

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a party and parade



From left, Pat Smith, Carl Smith, Clark Smith and Tyler Diedrick are ready to enjoy the festivities surrounding the annual St. Patrick's Day parade held March 15 along Lake Drive near Shawano Lake. For more photos, turn to page 4 and visit www.newmedia-wi.com. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Sheriff: ORV law changes moving slowly
Lenzner updates city council on research for revised laws

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Shawano County Sheriff George Lenzner told the Shawano Common Council on March 12 that efforts to restrict off-road vehicles on county roads are moving slowly but are still moving forward.

The city of Shawano is waiting on the county's efforts before mirroring laws that would require ORV operators to have a driver's license, forbid having open alcohol containers in the vehicles and more. Alderman Jim Hauer, who has championed the matter for the city, reached out to the Wisconsin League of Municipalities recently to see what other communities are looking at.

"There's some concern on the county level about the legalities on writing our own ordinances on it, and it seemed like they were moving unbelievably slowly in the direction of making an ordinance. So I reached out to the league to get their opinion on writing ordinances," Hauer said. "They seem to believe, as I believe, that we have the right to regulate what drives on our roads."

Lenzner said he didn't see any issues when he first brought the matter up to the Shawano County Highway and Parks Committee last year. He noted that other counties are instituting the rules that Shawano County and the city are still talking about.

"It's kind of a trend right now," Lenzner said.

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Shawano County Sheriff George Lenzner tells the Shawano Common Council what he's run into as he tries to get a county law passed requiring off-road vehicles to be insured and free of open intoxicants, as well as requiring operators to have a valid driver's license. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Will Mielke Arts Center, park revert back to private property?

Group wants to operate site as for-profit business

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Last year's shuttering of The Gathering banquet hall and a general lack of other large venues in the community has prompted a pair of local business owners to team up in hopes of filling that gap, and they hope to do it by turning the Mielke Arts Center and Mielke County Park into a for-profit business.

Kelli Penfold, from Sakom Netanak LLC, and Lori Mathwich, from Fire Fitness Camp Shawano, recently established Mission 1st Event Management LLC with plans to reform the Mielke Arts Center

into a private venue for local groups and individuals.

"The plan would be to leave the Mielke as it is as far as the arts council would have their three opportunities to do their plays, leave the Olde Time Music Festival, not touch anything that's there as far as what has been there," Mathwich told the county's public property committee March 13. "We have so much music stuff in this town ... and we just don't use it. I just see so much opportunity there."

This 31.5-acre site hosts a 250-seat theater, picnic area, playground, outdoor amphitheater, shelter with restrooms and parking area.

Penfold created a proposal for Mission 1st Event Management and noted they have met with the Mielke Family Foundation, which supports their venture.

"Our goal is to maximize the usage of this property while minimizing Shawano County's responsibility, resources and costs," Penfold wrote in the proposal.

Target audiences would include community groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, theater groups, youth groups, 4-H, school classes and other educational groups. It could also host private events such as weddings, baby showers, meetings, recitals and concerts.

Mission 1st Event Management is proposing a two-year lease of the site, during which it would assume all responsibilities and upkeep costs of the Mielke Arts Center and surrounding areas to include bathrooms, playground area, trails and parking lot.

The company would hire a full-time manager for marketing and sales.

All profits during those two years would be reinvested back into the property and used for maintenance and improvements, such as securing access to the parking lot, upgrading public trails and installing security cameras to cover areas

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Bonduel boys basketball team is going to the state tournament.

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YOU HAVE TO GET UP EARLY TO OUTDO HER!

Kay Reminger will talk about farming 'til the cows come home!

SEE HER COLUMN IN TODAY'S PAPER!

Hockey group wants Crawford Center

County more concerned with \$63K repair costs

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The Shawano Hockey League wants to take full control of the Crawford Center, which it now leases for nearly half of each year.

“We’d like to express interest in working out with the county to take back the building,” said Adam Gafner, league president, at the March 13 public property committee meeting. “I know it’s been a challenge financially for the county over the last few years.”

He asked to meet with county officials behind the scenes, presumably in a closed session meeting.

“I’ve met with the Crawford family numerous times over the last six months,” Gafner said. “We have their blessing to work that out with you guys.”

He said the hockey league is making significant improvements to the



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building. League officials just agreed to install a new chiller system in the summer and purchase a new zamboni.

However, before the county will entertain thoughts on relinquishing ownership of the building, officials want to deal with

several repairs needed, as detailed by Nick Hesse, facilities management director.

“We’re talking about black marks on the walls, garage doors dented up, service doors dented up,” he said.

Hesse said he received

some initial costs on repairs and replacements for the two garage doors, four service doors and another door with glass in it.

“Garage door-wise, we’re looking at \$15,000 just for the panels; that ain’t nothing else mechanical-wise. That is

installed,” he said. “Service door-wise, you’re looking at about \$38,000 for five doors, and that’s not installed and not with jams. If you’re looking at jams, you’re looking at another \$6,000. That’s a mid-grade door.”

To repaint the walls

where needed would be about \$2,000 for paint, not counting labor or other supplies.

All told, cost to repair the damages would be about \$63,000.

He said it’s likely these damages have accumulated over the years.

“This didn’t happen overnight, but it’s pretty hard denying that it wasn’t because of hockey,” he said.

Gafner said the hockey league has used the building for about 30 years, and the damages haven’t been discussed in the past.

“There’s a walk-through every year of this building, and this has never been discussed until now,” he said.

He acknowledged that a kid or two may have intentionally knocked a puck into the wall and left marks, but most of the damage is normal wear and tear over the years — especially the doors, which are believed to be the original doors from decades ago.

Gafner said his biggest concern is the sidewalk sloping toward the building, which he said leads to water flowing into the building.

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Charter school gets new five-year contract

LEADS could be expanding beyond second grade

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano School Board approved a new five-year contract for LEADS Primary Charter School on March 10 after two years of offering one-year extensions on the previous contract.

The new contract comes as the school is seeing increased interest in parents wanting to enroll in the special school housed within Hillcrest Primary School. Principal Aaron Manders reported that 29 families seek to enroll children in the 4-year-old kindergarten program, and only 10 have previously enrolled children in LEADS.

Currently, about 72

students are enrolled in LEADS, according to the district’s website.

“The plan right now is to have two different LEADS teachers (for 4K),” Manders said. “We have at least three staff members who are interested. I’m looking to see if we might be able to grow it at kindergarten, as well.”

Manders said he anticipates eight more families could be interested in enrolling in 4K at LEADS.

Shawano School District is also looking at potentially expanding the LEADS program to Olga Brenner Intermediate School, as the charter school only extends to second grade.

“We are looking to grow the program and to expand,” Manders said. “We have some different ideas on what that might look like.”

Manders noted that a lot of work was put in to revamp the contract and make the charter school programs unique. He said that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

has already approved the benchmarks set for LEADS, but the contract still required board approval.

“The big changes that you may notice from previous contracts are, first, we kind of revamped what LEADS means,” Manders said. “We really put a focus on what makes LEADS different from Hillcrest and wanted to make that something that’s catchier.”

LEADS has a mandate of providing environmental education, pushing for more family involvement, partnering with the community and making the curriculum community based, according to Manders. The acronym was changed to stand for Leadership, Exploration, Authentic learning, Discovery and School family. Previously, the acronym stood for Learning-style focus, Exploratory learning, Achievement for all, Differentiated instruction and Student-driven success.

Manders said that LEADS learning goals have changed, as well. Instead of

being at an 80% benchmark for students being at grade level, the goal is to meet or exceed what Hillcrest students achieve.

The charter school has a board of directors, and the contract was changed to have more flexibility regarding the number of members. Originally set at five to seven, the board can now have anywhere from three to nine members.

“Right now, we’re in a good spot, but we want to make sure if there are more board members that want to be part of it, then they can,” Manders said.

He added that the board members have to have been in the community for at least two years and are parents with children enrolled in LEADS. The board meets at least six times a year, he said.

Taken out of the contract is a provision that, when there’s a conflict between parents and staff, the charter school board would provide the final decision.

“The administration

will be taking care of that,” Manders said.

The contract also provides an additional month for enrollment, according to Manders, changing the existing 2 1/2-month period.

The contract was approved unanimously by the school board, but board member Tim Renard expressed concerns about the charter school having its own board despite the main school board being the ultimate authority over all school functions.

“I’m concerned about having a board within a board underneath us,” Renard said. “I’m concerned about whether there’s no overlap between that board and what this board is responsible for.”

Renard said his concern stems from the charter school utilizing a school building and resources.

Board member John Arens praised LEADS for having what he said was “a paradigm shift” in teaching.

“I would challenge you all to maybe try and im-

merse yourself into that method of teaching,” Arens said. “It’s not anywhere akin to what the Hillcrest teachers handle in their class. It can be life-changing for a lot of students in the inquiry-based program.”

With that said, Arens noted that he would prefer to see distinctly different reports about Hillcrest and LEADS instead of both schools being combined into one report. The uniqueness of LEADS necessitates it, in his view.

“I know it would have been eye-opening for the community to see those kinds of numbers and what that style of teaching brings about,” Arens said. “These students are not afraid to engage in an active adult discussion at a younger age. Their questions are very valid. They do tend to challenge people because they’re constantly thinking.”

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Shawano County municipal, school board candidates noted

Few contested races in spring while some seats have no candidates

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-Chief

Election Day is April 1, and local voters will head to the polls to cast ballots for local municipal and school board leaders.

There are a couple of statewide races and statewide referendum question on the ballot as well.

Town of Almon: Chairman Steve Onesti; Supervisor 1 Scott Matsche; Supervisor 2 Brady Strassburg; Clerk Heather Matsche; Treasurer Becky Herb.

Town of Angelica: Incumbent Chairman James Przybylski is challenged by Allan Maroszek; Supervisors Get Van Asten and Barney Brian Eckberg (vote for two); Clerk Connie Przybylski; Treasurer Lisa Matuszak.

Town of Aniwa: Chairman Dan Lex; Supervisor 1 Robert Sippl; Supervisor 2 Dale Matsche; Clerk Tammy Resch; Treasurer Ken Schram.

Town of Bartelme: Chairman Daniel Durancieu; Supervisors Art Buelter, Lyle Grosskopf, Lance Trinko (vote for two); Clerk Beth Grosskopf; Treasurer Jill Durancieu.

Town of Belle Plaine: Chairman Alvin Bartz; Supervisor 1 Wade Wisniewski; Supervisor 2 Luke Helloing, Mike Petruzates.

Town of Birnamwood: Chairman Steven Steinke; Supervisor 1 Kurt Olson Jr.; Supervisor 2 Dennis Rochwite, Wayne Clark; Clerk Steve Steinke; Treasurer Deb Kessen, Steven Steinke.

Town of Fairbanks: Chairman Thomas Tauferner; Supervisor 1 Anita Kernen; Supervisor 2 Steve Prey; Clerk Jennifer Dzioba; Treasurer Susan G. Hintz.

Town of Germania: Chairman Michael Damrau; Supervisor 1 Bruce Dudzik; Supervisor 2 Bruce Breaker; Treasurer Jen Werner.

Town of Grant: Chairman Richard Britzke; Supervisor 1 Dale Klitz; Supervisor 2 Bill Bowers, Todd Malueg.

Town of Green Valley: Chairman Terry Tipton; Supervisor Brandon L. Nygaard, Gary Uelman (vote for two); Clerk Rose Nygaard, Jean Forelich; Treasurer Traci Nygaard.

Town of Hartland: Chairman David Bohm; Supervisor Peter Schmidt, Tim Letterman (vote for two); Clerk Carrie Bohm; Treasurer Jenny Mitchell.

Town of Herman: Chairman Bob Dillenburg; Supervisor 1 Duane Spiegel; Supervisor 2 Clayton Arndt; Clerk Alyce Welk; Treasurer Elizabeth Huntington.

Town of Hutchins: Chairman Jeremy Metro, Patrick M. Meverden; Supervisor David Tuma, Brent Copas, Daniel Wolf, Shawn Williams (vote for two); Clerk Janice Fischer; Treasurer Pamela McAulty.

Town of Lessor: Chairman David Owen; Supervisor 1 Craig Rekoske; Supervisor 2 Darold Moeller; Clerk Alexis Olson; Treasurer Lisa Clauss.

Town of Maple Grove: Chairman Randy Holewinski; Supervisor Ron Maroszek, Alan Leidel (vote for two); clerk Kathy Luebke; Treasurer Steven Holewinski.

Town of Morris: Chairman Kurt Klinner; Supervisor 1 Dale C. Clark; Supervisor 2 Lloyd Gutt.

Town of Navarino: Chairman Lloyd Allen, Tyler Anvelink; Supervisor Dennis Bohm, Tyler Anvelink, Steven Schinke, Lloyd Allen (vote for two).

Town of Pella: Chairman Gary Thomack; Supervisor 1 Kenneth Genskow; Supervisor 2 Sean M. Shumaker, Duane Buettner.

Town of Red Springs: Chairman Lonnie Schreiber; Supervisor Gary Olsen, Jennifer Morris (vote for two); Clerk Gwen Olsen; Treasurer Jackie Schmidt.

Town of Richmond: Chairman Steven Gueths; Supervisor Ken Damveld, Matt Hietpas (vote for two); Treasurer Noelle Buettner; Constable Steven Damveld.

