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Chad Lewis will be discussing the legends of the wendigo and other creatures during a talk Nov. 17 at Shawano Public Library.

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Strange tales coming to Shawano library

Paranormal researcher Chad Lewis bringing terrifying and intriguing stories

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Strange things happen to everybody, but unlike most people, Chad Lewis actually seeks them out.

He's checked out haunted houses, tracked down curious stories and even turned them into real page-turners. His latest book, "Winter Legends and Lore," shares some of the heartwarming — and also heartstopping — tales of the holiday season, and he'll be telling some of those stories when he stops by the Shawano Public Library on Nov. 17.

Lewis has traveled around the United States and the world finding some of the strangest things in the world. It's been a mission of his for 30 years to seek out the unusual and the unheard of, and in that time, he has published 20 books that tell about the otherworldly things that exist everywhere, including Wisconsin.

Lewis constantly frequents libraries and other meeting places to share his tales, and it used to be that once Halloween passed, he'd be able to hibernate until March and then go on the next tour. However, the paranormal researcher is in such high demand that he's now telling his tales until the snow flies and a little beyond.

"My interests are kind of the outside things, not only the supernatural but also the odd folklore," Lewis said. "Over the 30 years, I've done so many odd stories about winter creatures and legends that I thought, I should put together a book on winter legends and lore where, not only do we get tales about Krampus and the wendigo, but also why we decorate Christmas trees and what we have to do on New Year's Eve for rituals to make sure we have a good year."

Lewis noted that "Winter Legends and Lore" gives people some information, but not so much that it bores them.

"They don't want to become a scholar on it," Lewis said. "I really

AT A GLANCE

WHO: Chad Lewis, paranormal researcher

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. Nov. 17

WHERE: Shawano Public Library, 128 S. Sawyer St., Shawano

feel like, in today's world, people want to know the idea of how Christmas caroling got started, but they don't want to spend four months reading a 400-page book about it. It's not that fascinating."

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, Lewis spent quite a bit of time in Canada chasing down tales about the wendigo, a North American tale involving cannibalism that has so many people on edge that when he visited one community in Minnesota and was planning to talk about it, the people asked him not to.

"I've encountered so many people who won't even say the name of the creature for fear that, if you say the name of it, it'll put you on its radar," Lewis said. "When you come looking for the weird, the weird will come looking for you."



Lewis said that, during times of starvation, people would start going



Belsnickle is a crotchety, fur-clad Christmas gift-bringer figure in the folklore of the Palatinate region of southwestern Germany. Paranormal researcher Chad Lewis will be talking about Belsnickle and other creatures of winter on Nov. 17.

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crazy and then the spirit of a wendigo would possess them.

"You want to eat your family and friends," Lewis said. "People would kill one another because they believed that person was turning into a wendigo. Hundreds of these cases were happening in the 1700s, 1800s and even early 1900s. I was in Canada following the footsteps of the most infamous wendigo — a man named Swift Runner."

Lewis said that Swift Runner ate his entire family because he believed a wendigo had possessed him. Just before the pandemic hit, Lewis was in Alberta exploring the winter camp area where Swift Runner had been.

"That was probably the most heartbreaking place I've ever been, and I've been to numerous places of serial killers' homes, places where suicides and untimely accidents, murders and mob hits," Lewis said. "Nothing hit me and gave me the emotional wallop than standing where Swift Runner was. It was such a tragic story at the end. One by one, he was killing and eating his family. In the end, all

he had was his young son with him, and putting yourself in the shoes



Krampus is one of the more terrifying Christmas tales out there, and he will be among the creatures presented by paranormal researcher Chad Lewis.

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of the kid, he knows he's next, but there's nothing he can do."

Lewis added that the tale was so paralyzing, if people in olden times even heard there was a wendigo in the vicinity, they wouldn't leave their homes and many eventually starved to death.

"Nobody saw it, but somebody heard a wendigo was nearby, and they starved in their lodging rather than go out and face the wendigo," Lewis said.

Lewis is expected to also talk about ways to predict how serious of a winter will be coming and how kids can bring about a snow day from school.

"I wish I would have known it when I was in grade school," Lewis said. "There are things from putting a spoon under your pillow to putting a white crayon in the freezer to dumping ice cubes into your toilet to help bring about a snowstorm."

Some of the information has been lost to old Farmer's Almanacs and other things. Lewis noted that a century ago, almost everyone farmed, so knowing things about the weather was important to ensure good crops and being able to eat.

"We've lost most of that as we've moved to the big city and gone away from farming," Lewis said. "Less than 1% of Americans are. We've lost all this fun, local tradition."



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Just Desserts returning to Shawano

Nightclub-style performance preps music students for professional atmosphere

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

High schools rarely get turned into nightclubs, but Shawano Community High School is turning the stage of its auditorium into a jazzy getaway for two nights only.

Just Desserts, a longtime fall tradition derailed by the coronavirus pandemic, returns to the high school, 220 County Road B, Shawano, on Nov. 11-12. Guests will be seated at 6:15 p.m., and the Jazz I band will start playing 15 minutes later, followed by the Jazz II band and Vox Aeterna, the school's audition-only choir, at 7 p.m. The show will go on until 9 p.m., with each group performing two sets, but there will be an intermission between the first and second sets.

Tickets are \$15 per person, and they can be purchased at Charlie's County Market or online at <https://shawano-theater.ludus.com>. Seating is limited though, with only about 25 seats left between the two performances as of the beginning of November.

Desserts, coffee and sodas will be provided by the Sweet Sisters of Shawano.

Prior to the pandemic, Just Desserts was an annual tradition with a history going back decades, originally under the name Dinner Dance. The performance, combined with the Last Dance shows in spring, helps the students to learn what it's like to perform in a professional setting, according to band director Christopher Kent.

However, most of the students performing in Just Desserts have never done so before because the 2020 and 2021 performances were canceled due to COVID-19 closures and protocols. Last Dance was able to be performed this past spring, but Kent still sees the upcoming Just Desserts as the music program's "comeback."

"We're excited to have the event back," Kent said. "This is a major fundraiser for us."

