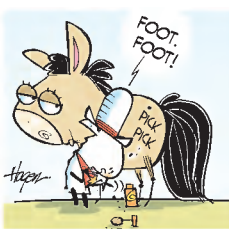
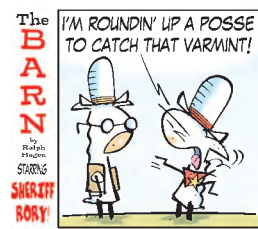
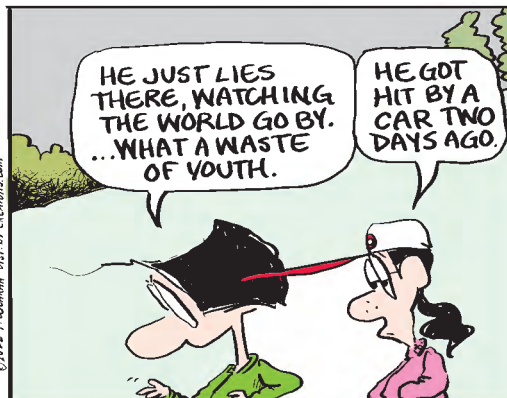
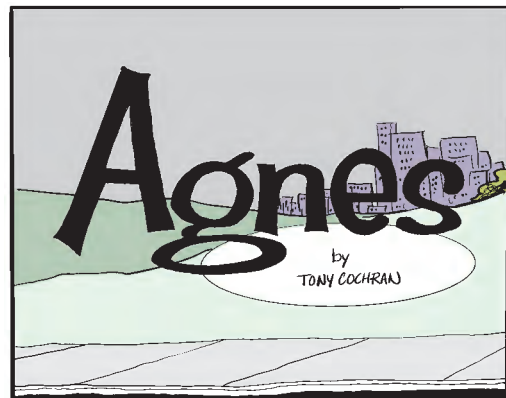
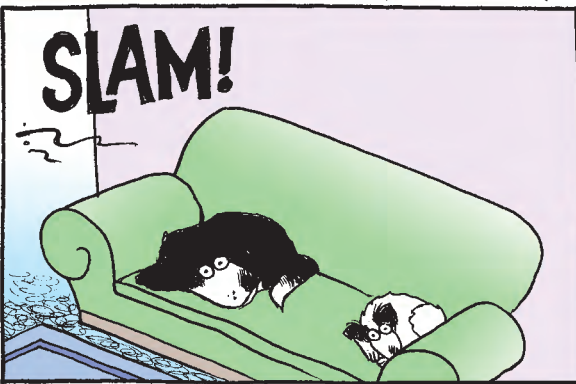
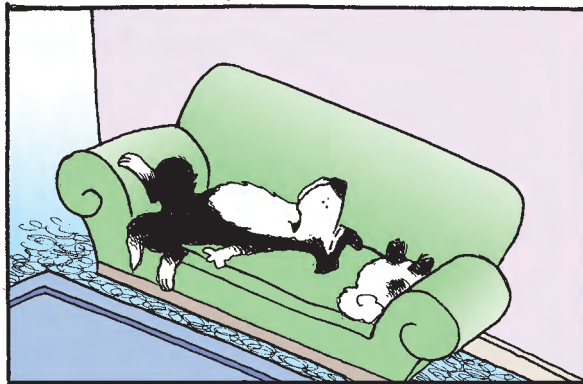
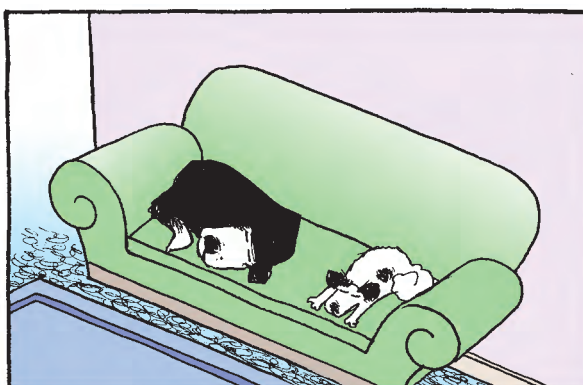
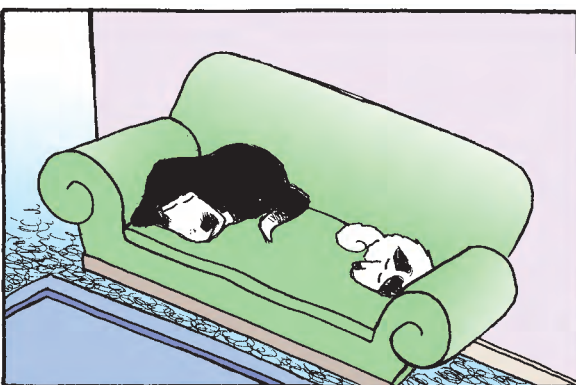