Town of Seneca: Chairman Carolyn Marie Joliltz; Supervisor 1 Michael J. Trinko; Supervisor 2 Harvey G. Steff; Clerk R. Raymond Rigsby; Treasurer Sherry A. Voelz.

Town of Washington: Chairman David Korth; Supervisor Paul D. Gagnow, Jessie J. Bahr (vote for two); Constable Charley Fritsch.

Town of Waukechon: Chairman Jay Vomastic; Supervisor 1 Matthew M. Koehler; Supervisor 2 Douglas Beyer.

Town of Wescott: Chairman Brian K. Moesch; Supervisor 2 Michael Stupecky; Supervisor 4 Marlene D. Brown.

Town of Wittenberg: Chairman Richard Beversdorf; Supervisor Justin Hartleen, Bill Tim, Raymond Knaup (vote for two); Treasurer Jasmine Wolff.

Aniwa: President Tom Kautza; Trustee: Joseph Meisenhelder.

Birnamwood: President Mike Sprague; Trustee Jason Cieslewicz, Ronald Resch, Philip Kersten (vote for not more than three).

Bonduel: President Russ Gehm; Trustee Kay Zuleger, Andrew Court, Sean Falk (vote for not more than three).

Bowler: President Otto R. Maves; Trustee Scott Breitrick, Joseph Duquette (vote for not more than three).

Cecil: President Jeff Nolan; Trustee Ann Kallies, Duane Sperberg, Robert Weier (vote for not more than three).

Eland: President Shane Larson; Trustee Kyle Resch, Jim Stets (vote for not more than two); Clerk Denise Larson; Treasurer Claudia Ploeger.

Gresham: President Richard Giese; Trustee Brett Nelson, Art Bahr, Michelle Martinez (vote for not more than three).

Mattoon: President Jim Zahn; Trustee Tomas Zarda, Jeffrey Steig, Rachel Torres Rodriguez, Donald Fuller, Chaz Ruter (vote for not more than three).

Pulaski: President Keith Chambers; Trustee Stephen M. Kelhler, Keith Gering, Becky Beaulieu, Howard L. Zernicke (vote for not more than three).

Tigerton: President Steve Reinert; Trustee David Herb Dent, Patrick Bailey, Angelia Willman (vote for not more than three).

Wittenberg: President William Switalla; Trustee David Timm, Theresa Gatz (vote for not more than three).

Marion: Alderperson Ward 4 Neal Westermeier.

Shawano: Alderperson District 1 Brad Keuschel; Alderperson District 3 Kevin Barkow; Alderperson District 5 Linda Meyer.

Cloverleaf Sanitary District 1: Commissioner Jason Jaskolski.

Richmond Sanitary District 1: Commissioner (no candidate).

Shawano Lake Sanitary District 1: Commissioner Michael Stupecky.

Antigo School District: At large Billy Roff, Dave Bardo, Abby Mattek, Kristin Mattmiller (vote for not more than three).

Bonduel School District: Towns of Navarino and Lessor Dennis Bergsbaken; At large Julie Felhofer; Town of Hartland and a portion of the Town of Waukechon David Bohm.

Bowler School District: Village of Bowler Kerry Breitrick; Town of Hutchins (no candidate).

Clintonville: At large Mark Zachow, Laurie Volrath, David Battenberg, Christopher Hoffman (vote for not more than two).

Gillett School District: At large Lorie Beyer,

Robin Banaszynski, Tonia Krsuchke, Trisha Ondik (vote for not more than three).

Gresham School District: At large Joe Enjik, Jerry Lyons, Ethan Schmidt (vote for not more than three).

Marion School District: Marion Melissa Stuhr; Towns of Grant, Pella, Herman and Seneca George Graper; Towns of Larrabee, Dupont, Helvetia, Union, Wyoming, village of Big Falls Bruce Zillmer.

Menominee Indian School District: Neopit Area Terry Waupekenay; Keshena Area Leah Pamonicutt, Regina Washinawatok (vote for one); At large Carrie Waukau-Grignon, McKaylin Peters (vote for one).

Pulaski School District: Zone 1 Village of Pulaski Heidi Bukowiec; Zone 3 Towns of Angelica and Green Valley Josh Kolodziej.

Seymour School District: Zone 1 Steve Kane, Stacy Smith (vote for not more than two); Zone 2 Tony Kastning.

Shawano School District: Area III Town of Wescott, portion of Washington Tim Renard; Area IV Shawano Jeana Hoffman Winslow, Bobbi J. Lemerond, Karen Smith Houston (vote for not more than three).

Tigerton School District: Tigerton Andrew Tiller; Town of Morris Jeremy Erdmann.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District: Area 1 Christopher Pietz; Area 5 Chuck Wendler; Area 6 Adam Karcz.

Statewide, Brad Schimel and Susan Crawford are competing for a 10-year as justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jill Underly is being challenged by Brittany Kinser.

Lisa Stark is running unopposed for District 3 Court of Appeals judge.

The referendum question reads: "Photographic identification for voting. Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"

The current voter ID will remain regardless of the outcome. An approved referendum would place the law into the state constitution, making it more difficult for a court or lawmakers to eliminate it.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day



Coachlight Bar and Grill was among the many featured entries in the St. Patrick's Day parade held March 15 along Lake Drive in the Mooseyards. Area residents lined the road to watch the annual event despite a falling rain that began about 20 minutes before the parade kicked off. With the luck of the Irish, it pretty much went away when the entries started rolling out of the Shawano Lake Golf Course lot to get things underway.

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Marty Pecha and Micki Hoskins, of Gillett, were decked out in green from head to toe as they watched the annual St. Patrick's Day parade March 15. The parade featured plenty of business floats and vehicles, music, candy and just about anything you could make green.

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Morganne Milprim, left, and fiance Kiana Van Dorrick were ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day prior to the start of the traditional Mooseyards parade held March 15.

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Attention City of Shawano Residents

2025 Annual Dog and Cat Licenses

All dogs and cats over 5 months of age are to be vaccinated and licensed. You MUST provide a document for proof of current rabies vaccination with expiration date.

Neutered Male or Spayed Female ----\$10.00
Male or Female -----\$15.00

If a dog license is not obtained by April 1st, a \$5.00 State penalty may be assessed.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk/Community Relations Manager

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ORDINANCE NO.: 2038

SPONSORED BY: Mayor Milavitz

INTRODUCED BY: Barkow

SECONDED BY: Hoefts

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAWANO, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that CHAPTER 4, TRAFFIC CODE, SECTION 4.141 Traffic and pedestrian regulations on airport property, is hereby amended as follows to add (8) Emergency access to fire hydrant(s).

§ 4.141 Traffic and pedestrian regulations on airport property

(8) Emergency access to fire hydrants. Emergency services should be provided immediate access to fire hydrant(s) within the airport perimeter fence to the maximum extent practicable to provide reason-able and adequate response to incidents involving aircraft or structures on airport property

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

CITY OF SHAWANO

Adopted: March 12, 2025

By: /s/: Bruce Milavitz
Bruce Milavitz, Mayor

Published: March 21, 2025

By: /s/: Lesley Nemetz
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk

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01/03, 03/15/2025

NOTICE

TO: ALL SHAWANO COUNTY DOG OWNERS

Pursuant to Section 174.052 Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given to all owners of dogs in Shawano County that rabies vaccinations and dog licenses are required under the statutes.

Vaccination by a veterinarian against rabies of all dogs is required (Section 95.21 (2)) within 30 days after the dog reaches 5 months of age and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. Older vaccinated dogs must be revaccinated when the certificates expires or within 3 years of the previous vaccination. Presentation of evidence that the dog is currently immunized against rabies must be presented when obtaining dog licenses.

All dogs 5 months of age or older require a license. The minimum license fee for neutered males or spayed females is \$3.00 upon presentation or evidence attesting to the same and \$8.00 for the unneutered male or unspayed female dog. These minimums may be supplemented by local municipal action. The fee for a multiple dog license (kennel) is \$35.00 for the first 12 dogs. There is an additional fee of \$3.00 for each dog over 12 dogs. These fees are minimums please check with your local treasurer for your municipality's fees.

PENALTIES
A late fee of \$5.00 shall be assessed the owner of each dog 5 months of age or over who fails to obtain a dog license by April 1, 2025.

An owner who fails to have a dog vaccinated against rabies as required by statute may be required to forfeit not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00. 2025 dog licenses must be obtained from your local treasurer.

For the full listing of municipal treasurers please go to the Shawano County web site at www.co.shawano.wi.us – Departments – County Clerk -Licenses & Permits.

Any further questions, please contact the County Clerk's office at 715-526-9150.

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ORDINANCE NO.: 2037

SPONSORED BY: Mayor Milavitz

INTRODUCED BY: Hauer

SECONDED BY: Young

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAWANO, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that CHAPTER 2, THE COMMON COUNCIL, SECTION 2.03 ORDER OF BUSINESS, is hereby repealed and recre-ated as follows.

§ 2.03 Order of Business.

1 Call to Order.

2 Roll Call of Members.

3 A Moment of Silent reflection.

4 Pledge of Allegiance.

5 Approval of agenda.

6 Correspondence/Recognition.

7 Public Comment.

8 Staff/Committee/Commission Reports.

9 Consider/Approve Bills and Claims.

10 Consider/Approve Consent Agenda.

11 Consider/Approve Proposed Resolutions, Ordinances, and Other Action Items.

12 Future Agenda Items.

13 Closed Session. (If Needed)

14 Return to Open Session. (If Needed)

15 Adjournment.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Shawano Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to allow Dearco Distributors, Inc. to expand existing facility by constructing a new 33,280 sq. ft. building at 1497 E. Green Bay Street, Shawano, WI per City of Shawano Municipal Code Section 10-81(2)(c) Nonconforming uses, as a conditional use. The property is located in the Community Mixed Use (CMU) zoning district. (Legal de-scription: City of Shawano Prt SE ¼ SW ¼ S of RR Ex Wly 24.55' Sec 28 T27N R16E NKA Lot 1 CSM Map #4964, tax parcel #281-283400040)

At the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CITY OF SHAWANO

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST ON VOTING EQUIPMENT TO BE USED AT THE 2025 SPRING ELECTION ON APRIL 1, 2025.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 24, 2025 the Deputy Clerk will conduct a pre-election public test on the required voting equipment to be used by the disabled and or the general pub-lic.

The public test will be conducted at Shawano City Hall locat-ed at 127 South Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI, to begin at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Lesley Nemetz
City Clerk

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BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Appeals of the City of Shawano will hold a public hearing and meeting at 4:00 PM on March 24, 2025, at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following ap-peal:

Appeal of Ardex All American Mineral Company, Inc. for the reversal of the decision of the Building Inspector denying permission to create a non-conforming lot at 120 E. Richmond Street in Shawano, WI for the reason the proposed new lot would violate Section 10-39 of the Shawano Municipal Code. Appellant is requesting a variance to create a 4,950 sq. ft. lot, where a 20,000 sq. ft. is the minimum requirement. Property is located in the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district.

At the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano

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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

2025 CITY OF SHAWANO

HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA) PAVEMENT PROGRAM

ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES

Remove Existing Asphalt Pavement 22,000 S.Y

Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Pavement 25,700 S.Y

24" Concrete Curb & Gutter 1,235 L.F

Parking Lot Excavation 650 C.Y. & Street Excavation 350 C.Y.

Miscellaneous Storm Sewer & Catch Basins

Bids will be received by the City of Shawano in the office of the Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, Wisconsin, until 9:00 AM Local Time on March 28, 2025, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by calling the De-partment of Public Works at (715)509-0297 or by email: mpleshek@cityofshawano.com. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms provided in the Contract Docu-ments.

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

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

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled opening of bids without the consent of the City.

The Lieg Avenue project location within this 2025 HMA Pavement Program will use Municipal Street Improvement Discretionary (MSID) grant funding from the Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) administered by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

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BY: Bruce Milavitz, Mayor
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
Matt Pleshek, City Engineer

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Wind, dry weather mean increased wildfire risk

Spring wildfire season is here, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is urging the public to check fire danger before conducting outdoor burning activities. Nearly 170 wildfires have burned more than 450 acres already this year, according to the DNR, four times more than a typical year at this time. Dry weather and gusty winds lead to the potential for increased wildfire activity. Burn permit suspensions will be in effect in several southern and central Wisconsin counties. Fire officials anticipate the fire danger will be on an upward swing over the

coming weeks until there is significant precipitation. With the onset of the spring fire season and the forecasted conditions, fire officials have begun staffing fire equipment throughout Wisconsin. Areas are especially vulnerable after the snow cover melts and prior to vegetation greening up. Northern Wisconsin still has lingering snow in the woods but it is rapidly melting with the warmer temperatures. The main cause of wildfires this time of year is burning brush and leaf piles, and debris burning continues to be the number one cause of wildfires in Wisconsin.

