



Ryan Engel, center, and his wife, Ashley, talk with another attendee at the Feb. 14 sheriff's sale at the Shawano County Courthouse. The Engels purchased a home on North Beach Boulevard on the north end of Shawano Lake they will repair before either selling it or renting it.

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Recovery center needs helping hand in Shawano

Permanent setup needed as operational directors move their offices away

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano-Menominee Recovery Center exists to help people battle alcohol, drug and other issues, but the program is in need of a helping hand, as well.

Dozens of people gathered at the center Feb. 21 to discuss short- and long-term plans for its future, and it was revealed that the center was originally slated to close its current location at 710 E. Green Bay St. in Shawano on March 1 but will instead keep the current site open until the end of April.

For over a year, the center has had two operational directors who have been available at the center to assist those who are seeking help to fight back their addictions, according to Leann Gueths, the recovery center's board chairwoman. However, those coaches are moving their offices to the Shawano County Job Center in March, she said, leaving the recovery center without people to work there and help someone who comes in off the streets seeking help.

"The center was not conducive to their new roles, and because of that, they're moving to the job center March 1," Gueths said.

After learning about the directors leaving in early February, the board met to look at what could be done next to transition the program, and that's when the initial decision to close the center

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The existing Shawano-Menominee Recovery Center at 710 E. Green Bay St. in Shawano will be closing at the end of April, and it's hoped another location will be found by then.

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How does foreclosure sale work?

Reasons vary for those who purchase homes, lots

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Every second Wednesday of the month, Shawano County Chief Deputy Ty Raddant or another high ranking official with the sheriff's office presides over foreclosure sales in the lobby of the county courthouse.

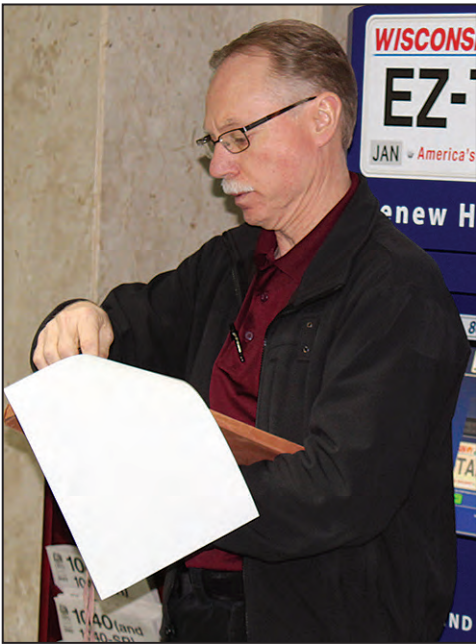
In February, about a dozen people stood or sat quietly waiting for 9 a.m. to roll around and for the proceedings to begin.

It's more laid back and quieter than a typical auction, and you won't hear high-speed bid calling rolling off Raddant's tongue.

The presiding officer begins by reading the court order for the foreclosure sale, and then asking the plaintiff or his or her representative for an opening bid.

That's when the bidders can call out.

On Feb. 14, the first active sale was for W5863 North Beach Blvd., Shawano. The judgement was for \$76,964.97, and the plaintiff's opening bid was a low \$31,480.41. Seconds later, a second bid for \$42,000 was made, and in less than a



Shawano County Chief Deputy Ty Raddant reviews paperwork related to a pair of foreclosure sales over which he will preside. Sheriff sales on foreclosed property in Shawano County are held the second Wednesday of each month in the front lobby of the courthouse.

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minute, the sale was complete.

Things didn't happen quite as fast for the second property, a home at 708 S. Lincoln St., Shawano, with a judgement

of \$38,407.99. The plaintiff's opening bid was higher than the judgement this time at \$44,342.83.

The next bid simply rounded the amount to the next full dollar, followed by a handful of bids, each increasing by \$50, at which point the first bidder dropped out and a third bidder entered.

Sitting at a bid of \$44,650, the two bidders went back and forth 20 times, each adding \$50, sometimes \$100 or more, until the final bid of \$47,000 was accepted.

Ryan and Ashley Engel, owners of Wolf River Holdings, purchased the North Beach Boulevard property.

"We haven't bought a foreclosure before even though we've been here," Ryan Engel said. "We're not new to the game. We've been doing this for about five years now."

"We usually find them off market for dirt cheap," Ashley Engel added.

Over the years, the couple has purchased about 20 properties.

"We own a dozen rental properties in the area," Ryan Engel said. "We're always looking to buy. Either we find them and fix them and sell them ... or we keep them. We put renters in there."

This latest property is close to home

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Old mill turned into happening hotspot for Bonduel.

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The Feb. 14 sheriff's sale at the Shawano County Courthouse attracted about a dozen people to bid on two foreclosed properties. A third sale scheduled for that morning was cancelled.

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for them.

"It's about a mile and half from our house, so getting back and forth is easy enough to fix it up," Ryan Engel said.

He is a licensed and insured contractor. He brings in professional help when needed, including HVAC and electrical assistance.

Ashley Engel, who can also perform much of the repair work, handles the books for the company.

Immediately after the sheriff's sale, the prospective buyer must make a down payment equal to at least 10% of the purchase price made in the form of cash, money order, cashier's check or certified check. Once the court confirms the sale, the remainder is due within 10 days. Failure to post the remaining balance due will result in the forfeiture of the down payment to the plaintiff.

All property is sold "as is" and subject to all real estate taxes, accrued and accruing, special assessments, if any, penalties and interest, and any existing first in time mortgages or leasehold interests. The buyer must also pay all transfer and recording fees and the cost of title evidence.

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March 1 was made, Gueths said. However, that decision generated a lot of response, she said, which led the board to keep the center open for another couple of months.

In the interim, the center is hoping that volunteers will help to man the center in March and April, which prompted discussion on when to keep the center open. Normally, the help desk is manned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, but attendees were concerned that later times would be more conducive to helping those in need, especially those who work during the day.

Meetings for Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous are already being relocated to Zion Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church, both in Shawano. However, the fate of the recovery center after April is still up in the air, although a committee was formed to look into the matter and see if there is another place that could be used.

"We will have to come up with a plan for the future," Gueths said, noting that the existing facility requires paying \$1,900 monthly in rent and the group has not yet received its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status yet.

Community officials reiterated that the recovery center is needed. Pastor Uriah Williams with Peace United Church of Christ said the place is a resource for local people that wasn't here a couple of years ago, and it needed to continue to exist.

"It's been phenomenal having this place open, because we're one of the few churches that has a compassion fund," Williams said. "Since this place has opened, I've seen a lot fewer people coming to the church looking for resources, I think because they're coming here."

Williams pointed out he and the staff at his church aren't trained and certified to provide recovery assistance, so having the recovery center in Shawano provides a better chance that addicts who need help can get it.

"To have a central location to be able to refer people is phenomenal, from the clergy perspective and from the church perspective," Williams said.

Shannon Wilber, human services director for Menominee County, expressed how bad the situation could get without a local recovery program to help people who can't shake the pills or alcohol.

"I'm a Menominee tribal member, and I'm a resident and community member here, and I know a lot of our community members come down (to Shawano) and utilize this facility," Wilber said. "It was important to me that we work through a process and that we come together and we don't drop this recovery support housing because it's needed."

Wilber knows from experience that help can be a slower process than getting drunk or high, but the process would slow down considerably without a local facility to help.

"It's always been known to me that a person can go out and get high or get drunk than to get into some recovery services," Wilber said. "That's very disheartening to me, but what I'm hearing is that there is some interest in keeping something going."

Wilber noted that the Menominee tribe has its Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center on the reservation, but it is very difficult for tribal members to get into. That makes the local recovery center essential, she said, because it is community-based.

"We need it in our community, and we definitely know you need it here in your community," Wilber said. "I don't want to see you fail, and I'm willing to do what I can to help the process."

For information on the recovery center, call 715-201-0367 or email smrc72023@gmail.com.

Fischer to begin duties as Bonduel police chief

Top law enforcement position returns to full-time status

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

For the first time in five years, Bonduel will have a full-time police chief.

Eric Krause is resigning his position as the part-time chief as of March 3, and Keith Fischer has been hired to replace him in a full-time role as of March 4.

Fischer, a Town of Washington resident, has served the Oconto Falls Police Department for nearly 20 years, most recently as a sergeant. He started there as a part-time officer in March 2006.

"This was a difficult decision, and even harder finding the appropriate words," Fischer wrote in his resignation letter to Oconto Falls officials. "My intentions were to stay here and be a career employee for the city."

Krause also has a full-time job with the Marion Police Department, where he has served for nearly 16 years. He has been the department's K-9 officer that entire time and is a drug recognition expert as of June 2011.

Michelle Maroszek, the village's clerk-treasurer, said the village used to have a full-time chief but changed it to a part-time position in 2019.

"When the chief left in 2019, Eric agreed to step in as interim chief to get us through that time," she said. "The board then agreed to make him the permanent part-time chief."

Last fall, the village board agreed to return to a full-time chief. Having a part-time chief and five part-time officers — some only working a few hours a month — was not meeting the needs of the village.

"Eric decided to step down," Maroszek said. "We had 12 applications, and we



Keith Fischer urged the Bonduel High School class of 2023 to dream big and be kind. The future Bonduel police chief served as the guest speaker at the commencement ceremony.

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interviewed three of them."

Fischer's last day in Oconto Falls was Feb. 20.

"I will forever cherish the memories of all the people I've worked with and the friendships that were created," he wrote. "I'm proud to have been a member of the city and police department for these 18 years."

Fischer praised Oconto Falls Police Chief Brad Olsen for his mentorship over the years.

"I want you to know that I'm not leaving because I'm disgruntled or upset with department management," he wrote. "In fact, Chief Olsen's leadership and all the great people I work with at the PD and throughout the city is what makes this decision so difficult. I'm thankful I've had the opportunity to learn from Chief Olsen, and I hope to be a leader that is so well respected."

He is largely the reason I've become the supervisor and leader I am today."

The new Bonduel police chief wants to make village residents proud of their department, too.

"Bonduel is where my wife and I own multiple businesses, it's where our children go to school, it's where we donate so much time to youth groups and local causes," Fischer wrote. "I feel it's time to do my best for an already great community in hopes of making it better."

"Law enforcement is a difficult job, and having the support of the city makes it so much easier on many facets."

Maroszek said the Shawano County Sheriff's Office serves as the backup law enforcement agency for the village.

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Shawano Citizens Police Academy coming up

Shawano Citizens Police Academy is an interactive class where you get to see how officers train and see how they deal with different aspects of their jobs.

Meet the officers and explore through hands-on experiences, including the opportunity to see what it's like to make a traffic stop, conduct building clearing where a suspect may be, learn defense and arrest tactics such as handcuffing, tour the Shawano Fire

Department and perform hands-on activities, tour the Shawano Ambulance and their ambulances as well as many other activities.

Classes are held from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, from March 14 through May 16; there will be no class April 4.

All residents of Shawano and Menominee counties are invited to participate. Those who live elsewhere without a class in their area should also reach out if

interested, as accommodations may be available for them.

All participants must be at least 18. The program is free.

For more information or to complete an application, contact either Shawano Police Officer Brandy Hoffman at bhoffman@cityofshawano.com or Shawano County Sheriff's Lt. Jon Blaskowski at Jon.Blaskowski@shawano-countywi.gov.

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Leads developed in case of dog shot in the face

Sheriff's department asks for patience from public

By KEVIN PASSON
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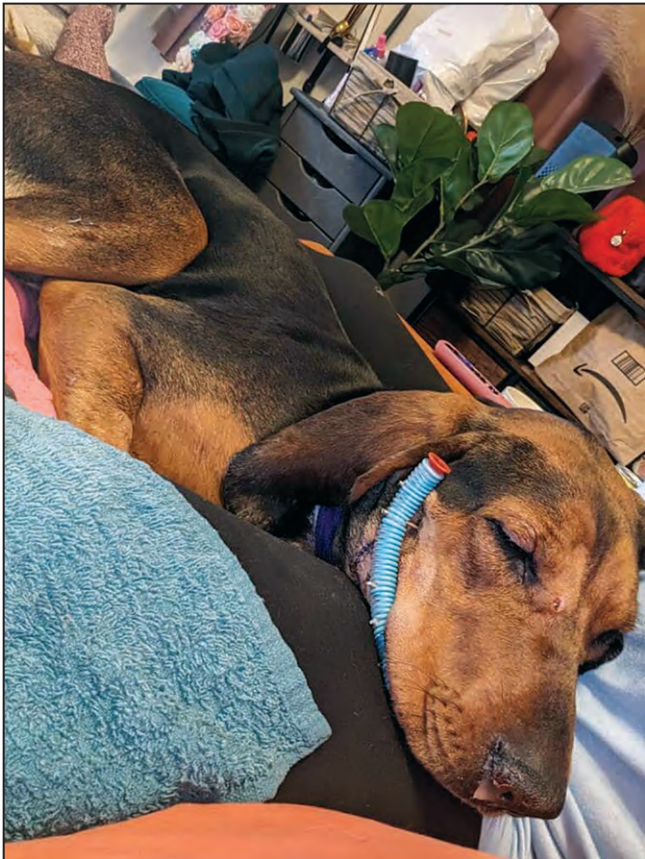
The Shawano County Sheriff's Department is reporting some progress in its quest to find the person or person responsible for allegedly shooting a dog in the face and leaving on the side of the road.

"We understand there is a great deal of frustration and anger about this case, but we can assure everyone that our office is working on this case," according to a statement from the sheriff's department. "There were no witnesses to this, which makes it a difficult case in its entirety. Fortunately, we have received some information from neighbors, as well as information called into the sheriff's office. The deputy who is investigating this matter has developed leads that we hope will further the investigation and find out who is responsible for this horrific incident."

Atley, as the dog has become known, was found Feb. 9 near Olson Road and County Road C in the Town of Green Valley. A local resident who found the dog took it to the Shawano County Humane Society.

The female coon hound is estimated to be about 2 years old. She had surgery on her broken jaw Feb. 13 at Blue Pearl Animal Hospital in Appleton. Atley was placed in a foster home to complete her recovery but was returned to the hospital after her health declined.

She is now back with her foster family.



Atley recovers in a foster home after being found Feb. 9 on the side of the road. She was the victim of multiple gunshot wounds. The Shawano County Sheriff's Department is making some progress in the case but is asking for patience from the public as they investigate.

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The sheriff's office statement indicated officials have yet to release information regarding the case because of its ongoing nature.

"At this time, due to this investigation being active, we are not releasing any further information or possible names involved as we do not want to jeopardize this investigation," according to the statement.

Several residents have joined together to raise reward money to bring the suspect or suspects to justice.

Sheriff's department

officials also gave kudos to the humane society for their efforts in treating the dog.

"We would also like to wish Atley the best during her recovery," according to the statement. "We will do our best for Atley to try and solve this case."

For updates on Atley, follow the Shawano County Humane Society's Facebook page.

Anyone with information regarding this case can call the dispatch center at 715-526-3111.

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Rigsby, Smith advance in Shawano County Board race

By KEVIN PASSON
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Voters in the newly aligned Shawano County Board District 22 sent R. Raymond Rigsby and Anne Smith to the April 2 general election following the Feb. 20 primary.

Rigsby collected 94 votes, including 56 from the Town of Seneca, Ward 1, and 30 from the Town of Grant, Ward 1. Smith earned 50 votes, including 18 from the Town of Grant, 11 from the Town of Morris, Ward 2, 20 from the Town of Seneca and one from the City of Marion, Ward 4.

