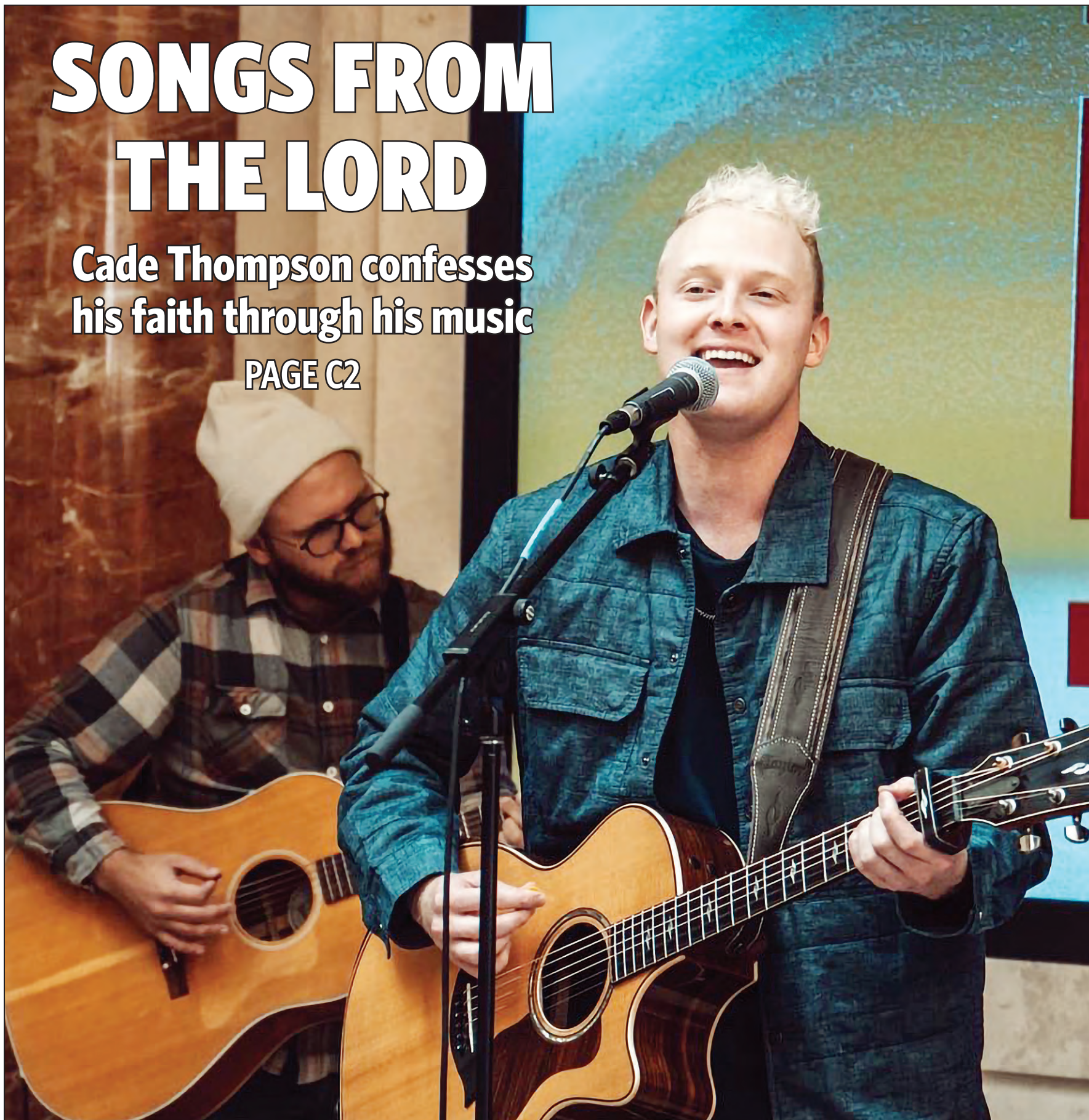




SONGS FROM THE LORD

Cade Thompson confesses
his faith through his music

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Cade Thompson, shown in a performance in 2022, will bring his contemporary Christian music ministry to Sacred Heart Catholic School on Feb. 3 for a private concert in celebration of National Catholic Schools Week.

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Music keeps singer grounded with God

Cade Thompson to perform at Sacred Heart in February, inspire others to keep faith

Anyone curious about how deep Cade Thompson's relationship with God goes can find out with the latest single he released on Jan. 20, titled "Empty Room."

That song, along many of the other ones that the contemporary Christian music artist has in his repertoire, will be performed in a private concert Feb. 3 at Sacred Heart Catholic School in celebration of National Catholic Schools Week. Thompson will be making a return trip to Wisconsin later in the month as he performs at the Grand Theater, 401 N. Fourth St., Wausau, at 7 p.m. Feb. 26.

For Thompson, the music is more than his passion. It's his ministry.

Thompson spent his early years in Missouri, and he recalled how the church was very much his world.

"I grew up listening to Christian radio and Christian music, and I think, at an early age, I saw the power of Christian music," Thompson said. "At a young age, it was putting these truths into my life and pointing me to Jesus where I really came to know Him and my faith became real."

Thompson became active in his youth worship team during his middle school years, which helped set his mind toward music as a ministry. He noted that music alone can be powerful, but using it in league with preaching the Gospel can lead to life changes.

"I just started to write songs out of scripture, and I had no idea what I was doing," Thompson said. "I was just trying to stay faithful in those moments, and I saw later that those songs could touch people in a very special way. That's what led me to write music, and that's what led me to write Christmas music, specifically."

He added that he never takes it for granted when he steps onto a stage or interacts with an audience.

Thompson described his music as an "upbeat, energetic style" and he tries to use the stories of his life to explain that God is everywhere.

"I have had the awesome opportunity to be touring and traveling since I was 16 years old," Thompson said. "Therefore, I've gotten to meet a lot of people and heard a lot of different stories. That's what really inspires the music I make, seeing how God is in the middle of it all. That's why I'm excited to be with my friends in Wisconsin to share those stories."

