



Menominee Indian School District Superintendent Wendell Waukau makes his pitch March 6 on why residents should approve a land swap between the district and the Menominee Nation, which would trade the Menominee Indian Middle School building for 10 acres adjacent to existing school land in Keshena for ball fields and a school forest.

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# Land swap between tribe, school district approved

Ball fields, school forest planned for area in exchange for middle school building

By LEE PULASKI  
City Editor

The audience erupted in cheers March 6 after residents in the Menominee Indian School District voted overwhelmingly in favor of a plan to swap land with the tribe to rebuild sports fields and establish a school forest for outdoor instruction.

With only 43 dissenting out of more than 260 people voting, district voters agreed to give the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin the building for the existing Menominee Indian Middle School, once the middle school moves to the current high school building. Because the new high school is being built on the land that previously served as the baseball and softball fields, the school district plans to construct new fields on the Tucker property, adjacent to existing school property in Keshena.

The Tucker land is 10 acres, but only six acres can be used to build the new ball fields, according to Superintendent Wen-

dell Waukau. David Overstreet, a consulting archaeologist with the College of Menominee Nation, told the district that the other four acres cannot be disturbed for cultural reasons. The remaining land will be used for a school forest, Waukau said.

The ball field project will be done in three phases, according to Waukau. Two of the three ball fields will be constructed beginning in the spring, which will be covered by the district's 2023-24 budget. The second phase will construct the third ball field and a concessions stand, while the final phase will build the press box and parking lot. The final two phases will be paid for through funding from the 2024-25 budget.

"We will use our existing budget to phase this in," Waukau said, noting that \$1 million has been budgeted to start the process. "We will take advantage of our partnership with the Menominee Indian tribe and collaborate to work on writing grants together. There are a lot of grants

out there."

The decision to seek land for the new ball fields came after the district changed plans on where to build the new high school. Originally, the district planned to give the middle school building in Neopit to the tribe in exchange for land behind Save A Lot to build the new high school. Waukau noted there was concern about clearing out too many trees to build the school there, so then it was decided to build the high school on the current ball fields instead and ask the tribe for land for the new ball fields.

"The challenge here is that we don't have ball space in our community," Waukau said. "This is our opportunity to address that."

While the new high school building is under construction, the baseball team will be playing on a field at its recreation center, while the softball team is playing on a ball field at the middle school, Waukau

# Crawford Center could see more use

County, hockey group to talk about marketing facility during summer months

By KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-chief

Shawano County officials and the Shawano Hockey League will continue to explore ways to make the Crawford Center a profitable venue.

The Shawano County Public Property Committee on March 7 gave the go-ahead to have further discussions about creating an organization to market the building during the months when it is not used by the hockey league.

Kevin Helmuth, vice president of the hockey league, said in a letter to Steve Dreher, director of the county's building maintenance department, he and others from the hockey league want to be part of a committee to market the site.

"We agreed that the league won't want to take on the financial responsibility of the utilities, so I came up with the idea that I, through one of my businesses, would guarantee the utilities and then would also pay the person that we'd hire," Helmuth wrote.

Dreher told the committee such an arrangement would remove all utility expenses for the county during the summer months.

"All summer long, we pay that peak charge (for utilities)," Dreher said.

Negotiations are yet to be held, but County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said it would be necessary to have the Crawford Center open for the Shawano County Fair as well as other events that regularly are scheduled.

Dreher said he would assume this new group would cover all other expenses (dumpsters, utilities, supplies, etc.) just like the hockey league does now.

Helmuth said he expected his lease with the county would be similar to the hockey league's lease, although both want a lease longer than the recent one-year deal.

Dreher said that in the past the lease was a five-year deal, but the county ran

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## Creative sparks fly at 4-H event



Trevor Bohm cuts out a circular piece of pelt in order to construct his beaver hoop during the 4-H Spark Saturday on March 9 at Pulaski Community Middle School. The event brought 4-H members and newcomers together to try different things.

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Younger children and their parents take part in a Cloverbuds workshop during the 4-H Spark Saturday on March 9 at Pulaski Community Middle School.

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# New criminal justice committee gets go-ahead

Final approval expected to come from county board March 27

By KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-chief

An informal gathering of officials regarding the criminal justice system in Shawano County is expected to take on a more formal role in the spring. The Shawano County Public Safety Committee approved the bylaws and resolution March 6 to create the Shawano County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). It has yet to be approved by the Shawano County Human Services Department

and the Shawano County Board of Supervisors, the latter of which is expected March 27. “We created a drug treatment court. It’s been in existence since 2018, 2019. We were awarded what’s called the Treatment Alternative and Diversion grant since 2020. Part of that grant requires that we have this committee,” said Jenna Hesse, intervention services supervisor with the human services department. “We informally started meeting in 2021, and then we were told ... we have to formalize this committee.” The bylaws were previously approved by Judge William Kussel Jr., the district attorney’s office, the public defender’s office, the sheriff, corpora-

tion counsel, the Shawano police chief and others. The committee will have a maximum of 11 members, nine of which will be permanent spots plus two citizen appointments. Permanent spots on the committee will be the circuit court presiding judge, district attorney, sheriff, city police chief, human services director, public defender’s office, a county board supervisor, the clerk of courts and a Wisconsin Department of Corrections representative. All, along with the two citizens, will be appointed by the county board chairman and approved by the county board. A question was raised about broader representation if the county board

supervisor represents the city, and along with the police chief, would over-represent the community at the risk of under-representing the rest of the county. Chief Deputy Ty Rad-dant said that issue was never raised in the process of drafting the bylaws. “I think it ultimately came down to, when we were discussing it, the number of cases that the PD does submit to the district attorney and how many that do come in that we thought they were big enough stakeholder that they should have a little say in it,” he said. Per diem costs for committee members would be paid by the human services department. “The intention of hav-

ing this committee of all of these individuals is to look at what are the issues that are really plaguing your criminal justice system, what are things within the court system, what are low-hanging fruit about ways that you can make changes and modifications to your current system,” Hesse said. The Shawano County Drug Treatment Court targets adult, non-violent felony offenders or repeat misdemeanor offenders who have been arrested for a drug or drug-motivated offense. All participants are on supervision with DOC, and the program also accepts Alternative to Revocation referrals. All prospective participants must be screened to be high-risk and high-need

levels on a correctional offender profiling tool and have a clinical diagnosis of a moderate to severe substance use disorder. Drug courts are built upon a unique partnership between the criminal justice system and treatment community, one that structures treatment intervention around the authority and personal involvement of a drug treatment court judge. The judge and the drug treatment court team work together with each participant toward a common goal of breaking the cycle of drug or alcohol abuse and criminal behavior. In 2023, the county received a \$107,347 state grant to help operate the drug court.

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# Local home sales down in January, while increasing statewide

By KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-chief

Wisconsin’s existing home sales jumped 7.4% in January, but sales in Shawano and Oconto counties were down, according to the Wisconsin Realtors Association (WRA) January 2024 Wisconsin Real Estate Report. The state’s existing home sales jump in January 2024, compared to their January 2023 levels, is the first annualized monthly increase in home sales since December 2021, which is in stark contrast to the 17.4% decline in Wisconsin sales for all of 2023 compared to 2022. The statewide median price rose 6.0% to

\$265,000, relative to the same month in 2023. New listings of Wisconsin existing homes rose 10.1% in January, compared to that same month in 2023, and this led to an increase in total listings of 2.0% over that same period. In Shawano County, the median price for a home rose from 41.4% from last year. The January 2023 median price was \$152,000, compared to \$215,000 in January 2024. There were 11 sales in January 2024, down from the 21 in the same month last year. As for Oconto County, the median price increased 16.6%, from \$200,950 in 2023 to \$234,250. Twenty-four sales were registered in January 2024, down

slightly from the 28 in January 2023. Numbers for Menominee County were not available. Across the state, the January 2024 median price rose 6% to \$265,000 relative to that same month in 2023. The report also showed Shawano County homes sold in January 2024 were on the market an average 74 days, up from the average of 66 days for those homes sold in January 2023. In Oconto County, homes were on the market for 59 days in 2024, compared to 85 days in 2023. Again, Menominee County numbers were not available, other than

to indicate homes sold in January 2023 were on the market an average 248 days. Even with more homes finding their way onto the market, there continues to be a significant seller’s advantage with just 2.5 months of inventory in January. A balanced market would have about six months of supply. Tom Larson, WRA president and CEO, highlighted that the seller’s market remains. “We are still in a seller’s market, and the significant unmet demand for homes by millennial buyers will probably keep it that way for the foreseeable future,” he said. David Clark, professor

emeritus of economics and WRA consultant, added that more Fed rate cuts are likely late in the year. “The January inflation report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics showed improvement in headline inflation from the small inflationary spike we saw in December, but the January rate of 3.1% was the same as the rate from November,” he said. “The Fed actually focuses on core inflation, which factors out the more volatile food and energy prices, and the January core inflation rate was 3.9%. This is well above The Fed’s 2% target, which was unchanged from December. What this means is that The Fed is likely to

hold off on any cuts to the federal funds rate until it sees more progress on inflation.” Although the 30-year fixed mortgage rate has receded from its peak of 7.79% at the end of October 2023, the average January 2024 rate was 6.64%, which is 37 basis points higher than the January 2023 level of 6.27%. Even though there was a modest 2% improvement in estimated median family income over the last year, the combination of higher mortgage rates and higher prices has pushed affordability down. The Wisconsin Housing Affordability Index fell 7.1% between January 2023 and January 2024.

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## Farmers market showcases handiwork



Violet Bya from Keshena and Legend Lake looks out at the people March 8 at the College of Menominee Nation's winter farmers market while knitting a beanie in between serving customers. Two more winter markets are planned at the college in April.

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Colleen Rudesill from Gresham works on applying beads to an ordinary baseball cap March 8 at the College of Menominee Nation's winter farmers market. Rudesill had been working on beading the cap for several days prior to the farmers market.

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# Passports bring steady business to court clerk

Staff handles new applications and photos, but not renewals

BY KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-chief

With 44 trials scheduled for March and 186 already on the docket for the remainder of 2024, the Shawano County Clerk of Court office is a busy place.

In addition to managing all those cases — as well as maintaining judgment and lien dockets, collecting and enforcing fines and restitution and maintaining lists of certified jurors — the staff also handles passport applications and photos.

“We have been extremely busy with passports,” said Ethan Schmidt, clerk of courts, when addressing the Shawano County Public Safety Committee on March 6. “The month of February, we processed

94 passport applications and 91 photos.”

The office does not process passport renewals, as people must file that paperwork with another agency. However, the clerk of court office staff does assist residents in completing that paperwork, if asked.

As the COVID-19 pandemic drew to a close, 2023 proved to be a banner year for travel. Americans traveled in droves, checking domestic and international destinations off their bucket lists in unprecedented numbers.

The coming year is projected to bring more of the same, according to AAA Travel.

Applications are accepted at the clerk of court office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the exception of holidays.

Schmidt said many people don't realize they can have their passport photos taken at the office as well as filing their paperwork. In January,



Passport applications are accepted at the Shawano County Clerk of Court office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the exception of holidays. Passport photos can also be taken there.

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he said the office actually processed more photos than passports as people would stop in to renew a passport only to find out the office cannot perform that service. However, as long as they are there,

many opted to have their photos taken then.

“They come in, because they see that we do passports, and then they have questions, and we end up assisting them,” Schmidt said. “Some are

quite a bit we help with; some are very minimal. It's still a service that we feel we should provide when they have questions.”

Per U.S. State Department guidelines, the office charges a processing fee of \$35 per passport. The price for photos is \$16.99, but that is subject to change.

“About every quarter, I check to see what Walmart and Walgreen's are charging (for photos),” Schmidt said. “2021 was the first year we started doing passport photos in our office. Part of the reason was it made it a one-stop shop, but because of the turnover at Walgreen's and Walmart, sometimes we look at the photo and we were sending them back to have the photo redone, because it wasn't up to standards.”

In those cases, residents can return to the store and have the photo redone for free, or get a refund from the store and pay the clerk of court of-

fice to take the photo.

The current processing time for passports is eight to 11 weeks from the time the passport agency receives the application. Expedited passport processing is about five to seven weeks from the time the passport agency receives the application, with additional fees.

“Fridays are our busy day. Last Friday, we did 14 in one day,” Schmidt said. “The Friday before that was 17 passports in one day.”

Schmidt estimated his staff spends about 10 minutes for per passport visit. Of the nine people in the office, five are certified to do passports.

Schmidt also said the passport service is also a good revenue stream for the office.

Based on his figures for February, the office recorded income of \$3,290 for passports and \$1,546.09 for photos for a total of \$4,836.09.

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# Man gets 2 years for sexual contact with teen

Sentence double what attorneys recommended

BY KEVIN MURPHY  
Correspondent

A Neopit man was sentenced March 4 in federal court to two years in prison for having sexual contact with a 16-year-old girl.

According to court documents, the girl told Menominee Tribal Police

on Feb. 11, 2023, that she and a granddaughter of Brian J. Peters had been drinking from the time they arrived at Peters' residence until they fell asleep on a couch in the living room.

