

New county administrator approved

Some board members want a more open selection process

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Algoma Town Administrator Richard Heath told the Oconto County Board on Feb. 22 that he's "honored and also very thrilled" to be selected as the next county administrator.

Supervisors voted 26-1 to approved their Executive Committee's recommendation of the Winnebago County town administrator. The lone dissenting vote came from Supervisor Tracy Ondik, who also had objected to the selection process for Heath's predecessor, Erik Pritzl.

Remarking on the expansion of the County Board Room at the courthouse, which occurred after his nine-year tenure with Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, Heath said, "I remember back then it was a little cozier than it is now." The room was expanded to allow a little more social distance in the post-pandemic era.

Heath thanked the board for the opportunity and said he looked forward to meeting and working with county staff.

"I'm familiar with some of the staff in this room here, I hope that I can get up to speed pretty quickly and when I come to work on April 22," he said. "I can help lead the projects forward, just to kind of glimpse of what you have going here

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Richard Heath addresses the Oconto County Board just before being approved as the next county administrator Feb. 22.

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Former Oconto Falls officer starts work as Bonduel police chief.

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David Steinmetz is escorted into an Oconto County courtroom Feb. 20 to be sentenced for killing his mother and stepfather in 2022.

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Steinmetz sentenced for murder of his mother, stepfather

"She would be advocating for you today," judge says

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

A Little Suamico man will spend the rest of his life in prison without hope of parole for shooting his mother and her husband to death in 2022.

David Steinmetz, 29, pleaded no contest Dec. 12 to two counts of first-degree intentional homicide for the Oct. 1, 2022, shooting deaths of his mother, Lori Steinmetz Brennan, 55, and her husband, Paul Brennan, 75. A third charge, possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony, was dismissed but read into the record.

The couple's bodies were found with multiple gunshot wounds outside their home on Melissa Boulevard home on the morning of Oct. 2. The investigation determined that the shootings had occurred the previous afternoon, according to the criminal complaint.

At the Feb. 20 sentencing hearing, Oconto County Judge Jay Conley handed down two consecutive life sentences with no possibility of being released on extended supervision after expressing shock and sadness over a crime Conley said "gives

new meaning to the expression 'senseless offenses.'"

Days of heavy drug abuse

District Attorney Hannah Schuchart recommended the most severe possible sentence after describing the days leading up to the fatal shootings from the criminal complaint and a pre-sentence investigation (PSI) filed by state Department of Corrections agent Christopher Miller.

"What I think has been apparent here from the start, and it's echoed in the PSI, is that Mr. Steinmetz, I think, carries some substantial remorse about what he's done," Schuchart said. "When you look at his version of events in the PSI, it's really simple and to the point it's actually pretty poignant. He said, 'It is messed up. I shot and killed my mom and stepdad.' There's no buts about it."

All of the evidence points to the fact that Steinmetz's mother and stepfather tried hard to rescue her son from a long-time pattern of drug abuse and violence, Schuchart said.

"Laurie Steinmetz did everything for her child, even up to the day, the moment, that he took her life from her," she

said, and Brennan had been part of his life since he was 2 years old. "He basically looked to him as a father figure in every sense of the word. They just didn't meet eye to eye on a lot of things."

Those disagreements led to violence on several occasions. At the time of the killings, Steinmetz was on extended supervision after serving time for aggravated battery for a 2017 assault on Brennan.

The day before the murders, Steinmetz called his mother and stepfather after getting stranded south of Milwaukee following several days lost to heavy methamphetamine and other drug abuse.

"He doesn't even remember really remember why he was in Milwaukee, what he was doing in Milwaukee, who he was interacting with," Schuchart said. "Even when you look at when he was here in the city of Oconto, he's putting himself at different drug houses, with different associates, using different substances, but he's not really sure, it's just aimless, kind of wandering because he's just ingesting all of these substances."

Police in the Milwaukee area suggested

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Fischer to begin duties as Bonduel police chief

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

For the first time in five years, Bonduel will have a full-time police chief. Eric Krause is resigning his position as the part-time chief as of March 3, and Keith Fischer has been hired to replace him in a full-time role as of March 4. Fischer, a Town of Washington resident, has served the Oconto Falls Police Department for nearly 20 years, most recently as a sergeant. He started there as a part-time officer in March 2006.

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

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

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

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

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

the needs of the village. “Eric decided to step down,” Maroszek said. “We had 12 applications, and we interviewed three of them.” Fischer’s last day in Oconto Falls was Feb. 20. “I will forever cherish the memories of all the people I’ve worked with and the friendships that were created,” he wrote. “I’m proud to have been a member of the city and police department for these 18 years.” Fischer praised Oconto Falls Police Chief Brad Olsen for his mentorship over the years.

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

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

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

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

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

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CORRECTIONS

- Todd Carlson has returned as interim Gillett school superintendent for about one month. Carlson assumed the duties when Wayne Johnson took personal leave, and Johnson is expected to return around mid-March. Carlson’s term was described incorrectly in an article in the Feb. 23 Times Herald.
 - Jerry and Tammy Moynihan donated \$250 to the girls basketball program and \$250 to the Oconto Falls High School athletic department for Dig Pink, a program that allows volleyball teams to host events and raise funds for cancer research and treatments. Tammy Moynihan was misidentified in a story in the Jan. 19 Times Herald.
- We apologize for the errors.

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now.” He introduced his wife, Cindy, who joked, “This is the only meeting I’ll be attending,” and said they would be looking for a home somewhere between his office in Oconto and Suring, where she grew up and still has family. “We hope to stay here for the foreseeable future,” Heath said. “We have a shared vision, and we can do some great things for the residents, the property owners and those who visit here in beautiful Oconto County.” Ondik said that he voiced concern when Pritzl was hired that board members were not more involved in the process of selecting the new county administrator. He has the same concerns two years later.

“I understand confidentially clauses, I understand the intricacies of how that can be on the professional side, but I think there’s maybe as we move forward, especially given it’s such a vitally important position for our county, it’s a big decision,” Ondik said. “I know we wouldn’t be interviewing 13 candidates, we wouldn’t be interviewing necessarily three, but when it gets down to two or three, it would be great to have some way to understand who those candidates are.” If constituents ask Ondik what he thinks about the candidates for the job, “I literally have to tell them I don’t know anything about the candidates, other than the one that’s presented,” he said, adding his objections have nothing to do

with Heath but with the process. Supervisors David Parmentier and Gary Frank, who voted to approve hiring Heath, also expressed concern that they didn’t hear more about the committee’s progress through three interviews and a meeting to choose a candidate. “I was very disappointed with the process, because we received no information at all prior to saying, ‘Oh, we hired someone,’” Frank said. County Board Chairman Al Sleeter said the board could consider changes to the process the next time it reviews its standing rules. Finance Director Lisa Sherman, who is serving as interim county administrator, said that county department heads had a “meet and greet” style meeting where they could ask questions of the candidates, and suggested that in the future the rest of the county board could have a similar meeting. Supervisor Pat Scanlan disagreed that the process needs to be changed, pointing out that the executive committee is comprised of the chairs of all the board’s standing committees. “You’re going to have paralysis by analysis, you’re going to have 31 different opinions,” Scanlan said. “I think the process is a good one. Everyone is represented, it’s your duty to ask your chairman the questions, get involved with the department heads who this gentleman is going to be working with. That’s probably the most important thing, because it has to happen at that level.”

