

LIGHTING UP THE HOLIDAYS

**Residents discuss why they light,
decorate homes for Christmas**

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A long string of lights bring a purple color into the air at Julie Schnider's house on River Road in the Town of Hartland. Schnider said that due to her living on a farm and having a long fence, she is able to add more lights each year to help ring in the Christmas spirit.

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Local residents shine light on Christmas

Christmas light designs range from traditional to driveway

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

With the recent snow and cold temperatures, the feeling of Christmas has really set in. Along with the winter weather, Christmas lights have started to invade neighborhoods.

That rings true in Bonduel and Shawano, as houses throughout the municipalities light up the night skies to ring in the holiday season. While many homeowners use a basic string of lights that takes an hour or so to set up, five homeowners in the area have taken a different approach, each taking a couple more hours to set up than average.

As opposed to dressing his house in Christmas lights, Shawano resident Jim Hauer wrapped lights around the trees in his front yard that separate his property from his neighbor's. Hauer said that idea came from when he and his family saw another house with a similar display. He added that over the last couple of years that the family has displayed lights like this, there has been a positive reaction from the neighbors.

"We were at a driveway display and saw this type of display on someone's driveway," said Hauer. "We thought it would be kind of a neat way to put lights here. We do it to get in the Christmas spirit and brighten up the neighborhood a little bit."

That idea of brightening up the neighborhood is shared by Matt Heling, who lives on East Fifth Street in Shawano. With many houses not displaying lights in his neighborhood, Heling said that it has been an enjoyable time to provide that extra Christmas spirit.

"We enjoy the season very much and we want to make people very happy when they drive by," said Heling. "It's always great to bring joy in the neighborhood."

In his display, Heling has hanging lights, lights in his bushes and trees and three snowmen lit up in the front yard, with a sign wishing everyone who drives by a merry Christmas. Heling said over the



Matt Heling, who lives on East Fifth Street in Shawano, has his house dressed in traditional hanging lights, lights in his bushes and lawn decorations. On a street that is otherwise lights-free, Heling said he enjoys being a house to bring light into the neighborhood and that he enjoys helping in promoting the Christmas spirit.

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years of living in Shawano, he has added a new decoration each year and looks forward to adding new decorations in the coming years.

"People like what we do," said Heling. "We try to add something different every year. Everything has worked this year."

While yard decorations like Heling's are increasing in neighborhoods, Hartland resident Julie Schnider, who lives on River Road, takes it a step further. Living on a farm, Schnider has a large fence around her property, and she takes advantage of that for Christmas decorations, stringing lights through the fence. Schnider said in the four years she has lived in the house, the lights have gotten bigger and longer each year.

"The first year we only had the fence partially covered," explained Schnider, noting that it takes about three hours to set it all up. "Last year, we just had one side. This year, I decided to do all of it. I have

the room to do it and I am proud of my house. I want to share my lights with those passing through."

With her house in an area next to state Highway 29, her lights can be seen by many that drive by. Schnider noticed this after she heard a positive response from local community members.

"In church, the pastor's wife said how beautiful the lights were," said Schnider. "There are teachers that have told me that they have seen my lights and kids tell me that their parents took them to see lights and saw mine. This is something that I love to do."

Going to Bonduel, James Westrich, who lives on Adams Street, dressed his house in regular lights, except instead of just having them hang, the lights form a border around each one of Westrich's windows and garage. He said that he is orienting his lights this way, because of some maintenance over the summer.

"We just redid our porch this summer, and we just wanted to do something a little different (with lights) this year," said Westrich. "We look forward to doing this. We had to redo the lights a couple times this year to get it perfect. There has been a good reaction."

Another Bonduel resident, Lacy Pahalke, who lives on Boettcher Lane, stayed in line with having ideas for different styles of lights. In her front yard, there are the traditional hanging lights, but there is also lights hanging from the trees in her front yard, which simulate melting icicles.

"A lot of people have said that they are jealous and want to do something similar next year," said Pahalke. "We just like to do to help get the neighborhood into the Christmas spirit. It is just fun to do this with the neighborhood and get the spirit up."



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While many are focused on Santa Claus and presents at Christmas time, it's often forgotten that the day also honors the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Christmas time for giving, caring, celebrating

Merry Christmas to everyone. What does Christmas mean to you? Is it that time of year that you overspend giving the ones you love everything they ask for? Could it be the day you spend with family and give only your time and food? Will Santa come to your wonderfully decorated home?

As a child, I believed in Santa and that he would bring me that special present I would ask him to receive. My children and grandchildren also sat on Santa's lap and told him what was on their Christmas list. They did not get the whole list but maybe one



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thing on the list. I tried to teach my children and now grandchildren that it is not how much money was spent on the gift but that it was given out of love, just as God gave his son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins.

Christmas is a day to share with family and friends. Although some family gatherings may not be pleasant, nonetheless the time spent with loved ones is precious. For the people who have no family to share this day,



A beautiful wreath hangs on a door. This kind of decorating is commonplace during the Christmas season.

