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Four more warrants issued for Retzlaff

Defendant skips in-person court appearance, tries to get in via Zoom

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Marathon County Circuit Court Judge Mark Moran had some sharp words about former campground owner Ann Retzlaff when she failed to appear in court Jan. 12 in person as he ordered.

"I ordered that she be here in person, and she's not here in person," Moran said. "I bent over backwards to make sure she's in court, set bonds to allow her to see family members, and I wanted her to be here today because I wanted to know that she's back in the state of Wisconsin. I made it very clear she should be returning and that she be in person."

Retzlaff continues to face a myriad of charges dating back almost two years. In May 2021, she was charged with fleeing and eluding officers and two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, as well as a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. She also faces misdemeanor charges through Menominee County for resisting and failing to stop. Bail jumping and disorderly conduct charges were added in April 2022 after she missed two court appearances in late 2021, and deputies arrested her in Wittenberg.

The Jan. 12 court appearance was supposed to be a pre-trial hearing for those charges, as well as an initial hearing on new bail jumping charges filed in December 2022.

According to the criminal complaint, Retzlaff allegedly received a ride from a couple in Reedsburg to a Shell Station in New Buffalo, Michigan. The complaint states that Retzlaff told the couple that she was meeting up with a man named Brian.



ANN RETZLAFF

The complaint also states that Retzlaff had mentioned Holland, Michigan. The Shawano County Sheriff's Department was notified after the woman who had dropped Retzlaff off at the Shell gas station allegedly had an uneasy feeling about Retzlaff, looked her up online and called the sheriff's department.

Retzlaff's bond condition stated that she was not to leave the state without prior permission.

New bench warrants were approved for Retzlaff's arrest at the request of Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney Greg Parker, and three of them allow for her to be apprehended nationwide. On the new bail jumping charges, Moran approved a \$5,000 cash bail. He also approved \$1,500 cash on the bail jumping and disorderly conduct charges from 2022 and \$7,000 cash for the original Shawano County case in 2021.

Moran also ordered a \$500 cash bail on the Menominee County misdemeanor charges but said that it would only be in-state. That brings the total bail Retzlaff would need to post, once re-arrested, to \$14,000, just under the \$15,000 she posted the last time she got out of jail.

Parker reiterated that Retzlaff has been a no-show on three occasions since the initial charges were filed.

"The court is aware of the alleged facts in the latest case that she left the state," he said.

Defense attorney Michael Hughes requested that the bond be reduced to \$1,500 cash for all cases due to Retzlaff's current financial situation. Retzlaff had to sell her truck in order to post the latest bond, and in that time, she lost her campground to foreclosure.

"I think that's reasonable given the money she's posted so far," Hughes said.

Parker argued against it and also recommended that the \$15,000 bond currently in place be forfeited. Moran was hesitant to do that, however, as the money was court-ordered to be used to pay for Hughes' services.

"My inclination is that I want her to have counsel," Moran said. "I want to maintain that counsel, but we'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

Retzlaff did not have counsel until August 2022 and had initially tried to represent herself in court, and she claimed she had tried exhaustively to find an attorney both in and out of jail without success. Moran ordered Hughes to be Retzlaff's counsel after she posted the latest bail.

Before the latest bail jumping charges could be filed, Retzlaff convinced Moran to grant her request Dec. 9 to leave Wisconsin with her children and was expected to return to the state Jan. 3.

Hughes told Moran he had no information about why Retzlaff was not in court, but later in the hearing, Moran noted he was notified that Retzlaff was trying to log onto the Zoom network for an appearance.

Shawano County Clerk of Courts Ethan Schmidt said Retzlaff called his office at the start of the hearing to try and get the information to appear via Zoom, but since he knew Moran had ordered her to be in court in person, he would not provide the information.

Moran repeated that the only option Retzlaff had was to be in court in person.

"I made it clear that she needed to be here in person, and I didn't give her an option to appear by Zoom," Moran said.

Previously, Retzlaff claimed she didn't feel comfortable appearing in the Shawano County Courthouse in person due to COVID-19. That was out of sync with her previous publicly reported beliefs that COVID-19 was not a major threat and her vow to kick out anyone from her business who wore a mask.

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CORRECTIONS

Austin M. Hartmann, 28, Shawano, was sentenced to 18 months in prison and two years of extended supervision by Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. It was incorrectly stated that Judge James Habeck sentenced Hartmann in the Jan. 13 edition. We apologize for the error.

Rubber Soul releases 2023 schedule

Six national touring artists coming to Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Those searching for a country music fix need to look no further than Rubber Soul Productions, which has three shows scheduled in the coming months.

The music kicks off Feb. 19, headlined by Sunny Sweeney and Doug Kershaw. The second concert, which takes place March 19, is headlined by Jesse Daniel and Moe Bandy. Finally, the third concert will be held April 23 and will be headlined by Bobby Osborne and Darrell McCall. All three concerts will be at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School auditorium and will start at 4 p.m. All six acts will provide country-style music.

"Six national touring artists are going to be making an appearance at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood auditorium in the coming months," said Rubber Soul Productions Director Rob Wyman. "It is pretty exciting. We don't always have opening acts,

so I wanted to dig a little deeper and get some lesser known acts on the bill and get them some exposure here in Central Wisconsin."

Wyman said that he wants to bring lesser known artists to the area, not only to fill the concert schedule, but also because he wants to keep a good balance of traditional country music, not pop-country music.

"When you only do three shows a year, sometimes it takes too long to get some of these up-and-comers," said Wyman. "It is important for me to represent the old, classic country — the artists that people in their 30s remember listening to with their grandparents."

Hosting concerts here in the past, Wyman said that he has only heard a positive reaction from the public in regard to the music.

"We had a really good base of concert-goers as we built this program," said Wyman. "Obviously the pandemic kind of shut things down, and I feel like last year was kind of a rebuilding

year to try to get people back."

This year, though, Wyman said that there are a few shake-ups, including adding more acts and pricing tickets differently.

"This year we have an opening act for every show, and we are also offering a 20% discount for season ticket holders," said Wyman. "I am trying to use those two items to bring back and continue to build a strong base of season ticket holders to move forward. It is a lot easier for me to continue this, knowing that I have the support from people going forward in the form of season ticket holders."

When buying tickets for the concerts, those looking will be shown three packages — a red package for \$60, a white package for \$50 and a blue package for \$40. Season ticket packages, where interested parties can buy seats for all three shows, are also split into colors, with a red package for \$144, a white package for \$120 and a blue package for \$96.

"(The packages) are the location of

the seats in comparison to the stage," said Wyman. "Those seats up front are more expensive than the seats in the back, and the seats between them are in the middle of those two ticket ranges."

Talking to artists who have performed in the past, Wyman said that the general consensus has been that they enjoy performing at the auditorium, citing the amount of space on stage, the sound quality in the building and the small-town feel from an area like Wittenberg.

"For a lot of these country artists, this the way that they got started — playing in high school gyms or auditoriums out in the country," said Wyman. "It is kind of neat for them to come full circle."

To ask questions or buy tickets, Wyman can be reached at 715-584-4203 or at rubbersoulrob@yahoo.com. Tickets can also be purchased online at RubberSoulProductions.com.

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COURT NEWS

• Nicholas C. Cresci, 25, Fond du Lac, was charged Jan. 9 with one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, one count of throwing/expelling bodily fluid at a public safety worker or prosecutor, seven counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property, two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, one misdemeanor count of operating while intoxicated (third offense) and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$5,000 and a signature bond of \$10,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 17.

• Bruce G. Corleius, 36, Gillett, was charged Jan. 9 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of narcotic drugs, nine counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set a cash bond of \$3,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 17.

• Logan A. Wudtke, 33, Cecil, was charged Jan. 9 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one count of attempted retail theft, intentionally taking greater than \$500-\$5,000, eight counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of retail theft, intentionally taking less than or equal to

\$500 and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,000 and a signature bond of \$1,500. She also scheduled a status conference for Feb. 6.

• Reece E. Nickol, 20, Shawano, was charged Jan. 10 with eight counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a cash bond of \$3,000 and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 10.

• Nathaniel J. Robinson, 31, Shawano, pleaded no contest Jan. 11 to one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of manufacturing/delivering schedule one or two narcotics, one count of maintaining a drug trafficking place and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. One count of possession of narcotic drugs, two counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place, one count of manufacturing/delivering schedule 1 or 2 narcotics, one count of manufacturing/delivering amphetamine, less than or equal to three grams, three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Robinson to one year in jail and five years in probation.

• Melinda L. Meshigaud, 38, Manitowoc, pleaded no contest Jan. 11 to one count of possession of methamphetamine, two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. One

count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed, but read into the record. Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William F. Kussel Jr. sentenced Meshigaud to four months in jail and three years of probation.

• Hunter R. Riden, 24, Mattoon, pleaded no contest Jan. 11 to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. He also pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. One count of bail jumping was dismissed, but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Riden to 60 days in jail and two years of probation.

• Ella M. Decorah, 34, Shawano, pleaded no contest Jan. 11 to one count of unsafe burning of own building, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and three counts of bail jumping. One count of possession of methamphetamine, four counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed, but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Decorah to two years in prison and three years of extended supervision.

• Kamie M. Rein, 32, Demark, pleaded no contest Jan. 11 to one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one

misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. One count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer was dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Rein to two years of probation.

• Kyle S. Kettenhoven, 32, Clintonville, pleaded no contest Jan. 11 to one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. One count of hit and run (involving an injury) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Sloma sentenced Kettenhoven to two years of probation.

• Max G. Moede, 35, Shawano, was charged Jan. 12 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a review hearing for Feb. 21.

• Charges against Kayla B. Johnston, 33, Pulaski, were dismissed Jan. 13 on prosecutor's motion. Those charges included two counts of child abuse.

• Tyrane J. Tomow, 56, Shawano, pleaded no contest Jan. 13 to one count of second-degree recklessly endangering safety and one misdemeanor count of negligent operation of a motor vehicle. Sloma sentenced Tomow to nine months in jail and three years of probation.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 16

Deputies responded to 38 calls, including property theft on state Highway 22 in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; reckless driving on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; a gas drive-off theft call on East Railroad Street in Bowler; shoplifting on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; six crashes.

Jan. 15

Deputies responded to 17 calls, including disorderly conduct on Paradise Lane in the Town of Hartland; a domestic disturbance on Church Lane in the Town of Fairbanks; property damage on Lenz Road in the Town of Grant; reckless driving on Leopolis Road in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; two crashes, one involving a coyote.

Jan. 14

Deputies responded to 30 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; reckless driving on County Road R in the Town of Washington; a weapons offense on County Road E in the Town of Green Valley; trespassing on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg;

property theft on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; operating while intoxicated on South Town Line Road in the Town of Angelica; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; three crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 13

Deputies responded to 24 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; operating while intoxicated on County Road BE in the Town of Waukechon; a disturbance on Cedar Street in Tigerton; a disturbance on Richards Street in Gresham; a domestic disturbance on Mill Creek Road in the Town of Pella; one crash.

Jan. 12

Deputies responded to 29 calls, including a burglary on Huntington Court in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; a drug problem on County Road A in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; an automobile theft on South Mission Street in Wittenberg; three crashes, one involving a raccoon.

Jan. 11

Deputies responded to 31 calls, including property theft on County Road G in the Town of Grant; property theft on East Pioneer Avenue in Wittenberg; a disturbance on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; trespassing on South Mission

Street in Wittenberg; a threat on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; one deer-related crash.

Jan. 10

Deputies responded to 30 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; criminal damage on North Main Street in Shawano; a threat on County Road BE in the Town of Hartland; bail jumping on West Vinal Street in Wittenberg; multiple reckless driving calls on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; four crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 16

Officers responded to 16 calls, including a hit-and-run on East Green Bay Street; property theft on South Evergreen Street; property theft on South Airport Drive; disorderly conduct at Shawano County Library, 128 S. Sawyer St.; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.

Jan. 15

Officers responded to 16 calls, including a domestic disturbance at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on East Lieg Avenue; reckless driving on state Highway 29.

Jan. 14

Officers responded to 14 calls, including multiple disturbance calls on East Fifth Street; a suspicious person at

Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St. **Jan. 13**

Officers responded to 17 calls, including a parking problem on South Franklin Street; a juvenile problem at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.

Jan. 12

Officers responded to 28 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 22; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55; shoplifting at Aldis, 1253 E. Green Bay St.; a hit-and-run at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; property theft on South Evergreen Street.

Jan. 11

Officers responded to 21 calls, including a threat at Safe Haven, 380 Lakeland Road; property theft on South Andrews Street; a restraining order violation on West Picnic Street; a disturbance on North Franklin Street; a threat at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.

Jan. 10

Officers responded to 30 calls, including trespassing on East Richmond Street; a threat on South Andrews Street; a drug offense on South Sawyer Street; a domestic disturbance on Engel Drive; harassment at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; a disturbance at Tom's Tap, 115 N. Main St.

Wallace withdraws speedy trial demand

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

LaNathan Wallace was in court Jan. 13 for what was originally scheduled as a plea and sentencing hearing in relation to a recklessly endangering safety incident in the Town of Washington last June.

Wallace, 32, whose address is listed as homeless in online court records, was charged June 20, 2022, with one count of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, 10 counts of bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of battery and two misdemeanor counts

of disorderly conduct.

During his court appearance, Wallace's attorney Aaron Schenk, who appeared via Zoom, notified Shawano-Menominee Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma that he was recently appointed to Wallace's case. Online records show that Schenk picked up Wallace's case on Dec. 13. Schenk also withdrew Wallace's request for a speedy trial and requested that a jury trial, which was scheduled for Jan. 19, be removed.

"I have not been on the case very long, so I have not had a chance to review all of the discovery to be able to

sit down with my client," said Schenk. "I did inform my client and his family that with a speedy trial demand in place that I certainly would not be willing to take on the case."

Sloma then turned to Wallace and asked if everything Schenk was explaining was OK with him as well, indicating that Wallace requested a speedy trial back in October.

"We did our best to accommodate you, and we got you on the calendar for January and you have been back here a couple of times telling me that you want a speedy trial," said Sloma. "Today your attorney is telling

me that you wish to withdraw that demand."

She warned Wallace that if he did withdraw his speedy trial demand, he would probably have to wait until late spring or early summer before being able to schedule a jury trial.

Wallace affirmed the new request with Sloma and Schenk, delaying his jury trial.

Sloma scheduled a status conference for Feb. 28, giving Schenk more than a month to review the discovery of Wallace's case.

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OBITUARIES

Edward Warren Moede

Edward Warren Moede, 74, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, in Neenah. Ed was born in Green Bay on Aug. 9, 1948, son of the late Warren and Ila Mae (Hill) Moede. Ed was a resident of Shawano and lived in the area for many years. He also spent time living in Green Bay and the Fox Valley. Ed attended Carroll College and law school at the University of Louisville. He loved to travel, often by car, and visited 48 out of 50 states. Even as a young child, he was an avid traveler with his parents and was always up for a road trip, no matter the length.

Ed enjoyed art and surrounded himself with an eclectic collection curated throughout his life. When he found a piece that spoke to him, he never hesitated to ask the owner for it, even the art off someone else's wall. He was also an enthusiastic storyteller, always eager to share stories of his experiences and adventures. Other interests included economics and sports. He loved sports so much, he bought his first color TV for March Madness in 1980.

Ed was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Shawano. Along with fellow members, he hosted the annual Nativity walk



for 11 years running, reaching a peak of over 300 nativity scenes.

He is survived by his children, Warren James Edward "Jake" (Carey) Moede and Alexander "Alex" Nadeau Moede; grandchild, Frank Edward Moede; and numerous cousins, other relatives and friends.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at the First Presbyterian Church in Shawano with Pastor Debbie Pagels officiating. Visitation will be held at the church Monday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in the spring.

Memorials may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church in Shawano.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Jenny's Assisted Living, Island Shores and ThedaCare at Home Hospice staff for the wonderful care given.

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Ron W. Thomson



Ron W. Thomson, 84, Oconto Falls, died peacefully Saturday afternoon, Jan. 7, 2023, at home surrounded by his family. Although he passed a few weeks before their 64th wedding anniversary, he will be in Karen's heart "until we meet again."

He was born July 3, 1938, in the family home in rural Coleman to Henry and Evelyn (Lhotte) Thomson. Ron grew up in Coleman where he attended school and moved to Oconto Falls while in high school. He graduated from Oconto Falls High School with the Class of 1956.

On Feb. 7, 1959, he married Karen Jashinske at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Klondike. The couple lived in Oconto Falls for all their married lives, where Ron was employed at the Scott Paper Co. for over 36 years. Following his retirement, Ron helped his son Scott in his excavating business. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and National Mutual Benefit in Madison, where he once served as an officer.

Ron served on the Town of Oconto Falls Board for 16 years. As a people person, Ron also enjoyed meeting his many friends at the Antique Bar in Oconto Falls where they would be entertained by his "Ron-isms."

Survivors are his wife of 64 years, Karen Thomson, Oconto Falls; their four children, Ronnie (Courtney) Thomson, Oconto Falls, Kerri (Toby)

Schey, Howard, Kevin (fiancé Terri Schroth) Thomson and Scott (Julie Gilligan) Thomson, both of Oconto Falls; eight grandchildren, Jeremy, Daniel and Hunter Thomson,

Alexia, Michael and Alyssa Schey, Kayla and Veronica Thomson; nine great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Jordan and Maddy Thomson, Brie, Ashlyn and Zoey Thomson, Colt and Connor Lemorande and Alaynna Soderlund; one brother, Robert (Vicki) Thomson, Oconto Falls; one sister-in-law, Laurel (Maynard) Kosmal, Mequon; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Dale (Pat) Thomson; one sister, Yvonne (Robert) Telford; and one granddaughter, Kathy Thomson.

Visitation will be held 3-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls. Visitation will continue after 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Oconto Falls until the time of service. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Walter Stump and Ron's good friend, the Rev. Bob Karuhn, concelebrating.

Duane F. Gauger

Duane F. Gauger, 74, formerly of Clintonville, passed away Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, at Edgewater Haven in

Port Edwards.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory of Clintonville.

Elsie M. Wiltzius

Elsie M. Wiltzius, 81, of Clintonville, passed away Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at ThedaCare Medical

Center-Shawano.

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Joan E. (Krakovec) Ninham

Joan E. (Krakovec) Ninham, 88, passed away on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, in Oneida. She was born Oct. 11, 1934, in Michigan, where she lived most of her life.

She is survived by her husband,

Maurice Ninham.

Joan was preceded in death by her son, David Ninham.

Private family services will be held.

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Krizan stays on as Shawano superintendent

Board members concerned about voting on title change prior to evaluation

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Kurt Krizan will no longer have “interim” in front of his title as the Shawano School Board voted Jan. 16 to make him the permanent superintendent.

Krizan has been leading the district on a probationary basis since September in the wake of the departure of Randi Anderson, with the board wanting to keep someone familiar with the district in charge while it figured its next steps to permanently rebuild its leadership. Prior to taking the reins, Krizan was the director of personalized learning for the district.

After the meeting, Krizan said he’s pleased that, now that his position is stable, he can work on leading the district into the future.

“I’m excited for our staff, our



KURT KRIZAN

students and our community,” Krizan said. “I’m very pleased that the board showed the amount of support that they did, and that we can do great things here.”

Krizan did not have specifics on what the “great things” were but said that they would be geared toward providing the best learning environment for students. “We’re preparing those kids for whatever the future holds for them,” he said.

The vote was far from unanimous, however, because some board members said they were concerned about the vote taking place before any kind of evaluation has been conducted. The agenda for the Jan. 16 meeting listed a closed session that was specifically called for Krizan’s evaluation at the end of the meeting, but the vote for what was listed as a “revision” to an administrator’s contract was listed in the middle of the agenda.

Initially, a motion was made

to postpone the vote on Krizan’s contract change until February, after the closed session evaluation, but the board was deadlocked 4-4, with Bobbi Lemerond, Al Pyatskowit, Mart Grams and Sam Sousek voting in favor, and Mike Musolf, Alysia Pillsbury, Jeana Winslow and John Arens voting against. Karen Smith was absent.

A second motion, which changed the contract, passed by a 5-3 vote, with Pyatskowit voting with Musolf and company on the change.

Lemerond, who made the motion to table, said she liked Krizan and his leadership, but the procedure did not seem correct.

“This is nothing personal against you,” Lemerond said. “I’d prefer to wait a month until after the evaluation and then take ‘interim’ off (Krizan’s title).”

Grams said he has not seen much improvement in morale since Krizan became superintendent.

“They say, ‘Nothing has gotten better. Kurt’s just a nicer guy,’” Grams said. “They say you’re a nicer guy, but the people under are eating us alive.”

Pillsbury pointed out that the dis-

trict’s situation is going to take more than a few months to overcome.

“We have a mountain to climb. I know culture does not change overnight,” Pillsbury said. “I’m going to offer a vote of confidence.”

Pillsbury also questioned why the board could not simply vote on the contract change right after the closed session evaluation.

Krizan noted that a number of superintendent positions had opened up in January in the state, so a vote now would be appropriate to give staff an indication that the district has stable leadership at the top.

“There are some things also from a staff perspective, such as where we are going,” Krizan said. “We have a bus contract that we’re going to be negotiating. We have a possible referendum. The bus company wants to talk to the person who will be in the position July 1.”

Aside from the title change, Krizan’s contract remains the same. The contract expires June 30, so the board will need to vote on a new contract at a later date.

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Shawano council chambers get facelift



Listening to a presentation at the Jan. 11 Shawano Common Council meeting while sitting behind the desk built by city staff are, from left, Alderman John Hoefts, Alderwoman Lisa Hoffman and Alderman Jim Hauer.

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By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Shawano City Hall recently expanded the council chambers and installed new desks for the members and key city officials.

The council got to use the revamped room Jan. 11 after a couple of months of utilizing the community room down the hall for meetings. The new chambers can hold more audience members while providing a more professional look for the council.

Matt Hendricks, parks and recreation director, told the council that the desks were built in-house by staff for just a few thousand dollars. He noted that contracting out the custom desks would have cost the city as much as \$55,000, so it was fiscally responsible to have things handled internally.

Hendricks noted that the way the council works with staff on things like the budget inspires employees to take part on special projects like this one.

The metal work on the city logos at the mayor's desk and the podium where audience members can speak were done by Shawano Community High School technical education students, according to Hendricks.



Shown at the new desks in the Shawano Common Council chambers are, from left, City Administrator Eddie Sheppard, City Clerk Lesley Nemetz, Alderman Brad Keuschel, Alderman Kevin Barkow and Alderwoman Sandy Steinke.

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The wood panel behind the mayor's desk also has a special story, according to Hendricks. When it became necessary to find more space in Woodlawn Cemetery about four years ago, several large oak and pine trees were cut down to provide that space. However, instead of

being disposed, they were used to make the panel.

"Instead of disposing of them, we actually had a local company come in with a portable sawmill and built it on-site," Hendricks said during the council meeting.

Alderman Kevin Barkow sug-

gested one additional item to make the revamp complete — a dedication sign with the names of all the employees and community members who came together and worked on the project.

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Board members seek details on purchases

Bills only detailing where, not what for, money is being spent in school district

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

What are Shawano School District employees using purchase cards for specifically?

