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Encompass Early Education and Care Inc. is in the process of acquiring the former Kaempfer and Associates building at 650 E. Jackson St. in Oconto Falls. Plans are to convert it into a child care center serving as many as 140 children. The Oconto County Board approved the grant Jan. 23 using federal dollars.

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County applies to be 'snowmobile friendly'

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

The Oconto County Board has endorsed an application to designate the county as a 2023 Snowmobile Friendly Community.

The Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs designation is designed to celebrate the volunteers who maintain snowmobile trails across the state and promote safe and responsible snowmobiling.

The resolution was presented to the county Land and Water Resources Committee by Debra Uhlenbrauck, president of the Chute Pond Snowmobile Club, secretary/treasurer of the Oconto County Snowmobile Alliance and an AWSC director for Oconto County. The committee and then the full county board endorsed the measure.

"It's a good way to help us promote the entire county," said Jayme Sellen, executive director of the Oconto County Economic Development Corp., who praised the coalition's collaborative efforts in preparing the application. "There's no guarantee that we'll get it but hopefully, with your support, they'll be able to move it forward."

"I think it's a good program," County Board Chairman Alan Sleeter said. "The key ingredient is snow, of



The Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Club's Snowmobile Friendly Community program aims to promote safe and responsible snowmobiling and celebrate the volunteer clubs that maintain the state's nearly 25,000 miles of trails.

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course; we gotta have that."

The AWSC website said the Snowmobile Friendly Communities designation "is to promote working together as a community for the

betterment of snowmobiling. Both the community partners as well as the snowmobile clubs gain marketing abilities to promote tourism and trails in their specific community."

Upgrades approved for New View warehouse

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

Oconto County is investing in a natural gas line and radiant heating for a warehouse used to store inventory for its New View Industries facilities in Gillett.

New View Industries is the county-owned and operated facility that serves people with disabilities and is administered as part of the Health and Human Services Department.

The 4,800-square-foot warehouse

is unheated and unusable for several months during the year for some of its products and work materials, New View Industries director Will Kline told the Oconto County Board on Jan. 23.

"If it's 10 degrees outside, it's 10 degrees in there," Kline said. "During the winter, we have to move inventory and materials to our actual workspace. So we're kind of rearranging some of our work floor and our assembly areas, and we're not able to have as much inventory on the floor."

Condensation during spring

weather can also affect products and materials as well as making the floor slippery, he said.

Energy Control and Design can install radiant heaters and ventilation for \$18,314, and WE Energies will install the gas line for \$5,293.90, according to the resolution that passed the county board unanimously.

No county property tax dollars will be used for the project, which is being funded by federal COVID-19 relief funds procured by New View Industries, Kline said.

CORRECTIONS

Oconto County Emergency Management plans to hold an Active Shooter Hostage Event Response training at Gillett Secondary School on Feb. 22. An incorrect date was given in a Jan. 13 story. We apologize for the error.

Encompass to expand into Oconto Falls

Child care provider has seven existing facilities in Green Bay, Pulaski

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

The Oconto County Board approved a \$250,000 grant that will help Encompass of Green Bay bring more child care availability into the county.

The funds, approved unanimously Jan. 23, are to come out of an American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery allocation of about \$460,000 for Health and Human Services projects.

Encompass was the larger of two child care providers that responded to a request for applications sent out during the fourth quarter of 2022, Health and Human Services Director Scott Shackelford told the county board.

Facilities located in Oconto County currently have a capacity of 270 child care slots for a population of 1,800 children younger than 5, Shackelford said.

“Those are four facilities that are larger that range from 40 to up to 70 children in one place, and then there are eight smaller facilities that have about an eight-child capacity,” he said. “As kids start to get into our schools, we want to make sure that they have a good, solid foundation.”

The availability of child care also is helpful in attracting employees to live and work in the county, Shackelford said.

Encompass Early Education and Care Inc. has a history of providing child care since 1919, and it has a five-star rating from the state of Wisconsin. The nonprofit organization has six locations in the Green Bay area and also opened a center in Pulaski not long ago.

Its board of directors recently voted unanimously to make an offer to purchase the former Kaempfer and Associates building at 650 E. Jackson St. in Oconto Falls. The county grant will pay half the purchase price, and Encompass has allocated the other half.

Shackelford said the organization plans to modify the interior to provide classroom space and functionality, resurface the parking lot and install playground and program equipment. In addition to the county’s use of the federal funds, Encompass has a \$1 million capital campaign in progress, has earmarked another \$1 million and plans to apply for a Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. community development grant to get the new



Oconto County Health and Human Services Director Scott Shackelford explains the proposal by Encompass Early Education and Care Inc. to the county board during its Jan. 23 monthly meeting.

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Encompass Early Education and Care Inc. has made an offer to purchase the long-empty Kaempfer and Associates building in Oconto Falls.

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center up and running, he said.

The organization would also like to partner with other businesses, school systems and other funding entities, Shackelford said.

The center is expected to have a staff of more than 25, including a director and assistant director, with 140 available child care slots — more

than half again the county’s existing capacity, he said.

In response to a question from Supervisor Guy Gooding, County Administrator Erik Pritzl said the ARPA funding is separate from a general allocation of more than \$7 million that also was provided for Oconto County government.

Health and Human Services followed the same funding guidelines that the county has used in developing projects through the larger allocation, Pritzl said.

County Board Chairman Alan Sleeter called the Encompass grant an excellent use of the ARPA funds.

“I think one of the statements I heard was that we are a ‘day care desert’ in this county,” Sleeter said. “Hopefully this will improve that and appeal to more people to raise a family and work here in Oconto County.”

Supervisor Tracy Ondik asked if the county’s existing child care centers knew the money was available. Shackelford said all the day care centers as well as all the family centers were sent the request for applications. “Everybody was eligible to apply,” he said.

The other center that responded is a small, home-based facility in the Gillett area that is currently licensed for three slots, Shackelford said. That operation, which wants to double its capacity to serve six children, is currently getting estimates for its application.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Jan. 20

Chadrick B. Thompson, 47, Oconto, was sentenced to two years in prison, followed by three years of extended supervision, for aggravated battery in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 4, 2021. He was given credit for 473 days already served in county jail. Among conditions of extended supervision, Judge Michael T. Judge ordered Thompson to have no contact with the victim in the case, refrain from alcohol and other drugs, and complete all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by his probation and parole agent.

Michael Andrew Jahnel, 59, Mountain, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (ninth offense) and misdemeanor operating while revoked, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 12. Judge scheduled sentencing for April 3 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

James R. Schiller, 60, Oconto, pleaded no contest to bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 30. Judge imposed and then stayed a prison sentence and placed Schiller on probation for one year. Charges of burglary and taking and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent, in connection with a May 2 incident, were dismissed in a plea agreement. Schiller was given credit for 263 days served in the county jail.

Jesse Reid Holtz, 49, Sobieski, pleaded no contest to two counts of disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 3, 2021. The charges were amended from felony criminal damage to property counts in a plea agreement. Judge ordered Holtz to pay \$2,000 in restitution.

Laurence P. Reichert, 49, White Lake, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), and misdemeanor operating while revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 27.

A pre-trial conference was scheduled for April 13.

Proceedings of Jan. 19

Matthew J. Fuller, 30, Oconto, pleaded guilty to fleeing an officer in a vehicle and misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 5. Judge accepted a deferred judgment agreement suspending the felony case and placed Fuller on probation for one year for the misdemeanor charge. Conditions include that Fuller maintain absolute sobriety and obtain the equivalency of a high school diploma.

Proceedings of Jan. 18

Amy S. Lance, 51, Green Bay, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision, for operating a motor vehicle with a restricted controlled substance (fourth offense) and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 31. She was given credit for 139 days already served in the county jail. Judge ruled that Lance is eligible for the Substance Abuse Program, which can lead to early release upon successful completion.

Virginia M. Huycke, 37, Oconto, was placed on two years of probation after sentencing was withheld for possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred March 1, 2022. Among other conditions Judge ordered Huycke to maintain absolute sobriety, undergo an alcohol and other drug abuse assessment and follow through with recommended treatment or counseling, and obtain an HSED or the equivalency of a high school diploma.

After a preliminary hearing Rene Hernandez-Fuentes, 44, Suring, was bound over and pleaded not guilty to third-degree sexual assault, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 18. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for March 16.

Proceedings of Jan. 17

Dominik Osmon, 21, Oconto,

pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 11, 2022. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Feb. 6 and agreed to use a pre-sentence investigation report prepared for a recent Marinette County case.

Bond was set at \$3,000 cash for Paula A. Dehart, 65, White Lake, after she was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 14. Her initial appearance was adjourned until Feb. 16.

County supervisors remember Sleeter

By WARREN BLUHM
Editor-in-chief

The Oconto County Board paused for a moment of silence in honor of Wayne Sleeter as it opened its Jan. 23 meeting.

Sleeter, who was the county's technology services director for 23 years, died unexpectedly on Christmas Eve at the age of 56. He also served on the Suring School Board for 21 years, the last seven as president.

His uncle, Alan Sleeter, is chairman of the county board and expressed his thanks to the community on behalf of the family. About 600 people attended his nephew's funeral on Dec. 30, Sleeter said.



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County Clerk Kim Pytleski, who was called upon to do the invocation, said Sleeter's death reminded her of the story of the man who worked faithfully on a building even though it would not be

finished until years after he was gone.

Sleeter worked tirelessly on the renovation and reconstruction of the county board room at the courthouse, which is still not quite complete, Pytleski said.

"But I feel like he is here today, in this room," she said.

Oconto Falls Chamber names new officers

Danielle Kline, vice president of the Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, has been named the group's new president.

She succeeds Gail Yatso, who stepped down after the chamber's annual meeting in November after nine years.

The rest of the chamber's reorganized board of directors includes Bill Koehne, vice president; Debbie Arndt, treasurer; Katie Daul, secretary; and directors Ginny O'Harrow and Angie Ahlgrim.

Ahlgrim is the latest addition to the board. She is an administrator at Oconto Falls Area Ambulance with her husband, Patrick. Together they transformed the volunteer



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ambulance service into a full-time, career opportunity for professional EMS care-providers as the county's first critical-care paramedic service.

The Chamber is also now seeking a director, which will be a contracted position serving about 20 hours a week. For more information including a job description, visit the link <https://ocontofallschamber.com/employment-and-volunteer-opportunities>.