Vox Aeterna, which is Latin for "eternal voice," will be performing a pair of solos with the jazz bands, but the groups will largely entertain audiences on their own, allowing people



Jazz I performers, from left, Jenna Arens, Alex Kohn, George Buerman and Savannah Elgin rehearse a rendition of "It's Only a Paper Moon" Nov. 3 at Shawano Community High School.

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a nice evening out. The voice solos will be for the songs "It's Only a Paper Moon" and "The Girl From Ipanema." Kent noted, however, a guy will be singing the latter solo, so the song will technically be "The Boy From Ipanema."

"There will be a large variety of music, everything from show tunes to even an Elton John tune, 'I'm Still Standing,'" Kent said. "There's Benny Goodman and Kenny G. Our senior lead alto sax is performing soprano for 'Forever in Love.'"

Just Desserts helps to offset some of the costs to the music program when the jazz bands go to perform at music festivals during the winter and early spring months.

"It's a great way for them to get that experience of playing that many tunes in that type of setting," Kent said. "That's why I started this thing so long ago, to give them more of a profes-

sional experience so they would have that and know what doing a gig is."

Kent also feels it's important for the band students to check out the music festivals at Purdue University and other places to see other bands and what they're capable of creating with their music.

"They need to be critiqued, and they need to be critiqued at that kind of level," Kent said.

The director noted that the band students really step up and make sure to hold themselves and each other accountable, even after not having these kinds of events going on for a couple of years.

"They're just getting used to what 'normal' feels like," Kent said. "For me to see the growth that's being going on for the last two months is huge. The kids have to drive the bus. They're the ones who help each other in sections. When you're doing this, and suddenly

you're playing 11 different pieces, they're used to playing three or four."

Kent noted that the students rehearse outside of class time, having the individual instrumental sections gather to prep, and that's why he feels the SCHS music program stands out among the best in the area. He noted that the juniors, who have not been able to perform in this kind of venue, are having to step up as leaders to help the underclassmen.

"I'm excited to see the parents' reaction, because the parents haven't seen it, either," Kent said. "I'm excited to see how the students respond. It's one thing to rehearse, but it's another thing to go in front of an audience to perform. I'm actually looking forward to seeing what this does to them after the event. I'm looking forward to the growth."

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CHRISTOPHER KENT, Shawano Community High School band director

Wilber gave much in service to country

November is a time for gratitude. It's the month that honors Native American heritage and America's military veterans, as well as sets aside a day for national thanksgiving. While some approach each celebration separately, all three can be combined when discussing the service of Menominee veterans.

Menominee have served in every American conflict since the Civil War. Approximately 125 tribal members heeded the Union's call for soldiers, and those who returned home safely enjoyed special songs sung in honor of their safe return.

While still wards of the federal government subjected to Indian boarding schools when World War I began, more than 30 Menominee joined the military. Most came from the reservation, but others joined from as far away as Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania. As a reward for their heroic service, the veterans were granted American citizenship before it was allotted to all Indigenous people through the Native American Citizenship Act of 1924.

World War II witnessed 260 men and women from the Menominee Reservation take up arms in Uncle Sam's Army. Born into the famed "Greatest Generation," tribal members saw combat throughout the war, including on the Pacific, inland France, and the beaches of Normandy.

When I questioned Vietnam-era veteran Dennis Kenote about his time in the military, the Menominee elder stated I should speak to Warren Wilber Sr., adding: "He's a real Menominee hero."

When I asked Wilber why he served in the Marines from 1966-69, he affably stated, "Guys before me went in. My time came and I went and joined. I knew where I wanted to go — Vietnam."

He added mischievously, "My mom didn't like it. She blew a gasket when she found out."

Wilber recounted that he went "from boot camp to Vietnam," taking up a position as a member of a 60mm Mortar Crew in Vietnam. In March 1967, Wilber recalled "getting hit with small shrapnel," being



RYAN WINN

that time, and they couldn't get a chopper out. I laid for two hours in that field before I was evacuated." He continued, "I spent six months in Vietnam and eight months in the hospital."

Wilber earned numerous accommodations for his service to America, including a Purple Heart with a gold star, but his war wounds were more than physical. Through he qualified for full disability, Wilber persisted through therapy and recovered his mobility.

Still, the road to healing was difficult. "I had so much anger," he admitted. "At that time, there was nobody here to help. My brother Elmer served, too. He told me to get counseling at the VA in Milwaukee. There I found out what triggers my PTSD."

Crediting both the Veterans Affairs and his tribe's sweat lodges for his journey towards recovery, Wilber conveyed that he and Elmer found

treated, and "staying in the field." A month later, he was severely wounded in combat and was temporarily paralyzed below the waist.

Wilber explained, "I was hit pretty bad

further purpose in helping other veterans heal. "We'd gang up on them. Tell them that counseling helps — you got to get it out."

One exchange that stuck with Wilber came during a trip back from the Milwaukee VA. "It's three hours down and three hours back and along the way people talk. They let it out. One guy said, 'I should have seen you 10 years ago.'"

