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New fire station takes shape

News Editor

Mild weather has contributed to progress on construction of the new fire station on Chestnut Avenue in Oconto Falls, and city officials are making tentative plans for a dedication in early June.

In his monthly report to the city council for its Feb. 13 meeting, City Administrator Peter Wills said interior drywall has been installed and plastering is expected

to continue through the end of February.

The new station is being built with the help of a \$7 million Neighborhood Investment Grant, obtained through the state Department of Administration using federal funds allocated to Wisconsin through COVID relief programs.

Fire Chief Tim Magnin said about \$5.71 million of the \$7.5 million budget has been spent to date. Magnin, Wills, Mayor Brad Rice and architectural engineer Joel Schmechel have been meeting weekly to

discuss the construction effort.

Painting has begun in the apparatus bays and is expected to take about three weeks, and door and window frame are also being installed, Wills said.

Work continues on the final design for the overhead doors in the apparatus bay, Magnin added.

Wills and Magnin were also scheduled to give the latest updates to the council Feb. 13 during their regular monthly meeting.

OFHS forensics team places third in conference

The Oconto Falls High School forensics team entered its new season by taking third place at the North Eastern Conference Tournament championship hosted at Oconto Falls. The Panthers rounded out the top three with 146 points, following Wrightstown (251) and Denmark (168).

Earning a first-place medal was Anna Burd in Public Address. Second-place finishers included Madysen Przybylski, Prose; Emersyn Payette, Moments in History; Emily Elliott, Oratory; Allyna Timm, Public Address; and Alaina Blaser, Ana Feliz, Sophia Collar, and Nick Blaser, Play Acting.

The team resumed WISDAA competition Feb. 19, at the subdistrict meet in Bonduel. They are coached by Michelle Desterheft and Gayle Gander.



The Oconto Falls High School forensics team includes, front row, sitting on stage, Emersyn Payette, Alaina Blaser, Sophia Collar, Ana Feliz, Nick Blaser and Julia Weiler; middle row, leaning forward or kneeling, Jayden Dobizl, Abby Kuhn, Tim Cornette, Addison Borst, Katie Miller, Madysen Przybylski, Kyndra Staidl and Laura Gillum; and back row, standing, Allyna Timm, Aiden Frievault, Gunar Lade, Stephanie Vasquez Contreras, Addison Santee, Maci Tucker, Emily Elliott and Anna Burd.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Feb. 8

▪ Bond was set at \$15,000 cash for Maurice Allen Olson Sr., 33, Sur-
ing, after he was charged with fleeing an officer in his vehicle, second-degree reck-
lessly endangering safety, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked, resisting or obstructing an officer, and possession of drug paraphernalia, in con-
nection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 6. Judge Jay Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Feb. 15.

▪ Bond was set at

\$10,000 cash for Kayla Ardell Suvanto, 32, Shawano, after she was charged with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), four counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug para-
phernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 6. Conley ad-
journed her initial appear-
ance until Feb. 15.

Proceedings of Feb. 2

▪ Collin Andrew Hilker, 24, Appleton, was sentenced to three years in prison, followed by three years of extended supervision, for

possession of methamphet-
amine and felony bail jump-
ing, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 28, 2022. Oconto County Circuit Court Judge Michael T. Judge gave him credit for 431 days already served in the county jail.

▪ Glenroy T. Vanlan-
nen, 22, Merrill, pleaded no contest to repeated sexual assault of the same child and misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer and using a telephone to threaten harm, in con-
nection with incidents that occurred in January 2021. Judge approved a deferred judgment agreement on the felony charge and placed Vanlannen on two years of probation with conditions.

▪ Nicole M. Harris, 40, Oconto, was placed on probation after a prison sentence was imposed and stayed for possession of methamphetamine and two counts of misdemeanor possession of THC. Judge gave her credit for 332 days served in the county jail.

▪ Bond was set at \$1,000 cash for Anthony Barrett Wood, 39, Lakewood, after

he was charged with felony bail jumping in connection with an incident that alleg-
edly occurred Feb. 1. Judge adjourned his initial appear-
ance until Feb. 15.

Proceedings of Feb. 1

▪ Andrew R. Krueger, 37, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to manufacture with intent to deliver metham-
phetamine, possession of methamphetamine, manu-
facture with intent to deliver amphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, maintain-
ing a drug trafficking place, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in con-
nection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 6. Oconto County Circuit Court Judge Jay N. Conley sched-
uled a pre-trial conference for April 11.

▪ A \$5,000 signature bond was set for Desiree Ellise Medina, 33, Green Bay, after she was charged with possession of metham-
phetamine, possession with

intent to deliver amphet-
amine or methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), pos-
session with intent to deliver THC, felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 25, 2023. Judge scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 18.

Proceedings of Jan. 31

▪ Harrison J. Cain, 20, Oconto, was placed on three years of probation after a prison sentence was im-
posed and stayed for felony charges of bail jumping and injury by the intoxicated use of a motor vehicle, in connection with a crash that occurred April 2, 2022, and misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree sexual assault and sexual intercourse with a child age 15 or older, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 9, 2021. Judge ruled that probation conditions include nine months in county jail with Huber work-release and good time privileges.

▪ Bond was set at \$7,500 cash for Andrew E. Mahers, 36, Pound, after he was charged with possession of methamphetamine, posses-
sion of narcotic drugs, two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC, posses-
sion of illegally obtained prescription drugs and possession of drug para-
phernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 30. Conley adjourned his initial appear-
ance until Feb. 15.

▪ Bond was set at \$6,000 cash for Avery Nancy-
Morning Star Nooyen, 19, Ashwaubenon, after she was charged with possession of methamphetamine, posses-
sion of narcotic drugs, four counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of

possession of THC, posses-
sion of illegally obtained prescription drugs and possession of drug para-
phernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 30. Conley adjourned her initial appear-
ance until Feb. 15.

Proceedings of Jan. 30

▪ Shannon May Tour-
tillott, 33, Keshena, was ruled not competent to stand trial on a variety of charges including child neglect and abuse, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred in May 2023, as well as battery or threat to a law officer and escape in connection with her arrest in August and an incident that allegedly occurred while she was being transported as a jail inmate on July 31. Conley suspended the case for one year and scheduled a telephone scheduling confer-
ence for next Jan. 14.

▪ Bond was set at \$7,500 cash for Buzz A. Anwash, 38, Wabeno, after he was charged with operating a motor vehicle while in-
toxicated (seventh, eighth or ninth offense), misdemeanor operating while revoked and possession of drug para-
phernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 28. Conley adjourned his initial appear-
ance until Feb. 15.

Proceedings of Jan. 29

▪ A final pre-trial confer-
ence was held for Kirstie E. Rost, 32, Little Suamico, who is charged with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 20, and felony bail jumping, in connec-
tion with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 29. Conley said the Feb. 7-8 jury trial is in the No. 2 backup position on the court calendar.

TOWN OF MORGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

In accordance to Wis Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that a Public Test for the voting machine to be used at the 2024 Spring Primary on February 20, 2024 will be conducted for the Town of Morgan on Sunday February 18, 2024 at 06:00 PM at the Morgan Town Hall, 3276 County Rd C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. This public test is open to the general public.

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Erin Mooers

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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who:

- will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day.
- has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.
- The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.*

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below. Your written request must include:

1. your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote

2. the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above

3. your signature

4. a copy of your photo identification*

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:

5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, February 15, 2024**

*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

**Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

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The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Tuesday, February 6, 2024***

***Absentee voting is by appointment only unless noted above.

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Friday, February 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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health resources at a time of urgent need.

"Someone in a mental health crisis or their par-
ents have enough going on without having to deal with all the paperwork, making the phone calls," Payne said, "Care Solace is about taking away that added stressor."

The crisis can be as se-
rious as suicidal thoughts, stress about academics or stress about something that's happening in their family, she said.

"We talk to kids; we run some small groups to deal with these is-
sues, but sometimes what we're doing is not

enough," Payne said.

The referral service is confidential. The school system gets statistics about how many people are using Care Solace but not details of the individ-
ual cases, Payne said.

The district is com-
mitted to ensuring that students, families and the community have access to mental health care, as well as trying to remove some of the stigma attached to needing help with mental health, Olsen said.

"It's OK to seek help to get through this," she said.

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Armstrong pleads out to bonfire charges

Teen facing 6 months in jail, 5 years' probation

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The man accused of causing a homecoming bonfire to go horribly out of control pleaded no contest to all of the charges against him on Feb. 5.

Samuel J. Armstrong, 18, has been charged with 13 felony counts of injury by negligent handling of explosives or fire when a diesel and gasoline mixture came in contact with the bonfire and the fire "began shooting out," according to the criminal complaint.

A sentencing hearing was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. April 11 in Branch I of the Shawano County Courthouse. Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney Greg Parker is recommending a one-year jail sentence with six months stayed. With that sentence, Armstrong would be eligible for Huber work release privileges. Parker is also recommending a \$100 fine for each of the 13 counts plus court costs, along with five years of probation.

If Armstrong's case had gone to trial and he'd been convicted, he could

have received 3½ years in prison and a maximum \$10,000 fine for each of the counts, according to state guidelines.

A Shawano County detective wrote in his report in the criminal complaint that he responded to a residence on Cedar Drive in the Town of Maple Grove on Oct. 15, 2022, after learning that several people between the ages of 16 and 18 were admitted to hospitals in Green Bay for burns and other injuries. The detective reported he found a spot that was "still smoldering," indicating a fire had been burning. The fire pit was about 30 feet east of a two-story home, and the detective found empty containers and beer cans, along with a blue plastic 55-gallon barrel with the diesel/gasoline mixture.

The detective spoke with a man at the home, who told him how the fire got out of hand and burned people. The man told the detective that two people, one of whom was Armstrong, moved the blue barrel.

The detective interviewed Armstrong, who was 17 at the time, with an

attorney present two days later, on Oct. 17, and was told "we decided to throw a barrel" on the fire, according to the detective's report. Armstrong allegedly said he did not think the barrel would do what it did and injure someone.

Armstrong indicated to the detective that he and another person, identified in the report as "TJF," moved the barrel closer to the fire, and about 10:50 p.m. was told by someone to "just do it," and the pair allegedly threw the barrel into the fire.

Armstrong allegedly tried to help put out the flames on one of the victims when he was punched from behind, according to the criminal complaint. He claimed four or five people went after him, and he ran into a nearby cornfield, where he hid for about five minutes before leaving in his vehicle.

The criminal complaint indicates that Armstrong said he'd consumed six beers.

One of the victims told a detective he was burned on the back of his legs, suffering second- and third-degree burns, according to the criminal



Defense attorney Greg Petit, right, leads his client Samuel Armstrong out of Judge Katherine Sloma's courtroom of Feb. 5 after the plea hearing in which Armstrong pleaded no contest to 13 felony counts of negligent handling of explosives or fire.

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complaint. The victim reported seeing several others on fire and tried to assist by smothering the flames with his hooded sweatshirt before realizing he'd been burned, as well.

Another person interviewed by detectives claimed Armstrong made multiple comments about wanting to throw the barrel on the fire, even though a number of

people warned him not to. A victim indicated to a deputy that no one wanted to call 9-1-1 because a number of the underage people at the bonfire had been drinking alcohol.

At least one person had to go to the burn center in Milwaukee after suffering burns to his face, hands, legs and back.

Even with pleading to the criminal charges,

Armstrong's legal woes may not be over. There are currently five civil suits pending in Brown County Circuit Court where Armstrong is a defendant from victims injured in the bonfire. Four of the suits were filed Nov. 10, 2023, while the fifth one was filed Dec. 18, 2023.

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With a heavy heart, we lost Jim Holl to a 2½-year battle with cancer, on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at home with his family at his side. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Karla (Braun) Holl; his children, Kimberly (Ryan) Abalan, Aubriann (Nick) Koeune and Brandon Holl; grandchildren, Lucy and Claire Abalan, Peyton, Grayson and Addison Koeune; his siblings, Steve (Debi) Holl and Kathy Holl; brother-in-law, Gary Braun; sisters-in-law,



Marilyn (Harv) Fifield, Cheryl (Ken) Kohn, Lori (Scott) Kroll; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Jim was born on Jan. 1, 1961, to Isadore and Anna Holl. He graduated from Gillett High School with the class of 1979 and received an associate degree from Moraine Park Technical College. Jim and Karla were high school

sweethearts and were married on May 29, 1982.

Jim retired from being a service technician for Coin Appliances and Hughes Enterprises. He traveled all over the state of Wisconsin to service laundry machines in various apartment complexes and developed friendships with all his clients.

Jim was always ready to help fix, build or serve, no matter how hard the task or time of day. He could learn to do just about anything, and everything he did was expert level. He built a stone patio for his wife, which became

the family project that summer, laid tile flooring, landscaped and maintained a meticulous yard, built decks, took up carpentry to make furniture for his children and toys for his grandkids.

During the 3½ years his son was fighting leukemia, Jim became his full-time caregiver at home and managed all his medications and weekly trips to Children's Hospital. Needless to say, they were best buddies after conquering that battle.

Jim could talk to anyone, anywhere, about anything. Chances are you

have had a conversation or two with him if you live anywhere in Wisconsin. Jim was a member of the Larsen-Winchester Lions Club for more than 15 years, helping run the semi-annual pancake breakfast events and build wheelchair ramps.

Jim was preceded in death by an infant sister, Barbara; his parents, Isadore and Anna Holl; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Raymond and Mary Braun; grandparents; a nephew, Joey; sister-in-law, Jeanne; and beloved aunts and uncles.

Cremation has taken

place, and a celebration of life will be on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester, 8396 Steeple Hill Drive, Larsen. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. with a service to be held at 1:30 p.m. Pastor Mark Laatsch will be officiating. Interment will follow in the Grace Lutheran Cemetery.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.

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Dawn Giamarino, of Seymour, passed away Feb. 5, 2024, at home with loving family by her side. She was born Oct. 19, 1959, to the late James and Erma (Braunsdorf) Schroeder.

Dawn grew up on a small farm in Gillett. Here she developed her love of God, family and horses. Her childhood was rich and full, with family always at the center and the source of great joy and pride.

Dawn is survived by her husband of 43 years, Edward William, and their two sons, Benjamin David and Matthew James. Dawn and Edward found each other where they both attended college at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Dawn is further sur-

Dawn Giamarino



vived by her brother, Jerry, and his wife, Gail; brother, Denny and his wife, Mary; brother, Randy; sister, Diane and her husband, Jamie (Hubbard); uncles, Howard and Darrell; aunts, Dawn and Sandra; cousins, Karin, Jayne, John, Deb, Angie and Kevin; nieces and nephews, Kim, Alissa, Eric and Nick; and beloved kitty, Milo.