Placing third in the three-way race was Jerry Ahlers. He collected 21 votes, spread across the Town of Grant (18), Town of Seneca (one) and City of Marion (two).



RAYMOND RIGSBY



ANNE SMITH

Valley, Lessor and Maple Grove, part of the Village of Pulaski), Steve Liegl and Jennifer Rybicki advanced. Corey Juelich placed third.

Shawano County voters joined those in Brown, Oconto and Outagamie counties in determining

the winners.

Overall, Liegl had 960 votes, Rybicki had 596, and Juelich had 212.

In Shawano County, Liegl placed first with 79 votes, and Rybicki was next with 48. Juelich earned 25 votes.

In Oconto County, which includes the communities of Chase, Little Suamico and Morgan, Liegl picked up 387 votes, Rybicki earned 118, and Juelich had 45.

Current member-at-large board member Megan Mills-Koehler chose not to seek re-election.

Liegl and Rybicki will face off April 2. The winner will serve a three-year term.

All vote totals are unofficial.

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AJR 60 advocates for church freedoms

Schmidt resolution needs to be passed 2nd time by legislature, then sent to voters

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Rep. Peter Schmidt, R-Bonduel, is co-authoring a joint resolution intended to protect church services in the event of another pandemic or other state emergency.

Assembly Joint Resolution 60 will curtail health departments' abilities to close religious worship centers in the future, as the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic prompted the state to limit gatherings to 10 people or less. The joint resolution passed the Assembly and is expected to be heard next by the Senate.

Unlike a typical bill, the resolution will not go to Gov. Tony Evers' desk. However, if AJR 60 passes both chambers in this session, it will need to be approved a second time during the 2025-26 legislative session, and if that happens, it then goes before the voters to decide whether to amend the state's constitution.

Schmidt said in an interview Feb. 23 that the pandemic response was not uniform in 2020. He recalled law enforcement in Milwaukee going right into churches and shutting down worship services, while Shawano County left churches alone while enforcing the edict that private businesses needed to shutter at the time.

"This won't protect private businesses, but AJR 60 will protect places of worship so your churches won't be shut down," Schmidt said.

He added that AJR 60 only pertains to worship services. Anything else affiliated with a church, like food pantries, soup



PETER SCHMIDT

kitchens or other special events, would still be subject to health department emergency orders, according to Schmidt.

"There's such a push for the government to push out religion, push it right out of the public square," Schmidt said. "This AJR, to me, was the most important thing on the calendar yesterday (Feb. 22) because of freedom of religion."

Schmidt noted that the pandemic has caused a mental health crisis because people were isolated and unable to gather with others, even to pray, and because freedom of religion is something protected in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, he feels it's important to bolster the Wisconsin constitution's religious freedoms, as well.

"The pastors, your religious and spiritual leaders, they're there to help you and guide you through life journeys," Schmidt said. "The government's never going to tell you the right things to do. The government wants you to live in fear and be subject to the rules for you, but not for me."

Schmidt noted that his church, St. Paul Lutheran in Bonduel, saw attendance plummet when it was open, and it did close to clean and sanitize everything but then eventually reopened. AJR 60 doesn't prohibit places of worship from closing if needed, but it doesn't

make closing a requirement because of government action, he said.

"I trust the churches more than the government," Schmidt said.

Nine other states have passed legislation like AJR 60 in the last three years, according to Schmidt, with some of them receiving bipartisan support. Schmidt is not anticipating Wisconsin Democrats to jump on the bandwagon for this one, and he questions how much of an advantage Republicans will have in the next legislative session with the recently redrawn maps that were signed into law.

"The Dems look at that as the public health department, they should have the ability to shut it down still," Schmidt said. "The Dems look at public health as a collective right, not an individual right, so their mindset is 'I have the right to be in a healthy environment,' so that's a negative."

Schmidt added that if a healthy environment was something that could be guaranteed, Wisconsin would have stricter air standards, along with limits on any vehicle with a motor, including airplanes.

"Everyone would be horse and buggy," Schmidt said.

There's also pushback from the far-right members of the legislature, according to Schmidt, as those members claim keeping churches open in an emergency would welcome terrorists to come in and attack churches, synagogues and other places of worship.

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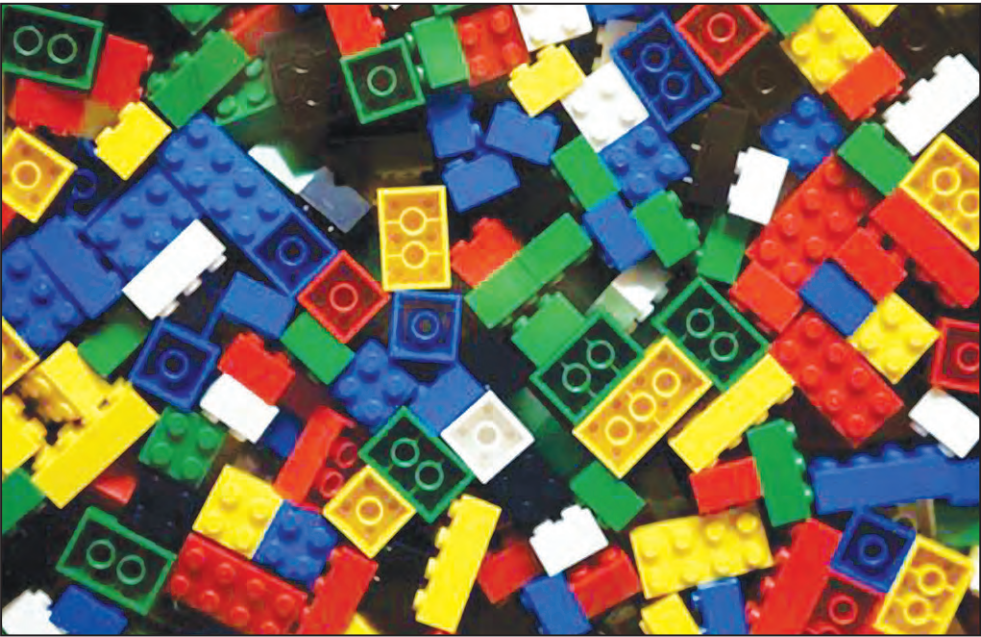
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Youths 3-17 are encouraged to pull out their tub of Legos, build the best house out of Legos they can, snap a photo of the house and submit it to the Wolf River Builders Association for a chance to win prizes. CONTRIBUTED

Young Lego builders invited to enter contest

All children ages 3-17 are invited to enter a Lego home building contest sponsored by the Wolf River Builders Association.

Those selected as the winners will receive prizes donated by Bryan Nemetz Construction and Knope Heating and Air Conditioning.

Submissions are due March 22. Winners will be announced March 24.

Youths are encouraged to pull out their tub of Legos, build the best house out of Legos they can, snap a photo of the house and submit it by Facebook Message to [www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/WolfRiverBuildersAssociation)

WolfRiverBuildersAssociation or by email to wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com.

Include the first name, age and city of residence of the child who built the house.

A team of experts will select the winners. Depending on entries, winners will be broken into age categories, as well as a category for entries from outside the builders association's service area of Shawano, Menominee and Oconto counties.

All the homes and winners will be posted to the organizations's Facebook page.

Support available for businesses affected by lack of winter snow

Gov. Tony Evers and U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin) announced that many Wisconsin businesses may be eligible for a federal disaster loan program if they have suffered losses due to this year's unusually mild winter, which lacked Wisconsin's typical snowfall in many areas of the state.

Evers and Baldwin have been advocating for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to confirm this disaster coverage extends to businesses impacted by Wisconsin's extraordinary winter conditions. SBA has since confirmed it will consider business loss from recent low snowfalls over the winter months to be related to the drought and eligible for assistance.

The lack of snow has impacted travel and recreation businesses that depend on it for activities such as downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling.

"The lack of snow we've experienced so far this winter has had serious economic impacts on folks and businesses, especially in our northern counties, who rely on snow and winter weather to attract customers and be successful," said Evers. "I encourage all eligible businesses to apply for these loans as soon as possible, and in the meantime, I encourage Wisconsinites to plan a trip, visit local businesses and find other exciting ways to enjoy winter in Wisconsin in our beautiful northern and central communities."

Many counties in the state are already covered by a pre-existing disaster designation for drought from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This designation allows businesses in counties identified as drought disaster areas to be eligible for emergency loans to offset their business losses in those counties if their business loss is related to the drought.

The National Weather Service reports that snowfall statewide has been 20-30 inches below normal this winter. In the Lake Superior snowbelt, generally across Ashland, Iron, and Vilas counties, snowfall was 40-70 inches below normal.

Impacted businesses in counties with a drought declaration can apply for the U.S. SBA Economic Impact Disaster Loans (EIDL). Under the EIDL program, businesses can borrow up to \$2 million to cover their actual losses. Businesses pay no interest on the loan for the first year and a maximum rate of 4% for the rest of the loan period.

To take advantage of the program, businesses must apply by the application deadline for their county.

May 13 is the application deadline for Ashland, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Menominee, Oconto, Shawano and Taylor counties.

Businesses may submit applications and find additional disaster assistance information at <https://lending.sba.gov>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

Applicants may also contact the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation with their EIDL-related questions at EIDLInquiries@wedc.org

Mosinee mayor announces Assembly run

Mosinee Mayor and Republican Brent Jacobson will run for the Wisconsin Assembly this fall in the newly created 87th District.

"As I talk to people in and around my community, they are looking for strong leadership and fiscal responsibility from our elected officials," he said. "While some communities have struggled to attract businesses and residents, we have gained them. I plan to use the same drive and determination to move our state and region forward if chosen by the people of central Wisconsin to be their next representative in the Legislature."

Jacobson, 39, is a husband and father, born and raised in Mosinee where he has served as mayor since 2015. Jacobson is a practicing attorney and small business owner.

He has previously served on the Marathon County Board. He has chaired a multi-jurisdictional fire and EMS department, planning commission and tourism commission.

The new 87th Assembly District includes a portion of Shawano County.



BRENT JACOBSON

Weight restrictions in place for county roads

The Shawano County Highway Department imposed seasonal weight restrictions on various county roads Feb. 26.

The weight restrictions are 6 tons gross load for single axle and 10 tons gross load for each tandem axle (any two axles under 8 feet apart). The maximum gross vehicle weight is 26 tons.

Seasonal weight restrictions are enforced annually in the spring during the time that the frost is coming out of the ground. This is necessary to protect the pavement, which is susceptible to damage by heavy loads during this time of year. The list of roadways with restrictions and additional information can be found at www.co.shawano.wi.us/departments/highway-department/general-information/forms_and_documents.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION SHAWANO SCHOOL DISTRICT APRIL 2, 2024

Referendum Details

At an election in the Shawano School District on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

"Shall the Shawano School District, Shawano County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$54,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: renovations, additions, building infrastructure and systems improvements at Shawano Community High School, including for classrooms, technical education, fitness, performing arts, the outdoor athletic facility and swimming pool; building infrastructure, systems and ADA accessibility improvements at Olga Brener Intermediate School; renovations and building infrastructure improvements at the Hillcrest Primary School building, including for classrooms and early childhood education space; capital maintenance improvements at Shawano Community Middle School; districtwide site improvements; and districtwide acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 218 County Road B, Shawano, Wisconsin.

Additional Information

Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Kurt Krizan, District Administrator.

Done in the Shawano School District
on March 1, 2024
Jeana Winslow
District Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Shawano Area Waterways Management, inc. proposes to treat Shawano Lake to control Eurasian water milfoil and other noxious plants. SAWM will treat approximately 52 acres to maintain navigational channels, which will be marked by buoys. Estimated treatment days are May 1st to July 30th, 2024. The public may request within 5 days of the notice that the applicant hold a public information meeting.

Products used will be Tribune. For questions, comments or objections contact SAWM at 715-853-8152 or the DNR office at 715-526-4220.
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TYPE A NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION FOR THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

April 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, cities, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

QUESTION 1: "Use of private funds in election administration. Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?"

QUESTION 2: "Election officials. Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?"

This referendum ballot is a result of 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 78, a copy of which can be viewed or downloaded from the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at <https://elections.wi.gov/memo/certification-referendum-question-and-type-notice-referendum-april-2-2024-spring-election> and also on the Legislature's website at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/proposals/reg/sen/joint_resolution.

A copy also can be obtained from the office of the county clerk, or the Legislative Documents Room at 1 East Main Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

DONE in the Clerk's Office of Shawano County
this 1st day of March, 2024.
Kara Skarlupka
Shawano County Clerk of County Clerk

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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT Absentee ballot requests for the April 2nd, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary and the Spring Election

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. **Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.**

You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing or online at MyVote.wi.gov.

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 also submit a written request in the form of a letter or you may apply for an absentee ballot online at MyVote.wi.gov. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov.

Voting an absentee ballot by mail

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, 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.

Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person. **See list below.**

****The first day to vote by Absentee ballot in the municipal clerk's office is TUESDAY, March 19, 2024.**

Towns	Municipal Clerk	Phone Number	Address to Obtain Absentee Ballot	Hours for In Person Absentee Voting
Tn. of Angelica	Connie Przybylski	920-822-8191	N3285 Co. Rd. C, Pulaski, 54162	M, W 9:00 a.m. to noon By Appointment
Tn. of Belle Plaine	Kristine Vomastic	715-524-2690	N3002 State Hwy 22, Clintonville, 54929	T/Th 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sat 8:30 a.m. – 11a.m. or By Appointment
Tn. of Green Valley	Janalee Jenerou	715-745-2699	W977 Shawano Line Rd., Gillett, 54124	M - F after 2:30 p.m. By Appointment
Tn. of Hartland	Carrie Bohm	715-851-3107	N4058 Highline Rd., Bonduel, 54107	By Appointment
Tn. of Lessor*	Mark Heling	715-280-1005	W4220 Landstad Rd, Bonduel, 54107	By Appointment
Tn. of Morris	Jennifer Dzioba	715-881-1751	N3614 Co Rd. J, Tigerton, 54486	By Appointment
Tn. of Pella	Karen Habeck	715-823-6259	W10233 Co. Rd. D, Clintonville, 54929	By Appointment
Tn. of Red Springs	Gwen Olsen	715-787-3356	W11019 W Townhall Rd., Gresham, 54128	By Appointment
Tn. of Richmond	Rick Stadelman	715-526-6527	N5170 Co Road MM, PO Box 240	M - F 9:30 a.m. to Noon & Tues – Thurs 2:00- 4:30 p.m. By

			Shawano 54166	Appointment: M - F 4:30 to 7p.m.
Tn. of Seneca*	Raymond Rigsby	715-851-2251	N5866 Rock Rd Leopolis, 54948	M - F 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. By Appointment
Tn. of Washington	Kara Skarlupka	715-851-6592	N6593 Lake Crest Dr., Cecil, 54111	By Appointment
Tn. of Waukechon*	Christine Prey	715-853-2344	W7005 St. Johns Church Rd., Clintonville, 54929	By Appointment
Tn. of Wittenberg	Maria Donat	715-370-5805	W17395 County Rd. Q, Wittenberg, 54499	T & Thurs 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or by Appointment
Villages and Cities				
Vil. of Bonduel	Michelle Maroszek	715-758-2402	117 W. Green Bay St., PO Box 67, Bonduel, 54107	M - F 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Vil. of Bowler	Kerry Breitrick	715-851-4713	107 W. Main St., PO Box 68 Bowler, 54416	By Appointment
Vil. of Cecil	Teri Westerfeld	715-745-4428	111 E. Hoffman St., PO Box 159, Cecil, 54111	M - Thurs 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Vil. of Gresham	Judy Kristof	715-787-3991 715-851-0222	801 Main Street, PO Box 50, Gresham, 54128	By Appointment
Vil. of Pulaski	Karen Ostrowski	920-822-5182	585 E. Glenbrook Dr., PO Box 320, Pulaski, 54162	M - Thurs 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fri 8:00 a.m.to Noon By Appointment Only
C. of Shawano	Lesley Nemetz/ Deputy Leah Pierquet	715-526-6138	127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, 54166	M – Thurs 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place before the polls close on April 2, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted. No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

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Abrams theater to present 'Oklahoma!'