The 21st century saw a new milestone for

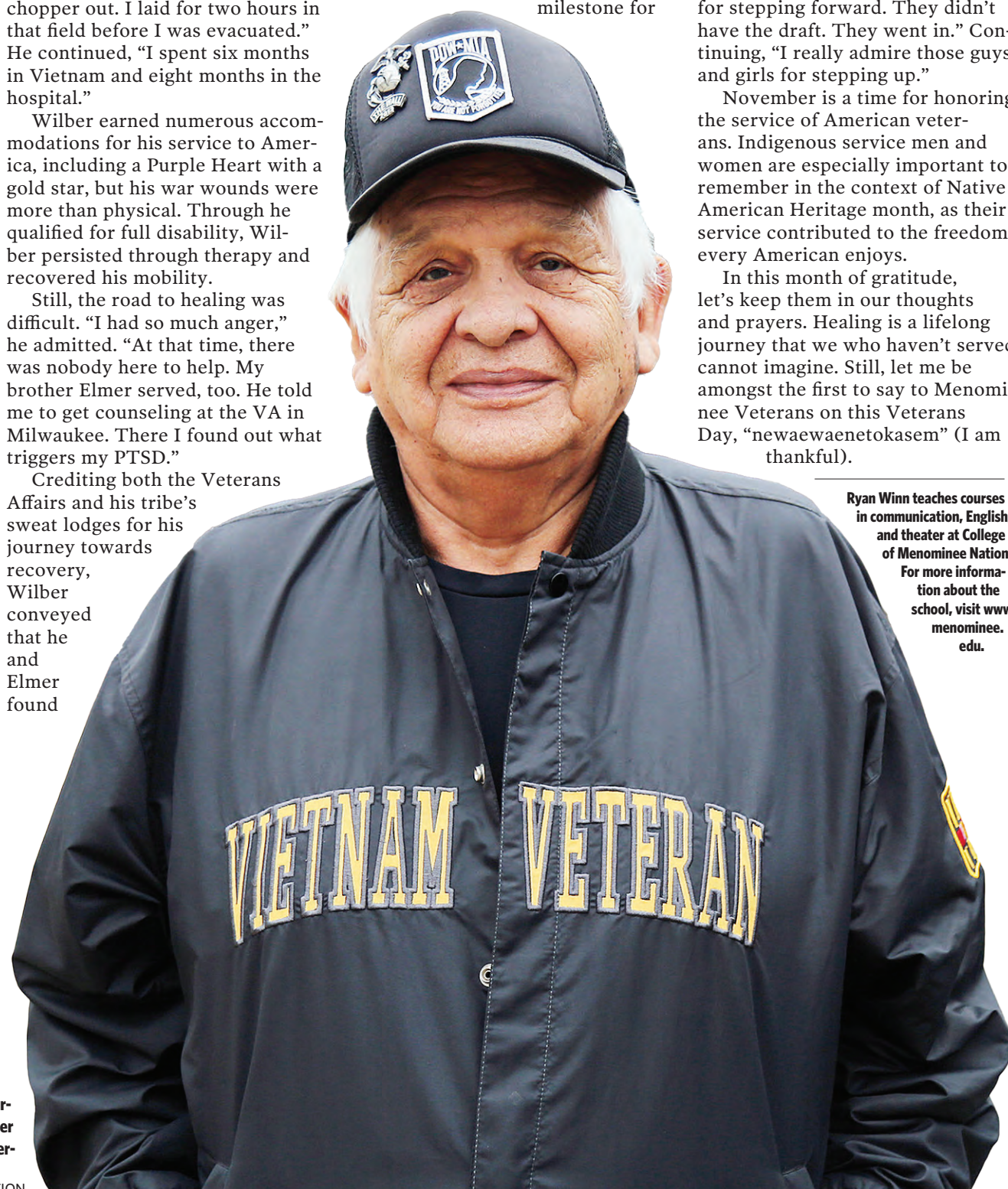
Menominee service. In 2008, the "St. Louis Dispatch" reported that "Menominee County provided more soldiers to the Army over the last four years than any other county in the nation without a major Army installation."

When he speaks to veterans of America's recent wars, Wilber encourages them to seek services from the VA. Wilber shared, "When I have group meetings on PTSD, I tell them they have no one to blame for stepping forward. They didn't have the draft. They went in." Continuing, "I really admire those guys and girls for stepping up."

November is a time for honoring the service of American veterans. Indigenous service men and women are especially important to remember in the context of Native American Heritage month, as their service contributed to the freedoms every American enjoys.

In this month of gratitude, let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Healing is a lifelong journey that we who haven't served cannot imagine. Still, let me be amongst the first to say to Menominee Veterans on this Veterans Day, "newaewaenetokasem" (I am thankful).

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Warren Wilber Sr. served the United States Army during the Vietnam War, taking up a position as a member of a 60mm Mortar Crew. He was injured during his service, earning a Purple Heart with a gold star.

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Size does matter inside a ground blind

I finally gave up on assembling my spacious Barronett Ox 4 ground blind, barely a year old. It had fallen out of the bed of my Polaris Sportsman 6x6 ATV after last year's deer season on the short ride to my house, and one of the steel hub poles punched a hole in the fabric.

Despite studying several YouTube videos about fixing ground blinds and a call to the company, I still haven't been able to get it to open. Why did I think my luck would be any better when I dragged it to a Shawano County woods near Clintonville, with my wife waiting in the van? I had a back-up plan.



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I dragged the bundled, bedraggled blind back to the van and grabbed one of my old-reliable Ameristep blinds.

Doghouse? Outhouse? I own those two, plus a Penthouse. Their fabric is sparse and nylon (the worst possible material for a ground blind, because it's noisy like the zippers they use for the windows), but they are easy to set up and take down. In a few minutes, the blind was up and staked, as well as lashed to some trees.

It wasn't until a day or two later when I arrived in early-morning darkness to my blind and crawled inside with my Damon Howatt Savannah longbow that I realized I had a problem. Story of my life. I'm just too big.

I'm not talking about my 6-1, 240-pound frame. I'm talking about my 62-inch longbow. You see, I had this crazy idea to return to my bowhunting roots this season and carry a traditional bow. Since I started bowhunting in 1974 with a Bear Grizzly recurve, I've never managed to drop a deer with fiberglass-laminated stick and string. I've shot a few with compound bows and crossbows, but the romance and witchery of archery in its purest form called to me — and now I was paying the price.

No matter how I twisted my body or which windows were open for the limbs, I couldn't draw that bow inside the blind. So I stuck my chair outside the blind that morning and hunted there. And nothing showed.

When waiting for a deer during a crisp fall morning, one can clear the mind of life's mundane responsibilities and ponder the things we really want to do. How can I hunt from these



This Damon Howatt Savannah longbow, at 62 inches, is just too long for Ross Bielema's deer hunting ground blind. The solution was to switch to a shorter recurve bow, a 52-inch Bear Kodiak Magnum.

ROSS BIELEMA

smaller ground blinds with a traditional bow? Today's compound bows are typically 30 to 33 inches long, but classic longbows can exceed 70 inches and recurves are normally in the 54- to 60-inch range.

The nice thing about being a collector is that every now and then, you remember you already own what you are looking for! I have a modest collection of around a dozen traditional bows (the last one added from a great little store on the edge of Shawano called War Bonnet Native American gifts, which is a mini-museum of trapping and Indian artifacts, furs and crafts), and remembered I had a few short bows.

I strung up a vintage Bear Kodiak Magnum, a 52-inch beauty with a 40-pound draw weight (around 45 pounds at my 29½-inch draw length), and voila. I could actually shoot from inside the blind this time.

