

THE MAGIC OF 'MATILDA'

**Musical about girl with curious
powers hits Shawano stage**

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Mrs. Honey, played by Leslie Lemerond, sings after serving tea to Matilda Wormwood, played by Delaney Pensis, in the second act of "Matilda."

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'Matilda' bringing music, fun to SCHS

Show revives tradition of getting younger kids involved with high school shows

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Shawano Community High School is going to make audiences believe in the power of magic again as it brings the musical version of "Matilda" to its stage over the weekend.

Giant books and blocks and floating chalk writing on chalkboards are just some of the things folks will see in the show, which kicked off Feb. 2 and runs through the weekend.

The show follows Matilda Wormwood, a 6-year-old girl with interesting powers, and the abuse she suffers in life — first at the hands of her no-good parents and, then, the sadistic headmistress of Crunchem Hall, Miss Trunchbull, who believes it is better to shatter young minds than educate them.

"Matilda" is bringing back one SCHS musical tradition that has been dormant for several years. The cast includes not only high school students, but also students from some of the younger grades.

"We decided on 'Matilda' because we saw it as an opportunity to not just have some of the high school students, but also some of the middle school students and potentially even younger students," said co-director Alex Konen. "Younger voices are needed in the 'Matilda' class of students."

Konen's counterpart, Matthew Pfantz, sees bringing back the tradition as an opportunity to introduce younger students to theater in the hopes that future productions can feature more talent as the pandemic derailed the theater program along with others at SCHS. He noted that the Destination Imagination program is available in the younger grades, but it doesn't have them involved with lengthy theatrical productions, such as "Matilda."

"We're using it as a recruitment tool and a way to build the program with getting people interested in theater at a younger age," Pfantz said.

The show's titular character is an example of perseverance in an uncaring world, according to Pfantz.

"'Matilda' is a show about a young girl who has a pretty difficult life," he said. "She does connect with her parents. She does connect with many adult figures. She doesn't have a lot of friends, and she's trying to make it



Miss Trunchbull, played by Savannah Elgin, is too busy bullying her students, played by, from left, Caroline Bergmann, Adele Buenning, Norah Weiland and Olivia Winslow, to notice the piece of chalk floating in the air and leaving a spooky message in the second act of "Matilda." LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Matilda Wormwood, played by Delaney Pensis, tells one of her sad stories during the second act of "Matilda." LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

through life the best way she knows how. Throughout the process of going through these troubling things, she kind of develops her own way of coping with things."

Pfantz noted that receiving

magical powers does allow Matilda to connect with one teacher, Miss Honey, and create friendships with some of her classmates.

"At the end, she finds the family she's always wanted," Pfantz said.

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "Matilda"

WHEN: 7 p.m. Feb. 3-4, 2 p.m. Feb. 5

WHERE: Shawano Community High School auditorium, 220 County Road B, Shawano

TICKETS: \$12 adults, \$9 seniors, \$6 students.

Tickets available at www.shawanotheater.ludus.com.

He noted that the premise is similar to the 1996 film that most know and love. There is a newer musical version currently being shown on Netflix. However, the SCHS show has more music than the film versions, Pfantz said.

"This is more set for the stage than the screen," he said.

Konen added that the stage version has subtler examples of Matilda's magic than the movie version, but there will be some interesting bits in the show for audiences to enjoy.

"In the movie, she's literally flying kids around in the air," Konen said. "That's not something that happens in this iteration."



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Newborn piglets open opportunities

Pig living at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School farrows 12 offspring

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

The agriculture department at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School recently got a little larger.

Sylvia, a pig owned by WBHS Agriculture Teacher Matthew Christian, gave birth to 12 piglets on Jan. 6. She and her large litter live in the agriculture building at the high school. Christian said, in his experience, it's not unusual for eight to 10 piglets to be born at the same time. Last year, Sylvia gave birth to six piglets.

"My wife and I bought (Sylvia) two years ago," said Christian. "We got into it when we started dating. We started breeding our own pigs, and then we sell them to 4-H and FFA students around the area so that they can show them at events and so they can have livestock projects."

Not only will be these pigs be shown in agricultural events like the Shawano County Fair, Christian said the animals also play a role in the curriculum at the high school.

"We have this facility at school where we can bring her in and let her farrow here, so that the kids can be involved in the process," said Christian, noting that farrowing in pigs is similar to humans giving birth. "Two weeks ago, we actually did vaccinations on the piglets in my veterinary science class. Both the animals and the students are very involved in class."

Christian said that the process of having the piglets started all the way back last summer, when Sylvia was artificially inseminated. He added that he often utilizes artificial insemination in order to have more control over the genetics of the animal.

"Because they are pigs for showing, we are looking for the best possible genetics to have the best-looking show pigs ready," said Christian. "She has really become part of the curriculum, which is cool."

Speaking on the effect that Sylvia has had on the department, Christian said that the number of students enrolling in agriculture class has grown heavily.

"Kids just want to be in here," said Christian. "They want to work with the animals, and we have this



A group of piglets recently born in the ag building sleep as classes take a lull at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School on Jan. 25. WBHS Agriculture Teacher Matthew Christian's pig Sylvia farrowed 12 piglets at the school on Jan. 6. Christian said the piglets will be sold to students in Shawano and Marathon counties who are looking to show the animals at various events, including the Shawano County Fair.