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. will perform the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" for two weekends in March.

Directed by Ali Carlson, "Oklahoma!" will be presented March 14-17 and March 21-24 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams.

"The audience will enjoy the recognizable songs, but more importantly, they will enjoy the dancing. The choreography is truly the gem of this production," Carlson said.

The musical "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway for the first time in 1943, and the ASPI show incorporates some of the original choreography.

"Our fantastic dance corps is bringing the magic of Agnes de Mille's original choreography to life, and I just love it," Carlson said.

"Oklahoma!" tells the love story of Curly, a handsome cowboy portrayed by Bobby Buffington, and Laurey, a beautiful farm girl, portrayed by Julie Johannes-Frohlinger. Set in western Indian territory just after the turn of the 20th century, the spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the backdrop for the love story.

Some of the show's most memorable songs are "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top," "People Will Say We're in Love," and "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'."

Carlson said cast members have inspired her with their talent and ambition from the start.

"I have never directed a show before where the engagement and the drive from the cast was felt right away, from day one," Carlson said. "When they all started to sing the title song, 'Oklahoma!' I got chills."

Carlson has been developing her vision for the show for the past five years.

"Seeing my vision come to life is truly one of the proudest things I have ever done," she said.

"Oklahoma!" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization, www.concordtheatricals.com. The music is written by Richard Rodgers, book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein, and original choreography by de Mille. The musical is based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs.

Tickets are on sale now, \$17 for adults, \$15 for senior citizens over 65 and children ages 5-17. Children ages 4 and younger are \$8. To order tickets, visit abramstheater.com or call the box office, 920-826-5852.



Bobby Buffington, as Curly, and Julie Johannes-Frohlinger, as Laurey, rehearse a scene from "Oklahoma!"
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Coffee and food customers linger on the main floor of The Mill, a new boutique and coffee shop in Bonduel. The new shop opened in late 2023, in a century-old feed mill at 201 S. Cecil St. NiCole and Keith Fischer bought the landmark in 2020 and took three years to restore and repurpose it into a thriving local business.
LYNN ZAFFRANN

Old mill now happening hotspot for Bonduel

Fischers create coffee shop, boutique as village embraces new business

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

The century-old Bonduel landmark feed mill on South Cecil Street (state Highway 117) has an exciting new life after a three-year rehabilitation by NiCole and Keith Fischer.

The Mill, Bonduel opened in late 2023 as a boutique and coffee shop, with an homage to the history and community of the village of Bonduel.

The Fischers were looking for a site for NiCole's photography business in 2020 and asked the mill's owner to see the building. Three days later, according to Keith Fischer, they did a walk-through and immediately fell in love with the place.

"There was the great big grain bin on the top. It was wide open, right into this part of the building," he said, while looking out over the center of the coffee shop area from the balcony. "Rain was coming in and there was a lot of water damage."

Pointing to the clean and airy interior now, he said, "This was three years of ambition and hard work."

The current building was built in 1913. Two previous mills on the lot had burned down.

"Originally, in the 1850s, the first feed mill/grist mill was built in the same spot," Keith Fischer said. "It burned down in 1880; then they rebuilt it. It burned down again, in July 1913. A group of farmers came together and formed



Zack Olsen picks up his cup of coffee from barista Kaela Kroening at The Mill, a new coffee shop in Bonduel. Olsen works at KI in Bonduel and stops in daily for coffee.
LYNN ZAFFRANN

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: The Mill

WHERE: 201 S. Cecil St., Bonduel

WHEN: The coffee shop is open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekends. The boutique is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

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a co-op, with the intention of it never being able to burn down again. So, that's why it's all brick, with a metal roof."

There are three thick layers of brick, according to Keith Fischer. He said that it's a solid, sturdy building, and as long

as it has some maintenance, it should last a long time.

"As we walked through, we saw so much more potential. This is way too big for a studio," NiCole Fischer said. "So, originally, our whole reason for this place was for a photography studio. Now, there isn't even a photography studio in here."

The coffee shop serves hand-crafted coffee and tea, and NiCole Fischer claims The Mill has the best coffee in Wisconsin. Originally, the Fischers weren't planning to serve food at all, but now they have a full-time cook making

Garden trends point to animal sanctuaries

Each year, a number of garden marketing groups and organizations predict and highlight trends among consumers and gardeners. This year, among the many trends being predicted are a number of tried-and-true projects and hobbies that gardeners have long been passionate about.

This week, here's a look at some of the gardening trends taking place locally and nationally.

Several home and garden organizations spot color trends among property owners, as well as home and garden art and projects. This year's hot color is cyber lime — a bright, almost neon lime green that has captured the attention of home and garden decor businesses and trendsetters.

Cyber lime shows itself in many forms. There are many plants that are decorated with lime-colored foliage, such as coleus varieties and coral bells and ninebarks, smoke-



bush and others. It is also displayed in garden art and accent pieces, as well as doors, window frames and a number of other garden elements.

Bumblebees are especially hot in 2024. Gardening for them has become all the rage. One species, especially, in Wisconsin, the rusty-patched bumblebee, is officially on the federal endangered species list.

Growing and gardening for bumblebees and other pollinators is a hot trend in 2024.

Of course, there are monarchs, and, as always, the trend in gardening is to provide more nectar sources for monarch butterflies, as well as their host plant, milkweed.



Gardening for bumblebees, as well as learning to identify the species of bumblebees found in Wisconsin, is a hot trend in 2024.

ROB ZIMMER

Growing and providing nectar sources throughout the season — most notably late in summer and into fall, after Labor Day — is essential to rebuilding

monarch numbers.

We will talk much more about the monarch situation throughout the year.

Moving house plants outdoors into the sum-

mer garden is another hot garden trend.

Growing and including house plants in our exterior gardens and landscapes is a fun trend and one that

I hope to see continue to rise here in our state.

Another trend among gardeners is transforming yards and gardens into foraging oases.

More than just a typical, traditional row garden filled with edibles, the new trend is expanding edible plants to fill the entire yard.

By combining nut trees, berry bushes, greens, fruits and vegetables, root crops, herbs and more throughout the entire yard, not just limiting them to a garden bed, is a growing trend.

Imagine being able to walk out into your garden and yard and forage edible plants and greens, nuts and berries throughout the seasons.

Much more to come on new plants for 2024 in my next column.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

SURING: World Day of Prayer, 10:30 a.m., Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 11005 County Road M. Theme Ephesians 4:1-7. Light lunch to follow.

KRAKOW: Lenten fish fry, 4:30-6:30 p.m., St. Casimir Catholic Church, W146 Park St. Dine in, carry out or delivery (within a short distance). \$22 per meal, kids grilled cheese option \$5. RSVP by texting or calling Julie at 920-676-3320.

WITTENBERG: "The Case of the Motorcoach Murders," doors open 5:30 p.m., WOW-SPACE, 114 Vinal St. Cross-roads Community Theatre dinner theater. \$40. Advance tickets only, available at Wittenberg Sentry or by calling 715-253-3525.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

SHAWANO: Zurko Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano Community Hall, 115 E. Division St.

TOWN OF RICHMOND: Maple Syrup Hike, 9:30 a.m., Sugar Shack Trails, N7061 Ash Road. Arrive 15 minutes early to get gear on and register. Option

of three guided hikes, and chance to buy maple syrup straight from the cooker. Hike is free, donations appreciated.

KELLY LAKE: Snake Fest, 1 p.m., The Little Bar, 9388 County Road G. Proceeds will be donated to Brazeau Dive Team. Five-person teams, \$125 per team, sign up by bar close March 1, fish on Kelly Lake only, 25-fish limit, winners based on total length of northern pike. Teams must be at the bar by 2:30 p.m. Meat raffle and 50/50 raffle.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 3

PULASKI: Casimir Pulaski Days Polka Mass, 10:30 a.m., Assumption BVM Catholic Church, 124 E. Pulaski St. Featuring the Maroszek Brothers.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

LITTLE SUAMICO: American

Red Cross blood drive, noon to 5 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 1253 County Road J. Appointments can be made by downloading the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 800-733-2767.

KESHENA: Running and walking program, 4:40-6:30 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road, Keshena. Infused water provided during the week, and a family snack-making station is provided on Saturdays. Information: Chelsey Latender, 715-799-5431 or chelseyl@mtclinic.net.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

SHAWANO: Medicare Basics information session, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Shawano County Human Services, Room 115, W7327 Anderson Ave. RSVP by calling ADRC (Aging & Disability Resource Center) at 855-492-2372 or email adrc@adrcwolfriver.org

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

PULASKI: Polish Night, 5:30 p.m., American Legion

Hall, 135 N. St. Augustine St.. Casimir Pulaski Days event hosted by Promote Pulaski Inc. and Polish Heritage Society of Northeast Wisconsin. \$45. Social 5:30 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., movie "The Zookeeper's Wife" to follow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

KESHENA: Running and walking program, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road, Keshena. Infused water provided during the week, and a family snack-making station is provided on Saturdays. Information: Chelsey Latender, 715-799-5431 or chelseyl@mtclinic.net.

OCONTO: Oconto County Historical Society Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m., Beyer Home and Carriage Museum meeting room, 915 Park Ave. David Retzlaff, military history exhibit team leader, to present on Oconto's Company C battle against Japanese forces in Buna, New Guinea, in 1942.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

KESHENA: Winter Farm-

ers Market, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., College of Menominee Nation Cultural Learning Center, N188 State Highway 47-55. Artisan Native crafts, hot food, baked goods and more. Sponsored by the college's Sustainable Development Institute.

PULASKI: Casimir Pulaski Days Polka Jam, 2-6 p.m., Jen's Knaughty Pine, W1539 County Road S.

OCONTO: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 4-7 p.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 716 Madison St. Raffle.

WITTENBERG: "The Case of the Motorcoach Murders," doors open 5:30 p.m., WOW-SPACE, 114 Vinal St. Cross-roads Community Theatre dinner theater. \$40. Advance tickets only, available at Wittenberg Sentry or by calling 715-253-3525.

PULASKI: Casimir Pulaski Days Polka Dance with TNT, 7-11 p.m., Mountain Bay Bar and Grill, 104 S. Wisconsin St.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

SHAWANO: Zurko Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Shawano Community Hall, 115 E. Division St.

NAVARINO: Winter Fungus Seminar, 9-11 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Tickets \$10. Register at 715-758-6999 or www.navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Cabin Fever Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano Civic Center, 225 S. Main St.

PULASKI: Casimir Pulaski Days, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pulaski Historical Museum, 129 W. Pulaski St.

SHAWANO: Pulaski Fire Department Nine-pin Bowling Tournament, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lakeshore Lanes, 210 Airport Drive.

PULASKI: Concertina/Accordion Swap Meet, 2-5 p.m., Scully's Hometown, 149 W. Pulaski St. Live instrument auction 3:30 p.m.

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Warm winter prompts jump on collecting sap

The old farmer adage “make hay while the sun shines” can apply to a myriad of situations. It just means git while the gittin’s good, whether it be out in the field or in our case just now, out to the woods to collect sap.

For two years, we only hung pails, which we found was a challenge to say the least, especially hauling five-gallon pails full of sap down a slippery slope. Our first year, we put up 60 pails. Last year we added 10, covering all with folded tin hats to avoid snow, rain, tree bark, etc., from getting into the pails.

This year, we’ve tried something new. We took advantage of the natural slope of our ridge and gravity the good Lord provides and purchased lines, as well as a 20-foot hose, taps, connectors, ends and splices in preparation to set up sap lines.

My husband, along with the help of a good buddy and our daughter when she was home for Christmas, strung six 3/16-inch lines, 3,500 feet in all. On a 60-foot incline, starting at the top, they wove the lines around hard wood trees for stability and around maples to be tapped later, all flowing downward toward two totes at the bottom. To keep lines



elevated lessening deer activity, using two-inch staples, he nailed the lines to a couple of ironwood trees.

He put in a boatload of work on this project. Sitting diligently at our kitchen table during off-weather late winter afternoons, my husband snipped 190 2-foot lines off the string, fashioning taps and splices at each end using a tool he borrowed from a friend. Also, it took him two weeks, trucking up into the woods for about two hours every day, attaching tap lines into the lines strung around the trees.

Heading to Denmark on a lead from Marketplace, we purchased two more totes. These my husband carted down to the ridge using our multi-purpose skid steer with the fork attachment instead of the bucket. Perching them on a 10-foot-high rim on our ridge, we’re able to drive alongside to empty them via gravity into our two totes that are kept on our trailer. A 2-inch, 20-foot hose drains sap from our

collecting totes to our transporting totes.

Before we got started in all of this, my husband gathered information. Hop-ping on our four-wheeler, we scouted others who had put up lines in their woods and picked their brain. Also, he’s a member of an online group called Maple Syrup Producers of Wisconsin, which has questions and answers given by seasoned sappers. Knowledge is power. We’re still learning. It’s a process.

Among questions and answers, members post victories and trials. One guy stated, “Feb. 13, 600 gallons so far. 2.75 test, keep ‘er going.” The test he mentioned is for sugar content. The higher the test, the better the payout.

The trees pour forth their bounty when the weather conditions are just right, never mind the calendar. Ideally, nights should freeze solid and days warm up to sunny 40s. First week of February, one sunny Sunday afternoon we set out to put taps in, 190 in all.

Meeting our friend in our yard, we headed up to the woods. Each man held a drill, I held a hammer and shadowing my husband, followed him around the woods switching out the hammer for the drill and



Stationary totes on the ridge are getting sap siphoned into transportation totes on a trailer via a 2-inch blue hose 20 feet in length. KAY REMINGER

the drill for the hammer. He’d stretch up as far as he could reach, drill a hole and patting the tap in place, go on to the next tree. By the time we got to the bottom, the sap was spurting out like a waterfall.

Along the edge of the ledge where maples are easily accessed, my husband hung 45 pails this year. I wasn’t on board as thinking our lines were supposed to be replacing pails. Just before dusk one early evening, he walked into the kitchen for supper, his blue eyes sparkling.

“What? You’re smiling like a cat that caught a mouse.”

“Just put up 45 taps and hung pails, and it’s already

running.”

How can I argue with this man? He acts like it’s the first day of deer hunting.

During the course of the early season we doubted ourselves countless number of times, even when we drove up to Charlie in Tilleda with the biggest daily harvest at that point, 410 gallons (hey, it adds up) and found him closed for lack of business. The larger sap collectors hadn’t even tapped yet. (This reminded us of small, no-clout, family-owned dairy farms being overshadowed by mega dairies.) Calling around, we contacted four people we thought perhaps would buy sap and finally, thankfully, we got a bingo on the last

guy tried.

Even though it’s a challenge, this project has created a deep sense of satisfaction as we work together out there in the woods. We are humbly grateful to be able to harvest not only venison and wood, but also the rich produce of sap from the land we have on loan from our Heavenly Father.

(“Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.” Psalm 85:12)

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

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Webster named CMN Student of the Year

Chenoa Webster has been chosen as the College of Menominee Nation's Student of the Year.