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please know God is sharing this day with you and is always with you so you are never truly alone.

The spirit of Christmas may be hard to accept for those who have lost a loved one especially so close to

the holidays. I know only too well the heartbreak of not seeing their face at Christmas. As time goes on the heart ache will be come less and bearable if you asked God to heal your heart. Your memories of your loved one will

remain in your heart even when time moves forward.

Yes, for me it is Merry Christmas, not Happy Holidays or Xmas. I am a Christian. What does that mean? It means I believe that Jesus Christ was born during this season. Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is the Son of God born to Mary and Joseph. Christians celebrate Jesus's birth on Christmas day. The story is recorded in the book of Luke, chapter 2 verses 1-16, King James version of the Holy Bible. There are many other references to his birth both in the Old Testament and New Testament.

If you are feeling lonely and tired this Christmas season, try putting your hopes and fears in a power greater than yourself God. Let his Holy Spirit comfort you and bring you peace and joy.

From my family to you and your family, may God bless you and give you the spirit of love and kindness during this holiday season.

Remember giving, caring and celebrating with love and kindness will give you hope for future times.

Bless you.

Kathryn Hennes is a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and lifelong Wisconsinite. Her passion for writing started in high school. She writes inspiring and motivational stories on her many life experiences.

Company helps hunters hear prey again

For hunters, shooters and other outdoors enthusiasts exposed to frequent gunfire or other ear-damaging noise, holiday “Jingle Bells” could eventually become a “Silent Night.”

Some of us older hunters and shooters have already noticed a bit of high frequency hearing loss, when we



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ask our spouses or other family members to repeat themselves or turn up the TV. Although I now use electronic earmuffs for all my trap and pistol shooting, as well as some of my firearms

hunting, my wife gets annoyed when my 63-year-old ears seem to confuse soft consonants like F, T, K, and P. That’s one telltale sign of hearing loss, said Casey Jost, a licensed hearing instrument specialist at Modern Hearing in New London. Owned and operated by fellow licensed hearing care professional Chad Sorenson, Modern Hearing also has offices in Shawano and Green Bay. Jost also has his own Here to Help Hearing business in Winneconne.

The main reason to wear earmuffs or ear plugs while exposed to loud noises is “preserving your ability to understand speech over time,” Jost said.

Fortunately, Jost and other hearing experts offer a variety of hearing protection as well as hearing aids for those with permanent hearing loss.

“I should be wearing hearing protection,” said Jost, 42, who will mark his 22nd year in the hearing care business. “I’m a big violator of it.”

On a recent white-tailed deer hunting trip to South Dakota, he admitted to firing the brutally loud 7mm Remington Magnum with a muzzle brake. The muzzle brake helps control recoil but also makes a powerful caliber even louder. He dropped the deer at 326 yards, but his brother, Chad, who was standing alongside him as his spotter, had ringing in his ears for two days.

Jost showed his custom earplugs designed for hunters. In a few minutes, he can create a perfect mold of someone’s ears by injecting a plastic into the ear canals and later hardening it with a light. The molds are then sent to the DefendEar company and completed in a few weeks. The filtered version allows for normal conversation to be heard but loud noises to be



Casey Jost, a licensed hearing instrument specialist at Modern Hearing, shows a pair of his own custom molded earplugs, right, as well as tiny in-the-canal hearing aids that can help restore hearing for those hunters, shooters and others with ear damage. Modern Hearing has offices in Shawano, Green Bay and New London.

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filtered out. They can also be easily plugged as needed for even more noise elimination.

Although they are comfortable and fit securely, Jost admits he sometimes doesn’t use them.

The problem hunters face when afield is they want to hear the woods or pheasant fields but also protect against muzzle blasts. Another option is the electronic earmuff, which allows

normal conversation to be heard and may even magnify softer sounds while electronically “clipping” dangerous sounds that exceed about 80 decibels.

I started using Walker’s Game Ears many years ago when deer hunting with a single-shot Thompson-Center Contender in .45-70. They would make a squirrel sound like a herd of buffalo but worked well to silence the shot. I made the mistake once of shooting at

a doe that surprised me when I was walking to the car and didn’t have time to put the muffs on. My ears rang for about 20 minutes.

Those who shoot hundreds or even thousands of rounds, such as trap, skeet or competitive pistol and rifle shooters, must have quality ear protection to avoid profound hearing loss. Since these shooters also need to hear range commands and normal conversation, The DefendEar brand that Modern Hearing sells makes at least three digital custom hearing plugs that reduce wind noise, amplify low volume sounds and clip gunshots.

Firearms are not the only source of hearing-damaging noise for sportsmen. Loud ATVs, snowmobiles, dual-sport motorcycles, chainsaws and even lawnmowers contribute to hearing loss. Loud, steady sounds are actually worse for ears than brief, intense sounds.