That was a question key on the mind of members of the Shawano School Board when it came to paying the bills on Jan. 16. Normally a piece of business that takes 30 seconds to complete, the topic of the cards took on a life of its own when board members were concerned about approving high costs without specifically knowing what it's being spent on.

Board member Samuel Sousek questioned whether paying the bills listed puts the district over or under its budget.

"How are we doing month-to-date and year-to-date?" said Sousek, who has a banking background.

Sousek noted that not having a full-time finance director at the moment, along with other vacancies, was good for the bottom line, but he wanted to know where the district stood on finances.

"We've been using some of those funds for other purposes, so where are we at?" Sousek said.

Board member Bobbi Lemerond expressed concern about specific spending. She said she asked two months ago for transaction descriptions to be included with the bills.

"Just the credit card transactions, we had \$21,000 in transactions in the matter of a few weeks, and maybe five out of hundreds actually listed



Shawano School Board member Bobbi Lemerond, left, asks for details on purchases in the monthly bills during the Jan. 21 meeting in the Shawano Community High School library as board member Mart Grams and administrators in the background listen.

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a description of what those transactions are for," Lemerond said. "I'd like to know who gets to use each one of these cards — like 'PS Clerical.' What is 'PS Clerical'? Who uses that card? What are the purchases for?"

Lemerond noted that the clerical card showed \$3,800 in spending for the last month, while the district's building and maintenance department only spent \$1,400, which she found odd. She pointed out spending at Luigi's and McDonald's as questionable purchases.

"We need to watch the purse strings if we're in a budget shortfall," Lemerond said.

Superintendent Kurt Krizan pointed out that each school and department has a set budget they cannot go over, so the district office tightly monitors the spending.

"Once you take our salaries and benefits, there's not a lot left there, so they're very cautious on the spending that's there," Krizan said.

Board member John Arens questioned why the amount of detail needed to be relayed to him and the other board members. He said he trusts Krizan and department leaders to work within their budget.

"At our level, we're not in this for day-to-day operations," Arens said.

"We approved an amount (in the budget). Once we approve the budget, the only person we can control is Kurt. We hired him to make sure everything runs on the day-to-day stuff. I don't want to sit in meetings for six to eight hours while we get bogged down on buying pencils."

Board member Mart Grams pointed out that letting the superintendent supervise the budget unchecked was how the district found itself with a \$2 million deficit last year.

"We've had problems, and we'll continue to have problems," Grams said. "I've heard that excuse for decades."

Street bids come in \$200K under budget

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The city of Shawano will have roughly \$200,000 extra to work with after bids for 2023 street and utility reconstruction work came in under budget.

The Shawano Common Council unanimously approved Jan. 11 the bid of \$893,968.76 from David Tenor Construction for the streets project, which was the lowest of 10 bids offered. The city had budgeted almost \$1.1 million for the project.

The work that David Tenor will be doing includes work on Weed

Street between Richmond and Danks streets, River Street between Picnic and Pine streets, Pine Street between River and Bartlett streets and Danks Street between Weed and Bartlett streets. Most of the work is sanitary sewer and water main lines coupled with street repaving, but a new sidewalk will also be built on Pine Street between River and Weed streets.

"We got fantastic numbers from David Tenor," public works director Scott Kroening said to the council.

Kroening noted that the higher number of bids came as a result of the city allowing contractors to bid

online for the first time. Previously, bids had to be mailed to the city.

"We thought it was an avenue where we could entice more bidders, and we did," Kroening said. "Normally, we get seven. We got 10 bidders."

Tenor has worked on previous street projects for the city, and Kroening said the work is excellent.

"He left quite a bit of money on the table," Kroening said. "That indicates he really wanted to do this project. He really enjoys working here with our crew."

The city anticipated bids to come in under budget and had set the

sidewalk project and the Pine and Danks streets as alternatives in the bid, according to Kroening.

"I'm really happy that I'm not here saying, 'Oh, I'm sorry that I'm way over (budget),'", he said. "I'm just ecstatic that we got the numbers we did, and we've got a little extra money to work with in case we come up with any issues."

Kroening said the savings could be utilized to seal more cracks on existing roads or possibly do another block or two of roads not budgeted for 2023.

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ABC	Good Morning America (N) 		 Good Morning America (N)   Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		 Wildlife   Morning	 oh baby! (N) 	 Hearts of   Wildlife	 Saving Pets   oh baby!	NFL's Most Interesting Jobs		UFC Live (N)  (Live) 		College Basketball UCLA at Arizona. McKale Memorial Center. (N)  (Live) 		 Best-Legends   Inside Ed.	 Today's Home-owner	 Sports Stars   Outages	 Paid Program   Identity Theft	 Paid Prog.   Our America	ABC World News		
CBS	 Mission   CBS Sat	 Hope in the Wild (N)  (EI)	 CBS Sat   Lucky Dog	 Innovation Nation	 Mission Unstoppable (N)	 Hope in the Wild (N)  (EI)	 Lucky Dog  (DVS)	Did I Mention Invention?	 TBA   Paid Program	Inside College Basketball (N)	College Basketball TCU at Kansas. Allen Fieldhouse. (N)  (Live) 		To Be Announced	 To Be Announced					 TBA   Paid Program	CBS Weekend News		
FOX	 55 Xplor. Planet   11 News	 55 Xploration Space	 55 Life 2.0  (EI) 	 55 Sci Q  (EI) 	 55 Paid Program   11 Life 2.0	 55 Paid Program   11 Sci Q  (EI)	Paid Program 	Paid Program 	 55 Paid Program   11 TBA	 55 Paid Program 	 55 To Be Announced		College Basketball Iowa at Ohio State. Schottenstein Center. (N)  (Live) 		To Be Announced	NFL Football NFC Divisional Round: Teams TBA. (N)  (Live) 						
NBC	 26 Today   12 (6:00) Today	 12 906 Outdoors	 12 Today's Home-owner	 12 Look Young Instantly   Roots	Earth Odyssey With Dylan	Wild Child (N)  (DVS)	Harlem Globetrotters	One Team-Sports	 23 WalkFit!   12 The Voyager	Premier League Soccer Crystal Palace vs Newcastle United. (N)  (Live) 		Premier League Goal Zone (N)	LPGA Tour Golf Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, Third Round. (N)  (Live) 		FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Kitzbühel - Men's Downhill. (Taped)		 23 Oxygen   12 Theft	NBC Nightly News				
PBS	 20 WHRM   38 WLEF   38 WPNE	Hero Elementary  (EI)  (DVS)	Alma's Way  (EI)  (DVS)	Curious George "Hamster, Sleepers"	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood  (DVS)	Best of Sewing With Nancy 	Quilting Arts "It's Crazy"  (EI) 	Garden Smart "Soil Ecology"  (EI) 	Classic Wood-working  (EI) 	Jacques Pépin: Heart & Soul  (EI) 	Lidia's Kitchen Seafood and leek risotto.  (EI) 	Steven Raichlen's Project Fire  (EI) 	Taste-MAKERS Red Table Meat Co.  (EI) 	Cook's Country Roast pork loin with garlic.  (EI) 	Christopher Kimball's Milk Street  (EI) 	Sara's Week-night Meals  (EI) 	Pati's Mexican Table (EI)	This Old House Pouring new foundations. (EI)	Ask This Old House (EI)	Week-ends With Yankee (EI)	Modern Pioneering With Georgia Pellegrini (EI)	The Lawrence Welk Show "Broadway Musicals" A salute to Broadway musicals. (EI)
WACY	Hearts	oh baby!	Paid	Mak	Clean	Out	MidWest	Bensin	World's	World's	SOS: Survive											
WTPX	Bones 		Bones 		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
CW	 13 Outdoor   33 Pop-star!	 13 Larry K   33 MyPillow	Jack Hanna's Into the Wild	Jack Hanna's Into the Wild	Jack Hanna's Into the Wild	Jack Hanna's Into the Wild	Pet Vet Dream Team 	Tails of Valor  (EI) 	 13 Science   23 Live Life-Win	 13 Ukraine   33 MyPillow	 13 Relief   33 Rescue	 13 Cook Like   33 Theft	 13 Boundless   33 *** Stuart Little 2 (2002) <i>Geena Davis.</i> 	 13 WOW - Women Of Wrestling  (DVS)	 13 Sports   33 Highway	 13 Greatest Sports	 13 House Call TV: New Hope For Aging Joints	 13 Bloodline Dete	 13 Last Man	 13 Last Man   33 Burgers		

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	6 PM		6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)		9 Financially Speaking with Buska Re	UFC 283: Teixeira vs. Hill - Prelims From Jeunesse Arena in Rio de Janeiro. (N)  (Live) 				Shark Tank Emma Grede, the CEO of Good American.  (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	9 (:35) Weird Earth	9 (:05) The Song "Deana Carter" (N) 	9 (:35) Storm of Suspicion	
9 WAOW			9 Paid Prog.							9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	9 (:35) Investigate TV		9 (:35) Opry (N Same-day Tape)	
2 WBAY														
CBS	9 Game Time With Boomer		9 Discover Wisconsin 	NFL Football AFC Divisional Round: Teams TBA. (N)  (Live) 						9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	9 (:35) HS Sports Xtra (N)	9 (:05) Friends	9 (:35) Friends 	
5 WFRV			9 NewsChannel 7 at 6							9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	9 (:35) Beat the Odds	9 (:05) The Song "Deana Carter" (N)	9 (:35) Opry (N Same-day Tape)	
7 WSAW			9 The NFL Today (N) 											
FOX	(3:30) NFL Football NFC Divisional Round: Teams TBA. (N)		53 The Big Bang Theory	Special Forces: World's Toughest Test "Weakness" The recruits arrive for training.  (DVS)		Special Forces: World's Toughest Test "Mindset" An emergency escape drill.  (DVS)		53 The Big Bang Theory	53 The Big Bang Theory  11 Seinfeld 	Name That Tune "The Main Event for Big Gold" Chris Jericho; Adam Rippon.  (DVS)		53 S.W.A.T. 	11 The King of Queens Holly is kicked out of her apartment. 	
55 WZAW			11 NFL on FOX Post-game (N)					10 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)				11 Seinfeld 		
11 WLUK														
NBC	23 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 		23 Paid Program  12 Wheel of Fortune  12 Paid Program 	The Wall 		Dateline NBC 		Saturday Night Live  (EI) 		23 News	(29) Saturday Night Live "Aubrey Plaza; Sam Smith" Host Aubrey Plaza; Sam Smith performs. (N)  (Live) 			
23 WGBA										12 Newswatch 12				
12 WJFW										Saturday				
PBS	The Carol Burnett Show "Jack Klugman and Tony Randall" Guests: Jack Klugman and Tony Randall.  (EI) 			Father Brown "The Requiem for the Dead" Father Brown must delve into the past.  (EI) 		Sister Boniface Mysteries "Love and Other Puzzles" A woman is found dead.  (EI) 		Frankie Drake Mysteries "Sweet Justice" Trudy discovers that her home issues.  (EI) 		Agatha Christie's Poirot "Murder on the Orient Express" Poirot investigates the murder of a shady American businessman.  (EI) 			The Suspicions of Mr Whicher Whicher saves a lady from a robbery. (Part 2 of 4)	
20 WHRM														
36 WLEF														
38 WPNE														
32 WACY	Family Feud 	Two/Half Men		NBA G League Basketball Raptors 905 at Wisconsin Herd. (N) (Live)				Am Housewife	Am Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy 	Family Guy 	S.W.A.T. 	
46 WTPX	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		
CW	13 The Big Bang Theory  (EI) 		13 The Big Bang Theory Raj and Howard form a band.  (EI) 	Criss Angel's Magic With the Stars "Submerged" Ginuwine; Jeff Timmons.  (EI) 		World's Funniest Animals Derrex Brady; Mikalah Gordon. (N)  (EI) 	World's Funniest Animals Hopping horses; rambunctious rats.  (EI) 	13 The Rookie	13 The Liquidator	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)		13 TMZ (N)  (EI) 	13 To the Rescue Detroit dogs prepare for forever homes.	
14 WCWF														
34 WYOW														

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ABC	Good Morning America (N) 		This Week W/ George Stephanopoulos		Capitol This Week	Up-Front	Financial UpFront	Paid Program  Hearts of	Coldwell Vets-Pets	Wisconsin Free Ent.	Women's College Basketball NC State at Louisville. KFC Yum! Center. (N)  (Live) 			Australian Open Highlights (N)  (EI) 		Sports Whacked Out	Paid Program 	Outdoors Paid Prg.	Paid Program 	ABC World News	9 News		
WAOW																							
WBAY																							
CBS	TBA	Sunday Mass 7 Sun.	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)  (EI) 			Face the Nation (N)  (EI) 		Game Day Retirement	College Basketball Michigan State at Indiana. Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall. (N)  (Live) 			To Be Announced		To Be Announced					7 CBS Weekend News	9 CBS News News-Chan			
WFRV																							
WSAW																							
FOX	Paid Prog.	Mountain Faith	FOX News Sunday (N) 	Sharyl Attkisson	Invest. Fox News	Paid Program 	Paid Program 	Paid Program 	College Basketball Butler at Connecticut. XL Center. (N)  (Live) 			To Be Announced			NFL Football NFC Divisional Round: Teams TBA. (N)  (Live) 					11 Sports Gone Wild			
WZAW																							
WLUK																							
NBC	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N)  (EI) 		23 M't Press	12 Paid Program  Athlete	26 Know 12 Meet Press	26 MidWest Outdoors	23 Paid Prg. 12 Remodeler	Premier League Soccer Arsenal vs Manchester United. (N)  (Live) 			Premier League Goal Zone (N)	Football Night in America (N)  (Live) 		NFL Football AFC Divisional Round: Teams TBA. (N)  (Live) 					NBC Nightly News				
WGBA																							
WJFW																							
PBS	Hero Elementary (N)  (EI)  (DVS)	Alma's Way (N)  (EI)  (DVS)	Curious George (N)  (EI)  (DVS)	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood  (DVS)	Washington Week 	Firing Line With Margaret Hoover	Here and Now	Market to Market 	Agatha Christie's Poirot "Murder on the Orient Express" Poirot investigates the murder of a shady American businessman.  (EI) 			Bad Move "Shut Up"		Father Brown "The Requiem for the Dead" Father Brown must delve into the past.  (EI) 		Sister Boniface Mysteries "Love and Other Puzzles" A woman is found dead.		The U.S. and the Holocaust "The Homeless, The Tempest-Tossed (1942 --)" Allies liberate German camps.  (EI) 			Lac Du Flambeau Ojibwe History 		
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WYOW																							

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ABC	Good Morning America				1 Live	2 25 Words or Less	The View		3 News 9	3 Drew Barrymore	3 GMA3: What	2 Paid Program	General Hospital		3 Tamron Hall		Dr. Phil		3 News at 4PM		2 Action 2 News at 4:30	3 News 9	ABC World News	
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32 WACY	46 WTPX	Judge	Relative																					
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CW	14 National 34 Divor.	34 Caught in Providence	14 Weather 34 M'y	14 Paid Program	14 Court 34 S. Wilkos	14 Couples Court	14 Hot Bench 34 Karamo	14 Hot Bench	14 Paternity 34 M'y	14 Paternity Court	14 Law & Order: SVU 34 XTRA	34 Access Hollywood	14 Judge Jerry 34 Sherri		14 Judge Mathis 34 Judge Jerry		14 Pictionary 34 Karamo	14 You Bet Your Life	14 Jeopardy 34 Steve Wilkos	14 Funny You Ask	14 You Bet	14 Sheldon 34 Judge	14 Sheldon 34 Judge	

TUESDAY						EVENING						JAN. 24	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment To-night (N) 	The Rookie "Daddy Cop" Nolan and Aaron follow leads. (N)  		The Rookie: Feds "The Remora" Simone and Laura help Carter. (N)  		Will Trent "My Stupid Detective Brain" Will makes strides in his partnership. (N)  		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!  	(:(37) Nightline (N) 		
CBS	9 Local 5 News at 6:00 9 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9 Locker Room (N) 9 Inside Edition (N) 	FBI "Breakdown" An attack leaves two MTA workers dead. (N)  		FBI: International "Someone She Knew" The team races to find a kidnapped teen. (N)  		FBI: Most Wanted "Crypto Wars" The team investigates an explosion. (N)  		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert  	(:(37) The Late Late Show With James Corden  		
FOX	63 The Big Bang Theory 	63 The Big Bang Theory  11 Jeopardy! (N) 	9-1-1: Lone Star (Season Premiere) (N)  		(:01) Accused (N)  		9 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 10 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	9 Seinfeld Kramer befriends a caddy who helps him.  	9 Seinfeld "The Frogger"  10 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 	63 Last Man Standing  11 (:35) Seinfeld 	63 Last Man Standing  11 (:07) The King of Queens 	63 The Goldbergs  11 (:35) The King of Queens 	
NBC	63 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 	23 Family Feud  12 Wheel of Fortune (N) 	Night Court Abby makes a mistake in the courtroom. (N)  		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		63 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 9 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon  	(:(37) Late Night With Seth Meyers  		
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) 		State of the State "Wisconsin 2023"		American Masters "Roberta Flack" The life and career of Roberta Flack. (N)  		Al Jarreau: Coming Home An exploration of the musician's career.  		Rick Steves Art of Europe "The Middle Ages" The Middle Ages; High Middle Ages.  		NOVA "Beyond the Elements: Indestructible" Glass, rubber and plastic.  		
WACY	Family Feud (N)	Two/Half Men	Dateline 		Chicago P.D. "Confidential" 		My News at 9 NBC 26 Tonight		Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom  	
WTPX	Chicago Fire "Red Rag the Bull"		Chicago Fire 		Chicago Fire 		Chicago Fire 		Chicago Fire 		Chicago Fire "What's Inside You"		
CW	61 The Big Bang Theory 	61 The Big Bang Theory  9 Divorce Court (N) 	The Winchesters "Reflections" Millie helps decipher notes left behind.  		The Winchesters "Hang on to Your Life" Mary and John stay close to home. (N)  		61 Last Man Standing  61 The Liquidator 		61 Seinfeld "The Frogger"  9 Chicago P.D. "Confidential" 	61 The National Desk (N) (Live) 9 black-ish "Sink or Swim"	61 Last Man Standing  9 black-ish 	61 Young Sheldon  9 Family Guy 	
WCWF	9 Divorce Court (N) 		9 Divorce Court 										
WYOW													

WEDNESDAY						EVENING						JAN. 25	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (TV 14)	The Conners Darlene receives a promotion. (TV 14) (DVS)	The Goldbergs The country music craze hits the town. (TV 14)	Abbott Elementary "Egg Drop" An egg drop activity. (TV 14)	(:31) Abbott Elementary Janine is out sick for the day. (TV 14)	Big Sky (TV 14) (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (TV 14)		(:37) Nightline (N) (TV 14)	
9 WAOW 2 WBAY													
CBS	9 Local 5 News at 6:00 9 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9 Green Bay Nation (N) 9 Inside Edition (N) (TV 14)	The Price Is Right at Night Contestants who work for gratuity. (N) (TV 14)		Lingo "Episode 3" (N) (TV 14)		Tough as Nails "Crush It!" (N) (TV 14)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (TV 14)		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (TV 14)	
5 WFRV 7 WSAW													
FOX	63 The Big Bang Theory (TV 14) 61 Jeopardy! (N) (TV 14)	63 The Big Bang Theory (TV 14) 61 Wheel of Fortune (N) (TV 14)	Name That Tune (N) (TV 14) (DVS)		Special Forces: World's Toughest Test (N) (TV 14) (DVS)		63 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	63 Seinfeld "The Seven" Jerry's girlfriend wears the same dress.	63 Seinfeld "The Maid" (TV 14) 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (TV 14)	63 Last Man Standing (TV 14) 11 (:07) The King of Queens (TV 14)	63 Last Man Standing (TV 14) 11 (:35) Seinfeld (TV 14)	63 The Goldbergs (TV 14) 11 (:35) The King of Queens (TV 14)	
55 WZAW 11 WLUK													
NBC	63 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) (TV 14) 9 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) (TV 14)	23 Family Feud (TV 14) 12 Wheel of Fortune (N) (TV 14)	Chicago Med "(Caught Between) The Wrecking Ball and the Butterfly" Maggie reveals something to Ben. (TV 14) (DVS)		Chicago Fire "Completely Shattered" Kidd preps her lieutenant's quarters. (TV 14) (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "A Good Man" Halstead connects with a robbery victim. (TV 14) (DVS)		9 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 9 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (TV 14)		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (TV 14)	
26 WGBA 12 WJFW													
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) (TV 14)		Nature "Soul of the Ocean" A look at how life underwater co-exists. (N) (TV 14) (DVS)		NOVA "Beyond the Elements: Life" The origins of life on Earth. (TV 14) (DVS)		Secrets of the Dead "Bombing Auschwitz" The Allies consider bombing Auschwitz. (TV 14)		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Far From Home" Jamie Chung; Cyndi Lauper; Danny Trejo. (TV 14)	Frank Lloyd Wright's Boynton House: The Next Hundred Years Restoring Boynton House. (TV 14)			
20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE													
32 WACY	NBA G League Basketball Wisconsin Herd at Motor City Cruise. (N)				Family Feud (N)	Two/Half Men	My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom (TV 14)	
46 WTPX	Blue Bloods "Behind the Smile" (TV 14)		Blue Bloods "Another Look" (TV 14)		Blue Bloods "The Price You Pay"		Blue Bloods "Glass Houses" (TV 14)		Blue Bloods "Higher Standards"		Blue Bloods (TV 14) (DVS)		
CW	61 The Big Bang Theory (TV 14) 61 Divorce Court (N) (TV 14)	61 The Big Bang Theory (TV 14) 61 Divorce Court (TV 14)	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Teller and the Big Dummy" Apollo Riego; Rachel Wax; Kolos. (TV 14)		Kung Fu "Villians" Althea gives Evan some advice. (TV 14)		61 Last Man Standing (TV 14) 61 The Liquidator	61 Seinfeld "The Maid" (TV 14) 61 Chicago P.D. "Captivity" (TV 14)	61 The National Desk (N) (Live)	61 The National Desk (N) 61 black-ish "Hope" (TV 14)	61 Last Man Standing (TV 14) 61 black-ish (TV 14)	61 Young Sheldon (TV 14) 61 Family Guy (TV 14)	
14 WCWF 34 WYOW													

THURSDAY					EVENING					JAN. 26			
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) 14	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Semifinal 3" (N) 14 (DVS)		The Parent Test "Let's Talk About Sex" Families face unnerving challenges. (N) 14 (DVS)		The Chase (N) 14 14 (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 14 14	(:(37) Nightline (N) 14		
9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 Action 2 News at Six (N)												
CBS	9 Local 5 News at 6:00 9 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 14 9 Inside Edition (N) 14 14	Young Sheldon Sheldon makes a terrifying discovery. 14	(:31) Ghosts Sasapis criticizes Pete's cheerfulness. 14 14	(:01) So Help Me Todd "Big Bang Theories" Lyle's niece is accused of a crime. 14 14		CSI: Vegas "In Harm's Way" Grace disappears. 14 14		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 14 14	(:(37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 14 14		
5 WFRV 7 WSAW													
FOX	63 The Big Bang Theory 14 14 61 Jeopardy! (N) 14 14	63 The Big Bang Theory 14 61 Wheel of Fortune (N) 14	Hell's Kitchen (N) 14 14 (DVS)		(:01) Welcome to Flatch (N) 14 14 (DVS)	Call Me Kat (N) 14 (DVS)	9 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 9 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	63 Seinfeld "The Cadillac" Jerry surprises folks. 14	63 Seinfeld "The Clip Show" 61 Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	63 Last Man Standing 14 61 (:07) The King of Queens 14	63 Last Man Standing 14 61 (:35) Seinfeld 14	63 The Goldbergs 14 61 (:35) The King of Queens 14	
55 WZAW 11 WLUK													
NBC	63 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 14 9 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 14	23 Family Feud 14 12 Wheel of Fortune (N) 14	Law & Order "Almost Famous" Price and Maroun take a risk. (N) 14 14 (DVS)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Blood Out" Velasco takes drastic action. (N) 14 14 (DVS)		Law & Order: Organized Crime "Partners in Crime" Stabler gets a secret mission. (N) 14 14 (DVS)		63 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 9 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 14 14	(:(37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 14 14		
26 WGBA 12 WJFW													
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) 14 14		John McGivern's Main Streets "De Pere, Wisconsin" (N)	Wisconsin Foodie Wisconsin native, Chef Yia Vang at his new concept, Vinai.	Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Clocks" A middle-aged man is stabbed to death. 14 14		Bad Move "Get Lost" A right of way goes through the garden.		American Masters "Roberta Flack" The life and career of Roberta Flack. 14 14 (DVS)		John McGivern's Main Streets "De Pere, Wisconsin"		
20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE													
32 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud 14	Two/Half Men	Dateline "The Motive" 14 14		Chicago P.D. "Chasing Monsters"		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom 14 14	
	Chicago P.D. "Hit Me" 14 14		Chicago P.D. 14 14		Chicago P.D. "A Night Owl" 14		Chicago P.D. 14 14		Chicago P.D. 14 14		Chicago P.D. "New Guard" 14		
CW	61 The Big Bang Theory 14 63 Divorce Court (N) 14 14	61 The Big Bang Theory 14 14 63 Divorce Court 14 14	Walker "Blinded by the Light" Trey's lands in hot water. (N) 14 14		Walker Independence "All In" Kate, Hoyt and Lucia work together. (N) 14 14		61 Last Man Standing 14 63 The Liquidator 14 14 (DVS)	61 Seinfeld 14 63 Chicago P.D. 14 (DVS)	61 The National Desk (N) (Live) 63 black-ish "Black Nanny"	61 The National Desk (N) 63 black-ish "Black Nanny"	61 Last Man Standing 14 63 black-ish 14	61 Young Sheldon 14 63 Family Guy 14	
14 WCWF 34 WYOW													

Grants available for electronics recycling

The DNR has an up-to-date, interactive list of E-Cycle Wisconsin collection sites and mail-back programs. The list allows residents to map nearby collection sites, look up locations by county and find free trade-in and mail-back programs.