She received an associate degree in early childhood education from CMN in May 2023 and is continuing to work toward her bachelor's degree in elementary/middle school education.

Webster has always had a passion for working with children and youth development. She decided to return to college after being at the top level of her field that she could without having a degree, but feeling like she was not reaching her full potential.

She has been enrolled at CMN since fall 2020 and has fully immersed herself in the CMN community.

Webster's academic experiences are noteworthy,



CHENOA WEBSTER

including receiving the Indigenous Education Student internship at CMN's Sustainable Development Institute, leading her to several opportunities, including traveling to Alaska and Norway for cultural exchanges, presenting in Denver, Colorado, at the Falcon Conference, and her involvement in the Kenatamowonawak Early Childhood Educators Project in which she led talking circles with her peers.

"Tribal colleges like CMN offer a positive, safe and culturally responsive space to learn, grow and heal," Webster said. "CMN is that special place for me,

and I will be forever grateful for my experiences here that will continue to guide and inspire me for the rest of my life. I am honored and humbled to be selected as Student of the Year and will represent CMN well in all aspects and endeavors."

CMN's Student of the Year receives a \$1,200 scholarship and will join those from other accredited tribal colleges and universities honored annually through the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

The College of Menominee Nation is an accredited Tribal College that offers a variety of programs from technical diplomas to baccalaureate degrees. CMN has two campuses with locations in Keshena and Green Bay, and is open to all.

Shoe box collection efforts for 2024 underway

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoe box collection is underway for 2024 at Grace Lutheran Church, 501 S. Main St., Oconto Falls.

Ellen Pritzlaff, local coordinator, said this year's goal is 600 shoe boxes filled with basic school sup-

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breakfast offerings, such as egg sandwiches.

On weekends, they have six employees, keeping the coffee shop busy. NiCole Fischer noted that people park down the street from The Mill just to enjoy what the business has to offer.

Everything is healthy and hand-crafted, not microwaved. The Fischers are pleased about the feedback and that people are coming specifically for the food.

The boutique offers mostly women's fashions in an area separated from the coffee shop by another room.

The Mill will have whiskey, bourbon and wine flights soon, acknowledging the growing popularity of bourbons and wines. They expect that vacationers heading north may be drawn in by the availability of specialty bourbons and wines.

"We're going to have coffee flights, with alcohol in them," NiCole Fischer said.

"Like bourbon creams, or mimosas," Keith Fischer added.

"We thought we should probably add alcohol to coffee, because it's Wisconsin," NiCole Fischer said with a laugh.

The alcohol will be in the middle room, between the coffee shop and the boutique.

"We still have landscaping to do," NiCole Fischer said. "Outdoor seating, a fenced-in area for dog, like if they're coming from a distance, they could stop and run their dogs."

She noted that The Mill has brought the community together and turned into a destination spot in Bonduel, with out-of-town visitors asking about other locations in Bonduel.

"I'll recommend the Rustic Shed, local bars, restaurants," NiCole Fischer said. "If people can start growing from this now, Bonduel would not be just a drive through to another place. We're hoping that eventually, this will be a reason to stay."

Keith Fischer is a coach for Bonduel youth sports, coaching about 25 teams over the last 10 years. He's very involved in the community and recently was named Bonduel's police chief.

"We love this community. We've totally invested everything in this community," NiCole Fischer said. "A local guy came in and talked about all of the vintage pictures we have on the walls. I wish this was my town. I appreciate all of pictures we have here, but it has to be really cool to see these pictures if you were born and raised in Bonduel to be able to see all of this."

The couple have five children. Four are in the Bonduel school system and one is in the Air Force.

"We always preach to our kids that you should do something for your community to make it better," Keith Fischer said. "Don't be the person complaining about things and not doing anything."

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Three area girls claim state wrestling titles

Whiting captures second straight crown

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Three area girls brought home first-place titles from the the 81st annual WIAA Individual Wrestling Tournament and the third Girls Individual Wrestling Tournament held in conjunction Feb. 22-24 at the Kohl Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Winning titles were Brooke Hoffman of Wittenberg-Birnamwood at 185 pounds, Harlow Skenandore of Pulaski at 145 pounds and Taylor Whiting of Lena at 107 pounds. It was Whiting's second consecutive title.

Hoffman's string of victories started with a pin of Sophie Walter of Holmen in 47 seconds. Next, she pinned Mercedes Kohlmann of New Holstein in 1:07.

Her semifinal match featured another pin, this time in 1:44 over Adrianna Logue of Richland Center.

For the championship, Hoffman notched a fourth straight pin, this one coming in 1:19 over Ella Creighton from Lake Geneva.

Skenandore opened the tournament with a 9-3 decision over Matilda Burns of Ashland, followed by a 12-6 decision over Madalyn Sokolski of Bonduel.

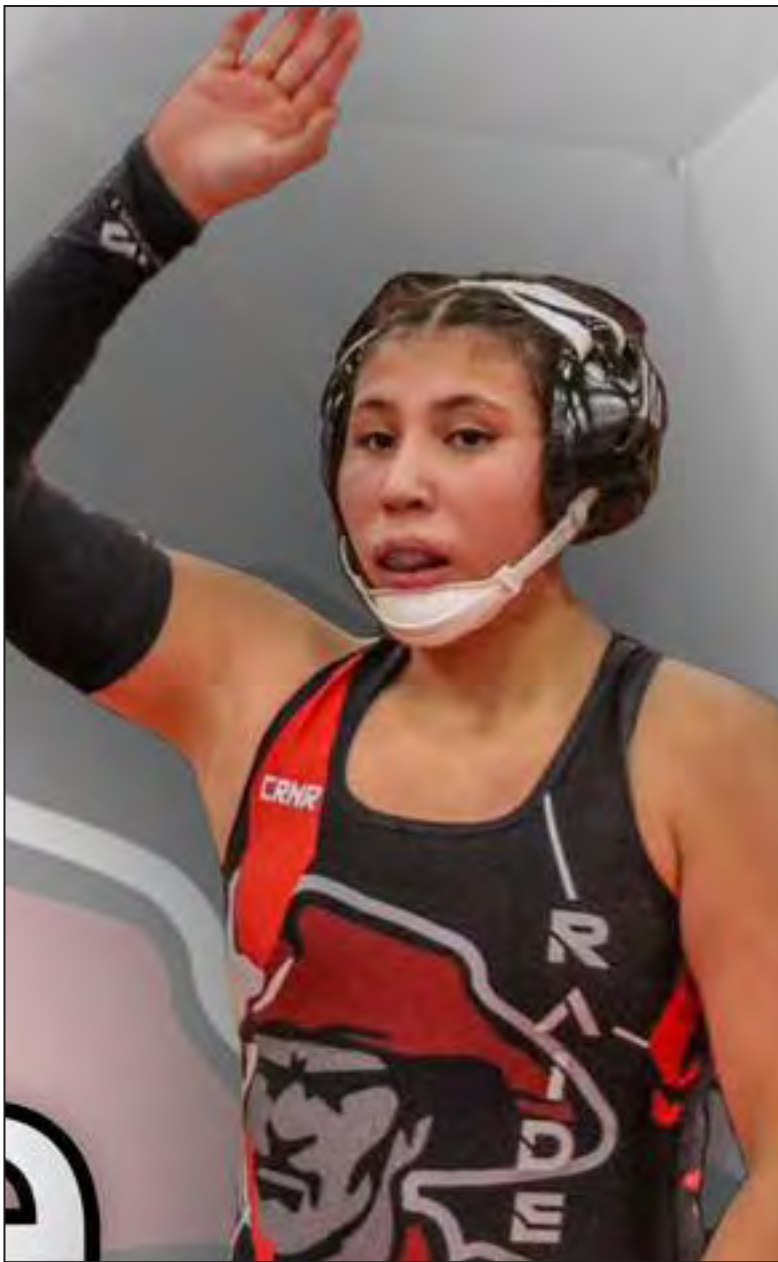
In her semifinal match, Skenandore pinned TaHonesty Donnell of Milwaukee Ronald Reagan/Salem in 43 seconds. She won the title on a 5-1 decision over Sydney Andrews of Beloit.

Whiting began her return to the title spot with a pin over Sarah Mrazek of Oshkosh West in 48 seconds. That was followed by a 12-7 decision over Megan Schuenemann of Plymouth and then a 10-0 major decision over Cailyn Whittier from Waukesha.

In the title match, she defeated Pulaski's Ava Peters 3-2.

As for Peters, she first pinned Cathy Zhang of Arrowhead in 20 seconds, then pinned Kaytlynn Lambries of Holmen in 1:50. Her third match ended in her pinning Brooklyn Lull of Fennimore in 1:49.

Sokolski advanced to the championship final in each of the



Wisconsin state wrestling champions include Harlow Skenandore of Pulaski, above at left, Taylor Whiting, above at right, and Brooke Hoffman, below at right. FACEBOOK

past two tournaments, winning the title at 138 in 2023 and finishing runner-up at 132 in 2022.

This year, she initially pinned Adaimee Lemus of Waukesha West in 46 seconds, then lost a 12-6 decision to Harlow Skenandore of Pulaski.

In her quest for third place, she pinned Burns of Ashland in 4:02, then pinned Tessa Felter of Muskego in 2:08, followed by another pin at 1:42 against Shelly Bullman of Eau Claire North.

In her final match, she won 6-4 over TaHonesty Donnell of Milwaukee Ronald Reagan/Salem.

At 138 pounds, Bonduel's Hailey Berg finished in third place.

She opened with a pin of Myia Cobbs of Whitewater in 4:43.

That was followed by a 7-0 deci-

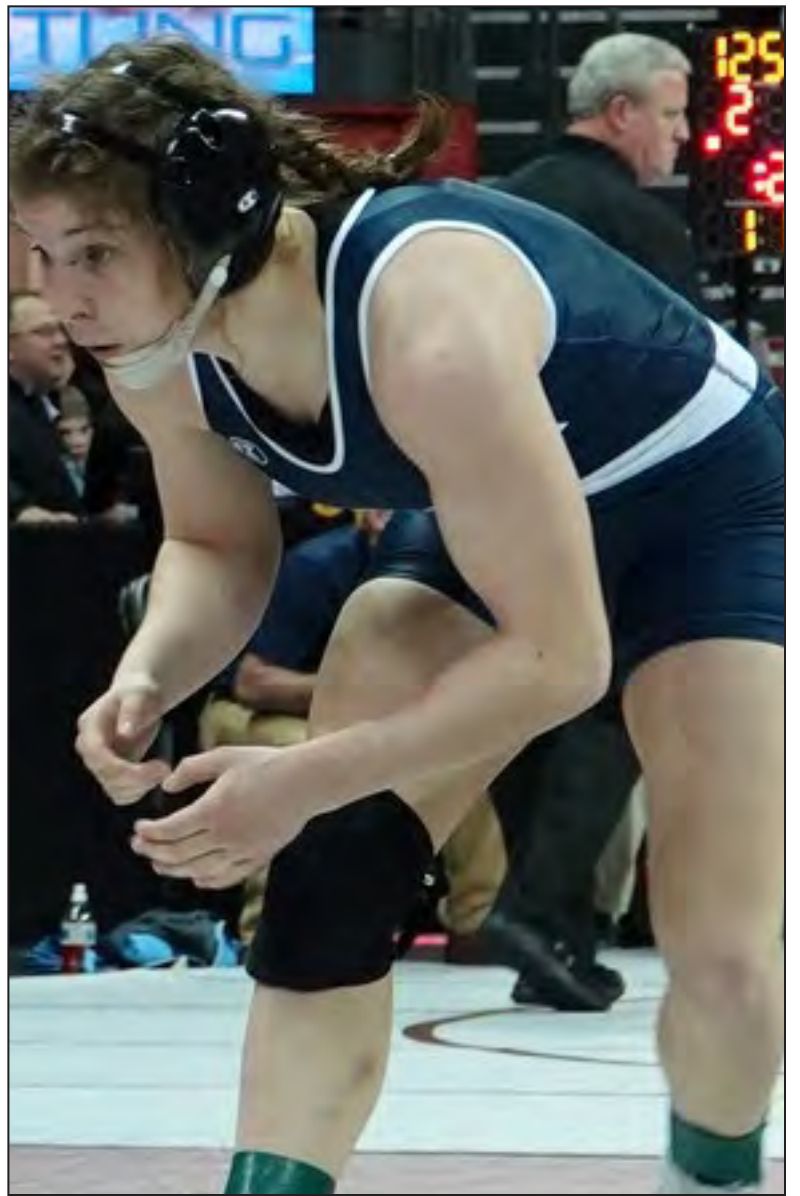
sion over Leah Kapla of Pulaski. She was pinned in 40 seconds by Tiani LeMieux of Sturgeon Bay.

Wrestling in the consolation bracket, Berg won 11-3 over Emily Anderson of Bangor. For the third-place finish, she pinned Macki Kaz of Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau/Melrose-Mindoro.

Alisha Berg of Bonduel, wrestling at 165, placed fourth.

Berg opened with a pin of Lauryn Robert of Menasha in 1:15, then pinned Gwen Breckheimer of Chilton/Herbert in 1:08. Getting pinned by Katie Davis of Belmont/Platteville in 5:59 sent her to the consolation bracket.

She defeated Amerrah Kayon of Shoreland Lutheran 9-8, then lost the third-place match when she was pinned in 24 seconds by



Sophia Bassino of Sun Prairie.

Kapla pinned Hailey Firari of Hustisford in 2:53 before losing to Bonduel's Hailey Berg. She would go on to pin Whitewater's Cobbs in 3:41, then lost 3-0 to Natalia Poplawski of New Berlin.

At 100 pounds, Bonduel's Kaitlyn Kroening pinned Daisy Altmann of Nicolet in 5:16. Next, against Kylie Klum of Westby, she was pinned in 2:45. In her final match, she was pinned in 2:58 by Clara Jauch of Milton.

Oconto Falls' Bozile takes second place

Pulaski's Woosenkraft finishes in fourth place in Division 1 competition

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

For the Bonduel boys, wrestling at 113 pounds in Division 3, it was Jaxon Bogacz, and at 150, it was Colin Fischer.

Bogacz lost his first match of the state wrestling tournament 10-2 to Kaleb Lodahl of Cadott. He then lost 11-2 to Lukas Orloff of Pecatonica/Argyle.

Fischer was defeated 5-2 by Logan Peterson of Cumberland.

Lena was represented by Sam Peterson at 113 pounds in D3. He lost 12-0 to Colin Cournoyer of

Stratford.

Oconto Falls wrestlers were in D2. Garrett Ganter wrestled at 106, Cole Bozile wrestled at 138, and Nick Trepanier was at 190.

Ganter opened his tournament play with an 11-0 win over Nick Lara of Jefferson, then a 16-1 loss to Shane Rochon of Dodgeville. In the consolation bracket, he lost 2-1 to Jake Jan-drin of Luxemburg-Casco.

Bozile ended up in second place. He started with a 4-2 decision over Stanley-Boyd's Breckin Burzynski, followed by a 12-2

decision over Marcus McIntyre of Brodhead/Juda. For the title, he lost 3-2 to Caleb Delebreaux of Luxemburg-Casco.

Lake Mills' Owen Burling defeated Trepanier 7-1.

For Wittenberg-Birnamwood, wrestling in Division 2, Andres Sanchez wrestled at 144, Bryson Schmid was at 165, and Owen Schultz wrestled at 285.

Sanchez started with a 12-3 win over Trig White of Chetek-Weyerhaeuser/Prairie Farm, followed by a 16-4 loss to Braedon Dorshorst of Lodi. In

the consolation bracket, Sanchez lost 4-3 to Drew Hird of Prairie du Chien.