DefendEar makes specialty ear plugs for motorsports, heavy equipment operators and even concertgoers, swimmers and surfers.

Jost, in fact, provided specialty musician ear plugs for Cheap Trick guitarist Rick Nielsen when he worked near the band’s hometown of Rockford, Illinois.

What causes permanent hearing loss? Continued exposure to sounds over 80 decibels (roughly the sound of city traffic) cause tiny hairs inside the cochlea, a snail-shaped portion of the ear, to lay flat and not respond to vibrations. Others may have damage to the ear’s small bones, either through trauma or a congenital defect.

When it’s time for a hearing aid, the good news is that technology has made them smaller and more user-friendly. They are mostly rechargeable, so there are no tiny batteries to replace as before, Jost said. They are also easier to conceal, if you choose.

“Any hearing loss is going to be a lot more noticeable than a hearing aid,” he said.

Some, like “Shark Tank” investor Daymond John, embrace their hearing loss by wearing a colorful hearing aid. John wears red ones. They now come in many fashion colors.

RIC (receiver in the canal) hearing aids are now used by about 80% of Jost’s customers, while the rest use an ITE (in the ear) style. They are wireless, with one side controlling both.

For more information about Modern Hearing, go to www.modernhearingwi.com or call the Shawano office at 715-524-4242.

A thought that counts; a legion of love

Let me start by going on record that I think most parents today do a better job raising their children than my generation did. They, especially fathers, are much more involved in their children's lives, which is great. Given the enormous pressure on parents to work long hours just to make ends meet, they really are doing the best they can.

One thing they do that I believe isn't good for kids is what I label as well-intentioned but misguided — indulgence. Even if they can't afford it, too many parents buy their kids anything they want whenever they want it. That denies children the joy of getting what you want when you earn it, don't expect it or have to wait for it.

Now I suppose you are wondering why I got on my high horse about this. Well, like so many of my friends, I find it impossible to come up with ideas for Christmas gifts that the offspring of our offspring will appreciate. So, like most other grandparents, Jon and I have reluctantly taken the easy way out. We give money, despite the fact this practice totally personifies the term cold hard cash.

To at least soften the practice, I continue to buy one creatively-selected gift to open. I spend a considerable amount of time on this, hoping to get it right. I visualize seeing their



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eyes light up when they open that one present, but it rarely happens so I should face the truth. I am as lousy at choosing the right gift as they are at faking being pleased. Please forgive my cynicism; I just cannot help it. Time and time again we are told that it's the thought that counts. Really? Let's be honest here. Nobody hopes for a cheesy, dumb, inappropriate present, something I am obviously very good at selecting. No, it is not the thought that counts. It's the gift that counts.

How I wish I was good at gift-giving. I hope this year I finally get it right, but I am not optimistic. Still, isn't Christmas the season of hope? Aren't we celebrating the birth of Jesus, a cataclysmically hopeful event? His birth heralded the fulfillment of a collective expectation for someone to save the world. So in keeping with the spirit of the season, this year I have made a resolution to stop trying to please the people I love and just love the people I am trying to please. Now there's a thought that counts.

Speaking of ideas that matter, you have probably surmised that I

am one of those perennially foolish people who make New Year's Resolutions (NYRs). These pledges usually involve some sort of deprivation: decreased consumption of my favorite foods, avoiding my preferred adult beverages, swearing off using "colorful" language, a firm determination to not care about things I passionately care about. That this means I am doomed to failure is irrelevant; I make resolutions anyway.

Wait — there is one time in my life that I actually kept a NYR. I stopped smoking on Jan. 1, 1969. Okay, there was a relatively minor lapse in the mid-1980s, but I indulged only occasionally and had my last cigarette on July 9, 1987. When I quit in 1969, cigarettes were 35 cents a pack; in 1987, about a dollar. Today they are at least seven times that much. Seven dollars for a product destined, like my NYRs, to quickly go up in smoke. Wow. Talk about money to burn.

I have no idea if they're still available, but I smoked Virginia Slims — the only thing about me that was actually slim back then. I thought smoking that brand made me look sexy and exotic, that it distracted viewers from the extra pounds around my middle. Of course, it didn't, but perception is reality. Then, too, reality is reality. I've saved a ton of money and likely

avoided some serious health issues by quitting smoking, so I suppose if I was going to keep one New Year's Resolution, that was the one to keep.

Now another new year is close at hand. You guessed it — I am thinking about making resolutions. I was going to resolve to lose weight (again) until I saw a pertinent post on Facebook this morning. It describes my previous experiences perfectly: "I made an NYR to lose 10 pounds in 2021, and I only have 15 to go." So instead, I decided to follow the advice of another post I saw this afternoon. "Since I am powerless to do anything meaningful about random acts of violence, I am going to commit random acts of love."