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Park Lane. Meat and prize raffles starting
at 2 p.m., 50/50 raffles throughout the
day, plus a fisheree and kids fishing derby
(7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; fish any lake). Raffle
ticket announcements 6:30 p.m. and 7
p.m.

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FRIDAY			EVENING								JAN. 27									
			6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30						
ABC News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N) WAOW Action 2 News at Six (N)			Entertainment To-night (N)		Shark Tank A device designed to help save time. (N) (DVS)		(:01) 20/20				News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) Action 2 News at 10 (N)		(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:37) Nightline (N)					
CBS WFRV WSAW			(4:00) PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open: Third Round. (N) (Live)		S.W.A.T. "Cry Foul" Deadly explosions hit oil derricks.		Fire Country "Like Old Times" A hiker falls from a steep cliff.		Blue Bloods "Good Intentions" A man is desperate to find his sister. (DVS)		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden					
FOX The Big Bang Theory Jeopardy! (N)			The Big Bang Theory "Pilot" Wheel of Fortune (N)		WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		Seinfeld "The Cadillac" Jerry buys his folks a new car.		Seinfeld "The Clip Show" Fox 11 News at 10 (N)		Last Man Standing (:07) The King of Queens		Last Man Standing (:35) The King of Queens			
NBC NBC26 News at 6pm (N) WGBA Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)			Family Feud Wheel of Fortune (N)		Figure Skating U.S. Championships, Women's Free Skate. From San Jose, Calif. (N) (Live)						NBC26 News at 10pm (N) Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers					
PBS WHRM WLEF WPNE			PBS NewsHour (N)		Washington Week (N)		Here and Now (N)		The Suspicions of Mr Whicher Jack Whicher takes on a divorce case. (Part 4 of 4)		The Goes Wrong Show Members put on their own performances.		Independent Lens "No Straight Lines" Cartoonists depict LGBTQ lives.		The Caverns Sessions Singer-songwriter Shooter Jennings.					
WACY			Family Feud		Two/Half Men		NBA G League Basketball Greensboro Swarm at Wisconsin Herd. (N)			My News at 9		NBC 26 Tonight		Two/Half Men		Am Housewife				
WTPX			Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0 "Lehu a Lehu"		Hawaii Five-0			Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0 "Ka 'alaphai Nui"		Hawaii Five-0 "Na Piliikua Nui"						
CW The Big Bang Theory WCWF Divorce Court (N)			The Big Bang Theory Divorce Court		Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Tic Tac Time Travel" Dustin Dean; Alan Hudson. (N)			Criss Angel's Magic With the Stars "Video Game to Live" Randy Couture and Frank Mir. (N)			Last Man Standing The Liquidator		Seinfeld "The Clip Show" Chicago P.D. "Sisterhood"		The National Desk (N) (Live)		The National Desk (N) (Live) black-ish		Last Man Standing black-ish	
WYOW			Divorce Court (N)		black-ish			black-ish			black-ish		black-ish		Family Guy					

\$500K federal grant to help with library

Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood has received word from U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin that their grant request of \$500,000 was included in the 2023 federal budget. The money will be used toward an extensive renovation and expansion of the facility.

Plans for the addition include enhanced technology, more public use computer stations, easier access for patrons with disabilities, an enlarged children's library and a new Teen Zone. There are also plans for a soundproof room for access to telehealth services, a quiet study room furnished and equipped for those with sensory/learning challenges, a local history room and even a soft seating area to relax and read a book or periodical chosen from the library's extensive collection.

"In communicating with Sen. Baldwin's staff, we learned that she was supportive of the project from the day she read our application," said fundraising committee chairwoman Kathleen Marsh. "Like us, she was concerned that Lakewood Library had outgrown its ability to provide adequate services. We are thrilled that she has helped us take this giant step toward reaching our fundraising goal so that we can fulfill our mission of providing 21st century services in a very underserved rural community."

Tom Thielke, the library's building expansion committee co-chairman, thinks the term "underserved" is a bit off the mark.

"We have no schools in the four towns (Doty, Lakewood, Riverview and Townsend) that own the library jointly, so we are the go-to information and learning center in northern Oconto County," Thielke said.

Library Director Katie Essermann believes more could be done



The children's area at the Lakes Country Public Library is quiet and empty in this photo, but most days, the area is crammed with children participating in library programs or checking out materials. This area is one of several parts of the library that are expected to expand once \$1.2 million is raised for the project.
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if the technology was there and more space was available, noting that their tiny size doesn't show that Lakewood's library has had the highest circulation countywide for the last two years.

"Monday morning children's storytime typically draws an overflow contingent of the wee ones," Essermann said. "We absolutely need a safe and welcoming area for our teens. The tiny meeting room,

which is actually a book storage closet, is busy every day of the week, and, at all hours of the day and night, residents and visitors park outside to access our reliable high-speed internet."

CoVantage returns \$5M in patronage to members

CoVantage Credit Union deposited \$5 million in patronage into the accounts of members who borrowed and saved with the credit union in 2022.

This is the 42nd consecutive year that a patronage payment has been distributed, a concept that originated many years ago as a way for cooperatives like CoVantage to give extra value to those who use their services.

Over the past five years, the credit union has returned more than \$20 million to members.

CoVantage is one of only a few credit unions in the country that provide this unique financial benefit, according to CoVantage Board chairwoman Susan Gitzlaff.

"I am so proud to be part of a mission-based credit union like we have with CoVantage," Gitzlaff

said. "When the board evaluates the financials, we determine how much income is needed in reserves to protect the credit union when times get tough. To know that we can give back over \$5 million after we've done this is amazing."

The year-end patronage payment includes a bonus on dividends earned for those who save, and a loan interest rebate for those who borrow.

CoVantage depositors received a 5% bonus on dividends earned on eligible savings, term share certificates and variable rate accounts. Borrowers received a rebate of 5% of their total 2022 interest paid on eligible vehicle, home equity, in-house mortgage, credit card and commercial loans.

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OPINION

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Here's to a more transparent 2023 in Wisconsin

As ever, 2022 was a roller coaster year for open government.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court made it harder for requesters to recover attorneys' fees for open records suits, but it also issued a ruling to prevent outsiders from blocking responses to open records requests.

Elections officials struggled under the weight of open records requests in the 2022 election season, but information about the Wisconsin Assembly's investigation into the 2020 election was finally made public.

So what can Wisconsin officials do better in 2023? Plenty.

First, the Wisconsin Legislature should pass a fix to the Wisconsin Supreme Court's opinion in *Friends of Frame Park v. City of Waukesha*, which set a higher bar for requesters to recover their attorneys' fees when they have to sue to get records.

The Wisconsin Freedom of Infor-



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more delays in providing records.

A conservative law firm, the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, agreed. The law firm issued a policy brief proposing different solutions to the decision, including one similar to the fix made by Congress to the federal Freedom of Information Act. We hope the legislature and governor's office pay attention.

Second, some agencies are experiencing backlogs in providing responses to records requests,

mation Council issued a statement when the decision was issued, calling it a "body blow to the state's traditions of open government" and expressing concern that it could deter lawsuits and lead to

in part due to staffing and funding challenges. Agencies should request more funding to fulfill their open records duties in the next budget process, and the legislature should give it to them. Doing so recognizes the open records law's command that "providing persons with (government) information is declared to be ... an integral part of the routine duties of officers and employees."

This includes the Wisconsin Attorney General's office, charged with enforcing and providing advice to the public about the state's openness laws, and with fulfilling records requests made to the state Department of Justice. In the run-up to the November 2022 election, both attorney general candidates said additional resources would help the office meet its open government obligations.

Now that the election is settled, Attorney General Josh Kaul should work to make sure these resources are requested, obtained and utilized.

He should also consider separating the office's advice-giving and records-fulfilling functions, so delays in one do not bog down the other.

Third, local governments, like agencies, can and should work on reducing the time it takes to respond to records requests and reduce or even waive fees for locating and producing records. To that end, the legislature should take up Gov. Tony Evers' proposal to raise location fee thresholds from \$50 — set in the early 1980s — to \$150.

Local governments could also post more records online proactively, and take steps to ensure that exemptions that allow closed meeting sessions are not overused.

All levels of government in Wisconsin should resolve to have a sunny 2023.

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Christa Westerberg is the council's vice president and a partner at the Pines Bach law firm in Madison.

GUEST COLUMN

2 years after insurrection, we must stay vigilant

Regardless of our race, economic status or ZIP code, we all value one of our most basic rights as Americans: the freedom to vote. On Jan. 6, 2021, we saw how fragile that freedom could be as Make America Great Again faction militants sought to overturn our 2020 presidential election.

The events of that day were a shocking reminder of how we need to be vigilant in protecting our freedoms. It's a message we must continue to heed today with a new session of the legislature beginning and a spring election that will determine whether or not the right wing keeps control of our state Supreme Court in April.

In the two years since the brutal attack at our nation's capitol, Wisconsin politicians' connections to criminal conspiracy to overturn the will of the people have become much clearer as more details emerge around the scheme to use



MIKE BROWNE

in the legislature wasted valuable time and millions of dollars of our tax dollars on a sham inquiry into the verifiably free and fair election of November 2020. After engaging in some of the most egregious gerrymandering of legislative district lines in the nation, Republicans in control of the legislature tried, unsuccessfully, to pass new laws undermining voting rights. When the right wing was blocked by Gov. Tony Evers' veto, they sought to undermine our freedom to decide

fake electors to the Electoral College involving Ron Johnson, top leaders of the state Republican Party and prominent right-wing lawyers.

MAGA faction politicians

who governs in our names with politically motivated lawsuits.

The conservative candidates seeking to maintain right wing control of our Wisconsin State Supreme Court have already publicly expressed dangerous allegiance to the ongoing MAGA faction's campaign to rig the rules to ensure their grip on power and immunity from accountability.

Dan Kelly, a former right wing member of the court, picked by Scott Walker and endorsed by Donald Trump, not only has called for more sham legislative inquiries but even bragged about how he's written a "how-to manual" on how to conduct them to achieve partisan, political aims.

Not to be outdone, Jennifer Dorow has publicly endorsed the strategy of the right-wing Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty to use our courts to achieve partisan political ends.

Wisconsiners have proven that when we recognize politicians spreading dangerous election conspiracies, we reject them — like how Wisconsiners just voted overwhelmingly against gubernatorial candidate Tim Michels, whose campaign was endorsed by Donald Trump, who publicly promoted 2020 election falsehoods and ominously promised that if he won, Republicans would never lose another election in Wisconsin.

Two years after the insurrection, we not only remember that attack on our freedom to vote and on the U.S. Capitol, we renew our call to our leaders to ensure the integrity of our elections, prioritize the will of the people and ensure that voters — not politicians — decide the outcomes of our elections.

Mike Browne is the deputy director at A Better Wisconsin Together, a state-based research and communications hub for progressives and an affiliate of ProgressNow.

GUEST COLUMN

Commission working to make life easier

Partnership and collaboration are key to getting things done. Community and stakeholder engagement have always been central to the Public Service Commission's (PSC) mission of ensuring safe, reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible utility services and equitable access to telecommunications and broadband services.

In 2022 especially, the PSC's work to connect with federal, state and tribal government leaders, community advocates and industry professionals helped us achieve major milestones. Moreover, the work we accomplished in the last 12 months has set us up for success in 2023 and the years to come.

On the heels of 2021, the Year of Broadband Access, as declared by Gov. Tony Evers, the PSC remained focused on strategies to bridge Wisconsin's digital divide. In 2022, the PSC awarded \$125 million in state broadband expansion grants for 71 projects — impacting 45 counties in the state. I had the opportunity to visit one of the grantees in Sawyer County and hear directly how this award will help them reach 165 businesses and 1,353 residential locations.

In October, the PSC and our federal partners hosted the Internet for All event in Wausau, bringing together stakeholders to discuss ways to improve internet access, adoption and affordability as we prepare to implement programs under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Internet for All initiative. Following this event, Evers



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and the PSC announced the state will receive nearly \$6 million to begin program planning with our partners.

Since 2019, Evers and the PSC have disbursed or committed more than \$340 million in funding to projects to bring expanded or improved service to over 387,000 Wisconsin homes and businesses. With additional historic federal and state investments, we look forward to connecting even more Wisconsinites to high-speed internet in 2023 and beyond.

The PSC values community input in every step of the process to expand broadband statewide — just as we do in our work to identify a roadmap to zero carbon. During 2022, the PSC held a series of in-person public workshops on performance-based regulation, which stakeholders have helped us identify as a key priority to help transition to zero carbon while maintaining affordability for customers. Public attendance from statewide advocates and utility customers at the workshops grew throughout the year, which led to robust, forward-thinking dialogue.

In addition to these workshops, the PSC shined a light on utility resource planning processes through the

Strategic Energy Assessment to better understand how decisions to retire existing power plants and construct new ones can effectively balance the goals of adequacy, reliability, affordability and environmental responsibility.

The PSC also completed a multi-phase Focus on Energy planning process that will enhance the program's emphasis on equitable participation opportunities and improve program design and delivery. These achievements will inform Commission decision-making as Wisconsin transitions to zero-carbon electricity consumption by 2050.

In 2022, the PSC proudly awarded \$10 million for 46 projects under the Energy Innovation Grant Program to support Wisconsinites' efforts to implement a wide variety of projects related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy storage and energy planning. Commissioner Tyler Huebner observed the benefits of this program while on a tour of completed project sites in Green Bay and Milwaukee.

The PSC recently opened a new round of the grant program for entities — including schools, hospitals and manufacturers — to compete for \$10 million in additional funding to pursue more new and innovative projects.

We accomplished a lot for Wisconsinites last year. In fact, the Commission made decisions that are saving Wisconsin utility customers over \$28 million per year and will help low-

income residential customers get out and stay out of debt through progressive payment plans. My primary goals for 2023 build off this progress: Bridge the digital divide; create a roadmap to zero carbon and ensure it is done reliably, affordably and responsibly; and center agency actions and decisions through a lens of equity.

From returning to in-person public hearings to hosting workshops and webinars to streaming open meetings on YouTube, the PSC prioritized transparency and inclusivity in last year's work and will continue to do so this year.

The regulatory responsibilities of the PSC impact every Wisconsin resident every single day. The provision of safe, clean drinking water and reliable sources of heat and electricity as well as the expansion of high-speed Internet and equitable access to telecommunications services do not happen easily. No doubt there are challenges and issues all along the way, but we will continue to meet those challenges with innovation, collaboration and pragmatism.

The public interest is always at the forefront of what we do, and it's exactly why we encourage Wisconsinites — whether they are state, local or tribal leaders, community activists, interested residents or industry stakeholders — to get involved. We hope to hear from you in 2023.

Rebecca Cameron Valcq is the chairwoman of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.



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Gunderson's plea hearing delayed

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A status conference was scheduled for Theresa A. Gunderson during her court appearance on Jan. 12 relating to a police chase outside of Aniwa last May.

Gunderson, 43, of Birnamwood, was charged May 26, 2022, with one count of attempting to flee or elude an officer, one count of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, one count of resisting an officer — causing a soft tissue injury, one count of possession of an electric weapon, nine counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer.

Gunderson appeared in court with her attorney Daniel Mitchell for what was originally scheduled as a plea hearing. He said that if a case is not set for trial, it can take the Wisconsin Crime Lab six to nine months to process the evidence and will only expedite the process if a speedy trial is ordered.

"We don't have any speedy trial de-

mand at this time, nor would it make sense," said Mitchell. "I recognize that it is not the fault of the state. I can't make that representation of my client without all of the evidence here."

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma agreed with Mitchell, saying the court is aware of the slow processing time at the Wisconsin Crime Lab.

According to Mitchell, Gunderson had also filed a bond modification, but said that he cannot ethically review the motion, due to Gunderson being arrested and violating bail.

"After the court in good conscious had released her for treatment and then allegations came out — I don't think that I can make an ethical sound basis for a request for bail reduction at this time, based on performance on the last bail," said Mitchell. "I know it is hard for her to be in custody awaiting this result, but again certainly the performance on the last bail was poor."

Sloma set a status conference for Feb. 28.

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Another final pre-trial scheduled for French

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Stephany French, 28, of Green Bay, was back in court Jan. 13, where Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma scheduled another final pre-trial, in relation to an alleged drug homicide back on Sept. 3, 2021.

French was charged Feb. 1, 2022, with one count of first-degree reckless homicide by delivering drugs, one count of manufacturing or delivering less than three grams of heroin, one count of manufacturing or delivering less than or equal to three grams of amphetamine, one count of theft from a person or corpse, and one misdemeanor count of duty to aid a victim or report a crime in connection with the drug-overdose death of a man at the Mohican North Star Casino Resort in the Town of



STEPHANY FRENCH

Bartelme.

She appeared over Zoom along with her attorney Steven Maciolek, who requested another final pre-trial due to scheduling conflicts with the Shawano County District Attorney.

"I attempted to speak with Mr. (Greg) Parker about this case and have not had any luck scheduling a meeting with him, so I am going to schedule another final pre-trial," said Maciolek.

Sloma and Assistant District Attorney Laura Nelson both agreed to scheduling another final pre-trial for March 29 at 3:15 p.m.

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A cozy little mystery from the Florida Keys

The gloomy weather had me searching for a “sunny” book to read. That’s when I found “On the Wings of Murder,” Danielle Collins’ third Florida Keys Bed and Breakfast Cozy Mystery. I could almost feel the heat and humidity as I read.

Several years ago, Eva Stewart bought an old mansion and turned it into an inviting bed and breakfast. The charm of the building and Eva’s people skills made it a big success. The avid reader also heads a loose group known as the Murder Mystery Book Club, or MMBC.

When murders occur in Key West, the group seems to find a way to be involved in solving the case. That might be due to Eva’s experiences as a child when she accompanied her Uncle Sal. He was a very successful private investigator, and Eva was often an unpaid assistant. She wanted to become a PI but followed her parents’ wishes and ended up in accounting.

With her B&B staff handling most duties, Eva has time to revive



JAN JONES

her interest in photography. She admits she needs to practice with camera settings and lighting, so she agrees to go to the Great White Heron refuge with her friend, medical examiner Vicky Clem.

Before Eva can snap many pictures, she notices what appears to be a body on a beach and someone running into the woods. Suddenly, Eva’s in the thick of an investigation. The dead woman is Beth Swanson, a passionate heron conservationist. She’s been strangled with a camera strap, but her camera and purse are gone. No one seems to know what she was doing at the refuge.

The MMBC swings into action, investigating all the people present that day and digging deep into

AT A GLANCE

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Author: Danielle Collins

Publisher: Fortified

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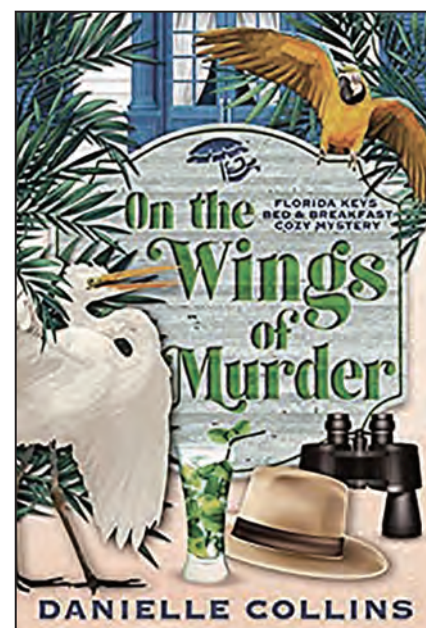
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everyone involved in the refuge. After his prime suspect is exonerated, Detective Jerome Makos halfheartedly tries to discourage them, but it is obvious that he welcomes the MMBC’s help.

Eva is surprised by, but not unhappy with, Detective Makos showing up on his day off. She enjoys his company as well as the fact that he seems to trust her insights. As she focuses on the investigation, Eva is surprised to get an anonymous email asking for her help. She refuses to answer but asks her friend Jake to see if he can find out who the sender is. Once she has that information, she’ll decide what to do next.

The police have little evidence, few clues and no motive or suspects, so the book club digs deeper. They soon learn that Key West may be a wildlife haven, but it is plagued by smugglers targeting endangered species. As Eva and MMBC compile information, they make a connection between Swanson, newt biologist Sally Quinn, a man named Tim and his goons.

She recalls a short encounter with a park ranger. Something he said didn’t ring true. Once Detective Makos hears this, it doesn’t



take long for him to get a confession. And it all happens in time for MMBC member Elijah to hold a special exhibition of his popular paintings.