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that Laurie Steinmetz and Brennan come down to pick up her son because he was in no condition to drive, she said. “And what do they do? They don’t have any means to get to the south of Milwaukee, so they rent a car, they drive down there, they pick up David, they drive him around to find his car, they get him food,” Schuchart said. “They’re concerned about whether or not he’s able to just drive his car back.” An argument ensued over whether he should be driving, which continued after they got to their home on Melissa Boulevard in the Town of Little Suamico. Steinmetz drove away in anger, and he returned later with the gun he used to commit the homicides.

A continuing danger Schuchart said, by Steinmetz’s own description, his mother was pleading with him to surrender the gun, and her last words were, ‘David, no.’” The autopsy found Paul Brennan was shot seven times and Laurie Steinmetz Brennan was struck four times. “She was always coming from a place, from what I can tell, of ‘What can I do to help?’” Schuchart said. “She wanted David to be successful, she wanted him to be healthy, she wanted him to be stable.” Laurie Steinmetz never gave up and kept going above and beyond to try to help her son, she said. Her inability to save David from himself shows he is a continuing danger to others and should not be eligible for parole, Schuchart said.

“If you can do this to your mother and somebody you see as your father, who could you not do this to? Who would cause hesitation if that doesn’t?” she said. “As Mr. Steinmetz himself acknowledges, these crimes warrant the most significant punishment that we can give here in the state of Wisconsin, which is for him to be confined for the rest of his life with no possibility of being in the community.” Defense attorney Jevon Jaconi asked Conley to consider giving Steinmetz opportunity to be released on extended supervision after 20, 30 or 40 years, when he will be 49, 59, or 69 years old and less able to harm others even if he wanted. “It’s anticipated that the treatment that he receives within the Wisconsin state prison system will facilitate that and assist with that, plus just the increasing age would put him at a lesser risk to reoffend,” Jaconi said, “so therefore we would ask for that time at some point down the road.” Given an opportunity to speak on his own behalf, Steinmetz said, “I just want to say I’m sorry to anybody that I affected. I’m so sorry about this act of violence,” and continued for a few words so softly that he could barely be heard, ending by repeating, “I’m so sorry.”

Life without parole Conley took a few moments and seemed to be composing himself before he began his sentencing remarks. “Mr. Steinmetz, you murdered the two people

that probably cared for you more than anybody else on the planet Earth,” Conley began. “I was struck that Laurie Steinmetz and Paul Brennan would be here today if they were not so kind and giving.” The judge repeated the circumstances leading up to the fatal shooting, the trip to Milwaukee and back, and the ensuing argument. “All of a sudden you’re fighting with the people who came down to help you, and you show up and execute them in as cruel a fashion as one can imagine, just open fire on them,” Conley said. “You’re not supposed to have a gun. You’re a convicted felon, you never ever should have had a gun.” State law imposes a mandatory life prison sentence for first-degree intentional homicide, so the judge’s main role is to decide whether the defendant can be eligible for extended supervision — what used to be called parole — and at what time after a minimum of 20 years in prison, Conley said. The prosecutor, the PSI and a victim impact statement from Brennan’s daughter all recommend that Steinmetz never be released, he said. “I not only have credible recommendations to give you life sentences without parole, I don’t have to get past the fact that you’re on extended supervision when these crimes were committed,” Conley said. “If that’s not bad enough, you’re on extended supervision for battering Paul, an elderly person at the time.”

Conley returned to the fact that Steinmetz had killed the two most important people in his life. “Killing a special person like a mother, everything the district attorney said about your mother, how she was always interceding for you, always wanted what was best for you, always concerned about you, worried about you not sleeping, always concerned about you,” and the judge paused before shouting, “If she was alive, I bet she’d be advocating for you today,” adding quietly, “so you’ve certainly punished yourself, taking the person that loved you the most on the planet Earth away.” Reading a list of nearly 20 drugs that Steinmetz has abused, Conley said the defendant clearly has substance abuse and mental health needs, and he said he hoped he gets some rehabilitation and treatment in prison. In addition to levying two life sentences without extended supervision, Conley ruled that the two terms are to be served consecutively. “I realize in the real world, one life sentence without the possibility of extended supervision is enough as far as it will confine you for the rest of your life, but I’m making it consecutive simply to make the point that these are two separate, distinct human beings, two separate distinct lives that you took,” he said, “and I’m going to administer two separate and distinct penalties for what you did to them. It’s a simply a horrible, horrible case.”

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Motion hearing canceled in officer shooting

Prosecutors won't challenge defense witness

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A motion hearing challenging an expert defense witness was canceled Feb. 22, and the trial of a woman charged with shooting an Oconto Falls police officer can proceed as scheduled April 1.

Alisha Kocken, 31, of Oconto Falls is charged in Oconto County Circuit Court with attempted first-degree intentional homicide and three other felony counts in the wounding of Officer Nicole Blaskowski on Aug. 6, 2021. Kocken has pleaded no contest to the charges but also not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.

The plea jumps the proceedings to what would be the second part of a two-part trial. The jury no longer has to consider whether Kocken is guilty, because she is no longer contesting the facts. In the second part of the trial, her mental condition at the time of the incident is at question.

Prosecutors had challenged defense attorney John Miller Carroll's plan to call two psychologists who

examined Kocken briefly after she was confined at Winnebago Mental Health Institution in the weeks after her arrest. During a Jan. 25 hearing they argued that the statute under which psychologist Kevin Miller reviewed Kocken is not the same as the one that applies to a legal finding of not guilty due to mental disease or defect.

The Feb. 22 hearing was to hear from the other

psychologist, Marshall John Bales, but a few days before the hearing, the prosecution submitted a letter saying the state concedes that Bales "meets the minimum standards to testify as an expert witness pertaining to defendant's mental illness." The concession eliminated the need for the hearing.

A final pre-trial conference had not yet been scheduled as of press time.

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OBITUARIES

Judith Anne Krejcarek, 82, of Coleman, passed away on Feb. 19, 2024, with her daughters by her side at Rennes East.

Judy was born on Oct. 17, 1941, to John and Mary (Kleewein) Mlynarski in Milwaukee. After Judy graduated from Nathan Hale High School in 1959, she went on to study education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, graduating in June 1965. While attending college, she worked at Marine Bank, where she learned to balance records to the penny.

Judy participated as one of the first teachers for the newly founded Head Start program in Milwaukee before accepting a teaching position in the primary grades in the Oconto Falls School District.