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OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 19

Deputies responded to 48 incidents, including a disturbance on Careful Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, fraud on Red Bank Road in the Town of How, trespassing on Schwartz Road in the Town of Chase, theft on County Road J in the Town of Pensaukee, two traffic stops, two traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two 911 hangups and three open lines; three ambulance calls; nine crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 18

Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including an unwanted party on Creekview Drive in the Town of Abrams, sexual assault at an address in the Town of Brazeau, harassment on East Algoma Street in Suring, a disturbance on County Road G in the Town of Maple Valley, fire on County Road F in the Town of Lakewood, 12 traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; six 911 hangups and one open line; one crash, involving deer.

Jan. 17

Deputies responded to 77 incidents, including harassment on South White Potato Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, theft on state Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles, harassment on Larson Lane in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on Brookside Road in the Town of Pensaukee, squad damage near state Highway 22 and Copper Culture Way in Oconto, an animal bite on Cedar Lake Lane in the Town of Doty, 19 traffic stops, two traffic offenses, four citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two 911 hangups and two open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, two involving deer.

Jan. 16

Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including a disturbance on South Green Bay Avenue in Gillett, a disturbance on Cook Road in the Town of Oconto, theft on Duame Road in the Town of Stiles, a disturbance on County Road A in the Town of Spruce, suspicious activity on Creekview Drive in the Town of Abrams, five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; two open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; six crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 15

Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including a disturbance on Old 41 Road in the Town of Little River, suspicious

activity on County Road D in the Town of Chase, a death investigation at an address in the Town of Oconto, suspicious activity near County Road G and Saint Bernadette Road in the Town of Spruce, a disturbance on East Armstrong Street in Gillett, eight traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, four citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; five 911 hangups and four open lines; one crash.

Jan. 14

Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including fire on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico, drugs at an address in the Town of Lakewood, squad damage near Parkway Road and Albrecht Lane in the Town of Brazeau, a death investigation at an address in the Town of Townsend, suspicious activity on Superior Avenue in Oconto, seven traffic stops, three traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents; three 911 hangups and two open lines; two ambulance calls; four crashes, two involving deer.

Jan. 13

Deputies responded to 73 incidents, including fraud on County Road EE in the Town of Abrams, fire on Pioneer Drive in the Town of Abrams, disorderly conduct on North Lake Street in Gillett, squad damage near state Highway 32 and Diamond Roof Road in the Town of Townsend, a noise disturbance on North Main Street in Oconto Falls, 11 traffic stops, three traffic hazards, one traffic offense, four citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; nine 911 hangups and five open lines; five crashes, four involving deer.

Jan. 12

Deputies responded to 54 incidents, including suspicious activity on Hansen Avenue in Oconto, theft on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, theft near County Road I and South Porcupine Lake Road in the Town of Lena, a wanted person on River Road in the Town of How, criminal damage on CFR 101 in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on Karis Court in the Town of Little Suamico, drugs at an undisclosed address, 11 traffic stops, four traffic offenses, three citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; three 911 hangups and three open lines; one crash.

Jan. 11

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including a false report on

state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, sexual assault at an address in the Town of Oconto, child abuse at an address in the Town of Riverview, sexual assault at an address in the Town of Oconto Falls, harassment on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance on Menominee Line Road in the Town of Underhill, seven traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses; two 911 hangups and three open lines; one ambulance call; four crashes, two involving deer.

Jan. 10

Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including a disturbance on Vermeiren Road in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity on East Frontage Road in the Town of Abrams, drugs at an address in Oconto Falls, a K9 deployment on Farm Road in Oconto Falls, a jail incident on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, suspicious activity on Vandermeulen Lane in the Town of Morgan, a disturbance on South Green Bay Avenue in Gillett, suspicious activity on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, seven traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one welfare check; one 911 hangup; two ambulance calls; seven crashes.

Jan. 9

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including fire near Swede Town Road and County Road A in the Town of Little River, suspicious activity on Milwaukee Lane in the Town of Oconto Falls, threatening on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, theft on state Highway 32 in the Town of Gillett, harassment on County Road A in the Town of Little River, a disturbance on Milwaukee Lane in the Town of Oconto Falls, drugs at an address in Oconto, six traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and one open line; one crash.

Jan. 8

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including suspicious activity on County Road T in the Town of Townsend, a wanted person on Company Lake Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, a disturbance on Park Avenue in Oconto, a disturbance on South Green Bay Avenue in Gillett, lewd and lascivious behavior on Yarwood Road in the Town of Gillett, five traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one traffic offense, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; three 911 hangups and three open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 7

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including suspicious activity on County Road E in the Town of Morgan, a weapon offense near Allen Road and Maple Leaf Trail in the Town of Little Suamico, fire on state Highway 32 in the Town of Riverview, a disturbance on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, nine traffic stops, five traffic offenses, three citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and two open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, two involving deer.

Jan. 6

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including an unwanted party on Delcore Road in the Town of Oconto, criminal damage on North Wapota Drive in the Town of Townsend, disorderly conduct on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, drugs at an undisclosed address, sexual assault at an undisclosed address, suspicious activity on Pecor Point Lane in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity on Timberline Road in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on County Road R in the Town of How, six traffic stops, six traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and three open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, two involving deer.

Jan. 5

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including disorderly conduct on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, suspicious activity on West Main Street in Lena, property damage on Commercial Road in the Town of Lakewood, fraud on state Highway 32 in the Town of Gillett, an internet crimes against children report at an address in the Town of Morgan, drugs at an address in Suring, threatening on Delcore Road in the Town of Oconto, four traffic stops, three traffic offenses, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; two 911 hangups and three open lines; one ambulance call; five crashes, three involving deer.

Jan. 4

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including suspicious activity on Island Lake Road in the Town of Doty, an unwanted party on Superior Avenue in the Town of Little River, property damage on West Wheeler Lake Lane in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity on Lone Oak Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, two traffic offenses, three citizen assists; three 911 hangups and four open lines; four crashes, one involving deer.

Tribe sounds alert on human trafficking

Awareness events,
training to show
people what signs
to look for

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Human trafficking is not an issue that's limited to the United States border with Mexico or in major metropolitan cities.

That's a point that officials with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin is trying to make, starting with an event at Menominee Casino Resort put on Jan. 18 by the tribe's advocacy support services program to honor and remember victims of human trafficking. Tribal police and agencies like Safe Haven in Shawano were on hand to meet with people and explain how human trafficking can take place even in rural and isolated areas of the United States.

According to Michelle Frechette, advocacy support director, the tribe received a grant through the Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force to get the word out about the realities of human trafficking versus the myths many people believe.

"The community's version of human trafficking is kind of old," Frechette said, citing as examples: "It only happens at the border. It's only kids and white vans. That's not a true picture of what it looks like."

Frechette hopes to educate the community, but also the agencies that serve the community, and that includes the resort. Being part of the hospitality industry, the resort deals with visitors and people traveling all the time, so it's important for employees to be able to see the signs that someone is being abused or trafficked and refer potential victims to support services.

"It is a newer concept in our rural communities, and that can be a bit of a challenge," Frechette said. "Sometimes, it gets mislabeled as prostitution or MMIP (missing and murdered Indigenous people). People interchange those terms, and they think, 'Oh, it's MMIP.'"

Frechette noted that she used to work for the Menominee Indian School District, and years ago, the district didn't know what to do as



Various displays on human trafficking were available for the public to see Jan. 18 at the Menominee Casino Resort.

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far as referring suspected human trafficking activity. That's why education about the issue is important, she said.

To that end, advocacy support services is working on a two-part training session on Feb. 15 at the resort, involving casino employees and the tribe's victim advocacy employees that looks at human trafficking and how it's particularly relevant on tribal reservations. Paula Wojtkowski, co-founder for Unapologetically Rez, will be the keynote speaker and explain how human trafficking and casinos interconnect.

The tribe plans to follow up with another training session on April 25, where participants will work on creating a protocol that they follow once they see indications of human trafficking.

"Obviously, casinos and hotels are a big red flag," Frechette said. "If a casino runs into a suspected trafficking issue, they'll know what to do and who to call."

Human trafficking, in many cases, intertwines with the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous people, where many Native American tragedies go unsolved or unsettled, but Frechette noted that the two are not

exclusively linked.

"Oftentimes, there are MMIP cases that are not human trafficking, or there's trafficking cases that do not go to MMIP results," she said. "It's important that we have partners like law enforcement and family services so that they understand what we're looking for."

There are some common risk factors for human trafficking, such as drug or alcohol addiction, an unstable living situation or being a runaway, to name a few, but Frechette noted that such factors cannot, by themselves, be clear evidence that trafficking is taking place.

"It's a combination of all of these," Frechette said.

April Patterson, outreach specialist for advocacy support services, has reached out to other tribes like the Ho-Chunk, Potawatomi and Lac de Flambeau in order to form a network of awareness so that it's not just one tribal agency watching for human trafficking.

"A lot of the response I have gotten from the community is that they have very little knowledge about it or no idea it exists — or they know a lot," Patterson said.

She noted that people with a lack of information base their percep-

tions on media portrayals, which means she needs to work particularly hard on educating them on what human trafficking really is.

"It could be the uncle that's giving your kids stuff and then wanting more out of that relationship with the children," Patterson said. "A lot of the time, it could be someone posing as a boyfriend."

While the Jan. 18 event was a way to make the community aware of human trafficking, Patterson hopes to eventually have something larger for residents as a whole to make sure anyone can be the eyes and ears of the tribe as they try to prevent their members from becoming victims.

"I've had some people reach out, and I've had a few referrals," Patterson said when asked about potential trafficking cases on the Menominee Reservation. "The biggest problem with trafficking is that people don't self-identify as being trafficked. They'll identify as being in a domestic violence situation or they've been sexually assaulted, but as we get information out there, they're learning more about putting the signs together."

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There are also a number health centers and clinics that provide low-cost dental care to those in need. All university dental schools and college dental hygiene programs offer dental care and cleanings for less than half of what you would pay at a dentist's office. Students who are supervised by their professors provide the care. See www.teethwisdom.org to search for a center, clinic or school near you.

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The dance floor on the top floor of Stubborn Brothers Brewery is packed with eager dancers, as Shawano Area Young Professionals host an adult prom on Jan. 21, giving guests an opportunity to experience their high school dance again.

LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA

Guests travel back in time to high school prom



One group of people take a break from dancing in order to get a picture taken and commemorate a fun night during the Shawano Area Young Professional Adult Prom at Stubborn Brothers Brewery on Jan. 21. Not only dancing and drinking, by guests were given an opportunity to take home pictures to remember the night.