Schmid beat Whitewater's Sebastian Cuellar 5-0 but then lost 15-0 to Owen Wasley of St. Croix Central. In his first consolation match, he lost 10-3 to Nic Deheck of Kewaskum.

Schultz battled to a 2-2 score against Willy Graham of Stanley-Boyd, but Graham moved on in the bracket.

Chase Woosenkraft wrestled at 190 for D1 Pulaski. He opened with a 9-1 win over Nate Behrndt

of Hamilton, and he followed that up with a 6-2 decision over Brayden Albee of Regis/Altoona.

Unfortunately, his next match ended with a 25-10 loss to Connor Mirasola of West Bend West.

In the consolation matches, Woosenkraft beat Reed Falk of Middleton 9-2. He finished in fourth place with a 5-2 loss to Watertown's Owen Sjoberg.

Drake Herm wrestled at 138 for D1 Shawano. He was shut out 6-0 by Edwyn Schroeder of Oshkosh West.

Boys basketball regular season ends

Friday, Feb. 23
Bowler's regular season came to an end with a 72-26 non-conference loss to Florence.

Thursday, Feb. 22
Bonduel beats Menominee Indian
Eleven players scored for Bonduel, which finished the regular season at 14-0 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference and 23-1 overall after its 91-58 victory over Menominee Indian. The Eagles ended the year at 2-12 in conference action and 3-20 overall.

Noah Weier led the Bears with 20 points, including four 3-pointers. Also scoring in double digits were Race Anvelink with 19 (including five 3-pointers), Ryan Westrich with 16 and Cade Johnson with 12 (including a pair of triples). Leading the Eagles were Maech Corn with 15 points, and Kenew Awonohopay and Anikohsaeh Corn each with 12.

Bonduel led 48-30 at halftime and continued its high-scoring ways with a 43-28 second half.

Marion tops Bowler
Marion wrapped up the regular season with a 67-41 Central Wisconsin North Conference win over Bowler.

The Mustangs ended the regular season at 7-3 in the conference and 25-9 overall. The Panthers dropped to 1-9 in league play.

Gillett
Gillett (14-2, 17-7) finished the regular season with a 77-45 win over Marinette & Oconto Conference foe St. Thomas Aquinas Academy.

The Tigers held a comfortable 37-19 lead at the half and was just as comfortable in the 40-26 second half.

Aydin Franti led Gillett with 18 points, while Jesse DeBauch added 14 and Nathan Powell contributed 12.

DeBauch leads the team with an average 22.3 points per game, as well

as 8.9 rebounds per game. Franti scored an average 17 points per game, while Ben Matczak scored an average 14.5 points per game and pulled down an average of 3.6 rebounds per game.

Crivitz won the conference crown with a 15-1 record, followed by Gillett, Niagara at 11-5, Oneida Nation at 10-6 and Coleman at 9-7. Finishing below .500 were Wausaukee at 5-11, St. Thomas at 4-12, and Lena and Suring at 2-14 each.

Gresham
Gresham ended its 2023-24 regular season campaign with a 66-37 loss at Northland Lutheran.

The Central Wisconsin North Conference loss dropped the Wildcats to 1-9 in the conference and 1-22 overall.

Lena beats Suring
Lena squeaked out a 42-39 win over Suring and managed to tie at 2-14 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference rather than being alone in last place.

Trailing 20-17 at the half, Lena outscored their guests 25-19 in the second half to earn the three-point win.

Lena's points came from Mason Spice with 17, Tyler Shallow with eight, Caleb Schlosser with seven, Mason Belongia and Anthony Seefeldt with four each, and Logan Graef with two.

For Suring, Michael Bailey scored 12, Taylor Booth Stoffregen and Trent VanDenElzen each contributed nine, Jacob Cornell added five and Quinn Thomson pitched in four.

Lena finished 5-19 overall, and Suring was 4-19.

Oconto Falls
Oconto Falls's regular season ended with a 76-34 loss to Freedom.

Freedom won both halves by similar scores, 37-19 before the break and 39-15 after the break.

None of the Panthers scored in double digits. Alex Haines led the team with seven points, and Conner Wilquet and Easton Engel each had six.

Haines also led the team with six rebounds, six players each had one assist, and three players each recorded a steal.

For the final conference standings, it was Fox Valley Lutheran 18-0, Freedom 15-3, Clintonville 13-5, Little Chute 11-7, Waupaca 10-8, Wrightstown 9-9, Denmark 7-11, Marinette 3-15, Luxemburg-Casco 2-16 and Oconto Falls 2-16.

Pulaski
Pulaski edged Sheboygan South 74-66 to finish in a four-way tie for fourth place in the Fox River Classic Conference.

The Red Raiders finished 9-9 in the conference, as did Manitowoc Lincoln, Sheboygan South and Bay Port.

De Pere took the conference title at 18-0, followed by Ashwaubenon at 15-2 and Sheboygan North at 10-8. At the bottom of the conference were Notre Dame at 8-9, Green Bay Preble at 2-16 and Green Bay Southwest at 0-18.

Shawano
Victory in the final game of the regular season was going to be a long shot for Shawano when they went up against Bay Conference champion Xavier. And the long shot came up short, as Shawano lost 91-52.

Logan Sipple led Shawano with 14 points. He also leads the team with an average of 20 points per game.

Anderson Schmidt scored 11 points, and Warner Beyer added 10.

Xavier finished the season at 14-0, with New London and West De Pere tied at 10-4. Seymour finished 9-5 as the fourth team to finish above .500. Menasha was next at 6-8, followed by Shawano at 5-9 (8-16 overall), Green Bay West at 2-12 and Green Bay East at 0-14.

Tigerton
The Tigers ended their regular season on an 11-game winning streak, the latest victory being a

69-18 win over Wolf River Lutheran.

James Brady and Gavin Kielblock led the Tigers with 12 points each, and Cameron Carlson scored 11. Caleb Dahlstrom's six points came from a pair of 3-pointers.

Brady led his teammates with six rebounds, Carlson and Sam Anheuser each recorded three assists, and Carlson had seven steals.

Tigerton led 43-3 at halftime and outscored Wolf River Lutheran 26-15 in the second half.

Tigerton won a conference title with an 8-2 mark and was 20-4 overall.

Witt-Birn
A huge second half propelled Wittenberg-Birnamwood to a 63-56 win over Shiocton to end the regular season.

Trailing 34-24 at halftime, the Chargers stormed back with a dominating 39-22 second-half performance to capture the win.

"(We) played well offensively tonight, moved the ball well and hit open shots," coach Garrett Rogowski said. "A great way to end the conference and regular season."

Jett Rogowski led the way with 22 points, while Oliver Fraaza scored 18. Also scoring for Wittenberg-Birnamwood were Zander Barke and Hayden Miller with seven points

each, Marshall Fraaza with six and Jaden Clark with three.

The Chargers finished with a 9-5 mark in the Central Wisconsin East Conference, good enough for second-place tie with Weyauwega-Fremont. Overall, the team was 12-12.

Monday, Feb. 19
Gillett beats Suring
Gillett improved to 13-2 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference, while Suring dropped to 3-13 after Gillett defeated Suring 64-33.

Gillett posted a 20-point lead at the half and added another 11 points to their cushion in the second half.

Jesse DeBauch set the pace for Gillett with 19 points, including one 3-pointer and two free throws. Aydin Franti scored 14 points that included two 3-pointers, and Thomas Carmody added 10, which also included two triples. Ben Matczak sunk two 3-pointers as part of his eight points.

Taylor Booth Stoffregen led Suring with 10 points, including a pair of triples and a pair of free throws. Seven others scored the other 23 points.

Lena
Mason Spice and Caleb Schlosser each scored 15 points, but Lena came up short in a 63-46 loss to Coleman in the Marinette & Oconto Conference.

Scoring the other 16 points for Lena were Anthony Seefeldt, Mason Belongia, Logan Graef, Zander Thomson and Tyler Shallow.

Coleman led 28-16 at halftime and outscored the Wildcats 35-30 in the second half to widen their margin of victory.

Lena dropped to 1-14 in the conference and 4-19 overall.

Marion
Marion is 14-9 overall after a 69-45 non-conference win over Stockbridge.

Shawano
The Hawks picked off the Red Robins in an 82-56 non-conference victory. Shawano improved to 8-15 overall.

Tigerton
Tigerton won its 10th consecutive game with a 72-54 non-conference victory over Tri-County. The Tigers are 19-4 overall.

Witt-Birn
Wittenberg-Birnamwood fell a game below .500 with a 66-44 loss at Wausau West. The Chargers are 11-12 overall.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood led until the final two minutes of the first half, at which they were trailing 31-21. Coach Garrett Rogowski attributed the loss to too many turnovers against the Wausau West press.

Hayden Miler led the Chargers with nine points.

Ice Bears move on to state

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Bay Area 3, USM 2
A successful goal at 10:56 in the third period was just enough to seal the victory for the Bay Area Ice Bears as they defeated the University School of Milwaukee Wildcats at The Ponds of Brookfield Ice Arena on Feb. 23.

The Ice Bears jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead. USM fought back, scoring one goal in the second period and the tying goal at 1:01 in the third period.

The Ice Bears had 38 shots on goal, while the Wildcats had 20.

Bay Area was called for seven penalties for 14 minutes, while USM was called five times for 10 minutes.

The Ice Bears were scheduled to take on the St. Croix Valley Fusion in Middleton on Feb. 29 in round 1 of the state tournament, with the winner playing March 2.

Bay Area 4
Fox Cities 3

The Bay Area Ice Bears girls co-op hockey team, which features players from Pulaski, advanced to the second round of playoff action with a 4-3 win over the Fox Cities Stars on Feb. 20.

The Stars took a 1-0 first period lead only to have the Ice Bears tie it on a goal by Julianne Bradford with assists by Faye Brunke (Pulaski) and Ava McDonald. However, Fox Cities held a 2-1 lead at the end of the period.

Again, Bay Area tied the game at 2-2 in the second period on a Tiana Schmidt goal with assists by McDonald and Briana Anundsen (Pulaski).

In the third period, the Ice Bears went up 4-2. The first goal was scored by Kristina Kruse with assists by Claire Gerarden and Addison Dahl. The next was scored by Sophie Gemignani with assists by Rachael Beeck and Brynn Osbahr. Fox Cities scored one final goal at 13:24.

The Ice Bears were called for four penalties for eight minutes, while Fox Cities was called for five infractions for 10 minutes.

Bay Area players had 25 shots on goal compared to 14 for Fox Cities.

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Lena, Witt-Birn claim regional crowns

Five other area teams lose in their quests to win first-round championship titles

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Saturday, Feb. 21
Bonduel**
Bonduel's red hot season came to an abrupt end with a 47-30 loss to Laco-

Lena
Lena was crowned regional champs as they upended Florence 48-29. The Wildcats carried both halves, 18-13 before the break and 30-16 after the break.

Madilyn Thomson led Lena with 17 points, while Eva Brooks added 13. The two girls flipped in the rebounds category, with Brooks leading with 14 and Thomson pulling down 10. Brooks had three assists, while she and Kali Fischer each had four steals.

Oconto Falls
A second half comeback fell short, as No. 3 seed Oconto Falls lost 49-43 to No. 2 seed Freedom for the regional title.

Freedom led 28-18 at the break. Oconto Falls fought back and won the second half 25-21, but it wasn't enough to pull out the victory.

Maddy Maloney led the Panthers with 14 points, while Rylie Shallow and Amber Otto each scored 10. Kati Raddatz scored three, and Brynn Hodkie-



Senior Alexis Roe played one last time for the Marion girls basketball team in the Mustangs' loss to Athens in the opening round of regional action Feb. 20.

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wicz, Kendra Staidl and Morgan Moynihan each had two.

Pulaski
Pulaski faced off against Fox River Classic Conference foe Green Bay Southwest for the regional final

and saw their season end with a 55-36 loss.

Shawano
Shawano failed to carry the momentum from the previous night and lost the regional final 88-37 to Notre Dame.



Freshman Adyson Hull looks for a teammate to pass the ball to in the opening round of regional action against Athens. Marion lost and ended its 2023-24 season.

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Shawano was behind 50-25 at the break and was then outscored 38-12 in the second half.

Leah Nordin led the Hawks with 15 points. Also scoring were Abby Bystol with seven, Ella Stuber with five, Brynlie Boyles with four, Trinity Popelka with three, Natalie Bystol with two and Marissa Tomashek with one.

Nordin set the pace with six rebounds, Tomashek and Boyles each

had two assists, and Nordin and Braylyn Babino each had two steals.

Witt-Birn wins regional title
Wittenberg-Birnhamwood defeated Menominee Indian to capture the regional championship. The final score was 66-36.

**Friday, Feb. 20
Pulaski**
Pulaski, the No. 7 seed in its Division 2 playoff bracket, upset No. 2 seed Marinette 46-45 in a nail-

biter. Pulaski led 26-22 at half-time, but Marinette battled back with a 23-20 second half, but it was still one point short of sending the game into overtime.

Olivia Sprangers led the Red Raiders with 17 points, and Ellie Mangold chipped in 13.

Lena
The No. 1 seed Lena girls basketball team showed why they are No. 1 as they rolled over No. 8 Oneida Nation 71-55 in the Division 5 Sectional 2 playoff game.

Eva Brooks' 31 points and Madilyn Thomson's 26 were enough to surpass the entire Oneida Nation team. Kali Fischer added another eight, and Whitney Potter scored six.

Brooks pulled down 14 boards and Thomson had another 10. Fischer led the team with four assists, and Brooks led with four steals.

Lena led 39-33 before the break, and won the second half as well, 32-22.

Gillett
Gillett lost 54-27 to No. 3 seed Wabeno/Laona in the second round of regional playoff action.

Oconto Falls
Oconto Falls, seeded at No. 3, had little trouble disposing of No. 11 seed Clintonville to advance to the regional finals.

The Panthers controlled the game from the start, leading 24-13 at halftime and extending their lead with a 26-10 second half.

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Number 3 seed Bonduel

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trampled No. 6 Oconto 70-23 to advance to the regional final in the Division 4 Sectional 2 postseason bracket.

Leading 40-9 at the break, the Bears added 16 points to their margin of victory with a 30-14 second-half performance.

Shawano
Shawano's Leah Nordin scored 17 points as she surpassed the 1,000-point mark of her high school career in the Hawks' Division 1 regional win over New London. The No. 5 Hawks defeated No. 4 New London 59-34.

Nordin entered the game with 999 points, and left it with 1,016. Abby Bystol scored 11 points, including three 3-pointers

Nordin led her team with 15 rebounds, and Bystol pulled down 13. Nordin, Bystol and Trinity Popelka each recorded four assists.

Witt-Birn
Wittenberg-Birnamwood controlled the tempo of the Division 3 Sectional 2 regional game against Waupaca and won 59-26. Waupaca was seeded No. 8, while the Chargers were No. 1.

Menominee Indian
Menominee Indian, the No. 4 seed in the Division 3 Sectional 2 bracket, defeated No. 5 seed Amherst 46-43 to advance to the regional championship game.

Tuesday, Feb. 20
Pulaski
Pulaski opened its postseason play with a 54-38 win over No. 10 seed Antigo in a Division 2 Sectional 1 regional game.

Maggie Lardinois led the No. 7 seed Red Raiders with 19 points, with Ellie Mangold pitching in 11. Lily Urban and Olivia Sprangers each scored nine, while Lydia Gwidt, Alissa Nischke and Ella Hasser each added two.