Judy would soon meet



the love of her life, Melvin (Joe) Krejcarek, whom she married on Aug. 20, 1966, at St. John's Church in Coleman. She moved to Mundelein, Illinois, to set up house with her new husband and took a teaching position in Libertyville, Illinois. In 1974, Melvin and Judy moved to Coleman with their three children, Jody, Michele and John, to start a life in farming. Judy brought an amazing energy into the operation of the farm, absolutely no task was out of her reach. She could juggle long days of farm labor with maintaining precise

Judith A. Krejcarek

bookwork while raising her three children along the way.

Judy volunteered teaching religion classes for St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Coleman and as an election poll worker and committee participant for the Town of Pound. Upon retirement from the farm, Judy worked at the Zeitler Agri-Center in Coleman. Truly she was a phenomenal woman, mother and role model for her family.

Judy was always reading, whether a book or a manual. Throughout her years, she enjoyed bowling, hunting, gardening, filming wildlife and watching her fan club of hummingbirds.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary (Kleewein)

Mlynarski, and brother-in-law, William (Pat) Brannan.

Judy is survived by her husband, Melvin, and children, Jody (Bart) Meyer, Michele (Darin) DeWitt and John (Anjali) Krejcarek. Judy also was blessed with six grandchildren who were a great pride in her life, Jason and Jesse (Jody), Connor and Ember (Michele), and Chandini and Malini (John). Judy is also survived by her three sisters, Pat Brannan, Janice (Richard) Rozumowicz and Kathy (Allan) Carey, and her brother, Robert Mlynarski.

Judy was placed in the care of Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home of Coleman, and the family will hold a celebration of life at a later date.

Bryant Michael Hodkiewicz, 47, Stiles, was called to his eternal home in heaven on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, 2024, surrounded by his loving family following a four-year battle with illness.

The second of four sons of Michael and Mary (Scheffen) Hodkiewicz was born Jan. 26, 1977. Bryant grew up in Lena where he attended St. Charles Parochial School before



Bryant M. Hodkiewicz

graduating from Lena High School with the class of 1995. Bryant graduated from Bellin College of Nursing and started work at the hospital.

On July 28, 2002, he married Kristin DePouw in South Lake Tahoe, California, and through God's grace, they built a life together and were blessed with three children. Bryant worked as an orthopedic nurse at OSMS for over 20 years where he often referred to his co-workers as his second family.

He was a volunteer fireman for the Lena Fire Department and served with his son, Cole.

He also enjoyed biking, golfing, traveling, sailing,

time spent in Door County and watching sports, especially his children's activities. Bryant will be lovingly remembered for his honesty, hard work ethic, being a loving and faithful husband, devoted father and loyal friend.

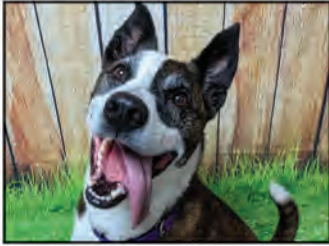
Survivors are his wife, Kristin Hodkiewicz, Stiles; four children, Cole (Lindsay Korpi) Hodkiewicz, and Lindsay's daughter Addisyn, Coleman, Rease, Brynn and Brooke Hodkiewicz, all at home; his parents, Mike and Mary Hodkiewicz, Lena; his maternal grandmother, Rita Scheffen; three brothers, Mitchell (Brooke) Hodkiewicz, Stiles, Nicholas (Heather) Hodkiewicz, Oconto Falls, Richard "Rick" Hodkiewicz, USAF, North Pole, Alaska; his in-laws, Don DePouw, Suamico, and Lois DePouw, Green Bay; sister-in-law, Sarah Nerenhausen,

Suamico; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by nephew, Kyle Hodkiewicz; his paternal grandparents, Norman and Monica Hodkiewicz; and his maternal grandfather, John Scheffen.

Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024 at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls. Visitation will continue after 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, 2024, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 5716 Main St., Abrams, until the time of service. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday at the church with Pastor Matthew Stuebs officiating. Burial will follow in Pine Hill Cemetery in the Town of Spruce.

Although we are deeply saddened by his death, we rejoice knowing he is at home in heaven where we will see him again.



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DiAnne C. Hodel

DiAnne C. Hodel, 79, of Gillett, passed away early Friday morning, Feb. 16, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital, Green Bay.

DiAnne was born on July 4, 1944, in Michigan, daughter of the late Irv and Ginger (Graham) Clark. Following high school, DiAnne trained as a beautician and was employed as a beautician until her retirement. On Feb. 13, 1987, she married Thomas Hodel. This week, they celebrated 37 years of marriage. DiAnne loved riding on the back of Thomas' Harley-Davidson. They especially enjoyed a trip to Germany where they rode Harleys throughout Europe. She also enjoyed quilting and loved giving



the grand-kids haircuts.

DiAnne is survived by her husband of 37 years, Thomas Hodel, Gillett; their dog, Honey; two sons, Scott (Tina) Nelson and Clark Nelson, both of Watertown; one step-daughter, Shelly (Chuck) Warner, West Allis; eight grandchildren, Benjamin Zahn, Dustin Nelson, Jerry Nelson, Nicholas Warner, Zachary Warner, Matthew Warner, Lindsey Warner and Caitlynn Warner; three great-grandchildren, Landon Warner, Ethan

Zahn and Oliver Zahn; one sister, Darlene Murphy; two brothers, Charles Worthington and Joe Worthington; one brother-in-law, Daniel (Linda) Hodel; and one sister-in-law, Janet (Clifford) Shave.

Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive.

Cremation has occurred, and DiAnne will be laid to rest at a later date. The Kuehl Funeral Home, 108 E. Main St., Gillett, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy, memories and photos may be shared with DiAnne's family on her tribute page at www.legacycarepartners.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bobby Buffington, as Curly, and Julie Johannes-Frohlinger, as Laurey, rehearse a scene from "Oklahoma!" CONTRIBUTED



Coffee and food customers linger on the main floor of The Mill, a new boutique and coffee shop in Bonduel. The new shop opened in late 2023, in a century-old feed mill at 201 S. Cecil St. NiCole and Keith Fischer bought the landmark in 2020 and took three years to restore and repurpose it into a thriving local business. LYNN ZAFFRANN

Old mill now happening hotspot for Bonduel

Fischers create coffee shop, boutique as village embraces new business

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: The Mill

WHERE: 201 S. Cecil St., Bonduel

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

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

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

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

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

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

Garden trends point to animal sanctuaries

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

ROB ZIMMER

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

monarch numbers. We will talk much more about the monarch situation throughout the year. Moving house plants outdoors into the sum-

mer garden is another hot garden trend. Growing and including house plants in our exterior gardens and landscapes is a fun trend and one that

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

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

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

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

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

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

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

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

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SUNDAY, MARCH 3

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

MONDAY, MARCH 4

LITTLE SUAMICO: American

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

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

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

KESHENA: Winter Farm-

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

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

Shawano Community Hall, 115 E. Division St.