Dawn possessed a wonderful ability to empathize with the needs of others. This served her well throughout her career in various customer service

and administrative positions. Her favorite job, however, was back in the 1980s where she lead horse trail rides for Kitch's Trail Rides outside of Lake-wood.

Dawn had a 25-year battle with an autoimmune disease called Scleroderma, which then led to lung cancer. She endured more than her fair share of pain, yet through it all, she never failed to grace us with her warm smile. We all loved her so much and will miss her dearly.

Visitation took place on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, at Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home from 4 p.m. until the time of the service at 6 p.m.

Online condolences may be expressed to Dawn's family at www.muehlboettcher.com.

Mike Zdzieblowski, 65, passed away on Feb. 6, 2024, at home surrounded by family. He was born Sept. 30, 1958, in Wausau to Bruce and Glendine (O'Keefe) Zdzieblowski.

Mike married Pam Paluch on May 18, 1991. He loved attending and watching NASCAR races, the Packers and Brewers. He was a semi-truck driver all his life and enjoyed traveling the U.S. with Pam and his daughter, Rylee. He loved going fishing with his best friend.

Mike Zdzieblowski



Michael is survived by his wife, Pam; daughter, Rylee (Miszy) Zdzieblowski; his parents; three sisters, Marge (Jeff) Gilbertson, Sue (Jim) Anderson and Marcy (Bernie) McCarthy; three brothers, Tim (Susan), Mark (Bridget) and David. He is also survived by a

very special friend, Doug Curran; and many nieces and nephews on both sides.

He was preceded in death by a nephew, Adam Zdzieblowski, and a sister-in-law, Debbie Lemirande.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the Gallagher Funeral Home, Oconto, from 3-6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 2024. A service of remembrance will be conducted at 6 p.m.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.gallagherfuneralhome.net.



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Leah G. Giese

Leah G. Giese, 86, of Gillett, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024. Leah was born on May 17, 1937, to the late Clarence and Lucille (Peterson) Peterman.

She attended St. John Lutheran School and graduated from Suring High School in 1955. On Aug. 27, 1955, Leah married Herbert Giese at St. John Lutheran Church in Hayes. The couple were self-employed farmers in Gillett for 42 years and received an award from the Wisconsin State Fair for century ownership. She was a dedicated farm wife and mother.

Leah was very active in



the community throughout her life. She served as a census and election worker for over 10 years. Leah was also very involved with the church. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church for many years where she served on the ladies aid and church choir. Later in life, she became a member of Christ Lutheran Church-Hintz where she was also active with the ladies aid.

Leah was a member of

the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for over 60 years, serving as president and vice president. For 20 years, she served as a secretary for AAL and received an AAL Recognition Award. Leah volunteered at the LCFS Thrift Store in Shawano for many years.

One of Leah's passions in life was quilting. She founded the Pine Needles Quilt Guild and was involved with Quilts for Soldiers for over 15 years. Leah was honored when one of her quilts was chosen to be displayed at The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show in Madison. She also received a special award

from Grain Train Quilts. Throughout her life, she completed over 100 quilt projects, including quilts, table runners, wall hangings and more.

Leah enjoyed gardening and loved flowers, especially orchids. She also enjoyed birdwatching from her kitchen window. Leah enjoyed taking many memorable trips with her husband and friends.

Leah is survived by her husband of 68 years, Herbert; five children, Randie Giese, Pam (Pat) Paholke, Keith (Lori) Giese, Tim (Gail) Giese and Julie Witc-palek; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Myra (Al) Hann. She is

further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Evon (Tom) Hansen and Fern (Ed) Rawling; and a brother, Ivan (Phyllis) Peterman.

Visitation was held on Friday, Feb. 9, 2024, at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home from 4-8 p.m., and resumed Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at Christ Lutheran Church-Hintz from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Michael Paholke officiating. Leah will be interred at Christ Lutheran Cemetery.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting

the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank the staffs of The Cottages at Meadowlands Memory Care and Moments Hospice for the care and compassion offered to Leah and her family during their time of need.



Ralf D. von Brevern

On Feb. 2, 2024, Ralf Dietrich von Brevern went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ following a fierce battle with Burkitt's lymphoma leukemia. He was born on Oct. 1, 1961, in Chicago, son of the late Dietrich and Trudy von Brevern.

Ralf was a graduate of Gillett High School with the class of 1979. He worked for various trucking companies over the years and loved to drive anywhere. Mostly he loved to pick up and drive the kids for Wednesday Family Night at Hillside Assembly in Gillett. Ralf was part of their bus ministry program for many years.

He had recently received a service medal in January for teaching the Ranger Kids Class for the past 12 years.

One of Ralf's favorite things to do was go camping in Pecatonica, Illinois, with family and friends and also to go to garage sales as well as their large flea market every September. Everyone enjoyed hearing his trucking stories around the campfire.

Ralf is preceded in death by his parents, Dietrich (Dietz) and Waltraud (Trudy) von Brevern; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Geneva and George Conners; and one nephew, Christopher Jon Ryan Perez.

He is survived by his wife of almost 25 years, Teri (Conners) von Brevern, and their two dogs, Jack and Ellie Mae; one brother, Mark von Brevern (Sheila); three



brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Randy and Ellen Smith, David and Cindy Conners, Robben and Doug Kosharek; nieces and nephews, Elias von Brevern, Allison (Jordan) Birschbach, Brian (Stephanie) Smith, Derek (Jenn) Smith, Chas-ity (Mike) Vogel, Melissa (Patrick) Gann, Zachary (Westin) Dixon and Eryk Perez; great-nieces and great-nephews, Hunter, Kyssah, Dawsyn, Carolyn and Landon.

Visitation for Ralf was held Monday, Feb. 12, 2024,

at Hillside Assembly of God, 5890 Highway 22, Gillett, from 10 a.m. until the time of services at noon. Officiating at the service were Pastors Jonathan Carlson and Paul Carlson with commitment to follow at Wanderer's Rest Cemetery, Gillett.

The family would like to thank the Green Bay oncology team and the ninth floor nurses at St. Vincent Hospital for the love and care given to Ralf and his family.

The Kuehl Funeral Home, 108 E. Main St., Gillett, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Expressions of sympathy, memories and photos may be shared with Ralf's family on his tribute page at www.legacycarepartners.com.

Oconto Falls officials still seeking lifeguards for East Side Beach

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The city of Oconto Falls is still holding out hope that enough summer staff can be hired to provide lifeguard service at East Side Beach.

When the 2024 budget was passed, city council members commented that a lack of candidates and fiscal constraints probably meant that no lifeguards would patrol the popular beach this summer. The facility will be open to the public, but swimmers would be

in the water at their own risk.

The public responded with concern, and there was much discussion at the Jan. 9 meetings of the city park and recreation committee and city council.

City officials estimate that eight to 10 lifeguards are needed to run the beach, and the jobs of lifeguard and lifeguard supervisor have been posted on the city website (cityofoconto.com), public library, and city hall and provided to

local schools. Lifeguards must be certified, but the city has long provided reimbursement for the cost of obtaining certification.

In response to public questions, the city said it has been advised not to put out the docks and swimming raft this summer because of liability issues.

The park and recreation committee plans to continue meeting on a regular basis to assess the beach situation and attempt to attract more applications.

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Description	Owners	Ctf. No.	Year Sold	Tax Year	Amount of Tax	Interest to 9/30/2024	Charges	Total
TOWN OF ALMON								
N 363' OF E 247.5' OF SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC 22 T28N R12E N8397 REGINA RD-RE-GINA CEMETERY PARCEL #002-22140-0010	BETHANY A SCHMUDE	11531	2021	2020	1,573.78	692.46	250.00	2,516.24
TOWN OF ANIWA								
W 428'OF N 278'OF S.E. 1/4 S.W.1/4 SEC.19 T.29 R.11 E PARCEL #006-19340-0010	MARK A LOW	11462	2021	2020	889.86	391.54	250.00	1,531.40
N 600'OF E 330'S.E.1/4 S.E 1/4 EX HWY 45 SEC.19 T.29 R.11 E. PARCEL #006-19440-0000	DONNA NORTON	11468	2021	2020	550.41	242.18	250.00	1,042.59
S.W.1/4 S.W.1/4 SEC.25 T.29 R.11 E. PARCEL #006-25330-0000	PATSY C PINGEL	11585	2021	2020	763.04	335.74	250.00	1,348.78
S.W.1/4 S.E.1/4 SEC.26 T.29 R.11 E. PARCEL #006-26430-0000	PATSY C PINGEL	11595	2021	2020	726.86	319.82	250.00	1,296.68
S.E.1/4 S.E.1/4 EX E 209'OF N 418'SEC.26 T.29 R.11 E. PARCEL #006-26440-0010	PATSY C PINGEL	11598	2021	2020	1,077.11	473.93	250.00	1,801.04
PRT OF N.W.1/4 N.E.1/4 & PRT OF N.E.1/4 N.W.1/4 KNOWN AS LOT 1 CERT SUR REC V.15 P. 190 MAP #3577 SEC.30 T.29N R.11 E. PARCEL #006-30210-0010	SHIRLEY M NIEMUTH	11656	2021	2020	822.18	361.76	250.00	1,433.94
E 240'OF N 190'OF S 770' OF N.E.1/4 S.E.1/4 EX HWY 45 SEC.31 T.29 R.11 E. PARCEL #006-31410-0030	DALE MEVERDEN	11682	2021	2020	191.78	84.38	250.00	526.16
N.W.1/4 N.E.1/4 SEC.35 T.29 R.11 E PARCEL #006-35120-0000	PATSY C PINGEL	11750	2021	2020	838.82	369.08	250.00	1,457.90
N.W.1/4 S.E.1/4 SEC.35 T.29 R.11 E PARCEL #006-35420-0000	WILLIAM J PINGEL JR	11761	2021	2020	726.86	319.82	250.00	1,296.68
S.W.1/4 S.E.1/4 SEC.35 T.29 R.11 E PARCEL #006-35430-0000	WILLIAM J PINGEL JR	11764	2021	2020	574.51	252.78	250.00	1,077.29
N.W.1/4 N.E.1/4 SEC.36 T.29 R.11 E PARCEL #006-36120-0000	PATSY C PINGEL	11766	2021	2020	744.08	327.40	250.00	1,321.48
TOWN OF FAIRBANKS								
S.W.1/4 S.W.1/4 KNOWN AS LOT 1 CERT SUR REC V.16 P.156 MAP #3733 SEC.24 T.26N R.12E PARCEL #014-24330-0000	JAMES ASHENBRENNER BRENDA ASHENBRENNER	11571	2021	2020	799.73	351.88	250.00	1,401.61
TOWN OF GRANT								
SE 1/4 NE 1/4 EX HWY EX THAT PRT DES IN DOC #671688 SEC 34 T26N R13E NKA LOT 1 V20 CSM P262 MAP #4134 PARCEL #018-34140-0000	JOHN GRUNEWALD	11725	2021	2020	1,196.90	526.64	250.00	1,973.54
TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY								
COM AT PT 175'W OF NW COR LOT 7 BLK 2 ISSACSONS ADD VIL OF GREEN VALLEY TH 95'W 125'S TH 95'E TH N TO POB PRT OF N.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 SEC 25 T.27 R.18 E. PARCEL #020-25220-0050	ANN M ANDREWS	11582	2021	2020	672.17	295.76	250.00	1,217.93
TOWN OF HERMAN								
E 209' OF S 209' OF SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC 9 T27N R14E PARCEL #024-09130-0010	LESTER R HESS	11295	2021	2020	765.98	337.04	250.00	1,353.02
TOWN OF HUTCHINS								
S 330'OF S.W.1/4 N.E.1/4 SEC.2 T.29 R.12 E. PARCEL #026-02130-0030	STEVEN J MAUS MARGARET RAGETH	11162	2021	2020	785.14	345.46	250.00	1,380.60
S 665'OF W 660'OF TH N.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 SEC.32 T.29N R.12 E. PARCEL #026-32220-0010	BARBARA H HAMMONS	11695	2021	2020	1,219.63	536.64	250.00	2,006.27
TOWN OF LESSOR								
PRT OF NE 1/4 NE 1/4 DES V659 P147 SEC 31 T25N R17E PARCEL #028-31110-0010	LORI F BLOCK	11667	2021	2020	50.17	22.07	250.00	322.24
TOWN OF MAPLE GROVE								
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 EX RD DES V363 P605 & V788 P461 SEC 25 T25N R18E PARCEL #030-25240-0000	RANDAL J GRACYALNY KIM M GRACYALNY MARGARET GRACYALNY, VENDOR	11584	2021	2020	465.17	204.67	250.00	919.84
TOWN OF MORRIS								
NW 1/4 FRAC NE 1/4 COM NE COR SD 40 TH S 1270.83' TH W 1320.84' TH N 1270.72' TH E TO POB & S 50' DES DOC 707256 EX THE E 50.01' DES DOC #707257 SEC 6 T27N R12E PARCEL #032-06120-0000	PETER KLINNER	11237	2021	2020	432.41	190.26	250.00	872.67
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 EX PRT DES V633 P293 & EX W 540.59' OF N 883.29' SEC 23 T27N R12E PARCEL #032-23240-0000	JASON A OHEARN	11551	2021	2020	1,220.13	536.86	250.00	2,006.99
TOWN OF NAVARINO								
VIL OF GALESBURG P F DOLANS ADD NKA LOT 1 V17 CSM P60 MAP #3813 SEC 25 T25N R16E SURVEY ON FILE #9006430PS PARCEL #034-55150-0090	PAO HER	11952	2021	2020	1,605.02	706.21	250.00	2,561.23
TOWN OF PELLA								
PRT N.W.1/4 FRAC N.E.1/4 LYG N OF RIVER EX E 690'SEC 6 T.26 R.14 E. PARCEL #036-06120-0030	BRUCE L RICHTER	11239	2021	2020	168.38	74.09	250.00	492.47
TOWN OF RED SPRINGS								
W 6 ACRES OF SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC 9 T28N R14E AND W10988 LITTLE ROAD PARCEL #038-09140-0020	RHONDA S MADOSH	11298	2021	2020	2,354.85	1,036.13	250.00	3,640.98
TOWN OF SENECA								
PRT OF NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NKA LOT 2 CERT SUR REC V8 P399 MAP #2375 SEC 16 T27N R13E PARCEL #042-16410-0013	LYNN M KERSTEN	11421	2021	2020	1.94	0.85	250.00	252.79
SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SEC 16 T27N R13E NKA LOT 2 V18 P248 CSM #3973 PARCEL #042-16440-0000	LYNN M KERSTEN	11428	2021	2020	1,788.53	786.96	250.00	2,825.49
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC 21 T27N R13E PARCEL #042-21240-0000	LYNN M KERSTEN	11519	2021	2020	613.34	269.87	250.00	1,133.21
TOWN OF WASHINGTON								
PRT NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC 25 T27N R16E NKA LOT 9 V2 CSM P298 MAP #589 PARCEL #044-38210-0090	SCOTT L REINKE CAROLE REINKE	11784	2021	2020	2.56	1.13	250.00	253.69
S.E.1/4 S.E.1/4 EX RD DES V.610 P.78 SEC.26 T.27 R.16 E. PARCEL #044-39440-0000	JESSE MUELLER	11791	2021	2020	199.14	87.62	250.00	536.76
PRT OF NE 1/4 NE 1/4 AS DES V946 P154 SEC 35 T27N R16E PARCEL #044-40110-0001	JESSE MUELLER	11821	2021	2020	87.47	38.49	250.00	375.96
PRT OF N.E.1/4 N.E.1/4 N OF ROAD EX PRT DES IN V.914 P. 806 SEC.35 T.27N R.16 E. PARCEL #044-40110-0002	JESSE MUELLER	11822	2021	2020	308.95	135.94	250.00	694.89
N.E.1/4 N.E.1/4 SW OF RR SEC.35 T.27 R.16 E PARCEL #044-40110-0010	JESSE MUELLER	11823	2021	2020	5.58	2.46	250.00	258.04
NW 1/4 NE 1/4 N & E OF RR EX PRT DES V551 P690 PART DES IN V810 P645 SEC 35 T27N R16E PARCEL #044-40120-0001	JESSE MUELLER	11825	2021	2020	31.65	13.93	250.00	295.58
NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW OF RR & SE OF RD SEC 35 T27N R16E PARCEL #044-40120-0030	JESSE MUELLER JERRY BECKER, VENDOR PATTI BECKER, VENDOR	11826	2021	2020	29.77	13.10	250.00	292.87

SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC 35 T27N R16E PARCEL #044-40130-0000	JESSE MUELLER JERRY BECKER, VENDOR PATTI BECKER, VENDOR	11827	2021	2020	223.33	98.27	250.00	571.60
S.E.1/4 N.E.1/4 EX PRT SOLD IN DOC #556760 SEC.35 T.27N R.16 E. PARCEL #044-40140-0001	JESSE MUELLER	11828	2021	2020	122.83	54.05	250.00	426.88
PRT OF S.E.1/4 N.W.1/4 & PRT OF N.E.1/4 S.W.1/4 COM S 1/4 COR TH N 2131.21'TO POB; TH CONT N 448.52'TH W 1272.89' TH S 20.03'TH E 211.06'TH S 428.66'TH E 1058.15'TO POB SEC.35 T.27N R.16 E. PARCEL #044-40310-0003	JESSE MUELLER	11839	2021	2020	39.08	17.20	250.00	306.28
W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SEC 35 T27N R16E ACREAGE PER PLAT OF SURVEY PARCEL #044-40420-0010	JESSE MUELLER	11865	2021	2020	241.95	106.46	250.00	598.41
HIDDEN PINES PART N.E.1/4 S.W.1/4 & FRAC N.W.1/4 S.W 1/4 SEC.6 T.27 R.17 E. LOT 13 PARCEL #044-60150-0120	STEVEN J MATEKEL	11971	2021	2020	1,145.32	503.94	250.00	1,899.26
TOWN OF WAUKECHON								
NW 1/4 FRAC NW 1/4 2-26-16EX BROOK'S PLAT OF LIME KILN & EX W 49.5'OF S 231'N&E LOT 1 BROOK PLAT OF LIME KILN & COM SE COR LOT 3 SD PLAT TH ANG 14DEG 9'LF 269.2'TO POB TH ANG 108DEG30'LF 934.5'TH ANG24DEG45'RT246.6'TH ANG 4 DEG24'RT INTERS E LN SD40 TH S ON SD LN 500'MOL TH LF 82DEG30'260'MOL TH 95DEG LF 317.5'TH ANG17DEG18'LF TH S 2DEG W364'N BDY OLD 29 TH NW ALG N BDY OLD 26 TO POB PARCEL #046-02220-0000	JESSE MUELLER	11164	2021	2020	183.80	80.87	250.00	514.67
N.E.1/4 S.W.1/4 EX HWY DES V.795 P.127 AND EX CERT SUR REC V.8 P.310 SEC.2 T.26N R.16 E. PARCEL #046-02310-0010	JESSE MUELLER	11167	2021	2020	398.01	175.12	250.00	823.13
S.E.1/4 S.W.1/4 EX W 24'SEC 2 T.26 R.16 E. PARCEL #046-02340-0000	JESSE MUELLER	11170	2021	2020	359.77	158.30	250.00	768.07
NE 1/4 FRAC NW 1/4 EX V15 CSM P124 & EX THE S 33' RD SEC 3 T26N R16E PARCEL #046-03210-0010	JESSE MUELLER	11184	2021	2020	301.10	132.48	250.00	683.58
BROOKS PLAT OF LIME KILN SEC 2 T26N R16E LOTS 2 & 3 ACREAGE PER PLAT OF SURVEY PARCEL #046-40050-0000	JESSE MUELLER	11792	2021	2020	5.86	2.58	250.00	258.44
TOWN OF WESCOTT								
PRT OF S.E.1/4 S.E.1/4 THAT PRT LYG SE OF EDGEWOOD ROAD SEC.20 T.27N R.16 E. PARCEL #048-20440-0001	KLAYTON E KELLOGG LYDIA FELIZ	11508	2021	2020	294.37	129.52	250.00	673.89
COM NW COR N.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 TH S ALG SEC LN 285'TO POB TH CONT SD LN85'S TH E TO E BDY NW-NW-NW TH N 21'TH N85 DEG44'W TO POB S.30T.27R.16 PARCEL #048-30220-0040	DR R C SAMANTA ROY IN- STITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INCORPORATED	11659	2021	2020	2,251.98	990.87	250.00	3,492.85
N 140'OF S 290'N.W.1/4 N.W. 1/4 N.W.1/4 & TH PRT DES V. 664 P.739 SEC.30 T.27 R.16 E. PARCEL #048-30220-0050	DR R C SAMANTA ROY IN- STITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INCORPORATED	11660	2021	2020	6,461.45	2,843.04	250.00	9,554.49
S 150'OF N.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 N. W.1/4 EX PRT DES V.664 P. 739 SEC.30 T.27 R.16 E. AND N5654 ST 47-55 HWY PARCEL #048-30220-0060	MIDWEST PROPERTIES OF SHAWANO LLC	11661	2021	2020	3,839.72	1,689.48	250.00	5,779.20
ACHTEN'S FIRST ADDITION TO SUNSET VIEW SEC 24 T27N R15E LOT 7 BLK 3 PARCEL #048-40100-0060	BEIT MAMTAKIM CORPORA- TION OF USA INCORPORATED	11820	2021	2020	5,212.23	2,293.38	250.00	7,755.61
PARKWOOD ESTATES PART N.E. 1/4 & S.E.1/4 SEC.1 T.27 R. 16 E. LOT 66 PARCEL #048-70350-0690	DON W STIEGLBAUER	12098	2021	2020	174.34	76.71	250.00	501.05
WESCOTT ACRES PRT OF N FRAC 1/2 OF NE 1/4 DES V.427 P2 SEC 1 T27N R16E LOT 17 PARCEL #048-85150-0160	RODNEY A BORKENHAGEN	12224	2021	2020	132.48	58.29	250.00	440.77
WESCOTT ACRES PRT OF N FRAC 1/2 OF NE 1/4 DES V427 P2 SEC 1 T27N R16E LOT 18 PARCEL #048-85150-0170	RODNEY A BORKENHAGEN	12225	2021	2020	132.48	58.29	250.00	440.77
WESCOTT ACRES PRT OF N FRAC 1/2 OF NE 1/4 DES V427 P2 SEC 1 T27N R16E LOT 19 PARCEL #048-85150-0180	RODNEY A BORKENHAGEN	12226	2021	2020	128.78	56.66	250.00	435.44
VILLAGE OF ANIWA								
VIL OF ANIWA NE 1/4 NW 1/4 E 600' OF W 804' OF S 600 FT SEC 8 T29N R11E PARCEL #101-08210-0010	BEVERLY J FAUST	11281	2021	2020	51,099.17	22,483.64	250.00	73,832.81
VIL OF ANIWA OBERWIESER'S SUB-DIV BLK 26 LOT 4 BLK 2 PARCEL #101-70050-0140	SEAN LOCKE JULIE LOCKE	12015	2021	2020	535.87	235.79	250.00	1,021.66
VIL OF ANIWA OBERWIESER'S SUB-DIV BLK 26 LOT 7 & 8 BLK 2 PARCEL #101-70050-0170	SEAN LOCKE JULIE LOCKE	12018	2021	2020	308.89	135.91	250.00	694.80
VIL OF ANIWA ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 1-2 & 3 BLK 5 PARCEL #101-70100-0060	DIANE L SIBILIA CHARLES R JAMES	12060	2021	2020	12.32	5.42	250.00	267.74
VIL OF ANIWA ORIGINAL PLAT E 1/2 LOTS 5 & 6 BLK 5 PARCEL #101-70100-0070	DIANE L SIBILIA CHARLES R JAMES	12062	2021	2020	4.61	2.03	250.00	256.64
VILLAGE OF BONDUEL								
VIL OF BONDUEL WESTPHAL & LANGE'S PLAT 2ND ADDITION LOT 16 BLK 2 & LOT 17 V326 P111 PARCEL #107-85100-0340	TINA RADTKE	12217	2021	2020	1,133.02	498.53	250.00	1,881.55
VIL OF BONDUEL WHITNEE WOODS PLAT SEC 8 T26N R17E LOT 7 PARCEL #107-87100-0060	JAMES F HUTTER SUZANNE HUTTER	12234	2021	2020	669.49	294.58	250.00	1,214.07
VILLAGE OF BOWLER								
VIL OF BOWLER PRT S.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 COM 25'N & 33'E OF W 1/4 SEC COR TH E100'TH 128'TH W100'TH 128'TO POB SEC.31 T.28 R.13 E PARCEL #108-31230-0220	MERLE R MOEDE CINDY PUKALL MOEDE	11672	2021	2020	771.93	339.65	250.00	1,361.58
VILLAGE OF CECIL								
VIL OF CECIL FREEBORNS ADD LOT 6 BLK 1 SEC 20 T27N R17E PARCEL #111-50050-0060	ELLEN S KOEPPEN JORDAN KOEPPEN	11914	2021	2020	1,174.35	516.72	250.00	1,941.07
VILLAGE OF ELAND								
VILLAGE OF ELAND LULL & MYLREA'S ADD WAS LOT 1 & PRT LOT 2 V15 CSM P87 MAP #3527 SEC 31 T28N R11E NKA LOT 1 CSM MAP #4707 PARCEL #121-65050-0040	BRETT J ROEHL	11976	2021	2020	374.42	164.74	250.00	789.16
VILLAGE OF MATTOON								
VILLAGE OF MATTOON ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 4 & 5 BLK 18 PARCEL #151-70050-0300	GERALDINE T COX	12024	2021	2020	1,169.18	514.44	250.00	1,933.62
VILLAGE OF MATTOON ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 6 BLK 20 PARCEL #151-70050-0510	REBECCA L OSBORN	12028	2021	2020	1,064.41	468.34	250.00	1,782.75
VILLAGE OF MATTOON ORIGINAL PLAT E 60'LOTS 1 & 2 ALL LOTS 3-4 & 5 & LOT 6 EX E 28'BLK 22 PARCEL #151-70050-0580	RONALD K MONTEITH TREVOR D BURNS	12034	2021	2020	421.08	185.28	250.00	856.36
VILLAGE OF TIGERTON								
TH PRT OF S.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 KNOWN AS LOT 2 CERT SUR REC V.4 P.265 MAP #1211 SEC.9 T.26 R.12 E. & HWY ACCESS RESTRICT DES V.878 P.173 PARCEL #186-09230-0010	PERFORMANCE TORQUE CONV	11303	2021	2020	177.29	78.01	250.00	505.30
VILLAGE OF TIGERTON MILL SITE DES V.288 P.611 PRT S 1/2 S.W.1/4 SEC.9 T.26 R.12 E. PARCEL #186-65050-0020	PAMELA M WHITEWING JOHN A WHITEWING	11975	2021	2020	121.71	53.55	250.00	425.26
VIL TIGERTON ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 3 & 4 BLK 33 PARCEL #186-70050-1320	GARY L HARGROVE JODY L HARGROVE	12049	2021	2020	327.52	144.11	250.00	721.63
VIL. TIGERTON ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 34 EX S 10' PARCEL #186-70050-1360	BRIAN K JENSEN AMY JENSEN	12050	2021	2020	2,596.55	1,142.48	250.00	3,989.03
VIL. TIGERTON ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 3 BLK 34 EX S 10' PARCEL #186-70050-1370	BRIAN K JENSEN AMY JENSEN	12051	2021	2020	968.74	426.25	250.00	1,644.99

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Shawano County Sheriff George Lenzner, right, administers the oath of office to Deputy Dustin King on Feb. 7 during the Shawano County Public Safety Committee meeting at the sheriff's department. King, who started with the department in October 2023, served 16 months with the Marion Police Department and has been with the Clintonville Police Department since December 2021. King earned his associate degree in criminal justice/police science from Fox Valley Technical College.

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Tigerton goes 4-for-4 in action last week

By KEVIN PASSON

Editor-in-chief

Sam Anheuser and James Brady each scored 14 points to help lead Tigerton over Lena 53-38 in non-conference action Feb. 10. Anheuser had four 3-pointers.

Brady pulled down 11 rebounds, and Anheuser had nine. Maverick Maas had a pair of assists, and Anheuser also led the team with six steals.

Tigerton led 33-23 at halftime and added another five points to their margin of victory with a 20-15 second half.

Lena was led by Caleb Schlosser's 15 points and Mason Belongia's 13. Mason Spice score three, Tyler Shallow had two, and Gonzolo del Val Arroyo had one.