"Sometimes you just need that extra push to know that you're making an

impact out there. Every night, it seems like there's a new story about how God is working, and that's how I keep on going."

There can be different energy in different settings, according to Thompson, like what kind of reaction he'll get from Sacred Heart students versus the audience when he visits Wausau a few weeks later.

"I believe every venue is so special and something that's so near and dear to my heart," Thompson said. "I was raised in a public school setting, and I saw the power of being a light to my friends."

In "Empty Room," Thompson talks about how God takes the emptiness and turns it into a "holy place" where he can be inspired to create. He notes that the "stage and lights" was not the ultimate goal of his Lord, but that his heart was made good by his work.

"It's a really special song about getting back to being a special place with God," Thompson said. "Me and my middle school years, writing music in my empty room, shaped a lot of my heartbeat that led me into my high school years, where I found my foundation to be a light that led me to moving to Nashville, Tennessee, when I was 18 years old and signing a record deal. It started me with in the empty room."

Thompson signed a deal in 2019 with Red Street Records, an independent label founded by Jay Marcus, one of the members of Rascal Flatts. In February 2020, he was on a roll with his first single, "Provider," and starting to tour before the COVID-19 pandemic brought the dream to a halt.

"It was pretty wild," Thompson said. "I was writing a lot of songs, and I was so excited when I put my first song out to radio in February 2020. I had no idea, of course, that a month later COVID would hit. It was wild to be touring and then, in a moment, everything stops."

Thompson said he went back home for a few months to regroup, but it wasn't long before he was back in Nashville, finishing up his debut record, "Bigger Story," which came out in September 2021. That album includes the song "Every Step of the Way," which earned Thompson his first Top 20 Billboard single.

"It's really special because a lot of the songs on that first record I had written in 2019 before the pandemic, and I never knew that I would need some of those messages personally ...

during those dark times."

Thompson is working on his second album, which will be coming out April 14, and that will include "Empty Room" and several other singles he has released recently.

The up-and-coming singer-songwriter has high hopes for the future now that the dark times of the pandemic seem very far behind.

"I really hope to be part of the next wave of Christian music," Thompson said. "I hope to be someone who can reach people in the future the way others reached me at a young age. Wherever the Lord takes me, I'm ready."

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The cast of "White Christmas" gathers onstage at the Nancy Byng Community Theater in Abrams. Abrams Spotlight Productions presented nine sold-out shows of "White Christmas" in December and is gearing up for its 20th season, starting with "Gypsy" March 16-19 and March 23-26.

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Abrams theater announces 20th season

Theater trying to increase sponsors to raise \$30K for roof renovation project

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. will present two musicals and an original comedy in its 20th anniversary season.

The ASPI season opens with the musical "Gypsy" March 16-19 and March 23-26. "Gypsy" is the tale of an ambitious stage mother fighting for her daughters' success, while secretly yearning for her own. Tickets are on sale now at www.abramstheater.com or by calling the box office, 920-826-5852.

ASPI also seeks volunteers to construct sets, sew costumes, work backstage and fulfill other roles. To volunteer, contact the box office.

"Lustful Youth," a two-act comedy written by Mike Eserkahn, will be performed June 8-11 and June 15-18. A fast-paced farce, "Lustful Youth" tells the story of a television statistician who is contractually obligated to write an evening soap opera. With the help of his muse, he pieces together an out-of-control romp known as "Lustful Youth." Eserkahn, the artistic director of Comedy City in De Pere, is an ASPI performer and director.

In the final show of 2023, youth will be the featured performers in the musical "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.," scheduled Nov. 30, Dec. 1-3 and

Dec. 7-10. The show takes the audience on a fantastic musical adventure with a magical car.

Season tickets for the 2023 shows are now available at www.abramstheater.com or 920-826-5852. All performances take place at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Abrams.

ASPI has an exciting goal for its 20th season. By the end of 2023, ASPI seeks to obtain 100 new Spotlight Sponsors: Silver (\$100), Gold (\$250), Platinum (\$500), or Corporate (\$950 per show). With the help of its sponsors, the theater hopes to raise over \$30,000 for a new roof for its facility,

a 100-year-old former church.

All sponsors receive early access to tickets and recognition in show programs. Gold and Platinum sponsors receive two or four tickets, respectively, to each show. To become a Spotlight Sponsor with a tax-deductible donation, visit www.abramstheater.com and click "Support."

Formerly St. Louis Catholic Church, the theater is available for community events, family gatherings, and weddings. For information, call 920-826-5852, email theater.aspi@gmail.com or visit www.abramsspotlightproductions.com.

Pileated woodpecker enlivens winter landscape

Our suet feeder has a new guest, a pileated woodpecker. This is a surprise as we normally see and hear this bird working away at our old apple tree or one of the nearby utility poles and filling the yard with its determined drilling as it chisels away at old wood.

The bird cuts a dashing figure with its bright red crest and three white stripes on its neck that set off the black feathers of its wings and back. The male has a red cheek stripe which the female lacks. This woodpecker is large, nearly the size of a crow,



CATHY CARNES

hard to miss if it is in your neighborhood.

According to "What's it Like to Be a Bird" by David Allen Sibley, these woodpeckers are engineered for a life of climbing, drilling and probing to find food in old trees. You've likely seen the long, rectangular holes carved by this woodpecker. Its excavations are made by strong blows from its stout bill delivered by a long flexible neck that puts real force into the drilling — think about wielding a hammer to pound a stubborn nail.

The toes, arranged with two facing forward and two back, allow it to tightly grip tree bark. Its stiff tail acts as a prop, holding its body out from the tree trunk. Those tree-burrowing insects haven't much of a chance when pursued by this well-equipped woodpecker.

While its long, stout bill is an excellent excavating tool, its very long and flexible tongue is what's used to seek out and procure food. The tip of the tongue is barbed, sticky and so flexible that it can follow twisting tunnels in which it traps prey against the walls and pries them from their hiding places deep within the tree.