She awoke to Peters touching her inside of her pants.

The girl pushed Peters away, and he went into his bedroom. The girl woke up his granddaughter and they went into Peters' bedroom and yelled at him, punched and kicked him in the head and body.

The girl then went outside called tribal police

and her sister to come get her.

Peters was arrested on the same night, held in tribal custody and, after pleading guilty, received a nine-month sentence, fined \$6,500 and placed on two years' probation.

He worked as a jail trustee and with earning good time, his sentence reduced to six months. He was released in August 2023 and then arraigned on federal charges a month later.

Peters pleaded guilty to a sexual contact charge in November, admitting that what he did was wrong

and wished he could take it back.

He faced maximum statutory penalties of three years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and a minimum of one-year supervised release.

His attorney, Krista Halla-Valdes, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Maier asked U.S. District Judge William Griesbach for a sentence of a year and a day. Halla-Valdes said the six-month tribal sentence Peters served should be factored into his federal sentence. Also, Peters has worked at the Menominee Cultural Mu-

seum since his release, has registered as a sex offender and hasn't been trouble with the law since 2012.

Halla-Valdes quoted a friend of Peters who identified Peters' family as “drinkers” which creates an environment that is challenging for Peters to maintain his sobriety.

“When sober, (Peters) has no issues,” Halla-Valdes wrote. “He works, he has a great relationship with his children and grandchildren and has even played a role in raising many of them, but when he drinks, it is to intoxication, and ulti-

mately as his experience indicates, he does stupid things.”

In asking for leniency, Halla-Valdes wrote that Peters no longer drinks, complies with his tribal probation conditions, makes child support payments and continues to work.

Instead, Griesbach doubled the prison time the attorneys recommended and placed Peters on five years' supervised release.

Peters is to report to prison on a date designated by the Bureau of Prisons.



# Author shines light on skin diversity

Gresham teacher pens children's book on living with rare disease

By KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-chief

Shining light on the diversity of one's skin and being happy in it can be a challenge. A new children's book can help encourage you, no matter the age, to be happy in your own skin.

Terri Golie, a first grade teacher in the Gresham School District, signed copies of her book, "Happy In My Own Skin," on March 9 at the Shawano County Library's main branch in Shawano.

"We're here today to talk about Micah's story, but I just want to encourage you that you do have your own story," she said. "As we go through the book, I want you to think about your own self-worth and how much you are loved, even if you don't feel like it, even if you look different."

"Happy In My Own



After mom Terri Golie signed copies of her book, "Happy In My Own Skin," her son, Micah, who is the subject of the book, also signed them.

Skin" explores the life of a boy named Micah (Golie's son) who has a rare skin condition that is noticeable. In life, you can't deny that everyone looks different, and people try to blend in with society, but in this book, readers

will discover that it's OK to look different on the outside and to be happy in their own skin.

Numerous strangers said, "Mommy, why is that little boy dirty? Is he a werewolf? Was he in the mud?"

Micah was born with skin that is both black and tan with lots of little moles and one giant mole that grows hair.

This story is about Micah's challenges, his extraordinary skin condition and his bravery to

hope in the love of his maker. He will have to see lots of doctors, have surgeries and face children who may be mean with their words.

By putting his faith in Jesus, he learns to overcome the challenges he faces each day and gives words of love and affirmation to the reader.

Readers of this book will gain an understanding of what congenital melanocytic nevus (CMN) is, as well as the life and challenges that people with this condition face every day.

Micah will be 5 at the end of March. When he was born, doctors didn't know why he was covered in moles. Research by Golie and several nurses helped pinpoint the rare disease.

Golie said she's spent three years writing the book, but it really took off in earnest about a year ago.

The 32-page book was published by Christian Faith Publishing and was released in December 2023.

According to Nationwide Children's Hospital, moles present from birth,

or that develop within the first few months after birth, are called CMN.

They are fairly common and, in most cases, they do not cause health problems. However, they can carry risks. Most cases of CMN never require treatment, but there are some cases in which the moles may be removed. This is usually done to lower the risk of skin cancer or to improve appearance.

CMN is caused by a change in color (pigment) cells of the skin. The moles happen by chance. CMN is not passed down from the parents. There is no way to prevent a child from being born with moles.

In rare cases, the moles can affect the spine and brain, and may cause seizures. Very large CMN are more likely to turn into skin cancer.

"Happy In My Own Skin" is available through the author at Terrigolie@yahoo.com, Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Books are in hardcover and ebook formats. The book retails for \$23.95.

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## Warmer temps mean more ATVs, UTVs on the roads

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges users of all recreational vehicles to be mindful of safety in this

year's changing conditions when operating throughout the state.

With higher than average temperatures across

the state, many of Wisconsin's trails are again being used by ATV/UTV riders. However, a lack of snow doesn't necessar-

ily mean trails are safe. Changing conditions, including rain, snow melt and freezing fog, make surfaces slippery — especially roadways. Off-road vehicles may have excellent traction on dirt tracks and overland trails, but that isn't the case on wet or frozen winter roads.

"The tread on these machines causes them to handle differently than a car or truck on wet paved roads," said Lt. Jacob Holsclaw, DNR off-high-

way vehicle administrator. "Take extra time slowing down and be careful approaching corners or taking turns."

There has already been one fatal ATV/UTV crash and two snowmobile crashes that resulted in three fatalities in the state in 2024. Drive slow, sober and wear a helmet to help protect yourself and others on Wisconsin's trails. The consumption of alcohol or drugs, excess speed and operator error

are all leading causes of fatal crashes.

Wisconsin law requires ATV and UTV operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, who are at least 12 years old for an ATV (and at least 16 years old for UTV) must complete an ATV safety certification course to operate in Wisconsin (exception: on private property owned by operator's immediate family). These safety courses can be taken online or in person.

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### OBITUARIES

#### Eugene H. Mehlberg

Eugene H. Mehlberg, 86, of the Town of Belle Plaine, passed away Friday, March 8, 2024.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

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Bernice E. Lehman, 92, of Brookfield, formerly of the Tigerton area, passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at Lakewood Assisted Living and Memory Care in Brookfield.

Bernice Lehman was called to her heavenly home on her 92nd birthday, March 5, 2024. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, her longtime caregivers from Lakewood Assisted Living and Memory Care, and with the care and attentive support from her hospice nurses, Jordan and Amanda, and the entire Brighton Hospice team.

Bernice was born on March 5, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. Trygve Brevik of Iola. She graduated from Tigerton High School, and shortly after graduation, at 18 years old, she was united in marriage to Wallace Lehman on Aug. 26, 1950, at St John's Lutheran church in Tigerton. Her lifelong friend, Violet Wolfe (nee Bricko), was her maid of honor, and Donald Lehman, Wallace's brother, served as the best man.

Bernice worked with her husband on their farm in Tigerton and quickly had three children. In 1956, Bernice and her husband sold their cattle and dairy farm and moved their family to Milwaukee. Bernice worked as a laborer in several factories while raising her children, most notably the Zeigler Candy Factory and Globe Union. She was a longtime employee of Gimbel's department store, a job she absolutely loved for the sales. It wasn't long before Bernice and Wallace had two more children, adding to their growing family.

In the 1960s and early 1970s, Bernice and Wallace invested in rental properties and became landlords. Tragedy struck in 1975 with Bernice suddenly becoming a widow at 43. While difficult, Bernice's strong work ethic and determination to raise her five children helped her to succeed admirably.

With the support of her sons, David and Randy, Bernice continued being a landlord with a smaller number of properties and changed her line of work to be able to be home with her younger daughters in the evening. Bernice worked for many years as a dietary aide at St. Luke's Hospital, retiring at 65. Being bored after six months of retirement, she went back to enjoying work part time at UPS as a teamster, retiring for good at 73.

Family was most important and at the heart of everything Bernice did. Being the oldest daughter from

Bernice E. Lehman



a big family with eight siblings, Bernice quickly learned domestic skills, which served her well as she raised her own family. She was an excellent sewer and enjoyed making outfits for her children. Her home-cooked meals were always enjoyed by those who had the pleasure to be in her company. Her homemade lefse, rolls and fried dumplings were special treats with her children. She enjoyed hosting and welcomed everyone, especially during the holidays.

Bernice loved animals and had many pets over the years. Animals loved her too, always gravitating toward her. She made home-cooked meals for her pets as well; she loved making French toast with syrup for Charlie. Bernice always had a love of horses, and in her retirement, enjoyed attending the Kentucky Derby on multiple occasions with her daughters, Jackie and Karen; son-in-law, David; and David's mother, Betty. This tradition continued for three decades and expanded to include her daughter, Linda, and all her grandchildren.

Music was always enjoyed by Bernice, especially country music. It was a special treat for her when she took a trip to Tennessee and saw the Grand Ole Opry and Loretta Lynn's ranch. Watching the Lawrence Welk show every week was a must. Polka dancing was also a favorite pastime for her, especially when she was younger, teaching her husband, and then going to dances on the weekend in the Tigerton area.

Bernice had a special relationship with her sister, Alice, enjoying visits together as their families grew. They especially enjoyed playing sheephead with their husbands whenever they got together, and campfires with the family during deer season.

Bernice was a loving and doting grandmother. She enjoyed caring for and spending time with her five grandchildren whenever she could. Her home cooking was always a hit, especially her rolls made from scratch and those awesome buttered noodles.

While dementia set limitations on Bernice's independence, it didn't stop her warm, caring and humorous personality from shining through. She always expressed concern and support to her children and grandchildren, and visits with her eight great-grandchildren always included a word of encouragement, along with warm hugs and kisses.

Faith was constant in Bernice's life. As she moved within the city of Milwaukee and Greenfield, she was a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, St. Martini Lutheran Church and Greenfield Park Lutheran Church. Members of Greenfield Park Lutheran Church frequently visited Bernice ensuring she received communion when she could no longer attend services.

Survivors include sons, David Lehman, West Allis, and Randy Lehman, Greenfield; daughters, Linda Mann (Robert), Brookfield, Karen Lehman-Reynolds (David), Menomonee Falls, and Jacqueline Rosenbecker (Jay), Phelps; grandchildren, Jennifer Schrammel, Brookfield, Katherine Weisse (Jack), Brookfield, Emily Worden (Mark), Fitchburg, Andrea Spiekerman (Cameron), Menomonee Falls, and Joseph Rosenbecker (fiancé Alicia Knauf), Madison; great-grandchildren, Ava and Elizabeth Schrammel, Brianna, Edward and Oliver Weisse, James and Rowan Worden, and Wren Spiekerman; brother-in-law, Donald (Mary) Lehman, Tigerton; sisters-in-law, Leah Lehman, Tigerton, Betty Brevik, Iola, and Linda Brevik, Menasha; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brothers, Arlyn Brevik, Norman Brevik, Ronald Brevik, Gordon Brevik; sisters, Sylvia Osterberger, Elizabeth Schoch, Alice Polley, Diane Hobin; sisters-in-law, Eva Lehman, Kura Lehman, Cheryl Lehman, Elizabeth Miller, Mary Jean Mathes; brothers-in-law, Lester Lehman, Victor Lehman, Forest Lehman, Robert Lehman, Herbert Lehman, Stanely Miller, Sid Mathes, Leo Schoch Sr., Gene Polley.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 10, 2024, at Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home, Tigerton. Interment followed at Tigerton Union Cemetery.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Dawn V. Riemer

Dawn V. Riemer, 89, of the Town of Pella, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

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Dorothy A. Redman

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# Living off the land NATURALLY

## Onesti leaves postal service to embrace farm life

By **KAY REMINGER**  
Correspondent

Sitting down with Mandy Onesti in her cozy farmhouse kitchen, one feels immediately at home.

Her friendly black-and-white feline intertwined herself around her visitor's ankles in a welcome and then, sprawling out beneath the kitchen table, fell fast asleep swathed in a patch of sunlight.

For Onesti, farming occurred when she started from scratch with no special training — going forward, as she claims, by the seat of her pants gaining knowledge as she goes.

The owner of Cedar Creek Ranch, Onesti is a powerhouse, full of information, sweet as a Georgia peach and tough as shoe leather. Together with her husband, Dan, they're raising four girls, ranging in age from 5 to 14 who are a reflection of their mother — lithe and blonde-haired.

Active in 4-H, the girls show pigs and are hoping to show lambs as well this year if it pans out, Onesti said. Raising their own show pigs, their sow gave birth to just one live and one stillborn piglet this year. Because momma sow had milk to share, Onesti got her hands on a couple of runty piglets, and they're since thriving.

Onesti works at her chores on the ranch, requiring milking the cow, which provides all the family's milk and from the milk she makes their butter. Other chores entail feeding the sheep, goats, four Jersey calves, chickens, quail and pigs. Her husband is her builder, and Onesti drives skidder to feed, clean and bed all the animals. The girls pitch in with all the chores. It's a family affair.

Several years ago, pregnant with her fourth child, Onesti realized paying for child care just about zapped out her earnings with the United States Postal Service. Quitting work to care full time for her family at home, she got a retail license in 2020 to sell grass-fed meat.