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

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

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

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

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

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Warm winter prompts jump on collecting sap

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

collecting totes to our transporting totes.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

running.”

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

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

guy tried.

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

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

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

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Webster named CMN Student of the Year

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

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

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

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

Webster's academic experiences are noteworthy,



CHENOA WEBSTER

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

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

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

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

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

Shoe box collection efforts for 2024 underway

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

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

plies, small stuffed animals, games, puzzles, washcloths, bar soap, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, anything suitable for young children ages 2-14. No candy or liquids will be allowed.

Monetary donations are welcome. Items can be placed in the blue tote

by the church office at any time. Questions can be directed to Pritzlaff at 920-362-5752.

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breakfast offerings, such as egg sandwiches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Three area girls claim state wrestling titles

Whiting captures second straight crown

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

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

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

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

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

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

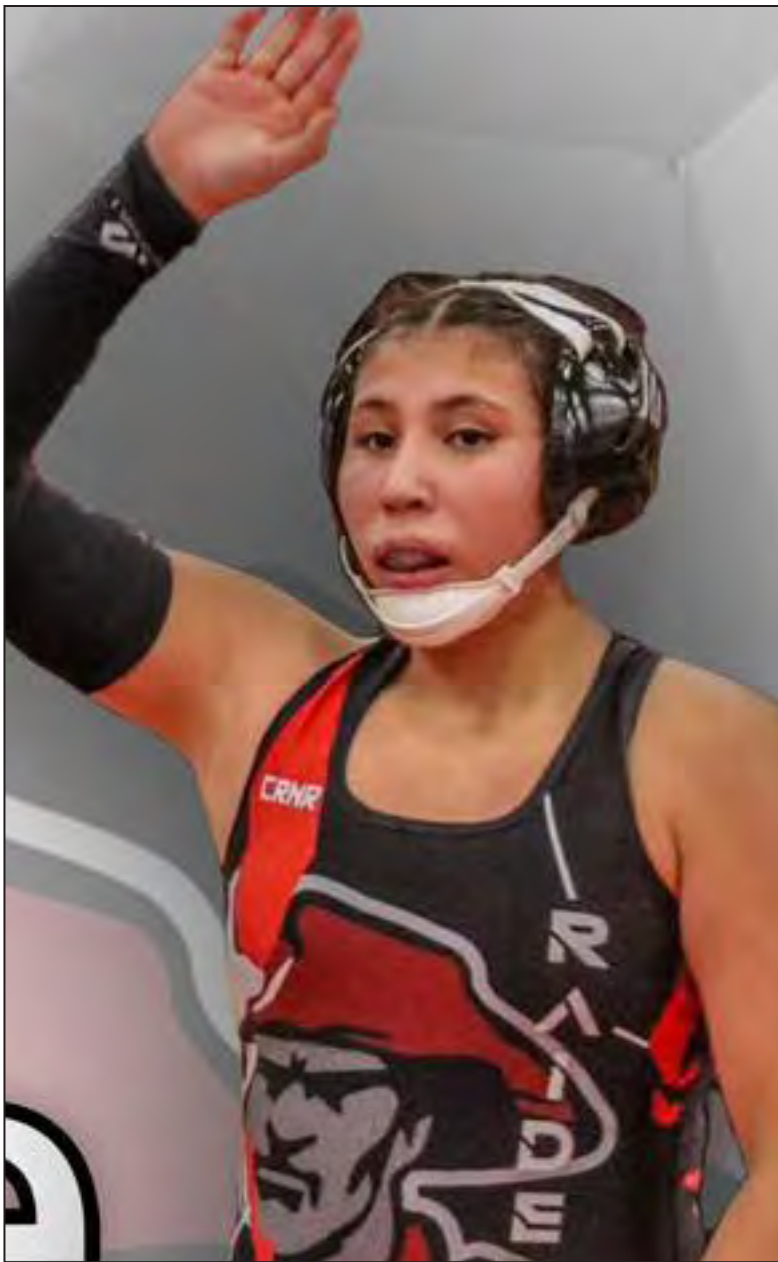
In her semifinal match, Skenandore pinned TaHonesty Donnell of Milwaukee Ronald Reagan/Salem in 43 seconds. She won the title on a 5-1 decision over Sydney Andrews of Beloit.

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

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

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

Sokolski advanced to the championship final in each of the



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That was followed by a 7-0 deci-

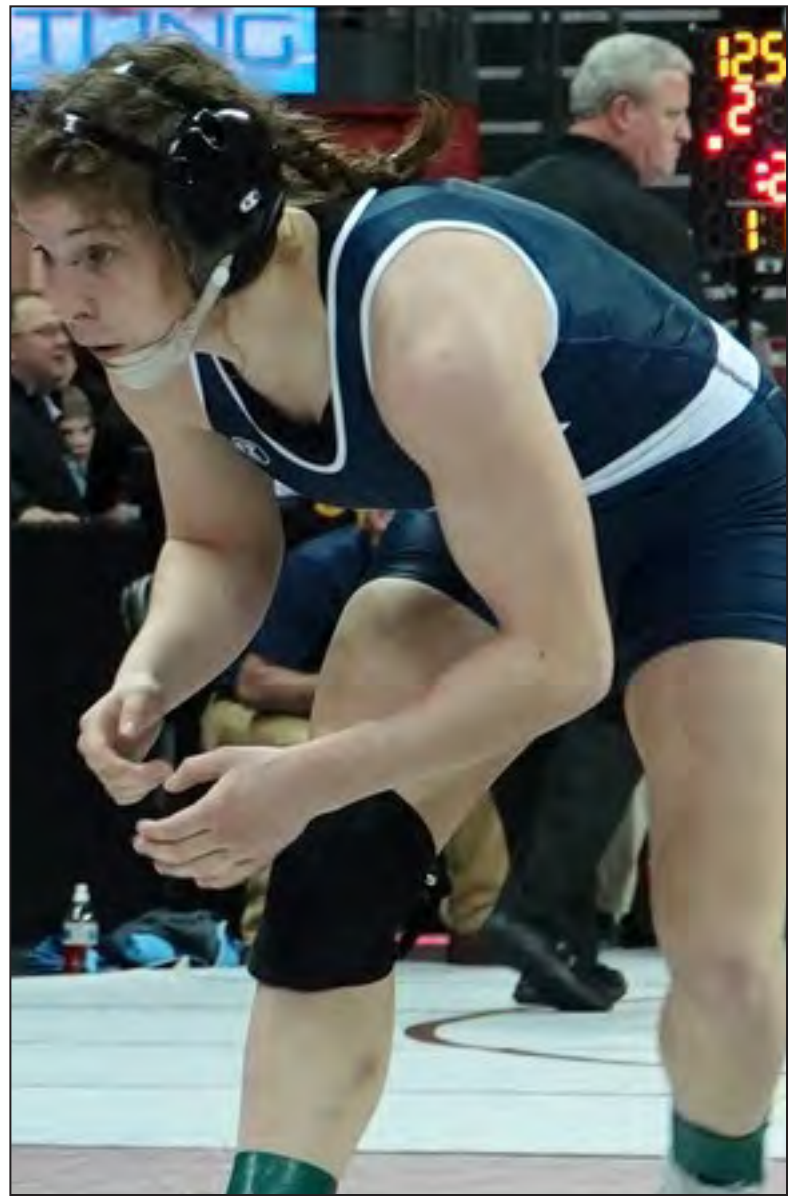
sion over Leah Kapla of Pulaski. She was pinned in 40 seconds by Tiani LeMieux of Sturgeon Bay.