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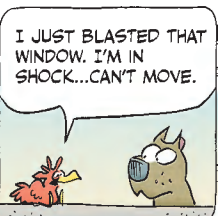
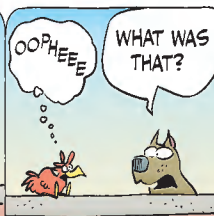
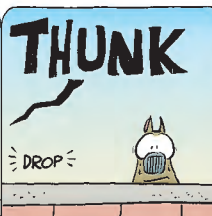
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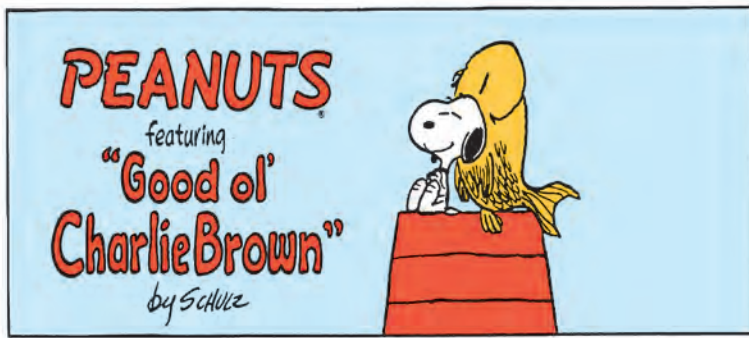


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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Toys For Tots gets \$3K donation from Charlie's

Shawano County U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots announced a generous donation of \$3,000 was received from Charlie's County Market and their customers as a result of the program's 2022 Christmas in July campaign.

The funds donated will stay in Shawano County to help children and families in need, the opportunity for a gift under the Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

In 2021, Shawano County Toys for Tots served 1,019 children; 3,114 toys and books were distributed to these children locally. This fall marks the 75th anniversary of Toys for Tots. For over seven decades, the program has grown exponentially, having delivered hope and the magic of Christmas to more than 281 million less fortunate children.

Toys for Tots also provides support year-round to disadvantaged children experiencing challenges and exceptional circumstances, thus sending a message of hope beyond the holiday season.

The local campaign began Oct. 1 for families to register online. Toy donation sites will pop up throughout the area starting Nov. 1 with distribution to families beginning on Dec. 9.

For information, visit <http://shawano-wi.toysfortots.org>, or go to its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ShawanoAreaToys-forTots>. Information is also available through local coordinator Michael Johnston at 715-280-0991 or shawano.wi@toysfortots.org.

NTC events to help with applying for financial aid

Northcentral Technical College has announced two upcoming events designed to assist anyone who would like to apply for financial aid.

Financial aid staff will be available to assist with FAFSA completion from 3-7 p.m. on Oct. 24 and Nov. 14 at NTC's Wittenberg campus, 402 N. Genesee St., Suite 3, Wittenberg.

At high schools around the country, applying for financial aid has become a common fall event. FAFSA Nights at NTC are designated to assist current high school seniors, prospective college students, and current college students with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The FAFSA typically takes one



Kelly Sufka with Charlie's County Market presents a \$3,000 check for Toys for Tots to, from left, Robyn Shingler, Michael Johnston and Idell Johnston.

