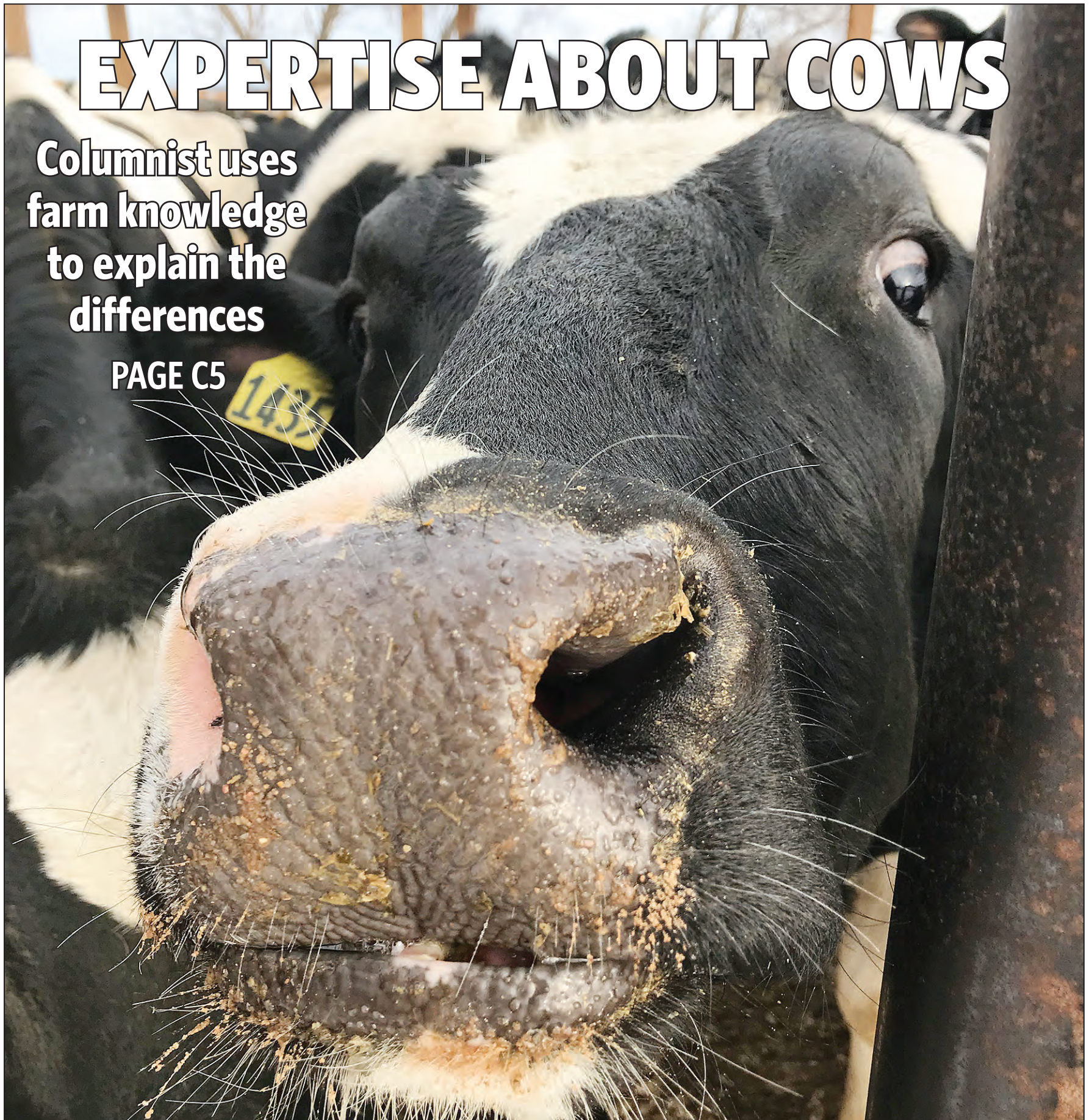


EXPERTISE ABOUT COWS

Columnist uses
farm knowledge
to explain the
differences

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Many of the people who live in cities are not as aware of cow lingo as the farm girls who grew up around them.

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Boutique to help clothing need in Wittenberg

Store will host grand opening on Feb. 25

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

For those in the Wittenberg community looking for custom goods, look no further than Express Boutique and Accessories.

The new boutique, located at 503 S. Webb St., will provide custom-made clothing and accessories for men, women and children. The grand opening is set for 10 a.m. Feb. 25.

"Originally, I started my boutique just online in 2020 during COVID," said owner Kay Koehler, of Wausau. "Then when Empowered Boutique opened, I was a vendor." She noted that she did very well selling some of her custom creations out of Empowered Boutique at 505 S. Webb St. — a fact that did not go unnoticed by boutique owner Tonya Benbo. "We then just decided to kind of team up together."

Koehler said she is excited to occupy the adjacent storefront and that she thinks her items complement Benbo's merchandise.

"I did well on my vendor side, and because I do the custom items and she does regular clothing, it kind of provides a variety of items for everybody," said Koehler.

According to Koehler, children's clothes are a big priority for her, as customers' needs are not currently being met.

"There is nowhere to shop anymore for kids' stuff, so that is kind of why I originally started doing the online thing," said Koehler. "There is nowhere to shop anymore in Wausau for children's clothes. I have little ones, so that is kind of why I brought the children's line in. So I think that that will be a good aspect to this, too."

In addition to children's clothing, Koehler's store also features custom-made tumblers, cups, key chains and night lights, along with custom-made T-shirts, hoodies and sweatshirts — which she makes personally, start to finish. On top of all of that, Koehler will also showcase items made by her daughter, Kynslei, including her own tie blankets and tie-dye purses.

Koehler said that she initially was not going to open a store and continue to sell her items online, but support from friends helped her to make that jump. She added that nothing new is being added to the boutique from her online store.



The grand opening for Express Boutique and Accessories, 503 S. Webb St., will take place Feb. 25. Guests will be invited to shop from stands and displays of custom-made products. Owner Kay Koehler said she started the business online during the pandemic, and her friends encouraged her to expand to a storefront.