In addition to meat sales at her Cedar Creek Ranch store, Onesti sells (home-grown from homemade) goat milk soap and hand-poured candles made from lard and tallow from her beef. Sourced locally, her candles are a soy blend, and she orders her fragrances almost exclusively from Wisconsin. Selling her homemade and homegrown food stuffs alongside her sister-in-law's pure Wisconsin maple syrup, she converted the family's milk house into a little store where her goods are pleasantly arranged.

After a while, realizing she needed to supplement the family's income, Onesti pursued and earned a license for massage therapy degree and works by appointment Mondays through Thursdays at Long Chiropractic in Wittenberg, which allows time



**Mandy Onesti's sister-in-law makes maple syrup, which is offered in the farm store at Cedar Creek Ranch.**

KAY REMINGER

for her to pursue her passion — taking care of her family and animals and keeping her store stocked.

Spotting an idea on social media, she's starting micro-greens (baby plants such as broccoli and radishes, which are highly nutritious). She admits it's a new trendy thing that's kind of a hard sell just because it's so new. She's attempting to move this project to her basement to be able to monitor it more easily.

The Onestis are also involved with Harvest Host, a nationwide membership where RV travelers pay an annual membership fee. Members then have access to all locations throughout the nation where they can park and camp for the night. Onesti offers their sprawling farm, and participants book on an app or website. Visitors have self-contained units, which require no electricity.

As a result of their involvement, the Onesti family has met people from all over the country, some as far away as California and Alaska. One time, a peacock perched on top of one of the RVs, which visitors thought was amazing, even taking pictures of it. Onesti allows same-day reservations.

"My kids love it. They've made many new friends from across the country," Onesti said. "People from Minnesota coming through from Michigan to Door County stopped twice so far, usually once a year. The kids take off and play all night."

With a no-charge fee, her benefit is overnight visitors purchase goods from her store. She doesn't advertise for this.

Onesti hopes that Cedar Creek will eventually reach the point where she and her husband won't be working as much off the farm to keep it thriving.

"Ideally, I want to see the farm stuff supporting itself, sooner than later, but that is incredibly difficult in a small farm/homestead-type business," Onesti said. "The end

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**Mandy Onesti, owner of Cedar Creek Ranch in Wittenberg, holds up one of the adopted piglets that one of her daughters hopes to show through 4-H. Onesti and her family started the ranch a few years ago and hope to eventually embrace full-time farming.**

KAY REMINGER



**Taytay, a Jersey cow, comes out of a barn at Cedar Creek Ranch, to say hello. In 2020, Cedar Creek Ranch got a retail license to sell meat.**

KAY REMINGER

# Ghoulish 'Addams Family' coming to Oconto Falls

Students from Oconto Falls High School's music and theater departments are putting on the finishing touches of their upcoming production of "The Addams Family."

Based on the fictional family created by American cartoonist Charles Addams, this musical brings a plot twist to this ghoulish family with an affinity for all things macabre. The oldest child, Wednesday, has grown into an 18-year-old woman who is ready to live her own life. She has fallen in love with a respectable young

man from Ohio — much to the despair of her parents. Things take a rather interesting turn when both families sit down to dinner.

Leading the Addams clan are Timothy Cornette and Leah Vorpahl as Gomez and Morticia. Jessica Wolford is taking on the role of Wednesday opposite Matt Ogan as her boyfriend. Lucas Beineke, under the disgusted eye of her younger brother, Pugsley, played by J.J. Martinez-Mora. Rounding out the rest of the main characters are Mason Stevens (Uncle Fester),

Addison Borst (Grandma), Kiera Danielczak (Alice Beineke), Nick Blaser (Mal Beineke) and Karma Billodeau (Lurch the butler).

Providing backup support with storytelling and stage work are the Addams ancestors from eras past, who include Ramius Runge, Sammie Anderley, Grace Shamburek, Faith Shamburek, Abby Kuhn, Gunar Lade, Aiden Frievalt, Evelyn Savage, Olivia Strock, Katie Miller and Amanda Jahnke.

The production is led by faculty mem-

bers Abbygaile Jadin, Lauren Seidl, Gayle Gander, and Dave Heisel.

Performances for "The Addams Family" will be March 14-16 at 7 p.m. at the Falls Area Performing Arts Center, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls. There will also be a matinee March 17 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children, and they will be sold at the door or can be purchased online at <https://ofps.revtrak.net/pac-ticket-boxoffice/#/list>.

For information, call the high school office at 920-848-4467.



FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Quick maternal instincts help protect son's eye

I recall it like yesterday. Smelling the stuff before I could even see him coming, the acrid aroma completely out of place, permeated through any other odor in the almost-empty barn. His screams seared through my momma heart. Dropping the scraper, I bolted out of the pen.

Just before cleaning calf pens that morning so long ago, I had tucked my small son on top of a hay bale in the pen directly across from the one I was working in. Clean and dry, this pen was empty of calves for the time being. The cows were out for their morning recess, the barn aisle scraped clean and limed for the day. The tedious job of cleaning this pen would take me less than 10 minutes.

"Stay put for just a little while, honey. This won't take me long." He smiled up at me contentedly, a kitty already climbing up into his lap. Apparently happy to hang on for a little



Kay Reminger  
Columnist

while, I got at my dismal job quickly.

Scraping the corners with my back to the pen gate, seemingly moments later I heard his tortured cry, "Momma! Mom-eee!" Knowing his "I am crying for attention" cry or "I am hungry" cry or "I am burned out and need a nap" cry, this one was the "I am really scared and hurt" cry.

We had a large tub of alkaline solution stored in the milk house for cleaning. It was a strong chemical not meant for human skin and especially the tender skin of a small child. We kept a measuring cup at the top for ease of use. Thoughts scrambled in my head. How did he get there so fast? How did he get into the so-

lution? Where is it on him?

In seconds, I had my last question answered. It was on his face; he was holding his hand over one precious eye. Later on, we put together the fact that he must have tiptoed up, reaching for the cup sitting on top of the tub. The contents on the bottom of the cup had tipped out when he'd stretched to take a look inside.

The only thing on my momma mind and heart was to get that stuff off him, and fast. Gathering him up on the run, I flew through the milk house door to the sink and, scooping water, drenched the area over and over and over. Meanwhile, my husband had heard the commotion and came running.

Hollering: "I'm taking him to the ER!" I made a mad dash for the car keys and grabbed yet another glass of water for the ride. Driving 90 miles an hour on the way, I dared a policeman to pull me over. Get-

ting to the ER, the medical staff whisked us away to a room and immediately resumed flushing his eye area. In the meantime, my husband had called, letting them know we were on our way and the type of chemical they'd be dealing with. He heard our son wailing through the phone and was astonished to realize we'd gotten to Shawano that fast.

Our son was so distraught he needed to be given a sedative so the medical staff could see more clearly what they were dealing with. The anesthesiologist, trying to soothe, was saying, "OK, Tiger, just gonna give you something to make you sleepy. Does that sound good, Tiger? Pretty quick here, there will be a little pin prick. OK, Tiger?"

"I'm not a tiger! I'm a little boy!" sobbed my son adamantly.

Despite myself, I had to smile. He was so grown up and so little all at the same time.

Looking straight into the anesthesiologist's face, I sternly warned, "Don't mess this up. He is dearer than life itself to me." Horrified at myself, I didn't know where that blatantly rude comment came from, other than my momma claws were sharpened to knife point. I was so afraid he'd be scarred for life and didn't want his mind affected, too.

At one point I'd realized I was standing in the middle of the ER with cow manure on my boots. I didn't care.

As he was finally lying calmly, the doctor could assess the situation, finding that my quick action saved my little boy's eye as well as the sensitive tissue underneath. Somehow, that assuaged some of my guilt. They applied a salve and covered the area with a clean dressing with instructions on how to move forward and a subsequent doctor visit to determine progress.

Our son basically slept

the rest of that day and, keeping him quietly busy for a subsequent few days, he continued to improve. Ten days later, going back to the doctor showed healing with no eye damage. Again, the doctor mentioned my quick action probably saved my boy's eye and tender skin underneath. It was instinctual, a common sense action. Farming is a dangerous occupation, and with little ones, especially so. A parent's back turned for one moment can be tragic. I was incredibly grateful my son turned out OK.

Thank you, heavenly father, for your back is never turned.

("My child, don't lose sight of common sense and discernment. Hang on to them." Proverbs 3:21)

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

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goal for me has always been to get where Dan could cut his hours at work. But I also want to share my knowledge and bridge the gap between the disconnect with our food and the consumer. That's a lot of my focus

with my Facebook page: to share the things that go on around here. There's lots of ways to obtain whole, nutritious food that doesn't have to come from a store and potentially supports their surrounding community.

"I want people to see that, yes, it's possible to do the things and be able to have a way to provide for themselves if need be or how to network out and find a farmer or grower for those things. Plus, I want to be open and as

transparent as possible to what goes on. It's not all sunshine and rainbows, but that's farming and so many don't see the nitty gritty. As far as my farm store, I do get a lot of the 'I didn't know you were here' comments no matter how

much I advertise or market myself. So I just keep talking about myself."

Cedar Creek Ranch is at N7914 County Road D in the Town of Wittenberg, is open by appointment and Onesti posts hours on her Facebook page.

Come summer, hours are usually open Fridays and Saturdays.

For information, call 920-621-2423 or go to www.cedarcreekranchwi.com, where her home page explains the true essence of their diverse farm.

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# Wisconsin prepared to help monarch butterflies

Earlier this month, monarch researchers in Mexico, conducting an annual census of overwintering populations of monarchs, revealed disappointing news about monarch numbers this winter in season. The second-lowest number of monarchs ever recorded overwintering in the mountains of central Mexico was tallied this winter. That is a drop of nearly 60% from last winter.

While this news was somewhat expected due to the severe drought in the Midwest and plains last summer, the scope of this year's losses is heart-breaking, indeed. Especially for those who work so hard here in Wisconsin to help monarch numbers rebound.

It's natural to have knee-jerk reactions to news like this. It is also important to remember that, here in Wisconsin, we did an amazing job getting monarchs ready for the migration. It is not necessary to make major changes.

Don't let all the hype trigger you. You are going to see a lot of gloom and doom news now that this information has been released.

If we continue to do what we've done the last several years, the monarchs will be in good



Monarch numbers overwintering in central Mexico dropped sharply this year, researchers say. ROB ZIMMER



shape, at least here.

The trouble arises after they leave Wisconsin in the fall. The severe drought in Oklahoma and Texas last year meant that there were very few nectar sources available during that leg of the journey, which is often the toughest and the longest stretch.

Between drought in the southern plains and hurricanes in the western Gulf at the time of peak migration, as well as highway mortality in the southern states, these are the challenges each year. Of course, habitat destruction all along the way and including their high mountain forest overwintering areas, which have been continuously logged.

We don't need to make drastic changes here, locally. Keep doing what you're doing.

We do need, however, to stop being hypocrites.

We cannot say that we want to help monarchs and, yet, at the same time, spray herbicides and insecticides all over our properties. You can't have it both ways. I am aware of so many people who do this. Either you are on board, or you're not.

So many of us claim to be monarch supporters, yet we don't blink at spraying our yards for mosquitoes or spraying our plants with insecticides for other species such as Japanese beetles and rose chafers and box-elder bugs. Insecticides



Planting nectar-rich annuals and perennials in landscapes is one of the best things gardeners can do to help monarch butterflies. ROB ZIMMER

do not discriminate. They don't know the difference between good bugs and bad bugs. You don't get to have it both ways. Not anymore.

Continue to plant native plants. Not just milkweed, but nectar sources as well — especially late-season nectar sources for after Labor Day.

This means New England Aster and goldenrod and Joe-Pye weed and purple coneflower, as well as late-season annuals such as zinnias and cosmos and tall verbena and purple heliotrope. It is easy to find plenty of nectar sources for midsummer. It is after Labor Day where we still struggle.

Planting the specific plants listed above will provide these late-season

nectar sources.

Also, learn to read between the lines and tread lightly when you see comments and suggestions and petitions and things to have the monarchs added to the endangered species list. There are many reasons why this is not a good thing. Unfortunately, all the hype stirs the passions of good-intentioned monarch lovers who don't understand the consequences of what that designation could mean.

In the meantime, let's hope for a season full of sunshine and moisture and milkweed and monarchs.

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](https://www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors).

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

KESHENA: Spring Fling Native Craft Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Menominee Cultural Museum, W3428 County Road VV. Items available include beadwork, paintings, earrings, woodcarvings, baskets, beaded dream catchers, moccasins, mittens, doll clothes, scarves, regalia and quilts. Information: 715-799-5258.

KESHENA: Zumba Gold, 12:10-12:50 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: 715-524-3194 or edijafra@yahoo.com.

SHAWANO: Fish fry, 4-7 p.m. Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road. Fish dinner \$11, chicken strips dinner \$9, kids meal \$5. Dine-in/carry-out. 715-745-2400.

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.