According to the The Cornell Lab All About Birds (AAB) website, the pileated woodpecker's favored meal is carpenter ants. They also eat other ants, beetle larvae, termites, flies, spruce budworm, caterpillars, cockroaches and grasshoppers. Wild fruits and nuts are on their menu when available including hackberries, blackberries, sumac berries, poison ivy, holly, dogwood, crabapples and elderberry. Occasionally, they



A female pileated woodpecker, identifiable by not having a red stripe on its cheek, is shown excavating a cavity in search of insects in a mature tree in Manitowoc.

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We love hearing the call of the pileated woodpecker — its loud, high wuk-wuk-wuk notes rise in pitch and speed, then quickly fade to a sudden stop. According to the AAB website, this call indicates alarm or can draw attention to a territorial boundary. We're happy to think that our yard may be part of a well-guarded pileated woodpecker territory.

In addition to hearing their calls, you may also hear their drumming. According to Sibley, woodpeckers drum on trees to communicate. The pileated's slow, rolling drumming lasts about 3 seconds. In late winter, males drum to establish and defend a territory. Both sexes drum as part of their courtship rituals and either sex may drum to solicit mating, to call a mate or when there is an intruder near a nest. Listen for the drumming come late winter and spring.

According to the AAB website, pileated woodpecker pairs are faithful, staying together on their territory all year-round. They typically excavate their nest cavity in large dead trees. The entrance is rectangular in shape and the cavity from 10-24 inches deep and lined with wood chips, making a secure, cozy home for the one brood of three to five young they raise per year.

Pileated woodpeckers can be found year-round in most of the eastern United States, southern Canada, the Rocky Mountains of Idaho and in some of the Pacific Northwest. They inhabit a variety of mature deciduous or mixed deciduous woodlands across the country — including the majestic western hemlock stands of the Northwest, beech and maple forests of New England and cypress swamps of the Southeast. They also make their homes in woodland patches and large trees found in and around sub-

urban areas, habitats present in many of our neighborhoods.

Alan Haney in his book, "Jewels of Nature," likens the Midwest population of pileated woodpeckers to that of our forest history. The pileated became rare with the logging of the forest in the early 1900s, but then populations expanded as the forest recovered. Their numbers have increased by a factor of four since the 1960s and continue to increase, making it all the more likely that some will be living near you.

Listen and watch for the pileated woodpecker; they add a dash of color and awe to gray wintry days and are a joy to hear and see.

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Field Office and, prior to that, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch in Buffalo, New York. As endangered species coordinator for the USFWS, she helped conserve and recover federally listed threatened and endangered species in Wisconsin.

Power of 'yes' rakes in dough for library

After writing two acknowledgment letters for big donations to the Lakes Country Public Library Building Fund, I realized that the bulk of my time this past year has been spent in pursuit of money. Not personal income — money needed to renovate and expand Lakewood Library. How on earth did this happen? I'm supposed to be retired, relaxing in a rocking chair.

Now agreeing to be the point person on fundraising for the library project was not a hasty decision. Raising at least \$800,000 would definitely be a formidable challenge. Should I? Could I? What if I failed? Maybe I should just say no. When I dither like this, asking the Almighty for a direct answer is not my style. Nope, I ask for a sign.

A few days later, I made a wrong move while picking apples and fell. Hard. My head bounced off a rock. I lay there dazed for a minute. Gingerly checking myself, I concluded I wasn't badly hurt. I got up slowly and made my way to the house, fetching an ice pack for the rising bump on the back of my head. I took an ibuprofen and watched for signs of a concussion. A few days passed; the pain and bump subsided. I rejoiced; I was one lucky lady. I pondered, was that the sign? Had God spared me because...? It sure seemed like it. I said yes, fired up my PC and



KATHLEEN MARSH

got to work. People scoffed; it wasn't possible to raise that kind of money in northern Oconto County. Had I known the price tag would double, I would never have said yes, but we don't know what we don't know. By the time the guess-timate came in, I was all in. The process includes long meetings that challenge the backside, phone calls that last until your ear goes numb, interminable hours on the computer and crushing disappointments when you get a no.

A project this big requires big money, typically in the form of government funding or foundation grants. I started there. At first, it did not go well. Out of the gate, there were two smaller nos, then the big one. Oconto County Board denied our request for ARPA funds. That was a very dark day. I called my daughter, choking back tears.

"I can't do this, Jina. I've let everyone down."

She listened as I vented, then shared a piece of great advice: "Mom, they didn't say no; they just didn't say yes — yet." Next came

the admonition I used on her when things didn't go her way — pick yourself up, dust yourself off and start all over again. Four trips to Oconto later with my building expansion committee co-chair, Tom Thielke, the board said yes to a \$300,000 ARPA grant.

It's true; success breeds success. We got sizable grants from the Bond Foundation, WPS and the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation. We doubled a \$10,000 match, then \$20,000, and have a new \$15,000 one going. Private donations ranging from \$5 to \$10,000 have come in each week since May. The largest was our Christmas miracle. Sen. Tammy Baldwin notified us we would receive \$500,000 in federal funding.

Yes! We haven't scored the touchdown yet, but we're in the red zone.

Every contribution counts, even the coins deposited in our donation box by the little ones who come to story time, but there is one that especially touched my heart. I promised to keep the donor anonymous so I'll call her Starr.

Starr is a bright, serious young woman who works at a busy retail establishment where customers need purchases delivered just right. Her schedule varies; she earns \$20 an hour. She told me that due to

sensory processing difficulties, she needs a quiet, comfortable, secure place to read, study, learn; you know, a place like a library. When Starr said she was donating \$5,000, I was speechless, which my husband, Jon, will tell you doesn't happen all that often.

I asked if she was serious.

"Yes," she replied. "The only stipulation is that you use the money to furnish and equip one of the new study rooms for people with sensory issues."

I told her we could make that happen, then asked if she'd be willing to serve as a consultant. "Yes!" Starr exclaimed, clearly experiencing the joy that comes from doing something extraordinary to help others.