Burning permits are required in DNR Protection Areas anytime the ground is not completely snow-covered. Permit holders are authorized to burn vegetative materials, such as leaves, brush and needles, and are designed so that burning is done safely with minimal wildfire risk. Permits are free and can be obtained online or by calling 888-947-2876. Once a burn permit has been obtained, the individual must call or go online after 9 a.m. on the day of the planned burn to check daily burn restrictions, such as the legal burning hours, size limitations or if burning has been sus-



Check conditions before you burn – debris burning continues to be the number one cause of wildfires in Wisconsin. WISCONSIN DNR

pending for the day. Small campfires for warming or cooking do not require a burning permit. Some areas of the state are not regulated by the DNR so it's important to check with local municipal or fire department officials for any ordinances or other burning restrictions. Sparks from recre-

ational equipment, campfires and hot ashes from fireplaces are also contributing fire causes. Smoldering embers can remain hot for days, even weeks. If using a wood stove or fireplace, empty the ashes into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid or dump them onto bare soil. Then, drown the ashes with water and stir until the embers are completely cold. The same goes for campfires, burn barrels and burned leaf and brush piles. Before leaving the area, drown the ashes, stir and keep adding water until all heat and smoke is gone.

Rec center won't be impacted by Washington turmoil

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The turmoil in Washington, D.C., over federal funds being frozen and restarted is not expected to impact the city of Shawano when it breaks ground on renovating and expanding its recreation center this summer. According to City Administrator Eddie Sheppard, some concerns were expressed about whether the \$4.25 million Flexible Facilities grant would still be coming to Shawano, even though the state issued the

grant. It came about after the state added some wording to the final agreement signed recently. "They added some language into the state agreement, which is basically that the state doesn't hold these funds," he said. "They're actually held by the (U.S.) Treasury. They added some protection language for themselves. Our agreement is with the state. They administer the program. We then do the project. They submit to the treasury and then are reimbursed." Sheppard said the city checked with other municipalities receiving funds this year from the Flexible Facilities program to gauge if the federal upheaval was giving them indigestion, too. He said that the officials he has spoken with are moving forward on their own projects, because they have not received any notification from the state that the funds won't actually materialize. "We feel good that this is really just legal language that they felt they needed to add to protect themselves," Sheppard said to the Shawano Common Council on March 12. "There has been no indication from the state or any other grant recipients

that funds are actually in jeopardy, but since there was a change from when we signed the draft agreement to now signing the final agreement, we wanted to bring that to your attention." City Attorney Keith Steckbauer supported Sheppard's statements, noting that he also serves as attorney for the city of New London, which recently received a \$3.9 million Flexible Facilities grant to build a new library. "They had the same concerns, because, if you have to front that cost, that's a bad thing," Steckbauer said. "What I did was look at a list of all (federal) pro-

grams, the last known list of what was on the table ... there were 2,600 programs that were cut. Fortunately for us, these monies are held by the Department of Treasury. This is not one of the agencies that has been getting a lot of attention. It's not homeland security, and it's not some of the other agencies that have been getting a lot of publicity." Steckbauer said there was still risk involved, because the state was saying, "We're going to give you this money — if we get it." "That's the risk, but that's always been the case," Steckbauer said, noting the situation is similar in every state where there are improvement funds. Mayor Bruce Milavitz noted that he was in Washington the day after the executive order went out on freezing federal funds, and he was able to sit down with congressional officials. "I can tell you with no hesitation whatsoever is that on the chopping block were the grants that were already awarded," Milavitz said. "The take at Washington's level, from what I understand, is they thought it was the state level turning it into a political football. They were genuinely surprised that it was brought up by many communities."

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Master planning proposals reviewed

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A dozen firms were expected to offer proposals for design services master planning of county facilities as Shawano County officials continue their quest to potentially build a new courthouse and justice center, along with other facility improvements. Proposals were due Sept. 17, and the public property committee was scheduled to meet Sept. 20

to review them. The master planning process is being coordinated by Kurt Berner of The Samuels Group. Berner told the committee March 13 he will put together a summary of each proposal for the committee to review March 20. Members were scheduled to review the proposals and then decide which ones to interview at a special April 1 meeting, which is likely be held in closed session. "We would bring you a summary of all of the proposals with comparisons of who's including what, fees, allocation of that," he said. The proposals from the design firms include master planning services related to the county's government offices, courts, court of-fices, sheriff's office, jail and library. The Samuels Group will then work with county officials to: • Determine costs of design services for each phase of the design process.

• Provide a fair and objective evaluation of proposals received from design firms. • Collect information necessary for the evaluation of competitive proposals submitted by qualified design firms. • Select a professional design firm acceptable to the county to provide design services for programming and schematic design phases of design for renovations to the current campus.

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Homeschoolers performing arts turns 20

Wolf River performing 'The Little Mermaid' in April

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

It might be traditional for celebrating 20 years of something with china or porcelain, but the Wolf River Homeschoolers are opting to go with seaweed to praise its longstanding performing arts program.

Every spring, the homeschooling group brings together its families to perform a show for area audiences, and this year, the group is presenting "The Little Mermaid." Originally a Danish fairy tale created by Hans Christian Andersen, the story focuses on Ariel, a mermaid who longs to be with a man who lives on land. To make this happen, Ariel makes a deal with a sea witch to replace her fins with legs, and as long as she can get a kiss from her beloved within three days, despite losing her voice in the bargain, she can remain on land forever.

"The Little Mermaid" is one of the homeschoolers' mainstream shows, but the group has also performed some more obscure pieces over the years, including "Willow Blues," "Lady Pirates of Captain Bree," and "The Nifty Fifties." Cheryl Ritter, director for this year's show, noted that the shows are chosen for the amount of children that take part in the show, which for this year is 64.

"We started out with smaller ones from Pioneer Drama, and then some braver people than me started with MTI shows," Ritter said. "We have 64 kids this year, so we basically doubled our cast from last year."

Picking "The Little Mermaid" seemed ideal for a cast where the majority of students performers are down in the lower grades.

"We have a lot of little kids," Ritter said. "It's really hard to pick a show that you can have 15 little boys and 15 little girls. The bulk of our group is under 11, which is why we did 'Seussical' a couple of years ago."

Joseph Kelliher, who plays the crazy Chef Louie, noted that Ariel is a soul who doesn't fit in with everyone's expectations, and that's why she gets pushback from her family and others.

"She has a fondness for the surface, where the air and the land is," Kelliher



ABOVE: Ariel, played by Taya Jannusch, smiles as she hopes that dance lessons from Prince Eric, played by Tristan Herro, might sway him to kiss her and make it possible for her to live on land forever in a scene from "The Little Mermaid." The musical, taking much of its cues from the 1989 Disney film, is being performed by the Wolf River Homeschoolers on April 3-6.

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RIGHT: Sebastian the crab, played by Wilhemina Herro, left, reacts with surprise that the plans to bring Ariel and Prince Eric together aren't working as Scuttle, played by Aubree Wojta, looks on in a scene from "The Little Mermaid."

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said. "So she's constantly sneaking away up there."

Kelliher noted that the deal Ariel strikes with Ursula is unfair because of

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Specialist Adrian A. Yunk, an ammunition handler with Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 120th Field Artillery Regiment, swims with his M4 training rifle (or "rubber duck") as part of the combat water survival training event during the Wisconsin Army National Guard State Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy on March 8.

EMILY E. HELD

Local soldier competes for Best Warrior title

By **EMILY E. HELD**
Special to NEW Media

Specialist Adrian A. Yunk, of Shawano, an ammunition handler with Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 120th Field Artillery Regiment, competed along with 19 other soldiers at Fort McCoy on March 6-9, where they sought to be crowned winners of the 2025 Wisconsin Army National Guard State Best Warrior Competition.

The four-day competition tested the soldiers on their proficiency in several subjects including their physical and mental stamina, as well as their knowledge of military tactics and procedures.

The nine soldiers and 11 non-commissioned officers who participated in the competition were evaluated on their proficiency in a call-for-fire scenario, M4 rifle and M17 pistol qualification, day and

night land navigation, a written exam, an appearance board, Army Warrior Tasks, a 12-mile ruck march, combat water survival training, an obstacle course and the Army Combat Fitness Test.

"We're looking for the best overall, all-around soldier," said Command Sgt. Maj. Duane Weyer, the state senior enlisted leader for the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

This competition doesn't measure who is the best at their job; it's not about who's the best medic or the best engineer, Weyer added.

Yunk works as an armored-car security guard for his civilian job and enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard in May 2023.

"For me, it's a chance to represent my

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Natasha Selle displays some of the unique crystal pieces for sale in her shop, The Heart of Garnet Crystal Shop. The display case next to her shows some of the many natural crystals she has for sale.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Business crystallizes in downtown Shawano

Handmade jewelry business started in 2020 in Tigerton home

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

A variety of crystals and hand-made jewelry cover every inch of display space in Natasha Selle's inventory at The Heart of Garnet Crystal Shop in Shawano.

Selle, from Tigerton, is a vibrant addition to Shawano's downtown shopping district. She set up her unique shop Feb. 14 in the old State Farm Insurance building at 207 S. Main St.

Among the crystals she sells are rose quartz, amethyst, carnelian and blue celestite.

Many of her hand-made natural crystal necklaces sell for less than \$15. She has pendant necklaces for \$10. Her crystal keychains are priced from \$3-\$5. Crystal balls start at \$10. Worry stones and small carvings start at \$3.

Setting and keeping prices affordable is a priority for Selle.

"Because I do everything myself, I can offer good prices," she said. "It's not all about the money for me. I'm big on having a price range that everyone feels comfortable with."

Selle said that she wants to spread the abundance and joy in what she does.

"I do giveaways of a different crystal every week," she said.

Customers can enter the weekly drawings by filling out entry slips in the store. A large amethyst piece was the giveaway recently.

In addition to the wide variety of crystals, gemstones and jewelry pieces,

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Heart of Garnet
WHERE: 207 S. Main St., Shawano
WHEN: Noon-5 p.m. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Hours could expand during the summer.
ONLINE: Learn about daily happenings at Heart of Garnet's Facebook page.

the store also features larger pieces that may be used as home décor or specialty pieces for customers who are interested in the spiritual component of crystals.

"I'm happy to be here and happy to answer anyone's questions," she said. "If someone is interested in getting into crystals, I'm happy to direct them to find their perfect piece."

Selle understands that everyone's beliefs are different. She has combined her own Christian beliefs with the spiritual side of crystals. Crystals have been seen as healing objects in numerous religions for centuries.

According to Selle, some people just like crystals because they are pretty.

"That's cool," she said. "A lot of people aren't into the spiritual side of crystals, and that's awesome, too."

Selle started creating hand-made jewelry in May 2020 and began selling online.

"It grew, and it blew up, and it was amazing," she said.

Selle had to ask her dad to help her so she could finish orders timely. He learned how to make jewelry with her, which she

said was a lot of fun. "I really needed to be out with the people, instead of just online," Selle said after receiving a lot of encouraging and positive feedback about her creations after she started selling them in markets and craft shows.

Selle began looking for a brick-and-mortar location, and chose Shawano.

"There's something beautiful about the energy in downtown," Selle said, adding that there is a small-town feel in Shawano, but that the downtown shopping district has a bigger town feel.

Selle's fiancé, Zachary Krause, is very supportive of her endeavor. Selle said that he helped to remodel the space, building a counter for her and helping to paint and put in shelving.

The store is named after the garnet gemstone. According to Selle, the garnet is known for passion, purpose and a fiery drive inside of people.

"I feel that my purpose is to spread some love and happiness and all that good stuff," Selle said. "One of my favorite stones is blue celestite."

It is believed that its properties support the nervous system, reduce stress and soothe, calm and help with clear decision making.

To help customers identify and choose crystals, Selle displays the names and descriptions of the possible spiritual properties of each type. For example, Selle explained that clear quartz is popular because it is believed that it amplifies

energy and helps cleanse the aura (the energy field that surrounds all living things) and harmonizes the chakras (the way energy moves through the body).

"I like to think of these crystals as our tools and our helpers," Selle said. "I think we can all use a little reminder to be kinder to ourselves, kinder to others."

Selle, mother to Remington, 7, and Aubry, 2, welcomes children into her shop. Children can find animal-carved stones or crystal key chains in the store, for example. She said that some children who come in tell their parents that they want to work there when they grow up, because it is so fun.

"Breakable geodes are some of the favorites of children," Selle said. "They can hammer and crack them open, and they just love them. It's amazing."

Geodes are spherical and hollow and when opened can reveal colorful crystals.

Selle said that she has something for everyone in her store.

"If you don't see something you like, I can always search for it, or I can make it," she said. "That's the fun part about what I do. I get to make pieces that are personalized for people."

Creating custom pieces is one of the services she enjoys offering. She is also available to try to repair jewelry pieces.

"I really love this community," Selle said. "I've loved meeting everyone. I've loved everyone's feedback."

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the sea witch's interference. "She fails to do so, because the sea witch keeps stopping her and disrupting it," he said. "In the end, the sea witch captures her and drags her down so she can become her slave."

Caleb Bestul, who plays Flounder in the show, described being part of "The Little Mermaid" as "a new experience."

"Usually we do musicals that are on land," Bestul said. "Working together with everybody, it's a really big cast this year, and it's tough to work together, but once you see it all come together, you feel proud that you've managed to get everybody together and doing the same thing."

Bestul had not seen the Disney version of the tale prior to auditioning, and though he planned to do so before the home-schoolers' performance, he said he couldn't find the time.

"As we went through rehearsals, I picked up on some of the quirks of my character and how to react around the scenes so I could be ready," Bestul said.

Timothy Sterns, who plays a chef and other minor characters in the show, likes the teamwork aspect of plays. He noted that being able to be multiple characters requires a certain technique.