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building to work in the greenhouse. There are so many things to offer in this department, but animals are the big thing."

Preparing to show animals at events is a big part of Christian's curriculum, saying that the students have many different duties to help take care of and raise these animals.

"The kids are walking the pigs, washing them, conditioning their hair — the pigs are very pampered animals," said Christian. "Also, the kids are cleaning the pens and doing all of the dirty work, too. It is really cool; the students feed and water the pigs when they get to class every day."

This is now the sixth year the Christians have been breeding pigs

to be used for show, and this is the second year that the pig has been at the school. The piglets are sold to students in Shawano and Marathon counties.

"Our hope is to have kids want to take those pigs down to the state fair, as well," said Christian. "My wife is very good at the show part of it. So when we sell a pig, she will actually go help that student with hands-on experience."

With the piglets being born earlier this month, Christian said they will be ready to show in the Shawano County Fair at the end of the summer.

"They will be butcher-sized by the end of July or early August," said Christian. "It takes about six or

seven months."

Talking about raising the pigs, Christian called the process an "enjoyable chore" for the students. What might not be so enjoyable, however, is acknowledging what happens to the animal after the fair — which can be tough for some students, Christian said.

"They almost become friends with the animal, but the hard part about the project is having that bond with the animal," said Christian. "The important thing is that the kids learn that it is a food animal. A lot of kids struggle with it at first, but then they come to the realization that that is the animal's purpose at the time."

Oconto school introduces kids to welding

Reality welding system could help metal fabrication industry get future welders

Oconto Middle School students will have a chance to explore new career opportunities as they try their hand at welding.

The Oconto Unified School District purchased a MobileArc Augmented Reality Welding System and Prusa i3 3D printers as part of a \$20,000 technology makeover made possible through Leap for Learning. Leap for Learning is a new technology makeover program offered by the Green Bay Packers and US Cellular and partially funded by a grant from the NFL Foundation.

Superintendent Emily Miller said virtual welders will give students the opportunity to try welding without its inherent dangers.

"The goal is to provide different STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) opportunities and allow the students to follow up with welding and metal fabrication at the high school level," she said.

The high school offers college credit courses in welding through Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

Samantha Boucher, tourism director for the Oconto County Economic Development Corporation, said that a community that supports the welding trade opens up a world of economic development opportunities. When more people learn how to weld, local industries have a larger pool of skilled trade workers who contribute to their company's success and the local economy, too.

"Exploring the welding trade can help young people gain valuable skills and knowledge that will serve them well as they join the workforce and contribute to the community's economic growth," Boucher said.

By using the welding simulators, students can practice multiple welding processes in a realistic simulator that generates three-dimensional images of metal workpieces. Realistic arc sounds accompany the visuals, contributing to an immersive experience. Students are monitored, scored, and provided feedback regarding their welding technique. Initially, students in fifth through eighth grades will use the welding system, although the system can easily be moved to the high school, also.



Oconto Middle School students practice welding techniques with virtual welders. The Oconto Unified School District purchased a MobileArc Augmented Reality Welding System and Prusa i3 3D printers as part of a \$20,000 technology makeover.

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"Students will learn the basics of welding, choosing different types of welds, and practicing different welding techniques in a safe environment," Miller said.

The virtual welding program is a clear example of how collaboration between the school district and local businesses helps strengthen the community. Chad Hendzel, NWTC welding instructor and operations manager at Yakfab Metals Inc. in Oconto, said the metal fabrication industry needs more welders, and programs like this one introduce youth to this lucrative and versatile career path.

"It's nice to get the exposure at the middle school level so they can get into some welding classes in high school if that's the path they're interested in," Hendzel said. "If a person has mechanical abilities and likes working with their hands, welding can be a fun job to have."

Yakfab is a CNC machining, custom welding, and fabrication machine shop serving a wide variety of industries, including marine, fire protection, paper, food processing,

and chemical processing.

"The type of (welding) work can be all over the board. You're not just sitting in a booth and welding for 10 hours and go home," Hendzel said.

Welding careers pay well and provide numerous opportunities for advancement.

"Lots of careers can spawn out of a welding certificate," Hendzel said.

Jim Eckes, fabrication manager at Nercon, said welders have a lot of different career opportunities in sectors like manufacturing, metal working, and metal art. Welding is an integral skill for employees of Nercon, which designs and manufactures conveyor systems and equipment for all types of consumer-packaged goods.

Eckes said that one of welding's rewards is the ability to create something with your hands and your skills.

"Even at its most basic form, you're creating something," Eckes said. "You get to see the end product and how it fits into the

other assembly."

Introducing welding at the middle school will open doors to careers that students might not have considered and save them the time and money of pursuing a college degree or career that isn't a good fit, Eckes said. Plus, students have a safe environment to learn welding, without the heat and danger, even before entering high school.

"The earlier you can pique their interest, the better off you are," Eckes said. "They can hit the ground running and be more successful going into it."

Experiencing welding at the middle school level also helps remove the stigma that manufacturing is a dirty, dingy job, while it's actually a challenging, complex and rewarding career, Eckes said.

The welding system was installed in a STEAM lab at the middle school during the 2022-23 school year. The virtual welders provide students with real-world, interactive experiences in welding, plus fun opportunities to practice what they learn.