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hour to complete. Registration is required and can be completed online at www.ntc.edu/k12/financial-aid by choosing an event to attend.

\$20K tech makeover offered to school districts

In partnership with the Green Bay Packers, UScellular has created the Leap for Learning program to identify and award a Wisconsin K-12 school with a \$20,000 technology makeover to improve STEM education.

Educators, administrators and parents are invited to nominate a Wisconsin-based K-12 school online at www.packers.com/leapforlearning. Nominations will require a brief summary describing why the school deserves a technology makeover and how it would make a difference to the students. The nominations are open through Oct. 23, when a panel of judges will review all nominations and select one deserving school to receive the award.

"Tech upgrades are critical for students to grow and thrive, not just academically, but socially and emotionally as well," said Kristy Baron, director of sales for UScellular in Wisconsin. "UScellular cares deeply about our local communities, and it's through programs like Leap for Learning that we are proud to

support our youth and future leaders in STEM."

Legion post announces gunless poultry shoot

American Legion Post 44 is holding its next gunless poultry shoot at 1 p.m. Oct. 15 at Waters Edge Lodge, 4140 County Road W, Crandon, starting at 1 p.m.

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

Prevea announces its Implicit Bias Conference

Prevea Health has announced its fall 2022 Implicit Bias Conference — a daylong virtual presentation beginning at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 20 as part of October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To register and learn more, visit www.prevea.com/conference

The conference will demonstrate how gender-based victimization is a social determinant of health and address the impact implicit bias has on advocacy work, health care and victim services.

The conference is presented by Prevea and the Brown County Coordinated Community Response

Team's Diversity and Inclusion Committee. It is designed for the general public, health professionals, supporters of victims of violence, survivors of violence and those who offer health care or advocacy services to survivors of violence. The event will bring local and national speakers together, to provide tools and perspectives that may help individuals better care for clients, patients or extended family experiencing domestic violence.

"Many of our presenters will expose the audience to stories demonstrating the impact that implicit bias has on both victims and survivors of domestic violence in Wisconsin," said Renita Robinson, vice president of diversity and inclusion at Prevea Health. "Our goal is to provide the tools needed to address personal bias so individuals can become part of the solution."

Attendees of the virtual conference will also learn how implicit bias is connected to a variety of negative individual and community health outcomes related to victimization through violence, and how such bias can get in the way of many victims receiving the support they need.

The Implicit Bias Conference will be presented virtually at no charge to participants; however, registration is required. A link for the event will be sent to participants upon registration.

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THE DOCTOR IS IN: Words from Dr. Einstein

by S.N.

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CLUB NOTES

Shawano Optimists

The Shawano Optimist Club recently held its annual installation and awards meeting where officers and directors were installed and awards presented.

Wisconsin North-Upper Michigan Zone 5 Lt. Gov. Dan O'Leary installed the officers and directors for the 2022-2023 year. O'Leary told the Shawano Optimists that the Optimist International President has chosen the theme "Choose Optimism" for this year and the WINUM governor has chosen the theme "Let Optimism Bloom."

"You should be very proud of your club and what it has accomplished. I've always heard great things about what your club is doing for the youth of the Shawano area. Keep up the great work," O'Leary said.

Installed as officers for the 2022-2023 year were: Jen Schroeder, president; Jim Liesner, vice president for fundraising; Robyn Shingler, vice president for youth activities; Gail Moesch, secretary; Dawn Knope, treasurer; and Troy Edwards, immediate past president. The new directors installed were Dan Mauel, Greg Parker, Jeanne Cronce, Maddie Priest and Lorine Raddant.

Schroeder said: "I have always enjoyed seeing fellow Optimist members at club events and the energy new members bring to our club. I am excited about the upcoming year and am honored to work beside my fellow members as we look for new ways to reach the youth of our community. I totally believe in the Optimist mission. We do small things with great love ... and those little things become big things."