In 2023, I resolve to kill with kindness and bomb with benevolence. This could be more doable than quitting smoking or losing weight, certainly more meaningful and fun than doomed-to-failure deprivation. I invite all of you to join my Legion of Love, my Sleeper Cell of Do-Gooders, but why wait until Jan. 1? Let's get busy right now and roll out some good, times two.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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.

CLUB NOTES

Shawano Area Writers

The meeting was held in the Vesak Room in the basement of the Shawano Library. Attending were Tom Thorstenson, John Mutter Jr., Manuel Moraleda, Trudy Bosman, Marilyn Kroenke, Barbara King, Twilla Beyer, Wendy Goerl and Svitlana Podgoma.

President Tom Thorstenson called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Mutter and seconded by Marilyn Kroenke.

John Mutter read the treasurer's report. At CoVantage Credit Union, the balance in the big CD hasn't changed, \$63,138.10. The balance in the small CD is \$7,443.61. The membership share account has \$10.02. The total at CoVantage Credit Union is \$70,591.73.

There was 3 cents in interest on the account at Associated Bank. Mutter withdrew \$98.03 for the domain and internet access through Terra

Fletcher. Our balance at Associated is now \$4,044.53.

The total of both accounts is \$74,636.26.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report by Barb King and seconded by Twilla Beyer.

A discussion was held concerning agents and submissions. After four years, Writer's Digest will be putting out the Writer's Yearbook for 2023 listing the top 100 websites for accepting submissions. It will cost \$11.99.

Discussion was held about writing a grant. We need to know how much the grant is worth and what it can be used for. We will find out more information for the next meeting.

A meeting was to be held after this meeting to discuss the student writing contest.

A new anthology will be made next year, and members were encouraged to start thinking about the

stories they want to submit.

Twilla Beyer began the readings with an essay entitled "Friends Come and Friends Go." Some friends are just with us for a season. When the problem is solved or the need is no longer there, they are not as close. Some friends are longtime friends from which we learn lessons. This might be God's way to get you close to home.

Barb King read from the book "The Children in the Garden." Jaico-by Brawn from the "Don't Bug Me" Pesticide Company finds a secret door behind a set of movable shelves.

Wendy Goerl read from the Heartstone series. Professor Azimov wonders why he is being visited at his home by Silverstone and a couple of his men at night.

Tom Thorstenson wrote a song entitled "You're Not Smelling what I'm Stepping In." He also made two more songs about the Oscar Meyer wiener.

Manny Moraleda shared the poem he entered into the 2024 Wisconsin Poet's calendar. The topic was margins. The poem entitled "Curvy Creek" talks about the time a neighbor in the Philippines tried to steal their land by rerouting the creek between the two properties.

Trudy Bosman followed the prompt of the day on the Writing Digest website: "In the middle of..." She wrote a scary Veterans Day poem entitled "In the Middle of the Night."

Marilyn Kroenke wrote about her experience of taking a test to become an insurance agent. It was entitled "My Introduction to Insurance: It's a Matter of Policy."

The motion to close the meeting was made by Marilyn Kroenke and seconded by Trudy Bosman.

The next Writer's Workshop is Jan. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Beans and Books.

A cheesy way to do math



Ramona Meidam, left, and Liam Radek, third grade students at Sacred Heart Catholic School, participated in a fun-filled math activity recently involving Cheez-Its to find a specified area. They practiced constructing a square or rectangle with a given area to determine how many square units the shape had. Afterward, they enjoyed a tasty snack.

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Big buck hunted



Kaleb Kaminski is this year's winner of the Oconto Middle School Big Buck Contest. Kaminski shot the 180-pound eight-pointer on opening morning of the gun deer season while hunting with his uncle in the Coleman area.

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Townsend celebrates Thanksgiving