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Ounce of truth with pound of embellishment

Last winter, I signed up for an online creative writing course through the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, something I've always wanted to do. It was intense for me, a newbie on any sort of college campus, even an online one. Learning much about the twists and turns of writing, I raked over my assignments with a fine-toothed comb, perfecting them as much as I could in the manner in which I was taught.

One week, the professor's assignment was to choose from a number of completely fictional scenarios, given only titles. The task was to embellish an event that did not happen with a form of realism to make it somehow plausible. There was to be an impartial reporter on the scene covering the event. The one I selected resonated with me; it was about a farmer allegedly shooting a 23-pound grasshopper. I chose this theme because, quite frankly, it was the only one I could even remotely relate to. The other topics included science and fantasy fiction, to name a few.

In my story, I dubbed the farmer and her husband, August and Augusta, who were, in actuality, my great-grandpa and great-grandma. My niece, into family ancestry, shared that August was born in 1864 in Manitowne, Wisconsin, and Augusta, in 1863 in Germany. I wonder how they happened to meet. It was destiny with names so similar.

At any rate, my great-grandfather August never ever shot a 23-pound grasshopper, nor did my



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story.

Farmer Shoots 23-Pound Grasshopper

The headlines screamed, "Great Plain's Farmer Shoots Gigantic Grasshopper, Feeds Family of Twelve!" Swarming black clouds of grasshoppers crunched their way through farmers' corn, alfalfa and wheat fields during the parched days of July, 1930. Sweat-drenched, exhausted farmers fought the insects off with every inch of their strength, as they helplessly watched the menacing pests systematically reduce their already drought-stressed Great Plains crops, withered by sweltering heat.

Cars squishing so many of these overgrown, malicious grasshoppers that the hard-packed roads became slick with guts; it was so bad trains couldn't even get up hills because the hoppers' bodies greased the tracks! Every single human being was distressed. Scrutinizing the sun-scorched fields, this reporter himself has become discouraged. Acres and acres of nothing but stalks, crackling in the heat, chewed by grasshoppers growing

great-grandmother Augusta ever fry one up over their outdoor cook stove, but they most certainly had to have their share of struggles back then.

So here goes my embellished

fat and gigantic while everything and everyone else wasted away with hunger.

Interviewing a farmer and his wife, I asked them if they'd ever seen anything like this before. While I was conducting the interview, this farmer and wife retreated into their own private conversation, ignoring me as together, they folded into their misery.

"Not in my lifetime, and I sure the heck hope I never see it again. These dern 'hoppers are bigger than a barn cat," mumbled August, as he spat out a wad of brown chew before turning a gritty, weathered face to his wife, Augusta. The inside brim of his tattered hat was wet with downtrodden sweat.

"Keep the faith, August. The good Lord will sure send rain right quick and these buggers will leave! They ain't be likin' rain, theys need hot 'n dry to keep them feedin'." Augusta awkwardly patted her husband's shoulder with a gnarled hand, crippled from the effort of scraping a meager living off the parched land. Quickly, her hand fell to her waist, eyes downcast.

"Them buggers is getting bigger by the day! We don't have long before'n we's done! I's gonna git my gun out one of these days and jus' start shootin'!" With that, August disgustedly stalked off.

This reporter was taken aback. Bigger than a barn cat? He knew nothing was off limits to these potent, gargantuan grasshoppers. Horse-drawn equipment, because they had a wooden tongue pulled

by horses, was drenched in horse sweat. As the grasshoppers descended on dusty towns they'd actually gnaw at the wood, just for the sweat they could get off it. Grasshoppers liked salt; heard tell they'd eat the sweat-soaked shirt right off a guy's back.

Conditions are ripe, noted this reporter. Grasshoppers thrive in dry climates. There's a fungus that develops in years with a good rainfall. Moisture would destroy the insects. This was a perfect storm; ripe conditions for a bumper crop of bristling, hungry and not to mention, mammoth grasshoppers.

One day, August had had enough. This reporter noted the farmer took his .410 small-bore shotgun and started shooting. Dropping the bounty on his cattle scale, one grasshopper weighed in at 23 pounds! It was reported that Augusta, rivers of sweat dripping off her face, chopped the head off and, sizzling in pig lard, fried up that thing in a pan over their outdoor cook stove. Fed their family of 12 on one savory, crunchy 'hopper.

The satisfaction of eating instead of getting chewed up was balm for their soul.

("Blessed is the one who gets wisdom and the one who gets understanding." Proverbs 3:13)

Kay Reminger was born and raised on a dairy farm, and she married her high school sweetheart, who happened to farm for a living in Leopold. Writing for quite a few years, she remains focused on the blessings of living the ups and downs of rural life from a farm wife's perspective.

SALUTES

Shawano residents help spread Christmas cheer

To the editor:

I am writing to thank Shawano-area residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Generosity throughout contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child. Across the U.S., the project collected over 9.3 million shoebox gifts in 2022.

Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2022, the ministry is now sending nearly 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes — packed with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items — Shawano-area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received.

Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation

Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Samaritan's Purse delivered its milestone 200 millionth shoebox, which was packed on a country-wide tour and then hand-delivered to a young girl in Ukraine.

Across Wisconsin, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can

get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ or by calling 630-474-9478.