Marion

Marion's season ended with a 75-15 loss to Athens. The Mustangs were seeded 13th, while Athens was fourth in the Division 5 Sectional 2.

Lena
Number one seed Lena strutted their stuff in the opening round of the Division 5 Sectional 2 playoff game. The Wildcats pummeled No. 16 White Lake 86-2.

Madilyn Thomson led Lena with 16 points, as Kali Fischer and Eva Brooks each chipped in 12.

Hannah Thomson pulled down seven rebounds, Haley Van Ark had five assists, and Whitney Potter led with five steals.

Bowler
Isabella Stevens scored 28 points, but even that performance couldn't bring the No. 9 seed Panthers back from a 35-12 deficit after the first half against No. 8 seed Oneida Nation.

By the time the final buzzer sounded to end Bowler's season, they were on the losing end of a 70-50 final score.

Gresham
The season came to a surprising end for No. 5 seed Gresham as they were upset 54-46 by No. 12 seed Green Bay NEW Lutheran in the opening round of the Division 5 Sectional 2 bracket.

Suring
Suring found itself trailing Florence throughout the Division 5 Sectional 2 playoff game. Down 27-16 at the half, the No. 13 Suring team lost 59-41 to No. 4 seed Florence.

Gillett
The No. 5 seed Gillett Tigers jumped all over No. 11 Wausaukee in the opening round of the Division 5 Sectional 2 regional game. Gillett won 67-14 and moved on to play at No. 3 Wabeno/Laona after they defeated No. 14 Goodman/Pembin 68-10.

Ice shanty removal dates announced

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds anglers that ice shanty removal deadlines are approaching.

Permanent ice shanties, or those not removed daily, must be removed from all state waters by specific dates. Although mild winter conditions may have hindered the ability to fish from ice shanties on some waterbodies, anglers who were able to get a shanty out on the ice are reminded to remove them by the following dates:

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- * Inland waters south of Highway 64 by March 3.
- Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters on or before March 15.
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Deadlines to remove permanent ice shanties from state waters are coming up. DAVID SMITH

The DNR does not monitor ice conditions and encourages anglers to check with local fishing clubs and bait shops for current ice conditions.

Owners having difficulties removing their shanty should seek help from their local fishing club, vendors and other anglers.

The removal deadlines

are to ensure shanties are removed and to avoid the additional costs and hazards of shanties breaking through the ice.

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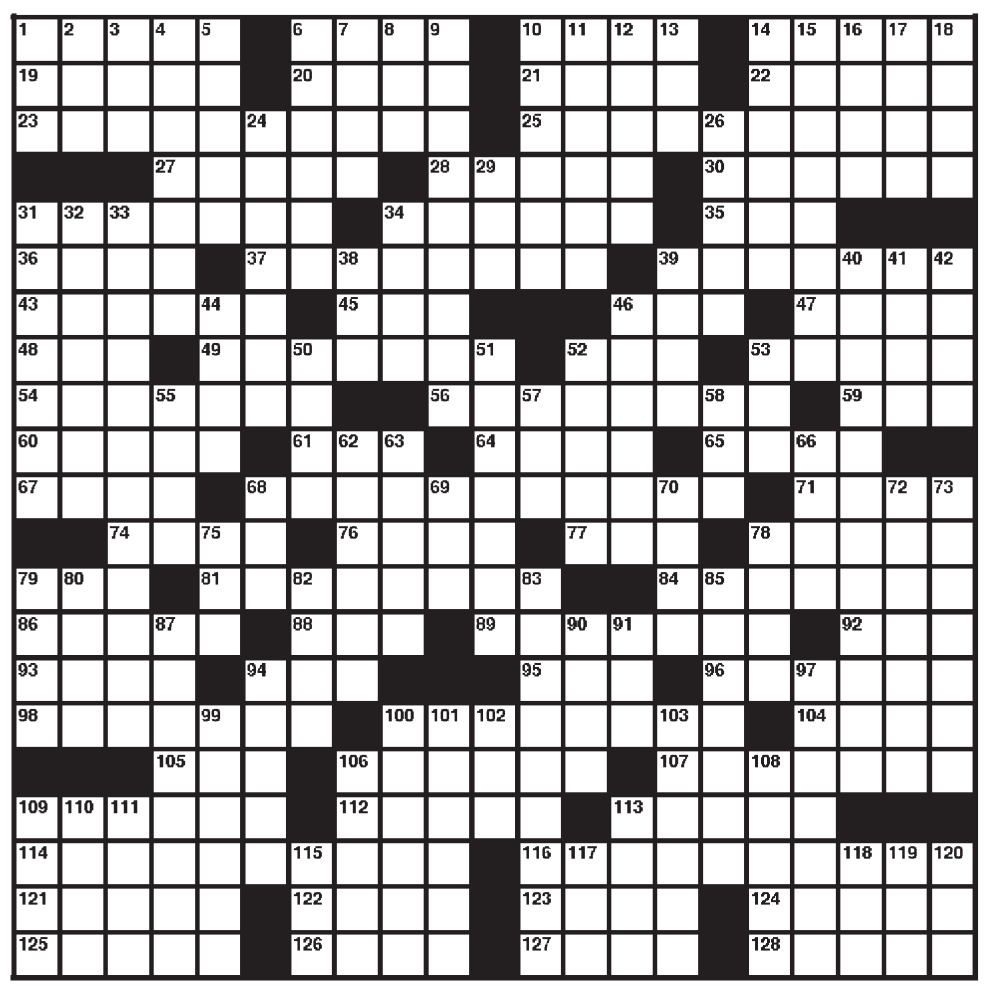
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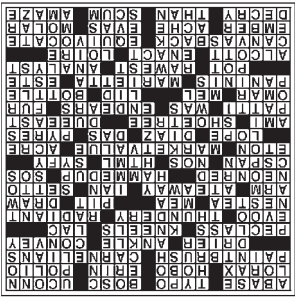
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Question, persuade, refer

School students, staff taught how to recognize whether someone is in crisis

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

The Tigerton School District is the first Shawano County school district to offer QPR suicide prevention training to all middle and high school students, as well as staff. “Being located in an underserved area means that giving students, staff, and community impactful training is all the more vital,” said Megan Suehring, 4-H positive youth development educator for University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Shawano County. QPR stands for Question, Persuade, Refer. It is a suicide prevention training that intends for participants to be able to recognize the warning signs of suicide and question, persuade, and refer people at risk for suicide for help. Mental health advocates created QPR, which uses evidence-based training to teach the everyday person how to recognize whether someone is in crisis. “That strong evidence base is one of the reasons that we can facilitate this training as part of Extension,” Suehring said. Tigerton school counselor Tori Hoffa said the QPR training was accepted well among the middle school and high school students. “Some students had a hard time understanding the seriousness of the information being presented, and some students had a hard time emotion-

ally handling the information,” she said. “As we see our mental health needs grow, especially in our youth, I think that the QPR program should be implemented in the majority of school districts, as hopefully having the training will lead our youth to make positive mental health choices more often.”

Extra help for rural areas

Suehring has worked with a variety of school districts in Shawano County, especially on the western end. Often, that area is not prioritized for services as it is rural, compared to Shawano, the county seat. “We have an opportunity to connect rural residents with services and education,” Suehring said. “The embodiment of Extension is to take education to people who need it the most, and that means delivering programs in villages and towns throughout our 893 square miles.”

Low-income families and those living in poverty have higher risks of poor mental health than financially stable households. Food insecurity is closely intertwined, with clear impacts on children’s mental health. “Among Wisconsin high school students who are food insecure, six in 10 report anxiety and depression, and four in 10 self-harm,” Suehring said. “Tigerton School District has a 56% free or reduced lunch rate.



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- If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or chat 988Lifeline.org. 988 connects you with a trained crisis counselor who can help.
- Office on Children’s Mental Health: <https://children.wi.gov/Pages/ResearchData/AnnualReport.aspx>
- Mental Health First Aid: www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/about/research
- Extension specifics on how to support youths: <https://extension.wisc.edu/supporting-youth>
- QPR: <https://qprinstitute.com/about-qpr>

This is not indicative of mental health per se, but if we know that this is a potential indicator, why wouldn’t we look to give youths and their families more tools?”

Beyond the lack of mental health resources in Wisconsin as a whole, people living in rural areas face unique lifestyle barriers that play a role in determining whether they get the mental health care they need. “Stigma, that mark of ‘disgrace’ associated with a particular diagnosis, sign or symptom, often keeps people from asking for the help they may need,” Suehring said. “Folks often fear negative judgement from family, friends and members of their communities. As members of small, close-knit communities, many rural people also worry about being able to maintain confidentiality concerning a mental illness.”

Other rural challenges to mental health include too few mental health care providers close to home, lack of adequate insurance to cover the costs of mental health care costs and solitary lifestyles. “There are nearly 37 million rural Americans — more than half of rural residents — who live in mental health professional shortage areas,” Suehring said. “All of Shawano County is considered a mental health profession-

al shortage area.”

In addition to a lack of adequate insurance coverage, there may be a lack of understanding of treatment types, costs and accessibility. It can be intimidating to say “yes” to counseling or therapy services without knowing how long a person might be seeking services. For a youth who needs a parent to drive him or her an hour in each direction for mental health care, that parent will need to miss work for up to three hours for each session, possible for months at a time. “It can be difficult to find an employer that is going to be supportive of someone leaving for half a day, weekly, for a quarter of the year even if a person has the vacation or sick time to utilize,” Suehring said. Rural residents often have limited access to affordable, reliable broadband internet, with nearly 30% of rural Americans lacking internet in their homes. This means that telehealth appointments are not an option. “Internet connectivity and capacity is indeed a problem in Tigerton and outlying areas of the district,” Suehring said. “Tigerton School District has been offering a space for telehealth appointments.” Hoffa said she doesn’t expect to see big changes overnight. “I am hoping we will see the benefits of this program in the long run with the mental health of our students at Tigerton and in the community,” she said. “Our telehealth program is a great resource for our students and it is an efficient way to have our students connect with someone on a more consistent basis.”

Children old enough to learn

The QPR training is aimed at middle school and high school students, and Suehring said that age

range is not too young. She shared these numbers:

- The median number of years a child experiences symptoms of emotional distress before receiving treatment is 11. Fifty percent of mental health problems are established by age 14 and 75% by age 24.
- Youths are experiencing the signs and symptoms of mental health challenges. (Adults are too. The rate is about one in five.) Often, people (especially adolescents) lack the knowledge of how to describe what they’re experiencing. “We want youths to know what those signs, symptoms and phrases might sound or look like so that if they hear a friend share something concerning, they have the confidence to connect to a caring and competent adult,” Suehring said.
- Between 22% and 38% of adolescents have thought about suicide at some point in their lives, with between 12% and 26% reporting that within the last year. More than 20 years of school-based prevention programs have failed to document any cases of stimulating suicidal behavior through the discussion of the topic. Pebbles Peterson, principal in the Tigerton School District, said the QPR training is only the beginning of its newly established Mental Health Task Force, a collaborative effort with UW-Extension. “In the upcoming months, we have a Youth Mental Health First Aid program scheduled for both students and staff,” she said. “This strategic initiative aims to equip our school community with the essential skills needed to address mental health challenges effectively. Further enhancing our commitment, a dedicated team of teachers is actively coaching

the Source of Strength program tailored to meet the complex needs of our students.”

Training program to expand

Suehring said the QPR training isn’t limited to Tigerton. She has shared mental health education with several schools in the county the past few years. This year, Bowler School District also provided QPR training to staff, and teen Mental Health First Aid to the sophomore class. Working with the College of Menominee Nation, Suehring and others have provided training for college staff and the Boys and Girls Club staff. “I have taken this type of education into local organizations, from the staff of Shawano County Jail Staff to SAM25,” Suehring said. Suehring said the QPR training can be completed in about an hour and should be repeated about every two years. “The goal with QPR training is to get as many people as possible well-versed in the signs and know how to take actionable steps,” Suehring said. “Suicide prevention is everybody’s business, and the QPR Gatekeeper Training works to make everyone feel confident that they can help out during a crisis.” Suehring believes your brain is just as important as your heart. “We likely wouldn’t bat an eye if a friend experienced a heart attack and now had to seek some sort of therapy, medication, medical appointments, lifestyle changes or nutrition guidance,” she said. “Why should we treat our brains any differently? Everyone needs to be able to talk about their mental health just as easily as their physical health.”



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Youth development educator drives positive change

Wisconsin Idea stipulates education should influence people's lives beyond the classroom walls

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Megan Suehring serves as the 4-H positive youth development educator for University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Shawano County. Her office is in the county courthouse, but she said her work is located along the many crisscrossed miles that make up Shawano County. Suehring oversees the Shawano County 4-H program, which includes more than 700 enrolled youth members (grades kindergarten through the year after high school) and adult volunteers that span 19 4-H community clubs and two weekly after-school programs in Gresham and Marion school districts. "4-H is a positive youth development program that focuses on helping young people build life skills," Suehring said. "4-H involves youths in project-based education where youths can explore their interests and master new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be hands on to create a memorable learning experience." Since 4-H started in the early 1900s, youths have learned by doing. This hands-on process allows youths to understand



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not only how to do something but also why they are doing it. A part of Suehring's time is also devoted to driving positive change in Wisconsin communities to promote health and well-being. "Our research-based programs are focused on mental health promotion, substance use prevention and access to health care," she said. "We're working together to help solve the state's most pressing well-being needs and to ensure that all Wisconsin-ites have the opportunity to live stronger, healthier lives." Youth and mental health is an

identified concern that has surfaced repeatedly from Shawano County schools, youth-serving organizations, and coalitions such as the Thedacare Community Health Action Team and Healthy People Shawano and Menominee Counties. Suehring has been able to access professional development to serve as a local trainer in QPR (Question. Persuade. Refer), Mental Health First Aid (for teens, youth-serving adults and adults), COMET (Changing our Mental and Emotional Trajectory) and Learning to Breathe (for middle school and high school, mindfulness). "Much of our area does not have access to this type of training for free or reasonable rates," she said. "Through connections with UW-Madison and several grants (Rural Opioid Technical Assistance), I am able to do just that." UW-Extension embodies the Wisconsin Idea, which stipulates that education should influence people's lives beyond the boundaries of the classroom. Extension brings the research of the university to the people of Wisconsin.

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The Shawano County Highway Commission will accept sealed quotes until 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 for the following:

Quote #1

Bituminous Paving Mix Material for asphalt paving projects to include Bituminous Paving Mix Material for County LRIP projects located on CTH A, CTH D, CTH HHH, CTH M, CTH MM, and CTH N.

Bid specifications may be obtained at the Shawano County Highway Office, 3035 E. Richmond St., Shawano, WI 54166 or by calling 715-526-9182.

The Shawano County Highway Commission reserves the right to reject any and all quotes, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and further reserves the right to award the contract in the best interests of the County.