Thursday, Feb. 8

Tigerton extended its winning streak to six games with a 62-46 win over Faith Christian Academy in non-conference action. The Tigers are now 15-4 overall.

It was another big night for Anheuser, who led Tigerton with 19 points, including a 3-point basket and 4-for-4 from the free throw line. Maas scored 14 points, including one triple and 5-for-7 from the line.

Loghan Wanta pulled down nine boards, with Brady grabbing eight and Gavin Kielblock getting seven. Anheuser also had four assists, while he and Joey Zimdars each ran away with six steals.

Tigerton led by 14 at halftime and added another two points to their



A Bible verse and image of an eagle loom large over the Wolf River Lutheran basketball court as the Silver Eagles hosted the Tigerton Tigers on Feb. 6. The school was founded in 2014, with the current building constructed in 2017.

margin of victory with a 28-26 second half.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Four Tigers scored in double digits as Tigerton beat up on Wolf River Lutheran in a non-conference matchup in Shawano.

Tigerton was in command from the beginning, holding a 45-11 lead at the break.

Wolf River Lutheran was outscored 33-13 in the

second half.

Leading the scoring for Tigerton were Wanta and Brady, each with 11 points, and Anheuser and Kielblock, each with 10. Zimdars scored nine points, and Maas had a pair of triples contribute to his eight points.

Wanta led the team with six rebounds, Maas had three assists, and Anheuser grabbed six steals.

Monday, Feb. 5

Tigerton's 80-34 win over Stockbridge marked the most points by the Tigers this season.

The non-conference win was their fourth in a row.

Tigerton was in full control of the contest, leading 45-9 at the break. A 35-25 second half added to the lopsided margin of victory.

Brady paced Tigerton with 16 points. Zimdars scored 14, Wanta contributed 13, and Logan Drews added 10. Zimdars and Caleb Dahlstrom each had a pair of 3-pointers.

Drews pulled down eight rebounds, Anheuser contributed with three assists, and Zimdars nabbed a trio of steals.

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Tigerton guard Sam Anheuser (23) brings the ball up court with Wolf River Lutheran's Gunnar Majewski (12) trailing. Anheuser was one of four Tigers to score in double digits in Tigerton's 78-24 victory.

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Gillett tops Lena, Shawano defeats Green Bay East

Saturday, Feb. 10

Bonduel

Even when they're not battling conference opponents, Bonduel finds the win column with its latest victory a 76-63 triumph over Valders.

Race Anvelink led the Bears with 20 points, followed by Ryan Westrich with 19 and Noah Weier with 11. Colin Margelofsky scored eight, Cade Johnson and Quinn Wesenberg each had seven, Owen Springborn scored three and Sam Roberts had one. Anvelink and Weier each knocked down three 3-pointers, while Margelofsky and Westrich each scored on two of them, and Johnson, Springborn and Wesenberg each collected one.

Westrich led his teammates with 12 rebounds, Johnson and Margelofsky each had six assists, Johnson and Weier had recorded two steals.

Bonduel, 20-1 overall, led 41-29 at the half. The second half was closer with Bonduel coming out on top 35-34.

Gresham

The Wildcats were tamed by Florence, 81-45,

in non-conference action. Gresham is 1-18 overall.

Witt-Birn

Now at 10-10 overall, Wittenberg-Birnamwood lost 73-37 to Xavier in non-conference action.

Xavier dominated the game, leading 46-16 at the half and winning the second half as well, 27-21.

Jett Rogowski led the Chargers with 13 points.

Friday, Feb. 9

Gillett pounds Lena

Gillett more than doubled up on Lena as every player from both teams scored in the Tigers' 74-34 win over the Wildcats.

With a 39-22 lead at the break, Gillett continued cruising to the 40-point win with a 35-12 second-half performance.

Leading at the net for Gillett were Aydin Franti with 21 points, Ben Matczak with 20 and Jesse DeBauch with 17. Garrett Klein chipped in five, Thomas Carmody had four, Nathan Powell scored three, and Ryan Pensis and Tyler Slatky each had two.

For Lena, Caleb Schlosser led with 15 points, and Mason Belongia scored 13. Also scoring

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Shawano goes 2-1 at weekend tourney

Red Robins defeat Hawks 6-2 at Crawford Center

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Shawano concluded its weekend play in Ashwaubenon with a 2-1 win over Sheboygan JV.

Despite 14 shots from Shawano and eight from Sheboygan, the game was scoreless until the third period.

The Hawks got on the board first with a goal by Gavin Hundt and assist by Karson Stoss at 12:52. Ninety seconds later, the game was tied at 1-1, only to see Shawano reclaim the lead another two minutes later. The final goal was scored by Josh Fisksen with a Cam Schroeder assist.

Tyson Lyons worked the net for the Hawks and made 11 saves.

Shawano was penalized four times for eight man-tes, while Sheboygan was called for three infractions and served six minutes.

Saturday, Feb. 10 Ashwaubenon JV 3 Shawano 1

Ashwaubenon JV was consistent with one goal scored in each period to grab a 3-1 win over Shawano.

Ashwaubenon scored first at 2:35 into the first period only to have Shawano's Gavin Hundt tie the game at 1-1 with an assist from Karson Stoss at 5:53.

One goal in the second period and another in the third sealed Shawano's fate.

The Hawks were not called for a single penalty, while Ashwaubenon was called for five infractions for 10 minutes.

Tyson Lyons recorded 34 saves, while Shawano attempted 22 shots.

Antigo 9 Rhineland 4

Antigo ended its regular season with a Great Northern Conference win over Rhineland, 9-4.

All-conference honors were announced Feb. 11.

Antigo's Brian Bunnell was named coach of the

year.

Forward Eli Kassler was named to the first team. Goalie Nolan Bunnell and forward Owen Dickman were named to the second team.

Friday, Feb. 9 Shawano 7 Notre Dame JV 4

Shawano edged Notre Dame JV by one goal in each period to earn a 7-4 win in Ashwaubenon.

Karson Stoss started the scoring for the Hawks with an unassisted goal t 3:07 in the first period. After Notre Dame tied the game at 1-1, Gavin Hundt scored at 10:30 with an assist from Michael Dillenburg to put Shawano on top 2-1.

A pair of power plays in the second period resulted in two goals of Notre Dame and a 3-2 lead. Stoss tied the game at 3-3 with another unassisted goal at 11:54 and then put Shawano up 4-3 with a hat trick at 12:57 with a Hundt assist. Hundt then lengthened the lead to 5-3 with a goal at 14:28 with assists from from Waylon Snider and Stoss.

The Hawks' lead extended to 6-3 midway through the third period on a short-handed goal by Blake Knope at 8:07. Not one to give up, Notre Dame scored at 9:12 to make it a two-goal game. However, Hundt notched his hat trick at 15:34 with Stoss assisting to seal the win for Shawano.

Shawano took 20 shots on goal. Tyson Lyons worked the net for the Hawks and made 16 saves against Notre Dame's 20 shots.

Notre Dame was penalized twice for four minutes, while Shawano doubled those numbers, getting called for four infractions for eight minutes.

Thursday, Feb. 8 Antigo 6, Shawano 2

Trailing 2-0 after the first period, Shawano fought back to tie the game at 2-2 going into the final



Shawano's Blake Knope (8) slaps a shot straight at Antigo goalie Nolan Bunnell (29). The Red Robins won 6-2 at the Crawford Center.

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period when Antigo burst through with four goals to capture a 6-2 win Feb. 8 at the Crawford Center.

Eli Kassler opened the night's scoring with a goal at 4:59 with an assist from Owen Dickman. Kassler scored his second goal of an eventual hat trick at 12:39 with Ian Brittenham assisting.

Not ready to roll over, the Hawks battled back in the second period. Blake Knope scored first at 2:02. Then, Karson Stoss scored at 4:02 with a Cameron Schroeder assist to tie the game at 2-2.

The third period saw Kassler get his hat trick, Liam Burt score twice and Antigo connect on three power plays to secure the win.

First, Brittenham and Dickman assisted on a Burt goal at 6:54. Richie Veriha scored the next two for the Red Robins – first at 10:23

with assists from Kassler and Brittenham and then at 10:45 with an assist from Trenton Walbeck. Kassler scored the final goal with Dickman assisting at 16:21.

Kassler's 57 goals this season lead all others in Wisconsin.

Nolan Bunnell stopped 36 Shawano shots, and Dylan Prochaska stopped 23 for the Hawks.

The teams were whistled for a total of 16 infractions.

The win moves Antigo's season record to 13-10 overall, while Shawano falls to 7-14.

Tuesday, Feb. 6 Antigo 13, Medford 3

Eli Kassler had a hat trick in the first period and another one during the combined second and third periods as Antigo downed Medford 13-3 on Feb. 6.

Owen Dickman accounted for another four goals for the Red Robins,

while Liam Burt added a pair and Collin Tiedemann had one – the first one of the game.

Antigo led 6-1 after the first period and 10-2 after the second period. The Red Robins blanked their guests 3-0 in the third period.

Tiedemann scored first at 4:52 with Parker Chaney and Trenton Walbeck getting assists. Medford tied the game at 1-1 two minutes, before Antigo rattled off five unanswered goals in four minutes' time.

Kassler and Burt assisted Dickman at 10:10, followed by Kassler scoring with help from Burt and Dickman at 11:48. Kassler and Chaney assisted Dickman on his second goal at 12:36. Kassler scored at 13:47 with help from Dickman and Burt, and them completed his first-period hat trick at 14:09 on assists from Dickman and Ian

Brittenham.

Antigo added four second-period goals in a three-minute span.

Dickman's hat trick came at 6:14 with assists from Kassler and Richie Veriha. Burt and Dickman assisted Kassler's goal at 6:34, and Kassler scored unassisted at 7:25. Dickman scored again at 8:57, this time with an assist from Kassler.

Medford scored twice after Antigo's barrage.

In the third period, Dickman and Burt assisted Kassler at 5:51 as Kassler completed his double hat trick. Dickman and Kassler assisted Burt on both of his goals, one at 8:59 and the second at 10:57.

Despite the lopsided score, the shots on goal were pretty even, with Medford taking 33 and Antigo taking 35.

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Antigo's Eli Kassler (15) and Shawano's Blake Knope (8) battle for the puck in the Red Robins' 6-2 win over the Hawks. Kassler scored a hat trick before the night was done.

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WIAA approves D5 in girls volleyball

The Wisconsin Inter-scholastic Athletic Association Board of Control authorized the Tournament Series format to accommodate a fifth division of girls volleyball in 2024 and approved plans for a student leadership program at its January meeting on Jan. 31.

The board approved four recommendations originated and advanced

by the Volleyball Coaches Advisory Committees, including two that revamp the Tournament Series that expands to five girls' divisions next fall. The plan places the largest 116 enrollments of schools sponsoring girls volleyball in Division 1, and Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 will consist of the remaining schools divided equally.

To accommodate the

addition of four teams and three games, the state tournament will expand to Wednesday afternoon and evening with the boys volleyball quarterfinals. The boys semifinals games will be played Thursday afternoon with the championship game scheduled for Friday evening.

The girls Division 5 and the Division 4 semifinals are scheduled for Thurs-

day at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., respectively, with the girls Division 1 quarterfinals to be played Thursday at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The girls Division 1 semifinals are slated for Friday at 1 p.m. The girls Division 3 and Division 2 semifinals will be played Friday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., respectively.

The girls championships Saturday will begin with Division 5 at 9 a.m. fol-

lowed by Division 4 at 11:30 a.m., Division 3 at 2 p.m., Division 2 at 5 p.m. and Division 1 at 7:30 p.m.

One of the other two volleyball changes approved adds a fifth day (Sunday-Thursday) to the window that seed meetings may be scheduled, and the other requires teams to wear contrasting colors at the state tournament for the ease of identifying

teams unless the schools do not have uniforms of contrasting colors.

Soccer, football changes

The lone rule change in boys soccer permits tournament series games on a shared football and soccer natural-turf field if agreed upon by participating schools prior to the day of the game.

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Now is the time to enroll in a hunter education course

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages anyone considering hunting for the first time in 2024 to enroll in a hunter education course now before courses begin filling up in spring.

Many hunting incidents in Wisconsin involve hunters older than 40, decades after learning firearm safety rules in their hunter education courses. It may be time for veteran hunters to refresh these lessons.

As part of the program, hunter education graduates receive a certificate accepted in every U.S. state, Canada and Mexico. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, must have a hunter education certification to purchase a hunting license unless hunting under the Mentored Hunting Law.



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) offers multiple hunter education course options and locations, so hunters can choose the best format for how and where they'd like to learn.

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choose the best format for how and where they'd like to learn. More than 20,000 people take hunter educa-

tion courses in Wisconsin each year.

Traditional Course

Students attend a multi-

day, in-person course where students learn hunter responsibility and safety through lectures, demonstrations, group discussions, practical exercises and individual study. The students then take a multiple-choice exam and complete a hands-on, skills-based assessment based on information found in the printed student manual and taught during class.

Internet and Field Day

Students must enroll in an in-person field day course and then complete the online portion before attending the field day. Upon completing the online course, students will receive a field day voucher, which is required to participate in the in-person field day course in which they enrolled. Students

will reinforce what they learned online through hands-on safe firearm handling, demonstrations from experienced hunters and practical exercises. The students then take a multiple-choice exam and complete a hands-on, skills-based assessment.

Online-Only (Ages 18 and older)

The online-only course has the same general content as the other course options but is entirely online. Students work through online units, take multiple-choice quizzes and take a final multiple-choice exam. This course is specifically for students with prior hunting or firearms handling experience. It is only for those 18 or older.

For more information on courses, visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/>.

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were Mason Spice with three, Tyler Shallow with two and Gonzolo del Val Arroyo with one.

Pulaski

Pulaski sits at an even 8-8 in the Fox River Classic Conference following its 61-57 loss to Ashwaubenton.

Colin Schultz led the Red Raiders with 22 points, including three 3-pointers. Dylan Dorn scored 10 points, and Dixon Holewinski scored eight with the help of a pair of triples.

Joseph Mijal led his team with eight rebounds, Bryce Wotruba had four assists, and Schultz grabbed four steals.

Shawano

The Hawks improved to 5-7 in the Bay Conference following its 81-56 win over Green Bay East at home.

Logan Sipple led Shawano with 24 points, including a triple. Will Verkuilen added 16 points, including four 3-pointers, with Ryan Shanty and Crew Weisnicht each scoring 10. Anderson Schmidt's nine points including a pair of triples.