I've been carrying this attractive, featherweight bow to my Waupaca County spot, too.

Nov. 3 found me at a slightly larger blind on the same Clintonville-area land, and I almost drew on a nice doe at a distance of 30 feet. There was no wind and the doe was looking toward me, then briefly offered a shot angle I didn't like. She eventually trotted off. Earlier, I had seen a mama doe and her twin fawns, and about 20 minutes later, a small buck came through, following the three does with a soft grunt. The rut is on.

If you would like to try a traditional bow, whether you want to hunt with one or just shoot targets, I suggest you shoot a draw weight that is at least 5 to 10 pounds less than your compound bow's draw weight. With no letoff, it's difficult to hold a recurve bow at full draw for more than a few seconds. If you can't find a used recurve at a yard sale or pawn shop, try online shopping or check your local archery shop. Traditional archery sites like 3 Rivers Archery and Lancaster Archery offer a variety of low-cost bows for newcomers, including some imports.

Be sure you buy some arrows fletched with feathers, not vanes, because arrows shot off the bow's riser shelf won't shoot straight with vanes. Your archery dealer or online store can explain why.

Can you shoot a traditional bow as precisely as a compound bow? Of course not. Sure, Fred Bear, Howard Hill and Byron Ferguson could all do trick shots with their old-time gear, but the average shooter will never match the accuracy and consistency of even an inexpensive compound bow.

Maybe that's why it's so fun to shoot a trad bow. You aren't using an arrow-launching machine. You are using a weapon closer to those of primitive man than almost anything available. And if you succeed, that doe or forkhorn buck will suddenly become the trophy of a lifetime.

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Cozy mystery adds touch of magic to story

Author of 'Better Gnomes and Gardens' to present her book at Gillett Public Library

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Oconto County author Casey Cardel will be presenting her book, "Better Gnomes and Gardens," at 5 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Gillett Public Library, 200 E. Main St., Gillett.

The book fits into the cozy mystery genre, but it adds a touch of the paranormal. Journalist Bob McLarney moves to the town of Mysty Haven for a job, but also to search for the legendary Bigfoot. However, his first story regarding the mythic creature does not garner support from his readers, and he is let go from his job.

While he's reeling from the job loss, an elderly man asks for Bob's help to find a missing gnome. However, things take another sharp turn when the town sheriff thinks Bob is the thief. Undeterred from his mission, Bob finds out there's more to Mysty Haven than meets the eye.

"My husband and I are actually co-authors," Cardel said. "This is a story



that we have been brewing for about three years, and we just came up the idea of some crazy things just when we travel around."

Cardel said she and her husband wanted to write something that would grab readers and enjoy, and they thought coming up with a cozy

mystery with characters. It took them about three months to write, she said, and then they had a professional editor look over the manuscript before self-publishing it via their own company Mentha Press through Amazon, Barnes and Noble and other outlets.

While the book is the first in the mystery series, Cardel has written before, and she and John, her husband, hope to write other books separately.

"Most people cringe when they hear the word 'self-published,' and the first thoughts are usually the book didn't make it through the doors of the traditional publishers due to quality," Cardel said. "In some cases, this type of thought process is incorrect. I know many authors who are USA Today bestsellers, as well as a couple of New York Times bestselling authors who have decided to self-publish."

The book was published in October and is already receiving some good buzz. The self-publishing book company IngramSpark reported that "Better Gnomes and Gardens" reached

number nine on its list as of Oct. 25. GoodReads has given the book 23 ratings so far, with the average rating being 4.65 out of 5.

"Better Gnomes and Gardens" is the first of a planned eight-book series, according to Cardel. She and her husband also plan to do offshoots based on the fictional community of Mysty Haven.

"We have a lot of books to write yet," she said. "We do have some other things that we're going to look into. Right now, it seems like everybody's loving the first book and the characters."

The books are not the end goal for Cardel, however, as she hopes, once the eighth book in the series is out in print, to approach some screenwriters and look at turning the tales of Mysty Haven into a series.

"We have a lot in the works," Cardel said. "There's more than just writing the book and saying 'OK, we wrote a book.' We have a lot to do."

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Barn quilt highlights the beauty of the Wolf River

The nation's largest trail of barn quilts in Shawano County continues to grow with the addition of the 399th quilt.

It is on display on a barn that overlooks the Wolf River at N5626 Poplar Road west of Shawano. The quilt pattern highlights Wolf River Road and the Wolf River.

The shades of blue at the bottom of the quilt represent the Wolf River, the gold shades are Wolf River Road, which meanders for four miles along the river, the wolf silhouette represents the Wolf River and the bald eagle is for the eagles that are seen regularly in the area. The quilt pattern has been named "The Gold Coast."

Earlier this year, local Shawano residents Todd Dobberstein, Bart Huntington and Dan Cerveney purchased 35 acres of farm land on the corner of Wolf River Road and Poplar Road from Darlene Hermann. The purchase included the barn on which the quilt is mounted and the farm house. Dobberstein, who lives on Wolf River Road, drives by the barn every day and could visualize bringing the property back to its original appearance. Over the next several



Todd Dobberstein, right, and his dad, Steve, are shown with Shawano County's 399th barn quilt at N5626 Poplar Road, Shawano.

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years, plans are to develop at least part of the property.

"We really want to dress up the area so people can enjoy driving by it and seeing our beautiful barn quilt," Dobberstein said.

Gottself and Edna Hermann purchased 87 acres from Frank Biebelhausen in 1937. The land had a cheese

factory on the southwest corner of the property close to the road, but there were no other buildings on the land. The cheese factory was later moved closer to the house, which was built in 1940. The cheese factory was used as a temporary barn until the present barn was finished.

Gottself constructed a sawmill,

which he used to saw all the logs into lumber for the barn and other buildings. The logs came from the wood lot that was part of the 87 acres. Edna Hermann's father, John Boettcher, a carpenter, started building the barn in 1941 and completed it in 1947.

The farm was a dairy operation until about 20 years ago when the Hermanns sold the cows.

In the late 1960s, Don Dreier purchased farm land along the river with plans to develop the area. His was one of the first homes along the river. Some local Shawano residents have at times referred to Wolf River Road as The Gold Coast. It's not a bad description, as it is one of the most scenic stretches along the river with more than 60 beautiful homes. It's also great for fishing, boating, water skiing and for observing many species of birds.