I've always been told, "Give until it hurts." That's fine, but why not be like Starr? Whatever the charity or cause, give until it helps. Just say yes.

Want to learn more? Visit lakes-countrylibrary.org. To contribute, send a check to LCPL-BEC, 15235 State Highway 32, P.O. Box 220, Lakewood, WI 54138. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated.

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.

COLLEGE NOTES

Southern New Hampshire University

Logan Klein, of Lena, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's fall 2022 president's list.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a grade-point average of 3.7 or above for the reporting term are named to the president's list.

Marquette University

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

- Bonduel: Brianna Mott
- Cecil: Jared Wondra
- Shawano: Autumn Gull
- Sobieski: Taylor Williquette

To make the dean's list, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the fall 2022 semester and have no disqualifying grades.

Upper Iowa University

Upper Iowa University has announced Isabelle Bergsbaken, of Oconto, has made the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester.

To be honored, the undergraduate must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade-point average and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Harding University

Nicole Thornock, of Shawano, is one of more than 400 students who received diplomas and were recognized as Harding University graduates for fall 2022 during a commencement ceremony on Dec. 17, 2022.

Thornock received a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Western Technical College

The following local residents were named to the Western Technical College president's list of high

distinction for the fall 2022 term.

Shawano: Rebecca Charles

Pulaski: Chase Reinke

Oconto Falls: Elizabeth Ausloos

To be included on the president's list, students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and carry six or more credits in an associate's degree or technical diploma program.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Students were named to Wisconsin Lutheran College's dean's list for the fall 2022 semester.

Pulaski: Kara Troxel, Connor Heezen, Trevor Stiede

Bonduel: Leah Schmidt

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must carry a semester grade-point average of 3.6 or higher.

University of Iowa

Lilie Wainio, of Pulaski, and Neely

Goerlinger, of Clintonville, were named to the University of Iowa dean's list for the 2022 fall semester.

Students who achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of graded coursework during a given semester and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list.

Northern Illinois University

Northern Illinois University has announced its fall 2022 dean's list. Hailey Kofoid and Hannah Kofoid, of Oconto Falls, made the list.

To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences or Visual and Performing Arts.

Shotgun brings home turkeys, tragedy

It was the most difficult gun I've ever cleaned.

Now, I've probably cleaned guns 5,000 times over the years, and it's never a fun task, but most of the time, it's just tedious, not difficult.

The only problem I had was removing the barrel of the 20 gauge Browning Gold Hunter, a semi-auto camouflage shotgun owned by a friend. I went to YouTube and quickly found that I was doing everything right, but just needed to work it out of the receiver.

The difficult part was removing the gun from the case and getting up the courage to look at it in the first place.

This shotgun, once shared by a father and son during many happy and even humorous turkey hunts, was last used by the son to take his own life.

After the funeral, the boy's father — an acquaintance who is married to one of my wife's best friends — pulled me aside and asked if I would be willing to clean the gun for him. I said sure, although I was not certain I would be able to do what I promised.

Originally, the plan was for me to retrieve the gun from the police department that was holding it. The 26-year-old boy lived alone, and of course, the police had to investigate the suicide, retaining the gun as part of their case.

Dad was able to get the gun from the police station. It was in a case when I picked it up from him.

The gun sat in a corner of the



ROSS BIELEMA

even the bore was shiny and showed no powder residue. Dad didn't ask the police about the gun's condition, and I certainly didn't ask him.

The process of getting up the courage to wipe down and lubricate this infamous but otherwise ordinary looking hunting tool was doubly difficult for another reason. In 2012, one of my best friends took his own life with a .38-caliber revolver. I wasn't aware of his past history of suicide attempts, although I did know he was going through a divorce and hadn't seen his youngest son in nearly a year. His family asked if I wanted the gun and I said no.

Craig Johnson was a classmate who had grown up with me in my small hometown. At one time, I had been a bully to him and in later years, regretted it. We came to be great friends, taking trips together and sharing a few deer hunting adventures in Wisconsin. Craig was never a hunter, but he did get a non-resident license one year. When he went to the van for a break less than two

kitchen for days. I didn't know what I would find when I opened the case and was relieved to find no evidence of its horrific last use. I suspect the police had cleaned the gun, because

hours after legal shooting time started, I shot a nice doe. I still remember him looking at that still-warm doe, thumping on her neck like it was a prize horse and saying, "That's a beauty!" It was a special moment.

Craig was a brilliant metallurgical engineer who helped run his own metal fabrication plant with his two brothers. He loved science fiction, and I remember him breathlessly telling me about this new movie coming out that was sort of a cops-and-robbers-in-space tale called "Star Wars."

I sat next to him in the theater, watching laser cannon barrels moving in and out amid the now world-renowned sound effects during one of the battle scenes. "Lasers don't have recoil," he whispered as I stuffed popcorn in my mouth. "And there's no sound in space because there's no oxygen."

Thanks, Craig.

I told that story at his funeral.

Guns often get a bad rap for "causing" crimes and death. Someone recently coined the terms "gun deaths" and "gun crimes." Of course, we never say, "car deaths" or "alcohol deaths." According to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 45,979 suicides in 2020 and firearms were used in 24,292 of those cases. I certainly don't blame the gun, but it is an efficient and more certain way to kill something, whether you are saving a life or taking your own life.

What we need to do is start having a dialogue about suicide. The pan-

demic and some of our government's responses to it have created a generation of fearful, confused and, in some cases, unstable young people. Masking, isolation and "social distancing" for school-aged kids has now been seen to have been the absolute worst way to deal with a virus that largely ignored those under age 20.

I was grateful to hear the minister discuss suicide frankly at the young man's funeral, offering suggestions to watch for it and where to go for help. Sadly, those most hurting often don't speak up and ask for help. It's our job to not only watch for it, but look for it. Ask questions of those you love and get involved in their lives. Watch for triggering events, such as an injury, a broken relationship, money problems and the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

The quick help for anyone is to dial 988, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. www.suicide.org offers a list of state suicide support groups, including Survivors of Suicide in Shawano.