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Express Boutique and Accessories sits at 503 S. Webb St. in Wittenberg. The store aims to provide the community with custom-made goods, including children's clothing — something that owner Kay Koehler said has been missing from the area.

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"I post everything. It'll come in store, and I will custom-make for customers that see it," said Koehler. "People are welcome to come here and purchase it as well."

Throughout her three years selling items, Koehler has called this a fun experience and wants to continue those feelings with the storefront.

"This last year was probably my

best year, but I just started doing the craft shows," said Koehler. "Obviously, everybody does the tumblers, but I just bring something different. I do the liquor toppers. I just started doing the coach purses. I have a ton of different cups that you don't see at vending shows."

For her custom-order items, Koehler said that she only makes one

copy or one piece, to avoid having too many unwanted sizes.

"That way, they can custom-make in any color and any size," said Koehler. "I do all of my stuff from start to finish, so I don't buy it already made. I have a light in my basement that acts as sunlight, so in the winter I can start shirts down there and finish them outside."

In terms of expanding her store to have a physical space, Koehler said that she is hoping that this will attract more attention and customers to Express Boutique and Accessories.

"I hope that more people will come in here and actually look at the stuff so that they can physically see it, versus it being online," said Koehler. "That is why I will continue to do the vending shows — just because that way people can always see all of it."

When guests arrive to Express Boutique and Accessories on Feb. 25, they can expect to see a filled-up boutique, along with other welcoming events.

"For the grand opening, we are going to be doing raffle baskets, snacks and drinks, so it will be kind of fun," said Koehler. "I will be taking custom orders. This is just to show what is going to be happening — just kind of like an intro to what I am doing."

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

A lesson about cows for 'town friends'

In bewilderment, I stopped, fork in mid-air and looked across the booth at my friend. She was wide-eyed innocent, asking a question that I thought everyone who had breath in their body instinctively knew.

"What's the difference between a cow and a heifer?"

To be fair, none of my childhood friends had grown up on a farm, instead raised in the very urban town of Marion. To this day I don't know how I got involved with a group of girls whose three out of five mothers



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were teachers, one mom and dad owned a laundromat, one dad was the owner of an auto body shop, one was a car salesman, one was an insurance agent. All of them lived "in town." I was the only farm kid in the group.

We've all been friends since kindergarten, which means we've known each other for more than 60 years. The knowledge of that bangs around inside of my head like a ping-pong ball. That day at the restaurant, four of us were gathered, sitting for close to three hours giggling until our stomachs protested, reminiscing about years past. The subject of cows arose.

Later, as I recalled our talk, I remembered these same friends were over to visit one day (those many years ago) and they wanted to "see some cows." So we all marched out to the barn and gathered inside where I had stepped into a stall and squirted a stream of milk toward a cat with one pull on a cow's teat.

My friends squealed.

"What does it taste like? Can you squirt some in my mouth?"

Extremely uncomfortable, I looked around for my dad — like what on earth would he say if he caught me "milking" a cow in the middle of the afternoon? But of course, I wanted to accommodate my friend, so I did it. Missed her mouth by a mile. Later, we all went into the house and drank some cooled fresh milk from our refrigerator — a bit easier to access.

One of our friends had a cabin up north, which was a new experience



Heifers chow down for lunch on a cold winter's day on the Reminger family farm in Leopoldis.

KAY REMINGER

for this little farm girl. Her mother, who was organized to the hilt, had all of us do "KP," translated "Kitchen Patrol," which meant we took turns cleaning the kitchen after eating. It was a riot. It's always more fun when it's not your own house. My introduction to creamy chocolate milk was on one of those trips. I thought I had died and went to heaven. We never had chocolate milk at home.

So getting back to the lesson at hand: A heifer is a young female cow that has yet to be milked. A milking cow is a female who has given birth to her first calf and, hence, produces milk. Once bred, gestation is nine months, just like a human baby.

Approximately two months before freshening (giving birth), the mother-to-be cow is dried off from giving milk. One of the ways this process of "drying up" is encouraged by

taking her grain portion away for a couple of day's prior, decreasing milk production. Some farmers use a dry treating procedure which involves administering penicillin directly inside the teat. The ultimate object is always to keep the cow from any udder infections.

Once they're dry-treated, milking stops until they freshen. (This fact is for a cow, remember, because a pregnant first-calf heifer has not yet been milked.) Detailed records are a must for keeping track of their progress. Before breeding a heifer for the first time, she should ideally reach 700 to 800 pounds, and/or the age of one year and three months so that in another nine months she'll be close to two years old before giving birth to her first calf. A heifer needs to be mature before breeding to be sure she can birth a healthy calf.



The differences between cows and heifers became an interesting topic of conversation for columnist Kay Reminger and her friends.

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Presently on our farm, we house 61 bred cows, which are dry, so they are not being milked. Included in that total are first-calf heifers. On a weekly basis, those that are close to their due dates are trailered back to the main farm and others take their place. The cows are transients, here for only about a month and a half. The calves are born and kept at the main farm and when they're about nine months old and weaned off milk, they get trailered over here to our farm and housed in our heifer barn.

When we first sold our dairy cows, our barn was empty. The great void of it depressed me, occupied only by a few remaining cats and in time, an influx of nasty spiders spinning uninterrupted webs. I realize I rather like animals in the barn; they bring life.

Around Holsteins from the time I could toddle on two legs and then having the foresight to marry a farmer, the affection and appreciation of all of these bovine continues, from calves to heifers to cows.

Now my "town friends" know the difference.

("Let the wise hear and increase in learning and the one who understands obtain guidance." Proverbs 1:5)

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 Leopoldis. 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.

Parenting God's blessings today and always

God's blessings come in many ways and forms. One of God's blessings are children. Although at times it may not seem like children are God's blessings, especially when they are misbehaving, they truly are a blessing.

Why do I believe children are God's blessings? In the Bible, it states in Psalm 127, verse 3: "Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from him," and in Proverbs 17, verse 6: "Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children."