The Shawano Optimists annually present a life membership in Optimist International to a deserving member and name an Optimist of the Year. This year, for only the second time in the club's history, one person, Robyn Shingler, received both awards. In presenting the awards, Gail Moesch said: "Robyn is a true Optimist. She has a myriad of talents, does more than is what asked of her and exudes optimism at all times. She finds the good in people and always goes above and beyond the call of duty."

Each year, the Shawano Optimist members who achieve a certain level of attendance at club meetings, fundraisers and service projects are given a perfect attendance award. Heading the list again this year is Jim Leuenberger, who has achieved 45 years of



Robyn Shingler, center, was named Optimist of the Year and also received a Life Member award in Optimist International. Presenting her the awards are Troy Edwards, left, who was the Shawano Optimist President for 2021-2022, and Dan O'Leary, WINUM Zone 5 lieutenant governor.

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perfect attendance. Others receiving awards for perfect attendance were: Axel Rehder, two years; Jeanne Cronce, three years; Brian Morstad and Robyn Shingler, four years; Jen Schroeder and Jim Liesner, five years; Dan Mauel and Lorine Raddant, six years; Dawn Knope, nine years; Troy Edwards, 14 years; Ryan Alexander, 15 years; Michael Sleeper, 22 years; Gail Moesch, 23 years; and Jim Black, 24 years.

The Shawano Optimists meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:45 a.m. at Farm Inn' On Main in downtown Shawano. Anyone wishing to learn about joining the club can contact president Jen Schroeder at jen080125@gmail.com or any Optimist member.

Suring Area Historical Society

The Suring Area Historical Society held its Sept. 20 meeting at the Suring Area Library meeting room. The meeting was called to order by interim president Shannon Stoner.

The Russel Brock Family presented the SAHS a check of \$5,000 at the Suring Labor Day celebration in memory of his wife, Barb. The Brocks appreciate the work the society has been doing to keep history alive and would like to help us with the renovation of our museum, and \$200,000 is needed. Russel stated

that he is hoping his donation will start a wave of additional philanthropy in not only Suring but nearby Gillett as well.

Donations from the reunion/homecoming letter brought in \$3,445, while memberships brought in \$460, dinner \$2,850, \$1394 from the 50/50 raffle, \$275 from two brat frys, and \$1,797 with other donations. The July ice cream and pie social with the library brought in \$645. The balance in the account is \$84,265.22.

Tours at the museum went very well, too. Over 70 people came through the museum in September.

We are working on the roof repair and have contacted Makowich Repair, who will be coming to talk to the SAHS at its next board meeting on Oct. 18th. We are also looking at foundation repair-dealing with SureDry.

Also thinking of renaming the All Class Reunion to Suring Labor Day Homecoming Block Party so everyone feels like they are a part of the weekend celebration.

We were pleased to have Dora Slang as our speaker for the evening. Dora gave a very nice history of her family as her ancestors migrated from Denmark in 1851. Dora was one of 13 children, she being the last one living. She still enjoys rosemaing, which she got interested in in 1976.

She won the grand championship for her rosemaing at the Gillett Fair this year.

The family still has reunions every year — hosted by different family members — with 120 in attendance. They purchased a farm on Claywood Road and later bought a 160-acre farm in Kelly Brook in the Town of Spruce. Here she attended school for eight years at Oak School and then graduated from Oconto Falls High School. The girls all went to school but her brothers did not graduate from high school. They all worked very hard on the farm but they did have play time down by Mud Lake.

Dora is grateful for the great life she has lived with a close knit family. Dora was especially grateful for her Christian upbringing and attended the Danish Lutheran Church every Sunday. Dora and Orvil Slang were married in 1944, and they had three daughters and were blessed with five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The SAHS appreciated all the good information Dora gave us and we could relate to how families lived and survived. When you were at the table for a meal together, you did not talk — you ate.

Lunch was served and discussion continued and was enjoyed.

— Helen Heimerl