"I'm excited about what the future holds for this property and being part of the Shawano County barn quilt project," Dobberstein said.

The quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy and Keenan Raddant, both of whom work for Raddant Electric in Shawano.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

OFHS show takes twist on 'Romeo and Juliet'

The Oconto Falls High School Drama Team will soon be closing down its fall season with an opportunity for the community to see its competitive one-act entry of Dwayne Yancey's "Code 40: Verona."

A community performance will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Falls Area Performing Arts Center at Oconto Falls High School. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://ofps.revtrak.net/packet-boxoffice/> for \$5 or at the door for \$6.

Since mid-October, the team has been participating at the different levels of the Wisconsin State Interscholastic Theatre Festival. Unfortunately, their season ended shortly without the chance to return to the State competition, according to director Gayle Gander.

In this particular play, it's the end of William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" but with a modern twist as a police drama, in which incompetence and political pressure rule the day. Balthasar and Friar Lawrence still flee the bloody scene in the Capulet tomb and are caught by church security guards. The police are called to investigate, and the crime is pinned on Balthasar. With political pressure shadowing the mayor and budget cuts hindering the solution of the case, will Balthasar accept a plea bargain?

For information, call 920-848-4467, ext. 4150.

Pathways giving annual Report to the Community

Shawano Pathways will hold its annual social and Report to the Community on Nov. 15, at the American Legion Post 117, 850 S. Lincoln St., Shawano.

A program on "Buggies, Bikes and Covered Bridges: The Conflicts, Challenges and Communities that Shaped the Mountain Bay Trail" will be featured.

Guest speakers include Amish elder Johnny Yoder, who was involved in the original development of the Mountain Bay Trail, and Steve Charlier, Shawano County park ranger at the time.

Pathway's annual student photography contest entries will be on display and winners will be announced.

The event begins at 5 p.m. with a social hour, silent auction and 50/50 raffles followed by the program and traditional Amish haystack dinner with pie at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members. A cash



Attorneys Tim Cornette and Ayden Stanek face off in the courtroom in a scene from "Code 40: Verona," which will be performed Nov. 11 at Oconto Falls High School.

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bar will be available.

A recap of 2022 accomplishments and plans for the upcoming year will be announced.

For information or to make a reservation, visit the Shawano Pathways Facebook page or <http://www.shawanopathways.org>.

Gillett library keeping busy during November

The Gillett Public Library is all ready for November, with a variety of programs for everyone from the young to the young-at-heart.

Every Wednesday, the library — at 200 E. Main St., Gillett — hosts the role-playing game Pathfinder and other community board games from 1-3 p.m. Patrons are invited to bring a group to play or come join the fun.

Local author Casey Cardel will be at the Gillett Library Community Center, 204 E. Main St., Gillett, on Nov. 16 from 5-6 p.m. to speak about her book, "Better Gnomes and Gardens."

Seniors needing Medicare Open Enrollment can come to the Gillett Library Community Center on Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Since Gillett schools will be on hiatus for Thanksgiving week, the library will have programs to keep kids busy. On Nov. 21, staff will have Science Skillz from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and

Legos from 2-3 p.m. On Nov. 22, there will be a Thanksgiving storytime in the library, which will include a librarian making her debut in a puppet show for kids from 11-11:30 a.m.

The library's Teen Tuesday program for November will be making a book wreath out of old books from 4-5 p.m. Nov. 22.

Visit www.gilpubliclibrary.org for information or call 920-855-6224.

Toys for Tots begins its 2022 Shawano campaign

The United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program of Eastern and Central Shawano County's 2022 campaign is now underway.

There is an online application process available for individuals. By going to <http://shawano-wi.toysfortots.org>, residents can request a toy or sign up to volunteer, and businesses can request a drop box for toy donations.

The registration period will be open until Dec. 5. Applicants will receive up-to-date emails with information on their application. The distribution of the toys for single families will be at the Shawano County Job Center, 607 E. Elizabeth St., Shawano.

The current qualifications are that legal guardians of children must request toys, and they must reside in eastern and central Shawano County.

Children must be age 15 or younger.

The program is looking for volunteers throughout the county to assist with work in the warehouse. Volunteers assist in sorting and on distribution days in December.

SAYPRO is placing over 100 collection boxes throughout Shawano County and will accept toy donations during the Nov. 26 Holiday Stroll at Franklin Park in Shawano. Toys can also be dropped off until Dec. 8 at State Farm, 207 S. Main St., Shawano.

Campaign updates will be posted at <https://www.facebook.com/Shawano-AreaToysforTots>.

In 2021, the Toys for Tots program provided new toys to more than 1,000 children.

For information, contact Michael Johnston at 715-280-0991 or shawano.wi@toysfortots.org.

Another gunless poultry shoot coming in November

American Legion Post 44 will hold its next gunless poultry shoot starting at 1 p.m. Nov. 12 at Schoolhouse Bar, 14007 State Highway 32, Mountain.

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.

Herald named Lions' Student of the Month

The Lena Lions Club honored Makynna Herald, daughter of James and Nicole Herald, as Student of the Month for October.

Herald is a senior at Lena High School, where she participates in volleyball. She is a member of the student council and the National Honor Society. Her friends describe her as outgoing, thoughtful, determined, humorous and optimistic.

Herald's hobbies include snowboarding, photography, shopping, crafting, working out and baking. Her community activities include helping with the Toss for Charity, Adopt-A-Family, the Bike Rodeo, Spookapalooza and making food for the food pantry.

Herald's work experience in-



MAKYNNA HERALD

cludes babysitting, working at the Wooden Shoe as a prep cook and dishwasher and doing outdoor maintenance work at the Riverwood on Highway 22.

Herald plans to further her education in the field of psychology and will attending college in the future.

Townsend church to host Thanksgiving meal

St. John Lutheran Church in Townsend will host the community's annual Thanksgiving Day dinner on Nov. 24.

The celebration will include a worship service at 10:30 a.m., time for fellowship and a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at noon. The menu includes turkey, dressing, potatoes both sweet and mashed, vegetables, coleslaw, cranberries, salad, dinner rolls and dessert.

The church is located at 17963 State Highway 32 in Townsend.