OCONTO FALLS: "The Addams Family Musical," 7 p.m., High School Performing Arts Center, 210 N. Farm Road. Adults \$12, students \$8. https://trst.in/wgkDsN

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions presents "Oklahoma!" 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Adults \$17, senior citizens and children 5-17 \$15. abramsspotlightproductions.com or 920-826-5852.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

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

NAVARINO: Raised Garden Bed Workshop, 9-11 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. All parts come as a kit to put together or take with you. Single half-barrel garden \$75, double half-barrel garden \$125. 715-758-6999 or www.navarino.org.

SHAWANO: St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festivities at the Mooseyard, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Coachlight Bar, W5814 Lake Drive. Parade lineup at Shawano Lake Golf Course 10 a.m., parade 11 a.m. Party bus 1-10 p.m. Enter floats at Coachlight or the golf course.

KESHENA: Running and walking program, noon to 6 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.

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BOWLER: Blackberry Smoke in concert, 8 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Doors open 7 p.m. Ticket information at northstarcasinoresort.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

OCONTO: Cornhole tournament, noon to 4 p.m., Holy Trinity Parish, 300 Arbutus Ave. Sign up by March 11. Potluck, prizes for best St. Patrick's Day attire.

OCONTO: Social with Cards, 1 p.m., Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 300 Arbutus Ave. Sheepshead and smear, \$5 lunch donation, raffles. St. Anne de Beaupre Society fundraiser.

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OCONTO FALLS: "The Addams Family Musical," 2 p.m., High School Performing Arts Center, 210 N. Farm

Road. Adults \$12, students \$8, https://trst.in/wgkDsN  
WITTENBERG: T.G. Sheppard in concert, 4 p.m., Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, 400 W. Grand Ave. Special guest Dion Pride. Doors open 3 p.m. Ticket information at rubbersoulproductions.com

MONDAY, MARCH 18

LENA: American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., Lena High School, 304 E. Main St. 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. 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.

SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatimek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

SHAWANO: Medicare Basics: Putting the Pieces Together, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Shawano County Human

Services, Room 115, W7327 Anderson Ave. RSVP the Aging & Disability Resource Center at 855-492-2372 or adrc@adrc-wolfriver.org

KESHENA: Social Emotional Learning Family Night, 5:30 p.m. Keshena Primary School, W522 State Highway 47-55. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Stations start at 6 p.m. This month's stations will focus on calming bottles, search and find bags, calm down sandwich, boost-up room.

NEOPIT: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. The Circle House, W6715 Shawpokasic St. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

KESHENA: Beading class,

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., College of Menominee Nation, Campus Commons, N172 State Highway 47-55. Instructed by Jasmine Williams. Information: Beth Waukechon, 715-799-5600, ext. 3409 or bwaukechon@menominee.edu.

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BOWLER: Native American Talking Circle, 7-9 p.m., Mohican Family Center, N8605 Oak St. Information: Yvonne Burr, 715-326-0891.

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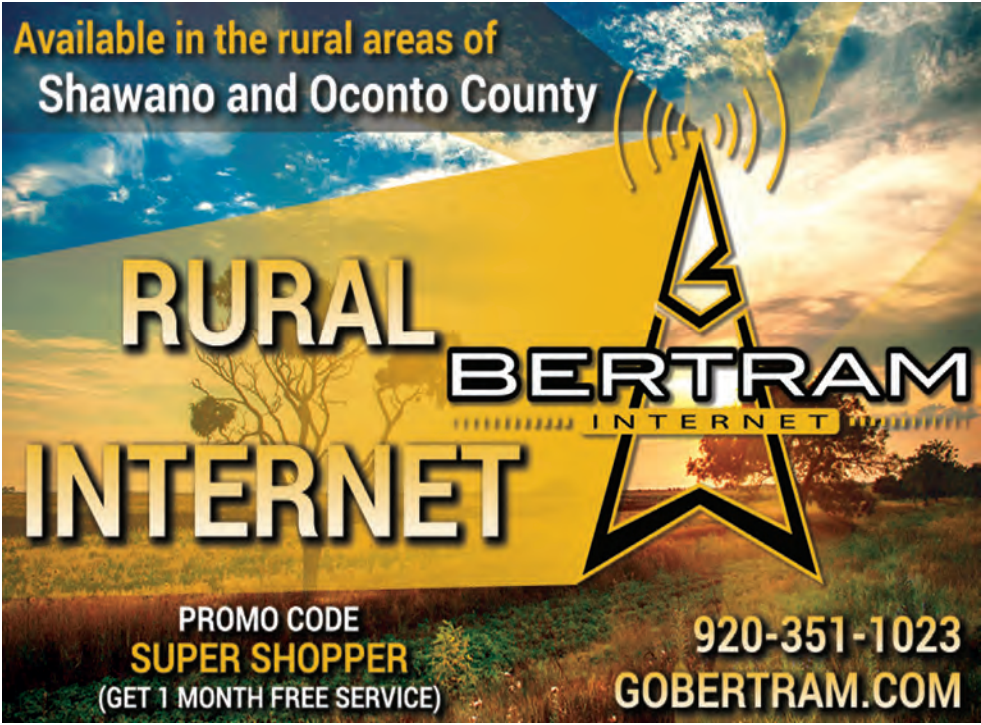
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The Lena Wildcats girls basketball team pose for their official photo as state runners-up after their 57-54 overtime loss to Albany/Monticello on March 9. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

Dramatic OT loss completes

Lena's 28-3 journey

Wildcats finish as WIAA Division 5 runners-up

BY WARREN BLUHM  
News Editor

So close, and yet so far.

Kali Fischer — a 55% free-throw shooter for the season — swished a pair from the charity stripe to give the Lena Wildcats a 50-45 lead with 35 seconds left in regulation at the WIAA Division 5 girls basketball championship game on March 9 at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon.

In what Albany/Monticello head coach Derik Doescher described as “the two biggest shots in Albany history,” Dalana Trumpy made a second-chance layup with 17 seconds left, and Abby Hollis nailed a three-pointer with five seconds left to make it 50-50 and send the game into overtime.

Lena moved ahead 54-52 in the extra period, but Hollis struck again with 1:03 to go, dropping a three-point shot to put the Comets up by one, and free throws in the final seconds brought the final score to 57-54.

“That was an amazing game. I think anyone who paid the price of a ticket got their money’s worth,” Lena head coach Tim Goldschmidt said after the team accepted the silver ball trophy as state runners-up. “I think our team left everything on the court, I’m very very proud of them.”

Lena finished the season 28-3, while Albany/Monti-



Kali Fischer puts in a layup during the first half of Lena's 53-48 victory over Clear Lake on March 8. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

cello went 27-3.

The two teams fought tooth and nail the entire game. After the Comets roared to a 15-6 lead in the opening eight minutes, the Wildcats clawed back led by their power forwards, Marinette & Oconto Conference Player of the Year Eva Brooks and Madi Thomson, and tied it up 19-19 on a three-point shot by Maddy Kushner with 4:40 left in the first half.

A Thomson layup at

3:41 gave Lena its first lead of the day at 21-19, and the two teams went into the locker room at halftime knotted up at 21-21.

The Wildcats extended their lead with a 12-5 run through the opening minutes of the second half, reaching their biggest lead at 33-26 with 13:40 to go, before the Comets began to work their way back, matching Lena’s height with quickness and ball handling to set up the dramatic finish.

Brooks scored 19 pounds and set a Division 5 tournament record with 19 rebounds for the game, while Thomson poured in 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds. As a team, the Wildcats dominated the Comets on the boards with 48 rebounds to 25.

The Wildcats are a young team — Brooks is a junior this year, Thomson a sophomore, and Whitney Potter and Alabama Lambert are the only two seniors — so Goldschmidt felt confident in saying they are capable of returning to the Resch Center next year.

“We have to work harder this summer, we can get back here again,” Goldschmidt said. “I think we’re going to be up to the challenge and hopefully we’ll be back here talking to you about the same time next year.”

Potter and Lambert are great players who will be hard to replace, he said,

adding that he felt for Lambert, a speedy defensive player who injured her ankle in the state semifinal against Clear Lake.

“She’s a scrapper, she would have matched up well and would have helped us in this game with her athleticism matching up with their athleticism,” Goldschmidt said. “She tried to tough it out today, and I give that girl credit, if you’d seen that ankle you wouldn’t think she’d even be in uniform today but being this is her senior year, she wanted to give it a try and she did the best she could to her abilities.”

For Doucher, it was a triumphant return after Albany lost in last year’s state semifinals to eventual champion McDonnell Central Catholic 59-20.

Under the theme “Together we are stronger,” the southern Wisconsin school formed a co-op team with neighboring Monticello, dressing 10 girls from Albany High School and four girls from Monticello.

“I think we gave the whole state a heck of a show, Lena and Albany/Monticello, so much to be proud of,” Doucher said.

Ironically, the last time Lena sent a girls basketball team to state, the girls played Monticello in the 1991 title game, falling in overtime by a score of 66-56.

Lena downs

Clear Lake to

compete for

state title

BY WARREN BLUHM  
News Editor

The Lena Wildcats, in the school’s fourth trip to the state girls basketball tournament, are one win away from their second state title.

After a workman-like 53-48 victory over Clear Lake on March 8, the Wildcats (28-2) are scheduled to play Albany/Monticello in the WIAA Division 5 state championship game at 11:05 a.m. March 9 at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon.

“Every coach in America should get an opportunity to have a chance to coach a team like this,” said Lena head coach Tim Goldschmidt, who was a junior at Lena High School the first time the school won a state girls basketball championship in 1980. “They’re so thoughtful, so unselfish. There’s no one player that says they’re going to win the game by themselves. They believe in their teammates and get the ball to their teammates and encourage their teammates to make the play they need when it’s needed to win games. They’re a super group.”

Goldschmidt was flanked at the postgame news conference by the

team’s season scoring leaders — Eva Brooks, who scored 23 points and ripped down 14 rebounds, and Madi Thomson, who contributed 12 points and 11 rebounds to the cause.

“I didn’t envision it at all or expect it, but I’m happy we got here,” Brooks said when asked if she saw a trip to the state title game at the beginning of the season. “It takes a lot of hard work. I’m just happy to think that our dreams could come true, coming here.”

Thomson said she had a feeling they could make it to state.

“We just had to put in the time and have the teamwork in the first place,” she said. “But I had a good feeling that if we played together, this could happen.”

Lena scored the first five points of the game on Thomson’s driving layup and a Brooks three-pointer, but the Warriors (26-4) scored the next seven to take a 7-5 lead. The two teams battled back and forth with five ties and five lead changes in the first half.

The Wildcats took the lead late in the half when senior Alabama Lambert sank a three-point shot

**LENA, CONTINUED ON PAGE 16**



Eva Brooks' driving layup after a steal and fast break gives Lena a 49-40 lead with 2:42 left in the Wildcats' championship semifinal game against Clear Lake at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon. Lena hung on for a 53-48 victory. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA



# Bonduel defeated by Marathon in sectional final

Bonduel's boys basketball team ended their season at 26-2 after a 68-61 loss to Marathon in the sectional finals March 9. Marathon held a slim 29-24 lead at the intermission and added to their final margin of victory with a 39-37 second half. Noah Weier led the Bears with 20 points, followed by Race Anvelink's 13 points and Quinn Wesenberg's 10 points. Carter Moesch and Colin Margelofsky each contributed four points, while Cade Johnson added two. During the year, the Bears were led by Ryan Westrich with an average of 15.6 points per game, followed by Anvelink with 14.9 and Weier with 12.8. Westrich also led with an average 8.9 rebounds

per game, and Weier hauled in 5.7. Margelofsky averaged 6.1 assists per game, and Weier averaged 4.5. **Bonduel 76, Oconto 59** Ryan Westrich scored 29 points and Race Anvelink had 22 to lead Bonduel to a 76-59 win over Oconto in the WIAA sectional semifinals in Green Bay on March 7. Anvelink's points included six 3-pointers, and Cade Johnson had a pair as part of his eight points.

**LENA, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15** to go up 23-20, and they caught a break when Brooks put in a second-chance layup at the buzzer for a 25-20 halftime lead. Much to the chagrin of the Warriors faithful, the TV replay showed that the ball left Brooks' hand after the buzzer sounded, but under tournament rules, replay is only used to determine if a field-goal attempt beat the clock at the end of regulation or an overtime period. Lena netted five three-point goals in all during the first half, including two in a row by senior Whitney Potter that helped turn a 16-14 deficit into a 20-18 advantage.

## St. Paul's in Bonduel finishes No. 2 at state tournament

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The girls A basketball team from St. Paul's School in Bonduel finished in the runner-up spot at the Lutheran Schools Association of Wisconsin Tournament of Champions in early March.

The Comets won three games before losing in the championship game. A send-off pep rally for the team was held March 1 at St. Paul's before the girls headed to Concordia Wisconsin — Mequon for the 16-team tournament. For St. Paul's, tournament play opened with a game against another St. Paul school — St. Paul's in Grafton. The Bonduel team

won 22-19.