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

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

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

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



Sophia Bassino of Sun Prairie.

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

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

Oconto Falls' Bozile takes second place

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

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

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

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

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

Stratford.

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

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

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

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

Lake Mills' Owen Burling defeated Trepanier 7-1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Boys basketball regular season ends

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

Thursday, Feb. 22
Bonduel beats Menominee Indian
Eleven players scored for Bonduel, which finished the regular season at 14-0 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference and 23-1 overall after its 91-58 victory over Menominee Indian.

The Eagles ended the year at 2-12 in conference action and 3-20 overall. Noah Weier led the Bears with 20 points, including four 3-pointers. Also scoring in double digits were Race Anvelink with 19 (including five 3-pointers), Ryan Westrich with 16 and Cade Johnson with 12 (including a pair of triples).

Leading the Eagles were Maech Corn with 15 points, and Kenew Awonohopay and Anikohsaeh Corn each with 12.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

69-18 win over Wolf River Lutheran.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hayden Miler led the Chargers with nine points.

Ice Bears move on to state

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

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

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

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

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

Bay Area 4
Fox Cities 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Lena, Witt-Birn claim regional crowns

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

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

CARRIE AUS

wicz, Kendra Staidl and Morgan Moynihan each had two.

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

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

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



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

CARRIE AUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bonduel
Number 3 seed Bonduel **GIRLS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 17**

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The Village Board of Village of Suring will conduct a public hearing regarding its proposed application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning program funds. The public is invited to attend to learn about the CDBG program, provide input on community development and housing needs, and comment on the activities proposed to be included in the CDBG application.

Agenda for the public hearing:

1. Identification of total potential funding available
2. Eligible CDBG activities
3. Presentation of identified community development and housing needs
4. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application
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trampled No. 6 Oconto 70-23 to advance to the regional final in the Division 4 Sectional 2 postseason bracket.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ice shanty removal dates announced

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

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

- Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters; the deadline was Feb. 20.
- Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters on or before March 1.
- * Inland waters south of Highway 64 by March 3.
- Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters on or before March 15.
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Deadlines to remove permanent ice shanties from state waters are coming up. DAVID SMITH