"You can be different characters in a show and act differently from the other characters," Sterns said. "I've found it easier if you just make up a story for your character, you give them a name and where they're from, and it kind of comes together. I found that I wrote a

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unit and push myself to my limits, physically and mentally," Yunk said. "The value of this adds to my unit. I can take back a lot of skills that the standard artilleryman doesn't hold onto."

During the closing ceremony, Brig. Gen. Matthew Strub, Wisconsin's deputy adjutant general for Army, talked about how simply being selected to compete in the State Best Warrior set Yunk and his fellow competitors apart from the rest of the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

"Whether you were the top or the last, it doesn't matter," Strub said. "You were willing to step up, and you have done something most soldiers would never do."

"We have nearly 7,000 soldiers in the Wisconsin Guard, and there are only 20 competitors. You are the best of the best. To step up and be willing to do this, you are putting yourself above your peers."

Specialist Vincent A.

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "The Little Mermaid"
WHEN: 7 p.m. April 3-5, 2 p.m. April 6
WHERE: Auditorium, Clintonville High School, 64 W. Green Tree Road, Clintonville
ADMISSION: Free

paragraph for my character and who we was. One character needs to be a good leader, and when I switch to the chef, he's kind of worried and panicked and rushing all over the place."

Sterns had plenty of good things to say about the performing arts organization and how it has helped him.

"For me, I've enjoyed acting since I was younger," Sterns said. "I've done multiple other plays. When I was little, we moved here and were looking for something to join. I've found that being an actor is not just the acting, but it takes teamwork to move all the sides, to pull it in and show who you are and how to give a good performance."

Ritter, who was a founding member of the performing arts group, noted that shows like this one are not possible without the support of the parents who volunteer and bring their children each week and that the group could not have made it to 20 years without them.

"Every parent has to do so much," Ritter said, noting that it's her last year directing for the group. "Today, there's 20 parents here. They're painting sets in the back and they're doing hair. They're putting on costumes. We couldn't do it without them."

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Bird, a military police officer with the 32nd Military Police Company, from Oshkosh, and Staff Sgt. Brandon M. Byrne, a recruiting and retention non-commissioned officer with Alpha Company, Recruiting and Retention Battalion, from Green Bay, emerged as the top competitors in the enlisted, and NCO categories.

Pfc. Ryan L. Nettesheim, a UH-60 Black Hawk repairer with Detachment 1, Bravo Company, 638th Aviation Support Battalion, and Sgt. Eli W. Koehler, a health care non-commissioned officer with the Wisconsin Medical Detachment, were announced as the runner-ups for this year's competition.

Bird and Bryne will move on to represent the Wisconsin Army National Guard at the regional competition where they will compete against the best warriors from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio, held at Fort McCoy, from April 30 to May 3.

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Grab extra turkey tags now for more chances

As I'm writing this, spring is promising to arrive early, with the weather forecasters getting giddy about a weeklong warm spell that could see temperatures in the low 70s.

By the time you read this, we will all know if they were right or somehow missed a surprise snowstorm that loves to crush our dreams in March or April.

As president of the Winnebago Strutters (Neenah-Menasha) Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, I'm in the midst of last-minute preparations for our annual fundraising banquet March 15 at Pullman's in Appleton.

If you have ever been to a banquet to raise money for turkeys, ducks, deer, pheasants, elk or other critters, you know the drill: great food (we have southern barbecue, which was as amazing last year as it sounds), a few beers, some gun raffles, an auction of outdoors goodies and artwork, and plenty of door prizes. I hope to see you all there next year.

As I drive through my wooded Waupaca County countryside, I'm constantly scanning for critters, main-



Ross Bielema
Columnist

ly the deer that threaten my commutes and trips to town. When I'm not dodging deer, I'm looking for the springtime bird of our dreams: the wild turkey.

I literally drive past my hunting spot almost every day, and I see turkeys there about 50% of the time. It's a good, but not great, spot. I was lucky enough to conduct a successful tungsten shot experiment on a small adult tom last year, taking him with a 20-gauge at 65 paces. I didn't plan it that way, but it just happened.

Because I don't always get a shot every season, I boost my odds of roast wild turkey every year by buying an extra tag or two to help my minor league batting average. Here's how you can do the same.

If you forgot to apply for a turkey license by the Dec. 10 deadline (why they have such an early deadline, I'll never know), or you just want an extra, this week started the sales process for surplus tags.

Zone 1 tags (southwest counties) went on sale March 17.

Zone 2 tags (southeast corner north to Door County, including the portions of Shawano, Oconto and Outagamie counties east or south of state highways 22 and 47; see Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources map) went on sale March 18.

Zone 3 tags (most of us in Shawano and Waupaca counties are in this zone) went on sale March 19.

Zone 4 tags (including a portion of Marathon County) went on sale March 20.

Zone 5 tags (northeast, including most of Oconto County and parts of Menominee, Langlade and Marathon counties) went on sale March 21.

At 10 a.m. March 22, all remaining tags go on sale (you can stand in line at any retail license outlet or wait online and purchase from home). It's a good idea to have a few choices in mind, because your first choice can sell out while you wait.

The first two seasons (April 16-22 and April 23-29) are sold out in all zones. Zones 6 and 7 are also sold out. Don't worry about hunting the later



This is what turkey hunters live for come spring. Buy a few extra turkey tags now to increase your chances of a successful hunt.

seasons. With generally fewer hunters and many bred hens, the toms are searching for more action and often easier to call, although they may come in silently. Be ready when calling and try not to move. Turkeys have one key sense, and it's obviously eyesight.

Click <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/springturkey.html> for details on surplus tags.

Avoid wearing red, white and blue colors while turkey hunting, as these are the hues of a gob-

bler and your calls could attract another hunter, especially on public areas. Sit with your back to a tree wider than your shoulders for an extra margin of safety. If you see a hunter approaching, speak in a soft voice, and don't make a sudden movement. Hunting remains among the safest of all sports, so let's keep it that way.

Decoys or no decoys? I've shot turkeys with and without using them. Hen and jake decoys are fine, but I really don't think it is a safe or effective idea to

use gobbler decoys. You risk spooking smaller toms (which still taste delicious) and also chance taking a load of copper-coated 5's in the posterior or worse.

When transporting decoys, carry them in a bag so they aren't visible in the woods.

Good luck this season. Be sure to send us your photos so we can share them with our readers.

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Every year different for collecting maple sap

"Eek!" slipped out through clenched teeth — unbidden yet totally expected, an automatic reflex to what I happened to be doing at the moment.

We are thick into sap season, and every year is different, depending on the weather. It is akin to farming in that respect.

This past winter, my husband diligently thought through easier, more effective and more productive ways to collect sap. Many times, I caught him deep in thought and when he spoke, it was about lines or taps or totes or pickle barrels. The dictionary should literally have my husband's name next to the word "diligent." I mean the guy was unstoppable in his figuring. It's been a project.

The first year we collected sap, we tapped maple trees on our ridge exclusively using pails hung on trees, tapping about 60 trees. That was all it took to grab my husband — hook, line and sinker.

Understanding he could make better use of our woods, he was enthralled with the idea of collecting sap more efficiently. Using gravity as a natural pull, the sun warms the trees up on the south-facing hill, encouraging the sap to run like a faucet turned on full-bore.

The next year we added



Kay Reminger
Columnist

10 pails, and he started pondering.

That offseason had him thinking, and then planning for running lines, so the third year, my husband strung 4,000 feet of 3/16-inch lines, which ran into two stationary totes stuck at the bottom of our ridge. To empty the totes, we simply used natural gravity running a large blue hose funneled into a tote on the trailer. Emptying the pails, (we'd kept a few up) we used a wand pump attached with a hose, running the sap into a 275-gallon tote, which we were hauling on our trailer.

I swear he's thinking, "Go big or go home (relatively speaking)." This year in preparation for sap season, in addition to having strung another 2,000 feet of lines, my husband and a friend put up 300 taps into our maple trees, all running into four, 275-gallon totes. He did away with all pails, making lines do the work.

Along with now four totes, he found two 60-gal pickle barrels on Marketplace as well as a 425-gallon tote to stick on



It took a pickup used to haul wood and a tractor to reach the maple trees where sap needed to be collected on the Reminger farm for 2025.

KAY REMINGER

the back of our truck bed, replacing the trailer of other years. After drilling holes for each line to run into the pickle barrels, they were placed strategically at two productive spots.

This sapping project grabbed him and in turn, I'm totally on board. It's been different every year, with varying weather conditions and the equip-

ment we use. It's something we can do together and feel incredibly grateful that we are able to spend time in our treasured woods, enjoying fresh air and being productive together.

We've also discovered during our treks in the woods, a tap that's been in an old maple for 90 years, factually certified by my husband's uncle. In the

1930s, Grandpa Reminger was the last one to have tapped trees — no one else since my husband has started — so we know this treasure is at least 90 years old.

Back to my little startled cry (or two, who's counting) — with frost still in the ground and getting yet more moisture, but with temps freezing at night and sunny warm above freezing during the day, the sap was running. Despite the awful condition of the line of travel, we needed to collect.

"We'll have to hook the truck up to the tractor to pull it. What do you wanna drive?"

Eyebrows knit together in consternation, I swallowed hard and said, "Do I have a third choice?"

Opting to drive the truck, I was staring at two back tractor tires mere feet from our wood truck (converted at this time into a tote, sap-hauling truck), my foot simultaneously hovering over the brake, the accelerator or both. He had chained the front of the truck to the back of the tractor, fashioning it in a sort of tripod so there would be less sway.

Getting started, it was good going. Presently, he hauled me up a small knoll when we then needed to go back down the same small knoll. "Eek!" I squeaked

when my truck got too close to his back tractor tires. Keeping both white-knuckled hands on the wheel, I had it in low four-wheel drive and getting pulled along with no recourse other than to remain even-keeled rendering every ounce of my physical and emotional strength.

We stopped at our first tote. He saw my face. "You're doing great." Encouragement goes a long way.

We've had to collect this year in this same fashion a few times, with the hope that soon it won't be quite so muddy. I'd rather leave the tractor in the shed.

We sell all our sap to Charlie Wagner in Tilleda, who's been super accommodating with hints and helps throughout our project. As with farming, sapping season is dependent on the weather. With equipment options and my husband always thinking things through, we'll sure to be productive.

("Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil." Ecclesiastes 4:9)

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

IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA

Homemade soup tastes just like cheeseburger

Soup is one of my favorite things to eat in the winter, or in the treacherous days of pre- and early spring. I especially enjoy creamy soups poured over mashed potatoes. This easy meal stretches the amount of soup while remaining hearty and filling.

Earlier this year, I felt like making a homemade soup. I was considering making some form of potato soup, but my sister urged me to make cheeseburger soup. She found a recipe for me from an old Taste of Home magazine. I was initially hesitant, as the recipe had a long list of ingredients and looked rather complicated. However, I decided to try it.

As I nearly always do, I made some revisions. The recipe calls for onions, but since I am not the biggest fan of onions, I omitted them. If you wish to add onions, simply reduce the amount of celery and carrots and add some chopped onion. I also added bacon, because bacon makes everything better. I have always forgotten to add the sour cream, so I cannot say if it is good in this soup or not.

Finally, the amount of cheese is negotiable. The recipe originally called for Velveeta, which I have never used. I decided to use muenster instead. Muenster cheese is a very good mild cheese, and, as I found when I made this soup, it melts very well. I have never measured the cheese when making this soup; I simply add until I can begin to see the melted cheese strings.

The first time I made this soup, there were a few complaints about how thick the soup was, so the second time I made it (I made a double batch) I added about a cup more chicken broth. I would recommend watching the soup — if you feel it needs to be thinner, or that there isn't enough liquid to cover the potatoes, add some more chicken broth or hot water.

Do not worry about adding too much. If it looks like there is too much liquid in



Bacon cheeseburger soup can be quite delicious during the winter months, and it can be served on its own or on top of mashed potatoes. FRANCESCA ULLMER



the potato boiling stage, that is what the flour mixture is for. The butter-flour mixture acts as a thickener, and it really works — the soup may look too thick after the butter-flour mixture is added. The milk thins it back out again.

This soup does take a fair amount of time to make. However, if you chop the vegetables, shred the cheese, and cook the bacon beforehand, that will greatly cut out the extra time. This soup is not hard to make; it just requires some creative time management. For example, when the vegetables are sauteing, prepare the next ingredients, and when the potatoes are cooking, prepare the last set of ingredients. This soup is totally worth the time, though. It is very rich, hearty, and filling. It is delicious plain



Once the soup dinner is complete, oatmeal scotchies can be quite the treat as the raisins and nuts normally associated with oatmeal cookies are replaced with butterscotch chips. FRANCESCA ULLMER

or served over mashed potatoes.

Oatmeal scotchies are simply oatmeal cookies with butterscotch chips, rather than the more commonly used raisins and/or nuts. These cookies are delicious, especially when right out of the oven — crispy on the outside and soft and chewy

on the inside. Perfect. My brother even admitted to me that in the space of a few hours he ate five cookies. That is how good they are.

The recipe does call for orange extract, but personally, I think butterscotch chips and orange extract together sound odd. I kept it in the recipe because, for all

I know, it may taste great. I, however, am not going to try it anytime soon. These cookies taste just great without it.

Francesca Ullmer, the second child of a large homeschooled family, is from the Krakow area. She enjoys baking, reading, knitting, raising goats, and entering numerous items in the Oconto County Fair.