Although local drop-off locations for gifts are closed until Nov. 13, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Lizette Miller, Samaritan's Purse, Boone, North Carolina

Winter ritual of reading seed catalogs under way

It is that time of year again when gardening catalogs begin to arrive in our mailbox. While many people think that January is a boring time for gardeners, we know best. January, in fact, is one of the most exciting and dynamic times to be a gardener.

The arrival of seed catalogs is certainly enough to whet our appetites for the coming season. Depending upon the catalogs you choose and receive, you can cover all of the bases of summer gardening. Annuals, perennials, bulbs and, of course, vegetable seeds are all well represented in the seed catalogs of many fine companies.

Shop directly from these catalogs, or use them as a guide to your seed shopping and plant shopping excursions this year. Make note of plants and seeds that are must-haves and begin to seek them out when garden centers open.

Many garden centers in our area



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to get there soon and pick out their favorites before they are gone.

One of the most popular seed catalogs is the Baker Rare Seed catalog. Not only do they offer a tremendous variety of heirloom and classic vegetable and garden seeds, along with annuals, perennials and more, the physical catalog itself is a work of art. You will spend hours exploring the pages of this tantalizing catalog. Visit their website to

are already stocking up on seeds and seed-starting supplies to fill the hot demand. It is best to shop early when selecting seeds before the selection is picked over. Seed shoppers know

order your free catalog.

Another of my favorite seed catalogs is the Botanical Interests catalog — another catalog that is simply a work of art, featuring breathtaking paintings and, of course, a wide variety of hard-to-find and heirloom annuals, perennials, edible plants and more.

If you are seeking bulbs, whether for fall or summer, Brent and Becky's Bulbs is an excellent source of incredible varieties of lilies, gladiolas, tulips, daffodils, allium and more. Sign up to get their seasonal catalogs and enjoy exploring the pages for hard to find bulbs you won't find anywhere else.

Some companies provide excellent online catalog and shopping resources. Seed Savers Exchange is an excellent source of heirloom and rare vegetables, garden plants, herbs, annuals and more. Browse their catalog regularly for their amazing selection.

Companies such as Oh My Peonies and Solaris Farms, as well as Pine-wood Gardens, provide excellent online catalogs for locally sourced plant selections. The plants available at these growers are especially suited for gardens here in Wisconsin, as they are all grown locally, with virtually no winter protection and proven hardiness in our climate. Visit the websites of each to explore their catalogs.

There are many other excellent seed and plant catalogs available to gardeners. Visit the websites of each company and sign up to receive a hard copy of their catalog. Once you are on their mailing list, you will continue to receive a selection of their catalogs throughout the year.

Rob Zimmer is a nature and garden author, public speaker and radio show host on WHBY. Readers can find him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors.

COLLEGE NOTES

UW-Stout

The following students from the area have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout dean's list for the fall 2022 semester.

Biramwood: Jordan Miinch
Bowler: Nate Pommer
Caroline: Tayla Spiegel
Shawano: Matthew Bohm, Grace Jones, Jacob Moesch, Owen Moesch
Gillett: Bailey Pedersen
Lakewood: Grace Warrner
Oconto: Jaden Stenstrup, Haley Sheldon

The award is presented to students who have a grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

UW-River Falls

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls fall semester dean's list honoring 1,593 students has been released by Registrar Kelly Browning. Making the list locally include:

Biramwood: Rikki Koplitz
Shawano: Mallory Busch, Taylor Dillenburg, Emma Etten, Faith Ugoretz
Gillett: Claire Anderson

Lakewood: Jerry LaFond
Lena: Rebecca Christenson
Suring: Kylee Stelzer

To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time undergraduate must earn a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0, or midway between an "A" and "B" average.

University of Iowa

Lilie Wainio, of Pulaski, was among the more than 4,000 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the dean's list for the 2022 spring semester.

University of Minnesota Duluth
The University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) has announced its Dean's List for Fall Semester 2022.

Sobieski: Lauren Dixon
Leopolis: Levi Schick
Shawano: Hannah Milavitz
Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while earning a minimum of 12 letter-graded credits.

Winona State University

Winona State University has

announced the dean's list for fall semester 2022, and Isaac Tepolt, of Bonduel, was among those who made the list.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must be an undergraduate enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours for a grade) and achieve a minimum grade-point average of 3.5.

UW-Eau Claire

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire extends congratulations to the 2,783 students named to the fall 2022 dean's list.

Students from the area who were named to the dean's list are:
Bonduel: Alexia Folkman
Bowler: Seth Pommer
Gresham: Savana Olsen
Shawano: Sarah Bergmann, Caitlin Daniel, Jacob Lacy
Wittenberg: Wesley Johnson
Abrams: Emily Elliott
Lena: Ryann Wagner
Mountain: Madelyn School
Oconto Falls: Autumn Canavera, Keith Van Dornick
Sobieski: Lauren George, Jessica

Jansen

Winona State University

Ian Zeinert, of Wittenberg, graduated summa cum laude from Winona State University with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics-secondary teaching.

St. Mary's University of Minnesota

Emma Toellner, of Bonduel, completed requirements for her Bachelor of Arts at St. Mary's University of Minnesota in December 2022.

University of Dubuque

The University of Dubuque congratulates the following students on being appointed to the fall semester 2022 academic dean's list.