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

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

The removal deadlines

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

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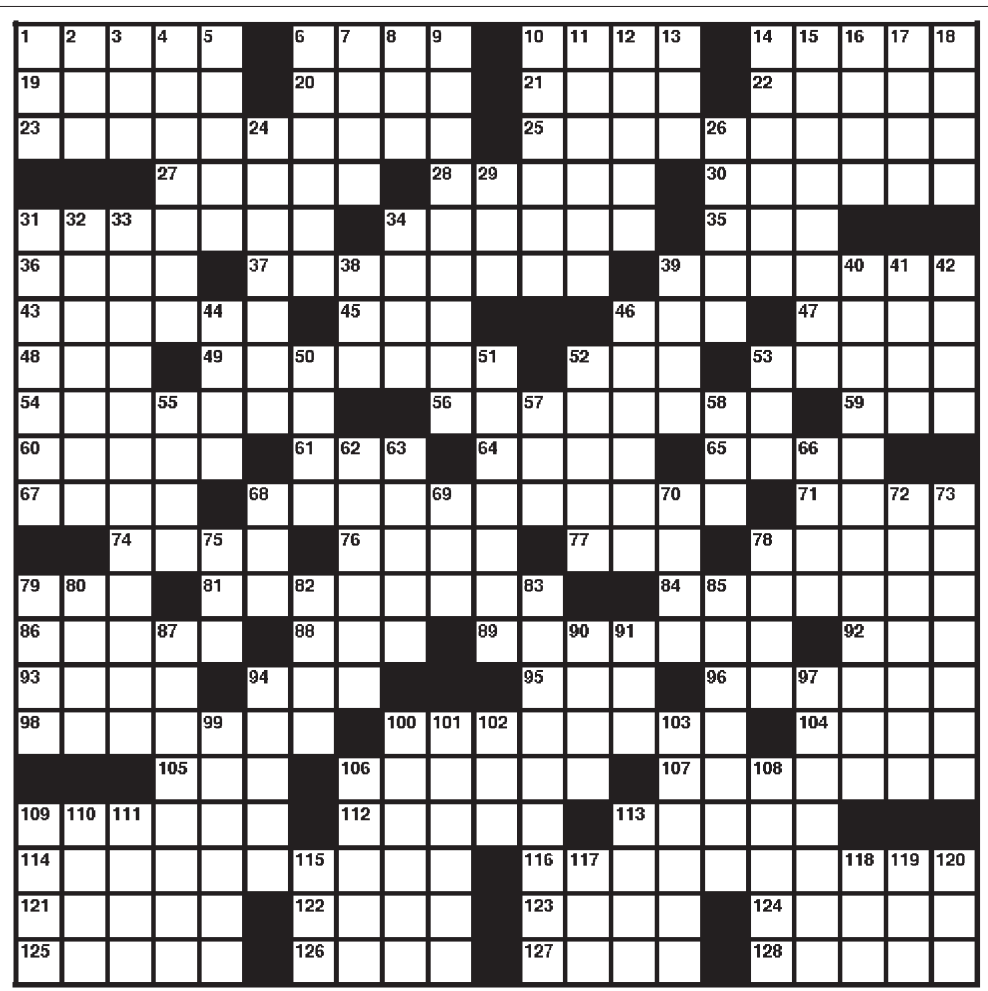
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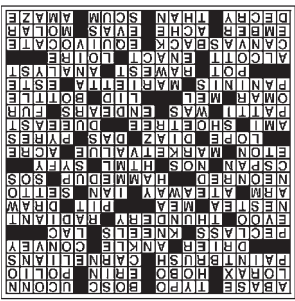
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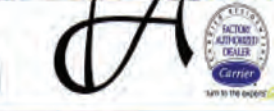
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-vs-
Defendant(s) (Name and Address):
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Courtroom/Room Number: Hearing Room
Address: Oconto County Courthouse
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City: Oconto State: WI Zip: 54513
on the following date and time:
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Date of publication or posting: 3/1/2024
City of Oconto Falls
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(920) 846-4505
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an Environmental Assessment (EA) for
the following project. The EA is on file at
the City Municipal Center and is available
for public examination and copying.
Electronic files can be requested by email
at bandreus@msa-ps.com.
Project Name: 2024 Street and Utility
Improvement Project – Columbia Street
Project Location: Columbia Street, City of
Oconto Falls, Oconto County, Wisconsin
Estimated Cost of Project: \$1,750,000
Nature/Purpose of Project: The City of
Oconto Falls, Oconto County, Wisconsin
will be committing Community
Development Block Grant funds to
undertake the project known as the
Street and Utility Improvement Project. The
proposed project includes the
replacement of water infrastructure,
sewer infrastructure, and roadway and
construction of a lift station.
The UGLG has determined that such
request for release of funds will not
constitute an action significantly affecting
the quality of the human environment
and, accordingly, the UGLG has decided
not to prepare an Environmental Impact
Statement (EIS) under the National
Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-
190). The reason for such decision is
because there are no environmental
impacts as a result of the project.
Consultation with the applicable Laws
and Authorities has determined that there
will be no adverse impact, or only
beneficial impact.
All agencies, groups or individuals
disagreeing with this decision are invited
to submit written comments to the above
address. Such written comments should
be received on or before 03/17/2024. All
such comments will be considered, and
the UGLG will not request the release of
federal funds or begin the project prior to
such date.
On or about 04/04/2024, the UGLG will
request the Division of Energy, Housing
and Community Resources (DEHCR) to
release Community Development Block
Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the
Housing and Community Development
Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended for
this project.
The UGLG is certifying to DEHCR that it
and its chief executive officer, in his/her
official capacity as Mayor, consent to
accept the jurisdiction of the federal
courts if an action is brought to enforce
environmental review responsibilities,
decision-making, and action; and that
these responsibilities have been satisfied.
Upon certification, the UGLG may use
the CDBG funds, and DEHCR will have
satisfied its responsibilities under the
National Environmental Policy Act of
1969. DEHCR will accept an objection to
the release of funds and certification only
if (a) the certification was not executed by
the chief executive officer or other officer
of the UGLG approved by DEHCR; or (b)
the UGLG's EA indicates omissions of a
required decision, finding, or step.
Objections must be prepared and
submitted in accordance with 24 CFR 58,
and may be addressed to the Division of
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Resources, Attention: Environmental
Desk, P.O. Box 7970, Madison, WI
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Objections for reasons other than those
stated above will not be considered by
DEHCR. No objections received after
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DEHCR.
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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Feb. 16
• Bond was set at \$75,000
cash for John J. Hanna, 37,
Oconto, after he was charged
with first-degree recklessly
endangering safety, fleeing
an officer in a vehicle and
a misdemeanor count of
resisting or obstructing an
officer, in connection with
an incident that allegedly
occurred Sept. 6. Judge
Michael Judge said the bail
amount includes previous
pending charges. The judge
scheduled a status conference
in both cases for April 11.
• Bond was set at \$25,000
cash for Michael Robert Rilling,
45, Lena, after he was charged
with first-degree sexual assault
of a child younger than 13,
repeated physical abuse of
a child, chronic neglect of a
child with the consequence of
bodily harm and misdemeanor
child neglect, in connection
with incidents that allegedly
occurred from 2020 to 2023.
Judge adjourned his initial
appearance until March 14.
• Bond was set at \$10,000
cash for Rilling's co-defendant,
Miranda M. Kuik, 32, Lena,
who was charged with chronic
neglect of a child with the
consequence of bodily harm,
in connection with an incident
that allegedly occurred Sept.
1. Judge adjourned her initial
appearance until March 14.
• Justin James Huncosky,
19, Suring, was placed on four
years of probation after a
prison sentence was imposed
and stayed for third-degree
sexual assault of a child and
a misdemeanor count of
exposing himself to a child, in
connection with an incident
that occurred Feb. 1, 2023.
Judge Jay Conley set probation
conditions that include nine to
12 months in the county jail.
• Joaquin Julian Alba, 29,
Gillett, was placed on two
years of probation after a
prison sentence was imposed
and stayed for felony bail
jumping, in connection with
an incident that occurred Oct.
11, and misdemeanor counts
of endangering safety by the
use of a dangerous weapon,
criminal damage to property
and disorderly conduct, in
connection with an incident
that occurred April 17, 2023.
Judge Michael Judge gave Alba
credit for 213 days already
served in the county jail.
• Bond was set at \$500
cash for Marc Allen Monfort,
33, Oconto Falls, after he
was charged with child
abuse intentionally causing
harm and misdemeanor
disorderly conduct, in
connection with an incident
that allegedly occurred Feb.
14. Judge adjourned his initial
appearance until March 14.
Proceedings of Feb. 15
• A three-day jury trial
was scheduled to begin July
31 for Michael James Bullock,
40, Suring, on charges of
two counts repeated sexual
assault of the same child, in
connection with incidents that
allegedly occurred in 2010,
and further charges of invasion
of privacy with a surveillance
device and capturing an
intimate representation of
a victim younger than 18, in
connection with an incident
that allegedly occurred July 6,
2022. Judge scheduled a final
pre-trial conference for July
15 and a status conference for
March 20.
• A June 18-19 jury trial
was scheduled for George E.

Gernon, 40, Little Suamico,
on charges of possession of
narcotic drugs, possession
of methamphetamine and
misdemeanor possession
of drug paraphernalia, in
connection with an incident
that allegedly occurred June
6, 2022. Judge scheduled a
final pre-trial conference for
June 10.
• An Aug. 27-29 jury trial
was scheduled for Peter J.
VanHulle, 35, Oconto, on
a charge of second-degree
recklessly endangering safety,
in connection with an incident
that allegedly occurred July 23.
Judge scheduled a final pre-
trial conference for July 8.
• Greyson Gregory Sweval,
45, Marquette, Michigan,
pleaded not guilty to operating
a motor vehicle while
intoxicated (fourth offense),
in connection with an incident
that allegedly occurred Feb. 17,
2023. Judge scheduled a pre-
trial conference for April 15.
• A \$2,500 signature bond
was set for Justin A. Biersteker,
43, Little Suamico, after he was
charged with strangulation and
suffocation and misdemeanor
counts of battery and
disorderly conduct, in
connection with an incident
that allegedly occurred Nov. 19.
Judge scheduled a preliminary
hearing for March 8.
Proceedings of Feb. 14
• Nicole M. Harris, 40,
Oconto Falls, waived her
extradition to Texas, where
she is wanted on a fugitive
warrant. Judge had set a
\$45,000 cash bond during a
Feb. 13 appearance.
Proceedings of Feb. 13
• Nathan R. Neldner, 31,
an Oconto Falls man serving
time at Oshkosh Correctional
Institution, pleaded no
contest to charges of burglary
and three counts of theft in
connection with an incident
that occurred Sept. 27, 2021,
as well as a charge of felony
bail jumping in connection
with an incident that occurred
June 4, 2022. Judge scheduled
sentencing for April 30.
• Austin Paul Hayes,
30, Summerville, South
Carolina, waived his right
to a preliminary hearing
and pleaded not guilty to
possession of amphetamine/
LSD/psilocin (second
or subsequent offense),
possession of THC (second
or subsequent offense) and
a misdemeanor count of
resisting or obstructing an
officer, in connection with
an incident that allegedly
occurred Aug. 18. Conley
scheduled a status conference
for May 16.
Proceedings of Feb. 12
• Bond was set at \$5,000
cash for Rochelle L Dulaney,
37, Oconto, after she was
charged with taking and
driving a vehicle without the
owner's consent, possession
of methamphetamine, as
well as misdemeanor counts
of bail jumping, possession
of THC and possession
of drug paraphernalia, in
connection with an incident
that allegedly occurred Feb.
10. Judge adjourned her initial
appearance until March 14.
• Bond was set at \$3,000
cash for Adam J. Martens, 31,
Oconto, after he was charged
with felony bail jumping in
connection with an incident
that allegedly occurred
Dec. 14. On Feb. 15, Conley
scheduled a preliminary
hearing for March 1.