Shanty led the Hawks with eight boards, with Jacob Rogers pulling down seven, and Sipple and Isaac Welander each getting six. Shanty was also the leader with five assists and four steals.

Shawano held a comfortable 35-19 lead at the

end of the first half and outscored their guest 46-37 after the break.

Suring

Now with a three-game losing streak in the Marinette & Oconto Conference, Suring is 2-12 in league play following its 50-39 loss to Niagara.

Thursday, Feb. 8

Bonduel

Everyone on both teams scored in Bonduel's 80-58 win over Manawa to maintain a perfect 12-0 record in the Central Wisconsin East Conference. The Bears are 19-1 overall.

Ryan Westrich led Bonduel with 20 points, with Race Anvelink right behind him with 18 points and Cade Johnson collecting 10. Another nine points were recorded by Noah Weier, with Quinn Weisenberg getting five, and Owen Springborn and Sam Roberts each scoring two.

The Bears held a 37-30 first-half lead and then added fuel in the second half with a 43-28 score.

Bowler

Bowler is winless at 0-8 in the Central Wisconsin North Conference after its 53-41 loss to Northland Lutheran. Bowler is 1-18 overall.

Gresham

Gresham lost 59-42 to White Lake in a Central Wisconsin North Conference matchup. The Lakers outscored the Wildcats in each half, 27-18 before the break and 32-24 after the

break.

Marion

The Mustangs jumped out of the gate quickly against Rosholt and ran away with a 73-54 non-conference win.

Marion led 41-17 at the break, which was too much for Rosholt to come back against, even with the help of a 37-32 second half.

Marion is 13-8 overall.

Menominee Indian

Menominee Indian and Weyauwega-Fremont are at opposite ends of the Central Wisconsin East Conference, but you wouldn't know that by the final score of their most recent game.

At 2-10 in conference play, and Weyauwega-Fremont at 9-3, the Warhawks barely scraped by for a 75-74 win.

Oconto Falls

Oconto Falls was run over by the Clintonville Truckers, 71-32, in a non-conference game.

Clintonville dominated the first half and went into halftime with a 41-8 lead.

The Truckers manhandled the Panthers, 6-15 overall, in a 30-24 second half.

Witt-Birn

Wittenberg-Birnwood eked out a three-point victory over Amherst in Central Wisconsin East Conference action.

The Chargers won 50-47 and improved to 7-5 in the conference and 10-9 overall.

"Had a 10-point lead

with just over a minute to go and almost let it slip away," coach Garrett Rogowski said. "I thought our guys played a solid game, probably the best defensive effort in the last four games we played."

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Lena

A 64-37 loss to Oneida Nation marked Lena's eighth consecutive Marinette & Oconto Conference loss.

Oneida Nation led by 10 at the intermission and doubled up on Lena, 34-17, in the second half for the 27-point win.

Lena, 1-11 in conference action, and 4-14 overall, was led by Mason Belongia with 11 points and Tyler Shallow with nine.

Pulaski

Pulaski's 80-62 win over Fox River Classic Conference foe Green Bay Preble improved the Red Raiders' mark to 8-7, placing them fifth out of 10 teams.

Shawano

Shawano and New London may each have scored 26 points in the second half, but the Hawks' 36-11 first-half deficit was the difference in their Bay Conference loss.

The 62-37 defeat dropped Shawano to 4-7 in league play and 6-13 overall.

Suring

Large deficits are often hard to overcome, and that proved to be the case for

Suring.

The Eagles were behind Coleman 33-12 as the first half ended. Coleman would go on to claim the second half as well, 26-21.

The loss dropped Suring to 2-11 the Marinette & Oconto Conference and 4-15 overall.

Monday, Feb. 5

Gillett

Gillett stayed competitive and close to Green Bay NEW Lutheran but couldn't pull ahead as the Tigers lost 75-68 in the non-conference game.

Half of Gillett's points were from Aydin Franti, who scored 34 points. Tyler Frank added 12. Also scoring were Ben Matczak with eight, Thomas Carmody with six, and Bradin Bjelland and Ryan Pensis, each with four.

Gillett was outscored 33-30 before the break and 42-38 after the break.

Menominee Indian

The Menominee Indian Eagles lost a non-conference game, 61-53, to the Wabeno/Laona Rebels. The Eagles dropped to 3-15 overall.

Oconto Falls

The Panthers earned their second North Eastern Conference win of the season in a 67-54 win over Denmark.

All seven Oconto Falls players scored, with Jameison Beaman leading the way with 22. JJ Pytleski scored 16, and Alex Haines had 12. Also scoring were

Emerich Skarban with seven, Grayson Cahak with six, Evan Yuma with three and Chase Cariveau with one.

Beaman connected on four 3-pointers, with Pytleski getting three and Cahak hitting two. Beaman also hit on six free throws, with Haines and Pytleski each getting five.

Haines controlled the boards with his 16 rebounds. Cariveau helped out with five assists, and Haines also had a pair of steals.

Oconto Falls won both halves of the game, 28-19 before intermission and 39-35 after the break.

Oconto Falls is 2-12 in conference action and 6-14 overall.

Witt-Birn

The Chargers sit at an even 9-9 overall after losing 77-68 to Pacelli in a non-conference game.

"We got down early and played with a deficit for the remainder of the game," coach Garrett Rogowski said.

Wittenberg-Birnwood trailed 43-31 at the half, and even though they outscored their hosts 37-34 after the break, it wasn't enough.

Jett Rogowski led the Chargers with 19 points. Keegan Schmid scored 12, while Marshall Fraaza and Hayden Miller each had 11. Nine of Miller's points came from 3-point field goals.

Stevens leads Bowler with 20 points, 20 rebounds

Friday, Feb. 9
Bonduel
Bonduel crushed Manawa 70-28 in Central Wisconsin East Conference action. The Bears improved to 13-0 in league play and 21-2 overall.
Bonduel was led by Hailee Thompson and her 19 points, including four triples, along with Ella Hischke with 14 and Audrey Weier with 10.
Juliana Jacobs led the Bears with eight rebounds, with Thompson and Weier each grabbing seven, and Hischke and Hailey Zernicke each with six. Hischke led with five assists and seven steals.
Bowler
Isabella Stevens scored 20 points, Paige Treptow knocked down 14 and Natalie Rickert had 12 as Bowler squeaked past Northland Lutheran 58-56 in Central Wisconsin North Conference action.
The other 12 points in the game came from Bertina Dodge with eight and Autumn Thieux with four.
Stevens also pulled down an incredible 20 rebounds and also led her team with five assists and five steals.
Bowler improved to 5-2 in conference action and 10-9 overall.
Gresham
The Wildcats had no trouble against White Lake, as Gresham pounded the Lakers 65-7 in a Central Wisconsin North Confer-

ence game.
Gresham improved to 7-0 in conference play and 16-4 overall.
Marion
The Mustangs dropped a non-conference game to Rosholt 38-15. Marion is 3-17 overall.
Menominee Indian
Menominee Indian fell a game behind Weyauwega-Fremont with a 48-42 loss in Central Wisconsin East Conference play.
The Eagles are now 5-7 in the conference and 8-13 overall.
Oconto Falls
A 5-2 overtime period was needed for Oconto Falls to claim a 43-40 North Eastern Conference win over Denmark.
Maddy Maloney led Oconto Falls with 12 points, and Amber Otto scored 10.
Otto pulled down nine rebounds, Rylie Shallow had five assists, and Shallow and Maloney each had three steals.
Oconto Falls led 15-13 at halftime, but Denmark's 25-23 second half showing knotted the score at 38-38 at the end of regulation time.
The Panthers are 9-8 in conference action.
Pulaski
Maggie Lardinois and Lily Urban each scored six points to lead Pulaski in the Red Raiders' 46-19 loss to Ashwaubenon in Fox River Classic Conference action.

Pulaski trailed 23-7 at the break and was outscored 23-12 in the second half.
The Red Raiders are 9-8 in conference play and 11-12 overall.
Wittenberg-Birnamwood
Melaina Granquist knocked down three 3-pointers and scored 22 points in Wittenberg-Birnamwood's 69-26 win over Amherst.
Rory Salvesen added another 19 for the Chargers, Harper Rogowski scored 11, and Faith Resch had 10.
The Chargers led 42-6 at intermission and went on to outscore their hosts 27-20 in the second half.
Granquist also led her team with nine rebounds, and Salvesen led with five assists and six steals.
Wittenberg-Birnamwood improved to 11-2 in conference play, having won its last six conference games.
Thursday, Feb. 8
Gillett
Cilena Guns led all scorers with 17 points and Emily Soper added 11 in Gillett's 43-41 victory over Coleman in Marinette & Oconto Conference action.
Also scoring for the Tigers were the other four players: Mia Soper with seven, Maggie Kaczmarek with four, and Lily Hansen and Sophie Limberg, each with two.
Coleman held an 18-16

lead at the break, with Gillett coming from behind with a 27-23 second half to capture the two-point win.
Gillett improved to 8-6 in the conference and 12-9 overall.
Lena
It was no contest for Lena in their 61-20 clobbering of Wausaukee in a Marinette & Oconto Conference game.
Eva Brooks led all scorers with 25 points, more than all of Wausaukee players combined. Madilyn Thomson scored another 15. Brooks connected on a pair of 3-pointers.
Brooks also led with 13 rebounds and four assists. Thomson had six steals.
At 14-0 in conference play and 21-1 overall, Lena dominated Wausaukee with a 35-8 first half and 26-12 second half.
Shawano
Leah Nordin scored 30 points and Abby Bystol added 11 as Shawano downed Seymour 63-54.
The Hawks improved to 5-6 in the Bay Conference and 15-7 overall.
Tuesday, Feb. 6
Bonduel
Another game and another win for Bonduel.
The Bears crushed Weyauwega-Fremont 78-33 in a Central Wisconsin East Conference game.
Bonduel improved to 12-0 in conference play and 20-2 overall.
Gresham

All five Gresham girls and all seven Niagara girls scored in a low-scoring non-conference game at Niagara.
Madolyn Haffner's 10 points led the Wildcats in their 31-26 win. Lexi Badmoccasin-Barnes scored eight points, Janay Pecore-Kirkland added six, Jocelyn Cerveney scored five and Jesse Jensen added two.
Gresham posted a slim one-point lead at the half and enlarged that with a 16-12 score after the break.
Marion
Marion dropped to 2-6 in the Central Wisconsin North Conference following a 53-26 loss to Northland Lutheran at home.
The Mustangs are 3-16 overall.
Chargers clip Eagles
Rory Salvesen lit up the scoreboard with 39 points, including a trio of triples, as Wittenberg-Birnamwood slammed Menominee Indian 66-47 in a Central Wisconsin East Conference contest.
Melaina Granquist also scored 10 in the victory.
Granquist led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with nine rebounds, Brie Ladika had four assists, and Salvesen nabbed eight steals.
The Chargers improved to 10-2 in the conference and 19-2 overall. The Eagles fell to 5-6 in league play and 8-12 overall.
Pulaski
The Red Raiders came

from behind to notch a 61-56 Fox River Classic Conference win over Green Bay Preble.
Olivia Sprangers led Pulaski with 20 points, with Maggie Lardinois contributing 11.
Green Bay Preble led 25-21 after the first half, but Pulaski fought back to a 40-31 second half and the five-point win.
The win moved the Red Raiders to 9-7 in conference play and 11-11 overall.
Monday, Feb. 5
Lena
Lena lost its first game of the year, a non-conference matchup against Crandon.
Now 20-1 overall, Lena was beaten by two points, 56-54. Crandon led 33-26 at the half, and even though Lena won the second half 28-23, it wasn't enough for the win.
Eva Brooks led the Wildcats with 25 points, including three 3-pointers. Kali Fischer scored 13 points, and Madilyn Thomson added 12. The other four points were scored by Whitney Potter.
Thomson led her team with 11 boards, seven assists and two steals.
Menominee Indian
After a three-game winning streak in the Central Wisconsin East Conference, Menominee Indian lost a non-conference battle to Oneida Nation, 61-56.

Six Shawano wrestlers advance to sectionals

Six members of the Shawano boys wrestling team will advance to sectional action following a successful round of regional wrestling Feb. 10 at Green Bay Preble.
Moving on for the Hawks will be Dane Hodkiewicz, Owen Montour, Drake Herm, Carsen Herm, Drew Chelberg and Connor Chelberg.
Drake Herm earned his 100th win during his first-round win. He won his bracket in quick fashion with two quick pins.
"Drake has been wrestling really well during the second half of the season," coach Mike Homan said. "We are excited to see him

wrestle next weekend at sectionals."
Carsen Herm also placed first and finished with two pins.
"Carsen wrestled a great tournament today and will look to finish well next weekend at the sectional tournament," Homan said.
Hodkiewicz and Connor Chelberg each placed third.
"Dane wrestled tough matches and earned his third-place finish. He continues to do great things on the mat," Homan said. "Connor wrestled well during the day and earned a tech fall in his third-place match."

Owen Montour and Drew Chelberg each placed fourth.
"All six of the wrestlers will look to place in the top 2two next weekend to move onto the state tournament," Homan said.
Finishing in fifth place were Dylan Gartner, Kody Popelka, Mason Theis and Brayen Biovin. Taking sixth were Alex Montour, Austin Stickney and Marcus Cicero.
The team as a whole placed fourth.
The Shawano girls team will also compete at sectionals next weekend with the first-place finishers moving on the state tournament.

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One football recommendation approved by the board changes the verbiage for the football playoff awards.
The round formerly identified on the Level 3 plaques will be changed to "Sectional Champions," which will be presented to the winner of the third-round game. The former Level 4 game will now be identified as the "State Semifinals" with only medals still being presented following the semifinal

games.
Student Leadership Group
Plans for a WIAA Student Leadership Group were approved. The student-athletes will serve as ambassadors for their peers and the WIAA while learning more about athletic leadership and the sports industry, as well as providing the membership with a student-athlete voice for advancing the purpose of education-based athletics.

The launch of the initiative will begin with nominations of student-athletes to serve on the leadership team beginning in March with the first meeting of the group in May.
School principals or athletic directors may nominate one current sophomore and junior to be a prospective member of the committee next year. After the first year of the initiative, all student-athletes will serve two-year terms.