Gillett: Riley Engebretsen
Lena: Noah Nosgovitz
Full-time students in good academic standing (registered for and having earned 12 or more letter grade credits for the term) who earn a term grade point average of 3.5 or above and who do not have any grades of Incomplete for the term are named to the dean's list.

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Second quarter HIGH HONORS

Eighth grade: Alivia Acker, Taylor Beversdorf, Sofia Koenig, Fernanda Moz Cruz,

Gabby Passehl

Seventh grade: Collin Dieck, Mason Fosheim, Quin Harkey, Teagan Harkey, Nya Huntington, Nolan Kleinschmidt, Grady Krone, Riley Krueger
Sixth grade: Ivy DuQuaine, Jack

Koenig, Wyatt Ritchie, Addison Schwartz, Brody Smith, Kadence White

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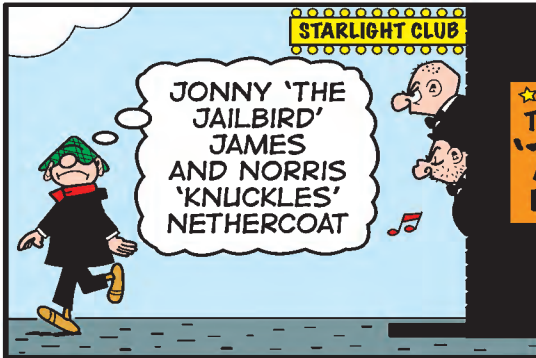
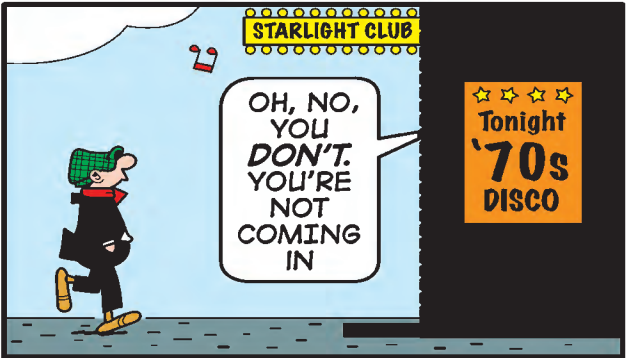
Eighth grade: Grady Bartz, Mallory Braun, Lukas Herzog, Wyatt Schroeder, Gage Westphal

Seventh grade: Lauren Anderson, Mya Coffey, Matteo Hernandez, Ray Retzlaff

Sixth grade: Rayna Beversdorf, Amelia DuChesne, Emmalee Herrmann, Grace Opperman, Mimikwaew Penfold, Evelyn Westphal, Jaden Zittlow