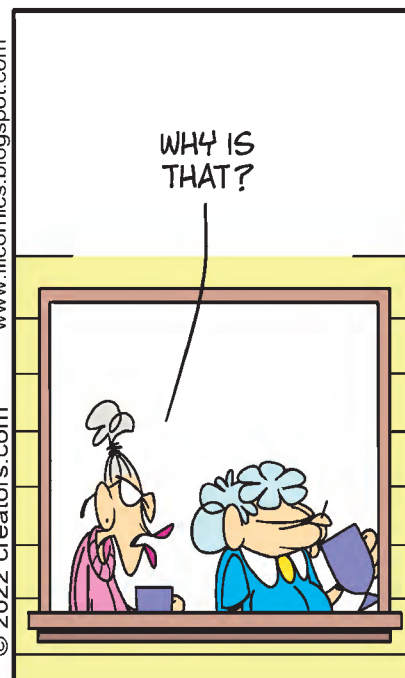
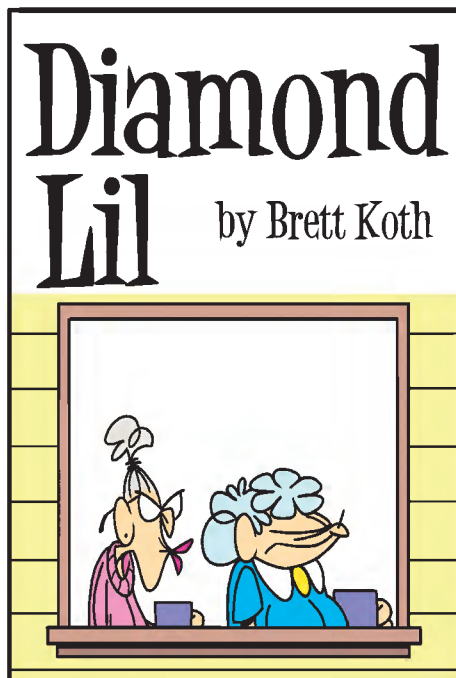
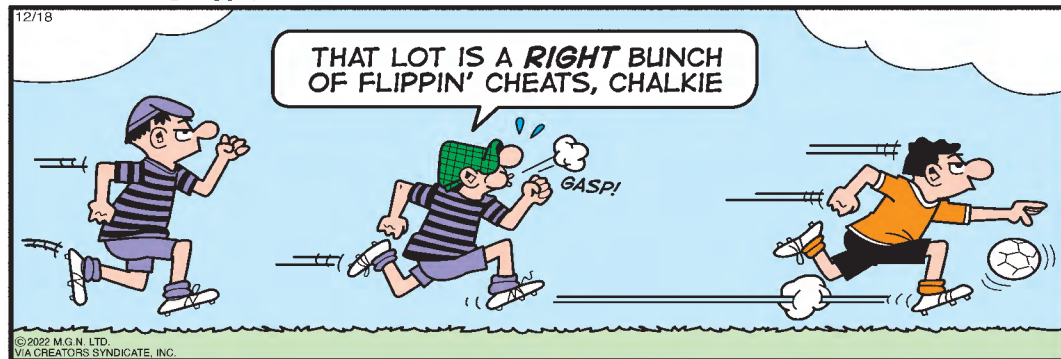


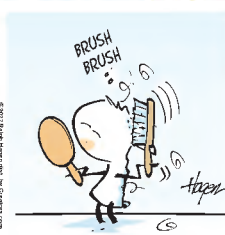
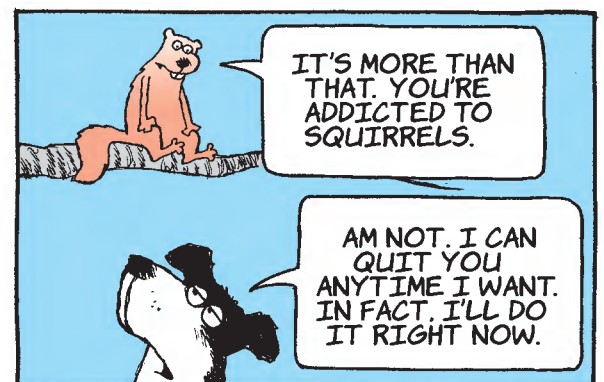
Over 90 people came together for the 13th year to celebrate Thanksgiving Day hosted by St. John Lutheran Church of Townsend on Nov. 24. Pictured are many of the community who attended and enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings, fellowship and a Christian program, rather than spend the time alone.

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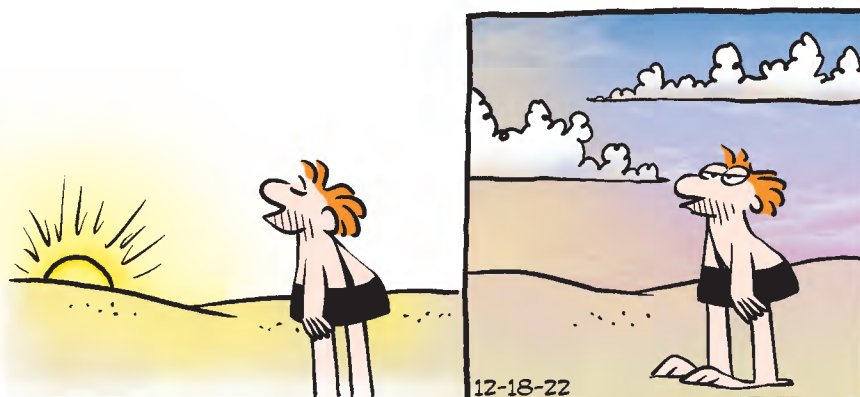
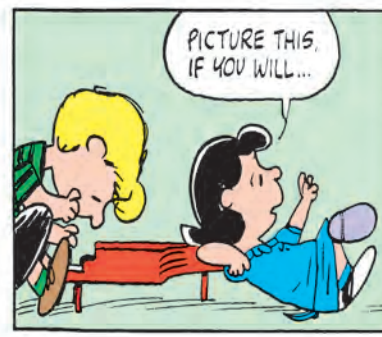
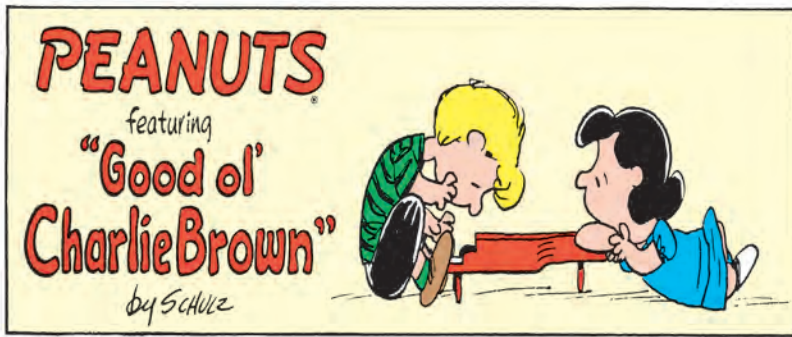
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Juniors: Alaina Blaser, Brianna Brzezinski, Keira Cole, Timothy Cornette, Michaela Crandall, Tyra Galbraith, Anna Jacobs, Madysen Przybylski, Kathryn Raddatz, Josie Saari, Gregory Schiek III, Faith Shamburek, Grace Shamburek, Anna Spaulding, Ashlynn Vanderheyden, Leah Vorpahl, Grayce Wilcox, Allison Yuma