The battle of St. Paul schools continued in the next round as the Bonduel team defeated St. Paul of Oconomowoc 32-26. In the semifinal game, St. Paul's defeated Good Shepherd of West Bend 37-32. Star of Bethlehem in New Berlin won the state title game, defeating St. Paul's 33-24. John Jacobs is the head coach, and JC Reinke is the assistant coach for St. Paul's. Players are Ava Hughes, Madelyn Schroeder, Emery Thompson, Lexie Rank, Casey Wesenberg, Chloe Zernicke, Jorja Reinke and Audrey Jacobs.

"A lot of opponents don't realize we have good three-point shooters," Goldschmidt said, "and they know they need to step up on nights when our bigs down low are going to get double- and triple-teamed. ... It's a big part of our offense. We don't use it a whole lot during the year because normally we don't have to, but in big games it's there when needed."

Clear Lake tied the game one last time at 29 with 13:30 left in the game on a three-point shot from leading scorer Nora Egger, who ended with 12 points including three of six from beyond the arc. Thomson countered with a three-pointer of her own less than a minute later, and the Wildcats began to take control in the closing minutes, eventually opening up their biggest lead of the game at 47-38 with 3:17 to go. Saturday's opponent, the Albany/Monticello Comets (26-3), were the second-place team in the Six Rivers East Conference and reached the title game by defeating conference champion Argyle/Pecatonica (26-2), avenging two regular-season losses at the hands of the Cardinals. The Comets are competing in the state Final Four for the second year in a row after bowing out in the semifinals to eventual champion McDonnell Central Catholic in 2023.



Bonduel's St. Paul's girls A team finished in second place at the Lutheran Schools Association of Wisconsin Tournament of Champions earlier this month. Team members are, front row, from left, Ava Hughes, Madelyn Schroeder, Emery Thompson and Lexie Rank. Back row, from left, are assistant coach JC Reinke, Casey Wesenberg, Chloe Zernicke, Jorja Reinke, Audrey Jacobs and head coach John Jacobs. CONTRIBUTED

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# Gillett grad earns college basketball honors

The Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC) announced its all-conference teams and major award winners for the 2023-24 women's basketball season.

The Concordia University Wisconsin women's basketball team landed two All-NACC selections with Aubrey DeBauch on the All-NACC first team and Erin Viergutz claiming honorable mention honors.

A junior from Gillett, DeBauch is claiming her first All-NACC honor. DeBauch scored 366 points on the season and 184 rebounds to go with 57 assists, 32 steals and 10 blocks. She finished with three double-double performances against Colorado College and twice

against Concordia Chicago. The Wisconsin native finished with a season-high 25 points at Aurora and a season-high 15 rebounds against Willamette.

DeBauch ranked sixth in the NACC in scoring at 14.08 points per game and field goal percentage at .439. She was second in minutes played at 33.51, fourth in free throw percentage at .792, eighth in rebounding at 7.08 rebounds and offensive rebounds at 2.62 and 10th in defensive rebounds at 4.46.

A senior from Clintonville, Viergutz is also claiming her first NACC honor. Viergutz wrapped up her senior campaign with 280 points, 185 rebounds, 27 blocks and 17

assists. She had a career-best performance at Wheaton with 20 points and 17 rebounds. She also had a career-high four blocks at Aurora. Viergutz finished with two double-double performances against Wheaton and Marian.

Viergutz was third in the NACC at 1.08 blocks per game, sixth in offensive rebounds per game at 3 and in rebounds at 7.4.

The Wisconsin native was also named the NACC Student-Athlete of the Week on Dec. 17 for her performance at Wheaton.

Rachel Reed, a junior and forward from Shawano, is also a member of the CUW team, although she did not pick up All-NACC honors. She appeared in 13 games.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Vote 'no' on election amendments that contain disinformation

To the editor:

Voting is a fundamental right. However, the Republican-controlled Wisconsin Legislature has proposed two constitutional amendments that show a lack of concern for voters and our hard-working local election administrators. The changes would affect the safety and security of our elections and will prevent voters from making their voices heard.

These amendments are rooted in disinformation to sway voter opinion and foster voter apathy and confusion. Amendments are supposed to better the constitution, but these attempts at change restrict voting rights and undermine the foundations of our democracy. Gov. Tony Evers has already vetoed these same changes in a bill sent to him by the legislature.

The first question would limit critical funding for our elections without a plan to ensure election administrators have the tools they need. How long we wait in lines, how many voting locations are open and the speed of the results are all determined by the amount of money that is set aside by the state to fund our election. Our elections should be fully funded by the state government so municipalities don't have to rely on grants or donations to process elections.

The second question would deprive election officials of outside help. Clerks rely on experts in the field of election administration, volunteers and community members to make sure our elections run smoothly and the results are accurate. A handful of Republican politicians would choose to make their jobs more difficult. It has already become an issue

to maintain our clerks in these stressful positions with the hostilities directed at them.

These amendments will be voted upon soon! In the April 2 spring election, we have the chance to come together and show that our votes matter. Join me in voting "no" on both constitutional amendments. By doing so, you register your commitment to keep false information and conspiracies from undermining and degrading our elections and our form of government. Visit myvote.wi.gov to view your ballot and find your polling place.

Patty Luff, Marion

### Vote for Democrats as now is not the time for third party candidates

To the editor:

According to Wikipedia, "Yellow Dog Democrats" was a political term that was applied to voters in the southern United States who voted solely for candidates who represented the Democratic Party. The term originated in the late 19th century. These voters would allegedly "vote for a yellow dog before they would vote for any Republican."

Normally, I would encourage voters to consider the candidates and the issues and vote according to their conscience. These are not normal times, my friends. I would ask you to consider that over the next eight months as we move toward Nov. 5. No matter what happens, the choice at the top of the Democratic ticket will be better than the choice at the top of the Republican ticket. The time of the third party candidate has simply not arrived yet. So let's use our time, our energy and our money to promote democratic and progressive values, and ignore the craziness on the other side.

I welcome your comments.

Mary Ascher, Suring

## NWTF chapter holds annual banquet March 16

Winnebago Strutters Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold its annual banquet March 16 at Pullman's Restaurant in Appleton. The doors open at 3 p.m. with a buffet-style dinner at 5 p.m.

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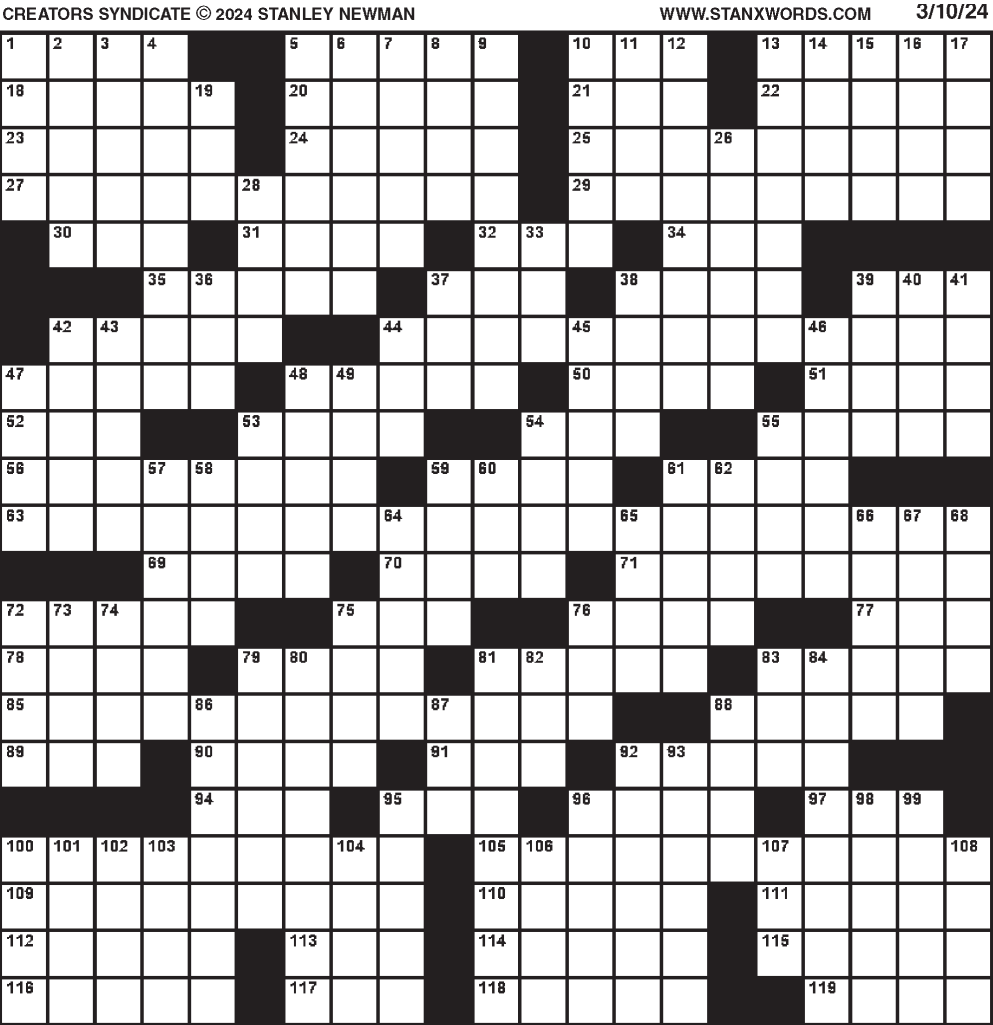
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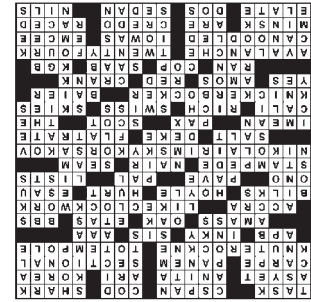
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# Granola bars show flexibility of wild rice

## Tasty food showcased at CMN part of developing Indigenous cookbook

By **LEE PULASKI**  
*City Editor*

Wild rice is a common staple among Native Americans who focus on living from the land, but it turns out that the food can also be used to make fun treats, as well.

Lucy Grignon, with the Ancient Roots Homestead in Bowler, developed it as part of a naturally tasty granola bar, combining it with honey, maple syrup, seeds and berries. She showed off the granola bars March 8 during the College of Menominee Nation’s winter farmers market.

“You can take it and shape it into a granola bar, or you can leave it in small pieces like a piece of granola,” Grignon said as she showed off the pieces being held in plastic containers for people to sample. “You’re taking a cast iron skillet with a little bit of sunflower oil and getting it nice and full, and then you’re putting in a handful or a cup, however much wild rice you want to puff, and it pops open within 10 seconds. It’s white on the inside, and what’s binding it all together is a mixture of maple syrup, maple sugar and honey.”

She added that the granola itself is an ideal thing to serve as a topping on yogurt, as well.

The granola bars are part of a cookbook Grignon is making from the

lessons she’s learning by growing things at the Ancient Roots Homestead. A date hasn’t been set for the cookbook’s release, although she’s hoping it will be out by the end of 2024.

Grignon said it was important for her to develop a cookbook with items made from Indigenous ingredients, because she wants to remind her people of the importance of eating indigenously while teaching it to the rest of the world.

“My mother is a cook, and this is really inspired by her,” Grignon said. “She devoted her life to cooking for other people, for the community, but for herself and her family, as well. I grew up watching her write out recipes and try out different things, so it just became really natural for me to share our recipes with the community.”

Besides offering up tasty treats, Grignon seeks to offer the wisdom of the Indigenous people who came before her. She is currently talking with elders in the Menominee tribe and learning for herself how her ancestors survived off the land.

“People get excited while trying out new recipes and they’re trying out new ingredients,” Grignon said. “They’re really open to it.”

With the wild rice, Grignon said she’s learned about how the Menominee would participate in



Lucy Grignon removes the top from a container with a sample of popped wild rice granola bars March 8 at a winter farmers market at the College of Menominee Nation.

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“reseeding the wild rice, harvesting, dancing and stomping on it and figuring out how we really use it as an ingredient on my shelf. It’s a whole Indigenous activity we’ve done for years, so being able to include this among my recipes is really an honor.”

Grignon noted that the recipes for the cookbook are a mixture of recipes she already had and those that she continues to develop through her Ancient Roots work.

“Some of them come

from a long line of lineage of family members cooking,” she said. “Some of them are recipes I’ve tried, and I take out certain ingredients and infuse them with Indigenous ingredients. For example, instead of using a white sugar, I’m putting maple sugar into the recipe just to be more Indigenous with the ingredients that we’re using. I’m highlighting those traditional activities that our people do and still do today.”