Guns have almost always represented happy memories for me, but they can be misused. The best thing you can do is to keep your guns locked up or otherwise out of the reach of children and anyone who is despondent. It takes only seconds to lock up your firearms, but it could save the life of a loved one.

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"I was grateful to hear the minister discuss suicide frankly at the young man's funeral, offering suggestions to watch for it and where to go for help."

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Puffy coats can be dangerous in car seats

Puffy coats may be a well-insulated option for warmth, but they can also pose as a safety hazard for little ones in car seats. Aspirus Health wants to help parents and caregivers learn how to bundle and buckle their kids up safely this winter.

According to Safe Kids Wisconsin, a puffy coat adds 4 inches of slack to car seat harness straps. The extra padding might feel snug to the child when they're tightly



AMANDA TABIN

between keeping little ones warm

buckled in, but the extra material will compress in a crash and loosen the harness, which greatly increases the risk of injury to the child.

"The trick is to find the perfect balance between keeping little ones warm

and safe in their car seats," said Amanda Tabin, Safe Kids and injury prevention coordinator at Aspirus Health. "Consider dressing them in thin layers, hats, mittens, socks or boots, and using the coat or a blanket over the straps of the car seat."

Try Safe Kids Wisconsin's simple coat check to ensure your car seat is secure and there is nothing bulky between the child and the straps:

- Put the coat on the child.
- Sit them in the car seat. Buckle

and tighten the harness.

- Without loosening the harness, unbuckle it and remove the child from the car seat.

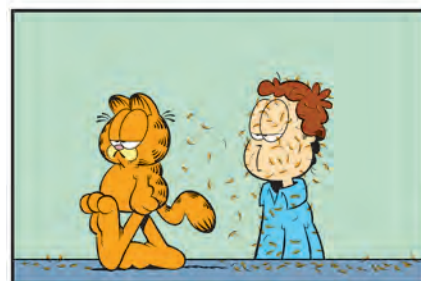
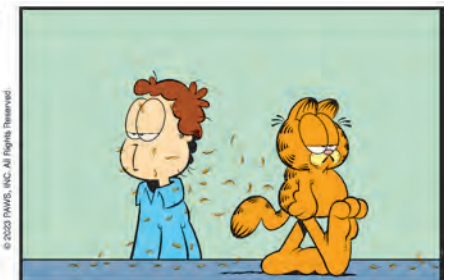
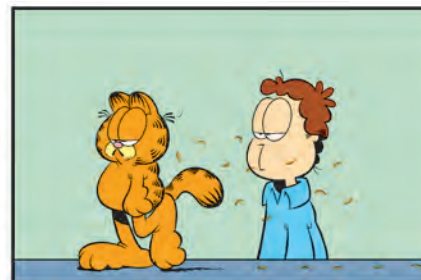
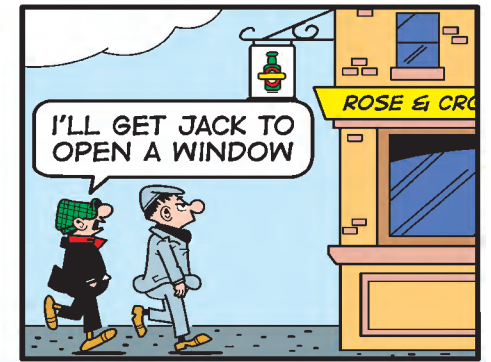
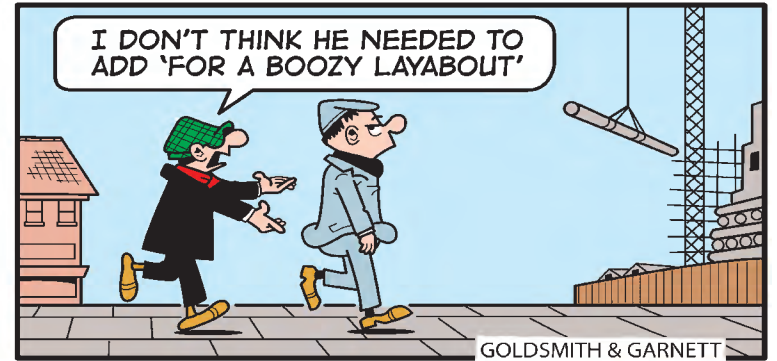
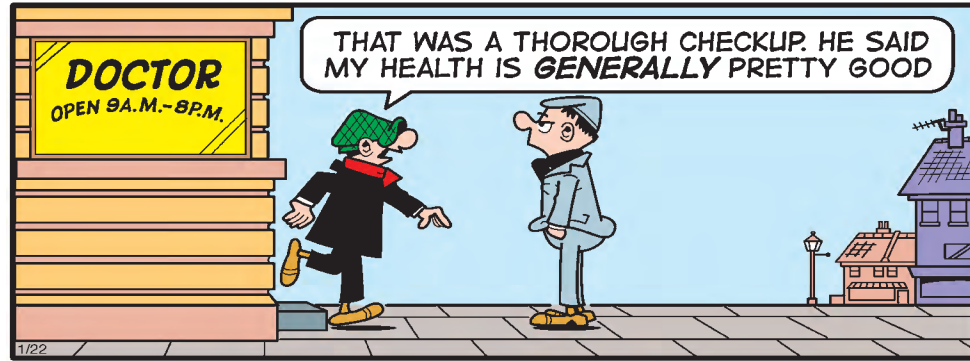
- Take the coat off.

- Strap your child back into the car seat without adjusting the straps. If the harness is too loose, the coat is too thick to wear under the harness.

For information about keeping children safe in the car, visit www.aspirus.org/passenger-safety.