Sophomores: Isabella Heinke, Josie Holtz, Jonathan Moody, Emerich Skarban, Evan Yuma

Freshmen: Emily Elliott, Chase Klimek, Sylvia Krause, Taylor Whiting

HIGH HONORS

Seniors: Ashlyn Allen, Britney Anderson, Sydney Bell, Grant Bouche, Sheree De Vries, Elsie Desterheft, Madeline Devillers, Quinn Eisch, Arthur Estevao Da Silva, Bennett Ferfecki, Grace Ferfecki, Gabriel Genett, Amber Haines, Molly Haines, Carter Hill, Abigail Hugbanks, Ele Jacobs, Ryan Kaminecki, Matthew Kesler, Morgan Kluth, Hailey Kopke, Logan Kramer, Hanna Krejcarek, Lily Kurek, Caden Leonhardt, Tess Maggio, Helen Marquardt, Morgan Miller, Alexander Notz, Ireland Payette, Dawson Przybylski, Kate Pytleski, Ethan Rennie, Gina Sconzert, Kenadee Seidl, Kloeigh Seidl, Aria Slade, Brailyn St Louis, Madison Uelmen, Kody Vorpahl, Sydney Wierzba, Jenna Wilquet, Jesse Zablocki, Julia Zablocki, Brookelyn Zadow

Juniors: Amber Allen, Kennedy Angus, Jackson Burd, Jordan Cole, Sophia Collar, Kiera Danielczak, Joshua Diedrich, Alex Egan, Ana Feliz, Callie Gagnon, Bailee Gorman, Alex Haines, Brynn Hodkiewicz, Elliot Hytinen, Nathaniel Johns, Evelyn Justice, Alexander Kiiskila-Kone, Allison

Kitzman, Antonia Kitzman, Hannah Ludemann, Mya Magnin, Chloe Mahas, Josephine Mills, Grace Molitor, Morgan Moynihan, Emersyn Payette, Samuel Porterfield, Allison Remic, Steven Rhodes Jr., Jesslyn Rose, Abigail Roskom, Ramius Runge, Ellie Sager, Peter Smet, Hannah Sonnenburg, Kyndra Staidl, Summer Stevens, Allyna Timm, Stephanie Vasquez Contreras

Sophomores: Benjamin Adams, Jack Adler, Brielle Behling, Isabelle Blazek, Addison Borst, Cole Bozile, Isaac Bramer, Abigail Budz, Grayson Cahak, Neela Cherry, Hannah Cournoyer, Hailey Delzer, Easton Engel, Luke Gilbertson, Diego Gonzalez, Clara Hanamann, Ava Hodkiewicz, Brooke Hodkiewicz, Arianna Impastato, Hunter Ingram, Erin Jahnke, Aaron Johnson, Jesse Kasal, Dayona Konstanski, Griffin Kopke, Kolten Krueger, Brant Laluzerne, Wyatt Laughrin, Lylia Leja, Madeline Maloney, Miranda Metzler, McKenzie Miller, Taylor Miller, Danica Mommaerts, Amber Otto, Kylee Peterson, Kara Philhower, Orion Posusta, Kaelyn Rakowski, Aiden Reed, Evan Rennie, Addison Santee, Nora Strock, Maci Tucker, Ashlyn Vanderboss, Olivia Wagner, Jady Wleslow, Jessica Wolford, Nicole Woosencraft