My parents had no siblings, and I, too, was an only child. I viewed my childhood years as very lonely and isolated. I had very little to no friends, and I had to learn socializing skills through observation of others. I grew up not knowing what it was like to have a sibling or to understand what a bond with a sibling would be like.

Observing other families with brothers and sisters, fighting and arguing, help me make a decision not to give birth to any children. Oh, but that was not in God's plan for me. After being married four years, I had the sudden urge to have a child. I said my biological clock went off, but the truth is it was God's time to bless me with a child.

I gave birth to my first son in 1985 and, being an only child, I did not want just one child, so in 1987, God blessed me with a second son. Children, as we all know, do not come with a complete owner's manual. However, there is a guide that was provided a long time ago. It is called the Bible, God's guide for life.

The Bible states in Proverbs 22, verse 6: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it," and in Ephesians 6, verse 4: "Fathers do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord."

If only I had read the Bible more and followed this guide, life may



ABOVE LEFT: Hope Austin is one of Kathryn Hennes' four grandchildren.

KATHRYN HENNES

ABOVE: Breanna Ingraham, left, and Lucas Austin are two of Kathryn Hennes' grandchildren.

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LEFT: Tony Austin is the eldest son of Kathryn Hennes, who originally did not envision having children but soon realized they would become a blessing.

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became adults and married and had my grandchildren. I didn't want any grandchildren but in God's plan, he chose to bless me with four grandchildren. My older son adopted his son and loves him as if he was his biological son. My younger son has two biological children and a stepdaughter he loves as his own.

Why do I believe children are God's blessings? I have seen and felt the innocence and unconditional love of newborn children. We are all God's children and have his unconditional love for always. Today, this thought of a child to be a blessing from God is rarely thought or believed.

Sadly, children are sometimes thought of as possessions, assets, liabilities or just commodities, not as humans or God's blessings. As parents and grandparents, we have the responsibility to raise our children

not according to the rules of society, but according to the guidelines set for us thousands of years ago in the Bible.

We are all human beings and fall short of perfect parenting. It is a process and learning experience. We cannot change the past, but we can learn from it and follow our guide and believe it. Grandparents have the opportunity, if allowed by the parents, to encourage the children to follow the guide given to us by God. We can all make a difference in the world and our children's lives for the good. Just believe in the guide for God's blessings.

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.

Celebration of Giving back for 12th year

Foundation seeks nominees in five different categories of volunteerism

Outstanding volunteers are again being recognized and honored for their work through Shawano's Celebration of Giving, presented by the Shawano Area Community Foundation (SACF) and NEW Media.

This will be the 12th year the Celebration of Giving recognizes the spirit of volunteerism in Shawano County.

Area residents are asked to nominate individuals and/or groups who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service to the community.

Five of the nominees will be selected by a committee to receive \$1,000 to donate to an area nonprofit of his or her choice.

"The \$1,000 donation is only one facet of the Celebration of Giving," said Raquel Strayer, SACF board chairwoman. "As Willie Nelson once said, 'When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around.' Ask any volunteer and they will tell you how helping others is a blessing that fills the heart. We are lucky to have a strong network of volunteers who are the unsung heroes behind the scenes in our community. Every day, volunteers make a difference in the life of someone."

Nominations must be made no later than March 1. Nominees must reside in Shawano County. Nominations are being accepted in five categories:

- **Health Care Volunteer Award:** Recognizes an individual for his or her commitment to improving health and well-being of others through volunteerism. Award sponsor: ThedaCare Physicians

- **Youth Volunteer Award:** Recognizes an area high school student who has embraced and demonstrated the spirit of volunteering and giving back to the community. Award sponsors: Shawano Optimist Club and Shawano Rotary

- **Bill Mielke Volunteer Educator Award:** Recognizes an individual or group for their dedication and passion for education, whose impact can be documented in a measurable way. Award sponsor: Mielke Family Foundation

- **Wittenberg Community Service Award:** Recognizes a group or individ-

ual in the Wittenberg area that exhibits dedication and enthusiasm through diversified volunteer work. The work performed has positive impact by improving the quality of life and meeting the needs of the community. Award sponsor: Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats

- **Shawano Community Service Award:** Recognizes an individual who exhibits dedication and enthusiasm through diversified volunteer work. The work performed has positive impact by improving the quality of life and meeting the needs of the community. Award sponsor: An anonymous fund holder within SACF.

To nominate an individual or group, submit the online nomination form at www.cffoxvalley.org/Shawano. Information is available at 715-280-1110 or shawano@cffoxvalley.org.

Health department keeps counties' pulse

For better or for worse, like many health departments, the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department (SMCHD) has been in the public eye, especially with the recent COVID-19 pandemic. This was a time where every local and tribal health department, as well as the state of Wisconsin, found ourselves challenged with managing and mitigating a widespread emergency response.

It was also a time where many people re-evaluated their lives and what is important for them. In general, many counties throughout Wisconsin found themselves with a larger than normal early retirement and turnover rate within the health departments. For our community, SMCHD went through its own challenges with leadership turnover. These changes made it imperative to build and/or rebuild relationships that may not have happened otherwise.

Throughout these changes, there were times of fear, frustration, sadness and confusion; however, day by day, decision by decision, everyone at SMCHD worked together toward the best outcome available. Ultimately, it was with the support of the gov-



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erning bodies, the partnerships with health care providers, and the collaboration within our communities that our residents were able to endure this tumultuous time.

The relationships with local healthcare providers have helped SMCHD to support the Wisconsin Communicable Disease Reporting requirements. It is the health department's responsibility to control the incidence and spread of communicable (reportable) diseases within our state.

COVID-19 is only one of over 95 communicable diseases that we need to be ready to follow-up on; to investigate, collaborate, and educate our community members about. The diseases and conditions that we track and follow up on are considered to have significant public health impact, and any confirmed or suspected cases must be reported promptly, such as hepatitis A, measles, or active tuberculosis, which require urgent

follow up within 24 hours of notice.

Other reportable conditions require follow-up within 72 hours of notice, which include hepatitis B, C and D, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), latent tuberculosis, or Lyme disease.