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A group of girls open the dancing at the Shawano Area Young Professionals Adult Prom as the dance floor begins to fill at Stubborn Brothers Brewery on Jan. 21. Guests to the event were given the opportunity to experience high school again, as they dressed up, drank, ate and danced all night long on Stubborn Brothers Brewery's top floor.

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A large group of guests to Stubborn Brothers Brewery get low to the ground as they dance to Flo Rida's song, "Low", during the Shawano Area Young Professionals Adult Prom on Jan. 21.

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SATURDAY				MORNING / AFTERNOON																JAN. 28			
	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
ABC	Good Morning America (N)			Good Morning America (N)	Wildlife	oh baby! (N)	Hearts of Wildlife	Saving Pets	Sports Stars	X Games Aspen 2023 (N) (Live)			NBA Count-down (N)		NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Philadelphia 76ers. Wells Fargo Center. (N) (Live)				NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Brooklyn Nets. Barclays Center. (N) (Live)				
9	WAOW																						
2	WBAY																						
CBS	(6:00) CBS Saturday Morning (N)			Lucky Dog (N) (DVS)	Innovation Nation	Mission Unstop-able (N)	Hope in the Wild (N) (E)	Pet Vet Lucky Dog	Did I Men- tion In-vention?	College Basketball Xavier at Creighton. CHI Health Center. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Cincinnati at Houston. Fertitta Center. (N) (Live)				PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open: Final Round. (N) (Live)					
5	WFRY																						
7	WSAW																						
FOX	Xplor. Planet	Xploration Space	Life 2.0 (E)	Sci Q (E)	Theft Life 2.0	Paid Pro- gram Sci Q (E)	Theft Joint Re- lief Secrets	Paid Program	Theft Dog Challenge	Paid Program	Women's College Basketball Nebraska at Iowa. Carver-Hawkeye Arena. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Illinois at Wisconsin. Kohl Center. (N) (Live)				FOX Col- lege Hoops Extra (N)	College Basketball Arizona at Washington. Alaska Airlines Arena. (N) (Live)			
55	WZAW																						
11	WLUK																						
NBC	Today (6:00) Today	906 Outdoors	Today's Home- owner		Earth Od- yssey With Dylan (DVS)	Wild Child (N) (DVS)	Harlem Globe- trotters	One Team- Sports	Pros- tate Voyager	Paid Program TBA	Paid Program	IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Cham- pionship Rolex 24 at Daytona.		Figure Skating U.S. Championships. From San Jose, Calif. (N) (Live)				Horse Racing Pegasus World Cup Invitational. From Hallan- dale Beach, Fla. (N) (Live)				MyPillow Paid Program	NBC Nightly News
25	WGBA																						
12	WJFW																						
PBS	Hero El- ementary (E) (DVS)	Alma's Way (E) (DVS)	Curious George (E)	Daniel Tiger's Neigh- borhood (DVS)	Best of Sewing With Nancy	Quilt- ing Arts "Shapes" Free-form circles.	Garden Smart Large col- lection of daffodils.	Classic Wood- working (E)	Jacques Pépin: Heart & Soul (E)	Lidia's Kitchen "Easy Go- ing Reci- pes" (E)	Steven Raichlen's Project Fire (E)	Taste- MAKERS (E)	Cook's Country	Chris- topher Kimball's Milk Street	Sara's Week- night Meals (E)	Pati's Mexican Table (E)	This Old House Installing roof shingles.	Ask This Old House (E)	Week- ends With Yankee (E)	Modern Pioneering With Geor- gia Pel- legrini (E)	The Lawrence Welk Show "All Time Favorites" Fan favor- ites.		
20	WHRM																						
35	WLEF																						
38	WPNE																						
52	WACY	Hearts	oh baby!	Paid	Mak	Relief	Out	MidWest	Bensin	World's	World's	SOS: Survive		Silver	Martin	Musky	Angling	Heartland		Mod	Mod	Gold	Gold
45	WTPX	Bones		Bones		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
CW	Outdoor Pop- star!	Paid Program MyPillow	Jack Han- na's Into the Wild	Jack Han- na's Into the Wild	Jack Han- na's Into the Wild	Jack Han- na's Into the Wild	Pet Vet Dream Team (E)	Tails of Valor (E)	Science Live Life-Win	Sleep? MyPil- low	Larry K Res- cue	Cook Like Theft	Boundless Three-day cross-country ski race. The Last Kiss		WOW - Women Of Wrestling Kandi Krush; Chantilly Chella.		Sports High- way	Greatest Sports	Paid Bloodline	Can't Sleep? In Pain?	Last Man	Last Man Burgers	
14	WCWF																						
34	WYOW																						

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ABC	(4:30) NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Brooklyn Nets. Barclays Center. (N) 		NBA Countdown (N) 	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics. TD Garden. (N) 					 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)  Action 2 News at 10 (N)	 (:35) Weird Earth  (:35) Investigate TV	 (:05) The Song "Darius Rucker - Part 1" (N) 	 (:35) Storm of Suspicion (N)  (:35) Opry (N Same-day Tape)	
CBS	(3:30) PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open: Final Round. (N) 		NCIS: Los Angeles "Work & Family" Sam moves in with his father. 	48 Hours 			48 Hours 		 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)  NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	 (:35) HS Sports Xtra (N)  (:35) Beat the Odds	 (:05) Discover Wisconsin   (:05) The Song (N) 	 (:35) Friends  (:35) Opry Performances at the Grand Ole Opry.	
FOX	(4:30) College Basketball Arizona at Washington. (N) 	FOX College Hoops Extra (N) 	College Basketball Ohio State at Indiana. Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall. (N) 				 The Big Bang Theory  Fox 11 News at Nine (N)	 The Big Bang Theory   Seinfeld 	Name That Tune "Name That TV Star" Craig Ferguson; Jack McBrayer. 	 S.W.A.T. "Safe House"   Jeopardy! 	 Wheel of Fortune "Teacher's Week" 		
NBC	 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)   Inside the Huddle	 Nutriset BOGO!  Wheel of Fortune 	The Wall "Lisa and Dan" Lisa and Dan take on the wall. 	Dateline NBC 			Saturday Night Live 		 News  Newswatch 12 Saturday	(:29) Saturday Night Live "Michael B. Jordan; Lil Baby" Michael B. Jordan; Lil Baby. (N) 			
PBS	The Carol Burnett Show Guests: Tim Conway and Steve Lawrence. 		Father Brown "The Children of Kalon" A troubled soul from the past returns. 	Sister Boniface Mysteries "My Brother's Keeper" Alfie turns up at the convent. 			Frankie Drake Mysteries "Showstoppers" Mary looks into a morality violation. 		Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Clocks" A middle-aged man is stabbed to death. 		The Suspicions of Mr Whicher Jack Whicher takes on a divorce case. (Part 4 of 4)		
32 WACY	Family Feud 	Two/Half Men	NBA G League Basketball Greensboro Swarm at Wisconsin Herd. (N)			Am Housewife		Am Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy 	Family Guy 	S.W.A.T. 	
45 WTPX	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		
CW	The Big Bang Theory 		The Big Bang Theory Finding a new girlfriend for Sheldon. 		Criss Angel's Magic With the Stars "100 Foot Rope Escape" Vernon Davis and Flavor Flav. 		World's Funniest Animals "Episode 311" (N) 	World's Funniest Animals Pilfering pooches; shaking shepherds. 	 The Rookie  (DVS)	 ** Vertical Limit (2000) Chris O'Donnell, Bill Paxton. 		 The National Desk (N) (Live)	
14 WCWF	The Good Doctor 							 The Liquidator 					
34 WYOW													

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ABC	Good Morning America (N) ⚡ 📺		Ⓜ This Week W/ George Stephanopoulos		Ⓜ Capitol Ⓜ This Week		Ⓜ Up-Front		Ⓜ Financial Ⓜ UpFront		Ⓜ Coldwell Ⓜ Hearts of		NFL Inspire Change Special ⚡ 📺			X Games Aspen 2023 (N) ⚡ (Live) 📺			Australian Open Highlights (N) ⚡ 📺		Ⓜ Our America Ⓜ Inside Edit.		Ⓜ Wisconsin Ⓜ Free Ent.		ABC World News		Ⓜ News 9 Ⓜ News													
CBS	Ⓜ News	Ⓜ Sun-day Mass	CBS News Sunday Morning (N) ⚡ 📺			Face the Nation (N) ⚡ 📺			Ⓜ Game Day Ⓜ Retirement		Ⓜ (:15) College Basketball Mackey Arena. (N) ⚡ (Live) 📺			Inside College Basketball (N)		PBR Bull Riding ZipRe-cruiter Invitational. From Indianapolis. (Taped)		Ⓜ Paid Program Ⓜ Beat		Ⓜ Paid Program Ⓜ The Song (N)		Paid Program 📺		Paid Program 📺		The NFL Today (N) 📺		NFL Football												
FOX	Ⓜ Paid Prog.	Ⓜ Mountain Faith	Ⓜ FOX News Sun-day (N) ⚡		Ⓜ Sharyl Attkis-son		Ⓜ Invest. Ⓜ Fox News		Ⓜ Paid Program 📺		Paid Program 📺		Paid Program 📺		NFL Championship Chase: Champion-ship Sunday (N) 📺		FOX NFL Kickoff (N) ⚡ (Live) 📺		FOX NFL Sunday (N) ⚡ (Live) 📺		NFL Football NFC Championship: Teams TBA. (N) ⚡ (Live) 📺				NFL on FOX Postgame		Ⓜ Mad-Grill'n Ⓜ Big Deal													
NBC	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N) ⚡ 📺		Ⓜ M't Press Ⓜ Athlete		Ⓜ Home Remod-eler		Ⓜ Know Ⓜ Meet Press		Ⓜ MidWest Outdoors		Ⓜ Paid Prg. Ⓜ Remod-eler		Ⓜ Paid Program Ⓜ TBA		IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Champ-ship Rolex 24 at Daytona. (N) ⚡ (Live) 📺			Chasing Gold: Paris 2024 (N) ⚡ 📺		Figure Skating U.S. Championships. From San Jose, Calif. (N) ⚡ (Live) 📺				Ⓜ News Ⓜ TBA		NBC Nightly News														
PBS	Hero El-ementary ⚡ (E) 📺 (DVS)		Alma's Way ⚡ (E) 📺 (DVS)		Curious George ⚡ (E) 📺 (DVS)		Daniel Tiger's Neigh-borhood ⚡ (DVS)		Washing-ton Week ⚡ 📺		Firing Line With Margaret Hoover		Here and Now		Market to Market ⚡ 📺		Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Clocks" A middle-aged man is stabbed to death. ⚡ 📺			Bad Move "Get Lost"		Father Brown "The Children of Kalon" A troubled soul from the past returns. ⚡ 📺		Sister Boniface Mysteries "My Brother's Keeper" Alfie turns up at the convent.		Next at the Kennedy Center "The Roots Residency" Hip-hop group The Roots perform. ⚡ 📺		American Masters "Charley Pride" Life of country singer Charley Pride. ⚡ 📺 (DVS)		Mole Lake Ojibwe History ⚡ 📺		Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe History 📺								
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WTPX	Bones ⚡ 📺		Bones ⚡ 📺		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡		NCIS ⚡							
CW	Ⓜ Worship Ⓜ Tomorrow		Ⓜ Daily In Touch		Ⓜ Catholic Mass Ⓜ Key of David		Ⓜ Paid Pro-gram Ⓜ Key of David		Ⓜ Out-door Ⓜ Mass		Ⓜ Sleep? Ⓜ Perry Stone		Ⓜ Paid Prg. Ⓜ Mad Do		Paid Pro-gram 📺		Ⓜ Polka Polka Ⓜ Sheldon		Ⓜ Young Sheldon ⚡		Ⓜ Theft Ⓜ Big Bang		Ⓜ Paid Prog. Ⓜ Big Bang		Ⓜ Theft Ⓜ Honey		Ⓜ Paid Program 📺		Ⓜ *** The Last Kiss (2006) Zach Braff, Casey Affleck.		Ⓜ Highway Thru Hell		Ⓜ Paid Prog. Ⓜ WOW		Ⓜ Paid Program 📺		Ⓜ Sheldon Ⓜ Fam. Guy		Ⓜ Sheldon Ⓜ Fam. Guy	