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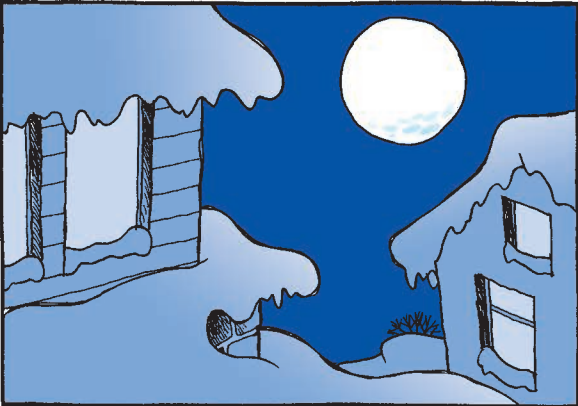
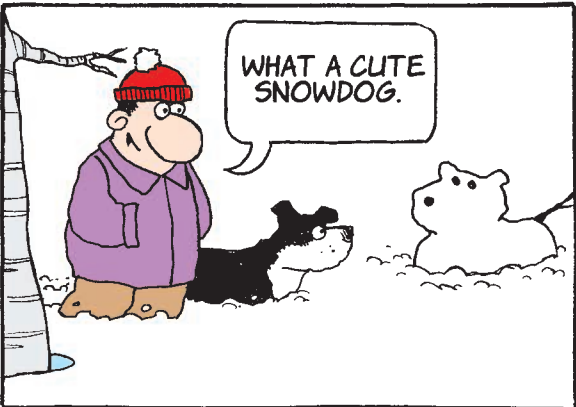
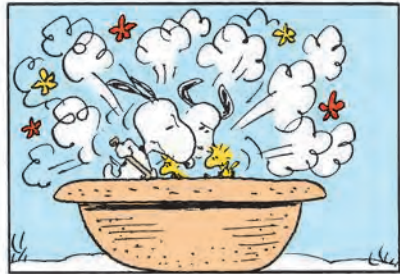