Other ways SMCHD supports our community is through the Community Health Improvement Plan. This resulted from the Community Health Assessment of 2019. While the Wisconsin state statutes require the health department to complete a CHA every three to five years, this process is most effective and produces change when community representatives and other key partners are actively engaged. These efforts have opened up conversations with representatives from various departments and service providers to work together.

Through this process, local action teams were created to address the three top voted priorities: Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD), Chronic Disease with a Nutritional Lens, and Mental Health. Each team is aware and are respectful to include as many areas of representation throughout our communities as possible. Sustainability is always a challenge and

our communities are doing it.

One example of collaboration in an action team is in the AOD Action Team. This team's members include representatives from both Shawano and Menominee counties. Representatives include Human Services, United Way, law enforcement, Shawano County Drug Court coordinator, Menominee Tribal Clinic, Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal, Ho-Chunk Tribal, Shawano Ambulance, area healthcare clinics, rural health, and others. These relationships have been sustained since October 2021.

Our partnerships continue to grow. These are just a few examples of what SMCHD is involved in to support and be a part of our communities. There is always an option to learn more and get involved. If people in the community want to know more about SMCHD, please visit our website: www.co.shawano.wi.us/departments/public-health/general-information. If you are interested in getting involved with any of these initiatives, please contact us to learn more at 715-526-4808.

Terri Harmala is the health officer/director for Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department.

"COVID-19 is only one of over 95 communicable diseases that we need to be ready to follow-up on; to investigate, collaborate, and educate our community members about."

TERRI HARMALA, director for Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department

National Garden Bureau celebrating orchids

Orchids are among the most versatile and varied of all flowering house plants, and to celebrate their spectacular beauty and grace, the National Garden Bureau has proclaimed 2023 as the Year of the Orchid. Each year, this organization awards one houseplant as its plant of the year. This year, the entire family of orchids takes the honor.

Orchids are prized flowering plants and come in such a wide variety of shapes, sizes, colors and forms, that it is virtually impossible to collect them all. There are orchids that will grow in just about every light condition, making them a great choice for any room in your



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home.

While in the past, some orchids have gotten a reputation as being difficult to grow and touchy, many of the modern hybrids — especially Phalaenopsis — are actually among the easiest house plants to grow and cultivate at home.

There are many varieties of orchids, such as many dendrobiums, that are highly fragrant, almost intoxicating. With scents like chocolate, sugary sweet or slightly spicy, the fragrance of orchids is a welcome addition to the home, especially during the winter season.

Orchids need far less care than many realize. In fact, some orchids can be virtually ignored for long periods, in many cases. Many of the traditional



It's the Year of the Orchid in 2023, according to the National Garden Bureau — a time to celebrate these wonderful flowering house plants.

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foliage plants we find in garden centers and greenhouses are actually more difficult to grow than many of our common orchids.

Most orchids are grown in a loose mix of charcoal, bark and moss. This is unlike most house plants that are grown in potting soil. Orchids normal-

ly will not grow in a potting soil mix. They must be grown in a special moss, bark and charcoal mix. This is one common mistake that people growing orchids make. They try to repot or transplant into potting soil.

Orchids are often sold in plastic liners that are mesh or covered with small holes. This allows air into the growth mixture and allows the aerial roots, which feed the plant, to grow outward. Since orchids are not growing in a solid soil mix, these roots capture moisture and nutrients from the air, feeding the plants. This is how orchids grow in the wild, in the crotches of tree branches and in moss beds.

When it comes to watering, a simple rule of thumb is to lift the liner from its decorative pot, and run under the faucet for a few moments and let the water drain out completely before returning it to the pot. Do this once a week. Many orchid growers prefer to use water that has been sitting out overnight, reaching a tepid, room temperature.

One fad or gimmick watering method that most orchid growers warn against is the ice cube method. In recent years, "ice cube orchids" have been quite popular, encouraging grow-

ers to simply water by placing an ice cube on the plant once a week. This is not recommended, according to most orchid growers. Ice cubes can damage the plants and roots. These are tropical plants, after all.

Orchids may bloom for long periods of times, sometimes months on end. They are well worth their low cost and minimal care. Once a blooming has ended, allow the orchid to rest until the flowering stem turns completely dried and brown. At that point, the stem can be snipped off and the orchid can be repotted in fresh mixture and upsized into a larger pot, if necessary. The new pot should be only slightly larger than the current one. Planting an orchid in a pot that is too large will result in its simply rotting away. Orchids love to be extremely tight in their liners and containers.

Fertilizing of orchids can be done with every watering, or at certain times of the year. Follow the directions on the orchid fertilizer that you choose. There are liquid fertilizers, as well as dissolvable granules that can be mixed with water.

Celebrate the variety of orchids this year by purchasing and growing a selection at home.



Many modern orchids are easy to grow at home in just about any room.

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COLLEGE NOTES

UW-Green Bay

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay has made public the names of undergraduate students receiving semester honors for fall 2022 semester academic achievement.

Birnamwood: Annaliese Gagnon, semester honors; Elizabeth Rustick, semester highest honors; Deakyn Suess, semester high honors; Brooke Thiex, semester high honors

Bowler: Skye Breitrick, semester highest honors; Madison Klemann, semester honors

Eland: Jordana Schmidt, semester high honors

Wittenberg: Faith Cummings, semester honors; Justin Keeney, semester honors; Alex Ladika, semester high honors; Madison Schwalbach, semester highest honors

Bonduel: Colton Anderson, semester highest honors; Holly Broder, semester highest honors; Mandi McClone, semester highest honors; Aubrey Rausch, semester highest honors; Hannah Schmidt, semester highest honors

Cecil: Ashley Britton, semester honors; Naomi Conery, semester high honors; Raquel Riemer, semester highest honors

Gresham: Aiyanah King, semester high honors

Krakow: Emily Reinhard, semester high honors

Shawano: Noah Anton, semester honors; William Beaumier, semester high honors; Grace Beyer, semester highest honors; Barix Black, semester honors; Andon Chelberg, semester high honors; Connor Chelberg, semester high honors; Grace Chelberg, semester highest honors; Will Chelberg, semester high honors; Camilla Doherty, semester high honors; McKenzie Dove, semester highest honors; James Harris, semester highest honors; Cheyenne Hein, semester honors; Emily Heling, semester highest honors; Ava Kostreva, semester highest honors; Sarah Mente, semester highest honors; Jess Nead, semester

ter honors; Caden Nelson, semester honors; Dakota Pyawasay, semester honors; Abby Rusch, semester high honors; Lydia Williams, semester high honors