As the evening ends, Eva is relieved and pleased, but a little unsettled. Does she want her relationship with Jerome Makos to evolve into romance or does she prefer a strong friendship? Her musings end abruptly when Jake gives her the name of the anonymous emailer. The last thing Eva wants is to revisit her painful past, but she may be unable to avoid it for long.

We can’t change our pasts, but we can learn from the good, the bad and the ugly we have lived through.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Board of Education Meeting January 23, 2023

January 23, 2023

5:40 P.M. - Budget and Finance

6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).
- II. Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting as Circulated.
- IV. Communications and Delegations
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Board Concerns or Reports
- VII. Student Representative
- VIII. Financial Report
- IX. Approve the Agenda
- X.
 - I. The Board will adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1)© for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matters and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.
 - II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.
- XI. Administrative Reports
 - Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School
 - Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School
 - Witt-Birn High School
 - Pupil Services
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
 - 2023-2024 Course Description Handbook for Approval
 - Approve Open Enrollment Numbers for 2023-2024
 - Approval of Staff Hires
 - Approval of Coach Resignation
 - Approval of Coach Hire
 - Approval of Staff Retirement
 - Softball Trip to UP for Approval
 - Volume 31 No. 2 Policy Revisions for Review - 1st Reading
 - Charger Booster Club Donation Recognition
- XIII. Adjournment

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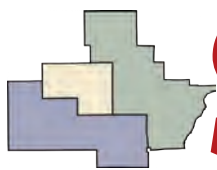
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MARION BOYS PREVAIL OVER TIGERTON

Mustangs stay perfect
in CWC-North play

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Marion's Izan Bueno takes a 3-pointer during the team's CWC-North win over Tigerton on Jan. 13 in Tigerton.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Marion boys rally past Tigerton in big CWC-North tilt

Mustangs have 3 in double figures

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Marion High School boys basketball team rallied a couple different time to pick up a critical 48-44 Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division win over Tigerton on Jan. 13 in Tigerton.

Marion rallied from a 12-point deficit in the opening half and then a seven-point deficit in the second half before hanging on late.

"We came in here expecting to have a slow start, on the road in conference, it's going to be tough to get a good start, so we were just prepared" said Marion's Parker Miller, who scored 17 points.

The win pushed Marion to 4-0 in conference play while moving Tigerton to 4-2. The Mustangs are the lone unbeaten team left in the CWC-North.

Tigerton came out hot from the field and built an 8-2 lead in the first four-plus minutes.

Colby Wanta hit two field goals, while Ryder Graham and Loghan Wanta added buckets for the hosts. Sam Gueths was the only Marion player to score in the opening stretch.

After a timeout, the Tigers bumped the lead up to 11 after a 3-pointer from Maverick Maas and another bucket from Graham.

Miller got Marion going offensively with a free throw and field goal, but Tigerton scored the next four points, including a 3-pointer from Loghan Wanta, to go up 17-5.

The teams traded points over the next couple minutes, leaving Tigerton with a 23-11 advantage with about six minutes to play in the half.

Marion stormed back into the game with a 12-0 finish to the half.

Miller got the run started with a basket before Gueths energized the team with back-to-back buckets. Izan Bueno and Ryan Malueg added field



Tigerton's Maverick Maas, center, looks to make a pass as Marion's Parker Miller, right, and Nick Malueg defend during a CWC-North clash on Jan. 13 in Tigerton.

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goals before Miller capped the half with two free throws.

Bueno, a foreign exchange student, said the team prevailed by "Just keeping our heads up and motivating each other, just keep playing."

It was another slow start to the second half for Marion. Tigerton's Colby Wanta and Graham scored baskets early in the half before Miller tied things back up with two buckets of his own.

Tigerton then went on a 7-0 run, with Asher Michaelis, Graham and Loghan Wanta scoring.

Just like in the first half though, Marion had an answer. The next 17 points all went to the Mustangs, with Malueg knocking down a couple triples and Bueno hitting two shots to get things going.

After a couple missed free throws for Tigerton, Miller hit two more shots to make it a 41-34 game. Bueno capped the massive run with a

clutch 3-pointer with about 3½ minutes to play.

Tigerton stayed alive behind a Graham basket and Loghan Wanta free throws, but a key layup from Marion's Jack Van Kooy after the team broke Tigerton's press made it an eight-point game with about two minutes to play.

Graham and Loghan Wanta had the game's next two baskets to make it a four-point game.

After leaving the game with an injury, Malueg returned with 1:26 to play and promptly scored the team's final points under the basket about 15 seconds later.

"Last few minutes, we weren't really looking to score unless we had a guy wide open," said Miller. "We just wanted to move the ball around and get good looks. The inside looks are what happened."

Marion missed some free throws to leave the door open for Tigerton,

but two Colby Wanta free throws were all the hosts could muster in the final minute.

After the tough loss, Tigerton's message after the game was to "stick together" and to look forward to the next few weeks of conference games, according to Colby Wanta.

"Conditioning played a part (in the team's loss)," said Wanta. "Personally me, getting out on some of their shooters when they knocked down some big 3s. And then just hard defense at the end, we kind of lacked that."

Marion 23 25 — 48

Tigerton 23 21 — 44

Marion (48): Jack Van Kooy 0-1 2, Izan Bueno 2-2 11, Sam Gueths 0-1 8, Ryan Malueg 0-0 10, Parker Miller 3-7 17.

Tigerton (44): Maverick Maas 1-2 6, Colby Wanta 3-5 9, Loghan Wanta 2-2 15, Ryder Graham 0-2 12, Asher Michaelis 0-2 2.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Lena 2nd at multi-dual after going 4-1

Suring/Gillett picks up 1 win

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Lena High School wrestling team posted a 4-1 record to place second at a multi-dual on Jan. 12 in Lena.

Suring/Gillett also competed at the multi-dual, going 1-4 to come in fifth place. The winning team from Peshtigo was undefeated at the event.

Lena

Lena earned dual wins over Suring/Gillett (36-24), Florence/Niagara (52-18), Crivitz (42-20) and Oneida Nation (48-0), while falling to Peshtigo (58-24).

Several Lena wrestlers posted perfect marks on the night. Luke Misco, Lucas Heimke, Sam Marquardt and Dylan Urbanek all wrestled multiple matches and ended the night with no losses.

In the dual with Suring/Gillett, Marquardt had a forfeit win at 138 to get things started.

After Suring/Gillett won the next four weight classes, Colt Miller won by pin in 3:07 to get the Wildcats back on track. Urbanek (220), John Hurtado (113) and Zach Diedrich (126) all had forfeit wins before Heimke won by pin in 2:35 to cap the dual.

In its first dual of the night, Lena dropped just one weight class it wrestled in against Florence/Niagara.

Dylan Comins earned a 12-3 major decision win at 120 pounds for the first win. Diedrich (126) and Misco (132) had back-to-back forfeit wins before Heimke won by pin in 4:20 at 138 pounds.

Marquardt (145), Max Peterson (152), Miller (182), Dylan Mazaba (195) and Urbanek (220) also picked up forfeit wins against Florence/Niagara.

Max Peterson (152) and Miller (182) both won by pin against Crivitz, doing so in 2:37 and 0:34, respectively. Mazaba (195) won by injury default, while Misco (132), Marquardt (138), Urbanek (220) and Diedrich (126) all had forfeit wins.

All four of Lena's wins against Peshtigo were by pin.

Misco pinned his opponent in 1:42 at 132 pounds before Marquardt had a pin in 3:16 at 138 pounds. Urbanek needed just 35 seconds to pin his oppo-



Lena's Lucas Heimke, top, wrestles during the team's dual win against Florence/Niagara on Jan. 12 in Lena.

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Suring/Gillett's Keegan Rattin, top, works toward a pin during the team's dual against Crivitz on Jan. 12 in Lena.

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nent at 285 pounds, while Sam Peterson got a pin in 1:37 at 106 pounds.

Oneida Nation had just one wrestler, and Marquardt pinned him in 1:10 on his way to a perfect night. Hurtado (113), Diedrich (126), Misco (132), Heimke (138), Erik Kosch (152), Miller (182) and Urbanek (220) all picked up forfeit wins.

Lena finished the night with 10 pins, only trailing Peshtigo's 13 for most on the night.

Along with his perfect night on the mat, Marquardt earned his 100th career high school win.

Suring/Gillett

Suring/Gillett defeated Oneida Nation (36-6) for its lone win. Along with its setback to Lena, the co-op lost to Peshtigo (66-12), Crivitz (33-12) and Florence/Niagara (30-24).

While Suring/Gillett didn't have a wrestler post a perfect record on the

night, Keegan Rattin and Trent VanDenElzen both wrestled more than two matches and only had one loss apiece.

Parker Zahn got Suring/Gillett's string of four straight wins against Lena started with a pin in 3:14 at 145 pounds. Rattin followed with a pin in 5:41 at 152 pounds.

VanDenElzen and Shylah Hisey each had forfeit wins for the co-op.

Zahn and VanDenElzen each won by pin against Peshtigo. Zahn earned her pin in 3:36 at 145 pounds, while VanDenElzen got his in just 57 seconds at 160 pounds.

Rattin had the co-op's only other non-forfeit wins on the night, pinning two more opponents. Rattin finished with three pins on the night, the most of any individual wrestler.

Rattin's pin against Crivitz came in 1:52, while his pin against Florence/Niagara came in 1:05.

Lillie Taylor (132), Rattin (152), VanDenElzen (160), Michael Pecanas (170), Hisey (182) and Carter Whisman (195) had forfeit wins against Oneida Nation.

Taylor had another forfeit win at 132 pounds against Crivitz. Zahn (152), Pecanas (182) and Taylor (132) won by forfeit in the dual against Florence/Niagara.



Marion's Colleen Malueg takes a jumpshot during the team's CWC-North win over Tigerton on Jan. 13 in Tigerton.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Marion girls grind out win over Tigerton

Mustangs pick up 1st win of winter

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Marion High School girls basketball team got off to a strong start and went on to earn a 22-11 Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division win over Tigerton on Jan. 13 in Tigerton.

Marion scored the game's first 10 points and were then able to coast to victory in a game between two teams searching for their first win of the season.

"It takes a lot of hard work and teamwork, and we all worked hard for it and won, so that was a good experience for us," said Marion senior Kelsey Zillmer, who scored eight points.

"It feels like such an accomplishment that us, as a team, came together and finally pulled out a win against one of our rivals," said Morgan Kruger, another Marion senior.

After a scoreless first three minutes, Krueger — who had just been tagged with her second foul — knocked in a 3-pointer. After a steal on its press, Alexis Roe converted a contested shot to put the visitors up 5-0.

Roe also had the Mustangs' next basket before a 3-pointer from Zillmer about seven minutes into the game made it 10-0.

"It (the 10-0 start to the game) was big, but we still had work to get done, and we accomplished that," said Zillmer.

Points were hard to come by the rest of the half for each team, with only four baskets made in the final 11 minutes of the half.

Tigerton finally got on the scoreboard after a 3-point make from Angel Welch about eight minutes

into the contest.

About three minutes later, Colleen Malueg converted a shot for Marion. Tigerton's Sienna Breaker scored next on a jumpshot with about five minutes left in the half before Zillmer hit a shot about 45 seconds later to cap the scoring and leave Marion with a 14-5 halftime advantage.

Baskets continued to be tough to come by at the start of the second half, with the only points in the first 10 minutes being a 3-pointer from Krueger.

The teams split free throws for the next couple points, with Zillmer hitting for Marion and Grace Laatsch scoring for Tigerton.

Grace Bradley hit Marion's final field goal with a little under six minutes to play and Zillmer scored the team's final points on two free throws with 2:37 to play.

Tigerton's Lillian Welch and Abby Swartz combined to make three free throws over a 42-second stretch before Zillmer's free throws, and Swartz was able to hit a field goal after a steal with under a minute to play before the Tigers ran out of time.

Swartz looked back to the slow start to the game as a big reason for the final result.

"I think it was just a lot of the girls being flustered, me being flustered," said Swartz. "Obviously, press doesn't help. We've seen a press before but it was definitely the go, go, go, go without taking a moment to just take a breathe, work the offense — it was break the press and try and get a shot off ..."

Marion 14 8 —22

Tigerton 5 6 —11

Marion (22): Alexis Roe 0-1 4, Colleen Malueg 0-2 2, Morgan Krueger 0-0 6, Kelsey Zillmer 3-4 8, Grace Bradley 0-0 2.

Tigerton (11): Angel Welch 0-0 3, Sienna Breaker 0-0 2, Lillian Welch 1-2 1, Abby Swartz 2-2 4, Grace Laatsch 1-2 1.

ATHLETE PROFILE: TYSON BOGACZ

Bonduel senior nearing end of strong career

Bonduel High School's Tyson Bogacz has put together a strong high school wrestling career and is eager to cap it with an exclamation point this winter.

Bogacz is a two-time state qualifier, making it to Madison as a sophomore and junior. He placed sixth at state both years.

The Bonduel senior placed second at the Neenah Invite, third at the Lourdes On the Water Classic and first at the Fred Lehrke Invitational this winter. Bogacz also earned his 100th career win at the Neenah Invite.

Q: When did your interest in wrestling begin?

A: I started wrestling in 4K and have fallen in love with it since — even though I didn't actually start wrestling in tournaments until first grade, because I was too shy.

Q: What is your favorite part about the wrestling season?

A: The last two months when you've wrestled all year to prepare for them and show everyone you belong with the best of them.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on the wrestling mat and why?

A: Compete, attack and creating opportunities is what it's all about. The thrill of all that is what drives me to be best wrestler I can be. Spike ball is second, though.

Q: What has wrestling taught you over the years?

A: It has taught me a kind of discipline I don't believe other sports can give you, and I'm really thankful for that. I believe it's something I can use for the rest of my life, and it will just make me that much more special as a person and an athlete.

Q: You picked up your 100th career win early this winter. What did that milestone mean to you?

A: It meant a lot. I mean, that's all you dream of as a kid, leaving a mark wherever or whatever it may be in. So,



Bonduel's Tyson Bogacz, top, wrestles during the 2022 WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 24, 2022, at the Kohl Center in Madison.

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reaching this milestone really meant a lot to me and my family.

Q: Do you have any other individual goals you hope to accomplish by the end of this season, and what will it take to achieve those?

A: I want to wrestle like I know I am capable of at the end of the year. If I do that, anything is possible, and the discipline that I talked about earlier is what is going to get me to that point.

Q: What is like being able to wrestle for and with family members?

A: My dad (Chad) continually trying to bring out the best in me, when he's coaching or pushing me in practice, has created a bond like no other. On the other hand, my brother (Jaxon),

just being able to mentor and give him pointers makes wrestling together a lot of fun.

Q: As a senior, how do you try to lead the rest of the team?

A: Just being there for my teammates and cheering/giving them the ongoing support they give me.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Bonduel wrestling team?

A: In all honesty, competing at home duals where all our fans are all cheering us on is my favorite part.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Top Gun 2." TV show — "Skip and Shannon." Musical artist — NF and Metro Boomin.

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Tyson Bogacz
Sport: Wrestling
Weight class: 182 pounds
School: Bonduel High School
Year: Senior

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: I can't sleep if I know my socks are on.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: I hope to graduate from the college I attend and pursue a chiropractic license. I also hope to eventually become coach somewhere like my dad at the high school level.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: NATALIE MCNURLIN

Lena senior leading team on quest to win conference

The Lena High School girls basketball team is in the hunt for a Marinette & Oconto Conference title. Senior Natalie McNurlin was a big part of the team's success this season, but tore her ACL and meniscus during a game against Coleman on Jan. 13, and will miss the remainder of the season.

Through the team's first 13 games, McNurlin was averaging 11.4 points, 4.2 rebounds, 3.7 steals and 3.1 assists per game.

McNurlin made an M&O all-conference team in her sophomore and junior seasons. She landed on the first team last winter.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest in basketball began when I was very young. I have a lot of older cousins who played basketball, and that sparked my interest. I started playing basketball in the fourth grade, and I fell in love with the sport and the teamwork that came along with the game.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on the basketball court and why?

A: My favorite thing to do on the court is to hype my teammates up. I love when my team goes through a good play and we get a good bucket out of it. It makes me love the game even more, watching the girls around make plays.

Q: What has the game of basketball taught you over the years?

A: The game has taught me many things over the years — teamwork, being a leader and overcoming obstacles. When a game or a play doesn't go your way, you have to pick yourself up and push through.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish by the end of the season, and how do you plan on achieving those?

A: For me individually, my biggest goal is to be the best team leader I can be. Coming into my freshman year



Lena's Natalie McNurlin looks to pass to an open teammate during a conference game against Suring on Dec. 5 in Suring.

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The Q&A was conducted before Natalie McNurlin was injured.

of high school, I was tasked with the responsibility of being that leader. I'm proud to say that I finally became that leader that my coach has been waiting for.

Q: With your team in the conference title hunt, what needs to hap-

pen the rest of the season to win it?

A: Our team has come a long way since last year. We have all the pieces we need as a team; we just need to put all the puzzle pieces together. Our goal as a team is to start having two good halves, not just one. Coming off jump ball with energy, and holding that energy and confidence until the buzzer goes off.

Q: As a senior, how do you try to

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Natalie McNurlin
Sport: Girls basketball
Position: Point guard, wing
School: Lena High School
Year: Senior

lead the rest of your team?

A: As a senior, I try to not show my frustration as much, knowing that the other team members look to me, so if I'm showing my frustration it reflects onto them. I try to stay as positive as possible no matter what is going on during the game.

Q: Before a game starts, do you or the team have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: Before the game starts, I like to listen to all the songs my dad (Dave) listened to during his era. Then every game I get new pack of Juicy Fruit gum and go through that whole pack during the game.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Lena girls basketball team?

A: My favorite memory of competing on the Lena girls basketball team has to be sophomore year when I had a buzzer beater layup to win the game.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Top Gun." TV show — "Stranger Things." Musical artist — Polo G.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know?

A: Growing up, dance was my main focus. I danced for seven years until I reached the top level when I then had to choose between dance and basketball.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school.

A: Earlier this year, I made the decision to focus on my future instead of sports (after high school). I plan on attending Bellin College to become a radiation therapist.



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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Eagles soar past Thunderhawks behind late push



Bonduel's Tyson Bogacz, top, wrestles during the 2022 WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 24, 2022, at the Kohl Center in Madison.

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Menominee Indian's
Reevis, Moss combine
for 42 pointsBy MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Menominee Indian High School boys basketball buckled down in the second half and went on a big run to claim a nonconference win over Oneida Nation on Jan. 9 in Keshena.

The visiting Thunderhawks cut the Eagles' lead to three early in the second half, but a 10-0 run got the hosts back on track. Menominee Indian continued to pull away from there until the final buzzer, ending the game with a 60-39 win.

Lloyd Reevis hit a 3-pointer off an inbound play to start the 10-0 spurt for the Eagles. Keneshaeh Waukau hit three free throws, and Reevis and Isaiah Moss added baskets to cap the run.

"We just slowed the tempo down, played at our pace and shots just started falling," said Reevis of the game-changing run.

"Coach (James Oshkeshequoam) told us, 'Just play the way we play.' We made some switches to make us play better, and we just made the

right plays," said Moss. "What made us get all the transition points was our defense. We played better defense; our defense stepped it up."

After Oneida Nation hit a shot to stop the 10-0 run, Menominee Indian answered with another 6-0 run. Reevis hit another 3-pointer, while Moss knocked down three free throws.

The teams traded baskets and points for the remainder of the game, with a 5-0 Menominee Indian run ending the game and widening the margin some more.

Reevis and Moss not only led the Eagles during the second half, scoring 12 and nine points, respectively, but they also guided the team throughout the contest.

Reevis ended up hitting three 3-pointers and finished with a game-high 28 points. Moss added 17 points, with six coming on free throws.

Reevis recorded a double-double with 11 boards, while also tallying three steals and three assists. Moss had 10 boards for a double-double of his own, while also contributing three assists, two steals and four blocks.

The loss for Oneida Nation was just its second this season, so Menominee Indian is hoping to use the victory as a springboard for the rest of the year.

"Well, hopefully we keep up with the way we've been playing and keep rising up on the ladder, get a good



Menominee Indian's Keneshaeh Waukau follows through on a shot during a win over Oneida Nation on Jan. 9 in Keshena.

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spot in conference," said Reevis.

"It definitely gives us confidence," said Moss. "It also gives us an outlook on to when we're turning the ball over and stuff. We're making adjustments in game and staying aggressive on offense and creating those turnovers on defense."

Early in the contest, the action was fast-paced, but the scoring was limited. Reevis scored the team's first four points before Moss got into the mix.

Tied at seven, Dante Waupoose hit a shot to spark a 10-0 Eagles' run. Reevis, Moss and Jordan Cox scored the cap the spurt.

Menominee Indian later got the lead up to 11, 23-12, on a Moss 3-pointer, before Oneida Nation scored seven of the half's final nine points to keep the game within reach.

While Reevis and Moss provided the scoring for the Eagles, plenty of others helped in different facets of the game.

Ali Davenport pulled down 11 rebounds off the bench, while Waukau and Dante Waupoose had seven each.

Barron Waupoose was credited with three steals for Menominee Indian, and the team finished with 14 steals as a whole.

Oneida Nation 19 20 — 39

Menominee Indian 25 35 — 60

Menominee Indian (60): Isaiah Moss 6-8 17, Daymon Reiter-Wilber 0-0 2, Barron Waupoose 0-0 3, Lloyd Reevis 4-9 28, Jordan Cox 0-0 2, Dante Waupoose 0-1 2, Anikohsah Corn 1-2 1, Ali Davenport 0-2 0, Darin Miller 0-1 2, Keneshaeh Waukau 3-4 3.

Oneida Nation (39): Marqus Thayer 2-2 7, Ethan Danforth 4-6 9, Evander Danforth 1-2 9, Donavan Danforth 2-5 10, Ernest Stevens IV 0-0 4.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

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Cardinal Stritch University

Gillett Secondary School graduate Aubrey DeBauch played 20-plus minutes in each of the Cardinal Stritch women's basketball team's games last week.

In a win over Calumet on Jan. 11, DeBauch tallied 10 points, 14 rebounds and two assists across 21 minutes played. DeBauch played 25 minutes in the team's loss to Holy Cross on Jan. 14, tallying seven points, four boards, one block and one assist for her team.

St. Martin's University

Gresham grad Christian Haffner played 14 minutes in each of the St. Martin's men's basketball team's games in the past week.

In a loss to Montana St. Billings on Jan. 12, Haffner posted three points, one rebound and one assist.

Haffner recorded six points on two 3-point makes in the team's loss to Seattle Pacific on Jan. 14.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bonduel graduate Kara Troxel started in both of the Wisconsin Lutheran College women's basketball contests last week.

In a three-point loss to St. Norbert

on Jan. 11, Troxel totaled nine points, two rebounds, one block and one assist across 24 minutes. Troxel recorded seven points, two assists and a steal across 16 minutes in the team's lopsided win over Dominican on Jan. 14.

Pulaski grad Trevor Stiede and Bonduel grad Carson Robaidek each logged minutes for the WLC men's basketball team in games last week.

Stiede played 18 minutes in the team's win over the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Jan. 10, tallying six points, two rebounds and two steals. He had nine points and one assist across 24 minutes in a win over Dominican on Jan. 14. Robaidek tallied two minutes against Dominican, hitting a free throw for his team.