SHAWANO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION
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Public Notice

The La Motte Lake Association, Inc. is applying for a permit to apply the aquatic herbicide Procel-lacOR EC, to approximately 3.6 acres of La Motte Lake in Menominee County WI. The treatment is for control of Eurasian watermilfoil, an exotic aquatic plant. There is no swimming, fishing, or other recreational restrictions. Do not use water from treated area for irrigation purposes for 1 day, although you may irrigate turf immediately following the chemical application. (Postings in the treat-ment area will specify dates). The treatments will be scheduled for the spring of 2024, or when the WI DNR deems it appropriate. Riparian property owners will receive a copy of the permit applica-tion. The applicant will hold a public informational meeting on the proposed treatment if five or more individuals, organizations, special units of government, or local units of government request one. The person or entity requesting the meeting shall state a specific agenda of topics including problems and alternatives to be discussed. The request for the public informational meeting must be sent in writing to: Carl Trembl, La Motte Lake Association, 2120 E Ridgehaven Ln, Grand Chute, WI 54913, and a copy to: the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Northeast Region Headquarters, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727 within five days after the public notice is made. For additional information, contact Carl Trembl at 920-570-0055.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Before the Town of Hartland Planning Commission

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Hartland Town Hall located at W3454 County Road BE, Bonduel, Wisconsin, the Town of Hartland Planning Commission will hold public hearings for the purpose of considering the following two (2) petitions:

Johnnie P Miller Vendee requests a conditional use permit for expansion of an "Indoor Storage and Wholesaling" land use (i.e., "mini barn" kit assembly associated with Lakeshore Mini Barns, LLC) on the property addressed W3446 Swamp Road (tax parcel number 022-27430-0000). Applicant is proposing a 48' x 80' addition to the existing building housing the "Indoor Storage and Wholesaling" land use.

Marvin Beachy/Cedar Wedge Farms requests a conditional use permit for expansion of a "Compatible Infrastructure" land use (i.e., livestock butchering/slaughtering facility with accessory retail) on the property addressed W4701 Wedge Road (tax parcel number 022-07210-0000). Applicant is proposing additions to the existing building housing the "Compatible Infrastructure" land use and expansion of an associated outdoor use area.

Additional information or copies of the conditional use permit application are available upon request filed with the Town Zoning Administrator, Jeff Kussow, at (920) 785-7332 or jeff.kussow@cedarcorp.com.

The hearings are open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to appear in person or by agent and be heard. If you cannot appear in-person, any person may submit written comments by letter addressed to: Cedar Corporation, Attn: Jeff Kussow, 1695 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI 54311; or by email to jeff.kussow@cedarcorp.com.

Town of Hartland
Carrie Bohm, Clerk

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Lack of snow not a problem for locals, visitors

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging Wisconsinites and out-of-state visitors to take advantage of unusually warm winter temperatures to get outside and explore northern Wisconsin.

“Some years, we hear people talk about how the long Midwest winters make them feel restless indoors,” said Steve Schmelzer, DNR parks and recreation management director. “Unusually warm temperatures are giving us the perfect chance to unplug and unwind from the daily hustle and bustle. We invite everyone to take advantage of this weather and shake off their cabin fever by exploring nature.”

Northern Wisconsin’s natural areas, winding trails and abundant wildlife create countless opportunities for individuals and families to find their adventure outdoors. Warm temperatures mean even more access to opportunities that are usually unavailable during the winter.

For a day trip or a weekend getaway, northern Wisconsin is full of adventure. Hike along trails, visit state parks and natural areas or catch a meal on a local lake — there’s tons to do. After a busy day out, visitors can take their pick of great restaurants and supper clubs to share stories and warm up with good food and north-



This winter warm-up is the perfect time to take in the breathtaking views, outdoor adventures and family-friendly fun waiting in northern Wisconsin. BRENDAN DOWLING

ern hospitality. For those looking to make the most out of unseasonably high temperatures, the DNR has put together the following outdoor recreation recommendations.

Explore state’s waterfalls
Fascinated by cascading falls and raging waters? Northern Wisconsin is home to most of the state’s waterfalls and rapids. Check out Travel Wisconsin’s 6 Top Spots For Wisconsin Waterfalls In Northern Wis-

consin or embark on a self-guided tour in the state’s “waterfall capital” with the Marinette County Waterfall Tour.

Gaze at the stars
Northern Wisconsin’s skies have minimal light pollution, making it the perfect place to see the stars. This is especially true in winter when low moisture levels create high visibility. Newport State Park has been named an official International Dark Sky Place by the International Dark Sky Association. There isn’t

a better place in Wisconsin to see not just stars but the bright glow of other planets and the dazzling colors of the Milky Way.

Reel in memories
Even though ice fishing conditions have been less than ideal this year, anglers can still land the fish of a lifetime. Many anglers still report success through the ice in northern Wisconsin. If you plan to go out on the ice, prepare for changing conditions and review the safety tips on the DNR’s Ice Safety webpage at

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/IceSafety>. In areas with no snow, anglers are also finding opportunities to cast from shore, take a boat out to catch a meal of pan fish or walleye or walk the banks and riverbeds of inland streams for early catch-and-release trout season. For information on seasons, open waters and bag limits, check out the DNR’s Fishing Regulations webpage at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fishing/regulations>.

Explore nature trail
Looking to find and observe our fascinating feathered friends in northern Wisconsin? Miles of Lake Superior coast, thick forests, thawing marshes and thousands of inland lakes make northern Wisconsin a birding paradise. Learn more about the many species that call the Northwoods home and the best places to go birding in the Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail: Lake Superior Northwoods Region guide.

Explore state parks
Some of the best hiking and biking trails in Wisconsin are usually buried in snow in February. A lack of snow means hikers can take advantage of these “hidden routes” through the forests, hills and plains of state parks and natural areas. Bikers can get out for fat-tire biking, and animal lovers can stroll through the woods and spot plenty of active wildlife. In other words, this is the perfect time to plan an adventure at one of Wisconsin’s beautiful state parks, trails or natural areas. For anyone looking for some company when they venture out, the DNR offers guided hikes, wildlife education, recreation opportunities and sponsored events throughout the state. Learn about these upcoming events on the DNR’s Event Calendar at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/events>.

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Tribe launches recovery coaching program

Seven specially trained and certified recovery coaches are now available to assist those seeking recovery from substance use as well as those in active recovery. The program is an initiative of Menominee’s Drug Addiction Intervention Team (DAIT) and the Menominee Indian Tribe Community Addiction Assistance Program (MITCAAP). “A recovery coach is a partner in the path to recovery,” said MITCAAP coordinator and recovery coach Lydi Vele. “Recovery coaches have experienced recovery themselves and will share their knowledge as they guide others who want to overcome their addiction.”

Coaches focus on removing barriers and obstacles and making sure individuals can access resources available to them during their recovery journey. “For many battling addictions, they feel there isn’t anyone who can relate or understand what they are going through,” said Addie Caldwell, DAIT co-chair. “A recovery coach understands, because they went through it themselves.” Recovery coaches can help individuals: • Set achievable goals, based on what is right for that patient. • Make healthier life changes. • Work through blocks and fears. • Identify triggers and

ways to deal with those triggers. • Balance work and personal life. • Get organized when recovery becomes overwhelming. • Access resources. The recovery coaches are available over the phone or in person, depending on the situation. The mission of the DAIT is to reduce and mitigate the impacts of drug use in the community through education, cultural integration, collaboration and integration of service provisions between all tribal, county, private, state and federal partners. MITCAAP works alongside DAIT to provide assistance, support and education to those impacted

by substance use and addiction. While there are currently seven trained recovery coaches, more are needed. Becoming a recovery coach is open to anyone who has “lived experience” of addiction or if they have a child or loved one that has gone through addiction. MITCAAP will assist in coordinating certification training to find a schedule and location that works with trainees’ needs. For anyone interested in becoming a coach, contact Vele at levele@mitw.org. In spring, MITCAAP will host open houses so community members can meet the team of recovery Ccoaches as well as learn more about the program. “We are excited to introduce everyone to our coaches and share all the ways that having this program can benefit our community members,” Vele said. “Chances are, we all know someone dealing with an addiction, so being aware about this program and how to access one of the coaches will benefit everyone.” Residents who may need a recovery coach to help them stay on that road to recovery from a substance disorder can call the 24-7 hotline at 715-972-3280.

Full-Time Parks & Recreation Position

Are you willing to learn, work hard, and want to enjoy an active always on-the-go profession? The City of Shawano Parks and Recreation Department wants you to join our team. We are taking applications for a full-time Parks Maintenance position. Applications and the job description can be found online at www.cityofshawano.com, City Hall 127 S. Sawyer St., or at the Recreation Center 220 E. Division St. The starting salary range is \$22.76 - \$26.78 per hour with excellent fringe benefits. Applications are due to Shawano City Hall by 11:00 am on Friday, March 8th.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Feb. 25
Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including an animal bite of County Road F in the Town of Angelica; assisting with a fire on Cedar Road in the Town of Angelica; operating without a license on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; assisting with a fire on Raguse Road in the Town of Wescott; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard.

Feb. 24
Deputies responded to 19 incidents, including property theft on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; assisting with a fire on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; property theft on Murphys Road in the Town of Bartelme; trespassing on Cedar Road in Eland; two 911 calls; six reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one crash.

Feb. 23
Deputies responded to 23 incidents, including bail jumping on North Warrington Avenue in Cecil; warrant on North Cecil Street in Bonduel; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; two crashes involving deer.

Feb. 22
Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including a warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; bail jumping at Goodwill Industries, 300 Lakeland Road, Shawano; scam on Netzel Street in the Town of Grant; warrant attempt on Lulu Lake Drive in the Town of

Wescott; operating without a license on County Road R in the Town of Washington; operating while intoxicated on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; bail jumping on South Main Street in Shawano; four 911 calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

Feb. 21
Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including fleeing and pursuit on Loon Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; scam on Lulu Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; identity theft on Elm Road in the Town of Wittenberg; warrant attempt on County Road OO in Eland; drugs on North Washington Street in Bonduel; assisting with a fire on Pioneer Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; restraining order violation on Town Line Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; one 911 call; two reckless driving incidents; two crashes.

Feb. 20
Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including a warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; warrant on North Warrington Avenue in Cecil; eviction on East Lieg Avenue in Shawano; criminal damage on Woods Drive in the Town of Wescott; warrant on Cedar Street in Tigerton; bail jumping on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; three 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards.

Feb. 19
Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including attempted burglary on Birch Street

in Tigerton; harassment on Cole Road in the Town of Navarino; property theft on Commerce Way in Gresham; criminal damage on Cedar Street in Tigerton; five reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT
Feb. 25
Officers responded to 10 incidents, including a disturbance on Acorn Street.

Feb. 24
Officers responded to 22 incidents, including drug offenses at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; found property on East Richmond Street; operating without a license on West Division Street.

Feb. 23
Officers responded to 22 incidents, including a warrant arrest on state Highway 22 in the Town of Wescott; found property on South Main Street; reckless driving on County Road BE in the Town of Wescott; juvenile runaway at an undisclosed location; sex offense at an undisclosed location; found property at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; found property on West Wescott Avenue.

Feb. 22
Officers responded to 26 incidents, including reckless driving on South Lincoln Street; bail jumping at Goodwill Industries, 300 Lakeland Road; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; vandalism at an undisclosed location.

Feb. 21
Officers responded to 25 incidents, including operat-

ing while intoxicated at an undisclosed location; identity theft on South Franklin Street; three tobacco problem calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; scam on South Park Street; juvenile problem at Olga Brener Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; vehicle crash at the Shawano Recreation Center, 220 E. Division St.

Feb. 20
Officers responded to 23 incidents, including repossession on West Picnic Street; juvenile problem on East Richmond Street; burglary on East Randall Street; four truancy calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; drug offenses on Lakeland Road; shoplifting at People's Express, 1206 E. Green Bay St.; trespassing on South Main Street.

Feb. 19
Officers responded to 27 incidents, including noise on South Smalley Street; operating while intoxicated on Waukechon Street; vehicle crash with property damage at Goodwill Industries, 300 Lakeland Road; property theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; trespassing on South Main Street; vehicle crash on South Washington Street; juvenile problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica.

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3. All interested persons waived notice.
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Tribal Offices at N8476 Moh He Con
Nuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416, and a
copy must be delivered or sent to the
Petitioner or his/her attorney.
IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER the complaint
within the Twenty (20) days of the date
you were served, a JUDGMENT may be
entered, and the plaintiff may be awarded
the relief asked for in the complaint.
DATED: February 1, 2024.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
AMENDED SUMMONS
Case No. 23CV000201
LVNV FUNDING LLC
vs.
PAUL BREITZMAN
Defendant.
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
TO: PAUL BREITZMAN
W1435 NAUMAN RD
CECIL, WI 54111
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff
named above has filed a lawsuit or other
action against you. The Complaint, which
is also served on you, states the nature
and basis of the legal action.
Within Forty (40) days after March 1,
2024, you must respond with a written
answer, as that term is used in Chapter
802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the
Complaint. The court may reject or
disregard an answer that does not follow
the requirements of the statutes. The
answer must be sent or delivered to the
court, whose address is: CLERK OF
CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY,
311 N MAIN ST, SHAWANO WI 54166
and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff's
attorneys, whose address is 735 N.
Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI
53202. You may have an attorney help or
represent you.
If no Complaint accompanies this
Summons you must respond within the
said 40 day period with a written demand
for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or
delivering said written demand to the
court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at
their respective address listed above.
If you do not provide a proper answer to
the Complaint or provide a written
demand for said complaint within the 40
day period, the court may grant judgment
against you for the award of money or
other legal action requested in the
Complaint, and you may lose your right to
object to anything that is or may be
incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment
may be enforced as provided by law. A
judgment awarding money may become
a lien against any real estate you own
now or in the future, and may be
enforced by garnishment or seizure of
property.
Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin February
12, 2024
KOHNS LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:
/S/JASON D. HERMERSMANN
State Bar No. 1049948
Attorney for the Plaintiff
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03/01/24
NOTICE OF ELECTION
SHAWANO SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 2, 2024
Referendum Details
At an election in the Shawano School
District on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the
following question will be submitted to a
vote of the people:
"Shall the Shawano School District,
Shawano County, Wisconsin be
authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter
67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general
obligation bonds in an amount not to
exceed \$54,500,000 for the public
purpose of paying the cost of a school
facility improvement project consisting of:
renovations, additions, building
infrastructure and systems improvements
at Shawano Community High School,
including for classrooms, technical
education, fitness, performing arts, the
outdoor athletic facility and swimming
pool; building infrastructure, systems and
ADA accessibility improvements at Olga
Brener Intermediate School; renovations
and building infrastructure improvements
at the Hillcrest Primary School building,
including for classrooms and early
childhood education space; capital
maintenance improvements at Shawano
Community Middle School; districtwide
site improvements; and districtwide
acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and
equipment?"
A copy of the entire text of the resolution
directing submission of the question set
forth above to the electorate and
information concerning District
boundaries can be obtained from the
District Clerk at the School District offices
located at 218 County Road B, Shawano,
Wisconsin.
Additional Information
Acceptable photo ID will be required to
vote at this election. If you do not have a
photo ID you may obtain a free ID for
voting from the Division of Motor
Vehicles.
Persons with questions regarding the
referendum election should contact Kurt
Krizan, District Administrator.
Done in the Shawano School District on
March 1, 2024
Jeana Winslow
District Clerk
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03/01/24, 03/08/24
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE
TRIBAL COURT
Mohican Nation
Stockbridge-Munsee Community
Case No. 2023-CS-0025
CIVIL SUMMONS
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Child Support
Agency
And
Lydi V. Vele,
Petitioners,
Bret J. Dodge,
Respondent,
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a
Civil Complaint/Petition has been filed
against you in this office.
YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO FILE A
WRITTEN ANSWER to the
Complaint/Petition within Twenty (20)
days of the date this Summons and
attached Complaint were served upon
you. The answer must be filed with the
Tribal Court at the Stockbridge-Munsee
Tribal Offices at N8476 Moh He Con
Nuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416, and a
copy must be delivered or sent to the
Petitioner or his/her attorney.
IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER the complaint
within the Twenty (20) days of the date
you were served, a JUDGMENT may be
entered, and the plaintiff may be awarded
the relief asked for in the complaint.
DATED: December 20, 2023.
Aiyannah King
Stockbridge-Munsee
Deputy Tribal Clerk
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COURT NEWS