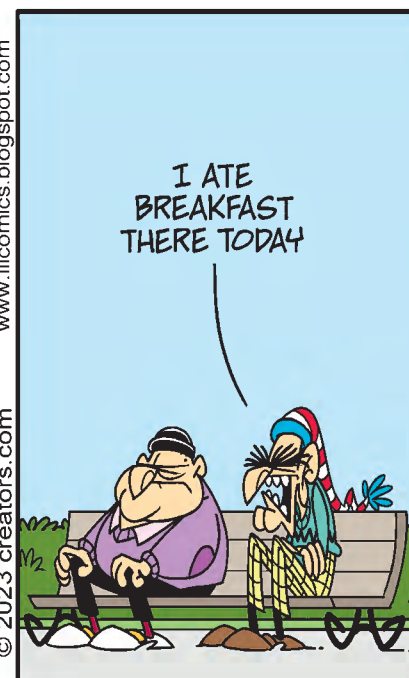
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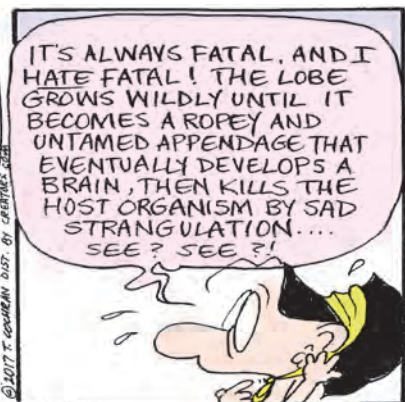
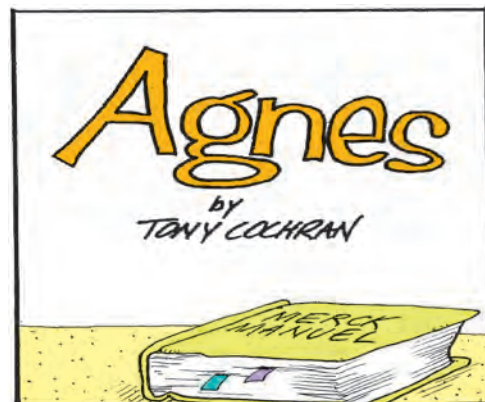
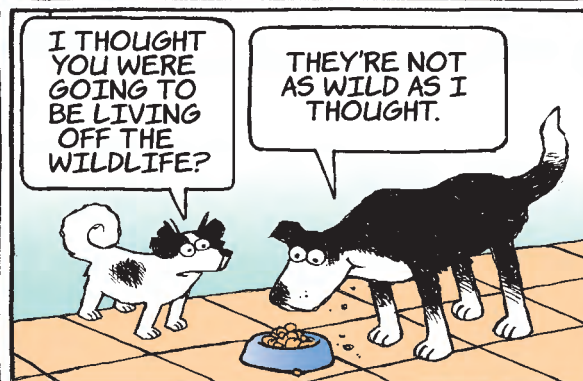
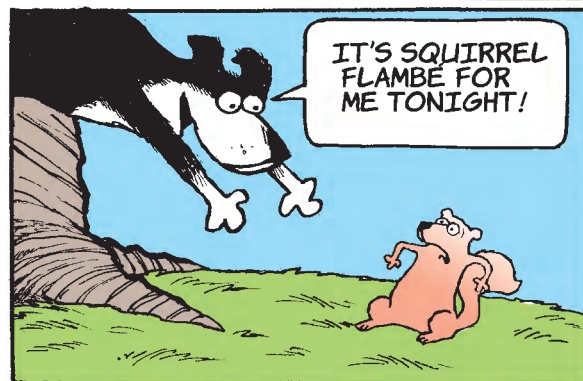
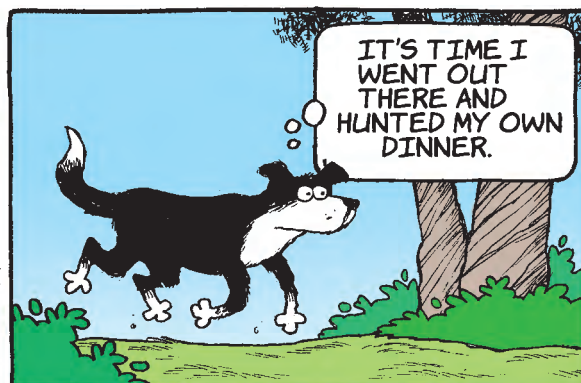
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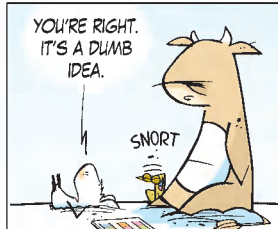
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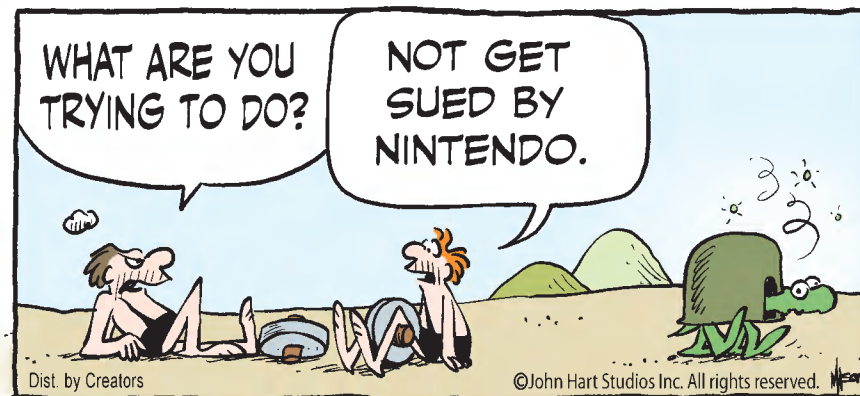
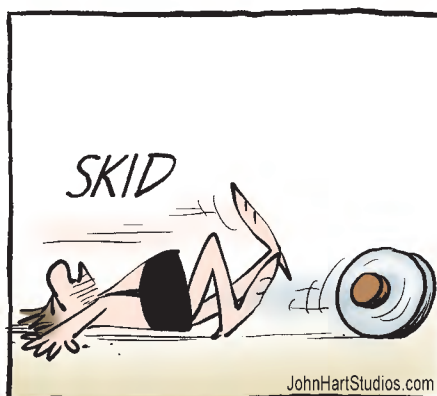
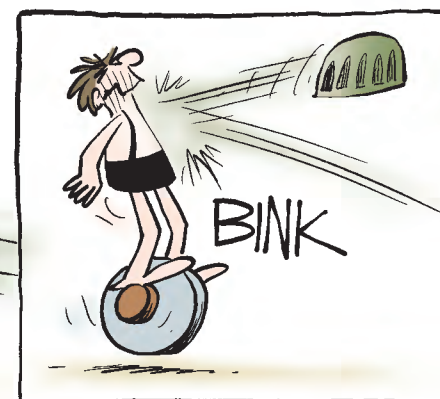
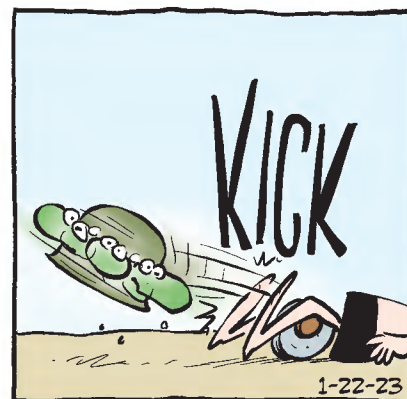
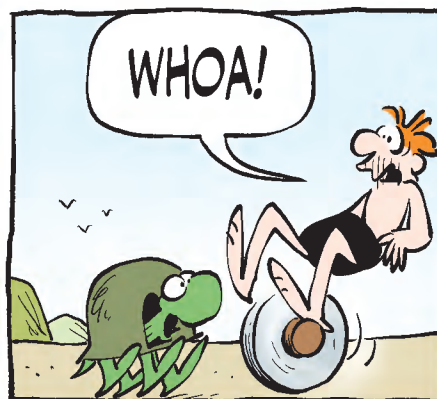
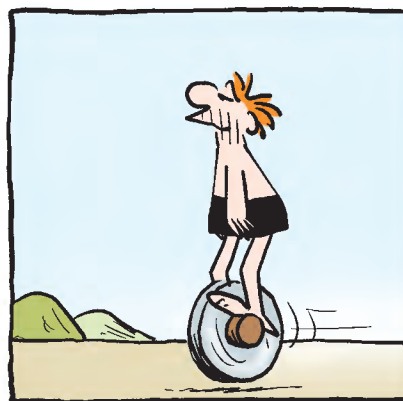