St. Norbert College

Lena grad Kennedy Marquardt and Oconto Falls grad Emily Gonnering each represented the St. Norbert women's track and field team at the Pointer Alumni Open on Jan. 14.

Marquardt placed third in the 300-meter dash with a time of 44.2 seconds. She also came in sixth in the 600 (1:54) and was on the top-finishing 4x400 relay team (4:29.29).

Gonnering placed ninth in the weight throw (38 feet, 9¼ inches) and 14th in the shot put (29-9¼).

UW-Parkside

Pulaski graduate Sheridan Flauger helped the UW-Parkside women's basketball team to a pair of wins last week.

Flauger recorded two points, one rebound and two assists across 24 minutes in a win over Lake Superior State on Jan. 12. She then had eight points, two rebounds and four assists across 30 minutes in a victory over Ferris State on Jan. 14.

Concordia University

Shawano grad Rachel Reed logged double digit minutes in both of the Concordia women's basketball team's games last week.

Reed played seven minutes in the team's win over Alverno on Jan. 11. She posted four rebounds, four assists and one assist across 11 minutes in a win over Illinois Tech on Jan. 14.

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano graduate Tori DePerry helped the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team to a 1-1 record last week.

She totaled 18 points, three rebounds, two assists and two steals across 34 minutes in the team's win over Davenport on Jan. 12.

DePerry tallied 11 points, eight

rebounds, one assist and one steal across 26 minutes in a loss to Grand Valley State on Jan. 14.

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski grad Jasmine Litt played in both of the St. Cloud State women's basketball team's games last week.

Litt grabbed a rebound across two minutes played in the team's win over Winona State on Jan. 13. She had one point and one rebound in one minute in a win over Upper Iowa on Jan. 14.

UW-Milwaukee

Shawano graduate Isabel Roloff placed 15th in the 60 dash for the UW-Milwaukee women's track and field team at The Badgers Midwest Invite on Jan. 14.

Roloff turned in a time of 7.85 seconds.

Bemidji State University

Shawano grad Brooke Theis played in both of the Bemidji State women's basketball team's contests last week.

Theis played six minutes in the team's win over Concordia-St. Paul on Jan. 13. She then recorded six points, five rebounds, two steals and two assists across 25 minutes in the team's loss to Minnesota State on Jan. 14.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

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Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
Karcz Lending	8	1
Kropf's Meat	6	3
CWAA	6	3
TLC Auto Body	5	4
Kessen Auto Body	4	5
Chet and Emil's	3	6
Rew Motors	3	6
S and M Tool	1	8

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,141, Karcz

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Lending 1,020, CWAA 1,020.

High individual scratch games: Jeremy Praslowicz 288, Ed Resch 237, Dave Schultz 233.

High team scratch series: S and M Tool 3,187, Karcz Lending 2,998, Kropf's Meat 2,887.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Walkush 680, Paul Hanke 656, Rhett Matz 635.

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Team	W	L
Keglers	12	2
MW Auto Body	12	2
Brothers Pub	10	4
Gingerly Salon	10	4
Lunds Corner Bar	9	5
Buss Automotive	8	6
Bust N' Balls	6	8
CDH	5	9
Brothers Pub Too	4	10
Pin Heads	4	10
The Farmers	4	10

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High individual scratch games: Brad Weisnicht 279, Kevin Zuleger 267, Ashley Schuh 265, Bill Grosskreutz 259, Bobby Reiter Jr. 255, Mary Metoxen 245, Natalie Poels 242, Bob Reiter Sr. 238, Kyle VanDerLinden 235, Darcie O'Kimosh 199, Diane Durkee 197, Deb Mraz 195.

High individual scratch series: Bobby Reiter Jr. 708, Brad Weisnicht 703, Bill Grosskreutz 689, Mary Metoxen 675, Kevin Zuleger 673, Ed Durkee 638, Kyle VanDerLinden 631, Ashley Schuh 594, Natalie Poels 592, Darcie O'Kimosh 575, Diane Durkee 567, Sharon Buss 536.



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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Shawano falls short against Medford

Co-op unable to cash in ample amount of opportunities

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano boys hockey co-op had plenty of scoring opportunities, but were only able to take advantage of a few during a 9-4 loss to Medford on Jan. 10 at the Crawford Center in Shawano.

The Shawano co-op came into the contest outnumbered, with only four players available off the bench, but were up to the challenge in the early going.

Shawano, rostering players from Shawano and Bonduel this winter, got an early power play opportunity. The co-op got some decent looks at the net, but weren't able to cash in. It was a sign of things to come, as Shawano was outscored 2-0 on power player chances despite having more chances than Medford.

Shawano co-op coach Adam Gafner said a few things hindered the team in the loss, with one being its limited bench due to several injuries this season.

"I think the biggest thing that struggled for us tonight though was the power play," said Gafner. "We had many opportunities where we were 5-on-4, 5-on-3 and those were the times pucks weren't bouncing our way and getting in the back of the net. Probably the biggest difference in the game was when they had an extra guy, (the puck) went in our net, and when we (had extra guys), it wasn't. Otherwise it was a fairly even played game..."

Gavin Hundt got off a couple shots for the co-op before the team was tagged for its first penalty. Goalie Blake Knope made a couple saves to keep the contest scoreless before Louis Hrabik broke the scoring with a goal off an assist from Karson Stoss.

The lead was short-lived however, with Medford scoring 25 seconds later.

Shawano got another power play opportunity a couple minutes later, only to be tagged with a penalty of its own. Medford scored 48 seconds later

to take a 2-1 lead.

After the team's penalty times ran out, Hundt tied the contest back up with an unassisted goal with 3:28 to play in the period.

About 1½ minutes later, the visitors scored again for a 3-2 lead. The back-and-forth battle continued with Hunter Jones scoring for the co-op with 9 seconds left in the period.

The action slowed a bit in the second period, with Shawano still appearing to be more in control of the game than Medford. Despite getting more opportunities, Shawano couldn't capitalize and Medford netted a pair of goals in a 35-second period to take a 5-3 lead into the final period.

"We could have had some better shots on net," said Hrabik. "A lot of the shots we did have, some of them were pretty weak and then we could have had some better setups in front of the net instead of shooting some of those times. I think that would have led to us having a couple more goals and maybe coming out with a win..."

In the final period, Shawano continued to get some quality looks at the net, including a few on a two-person advantage power play early on, but the hosts just couldn't sneak a shot past the Medford goalie.

The co-op was later tagged for a penalty, and Medford took advantage with a goal to go up 6-3 with 7:54 to play. After a couple more close misses for the hosts, the visitors tacked on another goal with 6:25 left.

"I feel like we got more tired, they had a bit more guys than us," said Hundt. "After our guy went out (with an injury) we had three guys sitting on the bench — can't really get a full rotation in..."

Despite the four-goal deficit, the co-op continued to fight. Hundt scored his second unassisted goal of the contest with 6:08 to play, but the final two goals went to Medford to seal the game up. The visitors added their second power play goal with 1½ seconds left in the contest.

Knope was credited with 26 saves in the contest.

Playing in its first season as a varsity team, the Shawano co-op is trying to build a sustainable program. Hrabik, one of just two seniors on the roster, is doing what he can to try and lead a roster otherwise comprised of



Shawano co-op's Karson Stoss controls the puck during a contest against Medford on Jan. 10 at the Crawford Center in Shawano.

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Shawano co-op goalie Blake Knope makes a save during the team's matchup with Medford on Jan. 10 at the Crawford Center in Shawano.

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five freshmen, two sophomores and six juniors.

"We just got to move the puck a little more, really try and create some offensive plays, not just whip it when you don't have to, and just pick your head up and make smart plays," said Hrabik.

Medford 3 2 4 —9

Shawano 3 0 1 —4

First period

S: Louis Hrabik (Karson Stoss), 8:25

M: Tucker Phillips (unassisted), 8:00

M: Connor Gowey (Isaac Schaefer), 5:51

S: Gavin Hundt (unassisted), 3:28

M: Gowey (Miles Searles), 1:57

S: Hunter Jones (unassisted), 0:09

Second period

M: Cole Pernsteiner (Phillips), 13:07

M: Gowey (unassisted), 12:32

Third period

M: Schaefer (Phillips), 7:54 power play

M: Logan Koski (Phillips, Jake Noland), 6:25

M: Hundt (unassisted), 6:08

M: Noah Machon (Schaefer), 4:21

M: Gowey (Mason Harris, Schaefer), 0:01 PP

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bonduel 51

Iola-Scandinavia 36

Bonduel pulled away in the second half against Iola-Scandinavia to earn its sixth Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division win on Jan. 13 in Iola. The Bears led 25-20 at halftime.

Kendra Troxel tallied 15 points for Bonduel. Ella Hischke added 10 points and dished out five assists.

Hailey Zernicke contributed seven rebounds for the Bears, while Audrey Weier recorded five steals.

Witt-Birn 66

Wey-Fre 23

Wittenberg-Birnamwood dominated Weyauwega-Fremont in a CWC-East clash on Jan. 13 in Wittenberg.

Reese Rogowski totaled 21 points, four assists and three steals to lead Witt-Birn to victory.

Rory Salvesen added 14 points, seven rebounds and five steals, while Melaina Granquist had 11 points, seven boards and six steals.

Jami Wendler tallied nine points for the Chargers. Allison Linke had six points, six rebounds, six steals and three assists.

Menominee Indian 86

Wey-Fre 83 (2 OT)

Menominee Indian outlasted Weyauwega-Fremont in a CWC-East double overtime thriller on Jan. 10 in Weyauwega.

Kaysha Wilber knocked down four of Menominee Indian's 15 3-pointers in the contest.

Mariah Fish made five triples and scored 24 points, while Ayanna Smith had four 3-point makes and 17 points.

Ashlee Corn chipped in six points for the Eagles.

Lena 40

Niagara 34

Lena took down Niagara in a low-scoring Marinette & Oconto Conference clash on Jan. 9 in Lena.

Natalie McNurlen made four 3-pointers, eight total field goals and five free throws on her way to a 25-point performance for Lena.

Eva Brooks chipped in nine points for the Wildcats.

Suring 57

Gillett 47

Suring outscored Gillett 38-27 in the second half to come away with



Witt-Birn's Melaina Granquist, left, and Allison Linke, right, defend during a conference win over Weyauwega-Fremont on Jan. 13 in Wittenberg.

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an M&O win on Jan. 9 in Suring.

Christine Sleeter posted 22 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks for Suring, while Mackenzie Bailey had 18 points, 14 rebounds and four assists.

Kaylee Otradovec and Macie Reed each chipped in six points for the Eagles. Bunny Cramer and Emma Kristof both pulled down six rebounds.

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of those 3-pointers and scored 29 points for Oconto Falls. Caden Birr knocked down three triples while scoring 15 points.

Alex Haines and Kody Vorpahl chipped in 12 points each for the Panthers. Jameson Beaman tallied 10 points.

Carter Hill and Emerich Skarban each scored eight points for Oconto Falls, while Easton Engel had seven.

Bonduel 65

Iola-Scandinavia 44

Bonduel toppled Iola-Scandinavia in a CWC-East clash on Jan. 12 in Bonduel. The Bears led 40-17 by halftime.

Ryan Westrich scored 12 points to lead a balanced Bonduel offensive attack. Noah Weier added 10 points and hit two of the team's eight 3-pointers.

Cade Johnson and Sam Roberts each scored nine points for the Bears, while Colin Margelofsky had eight. Charlie Tauchen chipped in seven points, while Race Anvelink had six.

Shawano 68

Green Bay West 41

Shawano rolled to a Bay Conference win over Green Bay West on Jan. 9 in Green Bay.

Logan Sipple powered Shawano with 26 points. He made nine field goals and six free throws.

Michael Metcalf-Grassman added 13 points for the Hawks, while Brandon Reed had 12.

WRESTLING

Shawano 46

New London 33

Shawano won eight of the final 11 weight classes to claim a Bay Conference win over New London on Jan. 12 in Shawano.

Drake Herm got Shawano on the scoreboard with a 16-2 major decision win at 138 pounds. Dylan Hodkiewicz (145) and Carsen Herm (152) followed with pins in 49 and 51 seconds, respectively.

Caden Young earned a forfeit win at 170 pounds for the Hawks. After Mason Theis (195) won by pin in 3:40, Wahkeenyah Waukau (220) picked up a forfeit win.

Brady Jones (285) won by pin in 55 seconds before Dane Hodkiewicz (106) got a forfeit win for Shawano's final points of the night.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Oconto Falls 105

NEWCHAA 75

Oconto Falls rolled to a high-scoring nonconference win over Northeast Wisconsin Christian Homeschoolers Athletic Association on Jan. 13 in Oconto Falls. The Panther hit 15 3-pointers in the contest.

Braden Vandermoss hit five

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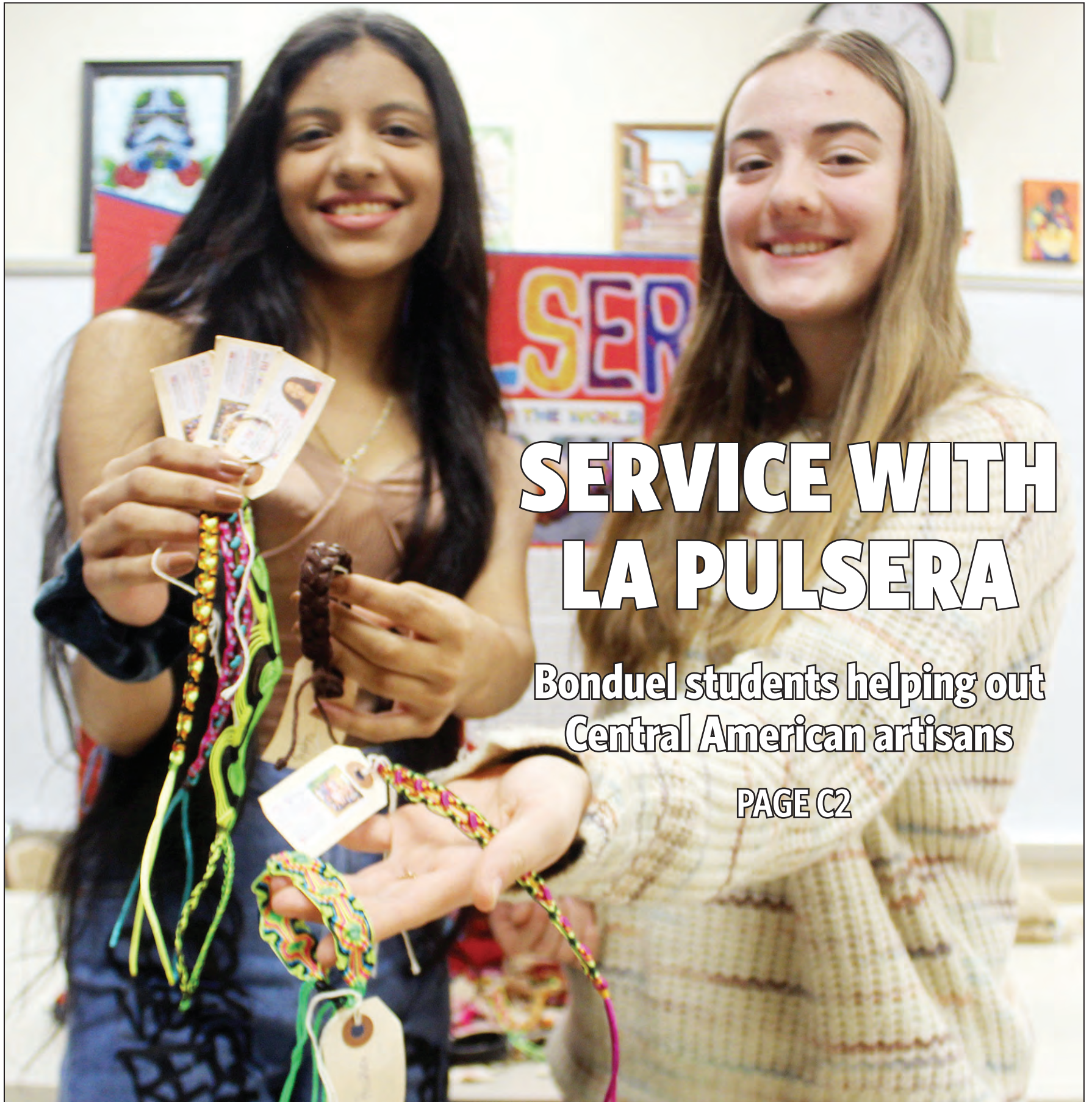
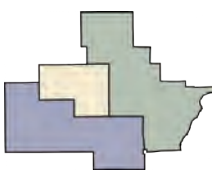
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SERVICE WITH LA PULSERA

Bonduel students helping out
Central American artisans

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Bonduel High School sophomore Seidy Blamdon, left, and junior Heidi Dreyer hold out samples of the bracelets they and other members of the Spanish club will be selling through January at various events and activities.

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La Pulsera teaches service learning to BHS

Spanish club selling bracelets, handbags crafted by artisans from Nicaragua, Guatemala

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Helping your own community can be a good thing, but helping communities thousands of miles away can provide even more benefits through service learning.

Bonduel High School's Spanish club is finding that out firsthand through involvement in the La Pulsera Project during the month of January. Local students will be selling bracelets and handbags made by artisans from Nicaragua and Guatemala, and that money will go back to their communities to further empower the Central American artists.

"We were searching online for ways to give back to the Spanish-speaking world," said Bobbi Jo Martenson, a co-adviser for the club. "We just happened upon this project and found out that it was something awesome that our students could participate in, because none of the funds stay with us here in Bonduel. Everything goes back to Nicaragua and Guatemala, so we thought it would be a fantastic opportunity for our students."

Whitney Ness, the club's other adviser, noted that school districts all across the country are involved with the program, which features the handmade bracelets and handbags and showcases the artisans who make them. She said it feels good to help others raise money for positive endeavors.

"The cool part for me is that every single one has a tag attached with a picture of the person who made it, signature from the person who made it and a little background story," Ness said. "We really like that they use the money for nonprofit purposes. They put it toward community programs — toward scholarships, shelters down there, all kinds of stuff like that. I think that is a good example we're setting up for the students."

According to La Pulsera's website, more than \$5 million has been raised since 2009 with the help of more than 3,000 schools like Bonduel. Ness noted that the boxes they receive not only have the items to sell but also a little background on some of the other schools involved in the work.

"It's kind of like the idea of all these things traveling around the world — just being a part of that is really neat," Ness said.

Bonduel has a history with the



Bonduel High School juniors, from left, Melissa Daskam, Kylie Hoeffs and Hailee Thompson show off some of the bracelets they're selling through the La Pulsera Project.

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Handbags from Nicaragua and Guatemala are also up for sale through the Bonduel High School fundraiser that benefits the La Pulsera Project. Here, senior Bella Delzer, left, and junior Eduin Romero hold up a couple of samples.

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program, bringing it up every three or four years to work with a new group of high school students.

"We've done this a couple of times in the past," said Ness, noting that the school raised over \$2,000 for La Pulsera on their last go-around. "Last time, I was blown away by how much we made. I don't know what our goal

would be this year."

"It's kind of fun, because some of our elementary students who first purchased purses when they were younger are now in high school heading this up, so they remember buying when they were younger," Martenson added.

All of the items are woven, with

some of them beaded, with an occasional leather bracelet thrown into the mix. Martenson noted that many of the items have "amazing, beautiful colors," with Ness adding that they're "nothing we could ever produce, for sure."

Ness and Martenson noted that it's not surprising that Bonduel students continue to want to participate in the program.

"I feel like Bonduel is always good about giving back, no matter what situation we've got," Ness said. "A lot of the different activities we do in the club is to give back, raise funds or do things for other people. Especially at the high school, you're trying to mold these kids into good, well-rounded people."

Ness added that this also gives the community a cultural lesson, as the students can explain to those wanting to purchase items about the countries where they came from.

"I think that's valuable," Ness said.

The Spanish club will be selling items at all of the schools through Jan. 27. Bracelets cost \$7 each, while the bags are \$15. The club will also be selling La Pulsera products at the Bonduel boys basketball game on Jan. 20.



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The Blend fills a needed gap for women

Downtown Shawano business helps over a dozen budding entrepreneurs to start out

By **NICOLE HIXSON**
Correspondent

The Blend in downtown Shawano is a unique boutique store featuring 19 women-owned businesses.

Opening in July 2022, The Blend currently offers homemade and retail products including clothing, home decor, pet treats, crystals, jewelry, candles, soaps and more. In addition to ready made and ready to sell pieces, options for custom made products are always available.

Founder and owner Alex Hartwig began this store as a way to assist local women with their businesses while also finding professional fulfillment.

"I worked in healthcare for the last 13 years, and I had my son so I really wanted that time with him," said Hartwig. "I just felt that I didn't want to be on call 24-7 anymore, but I still wanted a way to connect with and be able to help the women of Shawano and support them."

The Blend has been able to meet the needs of a growing cohort of entrepreneurs who have already perfected their craft but are looking to expand their retail ambitions. Whether some are pursuing it as a hobby, are looking to earn extra income or are not quite ready to open their own store, The Blend can accommodate any scenario.

"There's all these women, especially during COVID, that have started these businesses online," Hartwig said. "They are typically doing it through social media, so I wanted to give them their first brick and mortar experience. So that's how The Blend came to be. It's been a really fun project. It's given me more purpose."

Interestingly enough, one of the objectives of The Blend is for the vendors to actually move out.

"I know that sounds funny, but the overall goal of this store is for them to be so successful in this starting point, learning from each other, sharing information, that they have to move into a bigger space," Hartwig said. "And preferably here on Main Street, because my goal is to continue to help build up downtown Shawano."

In fact, one vendor has already

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: The Blend

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday

WHERE: 111 N. Main St., Shawano

CONTACT: 920-370-2178 or theblendshawano@gmail.com.

proven so successful that she is leaving The Blend to open a new store elsewhere on Main Street.

Although her business began just last year, Hartwig has been a part of Shawano for much longer.

"I've been here since 2016 and I love it here," Hartwig said. "I love the collaboration between the businesses, and I want to build up all the other businesses on Main Street and support the other businesses. I hope they do the same for the ladies in here."

In the short time that The Blend has been open, the store has had such success and vendor interest that it has already needed to expand. Removing walls and adding shelving have enabled additional entrepreneurs to be included in the boutique.

"We started with nine spaces, and we've already added another eight," said Hartwig. Not to mention, they already have a growing waitlist. "We really can't expand any further in this space."

However, that hasn't stopped The Blend from reaching out to customers through other means to showcase their vendors' wares. The Shawano Area Young Professionals will be hosting a craft fair, and Hartwig already has plans to be a part of that.

"When you come to The Blend, you are supporting 19 different women who are local to Shawano," said Hartwig. "I think that makes it a special store to shop at."

"At big box stores you don't necessarily know the person you're supporting. When you come to downtown Shawano, you're likely to see one of the owners, or here at The Blend, one of the makers might be working the desk. You are looking them right in the eye when you buy their products, and I think that is something very special."



Store owner and founder Alex Hartwig adjusts a display at The Blend in downtown Shawano.

NICOLE HIXSON



The Blend, located at 111 N. Main St. in downtown Shawano, is currently home to 19 separate women-owned businesses.