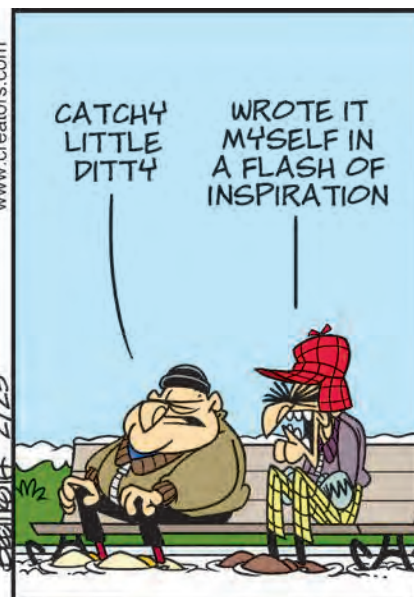
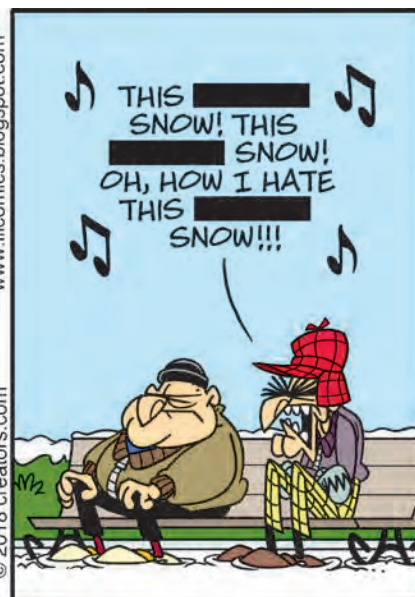
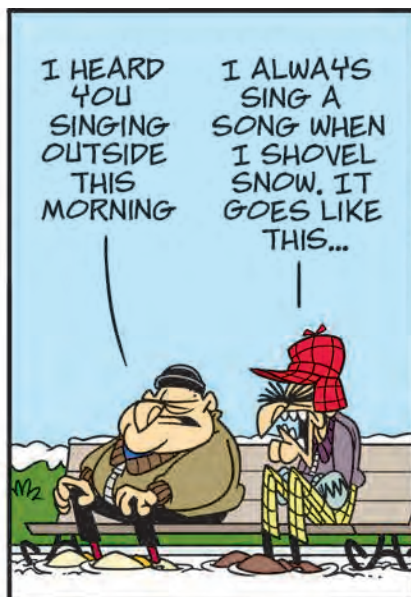
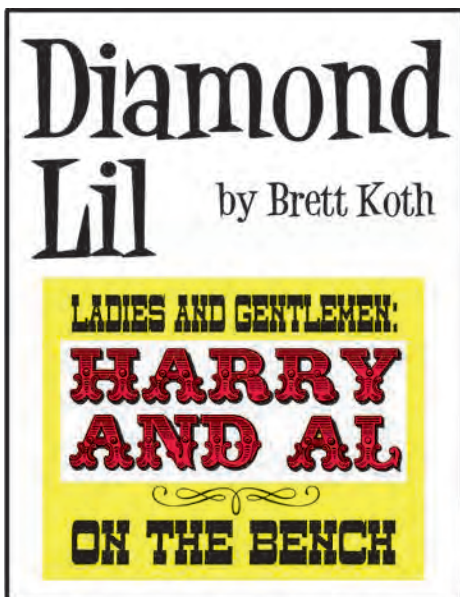
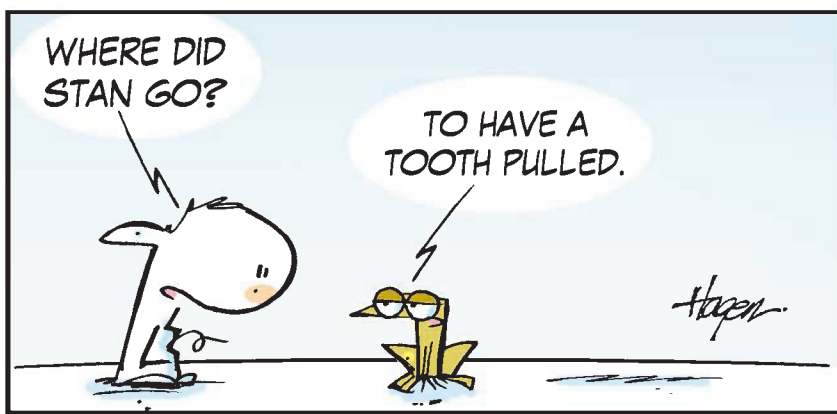
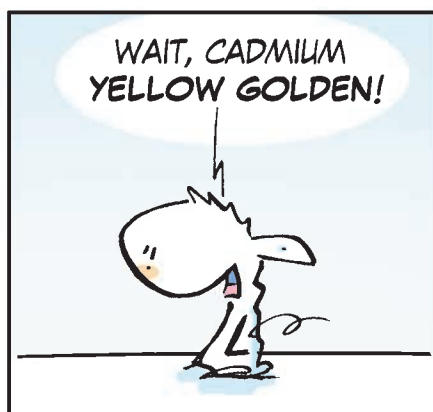
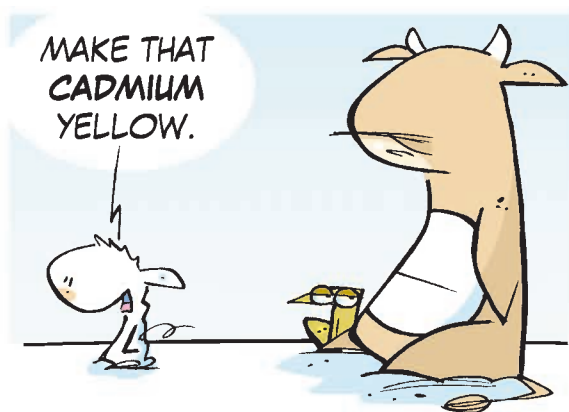
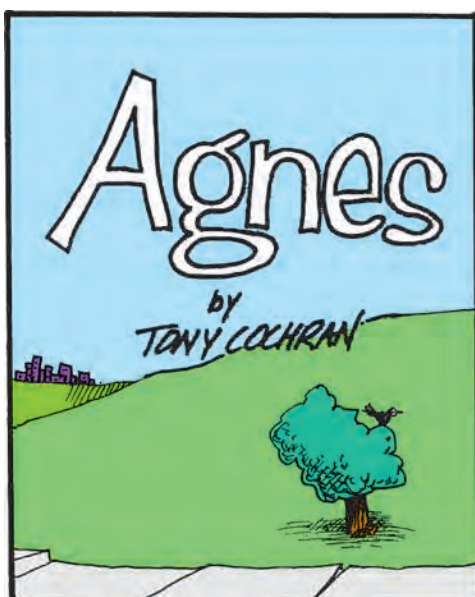
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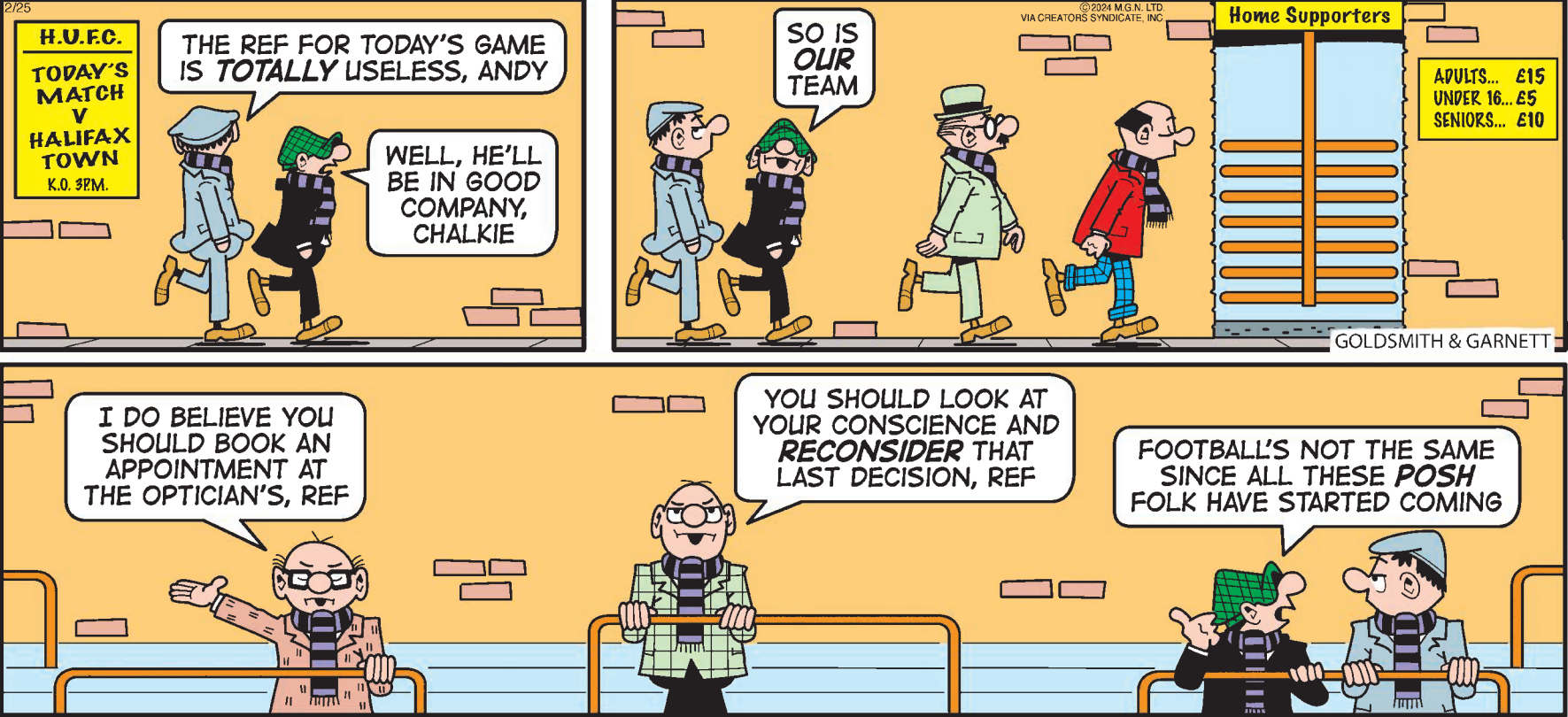
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