Grignon added that the maple sugar has a similar

### POPPED WILD RICE GRANOLA BARS

#### Ingredients

Sunflower oil, for frying  
1/2 cup pumpkin seeds  
1/2 cup sunflower seeds  
1/2 cup flax seeds  
3 cups of dried wild rice  
1/2 cup dried quinoa  
1/2 cup coconut oil  
1/2 cup honey  
1/2 cup maple syrup  
1/4 cup maple sugar  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 cup dried blueberries  
1 cup dried cranberries

#### Directions

- Pour sunflower oil into a cast iron pan. Let it heat up.
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Spread pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds and flax seeds onto a baking sheet and toast for 3-5 minutes. Transfer to a bowl to cool.
- Pour 1 cup of rice into the oil-filled pan for 3 minutes or until rice has puffed (showing white), stirring the entire time.
- Using a slotted metal spoon, scoop out puffed rice and transfer to a bowl lined with paper towels.
- Continue to pop wild rice one cup at a time.
- Cook quinoa in the hot coconut oil pan 1-2 minutes, showing white. Add it into the wild rice bowl.
- Line a 9X3 baking dish with parchment paper.
- Combine coconut oil, honey, maple syrup and maple sugar into a saucepan over medium heat and bring to a boil. Cook for 20 minutes undisturbed. Syrup should create a thin string.
- Add cooled popped wild rice and quinoa, salt, dried blueberries and cranberries to the seed mix.
- Grease spatula. Pour 1/2 syrup into a bowl, stir. Add remaining syrup. Toss until coated.
- Quickly transfer mixture into baking dish. Press and pack firmly.
- Let cool for two hours.
- Cut into 15-18 pieces.

taste to the white sugar many use when baking something but is more natural coming from a maple tree.

“That’s really fun, because you’re taking the maple sap and boiling it down into syrup, and then when you boil it down a little further and stir a lot, it crystallizes into a sugar,” Grignon said.

Grignon likes that the recipes will also have a

historical context from the elders she’s interviewing to learn why the tribe has done what it has done when it comes to food. She noted that can be just as time-consuming as preparing the recipes themselves.

“The flavors in some recipes remind them of their childhood,” Grignon said. “Getting to visit with the elders takes a while.”

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# Child care dilemma to be addressed at summit

## Availability, cost are significant factors for parents

By **KEVIN PASSON**  
*Editor-in-chief*

When choosing child care, there are many factors to consider, including the type of care, price, availability, quality of care and location.

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families’ licensed child care directory lists 13 centers in Shawano County as of March 5.

As of that date, there were three licensed family child care centers — one each in Gresham, Wittenberg and Shawano, and each with a capacity of eight.

There were eight licensed group centers, including one each in Bonduel (75 capacity), Bowler (28), Birnamwood (20) and Wittenberg (20), and four in Shawano (277 total capacity).

There were also two public school programs. The Bowler program has a capacity of 37, while the Tigerton program has a capacity of 45.

A Shawano County Progress Summit about the local child care dilemma will be presented March 20 at the Crescent Ballroom at Stubborn Brothers Brewery in downtown Shawano.

Speakers will share local data about child care concerns, including survey results from the Shawano School District and the Shawano Area Young Professionals (saYPro).

Speakers will be Bec Kurzynske, M3 director of employee benefits; Kurt Krizan, superintendent of Shawano School District; Wendy Crawford, Boys and Girls Club of Shawano board member; and Sam Sperberg, saYPro president.

The cost is \$25 for mem-

bers of the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce and \$30 for non-members. Admission includes heavy appetizers and two beverage tickets.

Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., followed by the presentation from 5-7 p.m. and networking from 7-8 p.m.

The summit is presented by the Shawano School District, Shawano County Economic Progress Inc., Shawano County Chamber of Commerce, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College-Shawano and saYPro. Sponsors include AbbyBank, Menominee Casino Resort, North Star Mohican Casino Resort and ThedaCare.

To register for the event, visit the chamber events page at [www.shawano-county.com](http://www.shawano-county.com).

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# Man dies in Navarino brush fire

One person died and another was taken to a hospital for treatment of injuries as the result of a brush fire in the Town of Navarino on March 7.

At about 11:35 a.m., Shawano County deputies responded to the area of Wildwood Road near Townline Road in the Town of Navarino for a fire-related incident. Upon their arrival, they found an active wildfire burning a large amount of acreage.

Deputies were met by the caller who had burn-related injuries. She

reported her husband was still in the area where the fire was active. Deputies entered the reported area and found the man already deceased. The woman was transported via ambulance for her injuries.

The man and woman were burning brush in a burn pit prior to the fire spreading and getting out of control. Fire crews arrived on scene and got the fire under control and contained.

Shawano County Sheriff’s Department detectives responded to this scene and are handling the death

investigation portion of this incident. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division also responded and is handling the fire investigation side of this incident.

At this time, both portions of this incident are still under investigation and no further information will be released.

The sheriff’s department was assisted on scene by the Wisconsin DNR, Navarino-Lessor Fire Department, Clintonville Ambulance and the Shawano County Coroner’s Office.

# Drug suspects arrested outside casino

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

At least two people are in custody after Menominee Tribal Police officers responded to the Menominee Casino Resort on March 1 for a report of suspicious activity potentially involving illegal drugs.

According to a statement from tribal police, upon arrival, tribal of-

ficers and a Menominee County deputy located the involved parties in the casino parking lot and took them into custody.

The Menominee Tribal K-9 Unit was called in, and K-9 officer Rosco displayed a positive alert on the vehicles. The officers confiscated more than 60 pills identified as controlled substances, including gabapentin and

amphetamine, as well as more than 40 different individual packages of illegal drugs, including heroin and fentanyl.

The involved parties were arrested pursuant to local and felony warrants and the additional new charges discovered during the investigation. The information is being forwarded to the Menominee Tribal Prosecutor’s Office.



## Learning out in nature



Sacred Heart Catholic School students, from left, Jayden Heatley, Ivan Kary, Corbyn Wassenberg and Logan Frechette enjoy some fun in the snow while learning at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya. For three days starting Feb. 28, seventh grade students participated in a number of activities — including scavenger hunts; CSI Tracking, where they used their knowledge of different animals and habitats to solve a crime scene; outdoor living skills, where they were able to build their own shelters using the nature around them; and a night hike, where they used their night vision to see what the world is like when they are sleeping. They also learned how to use a compass and studied different cultures and the world around them.

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Survivors lead the way to kick off the 2023 Shawano-Menominee Relay for Life at Shawano Community High School. The next local relay will take place April 6.

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## Relay for Life continues cancer fight at SCHS

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Shawano-Menominee will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 6 at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano.

Hundreds of volunteers and participants at this community event will celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to the disease and take action to fight against cancer.

The opening ceremony, which includes a special survivors and caregivers lap, will begin at 9 a.m. A

luminaria ceremony to honor cancer survivors and remember those lost to cancer will take place at noon.

The theme for the event this year is Rings of Hope. Activities will include large bucket drawing, Escape Puzzles sponsored by Shawano County Library, Total Fitness class, Shuffles Performance Team, children and adult games, live DJ and more. Visit [www.relayforlife.org/shawano-menominee](http://www.relayforlife.org/shawano-menominee) for details.

To register as a team, survivor or participant, please visit [www.relayforlife.org/shawano-menominee](http://www.relayforlife.org/shawano-menominee).

[life.org/shawano-menominee](http://life.org/shawano-menominee). Survivors and those who have raised over \$100 will receive their 2024 Relay for Life T-shirt mailed directly.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is seeking volunteers who would like to make a difference in the Shawano-Menominee area by helping during the local Relay for Life event.

Volunteers will help greet people, set-up, register participants, decorate and sell luminaria bags, tear down and more.



Volunteers are needed to help sample streams and rivers in the Lower Fox, Upper Fox and Wolf River and Northeast Lakeshore basins.

WISCONSIN DNR

## DNR seeking volunteers for stream monitoring

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking volunteers to help monitor streams and rivers in several river basins located in central and northeastern Wisconsin, specifically the Lower Fox, Upper Fox and Wolf River and Northeast Lakeshore basins.

Sampling is essential for monitoring water quality improvements, assessing implementation activities and evaluating long-term land use changes.

There are multiple monitoring locations in each basin that need volunteers, and more than one volunteer can sample each site. Sampling occurs once a month from May through October, which is prime algae growing season, making it easier to determine which streams are affected by elevated nutrient and suspended

sediment concentrations.

Monitoring locations are located at or near road crossings and are chosen for their ease of access. Volunteers should be comfortable wading into the water, but no previous water quality experience is needed. Volunteers will be trained on DNR protocol, and all equipment will be supplied except for boots and waders.

When sampling, each volunteer will need to fill three bottles with water from the stream and take up to two field measurements; the entire process takes about one hour each month. The samples then need to be packed on ice in the provided cooler and dropped off at the closest U.S. post office to be shipped to the State Laboratory of Hygiene in Madison for analysis.

The Lower Fox, Up-

per Fox and Wolf River and Northeast Lakeshore basins have total maximum daily loads, which identify a need for pollutant reductions to meet water quality standards and provide a framework to meet those standards. The volunteer programs help to fulfill monitoring goals.

Volunteers are crucial for these monitoring programs. The DNR would not be able to monitor as many waterbodies without volunteers' help.

For more information about volunteering at the Upper Fox and Wolf River Basins, contact Katherine Wendorf at [Wendorf@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Wendorf@wisconsin.gov) or 920-296-5126, or visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/TMDLs/FoxWolf/VolunteerMonitoring.html>.

Information on the other sites can also be found on the DNR website.

## Manure applicator meetings coming up in March

Any farm that applies its own manure on cropland and all custom manure spreading businesses are invited to have their personnel attend the annual manure applicator update meetings.

Two sessions being offered in the region, near Green Valley the afternoon of March 18 and near Birnamwood the afternoon of March 20.

The training emphasizes the steps and techniques manure applicators should take to maintain personal and community

safety during manure application. In particular, there are discussions on spill prevention and response, understanding geological concerns, pressure and gas related safety, road safety and route planning, and understanding nutrient management plans.

Registration is required for these events by going to <https://go.wisc.edu/2024manure101>, and there is a \$10 per person registration fee, which goes up to \$15 at the door. Farms and businesses can

register multiple people at once through this system.

These two events are hosted on farms and feature a question-and-answer session and group discussion. Discussion will be led by Kevin Erb, manager of the conservation professional training program for University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension, and Scott Reuss, regional crops and soils educator.

For information, contact Reuss at 715-732-7510, 715-701-0966 or [scott.reuss@wisc.edu](mailto:scott.reuss@wisc.edu).

## Wisconsin's soybean, oat prices up from a year ago

The average price received by farmers for corn during January 2024 in Wisconsin was \$4.45 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service-Agricultural Prices report.

This was 5 cents below the December price and \$1.75 below January 2023.

The January 2024 average price received by farmers for soybeans, at \$12.60 per bushel, was 40 cents below the December price and \$1.50 below

the January 2023 price.

The January average oat price per bushel, at \$4.16, was 90 cents above December but 39 cents below January 2023.

All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$191 per ton in January. This was

\$12 above the December price and \$34 above the January 2023 price. The January 2024 alfalfa hay price, at \$199, was \$12 above the previous month and \$36 above January 2023. The average price received for other hay

during January was \$154 per ton. This was \$6 above the December price and \$38 above January last year.

The Wisconsin all milk price for January 2024 was \$18 per hundred-weight (cwt). This was \$1

below last month's price and \$4 below last January's price.

The U.S. all milk price for January was \$20.10 per cwt, \$2.10 higher than Wisconsin's price but 50 cents lower than last month's U.S. price.



PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 10

Deputies responded to 24 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on County Road OO in the Town of Wittenberg; assisting with a fire on Lawn Road in the Town of Maple Grove; trespassing on Campground Road in the Town of Seneca; intoxication at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; assault at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; two 911 calls; two traffic hazards, one deer-related crash.

March 9

Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including a warrant on West Rollman Street in Bowler; criminal damage on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; one 911 call; three deer-related crashes.

March 8

Deputies responded to 19 incidents, including an assault at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; weight restrictions on County

Road D in the Town of Almon; ATV problem on County Road N in the Town of Almon; operating without a license on Lake Drive in Cecil; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two crashes, one involving deer.

March 7

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including a burglary attempt on Fourth Street in Mattoon; weight restrictions on County Road N in the Town of Almon; scam on Homewood Avenue in the Town of Wescott; threatening on Hillview Road in the Town of Hutchins; fight in progress on Spaulding Street in Tigerton; fraud on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; noise on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; trespassing on Cedar Street in Tigerton; drugs at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; three 911 calls; one crash.

March 6

Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including trespassing on Deer Drive in the Town of Angelica; property theft on Spaulding Street in Tigerton;

drugs on East Fifth Street in Shawano; an animal bite on State Road in Birnamwood; an animal bite on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; two reckless driving incidents.

March 5

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including an animal bite on Rocky Lane in the Town of Hartland; property damage on North Park Street in Bowler; two 911 calls; one traffic hazard; one crash.

March 4

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including a burglary on Roubal Road in the Town of Washington; fraud at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; property damage on South Street in Bonduel; assault on Julius Street in the Town of Angelica; two traffic hazards.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 10

Officers responded to 15 incidents, including juvenile problem at Naberhood Plaza, 220 S. Main St.; warrant arrest on South Lafayette Street; harassment on South Andrews

Street; operating without a license on East Green Bay Street.

March 9

Officers responded to 19 incidents, including operating while intoxicated at Taco Bell, 1266 E. Green Bay St.; vehicle crash at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; juvenile problem on West Picnic Street.