"We extend an open invitation to anyone who would enjoy having a place to go for Thanksgiving," said Lynn Zimdars, one of the coordinators. "St. John's Church is thankful



Lionesses welcome new members

The Oconto Falls Lioness Lions Club recently inducted three new members. Pictured with past District Governor Jim Noll, left, and sponsor Ashley Bahrke, right, are, from left, Gloria Schindel, Jen Wilinski and Layna Pruett.

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that we can return to a traditional Thanksgiving meal this year."

RSVP to Lorry Runge at 715-276-7313 by Nov. 21 so that event orga-

nizers know how much food to prepare. Curbside pickup is not being offered this year. A freewill offering will be taken to help cover costs.

Women have more rights, but still ways to go

At a time when women's rights are getting a lot of media attention, I am paying close attention. Some stories bring back memories of when I started my teaching career in 1968. I have that first contract I signed, one that shows the progress women have made over the past five decades and how far we still have to go.

In that agreement, male teachers were automatically paid \$400 more per month if they were a "Head of Household." Single teachers and women were excluded, even widows with dependents. Things have improved some in gender pay equity, but I saw recently that Wisconsin women are paid on average less than 80 cents on the dollar compared to men doing the same work. At the rate things are going, it will be 2119 before women catch up. Wow.

For good or bad, there are some workplace expectations that have changed in the past 50 years. Readers (young women especially) may not believe what I am about to write. They'll think I'm making it up, or at least embellishing, but women my age know it's true.

In 1968, teacher maternity leave did not exist, and "unwed mothers" were banished or at least the object of derision. Back then, if a married



KATHLEEN MARSH

teacher became pregnant, the district could terminate her without cause. The practice had been common for decades; in fact, my own mother was fired under these exact circumstances in 1943. I thought the policy was ridiculous. I had sky-high expectations, and I wanted to have it all — a family and a career. That was a pretty radical idea in those days. I vowed if I ever became pregnant, I would fight for the Right to Return.

The reckoning came in February 1974 when I informed my district administrator that I was expecting a baby the following September. I requested a leave for the fall semester, promising to return in January. He was not happy. He told me to report to him each Monday morning and open my coat. When my "baby bump" was discernible, my teaching days were over. What? Why? It may sound laughable today, but he said that high school kids would "get ideas" if they had a visibly pregnant teacher walking around school. You

teacher became pregnant, the district could terminate her without cause. The practice had been common for decades; in fact, my own mother was fired under these exact

know, unrealistic expectations.

Needing my job and the health insurance to cover the costs of having our baby, I accepted the humiliation of the Monday Morning Stomach Show and Tell. By exercising and following a strict diet, I made sure I didn't gain much weight. It might not be best for the baby, I rationalized, but losing my job would be far worse. By the end of May, with the help of strategically chosen clothing, I made it to graduation. Things worked out. Jina was a very healthy baby, and thanks to federal legislation, I was able to go on maternity leave first semester 1974-75.

It was difficult leaving Jina with a sitter, but I returned to work in January 1975. I was luckier than most new mothers today; I had four months to get her off to a good start. What I didn't expect was more serious flak from the administration. My bright and sunny corner room had been given to another teacher, and my materials thrown into a musty basement closet. I had no choice but to lug my things into a new classroom. As I settled in, I realized how much I had missed the students, my colleagues, and all the wonderful things that happen in the place we call school.

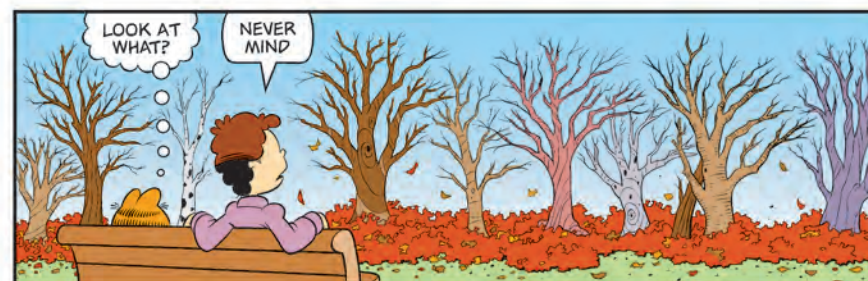
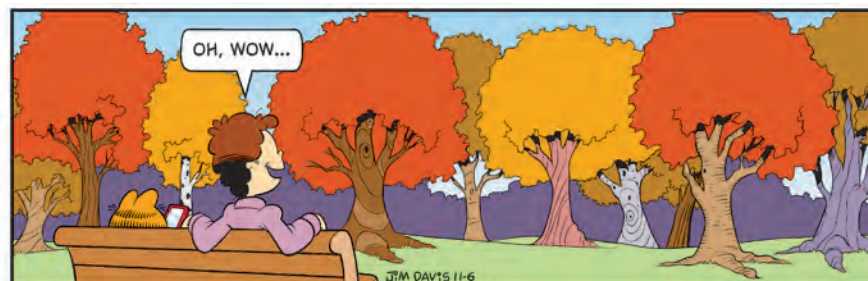
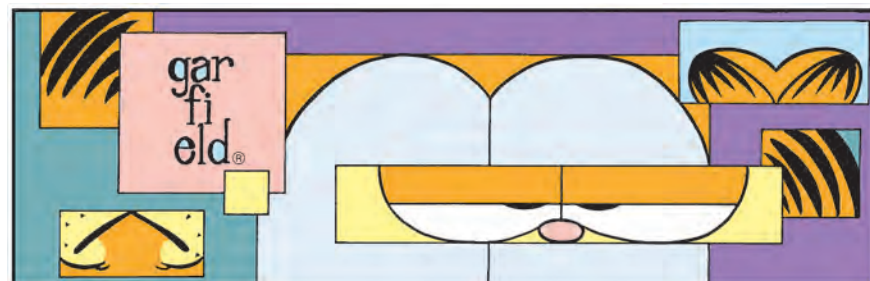
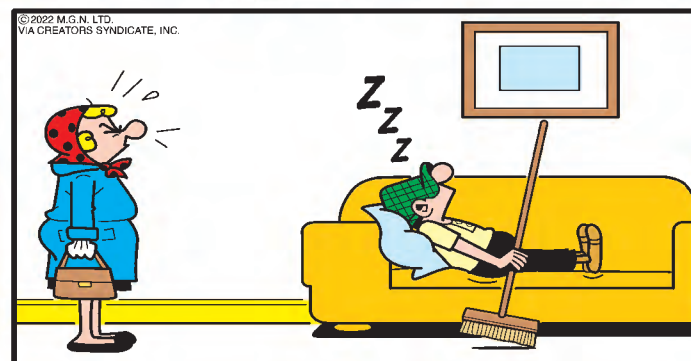
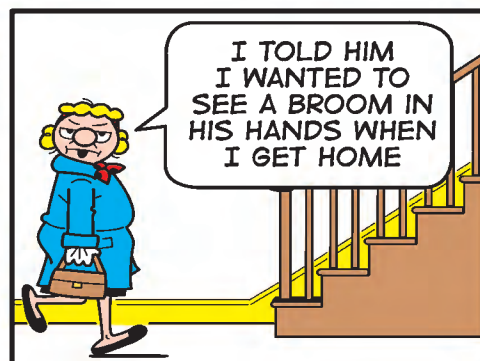
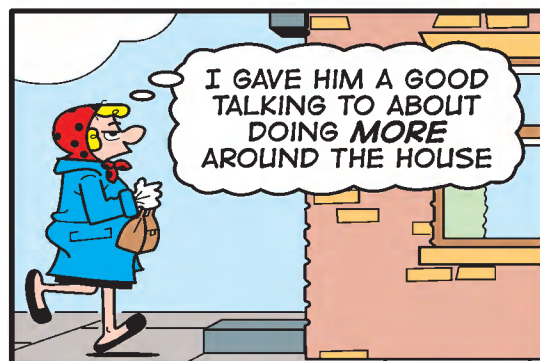
I was now officially a working mom who had to seriously adjust expectations. My life became full frontal frenetic. I never had enough time — or sleep. There was this blue cloud of fatigue always hanging over my head. I felt like a juggler whirling plates in the air. What if I couldn't keep them all spinning? Would one little slip cause my carefully nurtured expectations to come crashing down in a pile of broken dreams? They didn't. There were occasional hiccups and crises, but we managed pretty well. In fact, two years later I did it all over again when I had Jeremy.