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SATURDAY, JAN. 28
GRESHAM: Lions Winter Carnival, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Lions Shelter, Upper Red Lake Road. Fishing contest, giant show kites throughout the day, snacks, food, beverages, music. Raffle drawing 6 p.m.
LAKEWOOD: Paul Bunyan Riders Fisheree and Snow Fun Day, 7 a.m. to 7

p.m., Waubee Lake Lodge, 18398 Waubee Park Lane. Meat and prize raffles starting at 2 p.m., 50/50 raffles throughout the day, plus a fisheree and kids fishing derby (7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; fish any lake). Raffle ticket announcements 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
SHAWANO: Zurko Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Community Hall, 115 E. Division St.

WITTENBERG: Art of the Quilter IX, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Over 40 quilts on display.

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MONDAY, JAN. 30
SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano County Library, 128 S. Sawyer St.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1
SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connections, 8-9 a.m., Beans and Books Espresso, 215 N. Main St. Monthly business networking.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2
OCONTO: Historical Society Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m., Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 915 Park Ave. "The Lady in Black" tells the story of a mysterious assault and the trial of Rose Sharp, owner of the Oconto Enquirer newspaper.

SHAWANO: "Matilda," 7 p.m. auditorium, Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano. Tickets \$12 adults, \$9 seniors, \$6 children. Tickets available at www.shawanotheater.ludus.com.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3
SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Shawano, 910 E. Zingler Ave.

NAVARINO: Light Up the Night Ski/Snowshoe Hike, 5:30-7 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road.

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KELLY LAKE: Winter Dance, 7 p.m., Romy's Holiday Inn, 9600 County Road

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SATURDAY, FEB. 4
LITTLE SUAMICO: Inaugural Smoke Eaters Slam fishing derby, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Smully's On the Bay, 2060 Sand Bar Way. 50/50 and bucket raffles. Benefits Little Suamico Fire Department.

MOUNTAIN: 10th annual Maiden Lake Fish-O-Ree, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Maiden Lake Supper Club, 15649 Maiden Lake Road. 50/50 and basket raffles. Benefits Maiden Lake fish restocking and lake conservation.

OCONTO: WGAS Northern Fishing Tourney, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Breakwater Park and Harbor, 1301 Harbor Road.

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TOWNSEND: Annual Farfromsnoozin' Bed Races on the Ice, 1 p.m., Wendt's Sandbar Resort, 16688 Nicolet Road. Five-person teams compete on the ice. Registration begins at noon. Beds are provided.

ABRAMS: Candlelight Ski, 5:30-8 p.m., BlackBerry Ramble Trail, 6625 Timberline Road.

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SUNDAY, FEB. 5
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SHAWANO: "Matilda," 2 p.m. auditorium, Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano. Tickets \$12 adults, \$9 seniors, \$6 children. Tickets at www.shawanotheater.ludus.com.

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WITTENBERG ENTERPRISE

FRIDAY					EVENING					FEB. 3		
6 PM					6:30					7 PM		
ABC					Entertainment Tonight (N) (DVS)					Shark Tank Peter Jones; an update on Curie. (DVS)		
9 WAOW												
2 WBAY												
7 PM					7:30					8 PM		
CBS					S.W.A.T. "Addicted" (N) (DVS)					Fire Country "You Know Your Dragon Best" The crews work to contain a forest fire. (N) (DVS)		
5 WFRV												
7 WSAW												
8 PM					8:30					9 PM		
FOX					WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)					Blue Bloods "The Big Leagues" (N) (DVS)		
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NBC					Dateline NBC (N) (DVS)					News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)		
25 WGBA										Action 2 News at 10 (N)		
12 WJFW												
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PBS					The Big Bang Theory (N) (DVS)					The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) (DVS)		
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35 WLEF												
38 WPNE												
11 PM					11:30							
WACY					Family Feud (N) (DVS)					The Goldbergs (N) (DVS)		
45 WTPX												
CW					The Big Bang Theory (N) (DVS)					The King of Queens (N) (DVS)		
14 WCWF												
34 WYOW												

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CoVantage Credit Union staff and representatives of the Forget Me Not Fund stand with a check totaling \$5,649 from the Giving Tuesday fundraiser. Shown are, from left: Cara Peterson; Mary Boyce; Alex Hartwig; Ryan Alexander, CoVantage branch manager; Rochelle Jahnke, from CoVantage; Laura Lutzke; and Marla Micolety, Forget Me Not Fund chief executive officer.

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CoVantage fundraiser nets \$5,649 for organization

For seven years, the CoVantage Cares Foundation and CoVantage Credit Union have partnered to hold a two-week giving campaign, kicking off every year on Giving Tuesday.

Donations in 2022 pushed CoVantage's seven-year total to \$2.2M in support of more than 60 organizations.

Foundation director Morgan Swanson announced that checks totaling \$433,362.10 were presented to local nonprofit groups that serve communities where CoVantage Credit Union has branches. This included \$5,649 raised in Shawano to benefit the Forget Me Not Fund.

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The funds were made possible because of generous donations by

CoVantage Credit Union members, staff and community members who supported the foundation's 2022 Giving Tuesday campaign from Nov. 29 to Dec. 13.

This year, branch staff throughout CoVantage Credit Union's locations were asked to select a nonprofit group in their community to be the recipient of funds raised, with the understanding that contributions generated during the two-week fundraising campaign would be matched up to \$175,000 by CoVantage Cares Foundation.

"Community support is a big part of the CoVantage mission, and we are humbled by the generosity of our members, employees and community members for supporting these deserving charities," said Charlie Zanayed, CoVantage chief executive officer. "CoVantage Cares Foundation was established as a way to provide financial support to organizations that serve individuals, especially those experiencing significant financial challenge, and organizations that work to enhance quality of life in communities served by CoVantage Credit Union."

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OPINION

Keep flags flying, or we'll be on our own

Flags are an integral part of life, no matter where you go. Obviously, the most common around is our star-spangled banner known as the American flag. Flags can often evoke a sense of pride.

Unfortunately, it seems like flags also generate other emotions like anger and shame, and that's where I have a problem.

On Fox News recently, it was reported that the Los Angeles Police Department banned the Thin Blue Line flag from the public areas of its buildings, claiming it has violent and extremist views.

That's definitely not what I see when I see a variation of the American flag design with the single blue line. That flag came about as a support for the men and women in law enforcement. It essentially says to them, "You protect us, and for that we thank you and love you."

The L.A. Police Chief, Michel Moore, claimed that the decision came based off a community complaint that the Thin Blue Line was representative of extremist viewpoints from the Proud Boys and other fringe organizations. Moore acknowledged that the flag represents the honor and valor of those who work to protect us all but that it had been undermined by people with their "racist, bigoted and oppressive values."

So, what's to be gained by hiding



LEE PULASKI

that flag from public view? It's a flag that supports the police officers, but it gets banned from a police facility because of one community complaint. Have we become so triggered as a society that we immediately jump when one person claims something is offensive?

Don't just take my word for it, though. The police union in Los Angeles called the move "political pandering," and they're dead on. When people in this country feel despair and fear, many of them take heart in seeing our American flag and its status as symbol of freedom. The same applies to the Thin Blue Line flag, in that it's a sign to our police officers, especially when some of their own are killed in the line of duty, that they have support from the people they've sworn to protect.

By taking the flag down, it's an indication that the leaders in that police department don't support their officers. It's a sign to those officers that they're on their own, not a message you want the community protectors to hear.

The call to ban the Thin Blue

Line often comes from the left, but the right also bears the guilt of flag banning. Rainbow Pride flags, a symbol for the LGBT community, are being banned from schools across the country because they're believed to be a source of "political speech."

Much like the Thin Blue Line, the rainbow flag is a symbol of support that lets people who fit within the LGBT spectrum know they're supported and valued. While many of us have the benefit of people supporting us in everything we do — even when some of the decisions are proven to be downright stupid — some young people aren't supported because of their sexuality or who they are.

The argument for banning the rainbow flags from schools is that it's making a political statement. While the flag has unfortunately been shoved into this category at times, the flags are more a symbol of a safe space for young people struggling in a society where people say they are bad, they're unclear, abominations and any other hurtful phrase you can think of. If that flag is there, students can believe they can go to that teacher and ask for help. Remove the flags, and just like with the police officers, the message is clear — they're on their own.

However, it's not just the schools

that right-wingers want to keep rainbow-free. U.S. embassies are also being targeted by those on the right, including Rep. Jeff Duncan from South Carolina. He is one of the co-sponsors for the Old Glory Only Act, which would ban rainbow flags, Blacks Lives Matter flags and any other flag save for the Stars and Stripes and the flags of the military. It's an act of irony, considering Duncan's home state flies the Confederate flag over its capitol. Hypocrisy, much?