March 8

Officers responded to 22 incidents, including drug offenses on East Lieg Avenue; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; operating without a license on East Green Bay Street; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; drug offenses at an undisclosed location; burglary attempt on South Union Street.

March 7

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including drug offenses at undisclosed locations; assisting with a fire at Culver's, 1220 E. Green Bay St.; found property at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.; juvenile problem at Olga Brenner Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; truancy at Shawano

Community High School, 220 County Road B; drug offenses on South Smalley Street; warrant arrest on North Main Street; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; found property on South Andrews Street.

March 6

Officers responded to 30 incidents, including trespassing at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; vehicle crash with property damage on East Randall Street; operating while intoxicated at Dairy Queen, 1005 E. Green Bay St.; lost property on South Lincoln Street; hit-and-run on South Andrews Street; vandalism at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; threatening at American Marine, 830 E. Green Bay St.; six truancy calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; drug offenses at an undisclosed location; operating without a license at

ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B.

March 5

Officers responded to 32 incidents, including noise on East Center Street; warrant arrest on South Franklin Street; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; vehicle crash with property damage on East Center Street; found property on East Green Bay Street; two juvenile problem complaints at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; vehicle fire on Plank Road; vehicle crash with personal injury on South Main Street; juvenile problem on South Maiden Lane.

March 4

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including assisting with a fire on South Cleveland Street; warrant arrest on South Main Street; trespassing on East Zingle Avenue; illegal burning on South Lafayette Street; warrant attempt at John's One Stop, N5847 State Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott.

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▪ Kaitlyn L.M. Pingel, pleaded no contest March 8 to possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second and subsequent offense), six counts of felony bail jumping, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, two misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer, and a misdemeanor count of failing to stop for an

officer. Judge William Kussel Jr. imposed and stayed a prison sentence and placed her on three years of probation with conditions.

▪ Styles G. Sechrist, 32, Neopit, pleaded no contest March 5 to a misdemeanor charge of operating a vehicle without consent. A felony bail jumping charge was dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge

Katherine Sloma levied fines and other assessments.

▪ Dylan M. Giese, 24, Shawano, was charged March 4 with child abuse recklessly causing great harm, first-degree reckless injury, and first-degree recklessly endangering safety. Sloma set a \$75,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 2.

▪ Desma M. Wayka, 32,

Appleton, was charged March 4 with two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 13.

▪ Noelle A. Madosh, 36, Shawano, was charged March 4 with felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 11.

▪ Marcos A. Smith, 19, Shawano, was charged March 5 with two counts of felony bail jumping and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 9.

▪ Caitlynn J. Testolin, 31, Gresham, was charged March

5 with 12 counts of felony bail jumping, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 15.

▪ Bruce G. Cornelius, 38, De Pere, was charged March 7 with possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture methamphetamine, 14 counts of felony bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of possession of illegally obtained prescription drugs. Judge Gregory Grau set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 12.

▪ Joshua K. Krieger, 29, Shawano, was charged March 7 with substantial battery

intending bodily harm and felony bail jumping. Grau set a \$2,500 signature bond and adjourned Krieger's initial appearance until April 15.

▪ Alexis R. Wilber, 24, Keshena, was charged March 8 with possession of THC (second and subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 28.

▪ Naseen N. Pyatskowitz, 22, Shawano, was charged March 8 with possession of cocaine, felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 2.

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Bids will be received by the City of Shawano in the office of the Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, Wisconsin, until 10:00 AM Local Time on March 22, 2024, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by calling the Department of Public Works at (715)526-3512 or by email: mpleshek@cityofshawano.com. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Owner requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for this project in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.29(2). Qualifications shall be delivered to the DPW office, not less than 5 days prior to the bid deadline. The Owner's decision as to the qualifications shall be final.

A Certified Check or Bid Bond payable to the City of Shawano in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee, that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance and Payment Bond, and the Insurance Certificate(s) within ten (10) days after the receipt of the Notice of Award by the City. The City of Shawano Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding, or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interest of the City.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled opening of bids without the consent of the City. Published by the authority of the City of Shawano, Wisconsin.

BY: Bruce Milavitz, Mayor  
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk  
Scott Kroening, Public Works Director

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## Snowmobile club donates to organizations



ABOVE: The Krakow High Noon Riders Snowmobile Club recently made \$300 donations to the Green Valley-Morgan Fire Department, the Gillett Area Ambulance Service and the Oconto County Commission On Aging Meals On Wheels program. Green Valley-Morgan Fire Chief Leonard Wahl, left, accepts the donation from Tom Stachura, treasurer of the snowmobile club.

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RIGHT: Tom Stachura, Krakow High Noon Riders Snowmobile Club treasurer, left, presents a \$300 donation to Kiaya Doll, Gillett Area Ambulance Service.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
SHAWANO COUNTY  
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)  
Case No. 2022PR14

In the matter of the estate of Elmer W. Martens a/k/a Elmer William Martens  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 06-11-1922 and date of death 01-06-2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 132 Oak Court, Shawano, WI 54166.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 7, 2024.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St. Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.  
/s/ Gwen Hoffman  
Probate Registrar  
02-26-2024  
Atty Thomas J. Martell  
117 North Main Street, PO Box 237  
Shawano, WI 541667  
715-201-3364  
Bar No. 1003597  
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STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
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Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)  
Case No. 24PR11

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA C. NEWMAN  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/31/1946 and date of death 09/21/2023, was domiciled in Brevard County, State of Florida, with a mailing address of 3905 Essex St Titusville, FL 32796.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 28, 2024.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.  
/s/ Gwen Hoffman  
Probate Registrar  
02-21-2024  
Attorney Michael A. Maas  
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Public Notice

Pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources gives public notice of the change in classification for 3.1 miles of Melberg Creek (WBIC 295000), in the Town of Grant, Shawano County from unclassified to Class 1 Trout water. The portion proposed for reclassification is the headwaters to the confluence with North Branch Pigeon River. Along with 7.2 miles of stream of Logemanns Creek (310900), in the Town of Seneca, Shawano County from unclassified to Class 1 Trout water. 3.1 miles of stream of unnamed tributary to South Branch Pigeon River (297400). Town of Fairbanks, Shawano County from unclassified to Class 1 Trout water. 1.0 miles of Unnamed Tributary to Middle Branch Embarrass (WBIC 313100), in the Town of Birnamwood, Shawano County from unclassified to Class 1 Trout water. The portion proposed for reclassification is the headwaters to the confluence with Middle Branch Embarrass River. This classification is based upon surveys which indicate these portions of Melberg (WBIC 295000), Logemanns Creek (WBIC 310900), unnamed tributary (297400), and unnamed Tributary (WBIC 313100) have a self-sustaining population of Brook Trout with natural reproduction, multiple year classes of trout present, and sufficient density of trout to utilize available habitat. The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for hearing is received by April 15 th, 2024. Requests should be sent to Elliot Hoffman, 647 Lakeland Rd. Shawano, WI 54166  
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CIRCUIT COURT  
SHAWANO COUNTY  
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)  
Case No. 2022PR89

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD J. DRYJA  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:  
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2. The decedent, with date of birth 4/8/1924 and date of death 01/19/2014, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W248 La Fuente Court, Krakow, WI 54137.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 20, 2024.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.  
/s/ Gwen Hoffman  
Probate Registrar  
02-29-2024  
John D. McNally  
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Case Number - 24pr02  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/18/1926 and date of death 08/24/2023, was domiciled in Menominee, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W2155 County VV, Keshena, WI 54135, USA.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate 06/19/2024.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI 54166, USA.  
Form completed by:  
James E. Aschenbrenner  
311 N Main St, Shawano, WI 54166, USA  
James E. Aschenbrenner  
Phone: 7155246258  
Bar Number: 1008896  
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03/15/24, 03/22/24  
Shawano School District

Is accepting proposals for the Custodial Services Contract.

Details can be found on the school's website:  
<https://www.shawanoschools.com/page/buidling-and-grounds>

Any questions should be directed to: Shawn Mathwich  
Via email: [smathwich@shawanoschools.org](mailto:smathwich@shawanoschools.org)  
Proposal due date/opening: Thursday, April 18, 2024.  
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03/15/24, 03/22/24  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 3, 2024 @ 9:00 AM  
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B  
Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano, Michael Stupecky  
CU-7-24: Eric Reeder request conditional use permit for establishment of a 35' x 176' (16unit) Personal Storage Facility/Mini-Warehouse in the C-C Commercial Community Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Table X.4.02 and Section X.9.03 (237). Property is located and described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 32, T28N R11E, thence running West along the North line of said section, 300 feet; thence South 145 feet; thence East 300 feet; thence North along the East section line, 145 feet to the place of beginning; Except that part described in Volume 663 onpage 670, as Document No. 424860, for highway purposes. Section 32, T28N R11E. Parcel#012-32110-0000. Town of Birnamwood. Property address: N7691 Hummingbird Road  
NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer. Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766 Meeting notice emailed/posted. Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCB Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ [coshawanowicivcweb.net](mailto:coshawanowicivcweb.net)  
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03/08/24, 03/15/24  
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE TRIBAL COURT  
Mohican Nation  
Stockbridge-Munsee Community  
Case No. 2023-GA-0005  
CIVIL SUMMONS

Artisan and Truckers Casualty Company  
Petitioner,  
Lonnie Delabue,  
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 14, 2023.  
Brittany A. Kroening  
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Clerk  
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03/15/24, 03/22/24, 03/29/24  
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT  
SHAWANO COUNTY  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
Case #C23-CV-156

Associated Bank, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Estate of Eloise S.Cappel,  
Defendants.  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above captioned action on December 14, 2023, in the amount of \$23,636.96, the Sheriff or his Designee will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:  
TIME: 4/10/24 at 9:00 a.m..  
TERMS: Down payment required at the time of Sheriff's Sale in the amount of 10% of the successful bid by cash or certified check; balance of sale price due within ten business days of confirmation of sale by the Court, together with the applicable transfer fee and cost of recording the deed, all payable to the Clerk of Court of the above county. Property to be sold as a whole 'as is' and subject to all real estate taxes, accrued and accruing, special assessments, if any, penalties and interest 706 W Summit St. Wittenberg.  
PLACE: in the main lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166  
DESCRIPTION: The North 267.09 feet of Lot 8, in Block 2, in Academy Addition to the Village of Wittenberg, being a subdivision of the South 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 16, Township 27 North, Range 11 East, Shawano County, Wisconsin, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the East 36 feet of the North 159.09 feet and the West 150 feet.  
Tax Key No. 191-40050-0100  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 706 W Summit St. Wittenberg, WI 54499  
DATED: 04/10/2024  
Attorney Weld Riley, S.C.  
Weld Riley, S.C.  
500 Third Street, Suite 800 P.O. Box 479 Wausau, WI 54402-0479  
(715) 845-8234  
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03/01/24, 03/08/24, 03/15/24  
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  
KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.  
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:  
/s/JASON D. HERMERSMANN  
State Bar No. 1049948  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
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Residents of the Menominee Indian School District stand up and raise their hands March 6 in favor of a proposed land swap between the district and the Menominee Nation. In all, 219 out of 262 residents favored the deal.

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said. For practices, the teams are utilizing the Woodland Bowl.

The middle school property has been appraised at \$1.61 million. Waukau said that the district is looking at selling the building for \$1 in exchange for leasing the Tucker land from the tribe for \$1, although final arrangements are being negotiated by the attorneys for both entities.

“Due to the pandemic, buildings of this nature may not have a value that maybe you’re thinking,” Waukau said. “In the report, it says the best thing to do right now is to hold that vacant until public development becomes financially feasible. We know that we can no longer pay for an empty building.”

The ball fields are expected to be ready for use in 2025, Waukau said.

“We know that this is a win-win,” he said. “We’re going to gain additional ball field space for all three of our schools. We have softball in our middle school. We have a softball program at our elementary school. One field is not going to be enough. We’ll have the opportunity to host those regionals or sectionals, because we’ll have that nice facility. We’ll have the seating capacity, and that is an advantage. We’re going to have a beautiful complex, but it’s not going to be all built in one year.”

Waukau also touted having forest land right next to the schools that can be used for outdoor learning.

“We’ve always wanted our own school forest,” Waukau said. “Now, we have an opportunity, because the property will allow us to do that. We have outdoor classrooms now, and we understand students don’t always have to learn sitting in a chair.



Eugene Caldwell, a lifelong Neopit resident, questions if the land deal between the Menominee Nation and the Menominee Indian School District will negatively impact his community during a public meeting March 6 at the Menominee Casino Resort.

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We can get them outside, and we know our ancestors were good stewards of the land. We can learn from that.”

Menominee Tribal Chairwoman Gena Kakkak noted during her public remarks that she has children who are currently in the district, will be in the future or have already graduated. She noted the tribe is not a rich tribe but is very resourceful, and she sees the partnership between the school district and the tribe as a wise one.

“Today, we have the opportunity to come together and to take action for the future of our nation,” Kakkak said. “From the attendance here, it’s clear that we value our children. We have a glaring need for greater educational opportunities, and our Menominee values and our commitment show through our work.”