Tigerton: Ava Retzlaff, semester high honors

Abrams: Mallory Allen, semester highest honors; Mara Allen, semester highest honors; Danielle Compton, semester highest honors; Abby Holtger Shallow, semester high honors; Jes Manske, semester highest honors; Jackson Molitor, semester honors; Garrett VerVelde, semester highest honors

Gillett: Joslyn Sexton, semester high honors; Max Zeitler, semester high honors

Lakewood: Aidan Lowery, semester honors

Lena: Brance Bethke, semester honors; Alayna Peterson, semester highest honors; Chloie Potter, semester high honors; Haley Schwantes, semester highest honors; Zach Schwantes, semester high honors; Lillian Sellen, semester highest honors

Little Suamico: Karinne Brochu, semester highest honors; Greg Gotthardt, semester honors; Dawson Malke, semester high honors; Chantelle Marotz, semester highest honors; Ethan Schultz, semester high honors; Kailey VanLanen, semester highest honors; Brayden Wirts, semester honors

Oconto: Christopher Beekman, semester highest honors; Cora Behnke, semester highest honors; Brea Bostedt, semester honors; Kyle Charniak, semester honors; Breanna Duncan, semester highest honors; Adam Gordon, semester honors; Desirae Hurning, semester highest honors; Joshua Maynard, semester highest honors; Michael Niemyjski, semester honors; Caleb Pierucki, semester high honors; Jenessa Schneider, semester honors; Tionna Wayka, semester honors

Oconto Falls: Ali Brown, semester

ter highest honors; Robyn Kamke, semester honors; Grace Krueger, semester high honors; Megan LaFleur, semester high honors; Evan Roberts, semester high honors; Josiah Schoen, semester high honors; Taylor Schuster, semester high honors; Samantha Strickland, semester honors; Maddy Vandeveld, semester honors

Sobieski: Chelsey Gilson, semester honors; Will Hanson, semester high honors; Griffin Kornowski, semester honors; Charity Meier, semester highest honors; Paiton Piper, semester honors; Olivia Williquette, semester highest honors

Suring: Grace Fischer, semester highest honors; Sierrah Johnson, semester honors; Cherilyn Whiting, semester high honors

Students who earn a 4.0 grade-point average, which represents all "A" grades, receive highest honors. High honors go to students earning 3.99 to 3.75 grade-point averages. Honors are given to students earning 3.74 to 3.5 grade-point averages. All were full-time students in the fall/winter term, earning 12 or more credits of graded coursework. This list includes students attending all four UW-Green Bay campuses (Green Bay, Marinette, Manitowoc, Sheboygan).

UW-Milwaukee

The following local students have been named to the dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the fall 2022 semester.

Shawano: Brock Dickelman, Elijah Etten, Isabel Roloff, Mitchell Soto, Dashawn Williams

Abrams: Samantha Coron

Gillett: Camryn Long

Little Suamico: Rena Carlton

Mountain: Anna Wood

Sobieski: Olivia Crocker, Connor Weber

UW-River Falls

The following local residents were among 351 students receiving

degrees from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls following commencement in December 2022:

Mattoon: Chastidy Hayek, Bachelor of Science in early childhood, summa cum laude

Tilleda: Noah Bestul, Bachelor of Science in agricultural education

Michigan State University

Ian L. Lewis, of Shawano, was among 221 graduates who received degrees from the Michigan State University College of Law during its spring commencement ceremony held May 13, 2022. Lewis earned a Juris Doctorate from the College of Law. He also earned a Master of Public Administration from Northern Michigan University at its spring commencement held April 30, 2022, where he was awarded Outstanding Global Studies Graduate in the College of Arts and Sciences political science department.

Northern Michigan University

Northern Michigan University has announced the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester.

The following students qualified with a grade-point average of 4.0.

Gillett: Macy Franti

Oconto Falls: McKenzie Jackson

Pound: Faith King

Sobieski: Claire Kintop

The following students qualified with a grade-point average of 3.5-3.99.

Abrams: Morgan Helmle

Pulaski: Ashley Collar, Hannah

VanEnkevort

Shawano: Dylan Mastrodonato

Sobieski: Josh LaVallie

Anderson University

Rylie Anderson, of Shawano, was named to the dean's list at Anderson University for the fall semester 2022.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average or higher for the semester.

MARRIAGES

OCONTO COUNTY

Travis Martin Winter and Mariah Renee Van Ark, of the Town of Pensaukee, Jan. 24, 2023.

Virgil Franklin Max Mayo and Polly Bernadette Schuster, both of Oconto Falls, Jan. 20, 2023.

Scott Michael Christiansen and Kristine Lea Grandaw, both of Porterfield, Feb. 17, 2023.

Dylan Troy Krueger and Abbie Mae

Ermis, both of the Town of Underhill, Feb. 6, 2023.

Bradley Joseph Weber and Brittany Rose Gunville, both of the Town of Little Suamico, Feb. 7, 2023

Charles John Fetterly and Jodi Mae Anderson, both of the Town of Maple Valley, Feb. 11, 2023.

SHAWANO COUNTY

Cody Jacob Church, of the Town of Bartelme, and Paris Paige Logging, of An-

tigo, Jan. 17, 2023.

Lucas Christopher Downs and Kara Lynn Pyatskowitz, both of Shawano, Jan. 14, 2023.

Daniel Richard Lohff, of Wausau, and Allyson Marie Daines, of La Crosse, Jan. 7, 2023.

Brett Lee Mathew and Erin Kelly Welcing, both of Bonduel, Jan. 14, 2023.

Eugene Robert Mueller Jr. and Sarah Theresa Koszarek, both of Shawano, Jan. 20, 2023.