The solution to all of this very simple. Leave the flags alone. We seem to forget at times that this is America, where freedom flourishes. We might not like everything we see or hear, but we also can't keep stifling freedom of speech, which is the numero uno amendment in our country's constitution, because something upsets us. In a world where hope seems lost, having as many positive symbols in plain view seems essential for us to survive as a people.

So let the Thin Blue Line flag fly. Let rainbow flags fly. Let the Confederate flag fly, too, while you're at it. Add a little color, because without it, we're just looking at a world with a blank canvas.

At that point, we really will be on our own.

Lee Pulaski is the city editor for NEW Media. Readers can contact him at lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IRS employee targeting simply fear mongering

To the editor:

We all want fairness. Payment of income taxes should be no different.

On Aug. 16, 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act was signed into law by President Joe Biden. Included in this law is nearly \$80 billion in funding for the Internal Revenue Service over the next 10 years, of which \$45.6 billion is for "enforcement."

The reasoning behind this substantial increased investment in enforcement was to help make the tax code fairer, by focusing

on the wealthiest individuals and corporations that currently work the system to pay little or no taxes. According to the numbers by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the Inflation Reduction Act will generate \$124 billion in savings by collecting the taxes already owed by wealthy people and large corporations.

Of course, the Republicans now in office in 2023 are offering "an alternative fact" false conspiracy theory that this law is actually a deep-state operation to employ 87,000 new tax collectors to target hard-working middle class Americans.

When 87,000 additional IRS agents are mentioned in the law, it is in reference to a May 2021

estimate from the Treasury Department of the total number of employees (not just auditors) that the IRS proposes to hire over the next 10 years. Most importantly, the scrutiny of any additional auditing resources will be to finally focus some attention on the wealthiest Americans and businesses that skirt the laws — not the working families, as Republicans want everyone to believe.

Case in point, Donald Trump and his Trump Organization. Despite promising to release his tax returns since he first ran for office starting in 2015, Trump never did. As the public can now see, Trump used questionable or poorly substantiated deductions and a number

of other tax avoidance schemes as justification to pay little or no federal income tax. So, how does a "billionaire" pay zero in taxes?

The fact is, and everyone knows it, our tax laws are often inequitable, and enforcement of them is often unjust. Republicans fear mongering middle class taxpayers only serves to deflect attention away from the rich and powerful. In no way are Republicans offering an alternate solution to anything. If these new Republicans get their way, the middle class will continue to get stuck with the financial burden of funding the nation, and rich people and corporations would continue to get off the hook.

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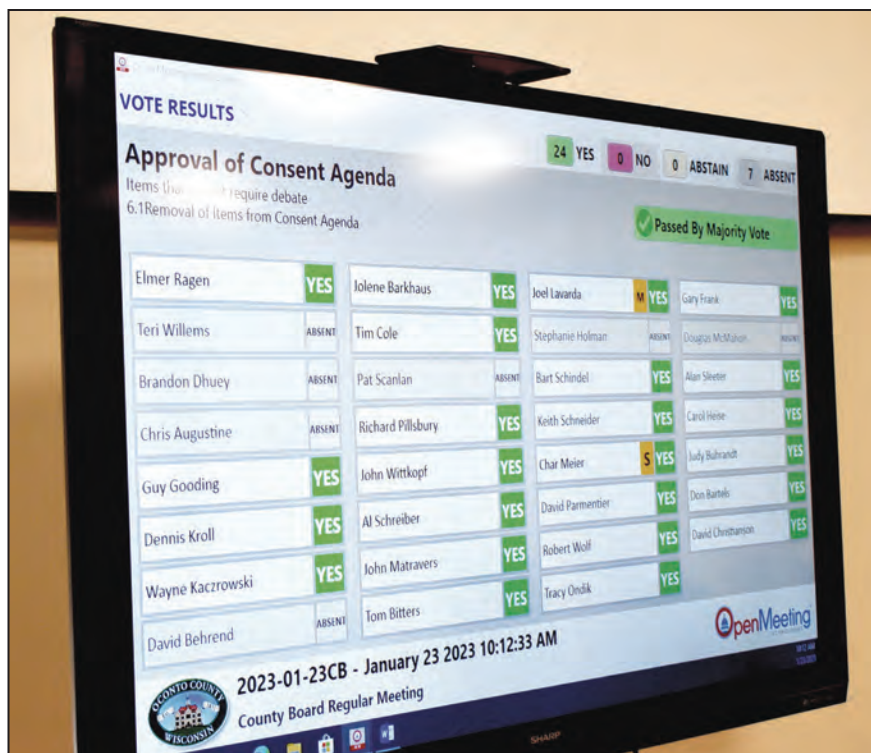
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Brief Facility Description: Valley Line Dairy LLC is a proposed Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Valley Line Dairy LLC is owned and operated by members of the Sellen family. It currently has 1,247 (805 milking & dry cows, 161 heifers, and 118 calves) animal units and is proposing to expand to 2,200 (1,400 milking & dry cows, 322 heifers, and 236 calves) animal units during the permit term. Based on current herd size, Valley Line Dairy LLC currently has approximately 261 days of available liquid waste storage and generates approximately 10,767,587 gallons of manure and process wastewater annually. Valley Line Dairy LLC has a total of 1,519 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 472 acres are owned and 1,047 acres are controlled through contracts, rental agreements, leases, or manure agreements. Of this acreage, 1,506 are considered spreadable acres. The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be issued.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Brian Hanson, DNR, 647 Lakeland Rd, Shawano, WI, 54166-3843, (920) 366-3302, Brian.Hanson@wisconsin.gov

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, or to request a public informational hearing may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if within 30 days of the public date of this notice; a request for a hearing is filed by any person. The Department shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from USEPA or from 5 or more persons or if the Department determines there is significant public interest. Requests for a public

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informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit and fact sheet (if required), the operation's nutrient management plan and application may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 366-3302 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

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January 27, 2023

CITY OF GILLETT

ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The following have applied for an Original Alcohol License with the City of Gillett for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Said licenses will be presented in person to the City Council on February 2, 2023 for possible approval/denial.

Class A Fermented Malt Beverage
Dolgen Corp LLC DBA Dollar General Store 24181; Agent- John Greene, 217 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124

Chelsea Anderson

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January 27, 2023

CITY OF GILLETT TOBACCO LICENSE

The following establishments have applied for an Original Tobacco License from the City of Gillett for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Said licenses will be presented in person to the City Council on February 2, 2023 for possible approval/denial.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF SURING, WISCONSIN VILLAGE FLOODPLAIN ZONING ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 5:45 PM** at the Village of Suring Municipal Building 604 E Main Street, Suring, WI 54174, before the Village of Suring Board of Trustees, to solicit comments on proposed floodplain zoning ordinance and map revisions that are required by state and federal law. These revisions govern development in mapped floodplain areas. The proposed ordinance/map revisions are on file in the office of the Village Clerk.

The proposed regulations are intended to protect life, health, and property in floodplain areas and will govern uses permitted in mapped floodplains. Activities such as dredging, filling, excavating and construction of building are generally allowed, but may be restricted according to which flood zone the property is in. A copy of the proposed ordinance will be on file and open for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk for a period of two weeks prior to this Public Hearing.

All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk at 604 E Main Street, PO Box 31, Suring, WI 54174.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2023.
Kim Gruetzmacher, Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Suring
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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who:

- will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day.
- has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued*.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below.

Your written request must include:

1. your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote
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3. your signature
4. a copy of your photo identification*

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:

5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, February 16, 2023**.

*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

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Voting an absentee ballot in person

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City of Oconto

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Ballots may only be returned via USPS or by the voter directly to the Town Clerk or designee. Ballots may not be dropped off by anyone other than the voter.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Tuesday, February 7, 2023***

*****In-person absentee voting is by appointment only unless noted above.**

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Friday, February 17, 2023 at 5 p.m.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place before the polls close on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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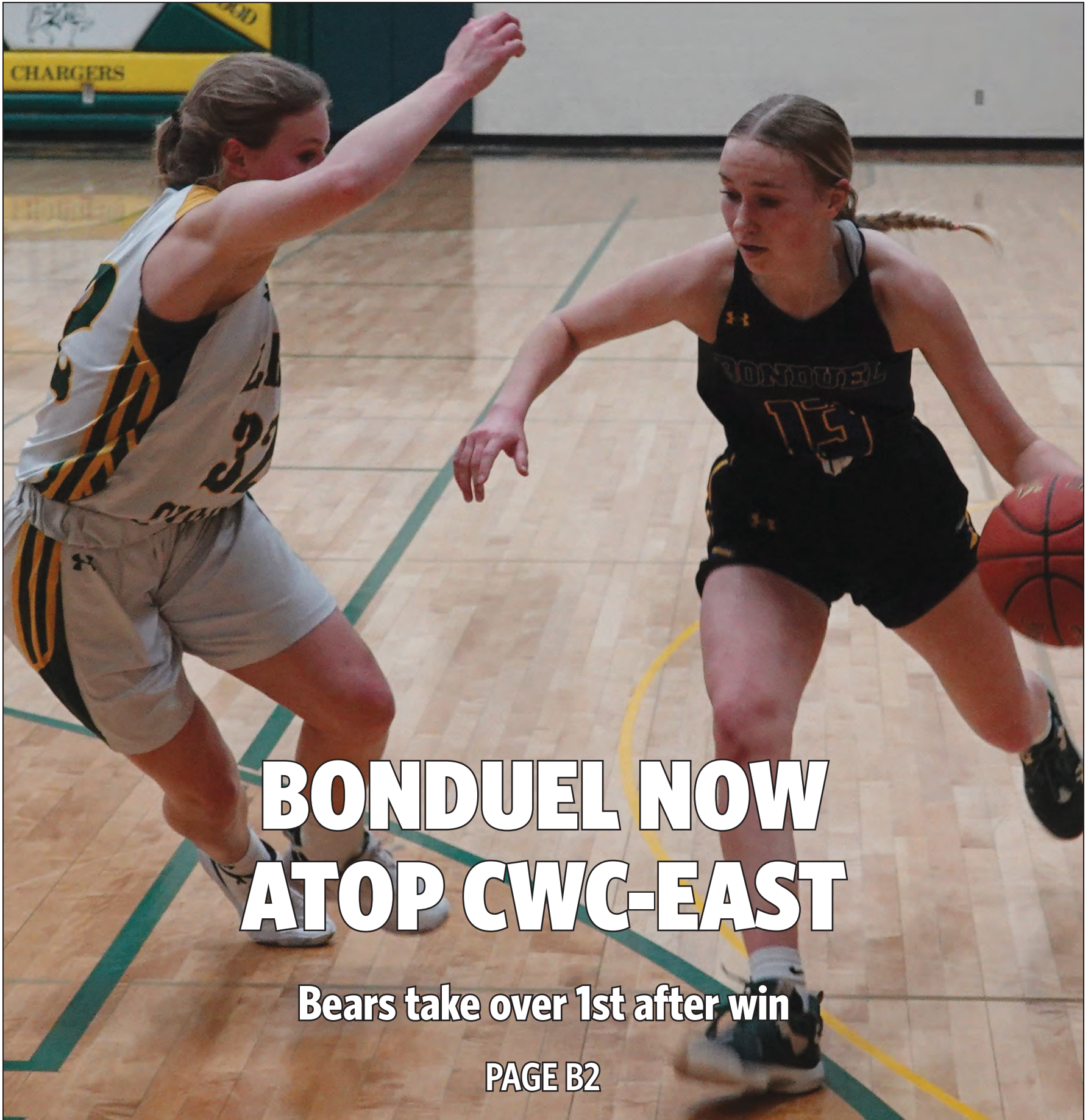
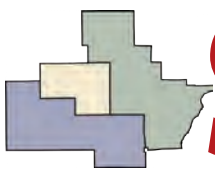
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Bears take over 1st after win