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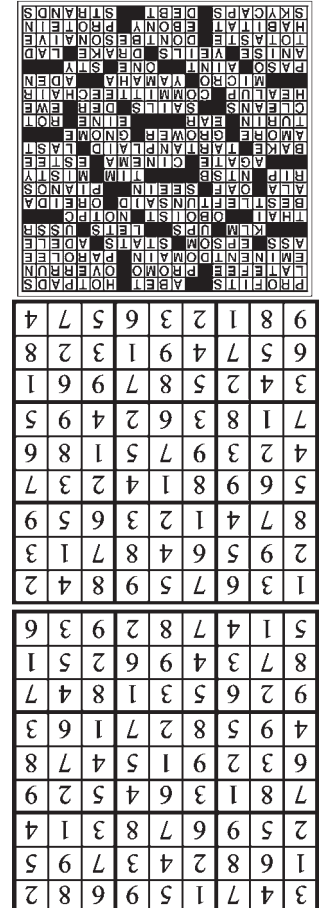
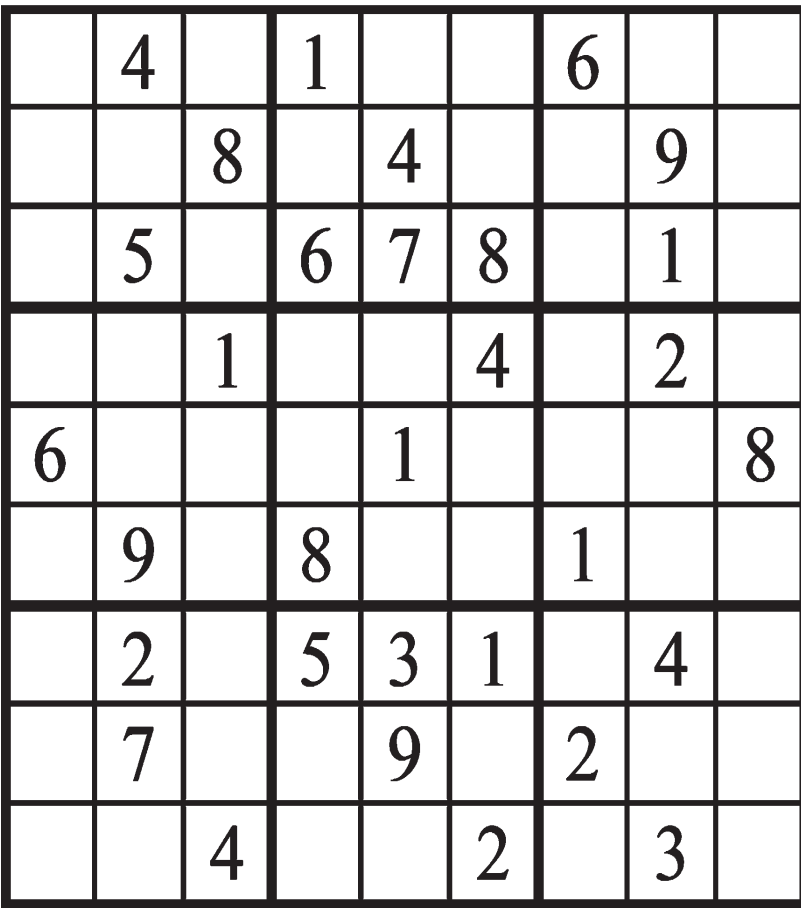
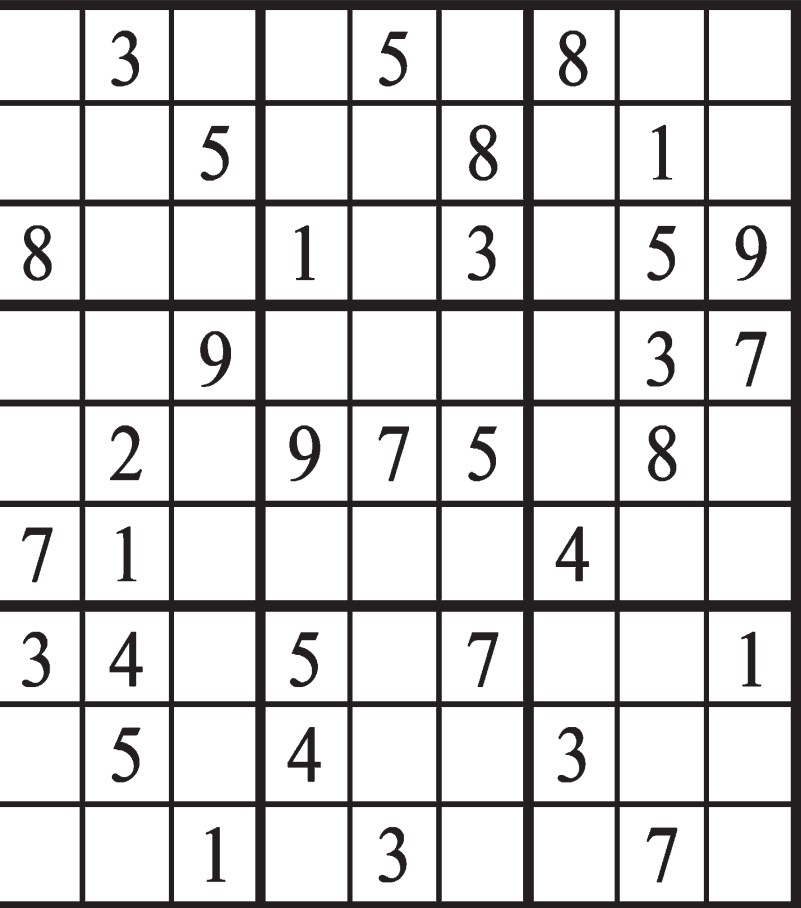
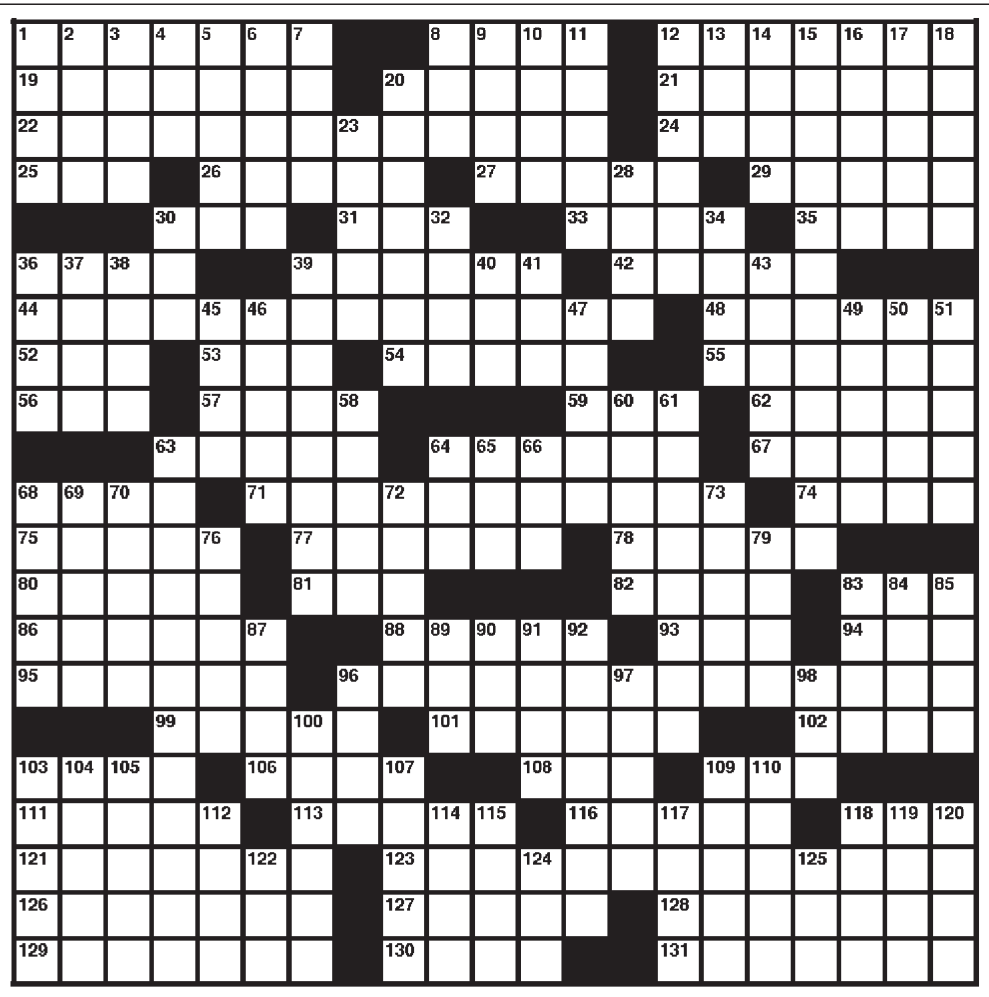
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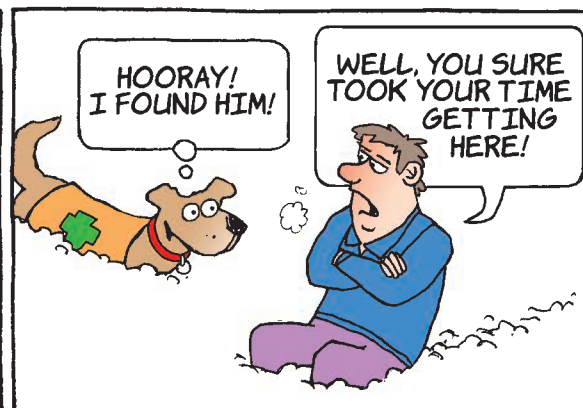
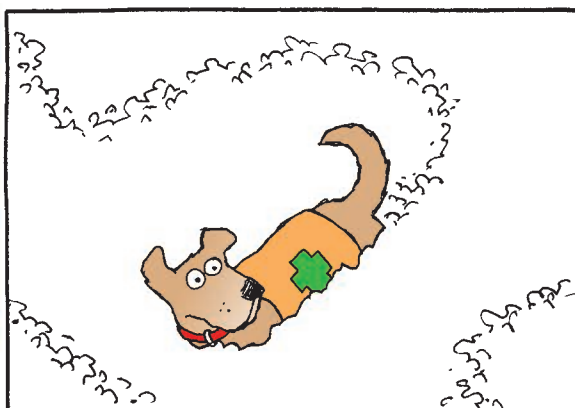
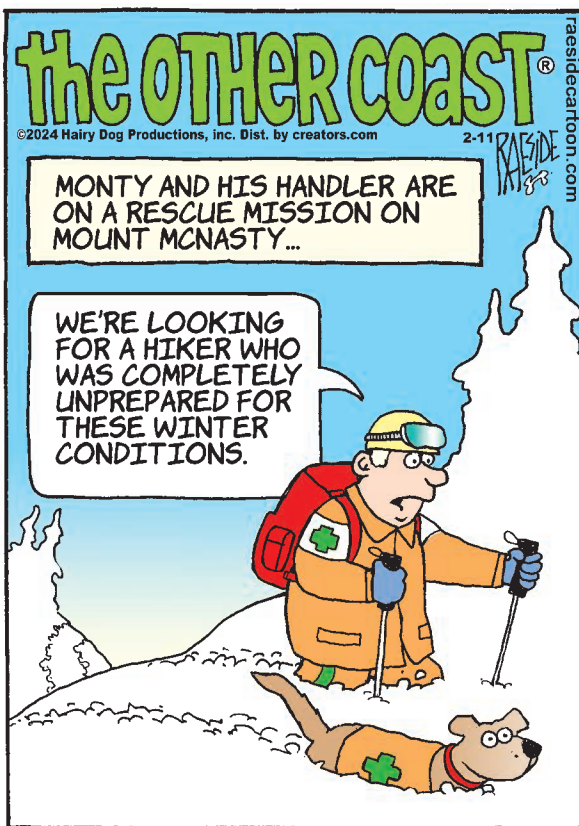
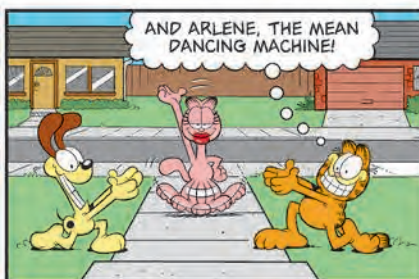
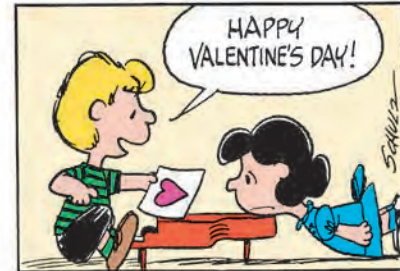
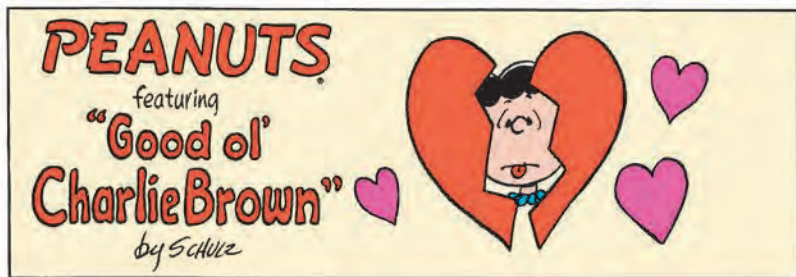