Freshmen: Isabella Alsteen, Kaleigh Angus, Chloe Arneson, Anya Baeten, Nicholas Blaser, Trace Brehmer, Anna Burd, Brady Bursa, Hendrix Cheek, Abigail Clausen, Greta Collar, Amelia Danielczak, Madisyn Duncan, Emily Fabry, Ashley Fenlon, Graylynn Gerndt, Laura Gillum, Melanie Healy, Carter Heroux, Ethan Hill, Braden Holl, Megan Kesler, Addison Kluth, Mason Kofoid, Lucy Krause, Alec Krejcarek, Katelyn Kurek, Patience Kussow, Addyson Leja, Delaney McNichols, Bailey Peterson, Natalie Rieth, Riley Roskom, Samuel Sohr, Kylie Thompson, James VanDornick III, Cason Weenig, Julia Weiler, Elijah White, Tyler Zaidel

HONORS

Seniors: Mathew Behnke, Patience

Berceau, Caden Birr, Sage Buhrandt, Devon Dorn, Christopher Freeman, Fernanda Gonzalez, Anne Gottheardt, Faith Gunderson, John Holtger, Mitchell Kallies, Taylor Kollman, Anthony Leurquin, Zachary Moody, Lexia Nelson, Nevaeh Notz, Josephine Peters, Alexander Roberts, Ella Saari, Brooke Senn, Tyler Smits, Allissa Stanek, Luke Trepanier, Kaden VanArk, Alayna VandeYacht, Cy Vizelka, Wyatt Whitehouse

Juniors: Nicholas Allen, Autumn Anderley, Austin Anderson, Grace Aprill, Olivia Betts, Shaun Clarmont II, Connor Coffey, Gabriel Cornelius, Deyton Duncan, Mckenna Duncan, Lillian Hendricks, Lillian Holley, Olivia Hutchinson, Maya Johnson, Allie Kelter, Brandon Kernan, Brianna Krystof, Koa LeFebvre, Pierson O'Connell, Nicholas Rymer, Damian Thomae, Jayden Virtues

Sophomores: Aiden Adema, Addyson Behnke, Jacob Cole, Mason Cole, Payten Debauch, Jayden Dobizl, Jacob Earley, Jeremy Earley, Chairity Genz, Logan Heimerl, Carolyn Hendricks, Haley Huber, Gunar Lade, Teagun Larmay, Gwendolyn Maggio, Zaira Martinez, Jason Mendez, Alexander Milquette, Elijah Moody, Thor Paneitz, Parker Peterson, Layton Rickert, Kady Riel, Ava Salscheider, Mary Schindler, Jacob Sconzert, Hailyn St Louis, Sawyer Steeno, Santana Stimac, Nicholas Trepanier, Fernanda Trevino Hernandez, Destiny VandeVoort

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Seniors: Skyler Hauser

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Michaela L. Gleason, Lenaiah R. Reichert, Abby E. Swartz

Juniors: Carley L. Owen, Elizabeth M. Steuck, Edythe M. Swanke

Sophomores: Kyle A. Brady

Freshmen: Nora Papiernik

Eighth grade: Danika J. Tiller

Seventh grade: Mason Breitenfeldt, Renata E. Nordwig, Mya Smith, Brett Tiller

HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Ryder P. Graham, Madison M. Herres, Asher I. Michaelis, Mckenzie E. Miller

Juniors: Isabella E. Dahlstrom, Samantha Suehring, Jessalyn L. Zimdars

Sophomores: James Schulz, Scott S. Ziemer

Freshmen: Tanner Dent

Eighth grade: Hailey R. Erdmann

B HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Katelyn M. Berry, Tyler J. Dent, Draven X. Harruff, Omarion M. Ramsey

Juniors: Maycee J. Carlson, Mckenzie Hoffman, Ella K. Kryll, Tarja Rostek, Logan Wanta

Sophomores: Sienna J. Breaker, Jessica Burayi, Gabriel J. Dahlstrom, Drake A. Harruff, Rae Ann E. Strehlow, Isabella Zychowicz, Wyatt Zychowicz

Freshmen: Samuel Anheuser, Lily F. Bloecher, Cohen P. Buss, Caleb A. Dahlstrom, Logan L. Drews, Gavin S. Kielblock, Grace A. Laatsch, Aaliyah S. Lederhaus, Margaret Schulz

Eighth grade: Ashley Awe, Cameron J. Carlson, Myah M. Dent, Presley J. Stewart-Rolfs, Michael G. Weisnicht

Seventh grade: Jaelyn Brady, Roselyn N. Lehman, Mylan B. Maas, Friedrich W. Schulz, Finnley P. Swartz

COLLEGE NOTES

St. Norbert College

The Center for Global Engagement (CGE) announced that two St. Norbert College students have been selected to receive Gilman scholarship awards.

Olivia Waschbisch, of Oconto Falls, received a \$4,000 award and will be studying abroad at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy, for the fall 2023 term.

Students selected to receive this award went through a rigorous, competitive application process with the support of their study abroad advisor.