BACON CHEESEBURGER SOUP

- 1/2 lb. ground beef
- 4 tbsp. butter
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 tsp. dried basil
- 1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
- 1 3/4 lbs. (about 4 cups) cubed peeled potatoes
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 to 4 cups shredded muenster cheese
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1 lb. chopped, cooked bacon
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 cup sour cream (optional)

In a large saucepan over medium/low heat, cook and crumble beef until no longer pink; drain and set aside. In the same sauce pan, melt 1 tbsp. butter over medium heat. Saute carrots, celery, basil, and parsley until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a medium/large pot. Add potatoes, ground beef, and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer, covered, until potatoes are tender, 10-12 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small skillet, melt the remaining 3 tbsp. butter. Add the flour; cook and stir 3-5 minutes or until bubbly. Add to the soup; bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Stir in cheese, milk, bacon, salt, and pepper; cook until cheese melts. Remove from heat. Mix in sour cream if desired. Garnish with cheese if desired.

OATMEAL SCOTCHIES

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened
 - 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 1/2 tsp. water
 - 1 cup flour
 - 1 tsp. baking powder
 - 1/2 tsp. baking soda
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 3/4 cup quick oats
 - 1 cup butterscotch chips
 - 1/4 tsp. orange extract (optional)
- Cream the butter and brown sugar. Add the egg and water and beat until creamy. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt; mix into the butter mixture until fully incorporated. Add the oatmeal, butterscotch chips, and extract (optional). Drop slightly rounded spoonfuls onto lightly greased cookie sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-12 minutes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch Community Center, W1281 County Road M.

ABRAMS: "Godspell," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Adults \$19, senior citizens, youths and veterans \$17. ofps.revtrak.net/pac-ticket-boxoffice/#/list

OCONTO FALLS: "Alice in Wonderland," 7 p.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, presented by OFHS Drama Club. \$8 adults, \$5 students. <https://ofps.revtrak.net/pac-ticket-boxoffice/#/list>

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

MOUNTAIN: Maple Syrup Days and Wisconsin's First Tap, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bear Paw Scout Camp, 14000 Bear Paw Camp Lane. Learn how maple syrup is made and take part in more than a dozen activities geared toward children 5-11 years old.

SHAWANO: Cooking School and Expo - Shawano Flavorfest, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Vendor fair and open house 9 a.m. to noon, cooking school 12:30-2:30 p.m. Registration required, includes swag bag and cookbook, \$15 at 715-526-2192, Ext. 3202, or <https://shawanosd.cr3.schooltoday.com/public/home/#>

GILLET: Spring Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Primal Eats, 14109 County Road VV. Featuring local crafters and artisans.

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MONDAY, MARCH 24

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

dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

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

POUND: North Country Kickers line dance lessons,

6:30-9 p.m., Equity Hall, W7403 State Highway 64. \$5 admission. Playing a variety of music. Everyone welcome. For information, call Nancy 920-829-6316 or Charles 920-606-4370.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

OCONTO: Jacob's Well — Oconto All Community small group Bible study, 2:30 p.m. The Shop On Main (rear conference annex), 821 Main St. Information at jacobswellgb.org.

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

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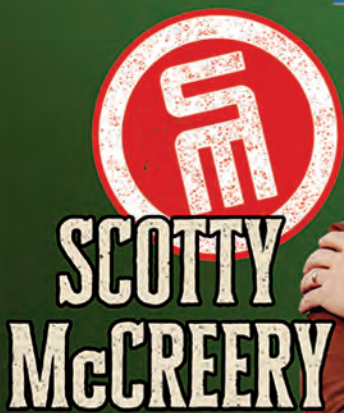
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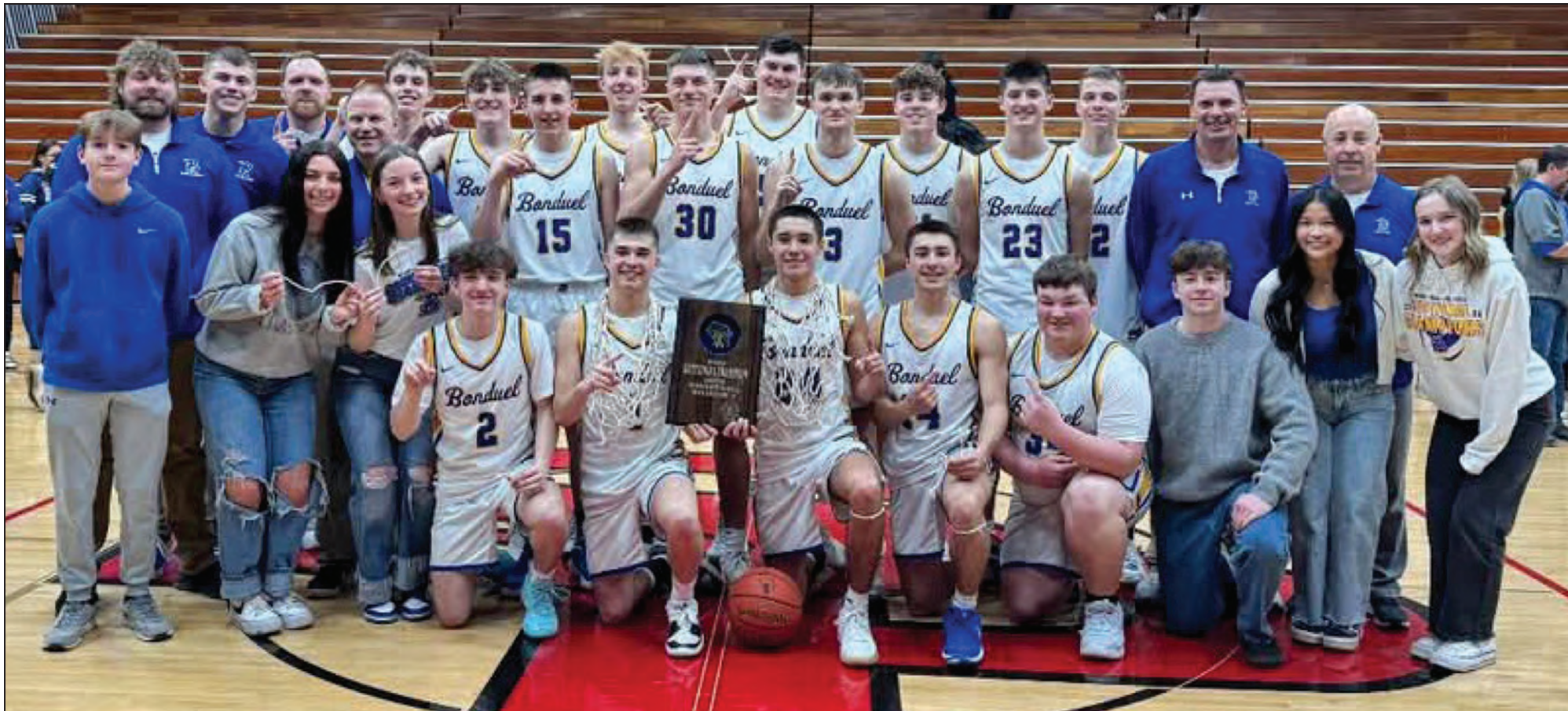
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The Bonduel Bears boys basketball team will play in the WIAA state tournament for the first time in school history. Games will be played in Madison, and the Bears are seeded first in Division 4. CONTRIBUTED

Bonduel boys are statebound!

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

March 15
Bonduel 56, Auburndale 44

For the first time in school history, the Bonduel Bears boys basketball team will participate in the WIAA state tournament. Bonduel defeated Auburndale 56-44 to win their Division 4 sectional and advance to the state tournament.

The teams each scored 27 points in the second half, but the Bears' 12-point lead from the first half was plenty to earn the win. Ryan Westrich led Bonduel

with 19 points, and Cade Johnson added 12.

Bonduel is 27-1 this season. They are the No. 1 seed going into the tournament, which will be played at the Kohl Center in Madison.

Bonduel was scheduled to play No. 4 The Prairie School (14-15) at 6:35 p.m. March 20.

No. 2 Mineral Point (27-1) and No. 3 Aquinas (24-3) were scheduled to play after.

The championship game will be played 15 minutes after the Division 5 final game, which is set to begin at 11:05 a.m. March

22.

March 13
Bonduel 71, Southern Door 57

With a slim three-point lead at halftime, Bonduel pulled away after the break as they defeated Southern Door 71-57 in the Division 4 sectional semifinal game at Green Bay Southwest.

But, the game started with the Eagles in command, at one point going on a 13-point run. After a Bonduel timeout, Carter Moesch's 3-pointer ended the Southern Door scoring streak. Ryan Westrich led the Bears

with 25 points and 11 rebounds. Moesch added another 14 points, and Race Anvelink tossed in another 13.

Cade Johnson handed out seven assists, and led with three steals.

Notre Dame 53, Pulaski 52

The Division 2 sectional semifinal literally went down to the wire, as Notre Dame won 53-52 on a 3-pointer as time expired. The Tritons led 32-25 at one point in the second half, but the Red Raiders battled back with Joseph Mijal's basket giving Pulaski a one-point lead.

The teams went back and forth with Drew Siudzinski hitting the game-winning basket.

Pulaski's 2024-25 season included a 10-8 mark in the Fox River Classic Conference and 16-12 record overall.

Colin Schultz led the Red Raiders with 20.0 points per game, followed by Mijal with 11.8 and Bryce Wotruba with 11.0. Mijal pulled down an average of 4.3 rebounds per game, while Wotruba averaged 3.6.

Wotruba led Pulaski with 2.7 assists per game, and Bohdan Schmidt had 1.8.

Granquist takes third in 3-Point Challenge

Lauren Strifling, a senior from Homestead, won the 2025 girls 3-Point Challenge held March 15 at the Resch Center in conjunction with the WIAA girls basketball tournament. Strifling, representing Division 1, was one of 10 participants. She scored an overtime score of 10 points to win the contest.

Senior Kristina Ouimette of Lakeland was runner-up with nine points in the overtime round. Strifling and Ouimette both score 17 points in the final round to force a 30-second overtime period.

Strifling scored 13 points in first round and 19 points in the second round to advance to the final round. Ouimette opened with 13 points and followed with 15 in the semifinals.

Junior Melaina Granquist of Wittenberg-Birnamwood was third with 14 points in the second round after scoring 13 in the opening round.

DeBauch voted to All-NACC first team

The Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC) announced its all-conference teams and major award winners for the 2024-25 women's basketball season. Concordia University Wisconsin landed one All-NACC first team selection with Aubrey DeBauch.

A senior forward from Gillett, DeBauch is claiming her second consecutive selection to the All-NACC first team.

DeBauch was a scoring machine for the Falcons in the 2024-25 campaign. She led the Falcons and was third in the NACC with 15.44 points per game. Her 386 points rank third behind two others who have played more games.

On Feb. 8, she recorded 30 points against Rockford. The 30 points are the most scored by a student-athlete in a NACC contest this season.

DeBauch posted the second-best field goal percentage in the conference at 0.500, making 152 of her 304 shots.

She also frustrated NACC opponents as the conference's leading rebounders. DeBauch finished fifth in rebounds per game at 7.12 and collected 178 rebounds on the season.



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DeBauch proved to be one of the most well-rounded stars of the conference as the only athlete to finish top-five in scoring, rebounding and assists.

She finished her senior season fourth in assists per game at 2.8. Her eight-assist night against Wisconsin Lutheran is the second-highest total in a

NACC contest this past year.

DeBauch was a menace for NACC offenses and finished fifth in blocks with 15 on the year.

The NACC hated to see the pride of Gillett make it to the free-throw line as well. She finished with 81 free throws to rank fifth in the conference.

DeBauch was a double-dou-

ble threat on a consistent basis and was third in the conference with seven double-double performances on the year. She did so against Emerson on Dec. 20, Dubuque on Jan. 4, Marian on Jan. 8, Benedictine on Jan. 11, Dominican on Jan. 18, Illinois Tech on Jan. 29 and Alverno on Feb. 13.

DNR surveys uncover ‘missing’ walleyes

Biologists finally cracked the case in 2023 during a comprehensive survey that included Loon and Washington lakes

By ROSS BIELEMA
Correspondent

State fisheries biologists have cracked the case of more than 100,000 “missing” walleyes that were not spawning in expected locations – and it may take genetic testing to prove that most of these baffling fish were simply following their natural instinct to return to their native waters.

Like a team of police detectives, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources senior fisheries biologist Elliot Hoffman and his field staff remained persistent on finding about 110,000 walleyes tracked by their clipped fins and PIT tags. They were among more than 221,000 large fingerling fish stocked in Shawano Lake from 2011 to 2017.

Biologists expected to find the clipped-fin fish with most of the other walleyes during their surveys – done with spring netting and fall electroshocking – at two key locations: Schumacher Island and Rosenow’s Point, southeast of the island, Hoffman said. But very few were showing up during that seven-year span, Hoffman explained during a Feb. 11 seminar on fisheries surveys at Shawano Community Middle School.

Biologists finally cracked the case in 2023 during a comprehensive survey that included Loon and Washington lakes. Survey boats hadn’t travelled into the shallow inlets during previous annual surveys. During the 2023 survey, about 60% of the captured walleyes on the 327-acre Loon Lake had fin clips.