NICOLE HIXSON

Resolutions for better gardens helpful

Many people make New Year's resolutions to carry them through and help them make changes or transformations through the new year. With that in mind, why not commit to some New Year's resolutions for your garden? Here are some great ideas to help you make the most of gardening in 2023.



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Invest in an Aero garden or similar model. The ability to grow fresh herbs, greens, flowers and even small vegetables indoors, all winter long, is a wonderful winter gardening hobby. With a tabletop or desktop lighted Aero garden, you can continue to harvest fresh herbs and greens all winter long, and grow them just about anywhere. Since these machines grow using just water and built-in light, they can be placed anywhere in the home.

Growing more native wildflowers, grasses, trees and shrubs is a great goal. Mixing and combining natives in with traditional garden plants is a wonderful way to provide an extra source of nectar, pollen as well as fruits and nuts for songbirds, hummingbirds, butterflies and wildlife. Follow me here all through winter, spring and summer for more information on the best native plants for wildlife.

One of the best things you can do as a gardener is to introduce a young child to the hobby and keep him or her interested. Children really are the future of gardening. As more and more adults age and move into assisted living centers and out of homes and into apartments, gardening dreams fade and less and less people enjoy the hobby.

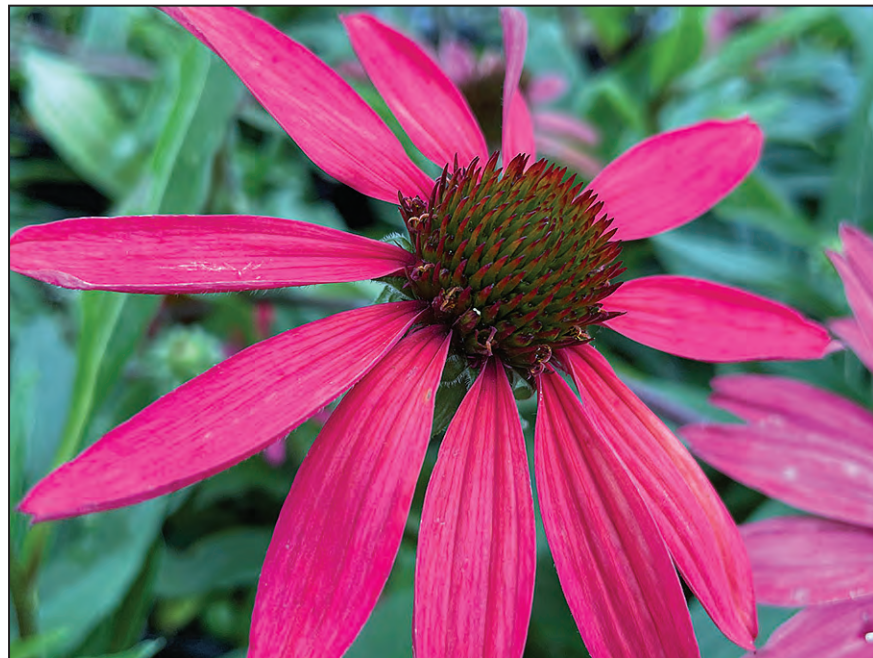
It is vital that we involve children in gardening, get them interested at a young age and show them all of the beauty and wonder and importance of growing your own flowers, food and vegetables. Throughout the year, I will give many examples of ways to get children excited about gardening and to help them enjoy it for a lifetime.

Try something new. For many gardeners, trying something new is intimidating. Each year, plant growers breed many new varieties of some of our old-fashioned favorites.



Growing more native wildflowers for bumblebees and other pollinators is a great goal for 2023.

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Try something new in 2023 with growing colorful new coneflowers. These newer hybrids hold their color much longer and are richer than some of the first colored coneflowers that were introduced years ago.

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There are always new perennials and annuals and shrubs to choose from. Try growing something you've never grown before.

Growing your own mushrooms at home is also a wonderful way to expand your gardening hobby and makes a great resolution. If you enjoy

edible mushrooms, many online sources and retail outlets now sell easy to use mushroom grow kits that can be used indoors or out. Enjoy fresh mushrooms all year-round with one of these amazing kits.

Do a simple online search to look at all the amazing varieties available that can be used right indoors in a closet, basement or table top. There are different varieties and styles and sizes. All work relatively the same. Just add water and enjoy fresh mushrooms within a few weeks.

Set up a bird feeding station. Feeding birds goes hand-in-hand with gardening. Especially during the winter season, when our gardening time is limited, it is such a wonderful joy to be able to look out the window and see colorful songbirds busily feeding away right in your yard and garden. A good set of binoculars and a good bird field guide are all you need to start a whole new hobby.

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.

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Coming to rescue of farmers at crunch time

All farmers need help from time to time, and it comes through in all manners of ways. Be it veterinarians, on-site repair crews, family members or neighbors, the ways help came to our aid were as diversified as the needs.

Back in the day when we were farming full-time, there were situations when we'd need a vet in the wee hours of the morning. Walking into the barn in the pre-dawn, we could be faced with anything. There might be a cow in labor (the mama lying down in the freshening stall moaning, her legs splayed out), a cow down with milk fever (her ears cold) or one with her foot caught in her stanchion chain — all of these scenarios we had experienced first-hand.

Many times, we could help a distressed mama cow by ourselves. If she was trying to birth while standing, my husband worked with a plastic sleeve on up to his elbow while I held her tail, milking postponed while we tended. Sometimes during a cold spell, the hot steam from her warm body would rise up like a cloud around us — the earthy, animal smell assaulting my early-morning-before-coffee self. "Buck up," I'd remind me; this is life and death.

If the calf was just being stubborn or the mom didn't have enough energy, he'd feel out the calf's front legs, and we'd attach a come-along with a chain rope just behind the hooves. Wrapping it around a stanchion pole, we'd use it as leverage to slowly draw



KAY REMINGER

the slippery newborn onto the straw.

If time was of the essence, and it usually was by that point, we'd just wrap rope around the legs and one-two-three, pull — in rhythm with

mama's push, using combined brute strength to pull the little one out. Afterward, a piece of straw stuck in and out of the calf's nostrils would clear the afterbirth so it could take a deep breath, and/or pumping its front legs would jumpstart the heart.

When we'd see the little slick one shake its head and their eyelids blink (what a wondrous sight) we'd leave mama to tend, she'd lick her offspring head-to-toe with her sandpaper tongue. That would be all it took.

One night while we were milking, our daughter was helping with chores when a vet had to perform a C-section. Sadly, the calf had already died, the mother in distress. The only way to help her was to literally cut her stomach open and physically remove the calf.

After the vet got the calf out, and as he held organs back, my daughter poured antibiotic into the open incision. She remembers feeling sorry for the cow, so sorry, and it was all very hot.

"I'm sweating profusely," the vet had blurted out once during the procedure.

We laughed at that later. He was so formal.

Our daughter got splattered with blood and learned a great deal hands-on about the working innards of a Holstein. Later she confessed to us that she kept repeating over and over: "It's just the color red. It's just the color red. It's just the color red!" Otherwise she might have passed out. She never wanted to become a veterinarian.

On-site repair crews were called to our farm a couple of times. Normally, my husband could take something apart, run for a part and put it back together himself, with me assisting by handing him a vise grip, hammer, crescent wrench or holding a flashlight. Once in a while, we'd have to call for help. We were chopping corn once and our chopper broke right in the middle of the field. These guys came out, repaired on-site and got us up and running.

I can recall one time I was baling when our hay baler broke. My husband was unloading at the farm. With only three raked-up, dried-to-the-bone rows of hay left and a thunderstorm brewing, I called him, crying. He called our neighbor who came out with his own tractor and baler, hooked up to our kick-rack and finished the field for us, delivering the wagon to the farm just before the

storm broke. Sometimes the "to the rescue" people are next-door neighbors.

Speaking of next-door neighbors, we have the best. Anytime we are in any sort of distress we can call on them and they know we are right here, too. There have been times when our neighbor has called, stuck out in the field while spreading manure; can we come with a tractor and chain? Be right there.

My husband underwent a complete shoulder replacement one winter. Our neighbor came over every single day for weeks and fed our Black Angus using his own bucket tractor. He never wanted any sort of payment. I came out one day with packages of homegrown bacon and some baked goodies. My voice wavering a thank you, he quipped, "Well. I didn't kill anyone yet!"

He was uncomfortable with my teary-eyed gratitude and wanted to make me laugh. He did.

Veterinarians, repair crews, family members or good neighbors, we thankfully had help coming to our aid at a moment's notice.

("Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2)

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

"Speaking of next-door neighbors, we have the best. Anytime we are in any sort of distress we can call on them and they know we are right here, too."

KAY REMINGER, NEW Media columnist

SALUTES

Avenue of Lights big success for Oconto Falls

To the editor:

The holiday season has come and gone, and the Oconto Falls Lioness Lions Club is once again grateful to the community for a successful Avenue of Lights display.

Thank you to the following sponsors for making this display possible: Platinum Sponsors — Oconto Falls Lions Club and Oconto County Lumber; Gold Sponsors — Oconto Falls Area Chamber of

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A huge thank you also goes out to all of the individuals and businesses who decorated trees and displays. Your lights are what really make the Avenue of Lights shine as a community event with commu-

nity support. We are so thankful for your support.

The lights could not go on without the generous support of the employees of the Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities. Thank you for hanging lights (and taking them down) from the large trees that we are not able to reach.

Thank you to Erica Beaumier, who organizes and orchestrates everything that happens to make this display possible, as well as the many Lions Club members, spouses, children and community members who dedicate countless hours

to putting up and taking down the lights and displays.

Our lighting ceremony is magical because of the generous support of the Oconto Falls Fire Department, AbbyGaile Jadin and Oconto Falls High School choir members and Iverson's Piggly Wiggly. Our event would not be complete without Santa and Mrs. Claus — thank you for blessing us with your presence and bringing smiles to so many little faces.

We look forward to working with you all again in 2023. Thank you.

Ashley Bahrke, Oconto Falls

Peters named CEO for Indigenous alliance

Pamela Boivin, chairwoman of the Wisconsin Indigenous Economic Development Corporation (WIEDC), recently announced the hiring of Jennifer L. Peters as chief executive officer of the organization.

"Jennifer's diverse background, skills and experience were the perfect fit for our organization," Boivin said. "Her dedication and accomplishments at the Wolf River Development Corporation, as well as her leadership at the Menominee Tribal Enterprises, are key to our organization as we move forward in our mission to building financial sovereignty for Wisconsin's tribal enterprises and communities, individuals, families and Native-owned businesses."

Peters obtained her Masters of Business Administration in 2013, and she has served as an associate admin-

istrator for the College of Menominee Nation. She held leadership positions with the Menominee Casino Resort and the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. She served as the general manager for the Wolf River Development Company and Menominee Tribal Enterprises. Prior to joining the WIEDC, Peters was president at Menominee Tribal Enterprises.

"The most enjoyable time in my career has been working in the economic and business development area," Peters said. "We created and developed new businesses and services for the Menominee tribe and the membership; we brought new revenue streams to the tribe. This was very satisfying — knowing that we were helping our community. That led me to my interest in working with WIEDC. We are now looking at

economic development from a new view, still allowing us to help not only the Menominee community but all of Wisconsin's Tribal communities."

Peters added her goals in building the WIEDC are to identify contact with each of the Wisconsin tribes to see how the WIEDC can work with them.

"Our goal is to bring Native business hubs to each tribal community to leverage and multiply the resources and services needed to advance tribal businesses, communities and economic development by assisting individual tribal member consumers and homeowners, as well as through the growth and diversification of Native busi-

nesses and tribal entities," Peters said.

Peters has been married to her husband, Karl, for 22 years. They have three children and one grandchild.

WIEDC, formerly known as the Wisconsin Indian Business Alliance, is a coalition of nonprofit organizations with a mission to expand Native economic development by building the financial sovereignty of Native individuals, families, Native-owned businesses and communities in Wisconsin.

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JENNIFER PETERS, chief executive officer for the Wisconsin Indigenous Economic Development Corporation



Cavity prevention requires more than brushing

"Brush more." "Floss more." Don't those words sound familiar? Most of us are trying to do the right thing, but even after more brushing and flossing, we still get those stubborn cavities. Why is this? Well, to understand how to prevent a cavity, it is important to first understand what a cavity is.

A cavity is also known as "tooth decay," which is the destruction of your enamel. How does enamel get negatively impacted? Plaque.

Plaque is a sticky film of bacteria that stays on your teeth. When you eat or drink foods containing sugar, it provides the bacteria in your mouth with the proper nutrients to form plaque. Plaque then attacks. Plaque produces acids that attack tooth enamel. These acids can create a hole in the tooth.

For cavity prevention, here are some important things to consider:

- Dry mouth: Saliva helps to neu-



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tralize the acid in our mouth. When we have less saliva, we do not have the proper bad bacteria fighters. Certain medications and chemotherapy can cause dry mouth. To combat this, make sure to drink lots of water. It is important to note that certain lozenges do contain a significant amount of sugar that can cause more harm. For this reason, it is imperative to take a close look at the dietary labels.

- Diet: Acidic foods or carbonated drinks attack your teeth and give the bad bacteria the proper nutrients to keep on attacking your enamel. If you choose to eat or drink these items, it is recommended to try not to do it all day long. It is better to do this at one

meal then drink plenty of water for the rest of the day. By doing this, you are allowing your enamel a chance to "fight" back, which is termed remineralization. Another vital consideration, everything that is put in our mouth goes to your gut. If your gut health is not to par, this can affect your mouth health and vice versa.

- Genetics: Enamel strength and saliva makeup can have an effect on how many cavities you get. That being said, there are certain things you can do to help combat this. That is, taking proper care of your teeth and seeing your dentist for regular checkups.

- Brushing and flossing: These two tools are imperative when it comes to removing plaque on your teeth and between your teeth. As a reminder make sure you are checking the quality of your toothbrush regularly. The bristles should be soft and not flared. Furthermore, it is a myth that

brushing harder will remove more plaque. Tooth brushing should be done in circular motion like a gentle massage. This will also prevent gum recession. Lastly, when flossing, try making a "c" shape between the tooth. In other words, hug your tooth with your floss. Both brushing and flossing will make a significant impact when done correctly.

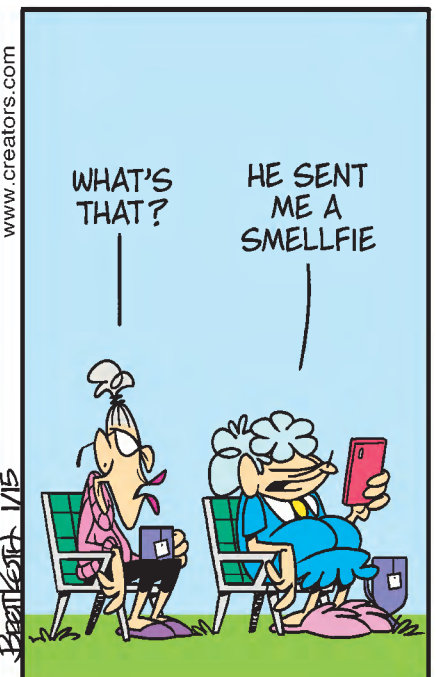
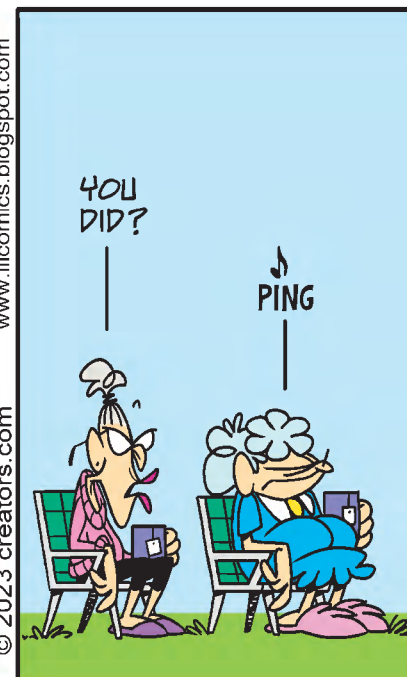
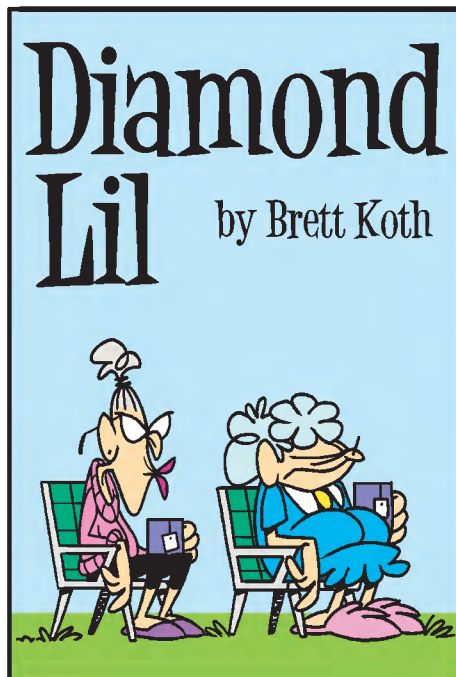
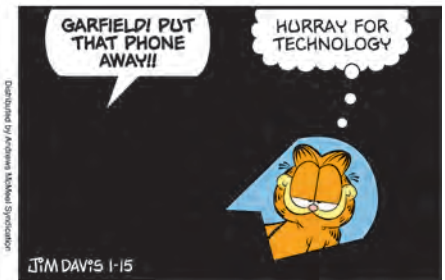
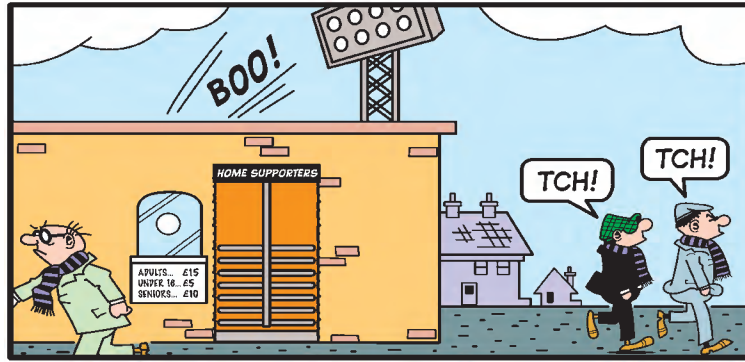
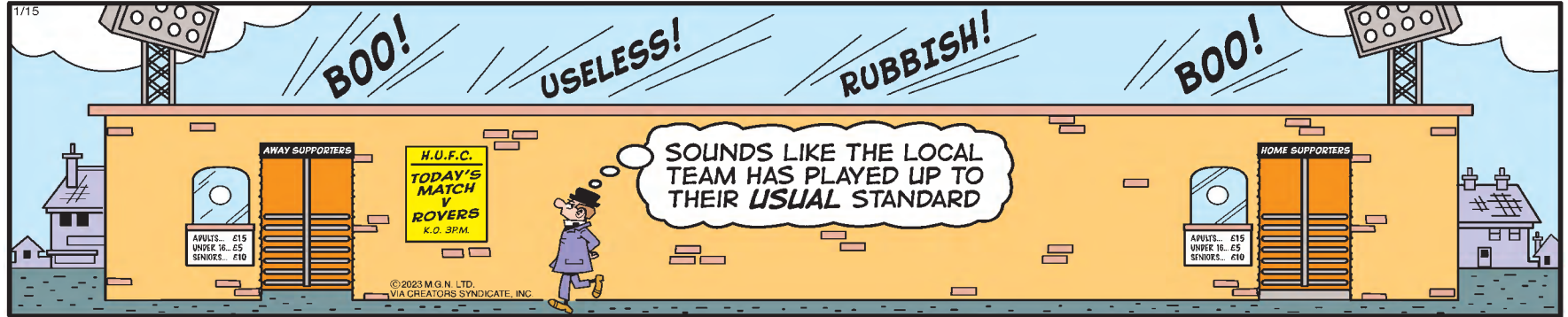
Once a cavity is large enough, you may experience sensitivity to hot, cold or sweets. If a cavity is left untreated, it can affect the nerve of the tooth and cause greater difficulties, such as pain when biting or keeping you up at night.

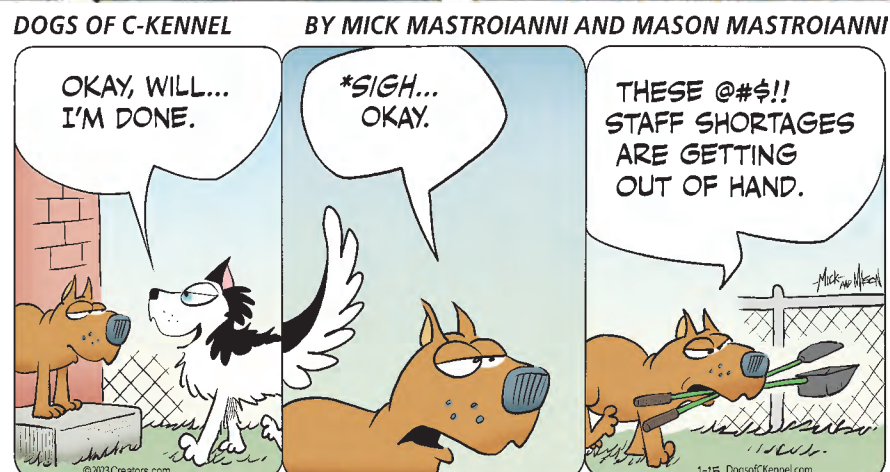
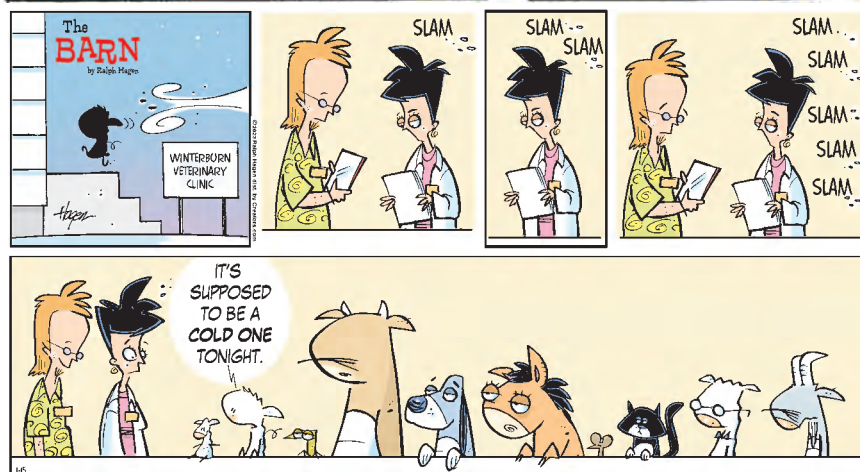
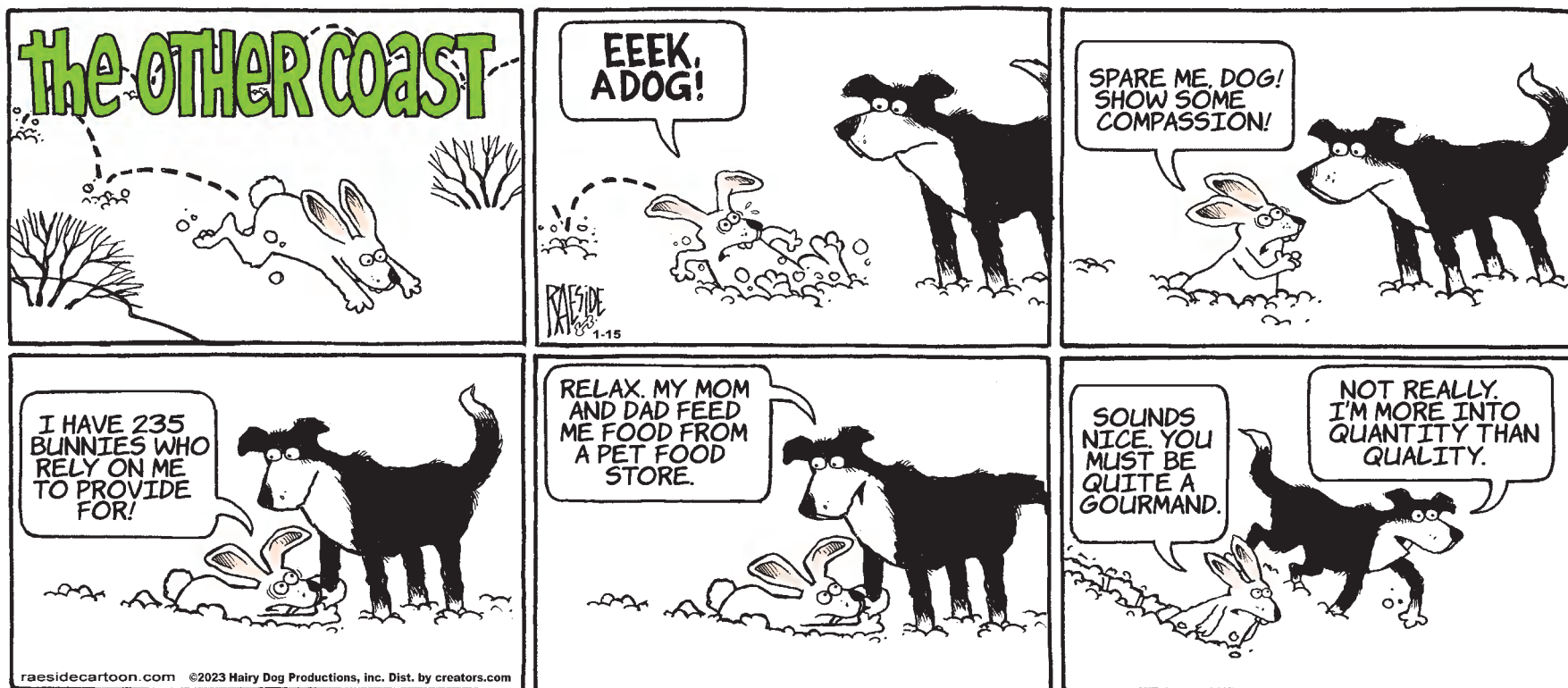
If more information is needed or you want help figuring out why you may be getting more cavities, make sure to talk to your dentist. A healthy mouth leads to a healthy body.