John George Sackcheck and Stephanie Leona Williams, both of Shawano, Feb. 2, 2023.

Johnathan Daniel Sass, of Antigo, and Brianna Kathleen Piotraschke, of Bear Creek, Feb. 18, 2023.

Manoj Thakur and Sonita Kumari Thakur, both of Bowler, Feb. 3, 2023.

Joseph John Tursky and Michele Elizabeth Johnson, both of Shawano, Jan. 28, 2023.

Puzzles

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THINK FAST: But no need to rush

by Billie Truitt

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10 Last pharaoh's nickname
14 Residence
19 Coffee concoction
20 Oscar actress Sorvino
21 Volcanic rock
22 Absurdist comedy
23 President 10 years ago
24 Adjective suffix
25 Pupil's surroundings
26 Phased-out refrigerant
27 Lose one's temper
30 Literary twist
31 Novelist Gerritsen
32 Foe of the Arapaho
33 Tolkien monster
34 Vexed
36 Side dish, slangily
38 Seed added to smoothies
41 White Rabbit's lament
45 LAX convenience
48 Ordinary
52 Taking care of business
53 Volcanic feature
55 Tigger's friend
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57 "Alternatively . . ."
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115 Trial judge's instructions
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13 Destinations for hydration
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16 Lunchbox sweet
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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

New funding challenge for Lakewood library

After completing a match for \$10,000 and \$20,000 anonymous donations last year, Lakes Country Public Library received a new one in the new year — this time for \$15,000.

“Support for the building/expansion project in 2022 was absolutely amazing,” said Library Director Katie Essermann. “We had nearly 200 individual contributors last year, with amounts ranging from \$5 to \$20,000. January 2023 continued the pace with donations coming in both by check and online. We want everyone to know that we appreciate every single one.”

Building committee co-chairman Tom Thielke also expressed his gratitude for the overwhelming financial support for the project and challenged the community to push the effort over the finish line.

“Coupled with federal grants intended as much-needed investments in Northern Oconto County, we are at 80% of our \$1.5 million goal. However, fund raisers have told us that the last 20% will be the hardest to raise,” he said. “In that regard, we are still applying for grants and requesting support from those who have not yet taken the opportunity to donate.”

Want to be a part of this legacy endeavor? Send a check to LCPL Building Fund, 15325 State Highway 32, Lakewood, WI 54138, or use the donation button at www.lakescountrypubliclibrary.org.

School spaghetti supper returns to in-person

Lena School is returning to an in-person spaghetti supper after two years of having to make it a drive-through event.

This year's spaghetti supper will be held 4:30-7:30 p.m. March 9 in the Lena School cafeteria, 304 E. Main St., Lena. The annual event is sponsored by school staff to raise money for scholarships. This event marks the 40th year for the supper and the scholarships.

The meal includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti, bread, coleslaw, pickles, vegetables and delicious desserts, as well as milk and coffee.

Advance tickets, which must be purchased by March 8, are \$8, \$7 for seniors 60 and over, and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Prices go up \$1 at the door. Tickets are now available in the school offices. Checks are payable to Lena Public Schools.

Tom Young Educational Scholarship available

Capital Credit Union is now accepting applications for its Tom Young Educational Scholarship.

This year, the credit union will award \$2,500 to 10 upcoming high school graduates who are members of Capital CU and pursuing higher education in fall 2023. Applicants are evaluated using a rating system that emphasizes academic success, community service, and volunteering.

The scholarship is named after Capital Credit Union's former president and chief executive officer. As current president and CEO, Laurie Butz is excited to continue the tradition and further invest in Capital CU's young members.

“Youth are the future of our communities and Capital Credit Union is proud to invest in their continued education and potential in the name of our former CEO, Tom Young, who retired in 2021 after 32 years with the credit union,” Butz said.

The application period is now open thru March 3. All high school seniors who are members of Capital Credit Union with plans to pursue higher education and a minimum grade-point average of at least 2.5 are encouraged to apply. For information and to apply, visit <https://www.capitalcu.com/scholarships>.

Bonduel resident now part of Angus association

Phoenix Seubert, of Bonduel, is a new member of the American Angus Association, according to Mark McCully, chief executive officer of the national breed organization headquartered in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with more than 22,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on more than 19 million registered Angus.

Next gunless poultry shoot at Firelite Lounge

The next American Legion Post 44 gunless poultry shoot begins at 1 p.m. Feb. 18 at Firelite Lounge, 15329 State Highway 32, Lakewood.

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



That takes the cake

Amiyah Heatley, left, and Claire Dudek, center, two eighth grade students at Sacred Heart Catholic School, prepare a cake that was part of an art class bake-off competition as fellow student Bryton Van Gheem looks on. Each team of two had to make their entire cake from scratch and were given only two hours to decorate with a theme of their favorite memory from their time at Sacred Heart.