For some crazy reason, thinking of beginnings always makes me think of endings. Plus we've been averaging a funeral a month this year, joining with families and friends to mourn loved ones and celebrate lives well-lived. I'm going on record to say that my life hasn't been anywhere near what I expected. Of course, I didn't get it all, but what I got was beyond my wildest expectations.

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.

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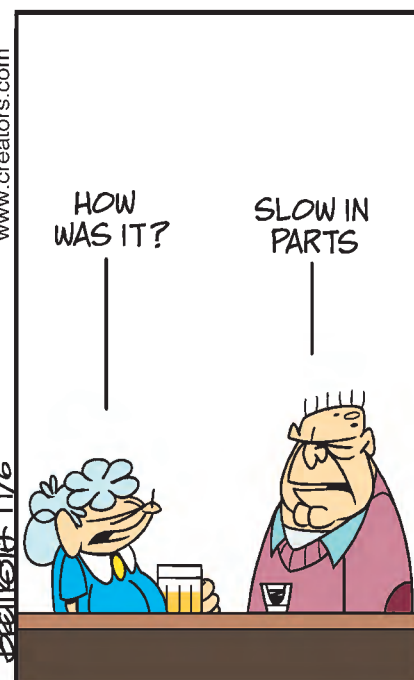
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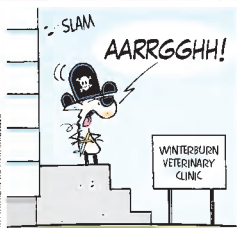
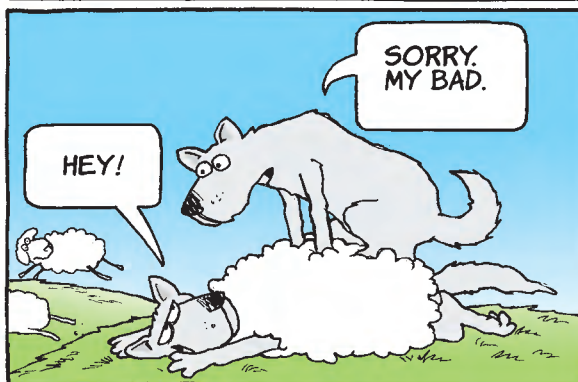
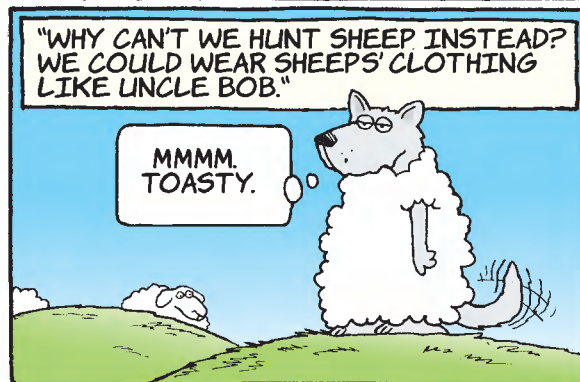