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Bonduel's Tatum Sporisky, right, dribbles toward the rim as Witt-Birn's Faith Resch defends during a conference game on Jan. 19 in Wittenberg.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel girls grab control of CWC-East lead

Bears take down Witt-Birn after big 2nd half

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School girls basketball team prevailed over Wittenberg-Birnamwood in a battle of the two top teams in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division.

The Bears outscored the Chargers 30-17 in the second half to come away with a 53-38 victory on Jan. 19 in Wittenberg. Bonduel now sits alone atop the conference standings with one loss, while Witt-Birn fell back into second with a pair of losses.

Ella Hischke guided the Bears in the first half before Hailey Zernicke took over in the second half to help the visitors pull away and avenge their only conference loss so far. Both girls finished with 13 points.

"It feels good," said Zernicke. "We spent the last however many weeks preparing for them — obviously, we had games before this that we had to prepare for but we spent a lot of time in practice (on Witt-Birn). We practiced a triangle-and-two (defense) to help stop Reese (Rogowski) and Rory (Salvesen)."

"I mean, we wanted revenge... They beat us in our house, we came in, we were hyped the whole game, in the locker room we were hyped, we were just all ready this time," said Hischke.

In the team's meeting back on Dec. 9 in Bonduel, Witt-Birn topped Bonduel 55-49 behind 22 points from Salvesen and 20 from Rogowski.

This time around, Salvesen had 12 and Rogowski tallied nine against the triangle-and-two defense Bonduel ran.

While the Bears were making life tough on the Chargers' offense, Bonduel was also efficient on its offensive end. When Bonduel wasn't hitting shots, it was racking up offensive rebounds to get second, third and sometimes even more chances. Bonduel finished the game with 13 offensive rebounds and 37 total boards. Witt-Birn had just 24 total rebounds.

In the early going, Bonduel's Hailee Thompson scored the first points in the game before Witt-Birn went on an 8-0 run. Witt-Birn's Melaina Granquist scored the first five points on two bas-



Bonduel's Hailee Thompson, right, defends Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski during a CWC-East contest on Jan. 19 in Wittenberg.

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Bonduel's Audrey Weier dribbles the ball during a conference win over Witt-Birn on Jan. 19 in Wittenberg.

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kets around the rim — one of which turned into a three-point play. Allison Linke hit a 3-pointer for the other points on the run.

The game tightened up after that and remained that way until halftime.

Hischke hit a couple 3-pointers to jumpstart Bonduel on the offensive end and hit two more shots later in the half to finish with 10 points in the opening 18 minutes. Audrey Weier and Thompson also hit multiple shots in the opening half for the Bears.

Rogowski had seven points by the halftime break, while Salvesen hit a pair of shots.

"They did a triangle-and-two, which we haven't seen before," said Rogowski. "Our shots just weren't falling like they usually do..."

The biggest story at halftime was the foul trouble each team was in. Zernicke missed the final 15:36 of the first half after two early fouls. Granquist also had two fouls early in the contest and then picked up her third with under a minute to go until halftime. Faith Resch and Rogowski were each at two fouls.

Granquist began the second half on the bench with her foul trouble, and Bonduel took advantage, scoring a couple buckets down low while pushing the lead out to six, 30-24. Weier and Zernicke scored for Bonduel down low before Zernicke buried a triple.

Rogowski had a field goal to make it a four-point contest, but Bonduel tallied the next 10 points to take control.

Weier got the run started with a

basket before Hischke hit a 3-pointer. Kendra Troxel had the next two baskets, including a 3-point play.

Salvesen scored to stop the run, but Thompson and Zernicke each converted shots to push the Bonduel lead out to 16, 44-28. After a free throw from Linke, Tatum Sporisky connected on a 3-pointer for the Bears to make it an 18-point game.

In the final five minutes, Witt-Birn was able to score at a little better clip, but Zernicke helped Bonduel seal up the win by scoring the team's final six points.

"Not gonna lie, I was getting a little antsy on the bench in the first half hoping to go back in," said Zernicke. "It is what it is, and when I got back out in the second half, I was all rested up so that helped."

For Witt-Birn, it was a disappointing showing, but Rogowski believes the setback will only serve as motivation for the team going forward.

"It's definitely going to fuel us and make us work harder and come out stronger to keep winning the other conference games and hope that we can stay on top with them," said Rogowski.

Bonduel 23 30 — 53
Witt-Birn 21 17 — 38

Bonduel (53): Kendra Troxel 2-5 8, Ella Hischke 0-2 13, Audrey Weier 0-1 8, Tatum Sporisky 0-0 5, Hailee Thompson 0-1 6, Hailey Zernicke 0-0 13.

Witt-Birn (38): Reese Rogowski 0-1 9, Allison Linke 1-2 7, Rory Salvesen 0-0 12, Jami Wendler 0-1 0, Faith Resch 3-4 5, Melaina Granquist 1-1 5.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Shawano boys hold on late for big Bay win

Hawks do just enough to top New London

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School boys basketball did just enough in the final minutes to fend off a New London comeback attempt and pick up a much-needed 72-68 Bay Conference win on Jan. 21 in Shawano.

The win bumped the Hawks to 4-2 in conference play, which is good enough for a tie for second with West De Pere and New London. The victory also keeps the team's chances of a conference title alive, as Shawano has yet to play conference leader Xavier, which is 6-0.

"We knew coming in, if we want to win conference, we have to have this one," said Shawano's Michael Metcalf-Grassman. "We started out hot, playing well, had a 15-point lead at one point, I think. We can't do what we did (late) where we turned the ball over that much, but we were able to pull through and got the win."

Shawano's hot start saw the team convert shots on its first six possessions, building a 13-3 advantage. Brandon Reed, Jacob Landon and Logan Sipple hit the team's first three shots. Sipple also had the fourth make before a Reed 3-pointer and another bucket by Landon.

Over the next five minutes, Shawano went cold from the field, with just a pair of Metcalf-Grassman free throws in that time.

Sipple hit a shot to snap the team's cold streak before Metcalf-Grassman had a steal and dunk to get him going offensively.

A Landon basket was followed by a New London triple. Metcalf-Grassman had the next basket before New London answered on the opposite end of the court.

Shawano took control of the game on the back of Metcalf-Grassman, who made three 3-pointers over about a minute stretch to turn a four-point lead into a 32-19 advantage.

New London scored a couple times over the next minute, but Shawano threatened to run away with the game after Landon and Sipple



Shawano's Michael Metcalf-Grassman, center, holds his follow-through after taking a 3-pointer during the team's win over New London on Jan. 21 in Shawano.

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combined for six points to make it a 38-23 lead. The visitors answered with the final five points of the half.

The teams traded baskets at the start of the second half. After New London briefly cut it to a nine-point game, 45-36, Sipple converted a shot and Reed had an alley-oop dunk off an inbound pass to give Shawano some momentum.

The visitors scored next, but seven straight points from the Hawks had them threatening to run away with the game again. Deacon Carroll had five points on the run, while Reed scored again.

New London again had an answer, scoring 12 of the next 15 points to get back within eight, 59-51.

It was Shawano's turn to answer, and it did with a 7-0 spurt, with Reed, Landon and Sipple scoring.

New London turned up its defensive intensity at that point, and Shawano had trouble simply getting the ball into the frontcourt for the next few minutes. Several turnovers allowed New London to catch right back up.

"I think we were relaxing a little bit," said Metcalf-Grassman. We just

had a rough stretch from about six minutes all the way down to that minute mark where we just fell apart. We can't do that."

Sipple had a big basket to briefly halt the comeback effort, but a missed free throw on a one-and-one chance kept Shawano from sealing things up.

Sipple had another clutch basket with 1:30 to play, making it a 70-65 lead, but yet another Shawano turnover got New London back within three with just under a minute to play.

The next sequence in the game was a wild one. After a New London player fouled out, the player wasn't immediately pulled from the game after the referees didn't halt play for a substitution to be made. The refs allowed Shawano to re-shoot a free throw in a one-and-one chance, but Shawano missed both opportunities.

New London missed on the other end of the floor, but got an offensive rebound and was fouled. The first free throw was good, but the second missed.

Shawano grabbed the loose ball and had another chance to seal the

game with two free throws, but instead missed twice. New London turned the ball over on its next possession.

The Hawks missed two more free throws with 8.9 seconds left, but Julian Perez grabbed an offensive rebound and got the ball to Metcalf-Grassman, who finally sank two free throws to seal the contest with 4 seconds left.

Reed said the team was able to prevail by "continuing to play our game, and our heart really helped us win that."

"This should really set the tone for next week," added Reed. "We got Menasha whose been playing good and then West De Pere — hopefully we can go take one there."

New London 28 40 — 68

Shawano 38 34 — 72

Shawano (72): Logan Sipple 0-0 18, Julian Perez 0-2 0, Michael Metcalf-Grassman 5-7 23, Jacob Landon 3-4 15, Brandon Reed 0-3 11, Deacon Carroll 1-1 5.