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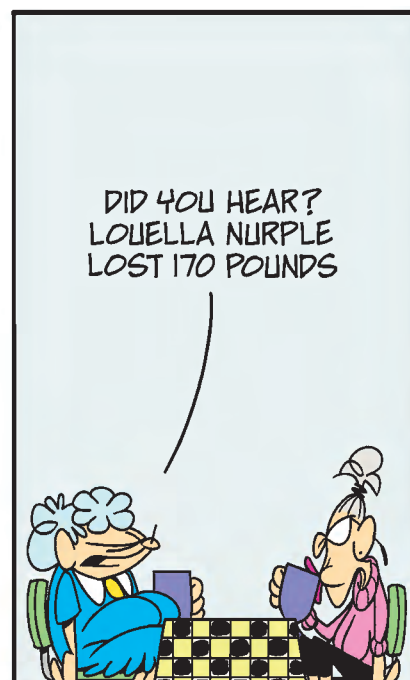
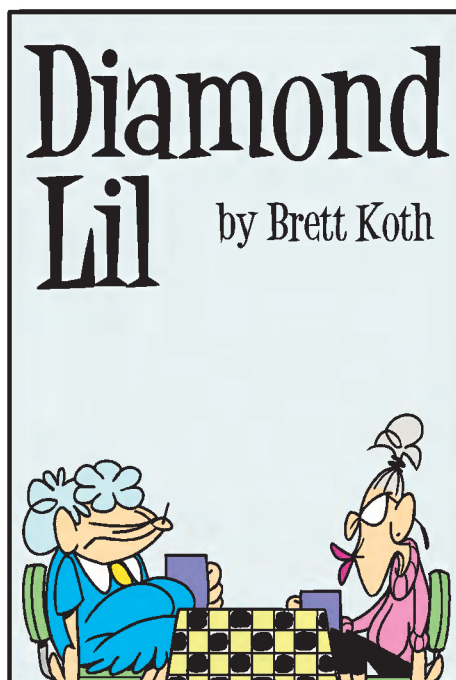
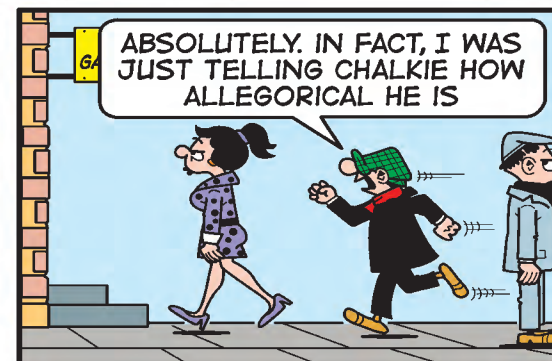
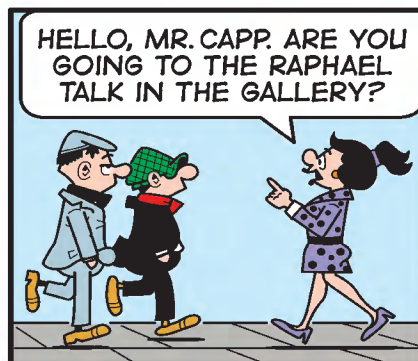
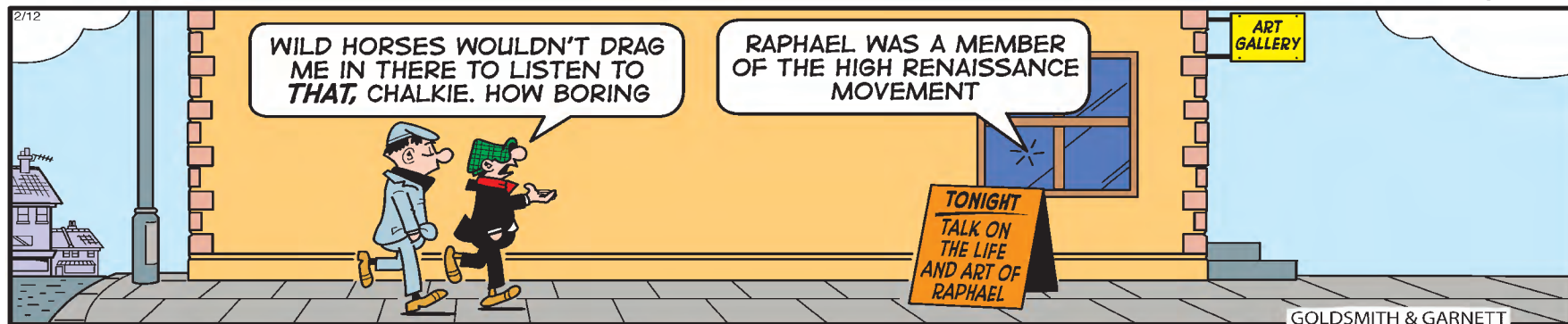
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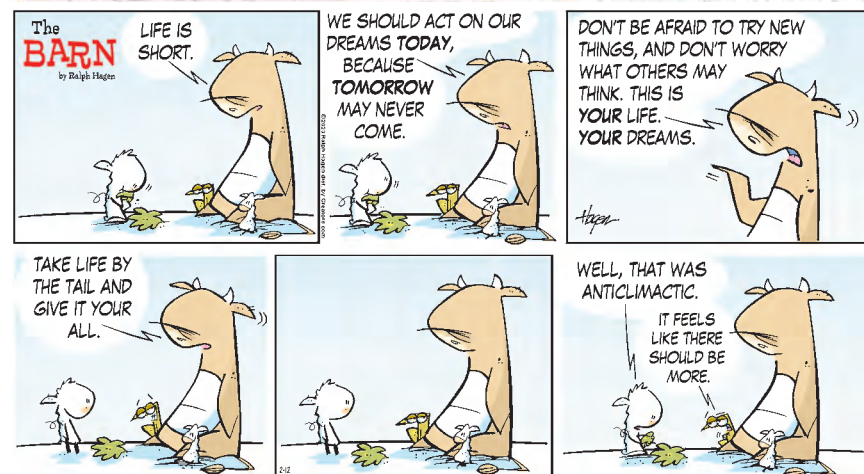
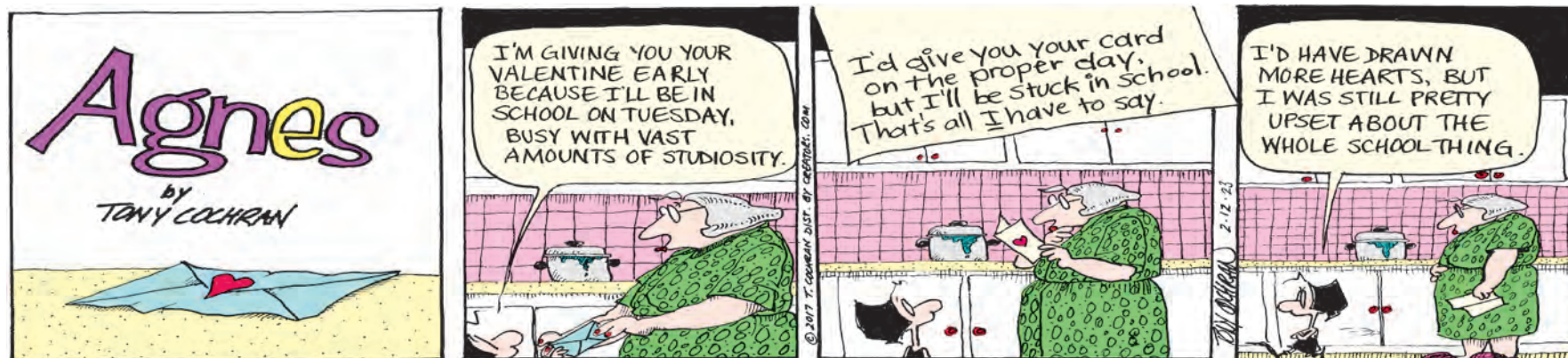
Eighth grade student Bryton VanGheem, standing with parents Lindsay and Josh VanGheem, took first place once again in the Sacred Heart Catholic School Geography Bee on Feb. 1. Bryton has the opportunity to participate in the State Geography Bee coming up soon in Madison. Seventh grade student Cora Pieper finished in second place.