Eugene Caldwell, a lifelong Neopit resident, expressed concern that trading the middle school building might impact his community.

“I didn’t hear much about what you’re going to do in the interim and who is working on taking that building that is going to be empty and that ball park,” Caldwell said. “Hopefully, we’re keeping that ball park, as we’re turning the other ball park into a playground that nobody’s using. I’m worried about Neopit and the kids that have to travel from Neopit to Keshena every day. I just worry that Neopit gets left behind.”

Taxpayer John Santo questioned why the district wouldn’t sell the middle school building for the actual appraised cost, considering the amount of money it will take to build the new fields.

“We’re improving property that we’re leasing, and we don’t know how long our lease is going to be,” Santo said. “I’m suggesting we use the revenue to improve the property that doesn’t belong to us.”

Menominee Indian School Board President David Miller said he didn’t see an outside agency

coming in and paying \$1.6 million for the middle school building in order to turn it into something else for the Neopit community.

Kenneth Fish, a 75-year-old tribal resident, noted that the tribe has supported the school district in its educational work, and there have been a lot of setbacks in tribal efforts with the children, so he feels the new ball fields will be in the best interest of providing youth with better opportunities.

“Athletics is one of the best cures and treatment that children can get in their lifetime,” Fish said.

Miller agreed that the school district and the tribe are good partners.

“At times, we bumped heads with our tribal government, but I’ve got to say, the last couple of years, they’ve turned the page,” Miller said. “Traditionally, that’s the way we’ve been taught to look after our children — not only for this generation but for the generations left to come.”

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# Run for the trees and support forest health

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages the public to sign up for the upcoming Run for the Trees: Happy Little 5K. The race, inspired by artist Bob Ross, is a virtual event with proceeds benefiting tree health and protection across the state.

All skill levels and abilities are encouraged to participate in the Happy Little 5K. Participants can walk, run, skate, scooter, cycle or use a mobility device to complete the 3.1-mile race and can pick their start and finish locations.

Registrants can sign up and select Wisconsin as the state they wish to represent. A portion of the registration fee will go toward tree planting and forest health efforts to combat threats from invasive species in Wisconsin state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas.

The registration fee is \$36 and includes a keepsake Happy Little T-shirt, a commemorative bib number, finisher’s medal, Run for the Trees sticker and shipping fees.

To be guaranteed delivery before the race dates, please register by April 1. Bulk registration is available for groups of 10 or more. Contact Michelle O’Kelly at okellyml@michigan.gov for information on bulk pricing.

Racers can complete their 5K anywhere outdoors between Earth Day (April 22) and Arbor Day

(April 26). Result and photo submissions can be made the weekend before Earth Day and the weekend after Arbor Day. Submitting photos and results at the completion of the event is encouraged but not required.

Inspired by Bob Ross’ love of the outdoors, the “Happy Little Trees” program began in 2019 when the Michigan DNR, Bob Ross Inc. and hundreds of volunteers partnered to plant trees in locations across Michigan hard-hit by invasive pests and tree diseases. The program has since expanded, and participants can now choose one of several states to represent — including Wisconsin.

People around the world are familiar with the work and personality of Ross, the American painter, art instructor and television host who in the 1980s and ’90s shared his love for painting and the environment with millions of viewers on the PBS show “The Joy of Painting.” Ross was known for demonstrating seemingly simple brushstrokes that brought gorgeous landscapes – full of happy little trees – to life on the canvas.

Suggested 5K routes at Wisconsin state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas are available on the DNR’s OutWiGo webpage at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/outwigo/events>.

Registration is open until April 15.

the proceeds would turn around and be used for the county fair, which is put on the by the ag society.

Dreher said normal minimum charges are \$250 a day for nonprofits, \$500 for nonprofits that charge an entry fee and \$1,000 a day for for-profits.

“They want to get the excitement going on,” Dreher said. “There’s a lot of people that live and breathe that race track.”

Coming on June 7 will be the All American Circus, which has been in Shawano in years past.

Cathy English, who works in the circus’ front office, wrote in a letter to county staff the circus would arrive about 9 a.m. and be gone by around 10 p.m.

Dreher said last year’s charge was either \$1,000 or \$1,200 plus a \$1,000 refundable deposit.

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into issues during the last lease due to “internal turmoil and upheaval” of hockey leadership.

Regardless of what happens with Helmuth’s proposal, at least two events will be scheduled for the Crawford Center in the next few months.

First, Shawano Speedway will use the building April 6 for a car show.

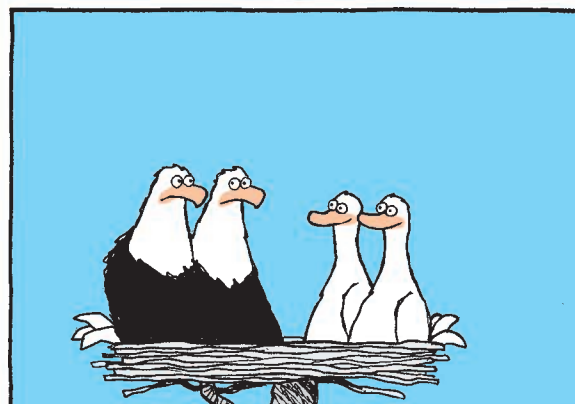
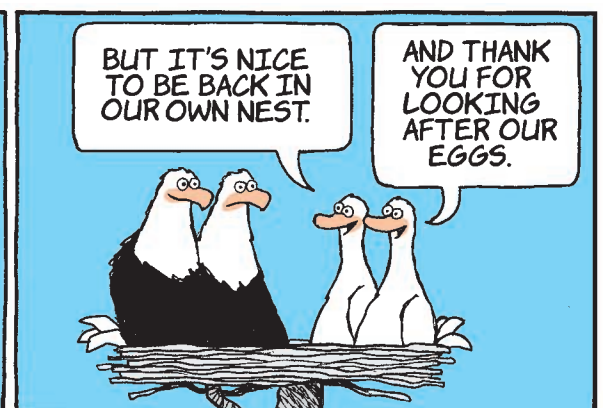
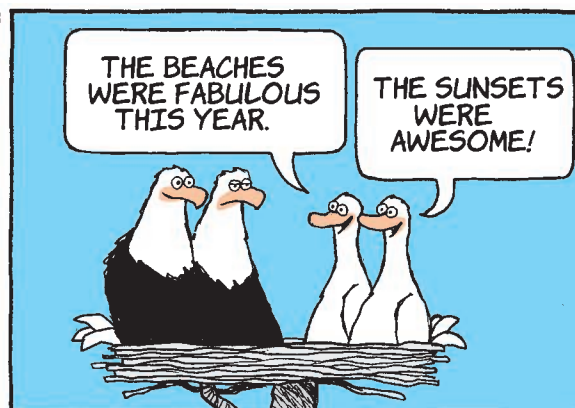
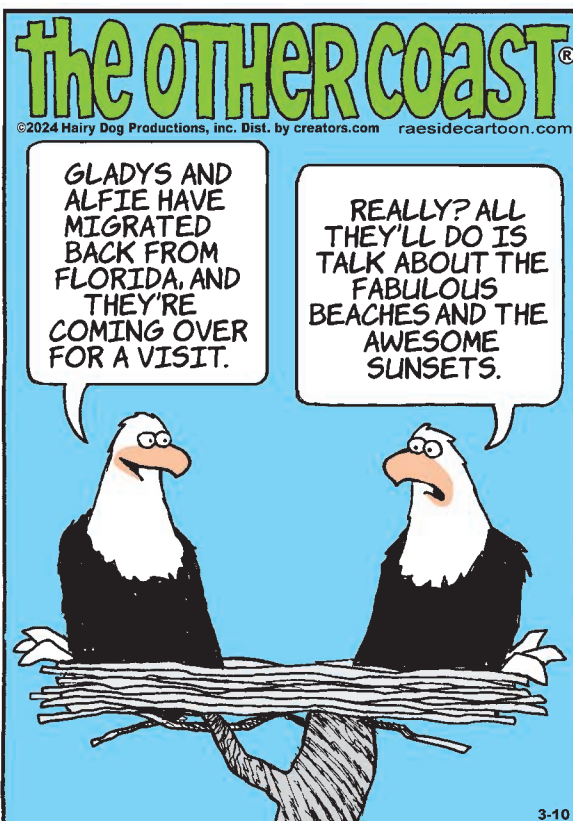
“They would like to use it ... as kind of their kickoff,” Dreher said. “They did it last year, and it was kind of a last-minute thing, because they had arrangements for somewhere else and that fell through.”

The only cost to the county would be lights during the event.

“We had no problems last year at all,” Dreher said.

Although the county typically charges for use of the building, there will be no charge for this car show, as the ag society would pay the fee and

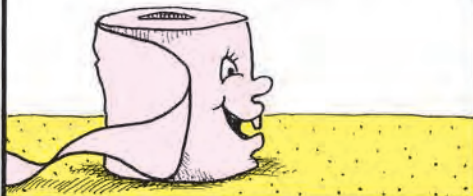






# Agnes

by TONY COCHRAN





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NO. AN UNEQUIVOCABLE NO, OR AN "I'LL KEEP MUM HERE UNTIL I SEE I'VE FOUND A KINDRED SOUL" NO?



A "YOU MUST BE INSANE" NO. COULD HAVE BEEN THE WIND.

# The BARN

by Ralph Hagen





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COUGH COUGH



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THIS COUGH SYRUP REALLY WORKS.



HOW DID I KNOW HE WAS GOING TO SAY THAT?

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by Brett Koth

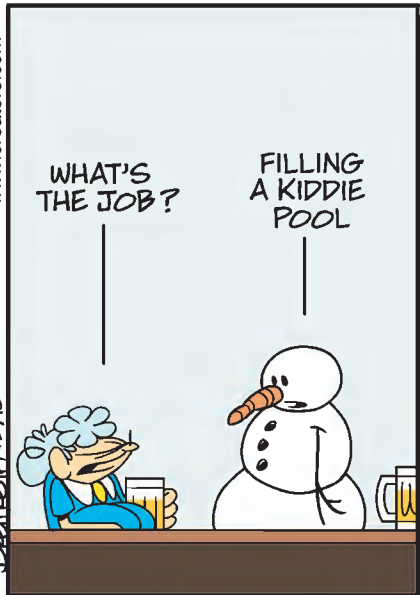
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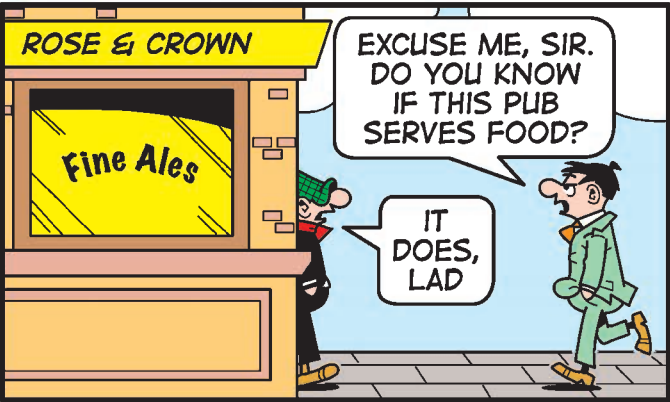
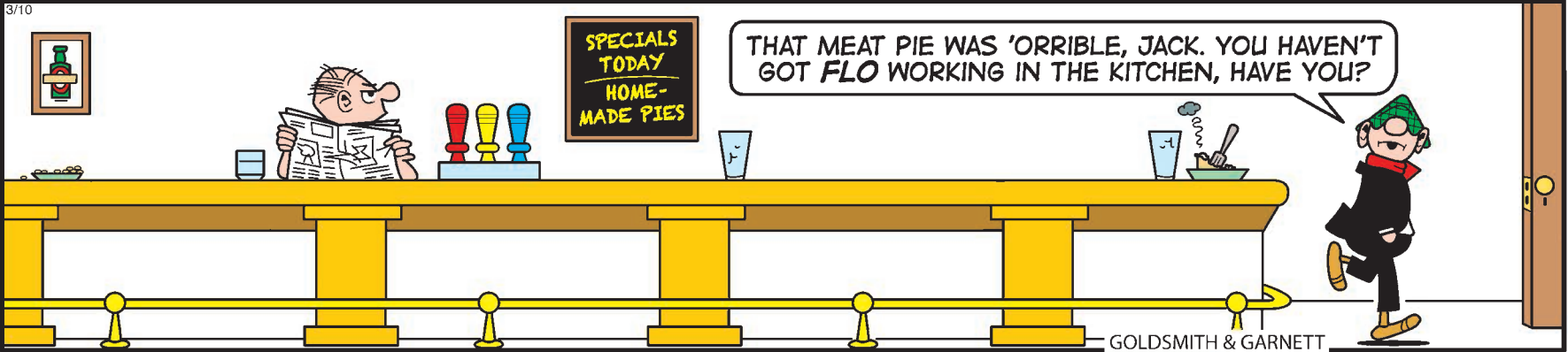
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