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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

'Lady in Black' topic for Oconto speakers series

The Oconto County Historical Society will present "The Lady in Black" in its monthly speaker series program on Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 915 Park Ave., Oconto.

This true story has elements of mystery, suspense. Intrigue, romance and the ever familiar love triangle. The story centers around Rose Sharp, owner of the Enquirer, an Oconto newspaper, and the assault of Patrick Lynch, by a woman wearing a black fascinator or veil. The events unfold, finding Sharp accused, arrested and brought to trial. The outcome of the trial will be revealed at the program.

"The Lady in Black" is based upon material from the newspapers of the day, and put in a scrapbook by Lulu Sissons, of Oconto. Hugh Murphy read the articles in the scrapbook with great interest. Murphy gave the scrapbook to attorney James Martineau. After reading the material in the scrapbook, Martineau edited it from a lawyer's standpoint, and then passed the material back to Murphy, with a suggestion to make it into a story.

Murphy wrote "The Lady in Black," and the story appeared in installments in the Oconto County Reporter in 1965. In 1969, Duane Eberft adapted the story into the version that will be presented.

Program presenters will be Susie Groll, Loreli Dickinson, Kitty Werner, Peter Stark and Bob Klozotsky.

The program is free. Light refreshments will be served.

Wild game banquet coming to Oconto Falls

Hillside Assembly will be holding its annual wild game banquet Jan. 28 at Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

The dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. with the featured seminar speaker, James VanSteenhouse, also known as "The Bear Man," at 6:30 p.m. The doors open at 4 p.m.

Anyone who arrives at 4 p.m. can tour the gym and see the display of replicas of huge white tail deer. This year, Western Mounts including grizzly bear, elk and moose will be featured. New this year will be a youth Nerf gun range from 4-5:30 p.m.

VanSteenhouse, a retired CEO of Interline Mortgage Services LLC, is an avid archery hunter around



Susie Groll, who will be one of the presenters for "The Lady in Black" at the next Oconto County Historical Society presentation Feb. 2, portrays Oconto newspaper owner Rose Sharp at a previous event next to Sharp's cemetery headstone.

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the world. He grew up on a farm in Michigan, hunting with a shotgun and rifle. In September 2015, he was attacked by a grizzly while on an archery moose hunt, and it changed his life forever.

Canned goods are being accepted for the local food pantry. For information, call 920-855-2962 or go to www.hillsideassembly.com.

Webinar series to look at topics about forage

Focus on Forage is a free, 4-part webinar series being offered by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension.

The four sessions in the series will highlight research-based information and on-farm strategies to optimize forage yield, quality, and profitability in Wisconsin. The series is presented live every other Wednesday in February and March, from 12:30-2 p.m.

The four Focus on Forage topics are:

Feb. 1: Corn Silage, featuring disease management, optimizing corn silage economics, as well as corn

silage budget projections for 2023.

Feb. 15: Alfalfa, featuring herbicides' effect on stand establishment, pest management, fertility management, and the 2022 results of the Wisconsin Alfalfa Yield and Persistence project.

March 1: Alternative Forages and Pastures, with presentations on nitrogen decision-making, pasture management and renovation, and optimum utilization of alternative forages in beef production.

March 15: Forage Storage Management, will feature inoculant decision-making, hay storage, baleage inoculant study results, and silage management.

Registration is required prior to the webinar of choice, at <https://extension.wisc.edu> or search for "Wisconsin Extension Agriculture Virtual Education". You can register for any, or all four, of the Focus on Forage events there. After registering, a zoom link will be emailed to registrants.