The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International



OLIVIA WASCHBISCH

Scholarship Program awards students up to \$5,000, or up to \$8,000 if they also are recipients of the Gilman Critical Need Language Award, to apply toward their study abroad

or internship program costs. About 1,500 U.S. undergraduate students have been selected nationally to receive Gilman scholarship awards from the October 2022 application cycle.

Milwaukee School of Engineering

Nicholas Sherman, from Shawano, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Honors List for the 2022 fall quarter. Sherman is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

Undergraduate students who have earned a grade-point average of 3.2 or higher (out of 4.0) for this quarter are on the honors list.

UW-Milwaukee

The following individuals are among the 1,890 who received a degree and attended University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee commencement exercises Dec. 18 in Milwaukee:

• Oconto Falls: Madison Pecha, Bachelor of Fine Arts; Taylor Tousey, Bachelor of Business Administration

Milwaukee School of Engineering

Jack Stewart, from Hatley, and Grey Tubutis, from Bonduel, were named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering Dean's List for the 2022 fall quarter. Stewart is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. Tubutis is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering.

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

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

9 child care providers complete pilot program

Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services has announced that nine Oconto County child care providers completed the Healthy Loving Environment program for 2022.

The following providers successfully completed the Healthy Loving Environment Program: Oconto Area Non-Profit Child Care, Oconto; Little Giggles Childcare, Oconto; Jamie's Child Care, Oconto Falls; Sunshine Child Center Inc., Gillett; Play Days, Gillett; Cuddle Bugs Childcare, Abrams; Building Blocks Childcare Center, Sobieski; Country Kids Family Day Care, Pulaski; and Precious Cargo, Pulaski.

There were a total of 30 participants in this pilot program. Carla Ruechel, child care coordinator, and Heather Blum, environmental health professional, collaborated to develop this new program for Oconto County's child care providers.

The six-month program consisted of environmental health topics about toxic substance storage and handling, lead, radon, mercury, air quality, communicable diseases, food safety and integrated pest management. These topics were delivered to the participants once a month for an hour over Zoom.

Continuing education credit was given to each participant. Monthly incentives were given away for attendance with the help of donations from: the Oconto, Oconto Falls, Gillett and Pulaski fire departments; Bellin Health; Newcap; Oconto County Economic Development; Oconto Lions Club; and Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

Due to the success of the pilot program, the Healthy Loving Environment program will continue next year.

Oconto schools honored for public relations

The Oconto Unified School District was recently honored by the Wisconsin School Public Relations Association (WSPRA) with two Spectrum Awards of Excellence and one Spectrum Award of Merit for its work in school communications.

WSPRA presented the Spectrum Awards at its annual conference held Nov. 16-18. Oconto earned two coveted Awards of Excellence for



Tammie LaCount, owner of Country Kids Family Day Care, Pulaski, holds up a sign showing her business has completed Oconto County's Healthy Loving Environment pilot program. CONTRIBUTED

social media Rockstar campaign and newsletter publication (Blue Devils Bulletin) and one Award of Merit for high-quality PR for community outreach as Best in the Awards Category.

Spectrum Awards recognize high-quality public relations efforts produced by or on behalf of Wisconsin school districts. This year, this statewide competition honored more than 40 school districts with awards.

"We are proud to be trendsetters for so many school districts, especially smaller ones," said Anindita Anaam, Oconto schools' communications specialist. "It is a great honor to receive accolades for excellence in outreach and public relations. The recognition just reiterates our commitment in keeping our community informed and celebrating staff and student success."

WSPRA's Spectrum Awards were judged by members of other school public relations associations in 20 states, from New York to California. All entries were judged on a 30-point scale in six areas: goals and objectives, research and planning, execution and evaluation, results,

language and design.

Otradovec named CMN's CFO on permanent basis

George Otradovec has been named chief financial officer of the College of Menominee Nation.

The CMN Board of Directors confirmed President Chris Caldwell's selection of Otradovec as CFO on Nov. 28. This was a lengthy process in which the president was aided by a search committee made up of representatives from staff, faculty and the board.

Otradovec has served as interim chief financial officer since July 2020.

"George has been a great asset to the college and will be a key figure in ensuring consistent day-to-day financial operations and long-term fiscal sustainability," Caldwell said.

Under the direction of the president, the CFO directs and oversees the financial actions of the college.

Over his years of working for the college, Otradovec has served in various positions in the finance area with

gradually increasing responsibilities. This included stepping in during leadership transitions in the finance area. Otradovec is a Menominee veteran and an alumnus of CMN. He is currently in the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh executive Master of Business Administration program.

"I am very appreciative to be given this opportunity to bring my voice and leadership to the College of Menominee Nation, and I look forward to working with President Caldwell in leading the college into a more dynamic and prosperous future," Otradovec said.



George Otradovec has been serving as the interim chief financial officer for the College of Menominee Nation since 2020, and he was recently appointed to the post permanently. CONTRIBUTED



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by Billie Truitt

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