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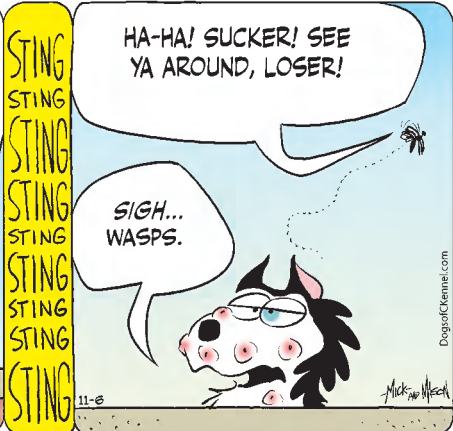
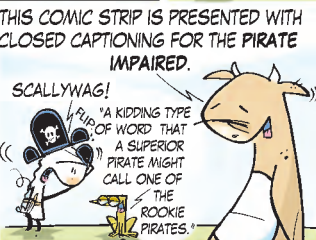
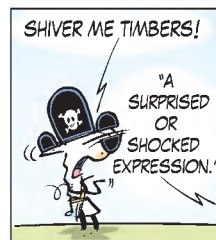
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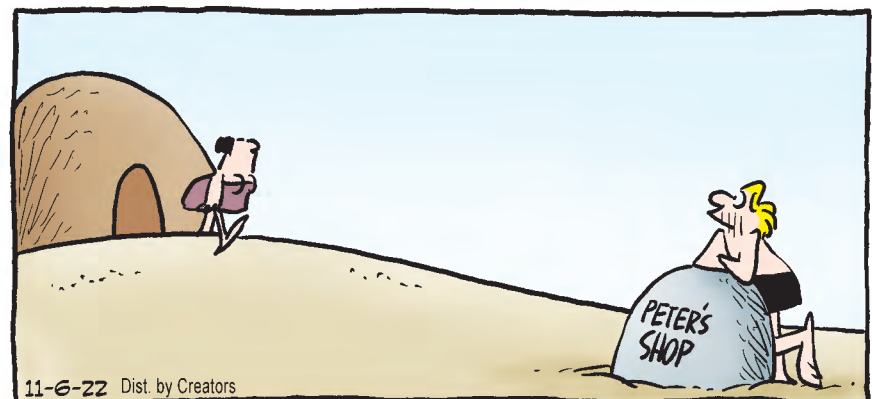
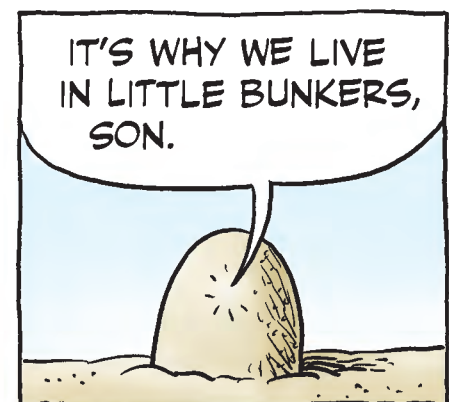
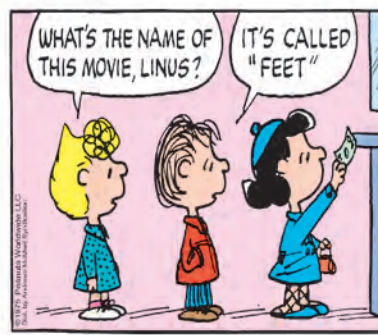
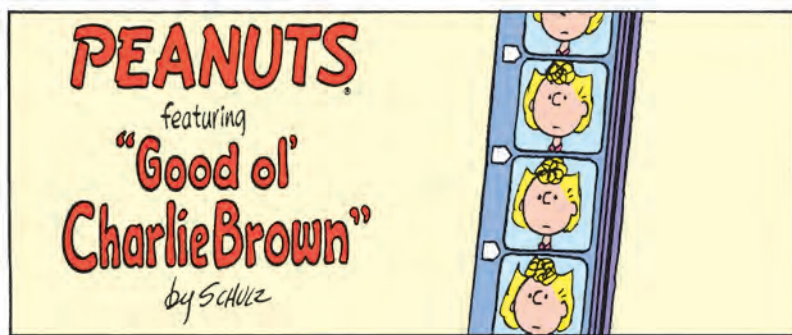


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 7 Cuts expenses
 13 Breathed noisily
 20 Surfing the Web, say
 21 Entertain lavishly
 22 Prepare to steal, as a sedan
 23 LINES (*Airplane!*)
 25 Austerely simple
 26 Ignited
 27 Sis or bro
 28 Nice and easy
 30 ___ and tired (fed up)
 31 Person from Phoenix
 34 Surpassed at a buffet
 35 Arnold's barbarian
 36 Surpass
 38 PETROL (*Lawrence of Arabia*)
 45 Lego competitor
 46 Start of a toast
 48 Morning's lawn covering
 49 Prima ___ (star sopranos)
 50 Sports, on *Star Trek*
 52 Like fables with morals
 53 TERMINAL (*Children of a Lesser God*)
 58 Stops stalling
 59 Tooth docs' org.
 60 Followed orders
 61 "You can leave now"
 62 Treasury Dept. agency
 63 Theatrical accessory
 64 Parcels (out)
 65 Is sure of success
 68 White wine of Italy
 69 Nights prior
 70 Word on every US coin
 71 Indian director Mira

DOWN

- 72 Blitzen colleague
 73 Relay race segment
 74 Gunky buildup
 75 REGIONS (*Top Hat*)
 78 Brand of thin tablet
 80 Part of YSL
 81 Inherent character
 82 Faux ___ (minor mistake)
 85 Slow tempo
 86 Had a tab
 90 ORANGES (*Mrs. Miniver*)
 93 Round Table title
 94 Cherish greatly
 95 ___ strip (single-surface paper)
 97 British noble ranks
 99 S&L dispensers
 103 Thing to confine a little kid
 105 Frame of cartoon art
 106 XXVI doubled
 107 The entertainment industry
 109 BEATING (*American Beauty*)
 112 Bar activity
 113 Mexican beer
 114 When many start fifth grade
 115 Took strides
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 117 Courtroom break

- 10 Latter-day hodgepodge
 11 How some skirts are made
 12 Having feeling
 13 Captain Ahab, or his ship
 14 Vacuum cleaner part
 15 List-ending abbr.
 16 Fleecy females
 17 Tubular pasta
 18 Guitarist Clapton
 19 Level of an ocean liner
 24 Mavericks or Pistons
 29 Oyster concoction
 32 Stubborn Seuss character
 33 Designer Kamali
 37 Green sauces
 39 Playwright Clifford
 40 Throw out, so to speak
 41 Yoko ___
 42 Marching down a street
 43 Had a break between flights
 44 They've gotten away
 46 Pay attention to
 47 Acting mopey
 50 Honey handlers
 51 Hair braid
 52 Meadow measure
 53 Plane-building hobby
 54 Better than average
 55 Send into exile
 56 Corrosive liquids
 57 Insignificant
 58 Be of help to
 63 Ping-___
 65 Appointed time
 66 Interject
 67 Has a spat
 68 Flue coating

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 87 Brand of gentle detergent
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 94 Claim to be true
 96 Mirror fogger
 98 Concrete support rod

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