Stocked fish from the

state fish hatchery are the Lake Michigan strain and instinctively head for their “home” waters, compared with Lake Winnebago fishery native fish that seek out rocky or marshy areas for spawning, Hoffman explained. He wants to confirm his theory with genetic testing to confirm these wanderlust walleyes are Lake Michigan strain fish.

Biologists began seeing a decline in the Shawano Lake walleye population in the mid-2000s. The DNR began stocking large fingerling fish (6-9 inches) every other year starting in 2011 on Shawano, Loon and Washington lakes. More than 220,000 have been stocked to date.

He praised the Shawano Chapter of Walleyes for Tomorrow, created in 2011, and the Figure 8 Muskie Club of Shawano for helping with stocking efforts and habitat improvements, as well as funding.

Walleyes for Tomorrow has been releasing more than 6 million fry walleyes a year, using a portable hatchery. The group is building a larger portable hatchery that expects to release nearly 12 million fry this year, under its DNR permit. WFT also donated \$3,600 to help fund the genetic testing and has helped fund the dime-sized PIT tags, which are implanted in captured fish and used to monitor their movements.

“I like the teamwork,” Hoffman said.

The club stocking has revealed some secrets, too. They have found that younger 20-inch females produce more eggs than the older 24-inch fish they had used in previous years.

Regulations changes



Karl Peterson, of Waupaca, caught this 25-inch walleye June 4 on the Wolf River near New London, using a musky lure. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources plans to nearly double the stocking of fingerling walleyes on Shawano Lake this year, with help from the Shawano Chapter of Walleyes for Tomorrow.
JOHN FAUCHER

in 2016 dropped the daily walleye bag limit from five to three fish and increased the minimum size limit from 15 inches to 18 inches. Surveys are turning up more older and larger fish since then.

The seminar also discussed populations of Northern pike, muskies, panfish, trout and flathead catfish.

Hoffman encouraged area anglers to attend or provide input on panfishing during the April 14 DNR and Wisconsin Conservation Congress spring hearings held statewide.

Surveys show no black crappies more than 5 years old on Shawano Lake, primarily due to heavy harvests. The DNR is proposing an aggregate daily limit of 10 panfish to encourage the growth of crappies and bluegills.

For information on northern Wisconsin fisheries surveys, go to <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/north/springsurveys>.

The 2024 Shawano Lake survey slides from the Feb. 11 presentation can be found at file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/Shawano%20LakeWalleyeMovement_SurveyResults2024.pdf.

Curious about fish stocking on a particular lake? Check the DNR stocking database at <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/fisheriesmanagement/Public/Summary/Index>.

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Artists donate to scholarship fundraiser

Jana DeDecker and David Aschenbrener each donated one of their works to the Gresham Scholarship Fund banquet and fundraiser, scheduled for March 29 at The Woodland Supper Club and Banquet Hall in Gresham.

DeDecker, an up-and-coming artist, is donating the “Warm Heart” painting. She works mostly with acrylics doing pour paintings.

“Art in many forms has brought joy to my heart,” she said.

Aschenbrener, an established bronze sculptor with a studio in the Gresham area, has been

working with bronze for about 30 years. His work is scattered around the United States and beyond.

All of his work comes from ice. He begins the process by dipping ice formations into hot wax. While he has a preconceived idea as to what the final piece will look like, he is often surprised, delighted and happy with the results.

The piece he donated sells for \$895. If you would like to have an Aschenbrener in your collection and cannot make the banquet, consider putting a bid in on it by calling Bob Klopke at 715-787-3386.



Jana DeDecker and David Aschenbrener pose with their works they have donated to the Gresham Scholarship Fund banquet and fundraiser, scheduled for March 29 at The Woodland Supper Club and Banquet Hall in Gresham.

CURT KNOKE

Sturgeon pow wow to honor Overstreet

The 33rd annual sturgeon fest and celebration pow wow will be held April 12 in honor of David Overstreet.

The event begins with the sturgeon walk at 10 a.m. at Keshena Falls, going to Menominee Nation High School, 500 State Highway 47-55, Keshena. The pow wow's grand entry begins at noon, followed by the sturgeon feast at 6 p.m. The pow wow is sponsored by the Menominee Nation's tribal historic preservation office.

Luke Besaw and Jamie Awonohopay will be the head male and female dancers, respectively, while Robert Kaquatosh will be the head veteran.

For information, contact Jean Cox at 715-799-3757.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, MENOMINEE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Louis A. Washinawatok Jr.
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 55
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/08/1932 and date of death 12/30/2023, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W2092 Keshena Lake Rd. Keshena, WI 54135.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 29, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
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03/07/25, 03/14/25, 03/21/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority
PO Box 1728
Madison, WI 53701
Plaintiff,
vs.
David Brooks
W497 County Rd E
Green Valley, WI 54127-9425.
Angela Brooks
W497 County Rd E
Green Valley, WI 54127-9425
Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority
PO Box 1728
Madison, WI 53701-1728
Defendants
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case No. 25-CV-000012
The Honorable Katherine Sloma
Case Code 30404
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)
The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within 40 days after March 7, 2025 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166-2145 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated this 27 day of February, 2025.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Michael M. Riley
State Bar No. 1033997
Case No. 25-CV-000012
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-1987
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE Elisa Ruth Katchenago
NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing
case No.25cv30
By Elisa Ruth Katchenago
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above.
From: Elisa Ruth Katchenago
To: Elisa Ruth Peters
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
Birth Certificate: Elisa Ruth Katchenago
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin. Judge's name: Judge Sloma 311 N Main St Shawano WI BR1 April 07, 2025 10:45 a.m.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
David A. Eckardt
2/5/2025
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 09
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 2/27/1969 and date of death 2/5/2025, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N6098 Cty J, Tigerton, WI 54486.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 20, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Keith A. Steckbauer
PO Box 5
New London, WI 54961
920-779-4140
Bar Number 1021304
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE Taylor Elsie White
NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing
case No.25cv31
By Elisa Ruth Katchenago
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above.
From: Taylor Elsie White
To: Taylor Elsie Vaupekenay
Birth Certificate: Taylor Elsie White
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin. Judge's name: Judge Sloma 311 N Main St BR1 Shawano WI April 07, 2025 10:45 a.m.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date.
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03/14/25, 03/21/25, 03/28/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
PO BOX 107
ANTIGO, WI 54409
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES A. HEWITT
N6005 LAKE DRIVE
SHAWANO, WI 54166
Defendant.
PUBLICATION SUMMONSCASE NO. 25-CV-25
HON. KATHERINE SLOMA
Money Judgment: 30301 The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00
Other Contracts 30303:
Wis.Stat §810 Replevin
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.
To each person named above as a defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 40 days after the date of first publication, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. MainStreet, Shawano, WI 54166, and to Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., plaintiff's attorneys, 413 North 2 nd Street, Suite 150, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
DATED at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on February 27, 2025.
GALANIS, POLLACK, JACOBS & JOHNSON, SC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
P. O. Address:
413 N. 2 nd Street, Suite 150
Milwaukee, WI 53203
/S/ Electronically signed
Joshua J. Brady
(414) 271-5400 WI State Bar No.1041428
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
James William Wickman
By James William Wickman
NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing case No.25cv44
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: James William Wickman
To: James Robert Bauer
Birth Certificate: James William Wickman
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin. Judge's name: Judge Katherine Sloma 311 N Main St Shawano WI 04/28/2025 9:45 a.m.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
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IN THE MATTER OF THE MARGERY A. BLEICK REVOCABLE TRUST OF 1994
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Margery A. Bleick, whose date of birth was February 24, 1932, died domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, on February 17, 2025. Her post office address was W1902 Holy Hill Road, Cecil, WI 54111. Pursuant to section 701.0508 Wis. Stats., James A. Bleick and Mary A. Kupersmith, Co- Trustees of the Margery A. Bleick Revocable Trust of 1994 (the "Trust"), with the power to pay the debts of Margery A. Bleick, hereby provide notice that all claims against Margery A. Bleick or the Trust for payment of the debts of Margery A. Bleick must be filed with the person listed below WITHIN FOUR (4) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, or be barred.
The address for filing claims is:
Margery A. Bleick
Revocable Trust of 1994
c/o Amalia Todryk, Esq.
Quarles & Brady LLP
411 E. Wisconsin Avenue Suite 2400
Milwaukee, WI 53202-4428
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03/14/25, 03/21/25, 03/28/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCES E. VOIGHT
Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 13
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/18/1950 and date of death 11/09/2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 111 S. Smalley St. Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] June 14, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St. Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office.
Atty. David L. Forsythe
PO Box 215
Iola, WI 54945
(715)445-2511
Bar Number 1012182
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03/14/25, 03/21/25, 03/28/25
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE
Amber Lynn Fuller
By Amber Lynn Fuller
NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing case No.2025cv000040
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Amber Lynn Fuller
To: Amber Lynn Phillips
Birth Certificate: Amber Lynn Phillips
IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin. Judge's name: Judge Sloma 311 N Main St Shawano WI April16, 2025 BR1 08:30 a.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
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03/21/25, 03/28/25, 04/04/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Ruth M. Russell
DOD 08/14/2023
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 77
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/23/1941 and date of death 08/14/2023, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 321 East Richmond Street Shawano, WI 54166
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 18, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Form completed by:
James E. Aschenbrenner
P.O. Box146,
Shawano, WI 54166, USA
715 524 6258
Bar Number: 1006896
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03/21/25, 03/28/25
Board of Adjustment - Public Hearing Notice Meeting & Agenda
Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
311 N Main St., Shawano, WI
Members: Alan Beyer, Bill Bowers, John Stezenski, Thomas Taufner, Gary Thomack
Alternates: 1st Robert Krause, 2nd David Korth
V-1-25: Scott A and Deborah L. Parson requests an after the fact variance for the purpose of keeping 2 pillars, a 19' wide block wall wrapping around a 16' wide x 8' deep half circle for approximately 190 square feet of impervious surface to remain located within 4.5 feet of the ordinary high water mark of the Wolf River where 75 feet is required pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland Wetland Zoning Ordinance No. 6-16, Section 6.2. Property is located and described as Lot 6 of Block 3 of Upper Wolf Plains, located in Section 13 & 24, T27N R15E. Parcel #040-80100-0440. Town of Richmond. Property address: N5938 Wolf River Road.
V-2-25: Alvin Bartz, agent for the Town of Belle Plaine, requests a variance to construct a compliant American with Disabilities Act (ADA) crushed limestone walking path from the wetland boardwalk to the existing boat landing, proposed to be 1,030 feet long, 5 feet wide, and where the closest point is to be located 4 feet from the ordinary high water mark of Pine Lake where 75 feet is required, and also a 6 foot wide by 75 foot long section leading to the existing boat dock, pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland Wetland Zoning Ordinance No. 6-16, Section 6.2. Property is located and described as part of Government Lot 2, except plats and except part sold and except part described in Document #754914 and further described in Document #617806, located in Section 34, T26N R15E. Tax parcel #010-34220-0000. Town of Belle Plaine. Currently vacant land.
V-3-25: Thomas A Springstroh requests a variance to construct a single family dwelling to be 620 feet from the centerline of Miller Road in the OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential Zoning District, where the maximum allowed setback between principal residential structure and public road right of way centerline is 323 feet, pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Table X.2.03A: Dimensional, Yard and Other Development Regulations, Working Lands and Open Space Zoning Districts. Property is located and described as the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 2, T26N R11E. Tax parcel #016-02210-0000. Town of Germania. Property address: N4824 Miller Road.
Any interested person may address the Board of Adjustment by letter or appear in person or by agent and be heard at the public hearing. Written correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author a well as the primary address of the signer.
The Board of Adjustment will be meeting after the public hearing to deliberate and take possible action on the following items:
1. Public hearing decisions
V-1-25: Scott A and Deborah L Parson
V-2-25: Alvin Bartz, agent for Town of Belle Plaine
V-3-25: Thomas A Springstroh
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
10-10-24 Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes
3. Board member comments or new business to be considered at a future meeting.
4. Correspondence.
5. Set next public hearing date.
6. Adjournment.
Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766
Meeting notice emailed/posted: Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCH Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowl.civicweb.net
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GUEST COLUMN

Cut cautiously without demonizing people

Sometimes, when the wandering spirit possesses me, I hit the road just to experience the grace and grandeur of our United States of America.

More often than not, as the years catch up, it's on four wheels rather than two. The effect is mostly the same. Energizing. Soothing. Appreciative.

There are only two of us who grew up on the family farm in Metcalf, Illinois, my sister, Kathi, and myself. So a semi-regular stop in these wanderings is at her house, in the north suburbs of Oklahoma City.

This year, we renewed a joke shared between us the past few years. How can it be, for two kids off the farm, that we grew up to be among the most despised and distrusted villains in modern America? A mainstream journalist (me). A public school teacher (her).

We've both been relatively conservative with our politics over the years, as farm folks tend to be. Nevertheless, hardly a day goes by that we're not exposed to angry rants about the evils of media and public education.

We have both experienced surprising face-to-face interactions with people we have known nearly all our lives. It goes like this. "Public education is nothing but an indoctrination center run by people who hate America," or "The media is nothing but a pack of liars out to destroy America."

We wonder: Do these people, who we thought were friends (or maybe relatives), know who we are and how we put food on the table for our kids?