For information, contact Scott Reuss at 715-732-7510 or scott.reuss@wisc.edu.

Ambrosius hired for Shawano's Bank First

Bank First has announced the addition of David Ambrosius to its team.

Ambrosius recently joined Bank



DAVID AMBROSIOUS

First as a retail banker with over six years of mortgage lending experience. In his new role, Ambrosius will be responsible for developing new and enhancing existing retail banking relationships in the bank's Shawano market.

Ambrosius is active in the community and serves as the head boys basketball coach at Shawano Community High School. He graduated from St. Norbert College with a bachelor's degree in business administration and management. Ambrosius lives in Shawano and, during his free time, enjoys playing golf and spending time outdoors.

Family donates books to Lakewood library

To help raise awareness about the 11 Native American tribal groups that call Wisconsin home, Mountain residents Ted Hughes and Carol Lee Saffioti-Hughes recently donated books to the Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood.

Their contribution was made to honor the memory of their daughter and sibling, Autumn Grace Hughes, who died in a tragic car accident.

"Grace was only 2 at the time, but she was already a lover of books and being read to," said Ted Hughes. "We want to bring that enthusiasm for learning via the printed word to other children."

The Hughes are consulting with library director Katie Essermann to help build a collection, keeping with the spirit of Act 31, which mandates teaching accurate information about Wisconsin tribes, their past, present, and future. Previously, the Hughes helped Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in purchasing books and other learning materials. After retiring in Mountain, they decided to continue to bring their quest to make relevant learning materials about Native Americans more readily accessible.

"These books are available for parents and other adult readers, children, and young adults," said Carol Lee Saffioti-Hughes. They have often been written by tribal members and are grouped by grade level so that appropriate choices can be made. In addition, teachers may find that some of these books, though not readily available with tight school budgets, can be used in the classroom."

For information or to contribute, contact library director Katie Essermann at www.lakescountrylibrary.org or visit www.wisconsinfirstnations.org.

NWTC starts Shawano scholarship fund program

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College has launched a long-term scholarship endowment available to residents of the greater Shawano area.

The scholarship endowment is created by donations through the NWTC Foundation. Through every donation, the invested earnings will be used to provide an annual scholarship fund, creating ongoing aid to greater Shawano area residents. For example, if the foundation receives \$2 million in donations, \$100,000 of that will be awarded in scholarships annually.

"We are excited for this truly unique opportunity to provide a



Carol Lee Saffioti-Hughes, left, of Mountain, stands with Lakes Country Public Library director Katie Essermann as they hold some of the books about Native Americans that Saffioti-Hughes and her husband recently donated to the library.

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permanent legacy for generations to come," said Crystal Harrison, director of the NWTC Foundation. "This endowment is designed to change the lives of the Shawano community where every dollar stays local."

The scholarship endowment is available to all current and prospective students residing in the greater Shawano area. Qualifying applicants facing financial and economic barriers are encouraged to apply. The scholarship endowment currently has more than \$150,000 in pledged donations.

"NWTC is part of this community, and we want to create access to higher education and pathways to high-paying careers in the Shawano area for generations to come," said Jeanie Otto, regional manager of NWTC campuses in Shawano and Oconto Falls. "This scholarship endowment helps us to ensure that is possible."

For information or to donate, visit www.nwtc.edu/give.

Student writing contest opens up for entries

Shawano Area Writers has announced that the 17th George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest is now open for entries. All students, first

grade through high school, who live or go to school in either Shawano or Menominee counties are welcome to submit entries in fiction, non-fiction, and poetry categories.

Students compete for a chance to win a cash prize and a certificate of achievement. There is no charge for entries, and students can submit as many entries as they would like. The contest deadline is April 3. All entries are judged by an independent panel of writers.

Through the years Shawano Area Writers, a nonprofit organization, has given away thousands of dollars to winning student writers. A couple of years ago, the group also began giving out a \$2,000 scholarship for a graduating senior.

For information about the writing contest and scholarship program, go to www.shawanoareawriters.org or call John Mutter Jr. at 715-524-4520.

Shawano library gets East Asia books grant

The Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has announced that Shawano Public Library is one of the winners of the recent East Asia in Wis-

consin Library Program competition.

Grants have been awarded to public libraries throughout Wisconsin, enriching their collections with new titles that will enable patrons to deepen their understanding of East Asia — which includes China, Japan and Korea. Over \$14,000 in funding will be distributed to 19 libraries, representing 10 of the state's 14 library systems.

This is the third year of the competition, which generated a wide variety of programming when it was launched in 2020.

"This program started out as a way to make use of our federal grant in the midst of a pandemic," said Laurie Dennis, assistant director for CEAS. "When everything else shut down, libraries found ways to keep serving their communities, and so we were able to continue to provide resources and spread knowledge about East Asia through the East Asia in Wisconsin Library Program. Now the program has become an integral part of our center's mission, and we look forward each fall to reading the proposals from Wisconsin librarians."

Glime receives Lena Lions Club award

Russ Glime was presented the Lion of the Year Award for 2022 at the Lena Lions Club's January meeting.

The award is in appreciation for all Glime does for the club and the



RUSS GLIME

community. He was born and raised in Lena and graduated from Lena High School. He earned an associate degree in civil technology from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. He worked as an

engineering specialist for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for over 35 years.

Glime has been a member of the Lena Lions for 10 years, where he has served as secretary, dairy fest dual chairman, fish fry chairman and raffle chairman.

Glime is a 15-year member of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Glime has also been a member of the Lena Knights of Columbus for eight years, where he has served as grand knight, deputy grand knight and recorder.

Glime is a father to three sons and has grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, playing cards, telling jokes, following his grandchildren's activities and spending time with family.



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15 Some farm machines
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30 "... to please"
32 Hunk of bacon
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44 In years past
45 Chicken portion
47 More reasonable
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58 Far from enjoyable
61 Set of furniture
64 Armour's Spam rival
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