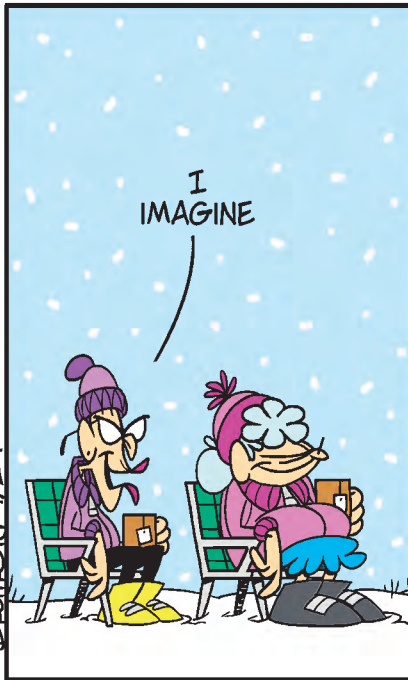
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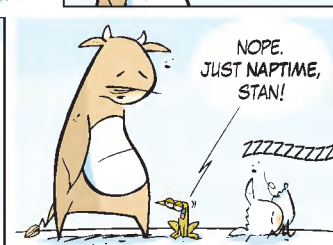
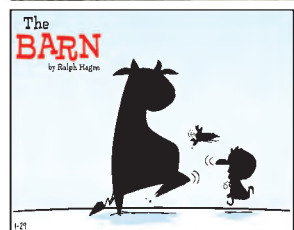
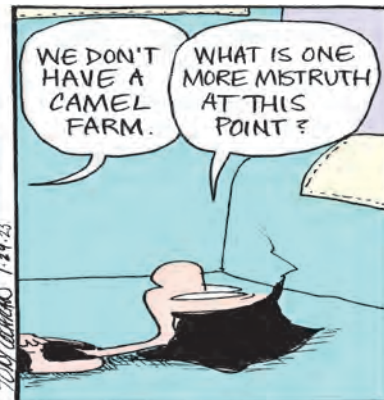
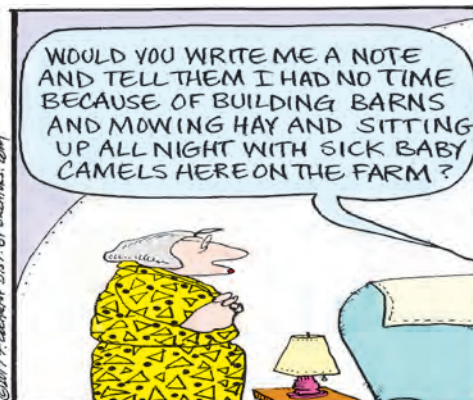
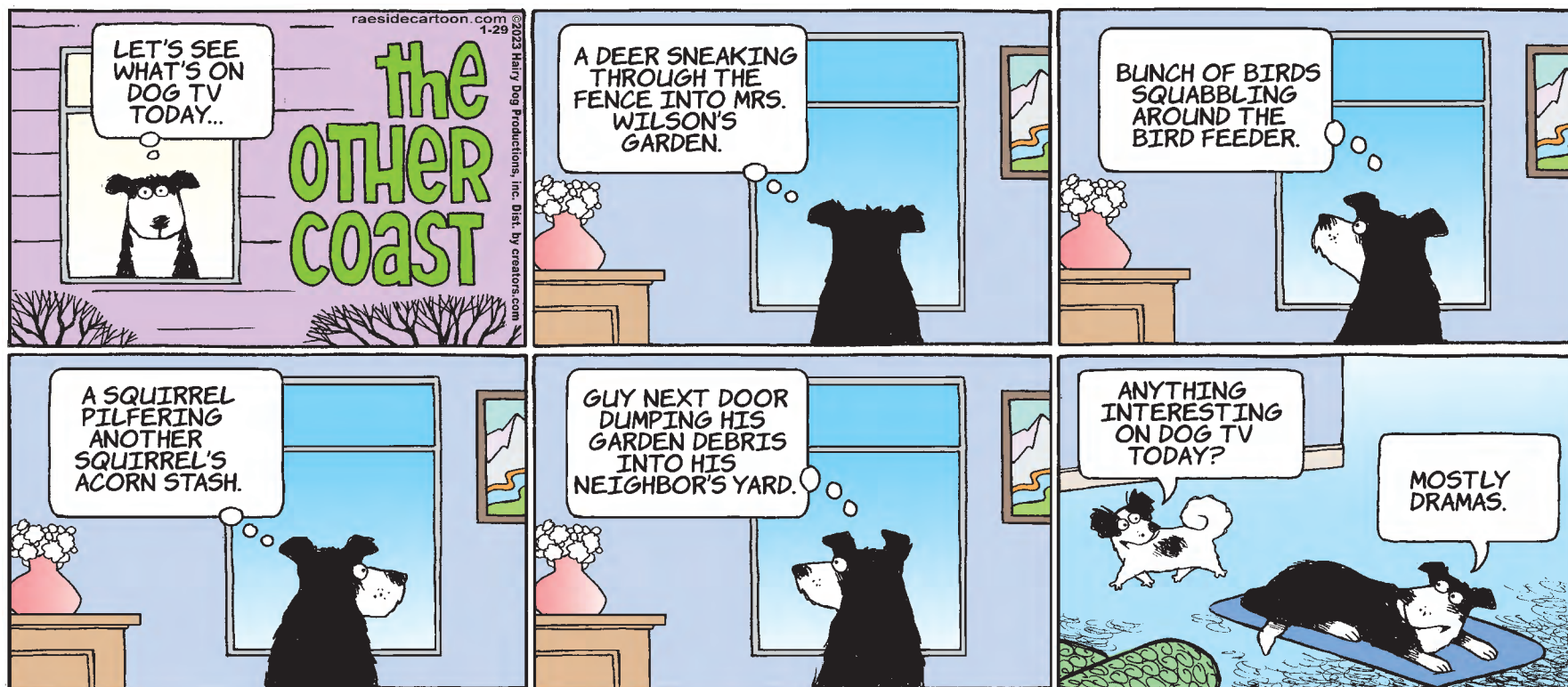
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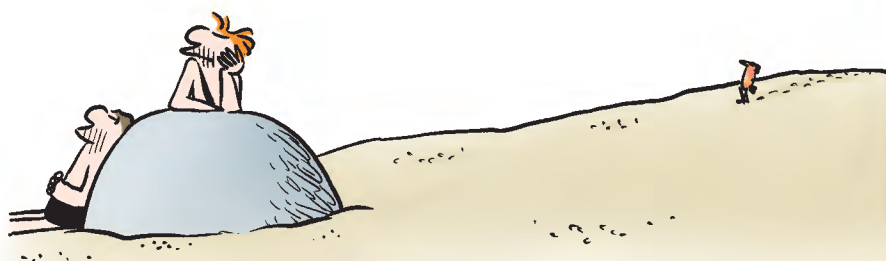
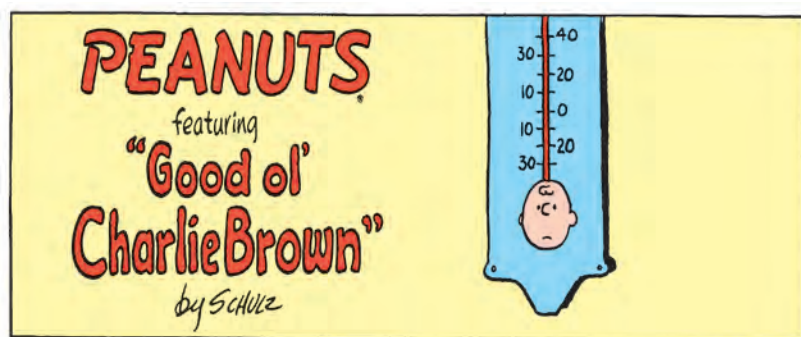


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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

'War of the Worlds' coming to Oconto

The Machickanee Players will perform "War of the Worlds" Feb. 10-12 and Feb. 17-19 at the Park Avenue Playhouse, 408 Park Ave., Oconto.

Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m. with a 2 p.m. start time for Sunday matinees. Dinner will be served for the Saturday shows at 6 p.m., and pie will be served at the Sunday shows. Doors open 30 minutes before showtime.

Tickets are \$17 for general admission, \$30 for dinner included and \$23 for dessert included. Tickets are available at themachickaneeplayers.org or at Oconto Floral, 220 Main St., Oconto.

The play is a special adaptation written by Kyle Patrick, based on H.G. Wells' classic novel "The War of the Worlds" and inspired by the 1938 radio drama by Orson Welles. On an otherwise unremarkable night in 1965, small-town radio station WHGW plans to perform what is meant to be a fairly standard production of "War of the Worlds" over the airwaves, but as the night goes on and the production is repeatedly derailed by odd occurrences, the crew of WHGW begin to realize this night holds far more in store than a simple evening's entertainment.

The hybrid stage play and radio drama features a large cast of both on-stage and special recorded performances.

Turkey bowling event in Riverview this month

The Town of Riverview Fire Department will host "turkey bowling" on Feb. 18, at the Town of Riverview ice rink and enclosed pavilion, 15471 State Highway 32, halfway between Mountain and Lakewood.

Registration starts at 11 a.m., with bowling from 12-4 p.m. The cost is \$25 per team, with food and beverages available for purchase on site.

For those unfamiliar with the concept, a frozen turkey or chicken is used instead of a bowling ball.

"You play for a score, but it's just a fun, family-oriented day at the firehouse," said Fire Chief Barry Butrymowicz.

Instead of bowling shoes, Butrymowicz recommends wearing warm boots.

"Dress for the weather, and bring ice cleats if you have them so you don't slip on the ice," he said.

Riverview has organized a turkey bowling event for over a decade and



"War of the Worlds" cast members, from left, Craig Berken, Kathy Berken, Jay Rietz, Spencer Lacy, Cathy Nelson, Kyle Patrick and Megan Clark pose for a photo publicizing their upcoming show with the Machickanee Players.

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uses the proceeds to purchase equipment for the fire department, like a thermal imaging camera, turn-out gear and carbon dioxide meters.

For information, call 715-850-0364.

Trail friends receive 2 grants for improvements

Shawano County Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail received two grants at the end of 2022 that will allow the group to continue improvement projects along the 53-mile stretch of trail in the county.

FMBT received a \$4,000 grant from the Green Bay Packers Foundation.

"The money received will be used exclusively for a welcome area on the Brown County/Shawano County line of the Mountain Bay Trail," said Doreen Dudek, of Shawano, FMBT president.

FMBT also received a \$3,000 grant from the Pat and Ruth Crawford Family Fund for message boards and kiosks along the trail.

FMBT has been working to increase awareness of the trail and improve it for hikers and bikers through new and better signage, kiosks and events. FMBT started as a Leadership Shawano County class project to maintain and promote the trail for healthy activities.

For details, to volunteer or to view future events, visit FMBT's website at

www.friendsofmountainbaytrailshawano.com or visit their Facebook page.

Relay for Life to hold launch event Feb. 6

American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Shawano-Menominee will hold a launch party at 6 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Shawano County Library, 128 S. Sawyer St., Shawano.

Visitors can learn more about the Shawano-Menominee Relay For Life, how to get involved, and what's new for 2023. Participants can register for the event, sign up to help, grab lumina forms and more. Team captains, teammembers, and participants are welcome.

For information or to register, go to www.relayforlife.org/shawano-menominee.

Library grant to help create new Teen Zone

The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation (GGBCF) has announced its second \$20,000 grant to Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood (LCPL).

The latest grant will be used to establish and furnish a new Teen Zone. This grant, along with a previous one that funded a designated children's librarian, is from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership of the foundation, a fund-

ing collaborative that includes funds from the U.S. Venture Open Fund for Basic Needs, the J.J. Keller Foundation, and other community donors.

Those wanting to contribute to the new Teen Zone or the Building Fund may drop off donations at the library or send them to Lakewood Library, 15235 State Highway 32, P.O. Box 220, Lakewood, WI 54138. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated.

Lena Lions Club takes in new club member

Becky Turecek was sworn in as a new Lena Lions member at the club's November meeting.

Turecek was born and raised in



BECKY TURECEK

Lena. She is a 1990 graduate of Lena High School. Turecek received a bachelor's degree in retail management with a business minor in 1994 from University of Wisconsin-Stout. Turecek works in sales at Imperial Supplies LLC in Green Bay.

Turecek is an active and faithful member of the Oconto Falls United Methodist Church. She plays piano for services and fills in playing piano at the New Life Church in Crivitz.

Shawano teen gets FFA grant



A \$1,000 Supervised Agricultural Experience grant has been awarded to Addison Fischer, of Shawano, by Rabo AgriFinance. SAE grants are designed to help FFA members create or expand SAE projects, a requirement that all FFA members must complete. An SAE requires FFA members to create and operate an agriculture related business, work at an agriculture-related business or conduct an agricultural research experience. Fischer is a member of the Gresham FFA Chapter. Her application was selected from among 1,296 applications nationwide.