When Kathi and I get together, we're both able to laugh about it, but it's a stinging laugh.

Here's what is bothering me today. There's a new worst American ever, and it's apparently the men and women who work in government roles. They are under attack like never before.

I have to admit chuckling at the old joke that the scariest words are, "Hello, I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

I feel a little ashamed about that today. Maybe our collective disrespect led to this moment in which government workers are being treated as superfluous do-nothings at best, and America-hating agents of national doom at worst.

They have even been called, by people in power, "evil" and "criminals."



Bill Barth
Guest columnist

Look, I believe government at many levels is bloated and resistant to change. We spend too much for too little. The national debt leaps by trillions at a time.

By the way, elected politicians approved every dollar spent.

The brilliant conservative columnist George F. Will often observed that the budgetary disconnect exists because Americans want more from their government than they are willing to pay taxes to support. In your garage, you can't have a Ferrari on a Chevrolet budget. The same principle should apply in government.

What bothers me today has nothing to do with looking for ways to control government spending and improve efficiency. Any organization can reduce costs. I know. Been there, done that, as the newspaper industry contracted the past two decades.

There's a right way and a wrong way to go about it. Making smart decisions means putting in the time to study organizational responsibilities and measure individual situations. It means having a plan to protect and preserve key services on which people depend. It means recognizing that political differences are separate from job performance.

It doesn't mean taking a meat cleaver willy-nilly to entire parts of the government — often, parts that have been identified as partisan political targets — just because you can. Remember, too, public employees work for all of us, not some of us, and we Americans tend to disagree with each other.

Holding down the cost of government is unavoidable if America ever is to tame runaway deficits.

Staff people are not evil. They deserve respect. They deserve due process. The agencies they represent deserve the same, because it's a lot easier to tear down expertise than it is to rebuild it, once lost.

My public school teacher sister and I can relate. It's no fun being demonized.

Bill Barth is the former editor of the *Beloit Daily News* and a member of the Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame. Readers can contact him at bbarth@beloitdailynews.com.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town of Little Suamico needs new leadership

To the editor:

With the upcoming elections in the Town of Little Suamico, we clearly need new direction. After voting in a new board two years ago, election of Chairman Dale Mohr clearly was a mistake. He does not understand his new role as he is wearing too many hats. The cloud of working for Oconto County has brought many challenges of who Mohr truly represents.

Dale has trouble running meetings and cannot keep the meetings under proper decorum. At a recent plan commission meeting, the sheriff's department had to be called, because Dale lacks leadership skills. I would like to see our sheriff's department do their very important job of keeping our towns safe instead of babysitting at our meetings because Mohr cannot handle them.

Since taking over, Mohr has created a Park Commission and Ordinance Committee (both of which he put his friends on, etc., even though many others volunteered). Both committees were given no direction and cost the taxpayers more money. In my opinion, the committees are accomplishing nothing other than wasting tax dollars.

Chairman Mohr continues to lack transparency and does not listen to the public and consistently puts public comment at the end of agendas after items have been discussed and decisions have been made. This is not a leader and does not deserve a second term.

Another major mistake of Little Suamico was bringing back members of the old board for our plan commission. The old town board had many costly blunders too many to name, but one cost the town nearly \$250,000, because of a lost state grant because of questionable bidding practice on the Cross Road project. If the Town of Little Suamico is going to advance, leave the old board nowhere near current government as we do not need repeat of the damage they caused in the past.

As election day nears, one has to look at who truly has earned a spot on the board now that we will be up to five board members, which brings more cost to the taxpayers. We do have candidates running, some of whom never attended past meetings and yes even an old board member who was part of the debacles of the past.

As I suggested many times, Town of Little Suamico needs an administrator who has the knowledge of running a town and has no connection to the county and can actually better our town and not expand government. Government should be smaller, not larger, and this is a mistake for Little Suamico.

Again, I encourage citizens to push for an administrator in Little Suamico if we truly want to move our town forward.

Beth Trudell, Little Suamico

Center good reason to vote no on referendum

To the editor:

DOSE, the Department of School Efficiency. The Suring Public School District is asking voters

to approve a \$1.5 million referendum on April 1 — a 55% increase from the previous \$900,000. Meanwhile, the school board chose to build a \$370,000 experimental community center, known as SMAC, without a separate building referendum. This cost does not even include the land.

A school official has confirmed that less than \$200,000 has been raised to fund this project. The board proceeded without ensuring full funding, relying on the assumption that donations would cover the costs — but always knowing that taxpayers would be forced to bail them out. Most school districts hold a building referendum before approving such projects, yet Suring bypassed that process.

As a self-employed business owner for 34 years, I am outraged that my tax dollars are being used to build a marketplace that directly competes with local businesses. Small businesses must cover overhead, wages, taxes, and utilities — yet this taxpayer-funded market receives an unfair advantage. At a time when new businesses are working hard to establish themselves, this project undermines their success.

The district claims this project teaches students valuable life lessons, yet the real lesson seems to be: "Charge it now and figure out how to pay for it later." There has been minimal community outreach regarding this referendum. Many residents I've spoken to were unaware of it. The district even failed to send a representative to the Maple Valley Town Board meeting on Feb. 20,

despite previously stating they would attend.

While the district insists that this is a "community" center, I have spoken to far more individuals who are unable to use it than those who can. This was an unnecessary financial risk, and I will be voting no on April 1.

Furthermore, I believe that the school board members who approved SMAC should be held financially responsible for the unfunded balance — not the taxpayers.

Mike Van Den Elzen, Suring

Vote no on Voter ID constitutional measure

To the editor:

On April 1, we are being asked, by the partisan Wisconsin legislature, to vote to embed our Voter ID law into our constitution. If we do so, only the legislature will be allowed to decide what is a valid ID. This is the sixth attempt in the past year to restrict voting access.

Wisconsin already has a successful Voter ID law. Investigations have shown a lack of fraud in our elections. Legislating via the constitution is a troubling precedent. This undermines the checks and balances that prevent overreach. There have been no public debates or input about this change.

Embedding the present Voter ID law into the constitution will restrict current and future voting as laws or technology advances. Long-term consequences do matter.

This is political gamesmanship. Please vote no to protect our current Voter ID law and freedom to vote. Thank you.

Patty Luff, Marion

COURT NEWS

• Lori L. Brooks, 41, Wabeno, pleaded no contest March 12 to misdemeanor charges of battery, disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. The battery count was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on two years of probation with conditions.

• Sarah E. Summ, 57, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Dec. 16 to first-degree recklessly endangering safety, false imprisonment, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony and victim intimidation. Sloma sentenced her March 10 to eight years in prison, followed by five years of extended supervision with conditions, and gave her credit for 1,298 days already served.

• Leonard Williams, 49, Appleton, pleaded no contest March 13 to possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Judge William Kussel Jr. levied fines and sentenced him to nine months in county jail.

• Christopher T. Cornelius, 57, Oneida, pleaded no contest March 12 to operating a mo-

tor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel levied fines, sentenced him to one year in county jail and revoked his license for 36 months.

• Raphael J. Boivin, 38, Keshena, pleaded no contest March 12 to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed him on two years of probation with conditions.

• Dylan J. Nutt, 36, Shiocton, was charged March 10 with manufacturing with intent to deliver amphetamine, manufacturing with intent to deliver heroin and possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine. Kussel set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 22.

• Nicole M. Belongia, 30, Shawano, was charged March 10 with manufacturing with intent to deliver amphetamine and manufacturing with intent to deliver heroin. Kussel set a \$5,000 cash bond, and a status conference was scheduled for April 1.

• Brandi K. Thelen, 27, Shawano, was charged March 10 with manufacturing with intent to deliver amphetamine, manufacture with intent to deliver heroin, possession of metham-

phetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture methamphetamine, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 28.

• Shane J. Schreiber, 44, Shawano, was charged March 10 with manufacturing with intent to deliver amphetamine, manufacturing with intent to deliver heroin, maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture methamphetamine, possession of cocaine (second and subsequent offense), possession of THC (second and subsequent offense), possession with intent to deliver heroin and possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine. Kussel set a \$75,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 19.

• Austin M. Hartmann, 30, Shawano, was charged March 10 with manufacturing with intent to deliver amphetamine and manufacturing with intent to deliver heroin. Kussel set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 29.

• Michael J. Munson, 41, Gresham, was charged March 10 with manufacturing with

intent to deliver amphetamine and manufacturing with intent to deliver heroin. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond, and a status conference was scheduled for March 31.

• William B. Matchopatow, 37, Janesville, was charged March 10 with manufacturing with intent to deliver amphetamine, manufacturing with intent to deliver heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia to produce methamphetamine, possession of cocaine (second and subsequent offense), possession of THC (second and subsequent offense), maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession with intent to deliver heroin and possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine. Kussel set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 29.

• Michael S. Fehlhaber, 37, Shawano, was charged March 10 with second-degree sexual assault and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until April 21.

• Bo J. Peters, 28, Keshena, was charged March 10 with possession of narcotic drugs, four counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and resisting or obstructing an officer.

Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 20.

• Edward L. Stoetzel, 35, Bowler, was charged March 10 with possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), seven counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 28.

• Avion A. Aleman, 19, Shawano, was charged March 10 with three counts of felony bail jumping, four counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and three misdemeanor charges of violating absolute sobriety. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for May 20.

• Stacy A. Valley, 44, Shawano, was charged March 10 with possession of methamphetamine, three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for April 15.

• Rachel L. Popelka, 30, Shawano, was charged March 11 with four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of possession

of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 14.

• Jeffery D. Stewart, 33, Shawano, was charged March 11 with first-degree child sexual assault of a person younger than 13, two counts of felony bail jumping and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 18.

• Darryl D. Smith, 52, Shawano, was charged March 12 with possession of narcotic drugs, possession of methamphetamine, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$2,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for May 20.

• Peter G. Vigue, 47, Shawano, was charged March 12 with four counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$7,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 19.

• Elizabeth L. Harrison, 18, Gresham, was charged March 13 with felony bail jumping, misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of retail theft. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 20.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 16
Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; operating while intoxicated on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; bail jumping at Rachel's Roadside Bar and Grill, W17298 Spruce Road in the Town of Wittenberg; harassment on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; assisting the fire department on Ho-Chunk Road in the Town of Wittenberg; repossession on East Wood Avenue i Wittenberg; two 911 calls; one traffic hazard; one welfare check.

March 15
Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including noise on County Road Z in Aniwa; juvenile alcohol at Big Time Sports, W6014 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; juvenile alcohol on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; criminal damage on Green Valley Road in the Town

of Green Valley; operating while intoxicated on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; snowmobile problem on Stony Hill Road in the Town of Pella; fleeing and pursuit on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; assault at Big Time Sports, W6014 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; operating while intoxicated on state Highway 22 in Cecil; noise on Cedar Street in Tigerton; four 911 calls; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks; two crashes, one involving deer.

March 14
Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including operating without a license on Willow Road in the Town of Wittenberg; assault at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; assisting the fire department on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; assisting the fire department on Middle Drive in the Town of Angelica; warrant on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; harassment on Johnson Road in the Town of Germania; operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the

Town of Waukechon; animal bite on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; warrant on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; illegal burning on Pioneer Drive in the Town of Wescott; two 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards.

March 13
Deputies responded to 24 incidents, including a vicious animal on Highview Road in the Town of Herman; sick animal on County Road J in the Town of Morris; assisting the fire department on Wescott Lane in the Town of Wescott; ATV problem on Kolpack Lane in the Town of Bartelme; three 911 calls; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; three crashes involving deer.

March 12
Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including a scam on North Chestnut Street in Tigerton; assisting the fire department on Laney Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; three welfare checks; four crashes, one involving a turkey.

March 11
Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including assisting the fire department on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; property theft on Shore Lane in the Town of Wescott; assisting the fire department on Deer Drive in the Town of Angelica; drugs on County Road D in the Town of Seneca; sick animal on County Road J in the Town of Morris; found property on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; warrant on County Road R in the Town of Washington; assisting the fire department on Willow Road in the Town of Angelica; identity theft on Pioneer Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks; one crash.

March 10
Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including drugs on East Express Way in Bonduel; harassment on Apple Road in the Town of Wittenberg; trespassing on River Bend Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; warrant on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; harassment on Pine Street in Tigerton; warrant on Lakewood Court in town of Wescott; noise at Family Dollar, 413 N. Genesee St., Wittenberg; trespassing on Hofa Park Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; vehicle fire on County Road CC in the Town of Waukechon; two 911 calls; one

reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one crash involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 16
Officers responded to 11 incidents, including one traffic hazard; three welfare checks.

March 15
Officers responded to 16 incidents, including a warrant on South Sawyer Street; animal noise on South Union Street; warrant on Lakeland Road; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; warrant at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; one 911 call; three welfare checks.

March 14
Officers responded to 34 incidents, including a warrant on East Richmond Street; fight in progress on South Main Street; noise on South Andrews Street; found property on South Main Street; operating without a license on East Elizabeth Street; vicious animal on South Andrews Street; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; assisting the fire department at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; four welfare checks.

March 13
Officers responded to 22 incidents, including drugs at the Shawano Police Department,

125 S. Sawyer St.; shoplifting at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; shoplifting at an undisclosed location; one 911 call; two welfare checks; one crash.