Dr. Rebecca Stevens is the owner of Shawano Family Dentistry. Readers can contact her at 715-524-4935.

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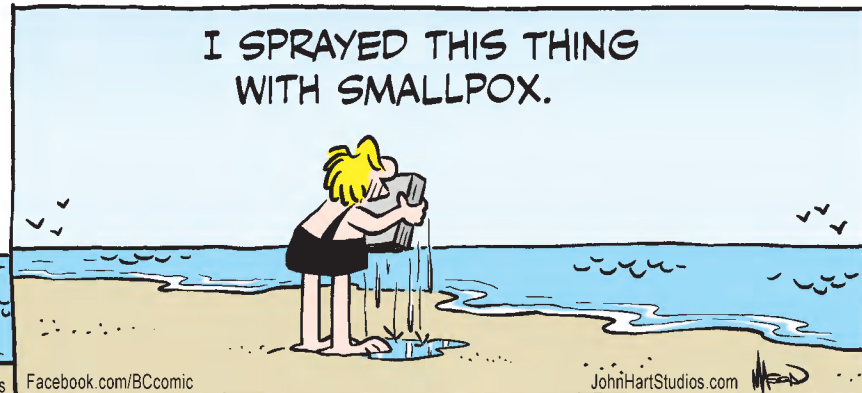
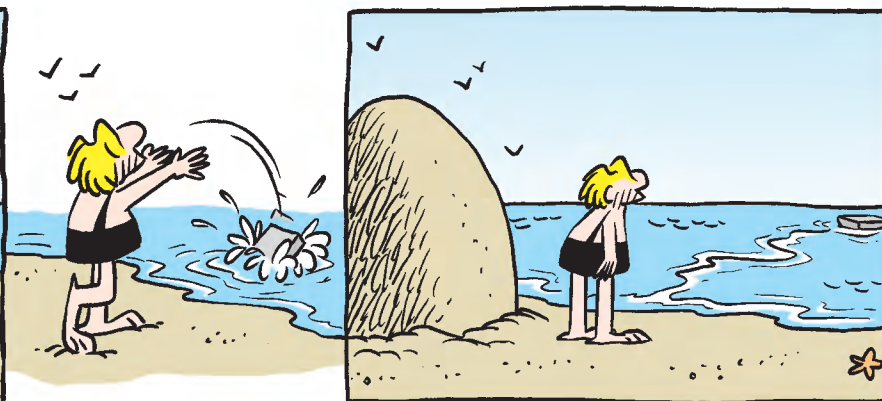
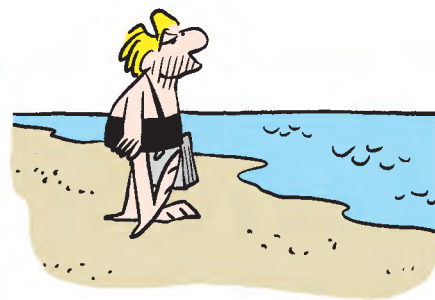
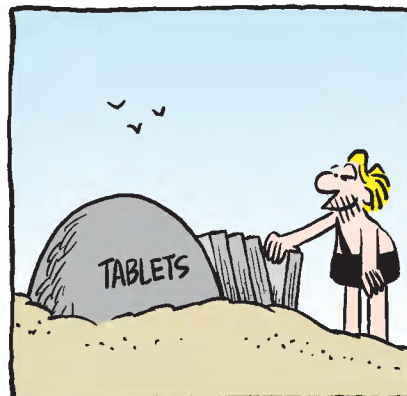


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COLLEGE NOTES

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Shannon Kathryn Konkol, of Hatley, was among 1,288 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during commencement exercises Dec. 16-17.

Konkol earned a juris doctorate from the College of Law. She also earned a Master of Arts from the Office of Graduate Studies.

St. Norbert College

The following students have been named to the 2022 fall semester dean's list at St. Norbert College:

- Birnamwood: Emily Niles
- Wittenberg: Emma Herb
- Cecil: Gracelyn Giese
- Shawano: Nathan Krizan, Nicole Piantek, Lindsey Roloff, Caprice Rush, Sage Tomashek
- Tigerton: Bethany Kreklow
- Lena: Kennedy Marquardt, Lilia Shallow
- Little Suamico: Hailey Monroe
- Oconto: Abigail Gonnering, Kyle McFadden
- Oconto Falls: Emily Gonnering, Andrea Waschbisch
- Sobieski: Crimson Groh

A minimum 3.5 grade-point average is required for academic eligibility.

UW-Whitewater

The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater dean's list for the 2022 fall semester.

- Bonduel: Baylie Hansen, Taylor Luepke
- Shawano: Hannah Marien, Lucas te Plate
- Pulaski: Jarret Olson, Rachel Wasielewski, Paige Willer
- Clintonville: Mia Peterson
- Wittenberg: Kaylee Schram

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by

receiving a grade-point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

Bob Jones University

Joshua Stauff, a junior from Abrams, was among approximately 720 Bob Jones University students named to the fall 2022 president's list.

The president's list recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher grade-point average for the semester.

UW-Superior

The University of Wisconsin-Superior has named Brooke Walder, of Wittenberg, to the dean's list for academic achievement during the fall 2022 semester.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have completed 12 semester credits and achieved at least a 3.5 grade-point average.

UW-Madison

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2021-2022 academic year.

- Birnamwood: Cole Schairer, dean's list; Amara Schoepke, dean's list; Tyler Schroepfer, dean's list; Tori Spencer, dean's list
- Bowler: Jalynn Horacek, dean's honor list
- Eland: Stetson Potrykus, honor roll
- Wittenberg: Jadalynn Davids, dean's list
- Bonduel: Graci Zuleger, dean's list
- Krakow: Alyssa Wittman, dean's list
- Shawano: Avery Dreier, dean's list; Corissa Hutmaker, dean's list; Karah Latender, dean's list; Leo Liu, dean's list; Jake Polzin, dean's list; Elise Pyatskowitz, dean's honor

list; McKenzie Trinko, dean's list; Autumn Van Der Linden, dean's list; Paige Weyer, dean's honor list; Ananya Wilson, dean's list

- Tigerton: Savannah Swartz, dean's list
- Abrams: Kaelyn Allen, dean's list
- Lena: Dylan Nelson, dean's list
- Little Suamico: Cole Bertrand, honor roll; Valerie Rehn, dean's honor list
- Mountain: Kiley Harju, dean's list
- Oconto: Luke Krueger, dean's honor list; Philip McKeefry, dean's honor list; Gavin Mlnarik, dean's honor list; Alayna Westenberg, dean's list
- Oconto Falls: Saffron Mears, dean's list; Bethy Olson, dean's honor list; Autumn Payette, dean's list
- Sobieski: Makayla Erdmann, dean's list; Helen Treankler, dean's honor list

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester.

UW-Oshkosh

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh officials have released the names of students who qualified for the dean's list and honor roll in fall 2022 across its Fond du Lac, Fox Cities and Oshkosh campuses:

- Birnamwood: Elizabeth Muscha, dean's list
- Eland: Pierson Potrykus, honor roll
- Bonduel: Riddik Bohm, honor roll; Harrison Mueller, honor roll; Kenadee Stoss, dean's list
- Cecil: Mackenzie Moore, honor roll

• Shawano: Brigitte Barry, honor roll; Autumn Braun, honor roll; Sierra King-Whitney, honor roll; Tatiana Kunschke, honor roll; Audrey Naeyaert, dean's list

- Tigerton: McKenna Marquardt, dean's list; Dayton Schultz, dean's list
- Lena: Adam Haines, honor roll; Kaylee Sadowski, honor roll
- Little Suamico: Karlee Louthain, honor roll
- Oconto: Haylee Whiting, dean's list
- Oconto Falls: Brett Norling, dean's list; Zachary Parsons, honor roll

• Sobieski: Alexis Hesselink, honor roll; Meghan Molthen, honor roll; Jade Schroeder, honor roll

The term grade-point average requirement for honor roll is 3.3; the GPA requirement for dean's list is 3.75 out of a possible 4.0. To qualify, a student must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. There can be no individual grades below a "C" and no incomplete or non-reported grades at the time the process is run.

South Dakota State University

South Dakota State University has announced that Caleb Gross, of Lena, and Aidan Frederick, of Wittenberg, have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester.

University of Minnesota-Rochester

Each semester, the University of Minnesota-Rochester recognizes students who have achieved high academic achievement through the chancellor's list. To be listed, a student must have earned a 3.66 grade-point average or higher and completed a minimum of 12 credits. Emily Dupont, of Lena, was named to the chancellor's list.

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Casey Gregory Geier and Aime Elizabeth Long, both of Wittenberg, Jan. 5, 2023.

Angel Ramon Kaquatosh and Justina Marie O'Kimosh, both of Shawano, Dec.

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Tyler Henry Klatt and Tessa Lynn Rusch, both of Bonduel, Dec. 22, 2022.

Kyle John Kowalczyk and Bethany June Przybylski, both of the Town of Washington, Dec. 19, 2022.

Jerry Lee McClone and Beth Ann Chandler, both of the Town of Hartland, Dec. 26, 2022.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Aubree Couillard was all smiles when she saw the new castle reading nook built in her honor at the Gillett Public Library.

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Banner Bank employees in Birnamwood show off some of the toys that its branch collected for the 2022 CWEC Toys for Tots campaign. More than 1,000 children in four counties received toys from the annual Christmas campaign.

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Library nook turns readers into royalty

Aubree Couillard enjoys the medieval artwork in the early reading room at Gillett Public Library. Thanks to a new donation from Gillett Secondary School students, other readers can share her love of the era of lords and ladies with a new castle reading nook inspired by Aubree's love of castles.

Gillett Public Library Director Shannon Stoner approached tech ed teacher Preston Zimmerman with the concept of making a reading nook for Couillard, who loves reading. Stoner also approached Aubree's mother, Laurie, and proposed the project to see the reading nook placed in her home. However, the Couillard family decided to keep the nook at the library for other kids to enjoy.

Meunier's True Value in Gillett donated paint for the project.

Zimmerman's class learned valuable technical skills while contributing to their community. Tech ed students spent the fall semester planning and designing a medieval-themed nook for the library.

Toys for Tots helps over 1,000 local children

With the help of local businesses and residents, the 2022 Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWECC) Toys for Tots campaign helped bring joy this Christmas to more than 1,000 area children.

For more than 15 years, CWECC has partnered with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to organize a Toys for Tots campaign in the CWECC service area. Through the campaign, CWECC provides help to area families in need by supplying donated toys to the families, so they can give their children Christmas presents.

Toy donations were collected at more than 30 area businesses in the CWECC service area. Monetary donations were also collected, which were used to purchase toys. With those donations, roughly 2,500 toys, 150 books and 650 stocking stuffers were distributed to area children.

"Once again, area residents and businesses were generous with their donations to our Toys for Tots campaign," said Bert Lehman, CWECC Toys for Tots coordinator and member relations specialist. "The success of the campaign wouldn't have been possible without that generosity."

Less fortunate children in Wit-

tenberg-Birnamwood, Tigerton and Bowler school districts were part of the campaign.

Bike the Barn Quilts canceled by Pathways

Shawano Pathways has announced that the Bike the Barn Quilts bike tour will not be returning in 2023.

The organization set out to create a safe, family-friendly event that showed off some of the great back roads and barn quilts in Shawano County. The effort raised funds to improve biking, walking and snowshoeing opportunities and support other local organizations. Pathways officials estimate about 1,500 people came to Shawano over the 10 years of the tour.

Pathways was able to donate to Shawano Area Matthew 25, Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail and Home and Community Education Book Worms. Over 30 local businesses sponsored four route maps, which will continue to be available in various Shawano locations.

Miske gets Lena Lions award for January

The Lena Lions Club honored Lily Miske, daughter of Steve and Jennifer Chartier, as its Student of the Month for January.

Miske is a senior at Lena High School. She enjoys helping with the 5K program, where she assisted with Donuts for Dads, Muffins for Moms and the 5K Soup Supper.

Miske's community activities include helping with the Lena Craft Fair and Dairyfest and donating to the Adopt-A-Family.

Miske's work experience includes working at the A&W in Stiles. She is currently working at Thompson's County Market as a cashier.

Miske plans to attend Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in the legal studies/paralegal program to earn a degree.

Legion post plans new gunless poultry shoot

American Legion Sylvan Post 44 of Wabeno is holding its next gunless poultry shoot at 1 p.m. Jan. 21 at Skinny Dave's Bar, 12848 State Highway 32, Mountain.

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

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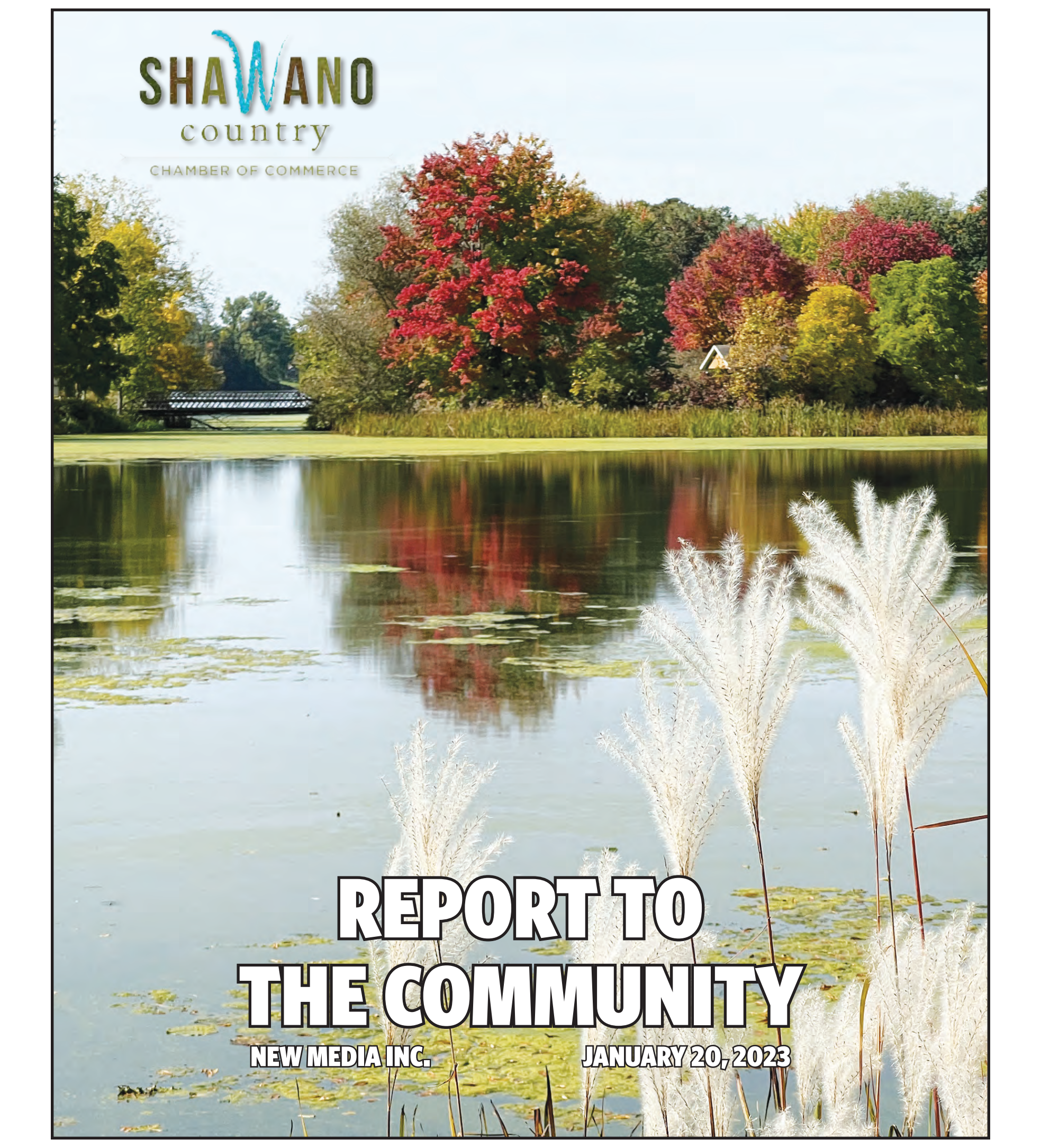
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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As I ruminate on my last six months, in all fairness, my thoughts are focused on 2023! I'm excited to see what the new year brings and what inspiring ideas and collaborative efforts may come about as I continue to immerse myself in Shawano and Menominee Counties.

The first six months of 2022 should be attributed to my predecessor, Nancy Smith, and all her hard work. I'm so grateful to have had time with Nancy before her retiring from the Shawano County Chamber after 20 years!

These past six months have been a period of learning and adapting with this new job, new staff and new environment. Even though I'm familiar with the goings on of a chamber, the variety and depth of work that we do here always leave me in awe.

This year we celebrated the 400th Shawano County Barn Quilt, participated and/or organized local community events and welcomed 25 new members! I am also proud to be a Leadership Shawano County (LSC) participant (Class of 2023!) and just as happy to have a growing relationship with the Shawano Area Young Professionals (saYPro) who are flourishing and producing our next generation of civic-minded individuals!

Thank you to our "newbie" staff who work tirelessly to help serve our member businesses and the community, and thank you to my Board of Directors who have taken me in and given me support in all areas. Here's to a happy 2023!

— Suzanne Wittman

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Looking back on 2022, it was a year of changes, challenges and new beginnings. Our dedicated and extremely competent executive director Nancy Smith retired in July, leaving a void. Luckily, the executive committee was able to find a strong, dedicated leader with the experience to compliment Nancy's legacy. We are excited to be working with Suzanne Wittman, executive director, to help promote positive changes and opportunities for our local businesses and community. While working diligently to find Nancy's replacement, the Chamber continued to support, communicate and educate our businesses and community to partner together to create a stronger community. We have experienced the growth of existing businesses and the incoming of new businesses.

In 2023, I am excited to take on the role of president of the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce. Personally, I am looking forward to collaborating with the community to learn more about individual businesses. The Chamber of Commerce will continue to champion and advocate for local businesses to promote progress and economic growth. The resources and opportunities available by the Chamber are numerous, and I encourage everyone to create a connection with the Chamber and Chamber Board members so together we can continue to grow and support the development of Shawano and Menominee counties.

A strong economy requires a strong community. We have the talent within our businesses, our leaders and our community to forge ahead and flourish as a community in 2023!!

— Leann Gueths



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A legacy of community involvement and service



As lines fill the parking lot for Charlie's County Market's rib cookout, Charlie Harvey entertains and serves.

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Charlie Harvey receives Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award

By **NICOLE HIXSON**
Correspondent

The winner of the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen of the Year award for 2022 is Charlie Harvey. This award honors a community member who over the past year

exemplifies the attributes of leadership and community service. Many community members are familiar with Harvey as the owner of Charlie's County Market in Shawano. However, it is his community involvement and consistent service which lead him to be recognized.

Harvey is actively involved on a

variety of boards, committees and organizations with goals of improving the Shawano area. At present, Harvey is serving on the Shawano Industrial and Commercial Development Committee for the City of Shawano and the ThedaCare Shawano Advisory Committee. He is an active member of the Ti-

gerton Lions Club.

"I've only been in this community for five plus years, but at every turn Charlie has been involved in the community in so many ways," said Heather Pahl of Martin Jewelers, who nominated Harvey for the award. "I've served alongside him at RDA meetings, SICDC,

Shawano Downtown Master Plan and smaller projects. His contributions and fresh perspective are invaluable. His humor also lightens the discussions. He is a treasure for Shawano, and it is shocking he hasn't already received this award. It is long overdue."

Harvey supports various causes and groups throughout the year. These include local fishing derbies, golf outings, snowmobile club events and the Fourth of July fireworks celebration in Shawano.

"The animal auction at the fair is always a bright spot for Charlie," said Kelly Sufka, his daughter and store director of Charlie's County Market. "Whether he wins the bid or just helps drive up the bid, he loves seeing the kids in the ring getting as much as they can for their hard work."

He donates to a variety of organizations in the Shawano

area that are important to him. These organizations have included schools, sports, churches, veterans groups, first responders and youth organizations, among many others. SAM25 and the Shawano Community Foundation are recent recipients of his generosity.