• Bucky J. Ewers, 47, Black River Falls, pleaded no contest Feb. 21 to two counts of possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Katherine Sloma levied fines and court costs totaling \$2,350.50 and sentenced Ewers to 209 days in jail, deemed time served.
• Shawn R. Homan, 49, Shawano, pleaded no contest Feb. 19 to six counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of criminal damage to property (three counts), disorderly conduct (four counts) and battery (one count). Judge William Kussel Jr. assessed court costs and sentenced Homan to six months in jail.
• Arthur L. Maulson, 21, Keshena, pleaded no contest Feb. 19 to fleeing an officer in a vehicle and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle without a valid license. Sloma sentenced him to 10 months in jail, assessed fines and revoked his driver's license for six months.
• Dale C. Boivin, 39, Keshena, pleaded no contest Feb. 23 to escape from criminal arrest. Kussel assessed fines and court costs and sentenced Boivin to six months in jail.
• Logan N. Beauprey, 23, Neopit, was charged Feb. 19

with possession of narcotic drugs, three counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$750 cash bond, and Sloma scheduled a status conference for March 26.
• Nashaye T. Fish, 22, Keshena, was charged Feb. 19 with possession of methamphetamine. Kussel set a \$1,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 18.
• Dominique J. May, 30, Keshena, was charged Feb. 19 with possession of narcotic drugs, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 8.
• Vincent T. Newton, 32, Keshena, was charged Feb. 19 with possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 4.
• Timothy J. Forsberg, 43, Caroline, was charged Feb. 19 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, and misdemeanor counts of operating a

motor vehicle without a valid license, violating an ignition interlock order, possession of drug paraphernalia, knowingly violating a domestic abuse order, and 10 counts of bail jumping.
• Cody J. Watzka, 31, Shawano, was charged Feb. 20 with 17 counts of capturing an intimate representation. Kussel set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Feb. 26.
• Patrick G. McCabe, 66, Shawano, was charged Feb. 20 with 49 counts of possession of child pornography. Kussel set a \$500,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Feb. 29.
• Vaneesa M. Raddant, 22, Shawano, was charged Feb. 21 with burglary while armed with a dangerous weapon, possession of an electric weapon, and misdemeanor charges of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct. Kussel set at \$10,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 9.
• Louis J. Chevalier, 32, Keshena, was charged Feb. 21 with felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for March 15.
• Shaelynn M. Peters, 31, Keshena, was charged Feb. 22 with three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemean-

or counts of failure to stop and operating without a valid license. Kussel set a \$2,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 1.
• Shaquinn D. Wynos, 27, Neopit, was charged Feb. 22 with possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (first offense), disorderly conduct, possession of drug paraphernalia and five counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Feb. 26.
• Kylie J. Szydlowski, 26, Shawano, was charged Feb. 23 with felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 19.
• Jennifer E. Johnson, 28, Suring, was charged Feb. 23 with three counts of felony bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of possession of an illegally obtained prescription drug. Kussel set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 7.
• Stephen C. Gonzales, 33, Keshena, was charged Feb. 23 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while his license was revoked. Kussel set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 11.



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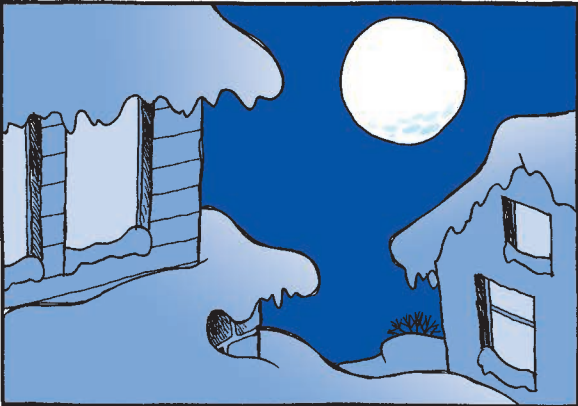
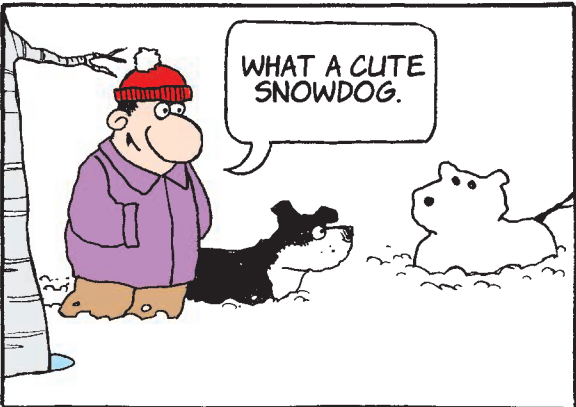
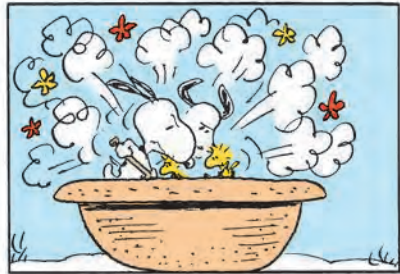


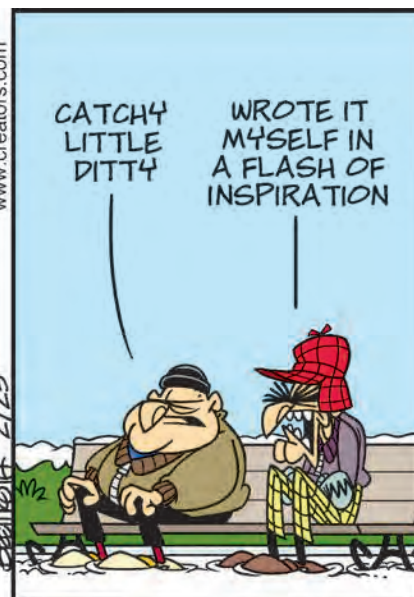
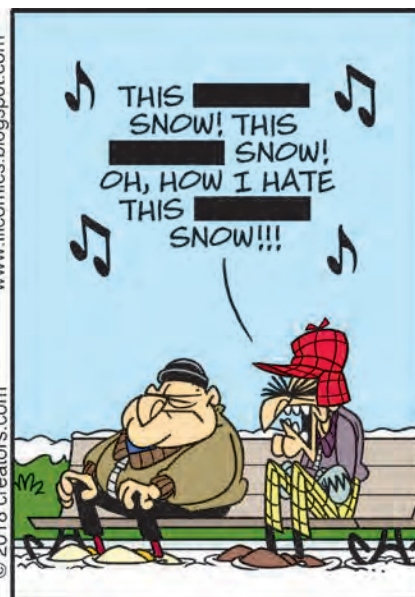
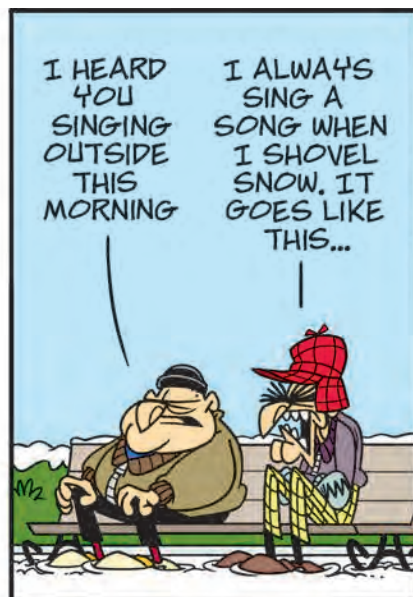
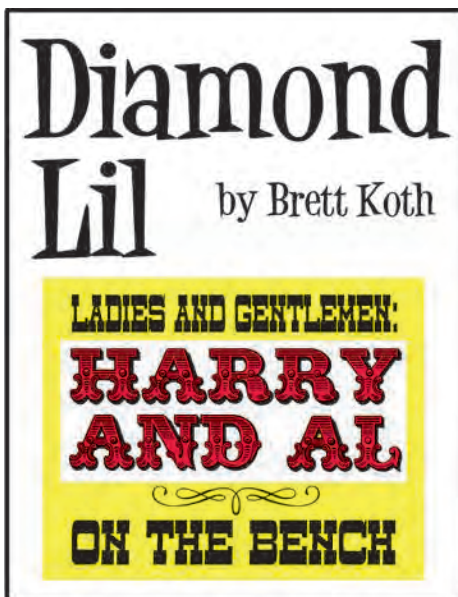
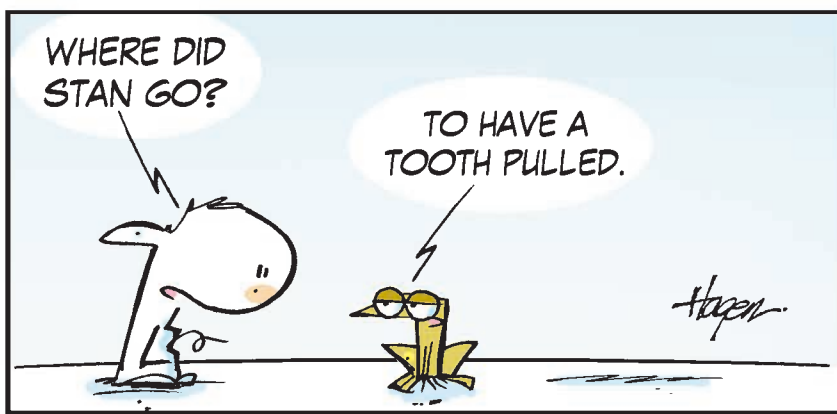
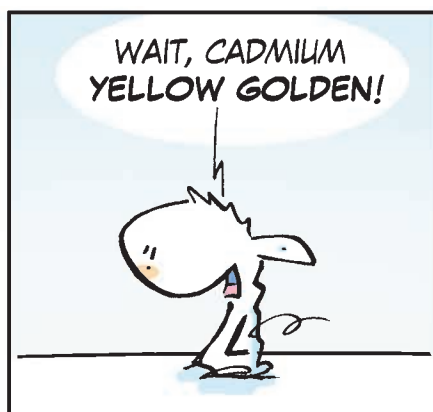
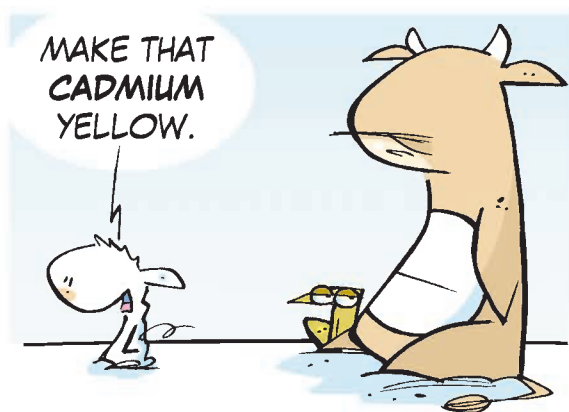
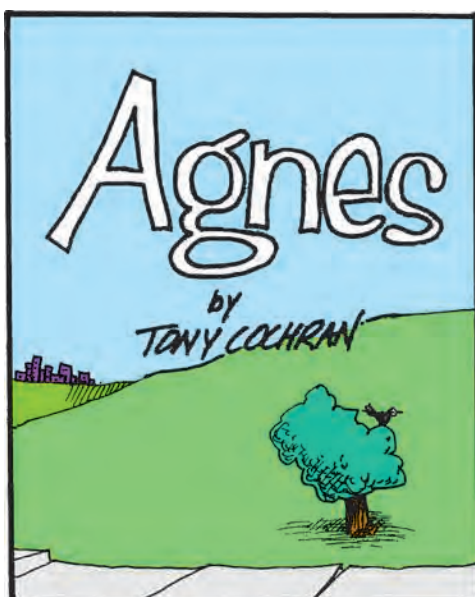
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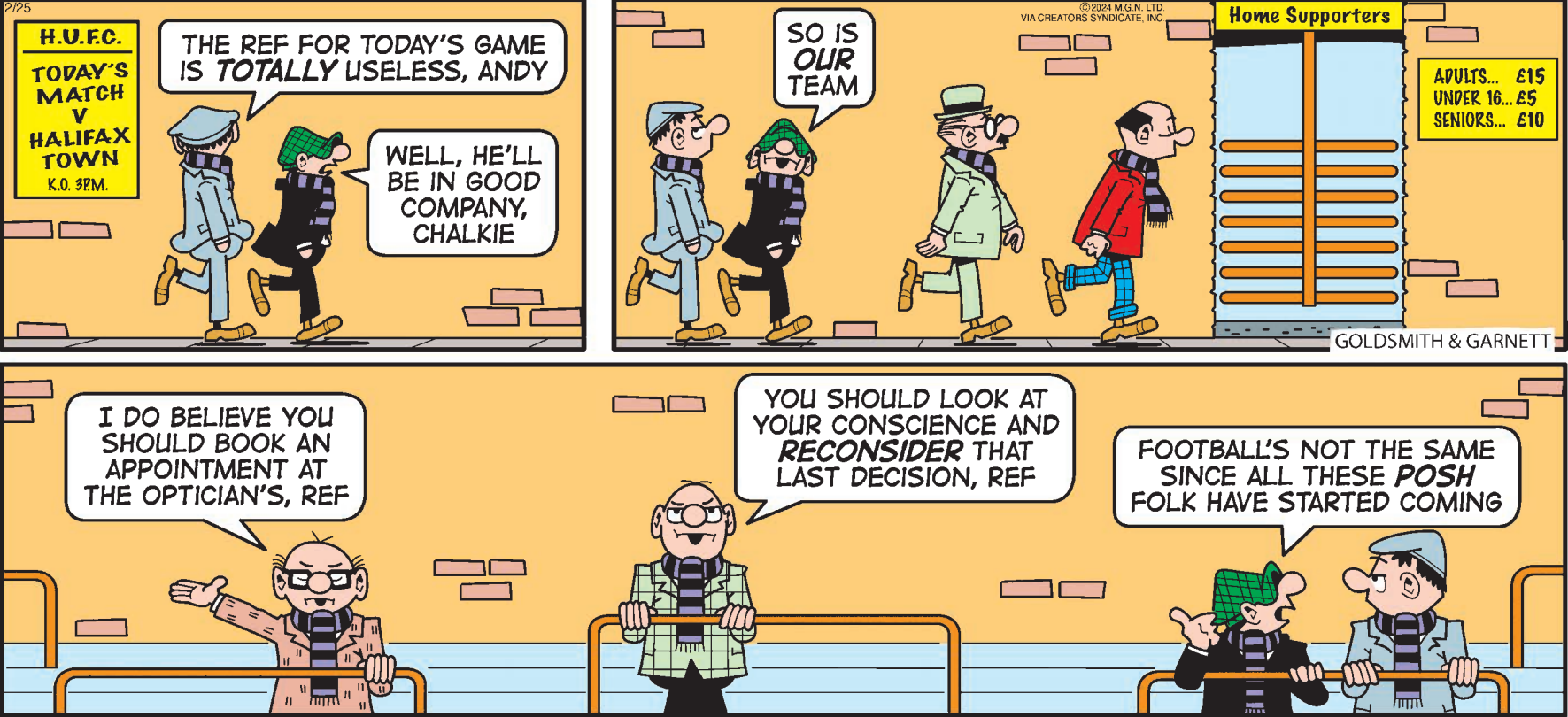
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