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Parochial athletes get their due



Sacred Heart Catholic School held its annual eighth grade recognition night for its winter sports athletes. Pictured are, from left, McKenna Yeager, Amiyah Heatley, Addyson Kust, Daryl Fowler-Doxlator, Izzy Martens and Andrea Walby. Not pictured is Santana Peralta. Athletes were recognized for participating in basketball and/or cheerleading, and received a personalized poster created by the seventh grade athletes, balloons and candy.

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Good time to update medications, says ThedaCare

Many people have prescriptions scattered throughout the home in places like a medicine cabinet, pill holder, top of the dresser or even a kitchen cabinet.

The start of the new year is a great time to take a medication inventory and inventory which prescription drugs should be updated and which ones are no longer needed, according to Dr. Suzanne Nadra Nouri Havican, a family medicine physician with ThedaCare.

"Many people I talk to have expired medications in their homes," said Havican. "For a number of reasons, folks may choose to keep them on hand, but it is incredibly important to understand keeping expired medications around can be very dangerous."

Updating medications at home is a key part of safeguarding personal health as well as the health and safety of others. One big concern doctors have is many unused medications can end up in the hands of those who should not have them. Despite childproof packaging, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 50,000 children go to emergency departments each year as a result of taking medications that belonged to adults.

Even pets are at risk, with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals reporting over 20,000 calls a year due to pets eating prescriptions or medications meant for humans.

In particular, opioids should be disposed of properly to keep them out of the hands of children and others as they can lead to addiction or cause serious illness or death.

As a part of a community health initiative to combat opioid abuse, overdose and accidental poisoning in children, ThedaCare installed medication take-back drop boxes at several locations in 2019 to allow the community to safely dispose of unused medication, including at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

"Flushing unused medication down the toilet is a huge no-no, as drugs can contaminate the public



SUZANNE HAVICAN

water supply," Havican said. "Dropping off your unneeded and expired prescriptions at the proper location will help protect your family and friends and our precious regional lakes and rivers."

So what do you do? Take your unused medications and drop them into any of the permanent and secure medication take-back drop boxes, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Medication take-back boxes are also available at local facilities, such as police stations and pharmacies.

Items accepted include expired and no-longer-needed prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, medicated ointments and non-aerosol sprays.

Items that are not accepted include needles, lancets, syringes, thermometers, IV bags, diabetes test kits, personal care products, inhalers and liquids.

Even if there are not children or other vulnerable people in the home, and even if the prescription drugs do not contain opioids, people should not keep expired prescriptions in their homes, Havican said.

"Expired medications often do not work as they were first intended; in certain circumstances, they can even cause you harm," Havican said. "At your annual wellness appointment, your primary care provider should go over all of your prescriptions and medications. If they don't, ask them to. You will be helping yourself and those around you."

Havican encouraged all community members to make their health a priority in 2023.

"Make this new year the healthiest ever by talking to your primary care provider about your needed medications and what you can safely dispose of," Havican said. "We're here to answer your questions, keep you safe and healthy and empower you to live your best life."

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\$3.00 OFF All sizes

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COUPON

ACANA DOG FORMULAS

\$10.00 OFF EACH 25 LB. BAG

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COUPON

ORIEN FREEZE DRIED ORIGINAL

50% OFF EACH 6 OZ. BAG

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BUY 3 CANS, GET 1 FREE

Free item must be of equal or lesser value

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COUPON

CLOUDSTAR & TREATS

Free Treat is of equal or lesser value

BUY 2 BOXES OR BAGS, GET 1 FREE

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COUPON

TRUE CHEWS DOG AND CAT TREATS

\$2.00 OFF Each Bag

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COUPON

NULO FREESTYLE DOG FORMULAS

\$5.00 OFF EACH 22-24LB BAGS

NULO FREESTYLE CAT FORMULAS

\$3.00 OFF ANY SIZE BAG

NULO FREESTYLE SILKY MOUSE FOR CATS

BUY 3 SILKY MOUSE POUCHES, GET 1 FREE

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COUPON

RED BARN DOG FORMULAS

\$10.00 OFF 22 LB. BAGS

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COUPON

RED BARN DOG FORMULAS

\$10.00 OFF 4 LB. BAGS

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COUPON

RED BARN AIR DRIED DOG FORMULAS

\$5.00 OFF EACH BAG

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COUPON

VITAL ESSENTIALS FREEZE DRIED Dog and Cat Formulas

\$10.00 OFF EACH 6 OZ-30 OZ BAG

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COUPON

TIKI CAT OR DOG CANNED OR POUCHES

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COUPON

AMERICAN NATURAL PREMIUM DOG FORMULAS

\$5.00 OFF EACH 30-40 LB. BAG

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COUPON

STELLA & CHEWY'S

20% OFF

ALL CAT FORMULAS FREEZE DRIED OR KIBBLE

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COUPON

STELLA & CHEWY'S DOG KIBBLE (RAW COATED, RAW BLEND)

\$8.00 OFF 22 Lb. or Larger

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COUPON

ROYAL CANIN CAT FORMULAS

\$3.00 OFF Each 6 lb. or 7 lb. Bag

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