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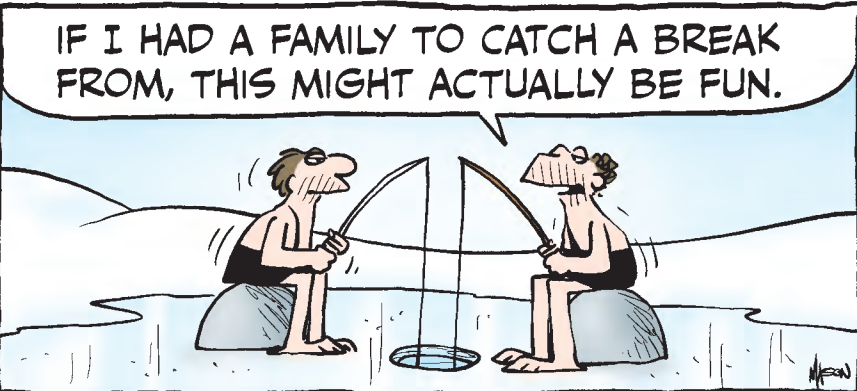
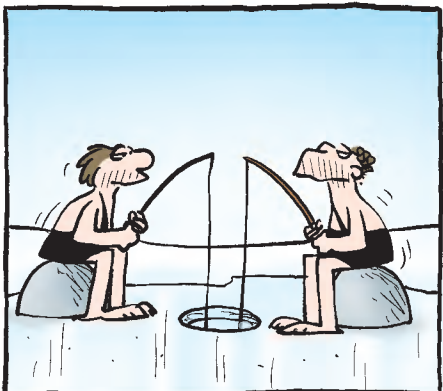
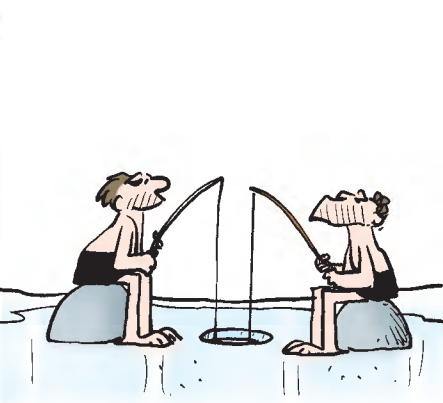
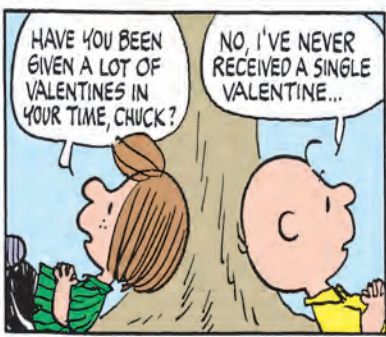
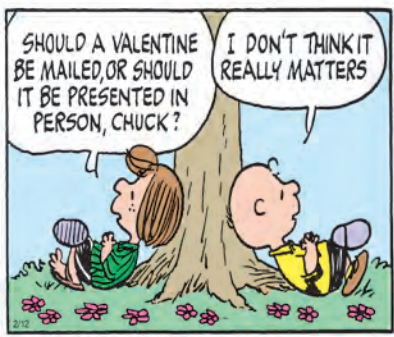
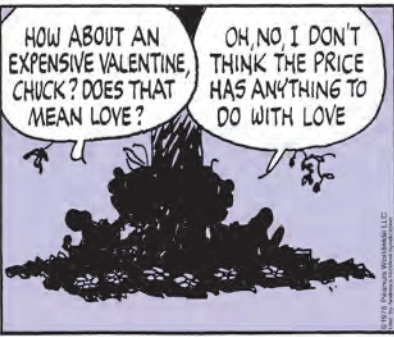
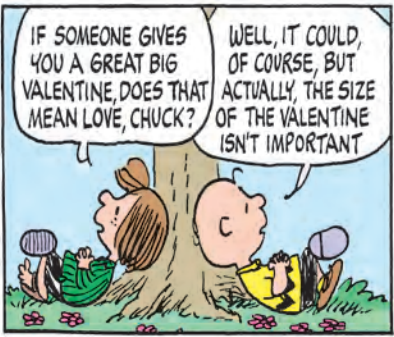
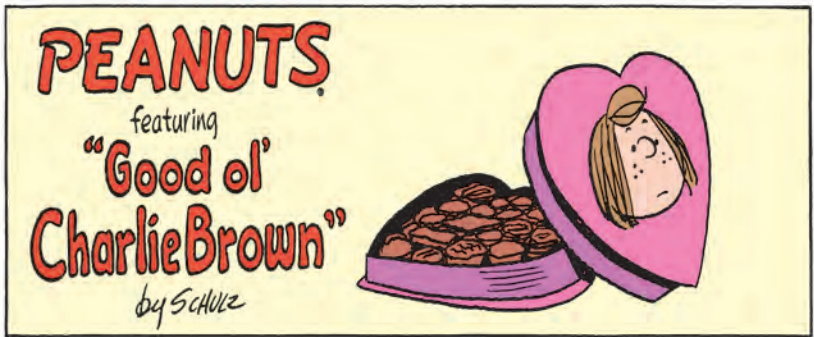


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