New London (68): Michael Helsten 0-0 2, Tyler Gerrits 0-0 13, Kyle Wisniewski 0-0 19, Jonah Schlueter 6-9 20, Ayden Kanaman 2-3 2, Brayden Fehrman 1-2 6, Ian Oberstadt 0-1 6.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Marion boys stun Bowler after big comeback

Mustangs erase 17-point deficit, remain perfect in conference

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Marion High School boys basketball team overcame a 17-point second half deficit and topped Bowler 64-63 in a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division thriller on Jan. 17 in Marion.

The furious comeback kept Marion atop the conference standings. The Mustangs are now 5-0 in CWC-North games and are the only conference team without a loss.

While Marion's comeback efforts didn't begin until about five minutes into the second half, senior Ryan Malueg said it was a halftime message that woke the team up.

"We had a coach tell us that we have to come out and we have to want it," said Malueg. "In the first half, they wanted it more than us. We had to come out and get it more. We obviously showed that we wanted it more."

"Just get rid of the first half and start a new game in the second half," said Marion's Izan Bueno. "We came out flat-footed in the first half."

Bowler led 39-30 at halftime and then scored 10 of the first 12 points in the second half to grab a 49-32 advantage.

Malueg got Marion going with a couple baskets, including a 3-pointer. Parker Miller tallied the next couple baskets to get the team back within single digits, 49-41.

After Bowler missed a free throw, Bueno hit a shot to cap a 11-0 Mustang run.

Beau Brunner stopped a six-plus-minute scoring drought for Bowler with a basket, but Marion scored the next seven points to get back within a single point. Miller and Malueg made shots before Miller converted an and-one.

Bowler appeared to settle back in after a bucket from Emmitt Kietlinski and free throw from Tristan Thiex, but a 7-0 run from Malueg alone powered Marion to a three-point lead, 57-54, with 3:06 to play.

Malueg hit back-to-back 3-pointers



Marion's Parker Miller, right, and Sam Gueths, left, battle for a loose ball with Bowler's Connor Kaquatosh, second from left, and Damian Terrio during a CWC-North battle on Jan. 17 in Marion.

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to give the hosts the lead before making a free throw.

"The first one (3-pointer) went in and then the confidence starting going up," said Malueg.

Kietlinski continued his big game with a clutch three-point play to tie things up with 2:49 to play, and then made another shot with just over two minutes to play to give Bowler the lead back. His second basket gave him 1,000 career high school points.

"It was really special," said Kietlinski of the milestone. "When you're a freshman and sophomore, you never even think about getting there, it never even really crosses your mind. Then as you get older, like the start of senior year, it gave me something to look forward to the whole year and I was excited for that."

Malueg continued his red-hot shooting with a 3-pointer to give Marion a 60-59 lead with about 1:45 to play.

Bowler's Damian Terrio scored the game's next basket, setting off a wild final minute of play.

Marion missed on the ensuing possession, but Malueg converted a

second-chance opportunity to push the Mustangs back ahead with about 40 seconds to play. Fifteen seconds later, Kietlinski scored to propel the visiting Panthers back ahead.

The hero of the game turned out to be Bueno, who hit a floater from near the free throw line with roughly 14 seconds to play.

Marion then turned away a couple Bowler opportunities in the closing seconds to finish off the entertaining contest.

"We were really hyped up thanks to the crowd and to the band, we were just really high. We're so excited to keep going and keep winning," said Bueno.

Malueg ended up hitting five 3-pointers in the contest to score a team-leading 24 points for Marion. Bueno and Miller had 13 points each, while Sam Gueths chipped in seven points.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 10-4 lead early on before Bowler took control.

Kietlinski led the Panthers' first-half charge, scoring 15 points. He finished with a game-high 26 points.

"Well, we played really well in stretches, and really well in that stretch (at the start of the second half), but then they made a really good run on us and we got really cold," said Kietlinski. "We couldn't really do anything, and they took advantage. Just a lot of missed opportunities by us."

Even though Bowler was handed its second conference loss, Kietlinski is still convinced that the Panthers can win the conference title. Bowler and Marion will match up again on Feb. 23 in the regular season finale.

Brunner also had a strong first-half showing for Bowler, scoring nine of his 11 points in the first 18 minutes.

Thiex finished with 10 points in the game, while Danian Schultz added eight and Terrio had six.

Bowler 39 24 — 63

Marion 30 34 — 64

Marion (64): Jack Van Kooy 1-4 5, Jaden Stuhr 0-0 2, Izan Bueno 0-0 13, Sam Gueths 1-2 7, Ryan Malueg 1-2 24, Parker Miller 3-3 13.

Bowler (63): Danian Schultz 0-0 8, Connor Kaquatosh 0-2 2, Emmitt Kietlinski 4-5 26, Beau Brunner 2-3 11, Tristan Thiex 2-4 10, Damian Terrio 0-1 6.

ATHLETE PROFILE: TRENTON GIBBONS

Pulaski senior one of the best wrestlers in state

The Pulaski High School wrestling team has been one of the top-ranked Division 1 teams over the past couple years. Trenton Gibbons, now a senior, is one of the wrestlers who has led the charge for the Red Raiders over that span.

Gibbons is a perfect 5-0 in Fox River Classic Conference matches this winter after landing on the all-conference first team last year. To cap his junior season, Gibbons placed second in the Division 1 182-pound weight class at state.

At the Bi-State Classic on Dec. 29-30, Gibbons placed third. His 6-1 record at the tough event was accomplished with four pins and two decisions.

Gibbons took second at the Marquette Challenge on Dec. 17 in Marquette, Michigan. He won a pair of tight decisions at the challenge.

The senior was ranked third at 182 pounds in the state in the latest version of the www.wisconsinrappler.com Division 1 rankings.

Q: When did your interest in wrestling begin?

A: My interest in wrestling started in first grade when my brother (Derek) started wrestling. I started wrestling the following year when I was in second grade.

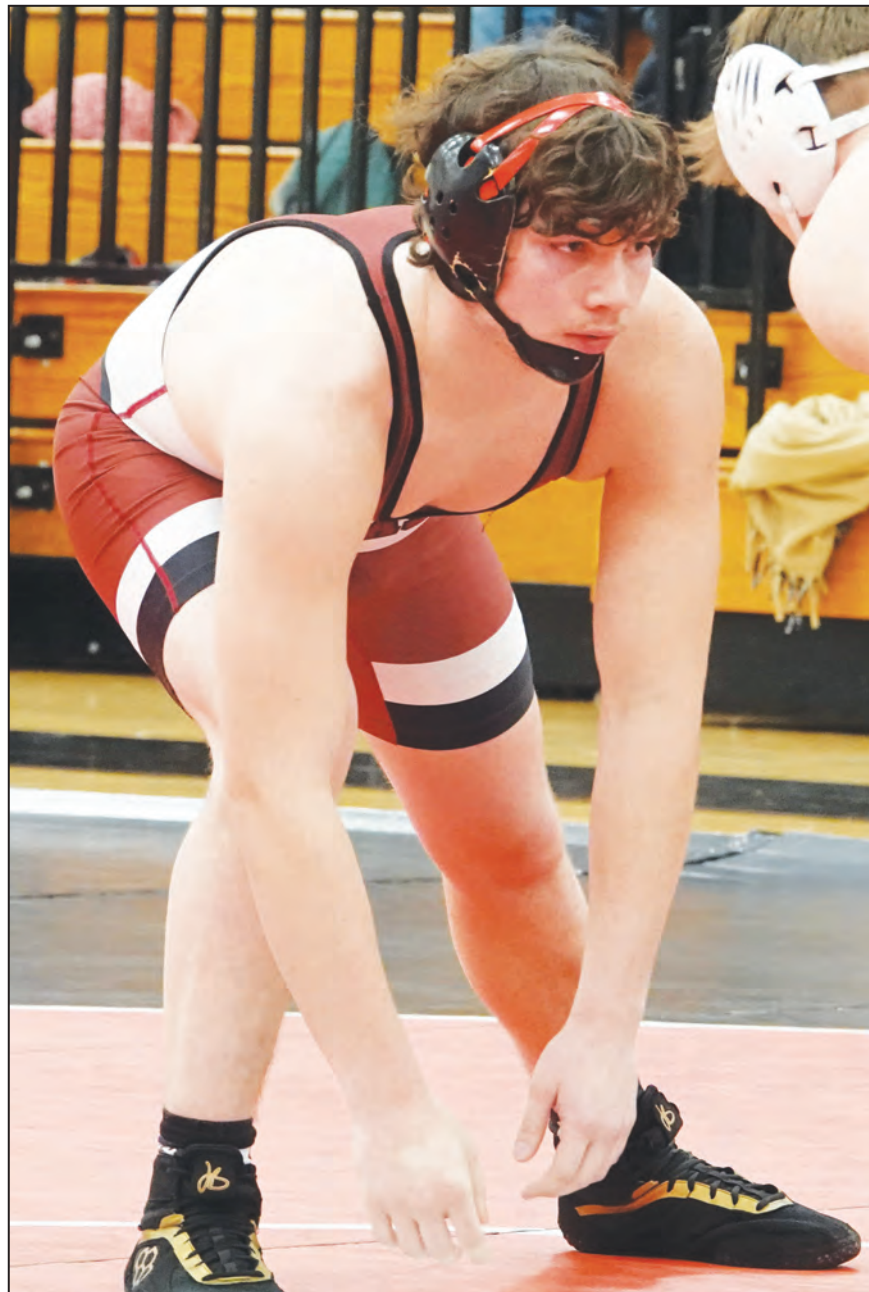
Q: What has wrestling taught you over the years?

A: Wrestling has taught me that no matter how hard things get, just always keep pushing through and never give up.

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

A: Double leg, because it's fun to pick people up.

Q: After placing second at state last year, do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish by the end of the season, and how do you plan on achieving those goals?



Pulaski's Trenton Gibbons wrestles during the team's triangular against Oconto Falls and Wittenberg-Birnamwood on Dec. 8 in Pulaski.

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A: My individual goal is to make it back to the finals at state. To achieve this goal I need to just keep working hard in practice and listen-

ing to my coaches to get better.

Q: While wrestling is primarily looked at as an individual sport, your team is also in the

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Trenton Gibbons

Sport: Wrestling

Weight class: 182 primarily, but also 195/220

School: Pulaski High School

Year: Senior

hunt for a conference title. What does the team need to keep doing over the final weeks of the regular season to secure the FRCC title?

A: As a team, we need to keep working hard in practice and doing our jobs during our dual meets.