The relationship between Harvey and his grocery store go hand in hand when it comes to providing for the community. Those who visit Charlie's County Market may recognize The Redbarn. This is a place in front of the store where local organizations can earn funds for their causes by selling food items, including brats and burgers. By having a devoted space for these organizations to fundraise, Harvey continues to show his generosity and philanthropy to the community.

Additionally, Charlie's County Market regularly provides food donations and has been a major spon-

sor of the Shawano holiday parade for decades.

"He believes in helping across the board in our community," Sufka said. "Charlie's supports the community and, in return, they support Charlie's County Market. Shawano is a tight-knit community, and Charlie's County Market is proud to be part of it and support it. He doesn't see that point of view changing anytime in the future. We are here to serve our local communities. Charlie's is so involved because of the support we get from our local communities. Without them, there is no Charlie's."

His generosity has not gone unnoticed by community members, organizations and business members.

"I couldn't begin to add up how much he has contributed to this community — financially or personally," Pahl said. "He makes public donations but also private

donations to support a whole host of programs and initiatives. He has been tireless in his support of growth and development for Shawano, and his involvement in the planning and implementation for the plaza is a prime example."

The plaza project, or The Naberhood, is an open air space between Franklin Park and the rest of downtown. It will function as a designated area for block parties, events and organizations to come in and showcase what they are all about. Harvey has worked tirelessly in support of this project.

It should come as no surprise that Harvey will continue to be an active member and generous supporter of the Shawano area and its many organizations and projects. The community and its citizens will continue to benefit as a direct result of Harvey's volunteering, donations and service.

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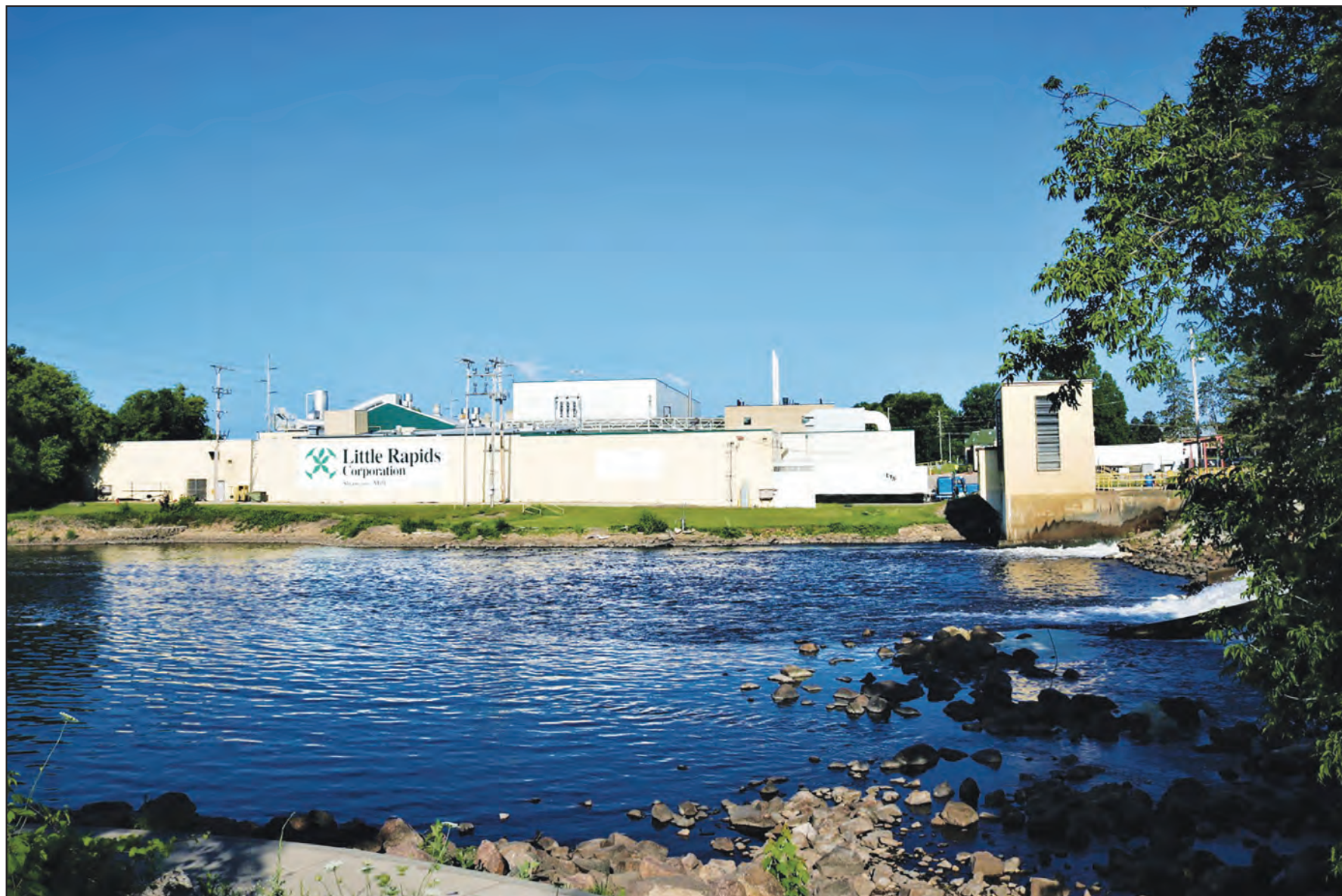
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Shawano Specialty Papers changing with the times



Mill owner Little Rapids continues to invest in Shawano Specialty Papers, including a new state-of-the art tissue machine six years ago.

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Company named Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce's Manufacturer of the Year for 2022

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Shawano Specialty Papers has been producing paper products since the late 1800s and is still going strong.

Although the mill has gone through several changes since it first opened its doors on the west bank of the Wolf River in 1894, it still employs 185 people.

It has also been named the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce's Manufacturer of the Year for 2022.

Green Bay-based Little Rapids

Corp. owns the paper mill, which develops, manufactures and markets specialty papers that serve a wide range of markets — from medical products to food packaging to consumer and industrial disposables.

"We are a rarity being a single-operation paper mill in Wisconsin and in the country," said Mike Bogenschultz, the mill's general manager and vice president.

"We have an integrated operation with our sister businesses in Green Bay with Little Rapids, Graham Professional and Nexxa," he said. "We supply

paper into those businesses and have very strong ties to external paper customers. Part of that equation is us being full and running these assets at full capacity. Part of that is our care and delivery of products to customers."

Little Rapids continues to invest in the mill, including a new state-of-the art tissue machine six years ago, according to Bogenschultz.

"Going back to 2017, there was a \$40 million investment in one of our three paper machines," he said. "We completely replaced our tissue machine, which is our largest asset.

Since then, we've invested in a vision system for one of our other assets and that was done to ensure quality to our customers. We're in the middle of an investment in a new dryer for one of our paper machines and that's a \$3 million investment that will be completed in 2023. We continue to invest in the operation to ensure continuous delivery to our customers."

The mill also continues to deal with the effect of COVID-19.

"The pandemic really caused chaos, to put it lightly," Bogenschultz said. "We saw disruption in our customer

demand and disruption in different directions. For some of our businesses, the demand really fell off. In other parts, demand skyrocketed. We had to adjust to those changing demand patterns. That was at a time when people were not able to come to work because of personally being affected by that.

"I think the dedication that we had from our associates to be flexible and work through that was very stressful," he said. "We basically ran our assets in full capacity. We'd have up to 20% of our employees out at a time because we were being very careful with the restrictions. That just meant everybody else had to pull together and figure out who could work where and how to take care of our customers.

"We're still dealing with some of this supply chain disruption since then," he said. "There are certain products and components that are unavailable. We're still working through some of that. We have good relationships with our suppliers.

Sheehan named president and CEO of Little Rapids Corp.

Little Rapids Corp., owner of the Shawano Specialty Papers mill, recently announced that Angie Sheehan has been named the company's new president and CEO, effective Jan. 3, 2023.

Sheehan succeeds former president and CEO Kirk Ryan in a planned transition. Ryan had served in the role since 2004. During his long-tenured, career, Ryan has been instrumental in leading LRC through many unprecedented challenges and spearheading the company's growth and expansion – positioning LRC as an industry leader in paper manufacturing.

With over 25 years of experience, Sheehan has had an outstanding track record of success in manufacturing across several industries. She is an Oshkosh, Wisconsin native, and a graduate of Marquette University.

"This is an exciting and pivotal time to join Little Rapids Corp., and I am thrilled to be a part of a business with a rich 75-year history and to be back home in Wisconsin," Sheehan said. "Little Rapids Corp. has experienced incredible growth and success under Kirk Ryan's leadership, and I am eager to work alongside the company's talented team to continue building on that momentum."

In her last role, Sheehan served as president of WernerCo, a Chicago-based leader in construction safety and security products, where she led the transformation of the North American business with a focus on

Even though we're small, relative to other paper companies, we have been able for the most part to keep things running consistently."

Bogenschultz said there are several reasons why the mill remains a major industry in Shawano.

"I think the biggest is the dedication and passion that our associates have for the success of this business," he said. "It's a combination of that, our business model with our two other divisions and our great relationships with customers."

He said the award from the chamber validates the efforts of the mill's employees.

"I'm just really proud of our Shawano team and happy for them to be recognized with an award like this," he said. "Shawano Specialty Papers has a team of highly dedicated associations. For our team, this is validating the hard work and passion that they have for this business, our customers, fellow team members and the community."



new product innovation and developing a high-performance, diverse, and results-driven company culture. She also launched a strategic planning process that resulted in

significant revenue growth, including acquiring two complementary businesses.

"We are thrilled to have Angie lead our company into the future as the new president and CEO," said Cybelle Egan, chairman of the board of directors. "Her long track record of success and leadership, as well as her commitment to fostering a work environment that is diverse and inclusive, is exactly what we need to keep us moving forward in our growth and success. During this time of transition and on behalf of the Egan family, the board of directors, and the entire company, I would like to again extend our sincere appreciation to Kirk for his exceptional leadership and many contributions to Little Rapids Corp. over the last 20 years."

The appointment comes at a time when Little Rapids Corp. is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Charles Egan founded the company in 1947, and today, the third generation of the Egan family continues his legacy of stewardship and growth.



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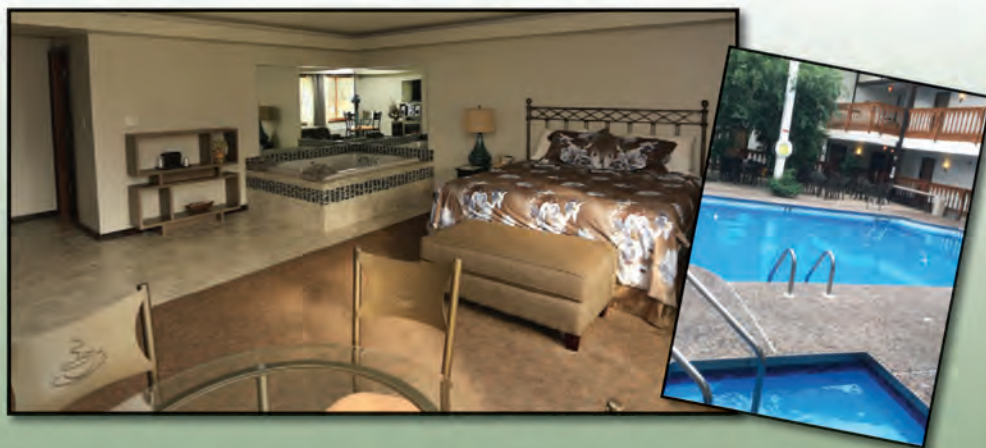
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S.C. Swiderski selected as Shawano Country business of the year

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

It hasn't taken S.C. Swiderski LLC very long to make its presence known in Shawano.

The Mosinee-based firm has been selected as the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year for 2022.

The company is in the process of building and operating SCS Shawano, which features 200 apartment homes on Engel Drive, and beat out several other nominees for the award.

"It means a lot because this is a new community for us," said Jacqui McElroy, the company's director of business development. "We just started our presence there; we're planning to be there long-term and be a good community member. To be recognized in one of our first years there with buildings open has been very exciting for us.

"I think we have the ability to really bring what the community needs," McElroy continued. "We have our own in-house design team. We don't just come to your community and say, 'We just have one building. So hopefully, this is what your community needs, and this is what we're building.' We're able to take all that feedback and really deliver a project that is what a community needs. We can service a much larger target market that is available in Shawano with these different buildings."

The company held a grand opening ceremony in Shawano in June. Construction on the project began in the summer of 2021 and continues on the city's southeast side.

"This is one of our larger projects with 200 units," McElroy said. "Almost all of the buildings are done, but there are still a few to open yet. A majority of the buildings are open, and there are quite a few people already living on-site. We did three different building styles, so there are a wide variety of floor plans available at different price points. We have one level for empty-nesters, starter apartments and three-bedroom apartments. There are one, two- and three-bedroom apartments. We have an office on-site, so we have a property manager that takes care of that location with their team."

S.C. Swiderski operates several apartment facilities throughout Wisconsin — including Black River Falls, Chilton, Eagle River, Eau Claire,



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The apartments include eight different floor plans ranging from 702 to 1,244 square feet. When completed, the project will include 19 multi-family buildings. Each unit comes with an attached or detached garage, private laundry area and either a patio space or balcony.

Shawano turned out to be a good fit for the project, according to McElroy.

"We do our research, reach out and talk to people like chambers to get some of their information," she said. "We talk to businesses in town about what they're seeing. What we're looking for are holes in the market. In Shawano, we noticed there haven't been a lot of new apartments built there and thought that was probably a need that the city had. When we reached out and started talking to the city, they said: 'You're right. We've

been looking into this ourselves; we're really short of housing.' They're losing people to other communities that have more housing options. We wanted to work with the city on this project to plan what is needed. That's why we did a variety of apartments instead of just one style. We can really service all types of people.

"There are empty-nesters that wanted to get rid of their homes and still stay in the area, but there were very limited options for them," she added. "(Shawano) has a very strong workforce that was growing with some business expansions in the area, and those businesses were having trouble because they'd hire people that couldn't find a place to stay nearby. We really see it as a great partnership with the city in planning something that's going to benefit them, benefit all of the businesses already in town and, of course, benefit our business as well."

McElroy said the tenants who have moved in are excited about the new apartments.

"People are coming for older apart-

ments," she said. "A lot of people are coming from a bigger area like the Fox Valley that have a lot of newer apartments. They're very excited that Shawano now has something similar to what they're used to seeing in those other areas."

McElroy said the project turned out to be a win-win for her company and the Shawano community.

"It was great to find this amount of space so we could put up this many units in one location," she said. "You can kind of see it from the highway, so we like that. We did have a great partnership with the city. Everybody on the staff was really great to work with and really supportive of the project. There was a lot of coordination with getting utilities to the site and making sure everything is permitted. Having that support of the city was really nice."

"The business community there has been great as well," she said. "They came out to our groundbreaking when we started the project and came out to the grand opening. It's a great community."

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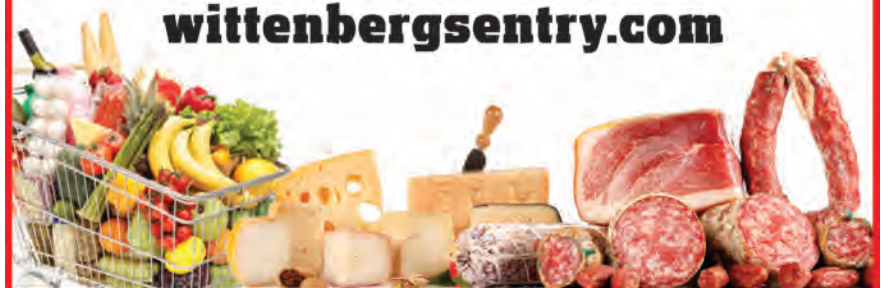
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A downtown dream come true

The Stock Market is recognized as Shawano Country's Small Business of the Year

By **NICOLE HIXSON**
Correspondent

The Shawano Country Small Business of the Year award is annually presented to a Shawano or Menominee county business that has shown growth and attributes that advance Shawano Country's economy and overall quality of life. The Stock Market/Fully Stocked in downtown Shawano is 2022's recipient of this award.

The Stock Market opened for business in 2018 specializing in olive oil, balsamic vinegar, loose leaf tea and home decor. The Stock Market is named after its owners, Chelsea Gilling and Abigail Wallarich, sisters whose maiden name was Stock. According to their website, the creation of the store fulfilled their childhood dream to one day own and manage a store in downtown Shawano.

"Downtown Shawano holds so many special memories for Abigail and me," Gilling said. "We grew up here. We are raising our families here. 'Be the change you want to see in the world,' we want these things for our families and our community. We want to help in creating that Shawano pride. We want others to see Shawano the way we do — as an amazing place to live, work and play."

The store became so successful that in the summer of 2022, they expanded into the neighboring retail space. The Stock Market's counterpart, Fully Stocked Wine and Liquor Lounge, now offers customers charcuterie boards, wines, liquors and desserts.

Both The Stock Market and Fully Stocked offer events, including Saturday tastings at The Stock Market and a recent New Year's Eve wine pairing dinner at Fully Stocked. The sisters have created an atmosphere that is welcoming and fun, which is undoubtedly a contribution to their success.

"We sample our products. We joke around. We have fun," said Gilling. "Our goal is always to create an atmosphere that our customers want to be in and be a part of."

With that success, they have in turn become active members of the community. Hosting and helping to

sponsor events, such as Witch's Night Out in October, has benefited downtown Shawano not only in creating an exciting atmosphere, but also promoting consumer traffic.

"Planning and participating in events, donating to organizations and fundraisers as well as volunteerism are extremely important to us," said Gilling. "These are the things that strengthen and build community. Our heavy involvement in events can touch all three of these things at once. We have always been very passionate about being active in our community. Main Street is the heart of every community, and having a lively and engaging downtown that promotes coming together is what makes small towns thrive. We are so happy to be a part of downtown Shawano."

Their dedication to the community has been quickly recognized and appreciated by their customers, colleagues and fellow businessmen and women.

"The Stock sisters participate in full force in every Shawano Downtown event," said Lindsay Johnson, coordinator at Shawano Downtown, who submitted The Stock Market/Fully Stocked as a nominee for Business of the Year. "They are always willing to help out with events and go above and beyond in their contribution. They have brought in celebrities (Moonshiners) during ShawanoFest, sponsored a pumpkin carver during Octoberfest and are the originators of the Witch's Night Out event that is highly popular! This fall, Chelsea worked with the Shawano Historical Society to create Shawano's first haunted history tour. They also collaborate with other Shawano businesses. In addition, they are huge supporters of the community, donating to numerous organizations and fundraisers. They are always brainstorming new ideas to add to their store, new activities to bring to Shawano Downtown events and additional ways to draw people to downtown. People love their creativity and energy and are drawn to their excitement for the community."

As for the future of the business, Gilling and Wallarich are already making plans.



Sisters Chelsea Gilling, left, and Abigail Wallarich opened the Stock Market in 2018 and have grown the business to include Fully Stocked Wine and Liquor Lounge next door. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

"We are always thinking of what's next," said Gilling. "We have lots of things in the works, long term and short term. We can't share quite yet, but 2023 and 2024 will be a fun and busy year for us. Within these next few months, building our online presence is the priority. We are currently working with new web designers to make our website even more enjoyable to shop and, yes, we will have lots of

home decor available to order online."

Throughout their business journey, the sisters have kept their success in perspective. "We are so humbled, touched, grateful and appreciative to receive 'Business of the Year' for 2022. We are two small-town Shawano girls who are blessed to live our childhood dreams every single day. Thank you for continuing to support and believe in us."



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Olivia Schultz named Young Professional of the Year

Having ties in Shawano, Schultz attributes place in life to Shawano Specialty Papers

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Olivia Schultz, who works as a human resources generalist for Shawano Specialty Papers, was recently notified that she had won the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce award for Young Professional of the Year.

Schultz, 24 and a native of Shawano, was nominated for the 2022 award by three of her coworkers. They said she is humble enough to seek input from others while being confident enough to take appropriate action. Her coworkers added that her positive attitude and pragmatic perspective make her a valuable member of the team.

Working hard and doing her best to serve her company and community, however, aren't actions that Schultz has to think about.

"I am just doing it, because I do it," said Schultz. "We do the right thing because it is the right thing."

Schultz said her ties to Shawano Specialty Papers go back a long way because her dad is a long-time company employee. After graduating high school, Schultz went off to college but came back to the Shawano mill on breaks to help on the production line. "I worked here in the summer, and that was how I put myself through college," said Schultz.

She graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 2021 with a degree in human resources and communications. In June of that year, Schultz found herself with a job in the management portion of the company.

"When I first started here, I was working more in development, and then this past summer in June, I was brought over to the HR side of things," said Schultz. "That was exciting for me."

According to the chamber's nomination application, Schultz's coworkers identified her as a high potential employee during her summer employment. Schultz was promoted to her position as HR generalist due to her willingness to accept difficult challenges and seek immediate and long-term solutions, her coworkers said.

"I am out there interacting with our associates every day — just kind of being the face for employee interac-



Olivia Schultz, who works as an HR generalist for Shawano Specialty Papers, was given the Young Professional of the Year Award in 2022. Schultz works to connect Shawano Specialty Papers with the community, often spending time with local nonprofit organizations.

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tions," said Schultz, on why she feels she won the award. "I think that that is important for our employees."

More than just important for the employees, Schultz said acting in that role has been a vital learning opportunity for her as well.

"Being that person and being in that position, I think that I have grown as an individual and a professional," said Schultz. "I have definitely grown my confidence and my ability to talk to people."

At Shawano Specialty Papers, Schultz explained that a normal day for her includes keeping records, doing paperwork, spending time in the paper mill and on-boarding and setting up interviews. On top of that, keeping track of and managing employees' hours is another big responsibility for Schultz.

"I work with closely with our HR manager here at the Shawano mill," said Schultz. "I also get to work with our whole corporation, including our HR managers in Green Bay."

Outside of the workplace, Schultz

spends a lot of time in the community with various organizations. Being involved with the Culture Club, where she was volunteering for spring trail cleanup with Shawano Pathways, participating in and organizing a team for the FRESH Project 5K, assisting with a donation challenge for Safe Haven, participating in the holiday stroll and tree lighting and being a part of Shawano Area Youth Professionals is just a sampling of Schultz's involvement in her community.

"I attribute a lot in the community to my ties here," said Schultz, referring to her childhood in Shawano. "The Culture Club is our values committee here at the paper mill. We do a lot to bring together our employees in the community that we live and work in."

She said that she likes to be involved in the area through her job not only because of her ties to Shawano, but also because she wants to involve the employees of Shawano Specialty Papers and the company as a whole with the community they serve.

"We want to involve our employees, but us as members of this club go out to do this stuff to open it up to our employees," said Schultz. "Coming back to Shawano after graduating — it was about getting involved and meeting people. I have done some networking events; that has been nice to meet other young professionals in and around Shawano."

Schultz noted another favorite pastime of hers has been working with the local humane society.

"That is important to me; we have two animals from the shelter," said Schultz. "That is also something that I would like to do more of."

Through her life and with her father being a long-time employee with the company, Schultz said that she owes a lot of where she is today to Shawano Specialty Papers.

"This has been my life, with my dad working here," said Schultz. "I give a lot of credit to where I am at life to this place."

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