March 12
Officers responded to 18 incidents, including drugs at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; two drug calls at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; assault at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; fight in progress at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; property theft at an undisclosed location; juvenile problem on West Richmond Street; one 911 call; three welfare checks.

March 11
Officers responded to 23 incidents, including found property at Shawano Ambulance, 220 N. Main St.; vandalism on South Lutz Street; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; three juvenile problem calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; pornography at an undisclosed location; drugs at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; suicide at an undisclosed location; one reckless driving incident; five welfare checks.

03/21, 03/28/2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held before the City of Shawano Plan Commission on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall located at 127 S. Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI to consider amending Chapter 10 Zoning Code, Article VI Overlay Zoning Districts, Section 10-94 (AP-0) Airport Overlay District, to add additional verbiage regarding height restrictions and enforcement authority as it relates to trees and airport height restrictions. To read as follows:

(4) Dimensional requirements. Same as for the underlying district, except that no structure shall be constructed, altered or located, or permitted to remain after such construction, alteration or location, and that no trees shall be allowed to grow to a height in excess of the height limit indicated on the current Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics Official Height Limitation Zoning Map, Shawano Municipal Airport, Shawano, Wisconsin, which is adopted as part of this chapter.[1]
[1]Editor's Note: Said map is on file in the City offices.

(a) Authority and Enforcement. Authority and enforcement of this subsection shall be granted to the City Forester as stated within Chapter 9 Public Nuisances, Section 9.06 Trees and Shrubs (8) Dead, diseased, hazardous, or height restricted tree removal on private property.

At the above time and place, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk

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03/21, 03/28/2025

Advertisement for Proposals

Sealed proposals must be received by the City of Shawano, 127 S Sawyer St, Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166, up to 11:00 A.M. on Monday, March 31, 2025, for the following equipment:

One new 2024 or 2025 1/2 Ton 2-Door Regular Cab Pick Up Truck 4x4 with 8' box.

Proposals shall be submitted on forms provided by the City of Shawano. Copies of same, along with specifications may be obtained at the City of Shawano, 127 S Sawyer St, Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166. Any proposal submitted after the date and time specified will be rejected.

City of Shawano
Department of Public Works

Michael Mahloch
Public Works Director

OBITUARIES

Gregory G. Mignon

Gregory G. Mignon, 75, passed away unexpectedly at his home on March 5, 2025.

He was born in Appleton on July 28, 1949, to Raymond and Elaine (Schwitzer) Mignon. Greg graduated from Kaukauna High School and dedicated his career to working as a machine operator at Luvata.

On June 28, 1969, he married LaVerne Delfosse, and together they raised two sons.

Greg liked shooting darts, golfing, hunting and fishing. He enjoyed gambling and socializing with friends over drinks,



often sharing laughter and camaraderie.

Greg is survived by his wife, Laverne; sons, Robert (Tonia) Mignon and

William Mignon; brother, Gary (Lois) Mignon; sisters, Pam (Matt) Mistele and JoEllen (Charles) Janssen; grandchildren, Damon, Kayla, Dylan, Rayne, Alyson; great-grandsons, Brian, Lucas, Maxx; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

A visitation for Greg will take place on March 31, 2025, at Wichmann Fargo Funeral Home, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave. in Kaukauna, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. until the time of funeral service at noon.

William C. Hupke

William C. Hupke, 91, of Clintonville, passed away

March 10, 2025. Eberhardt-Stevenson

Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.



Shawano Alderman Jim Hauer, right, talks about the need for stronger off-road vehicle laws in the city during the council's March 12 meeting while Alderman Jack Young listens. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

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Lenzner collected the ordinances put into place already by Oconto, Kewaunee and other counties, highlighted the areas he thought Shawano County should implement, and turned them over to Corporation Counsel Larenda Maulson.

“Our corp counsel got hold of one county, which is Barron County, and Barron County says, ‘I don’t think we can touch that. Our county wanted to do that, and I told them no,’” Lenzner said. “So our corp counsel says, ‘If Barron County has a problem with this, it might be an issue.’”

Oconto and Marathon counties, two of the counties that border Shawano County, both require driver’s licenses for ORV operators, and they both were able to get their ordinances through their county boards, according to Lenzner.

He added that he spoke with the district director for Shawano and Oconto counties for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, which set up the original ORV laws, and the director favored what the counties are doing.

“He said that the state has been moving so slow getting these laws passed,” Lenzner said. “He thought it was great that counties were finally doing it them-

selves, which should have been done.”

Lenzner said he brought up Barron County feeling nothing could be done, and the director told him that if counties can’t enact ORV restrictions, then they also can’t make anti-wake zones in lakes and rivers. He noted that such laws have to be filed with the DNR anyway, so if there was something wrong, red flags would have gone up already.

“I went to our highway and parks (committee), and I told them what our corp counsel said, and then I told them what other counties did, and they passed it unanimously,” Lenzner said.

He said he’s received a lot of response from the public on the issue since NEW Media first reported what the county wants to do, and the overwhelming response was that things have to change.

“I got no letters saying (otherwise),” Lenzner said. “Who is going to argue with this ordinance and say, ‘No, this isn’t right. You shouldn’t need a license to drive on the roads.’”

Right now, any ORV violations are cited through the DNR. If the city and county pass their ordinances, ORV violations would have any fines

go to the respective local agencies, according to Lenzner.

“You’re paying for that overtime to go to court, and the city isn’t seeing any of that money,” he said. “It’s the same, the county gets no money from those DNR citations.”

Lenzner said he planned to sit down with Maulson later in March and hammer out an ordinance to go through the committee for final approval; if it passes, then it would go to the Shawano County Board of Supervisors to be put into law.

“For the most part, our ATV (all-terrain vehicle) operators are very responsible,” Lenzner said. “We always have that small percentage in the city and county that ruin it for everybody else — going too fast, the problems we have around the lakes, people that have lost their license due to four or five OWIs (operating while intoxicated) and then they just go buy a UTV (utility-terrain vehicle) and ride from bar to bar and use it to go back and forth to work.”

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard said that Shawano will take whatever the county passes and mirror it to reflect city policy.

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The amphitheater at Mielke Park is among the amenities a private organization wants to market if it is allowed to take over control of the park. Other parts of the park are an indoor theater, walking trails, a shelter and parking lot. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

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that are a known hub for illegal activity.

Upon successful completion of these two years, Mission 1st Event Management would obtain complete control over the property.

Supervisor Tom Kautza said he likes the proposal but believes the two-year lease is too short.

“I still think that’s a little too soon,” he said. “We’re better off with a longer lease, like a seven-, 10-year lease, and see how that goes.”

He said he’d also want to work with the current leaseholder, the Shawano County Arts Council, to guarantee their continued use of the facility.

The current lease with the arts council expires Aug. 31, and the county would need to provide a 90-day notice if it intends not to renew the lease.

Mathwich said the park and theater are underutilized.

“There’s a lot of homeless living behind it,” she said. “When you drive out

there, the cops are dealing with drugs. We would clean it up. It’s just losing its way without someone being out there managing it.”

The proposal also noted the creation of a committee that would include two members of Mission 1st Event Management and at least one member each of the Shawano County Board, Wescott Town Board, Mielke Family Foundation and local law enforcement.

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Workshop looks at corn silage, pests

A workshop is being held March 26 to assist farm decision-making regarding corn pest management and corn silage management.

Corn is grown on more acres in Wisconsin than any other crop. Corn silage forms the largest ration component on most Wisconsin dairy farms and is a particularly important crop in northeastern Wisconsin.

The upcoming workshop will assist farmers as they make final plans for the 2025 production season. The workshop is sponsored by the Shawano County Forage Council, University of Wisconsin-Extension and the Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program. The event will

take place in the hog barn at Doc’s Harley-Davidson, W2709 state Highway 29, Bonduel.

The program features corn disease and mycotoxin management; weed management; new corn silage forage quality testing procedures and loss reduction strategies; short stature corn’s fit as silage; and optimizing nutrient management, with an emphasis on NOPP results from northeast Wisconsin.

At the conclusion of the program, a fundraising auction of donated ag items will be held by the Shawano County Forage Council.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m., with the educational program taking place from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. A full meal and all events are included in the \$20 per person registration fee.

Midwest Forage Association membership benefits will be discussed at the event but is not a prerequisite for attending. Certified Crop Advisor CEUs will be available.

Register in advance by calling the Shawano County Extension Office at 715-526-6136; downloading the registration form from the Ag Newsletter at <https://marinette.extension.wisc.edu/ag-newsletter/>; or emailing contact information and number of persons attending to scott.reuss@wisc.edu.



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Rum

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ltr.



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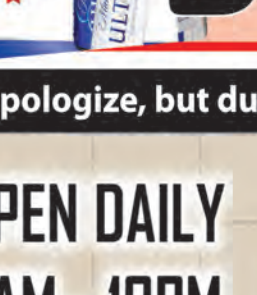
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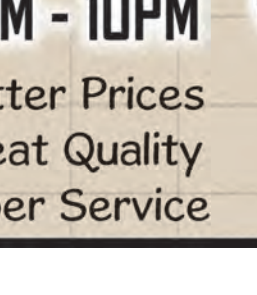
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Paul Masson
Grande Amber
Brandy

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Captain Morgan
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Rum

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Doctor
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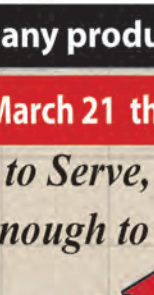
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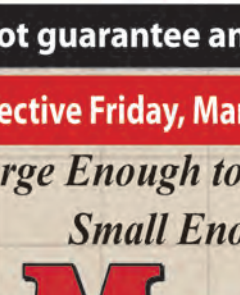
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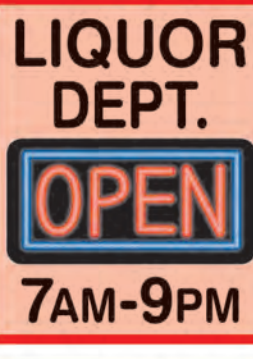
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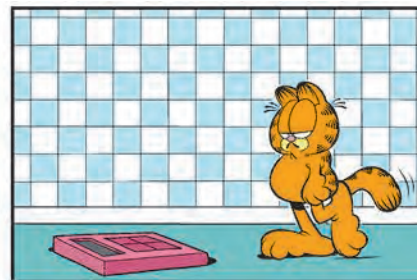
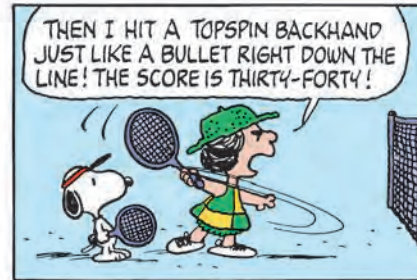
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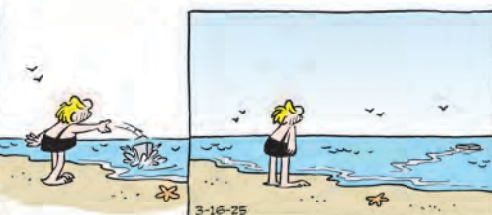
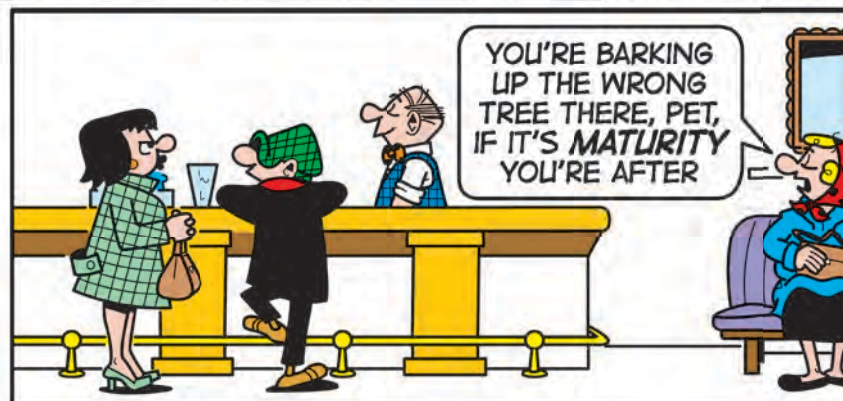
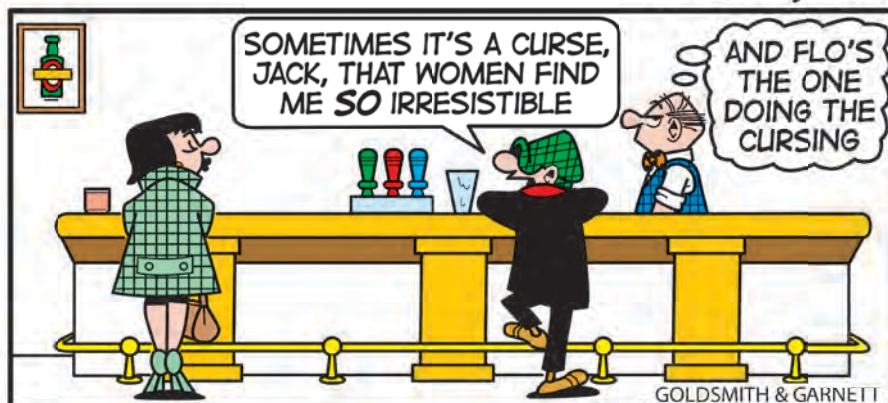


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