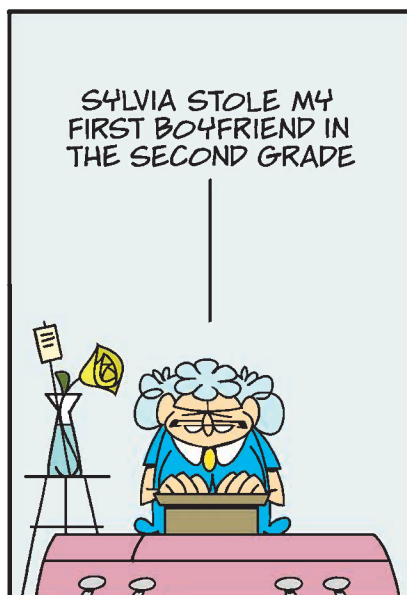
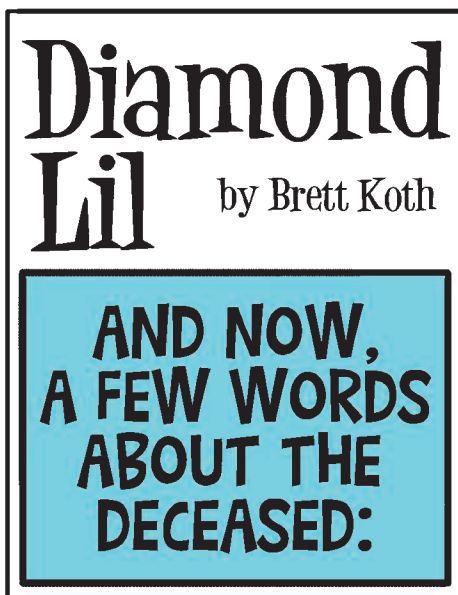
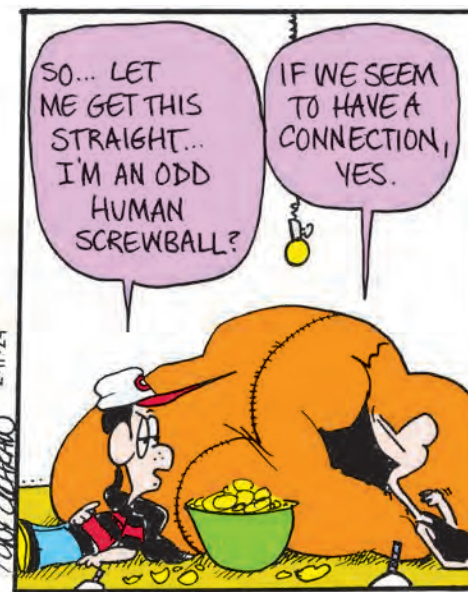
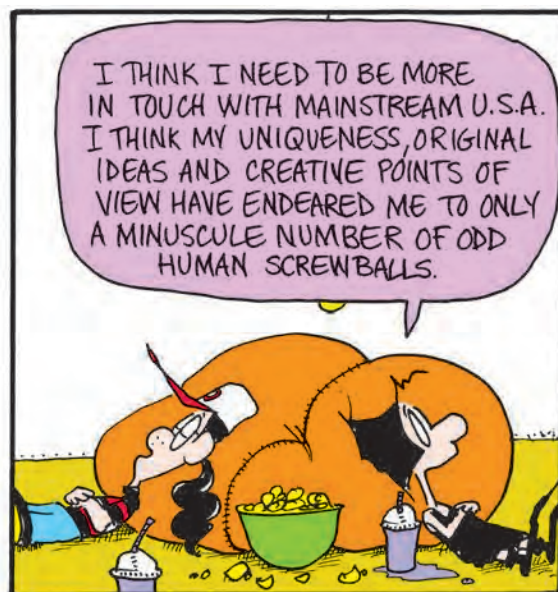
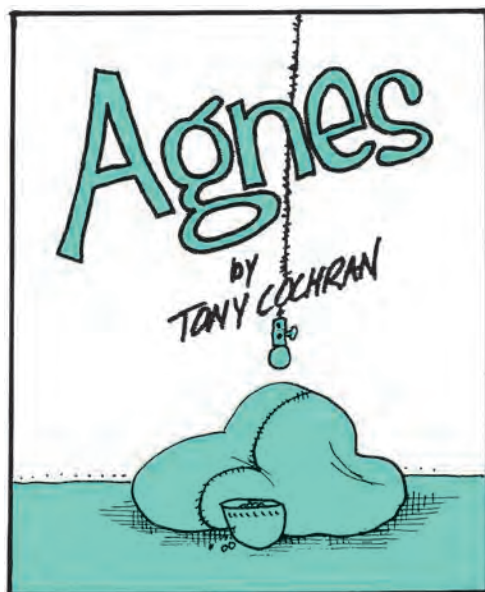
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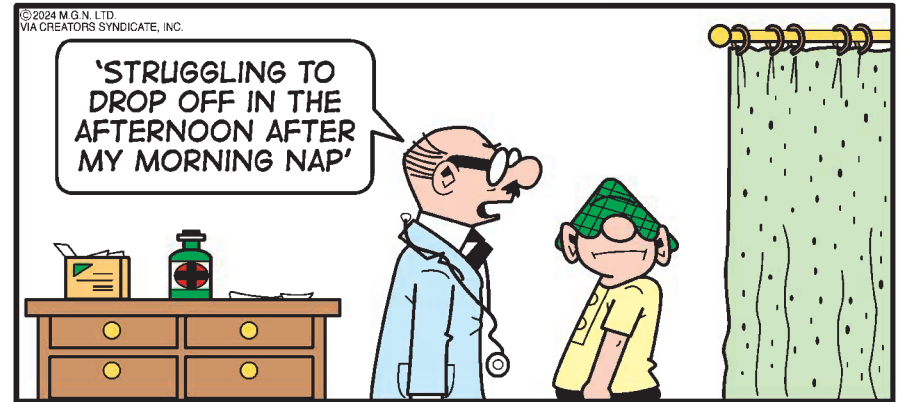
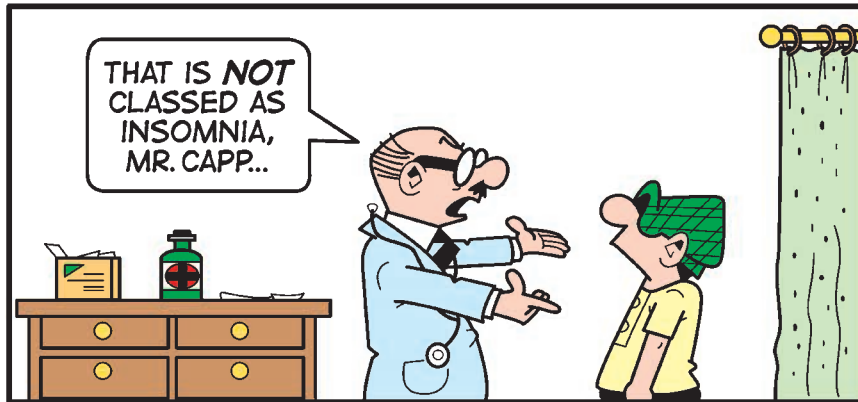
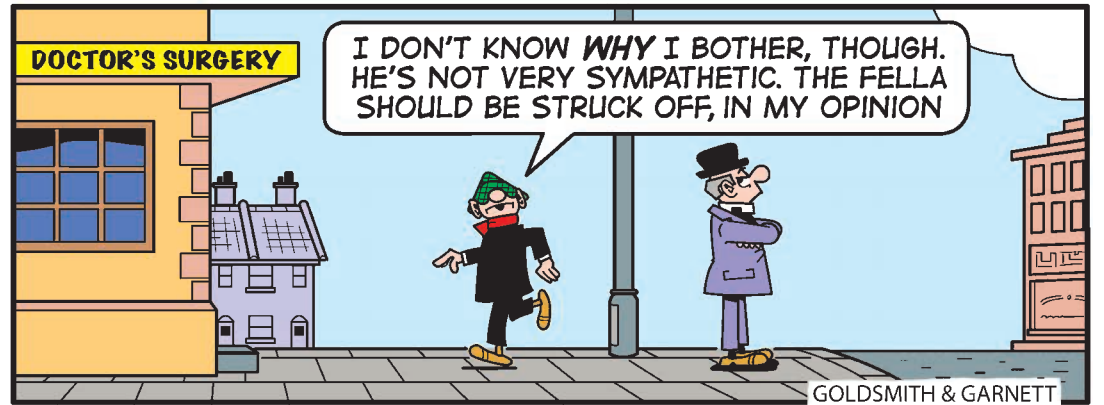
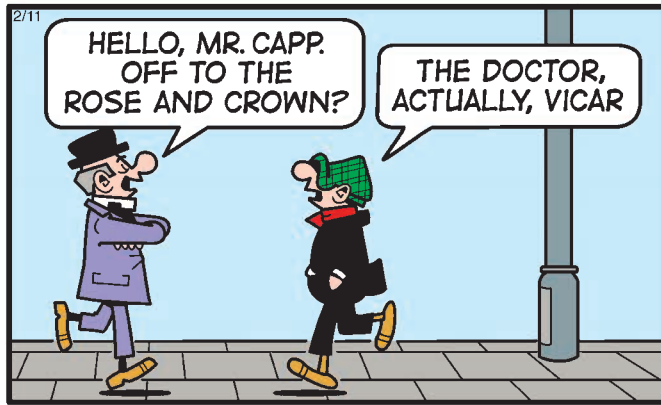
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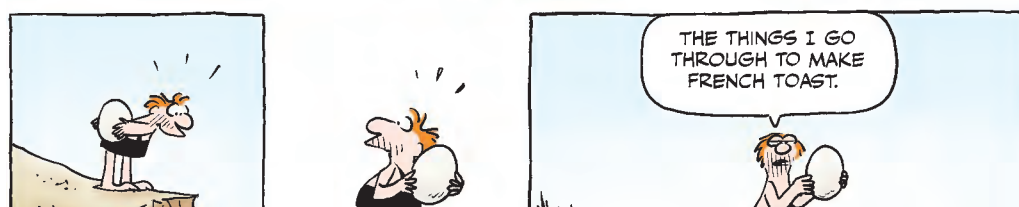
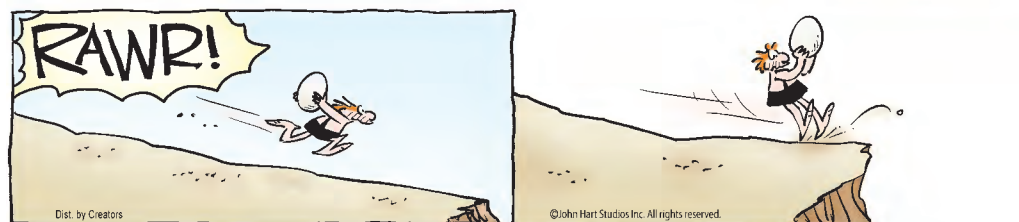
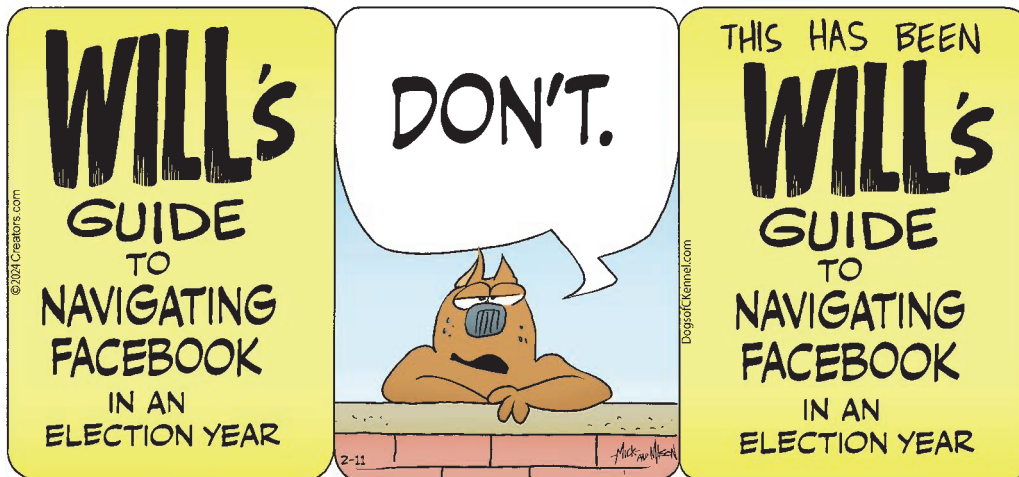
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Through their own words and photos, FFA members describe the work they've been doing in the local chapters based

at area high schools.

National FFA Week always runs from Saturday to Saturday and encompasses Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday. This year, the week kicks off on Feb. 17 and culminates on Feb. 24.

The National FFA board of directors designated the weeklong tradition, which began in 1948, recognizing Washington's legacy as an agriculturist and farmer.

A group of young farmers founded FFA in 1928, and the organization has been influencing generations that agriculture is more than planting and harvesting — it involves science, business and more.

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The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop

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Month by month, Shawano FFA stays busy

By MADISYN WEINIG
Shawano FFA Reporter 2023-2024

Our Shawano FFA Chapter has many events throughout the year for members to participate in. Many of these events are planned by the 2023-24 officer team, which includes five juniors, our president, Anna Majeski; vice president, Brynn Hannes; secretary, Hannah Yeager; treasurer, Kendra Strebel; and reporter, Madisyn Weinig, as well as one senior, the sentinel, Maddie Krueger.

The FFA school year starts in September, with the annual steak fry. This event is held each year for members to pay their dues and socialize with other members of the chapter. Moving into October, we started the second annual year of Socktober. This event is held to raise socks for homeless shelters and schools within the community. This year the event raised 511 pairs of socks.

Another activity that was held was homecoming float building. This year the club chose to decorate the float with our chapter theme of “Expand your Roots with Shawano FFA.” Another event in October is the Trunk or Treat event at Olga Brener, where we decorate a vehicle and hand out string cheese to trick or treaters. Closing out October, we get the annual fruit and kringle fundraiser.

To start out November, we have members go into fifth-grade art classes to teach them about Christmas trees and have them decorate ornaments for the Christmas tree in the high school commons. The tree is put up at the end of the month, and after the hard work is done, we treat our members to a pizza social.

Staying in the holiday spirit, December starts with members going into classes at Hillcrest and Sacred Heart to teach children about reindeer and help them make reindeer food. Shortly after, we held Milk and Cookies with Santa. This event is a community event held at The Naborhood Park for kids to come and see Santa and enjoy milk and cookies.

To start off the new year, we hold many work nights for our members to come and work on State Degrees, American Degrees and Proficiencies. These applications are due throughout February, and we want to make sure that our members have adequate time and resources to finish their applications.

Another event in February is Walsh Dental’s Giving Kids a Smile Event. We send members to help with this event. This year National FFA Week is Feb. 17-24. Members work hard to plan activities and dress-up days for the school to participate in. During this week, we will also have treats for our members, teachers and students. To close out FFA Week, the chapter officers help out with the FFA Alumni Wild Game Feed, which is held at Shawano County Park.

In March, regional CDEs (Career Development Events) take place. A CDE is a group of four individuals who compete in a contest related to an agricultural career. Members work hard to study their topic area throughout the year and this contest shows how they rank against others in the area, if they qualify for the state competition it is held at the end of April.

At the beginning of April, we hold a Drive your Tractor to School Day. We are also looking to have members of the community participate in this event by driving tractors around the elementary schools to show children the machinery. A final event that is held in April is Kids Safety Day. This is held at Olga Brener for children to learn about safety in different careers.

Finally, at the end of the FFA year in May, we hold an awards night for members and their families to celebrate their achievements and accomplishments throughout the year. This is also where the 2024-25 officer team will be announced and installed to start their year of planning and service on the officer team. We are looking forward to coming events and are excited to see where our younger members will take the chapter.



Members helping to pack string cheese that is handed out at the Trunk or Treat event. From left, Addyson Kust, Brooklyn Koenig, Aiden Kern and Camden Kern.

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Shawano FFA held a Greenhand Day for all freshman who were interested in or wanted to check out what FFA is. The day was filled with different activities led by our advisers and chapter officers. Here, Freshman were challenged to make Kool-Aid blindfolded with only the help of one person. This was meant to teach them about the importance of communication. From left, are Claire Wegner, Kyera Williams and Harper Rettke.

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Shawano FFA members and officers helping to set up the Christmas tree in the high school commons. The tree and other decorations are set up at the end of November and left up until the end of December for the school and community members to enjoy. From left, Levi Wendorf, Kendra Strebel, Kenley Kelliher and Brynn Hannes.

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Oconto Falls High School FFA meetings have been moved to the school's Performing Art Center as membership surges past 100 members, 22% of the school's student population.

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Oconto Falls FFA membership outgrows agriculture class meeting room

In the past year, the Oconto Falls FFA Chapter had many exciting accomplishments and participated in many events. During the summer Executive FFA Officer Retreat, the students decided that the goals for 2023-2024 would be: enthusiastic opportunities, inclusion and increase active participation.

Some notable accomplishments include 12 of our chapter members earning Greenhand Degrees, eight earning Chapter Degrees and one, our very own chapter president, Abigail Roskom, earning her State Degree.

Three members, Mika, Megan and McKenna, attended the Washington Leadership Conference. Our chapter had members attend the State Convention as chapter delegates and one participant in the State FFA Band. Members also participated in other FFA leadership workshops and conferences.

The chapter organized an Elementary Ag Night where students with their parents and moved through stations. FFA members at both Washington Middle School and Oconto Falls High School led them in activities such as fishing, planting seeds and making pine cone bird treats. Students even had the chance to witness a student making jams and jellies, which they could eat on a gourmet grilled cheese. They earned stamps for each activity completed, which they recorded in a booklet to qualify for prizes.

Another new elementary student project was Farm Boots Ag Literacy Night where elementary school students and their families moved through stations to listen as FFA members read pages of a book about different types of footwear ag workers wear and discussed it with them.

Every June, our chapter collaborates with the three other county FFA chapters to help at the Breakfast on the Farm, last year held at Kohls Dairy Farm in Gillett, which had 4,500 attendees.

The year wrapped up with our annual holiday fundraiser, featuring fruit and local agribusiness products. This year's sale set a record for products sold and profit earned help support premier leadership, personal growth and career success thanks to the support of our community and business partners.

FFA advisers are Walter Taylor, Hallie Rehn and Mariah Markhardt.



Natalie and Margaret Rieth prepare their steer for the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Beef show. Their mom is providing feedback as they work on the animal.

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The Oconto Falls FFA executive officer team for 2023-24 is, from left, Ben Adams, reporter; Lillian Holley, vice president; Mika Tassoul, sentinel; Destiny Vandevoort, vice president; Olivia Wagner, secretary; Kara Philhower, parliamentarian; Abigail Roskom, president; Jadya Weslow, vice president; and Isabelle Blazek, historian. CONTRIBUTED



FFA members at Oconto Falls High School are thankful for this year's holiday fundraiser, which surpassed \$40,000 in gross sales. Profits support student learning to achieve premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Members sold fruit from MinnTex Citrus, and our chapter is proud to offer items from local agribusinesses like Meatski's Meats, Springside Cheese, Pete's Mustard and Big Dees Honey Farm. CONTRIBUTED

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Graef, and adviser Roberta Windus.

The Lena FFA has been very busy throughout the year. Members attend State and National FFA Convention, judge dairy cattle at the World Dairy Expo, volunteer at the WPS farm show in the information booths, and volunteer

in the education area of Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm. For fun, the members attend regular meetings, where we have game nights, movie nights, cookouts and fun activities. As a group, we attend various events such as Disney on Ice, Monster Trucks or a Green Bay Gamblers game.

The Lena FFA Alumni and FFA Supporters are a vital support group to the Lena FFA. Without their support and dedication, the activities we do would not be possible.

The Lena FFA Would also like to thank Peshtigo Veterinary Clinic LLC, Zoetis Industry Support

Program with Valley Vet Clinic SC for their generous donations. Mark your calendars for 9 a.m. to noon April 20 when Lena FFA, along with Valley Vet, will be hosting a vaccination clinic for dogs and cats in the Lena Agriculture Room.

The Lena FFA officers

have planned a very exciting FFA week. The officers will be promoting dress-up days, Money Wars with donations being donated to a local student in need of medical assistance, our annual Ag Olympics, coloring contest, and sponsoring an FFA emblem hunt and daily FFA trivia.



Lena FFA members attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis are, from left, Macy Herald, Alabama Lambert, Grace Madson, America Thomas, Lillyan Neta, Anthony Seefeldt, Logan Graef, Kaelyn Cook, Kenna Garrigan, Kenzie Vorpahl and Laila Collar.

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Sam Peterson exhibits his dairy animal at the Oconto County Fair.

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Grace Seefeldt takes part in the formal show at the Oconto County Fair.

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Payton Berger, the Wittenberg-Birnamwood FFA officer team treasurer, checks out turkeys to take to the food pantry.

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Active in the

This school year has been busy for the Witt-Birn FFA. Starting off the year, our officer team wanted to plan events that would benefit the local communities. Since then, we have hosted three major events that have helped expand our outreach to our community. We donated apples to our school cafeteria, hosted The Gobbler Gallop, which supported donating to the food pantry, and donated fruit to the local fire stations. These projects have been an amazing way to give back to our community.

In September, we teamed up with Rock Ridge Orchard to donate apples to our school lunch program. We made four donations throughout the fall, totaling 12 bushels of Cortland apples and nine bushels of Ruby Macintosh. This donation ensured the school had fresh apples to serve during lunch time. Our officer team enjoyed being able to benefit the school, while also working with a small business from central Wisconsin.

Nov. 11 and the weeks leading up to it was by far the busiest time for our officer team, but no matter how much work it took, that day made it all worth it. On Nov. 11, our FFA teamed up with 17 amazing sponsors to host the first annual Gobbler Gallop. The Gobbler Gallop was a 5k run around the town of Wittenberg. Any donations that we received and all entry fees went to purchasing Thanksgiving dinners to give to the Wittenberg Food Pantry. In total, we donated 50-plus Thanksgiving dinners and \$3,800 to the pantry. Our runners were ranked by age, and awards were given to the winner of each age group. We had a warming station in the pavilion where hot chocolate, coffee, and donuts were served. While the officer team mingled with the runners everyone, expressed how much they enjoyed the run and how they hope we will continue to do it.

Lastly, before Christmas break a few officers took fruit from our fruit sale in November to four surrounding fire stations. We wanted to thank the local firefighters for always keeping the community safe. Donating to local businesses is something that our FFA really enjoys doing and hopes to continue.

Overall, so far we have accomplished so much and can't wait to see what the rest of the school year brings.

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ABOVE: The Wittenberg-Birnamwood FFA chapter officer team, after the Gobbler Gallop, from left, are Vivian Resch, Lillian Fischer, Adrianna Quade, Payton Berger, Ava Medo, Matthew Nousen, Jonas Bushman, Matthew Christain and Gracyn Uttecht, and in the front row Korey Nousen.

RIGHT: The officer team donated apples to the school lunch program. From left, are Vivian Resch, Lillian Fischer, Payton Berger, Korey Nousen, Matthew Nousen, Jonas Bushman, Lauri Klumppan, Kandice Miller and Lois Anderson.

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Gresham FFA chapter involved in diverse activities

Gresham FFA has numerous upcoming activities planned and participated in many notable activities for the 2023-24 school year, led by this year's FFA officers: senior Jocelyn Cerveny as president, senior Bryson Nelson as vice president of student development, sophomore Allie Cerveny as vice president of chapter development, sophomore Emily Jensen as vice president of community development, senior Abigail Hohensee as secretary, sophomore Cody Mehlberg as reporter, junior Jefferson Hoffman as student adviser, and Jeff Zobeck as the adviser.

The summer before the school year started, the officer team and Mr. Zobeck, with two additions, Porter Hoffman and Kaidyen Zaitz, traveled to Madison for the Wisconsin State FFA Convention at the Alliant Energy Center in the middle of June. They were able to attend workshops, connect with other FFA members, attend sessions and enjoy fun activities.

Also, before the beginning of the school year, two FFA officers Jocelyn Cerveny and Bryson Nelson were able to attend WLC (Washington Leadership Conference) for a week in July. This conference allowed them to learn about the history of Washington, D.C., and gain leadership experience all while connecting with FFA members from all over the nation.

Starting at the beginning of the school year in September, the officer team was able to attend a leadership conference in Seymour and develop greater leadership skills. The officer team then planned an exciting community event, a

Haunted Barn on Oct. 14. Many FFA members contributed and participated in the success of this event, which raised a great amount of food for the local food pantry in Gresham and some money for Gresham FFA.

FFA members were then able to take a trip to the World Dairy Expo in Madison, which was a great learning experience about the importance of the dairy world. At the end of October and going into November, the officer team and Mr. Zobeck, with an addition, Griffin Hoffman, traveled to Indianapolis for The National FFA Convention and Expo. During this trip, they toured a buffalo farm, a boar genetics farm and a candy factory. They also were able to attend a concert, sessions, and build new relationships through other fun experiences.

Gresham FFA has already had a few Blue and Gold Nights, one, in particular, was a service project in December where they helped wrap presents for Christmas is For Caring. Two blood drives were already run by Gresham FFA, and they plan to have another one before the end of the school year. For the rest of the school year, some activities that are planned include exciting events for FFA Week, donkey basketball, WPS Farm Show in Oshkosh, touring Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center in Manitowoc, roadside cleanup, and Plow Days.

The Gresham FFA officers, along with Mr. Zobeck, are proud of their accomplishments and excited for what the future holds for Gresham FFA.



Gresham FFA members who attended World Dairy Expo included, from left, Jocelyn Cerveny, Abigail Hohensee, Jacob Hohensee, Luke Jensen, Jessa Jensen and Bryson Nelson. CONTRIBUTED



Representing Gresham FFA at the Washington Leadership Conference are Jocelyn Cerveny, left, and Bryson Nelson. CONTRIBUTED

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Gresham FFA members attending the 2023 Wisconsin FFA Convention included, front row, from left, Allie Cerveny, Emily Jensen, Jocelyn Cerveny and Abigail Hohensee. Back row, from left, are Cody Mehlberg, Porter Hoffman, Kaidyen Zaitz, and Jefferson Hoffman. CONTRIBUTED

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Suring FFA is having another successful year

The Suring FFA chapter has been very busy with its program of activities to promote student leadership, strengthening agriculture and building communities.

In May, our chapter hosted our annual Ag Education Day that included a petting zoo and various ag education related stations for Suring Elementary and St. John Lutheran students.

In June, our chapter with other FFA chapters participated in the Neighborhood Dairy Distribution service project, which provided numerous dairy products to community members, we participated in the Breakfast on the Farm ag education activities and we helped the Breed Sportsman assemble bicycles for their annual Fourth of July celebration.

Eight Suring FFA members attended the FFA State Convention held in Madison and had the opportunity to watch Macie Reed receive her State FFA Degree. We toured Two Guernsey Girls Dairy in Freedom and LaClare Family Goat Creamery in Malone. Throughout the summer, numerous members participated in many livestock shows, the Wisconsin State Fair and the Oconto County Fair.

In July, the newly installed officers went to Spur of the Moment Ranch for our officer retreat. Officers discussed new ideas for the following year and upcoming events. Tessa Losurdo, Kaley Thompson and Maddie Hatfield attended the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., where members are provided a premiere leadership experience.

The Suring Labor Day Celebration provided many opportunities for service, fundraising and fun.

Our annual Haunted Forest took place in October. Over 60 members participated in the fun of scaring, concessions or group leading. We also held a food drive for the Suring School Food Pantry.

We continued our Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest for our entire student body.

In November, we sent eight members to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Lots of tours, member bonding and fun. In December, the chapter has a large fruit sale that many community members generously support. We had another successful sale.

The Suring FFA and Ag Education program has a long history at Suring Public School. The FFA chapter was chartered in 1947. The school currently has 82 members and their adviser is Mary E. Smith. The many programs and activities of Suring FFA would not be possible without the help of our Suring FFA Alumni and the Suring Community. Thank you!



ABOVE: Morgan Dryja and Bunny Cramer help an elementary student hear the heartbeat of a rabbit during Ag Education Day.

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LEFT: Suring FFA Officers 2023-24 are Ginger Gerndt, secretary; Bunny Cramer, treasurer; Birdee Cramer, parliamentarian; Hailey Huguet, sentinel; Tessa Losurdo, president; Chloe Schroeder, reporter; Georgia Gerndt, vice president and Chase Schindel, vice president.

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Gillett FFA builds relationships in the local community

By HOPE SOPER
Special to NEW Media

The Gillett FFA has been strengthening agriculture and promoting community growth for many years.

The FFA has been a thriving club with 50-plus members. These students have attended conferences like the Fall Leadership Workshop to sharpen their leadership skills and grow as people.

FFA has opened many new doors for Gillett members as they have had opportunities to travel to places like Madison and experience the World Dairy Expo and Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention and Expo.

The Gillett chapter strives to help grow its community. One of these events is the annual Holiday Dinner, when the elderly are invited to have a home-cooked meal and visit with members. It always puts a smile on someone's face and is a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Another event they put on yearly called "Farmer Appreciation," where they put together five-gallon pails with Glazers Donuts, milk, and other snacks. They then

deliver the buckets to local farmers and thank them for all their hard work.

Members always lend a hand and volunteer at various community events like Breakfast on the Farm and the town clean up.

The Gillett FFA always wants to spread the word about FFA and get others involved. They plan exciting events, including FFA Week activities and Partners in Active Learning Support, a mentoring program for elementary schoolers.

Many members of the Gillett FFA are currently getting ready for the Leadership Development Events and Career Development Events competitions and working on submitting their Supervised Agriculture Experience proficiency application. These competitions help students expand their knowledge of agriculture and help them prepare for a career.

The Gillett FFA is a thriving club that offers many opportunities and benefits students in many ways. Getting involved provides ways to help serve your community, prepare for the future, and grow relationships.



Kylee Stelzer of Suring FFA leads the grand champion beef market steer into the auction ring during the 2021 Sale of Champions at the Oconto County Youth Fair in Gillett.

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