Q: What would you consider your best strengths on the mat?

A: I think my best strength on the mat is staying calm even if I am losing and wrestling through every position and fighting for every point.

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

A: I just try to always do what's right and help them when they are wrestling.

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

A: My routine before every match is just to listen to music and I usually pace before my matches.

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

A: One of my favorite memories is winning the Pulaski invite — just all my teammates being there to support and cheer me on.

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

A: I really enjoy waterfowl hunting.

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

A: Just keep working and get a degree once I know exactly what I want to do.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: KAYSHA WILBER

Eagles' senior helps in every aspect on court

The Menominee Indian High School girls basketball team already has earned more wins in Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division play than it did a season ago. Senior Kaysha Wilber is a big part of the team's improvement.

Wilber is averaging double digits as a scorer this winter.

She opened up the season by scoring in double figures in the first four games. Wilber had 18 points in a season-opening game against Oconto and then tallied 17 in a contest against Oconto Falls.

The senior has scored in double digits in six games since then, with a 21-point showing against Amherst and 31-point performance against Weyauwega-Fremont.

She's hit multiple 3-pointers in a game on seven occasions, with four triples against Amherst and Weyauwega-Fremont.

The senior also leads the team in rebounds per contest. Wilber had a season-high 13 boards against Marion and followed that up with 12 rebounds against Crandon and 11 more against Wabeno/Laona.

Wilber has the most steals on the team and is second in assists.

The senior had eight steals against Marion and seven against Weyauwega-Fremont. Her top assist game with a five-assist performance against Pacelli early in the season.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: Elementary school.

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

A: Keep working hard to be better.

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

A: Euro.

Q: Do you have any individual

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Kaysha Wilber

Sport: Girls basketball

Position: Guard, point guard

School: Menominee Indian High School

Year: Senior

goals you hope to accomplish by the end of the season, and how do you plan on achieving those goals?

A: I want to start taking more mid-range shots. Getting to the gym and putting up those shots will help me achieve that goal.

Q: Heading into the latter half of the season, what are some areas in which the team wants to improve in?

A: We want to improve on boxing out.

Q: Your team is in the thick of the CWC-East title hunt after finishing near the bottom of the conference a season ago. What's changed for the team this season to have that improvement in conference play?

A: We work hard at practices. We watch film and study on the teams we are playing.

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

A: No.

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

A: Beating the teams that always blew us out.

Q: Favorite movie and TV show?

A: Movie — "Shrek." TV show — "Greys Anatomy."

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

A: I want to go to college for nursing.



Menominee Indian's Kaysha Wilber holds the ball and looks for an open teammate during a nonconference matchup against Oconto Falls on Nov. 17 in Oconto Falls. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA



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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Oconto Falls boys fall against Lux-Casco

Panthers' late comeback comes up short

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School boys basketball team had a valiant comeback effort come up a little bit short in a 77-64 North Eastern Conference loss to Luxemburg-Casco on Jan. 20 in Oconto Falls.

Slow starts to each half had the Panthers playing from behind all night. Oconto Falls trailed by around 20 points for much of the second half and were down 67-43 with under nine minutes to play, but the hosts whittled that deficit down to nine eventually, and might have come even closer had it not been for some ill-timed infractions.

After falling behind 67-43, Alex Haines got Oconto Falls going with a free throw before Caden Birr hit a shot.

After a Lux-Casco basket, Oconto Falls scored nine unanswered points. Carter Hill hit two shots before a 3-pointer and a pair of free throws from Birr.

Hill had another basket sandwiched between two field goals from the visitors, making it a 15-point contest with about 4:20 to play.

Oconto Falls continued to apply heavy pressure on defense and then attack the rim on offense, and scored six straight points to trim it to a nine-point game with two minutes to play still. Hill hit another shot before Haines made back-to-back buckets.

Unfortunately for the Panthers, that's where the comeback effort stopped. Oconto Falls was tagged with a pair of technical fouls in a 32-second span, which took away all the team's momentum, and allowed Lux-Casco to push its lead back up to 12. The hosts didn't score after the technical fouls were assessed.

"It's tough losing a lot of games, especially at home. It was a big night (including parent's night, a fan giveaway and a cancer collection) — we didn't want it to be a 20-point blowout like that," said Oconto Falls' Kody Vorpahl of the team's comeback effort. "It gave us all the heart for us to kind of battle back there towards the end there, get



Oconto Falls' Carter Hill, right, follows through on a shot during a North Eastern Conference game against Luxemburg-Casco on Jan. 20 in Oconto Falls.

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Oconto Falls' Alex Haines locks in on defense during a conference clash against Luxemburg-Casco on Jan. 20 in Oconto Falls.

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it a close game. The two techs at the end ruined the whole momentum, but otherwise the fans, student section gave us the energy to keep playing, keep playing for each other."

In what's been a tough year for

the team, which has its senior players playing under their fourth different head coach in four years, Haines called the comeback effort "progress."

"We're working towards next year," said Haines, a junior. "Those

young guys are starting to get good and stuff is starting to come together. I'm looking forward to next year and seeing what we can come to."

Haines was the Panthers' top scorer on the night with 19 points. His 10 points paced the team in the first half and kept Lux-Casco from getting too far ahead. Vorpahl scored eight of his 10 points in the opening half to also help out.

Haines and Vorpahl each hit free throws in the early going, but the team's first field goal didn't come until about four minutes into the game when Braden Vandermoss converted a fastbreak chance. By then, the visitors already had an 11-5 advantage. A couple more 3-pointers made it 17-5.

Oconto Falls finally got going offensively with a 6-0 run. Haines and Vorpahl made shots before Vorpahl hit two free throws.

Vorpahl also made the team's next shot, but by the time the Panthers scored again, the visiting Spartans were up 20 points, 34-14.

"I think we just get lazy on defense, that's really all it is," said Vorpahl. "We focus a lot on scoring on offense and kind of are out of breath on the defensive end, don't want to work as hard, don't want to rebound. That's what really kills us ..."

Vorpahl hit a free throw to halt the Lux-Casco run, and Haines followed with a 3-pointer. Vandermoss later scored on a fastbreak, while Hill and Haines combined for four free throws to help the team go into halftime down just 13, 36-23.

Things spiraled out of control quickly in the second half though, as Lux-Casco scored on its first four possessions to go ahead 47-23. The teams then traded baskets for the next several minutes before Oconto Falls went on its strong run in the final eight minutes.

Hill and Birr joined Haines and Vorpahl in double figures with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Vandermoss was the only other Panther to score, finishing with six points.

Lux-Casco 36 41 — 77

Oconto Falls 23 41 — 64

Lux-Casco (77): Braeden Schley 1-2 3, Joshua Parins 0-0 8, Chase Bukouricz 5-6 18, Jack Rollin 3-6 17, Lance Cherovsky 0-1 8, Ethan Vandenhousten 1-2 7, Caleb Blohowiak 0-2 16.

Oconto Falls (64): Alex Haines 8-11 19, Braden Vandermoss 0-0 6, Kody Vorpahl 4-6 10, Caden Birr 3-4 14, Carter Hill 1-2 15.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano High School graduate Tori DePerry had a memorable week on the court and helped the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team to a pair of wins.



TORI DEPERY

In a win over Ferris State on Jan. 19, DePerry posted 22 points, nine rebounds, one assist and one steal across 31 minutes.

DePerry had 14 points, four boards, three assists and one block across 26 minutes in a victory over Lake Superior State on Jan. 21. She reached 1,000 points for her college career on a layup early in the contest.

UW-Stevens Point

Oconto Falls grad Joe Adams, Menominee Indian grad Guadalupe Corn and Pulaski grad Lindsey Jossie all competed for the UW-Stevens Point track and field teams during a triangular on Jan. 21.

Corn competed in the women's shot put (12.84 meters) and weight throw (13.18 meters), placing third and 12th, respectively. Jossie placed eighth in the women's long jump (4.55 meters) and 60 hurdles (10.95 seconds).

Adams ran in the men's 1-mile, taking 36th in 4:44.09.

Oconto Falls grad Graeson Pankratz wrestled a couple times for UW-Stevens Point last week.

Pankratz picked up a forfeit win in the team's win over Carthage on Jan. 19. He wrestled in two extra matches against UW-Whitewater on Jan. 20, losing by major decision and decision.

Pulaski grads T.J. Shaw and Gracie Mihalski each swam in multiple events for the UWSP swim teams during the Point Invite on Jan. 20-21.

Shaw placed 12th in the men's 200 freestyle with a time of 1:56.19. He was also on the seventh-place finishing 400 freestyle relay (3:28.13) and ninth-place finishing 200 medley relay (1:47.9).

Mihalski took 13th in the women's 50 freestyle (27.62). She was on the ninth-place finishing 200 medley relay (2:05.08) and 11th-place finishing 400 freestyle relay (4:12.58).

St. Martin's University

Gresham graduate Christian Haffner helped the St. Martin's men's basketball team to a pair of wins last week.

In a win over Alaska Fairbanks on Jan. 19, Haffner played 12 minutes, tallying three points, one rebound and one assist.

Haffner totaled 17 points, three boards and four assists in a victory over Alaska Anchorage on Jan. 21. Five of his six field goals made were 3-pointers.

Ripon College

Gillett grad Angela Mosconi ran in the 3,000-meter run for the Ripon women's track and field team at the Red Hawk Opener on Jan. 21.

Mosconi placed seventh in the event with a time of 11:59.2.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Lauren Bahr competed in three events for the Ripon women's swim team in a dual against St. Norbert on Jan. 21.

Bahr placed third in the 50 free-style (27.09) and fourth in the 100 backstroke (1:07.11). She was on the third-place finishing 200 medley relay team (2:10).

Cardinal Stritch University

Gillett graduate Aubrey DeBauch continued to produce for the Cardinal Stritch women's basketball team last week across two games.

In a loss to UW-Parkside on Jan. 16, DeBauch played 23 minutes, tallying four points, seven rebounds and two steals. DeBauch then had six points, six boards, one block, one assist and one steal across 27 minutes in a loss to Trinity Christian on Jan. 18.

UW-Green Bay

Witt-Birn grad McKenna Metropulos has several strong finishes while swimming for the UW-Green Bay women's team during a dual against Northern Michigan on Jan. 20.



MCKENNA METROPULOS

Metropulos placed second individually in the 100 butterfly (1:00.54) and 100 freestyle (53.56). She was on the second-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:40.42) and third-place finishing 400 medley relay (4:01.31).

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski graduate Jasmine Litt dished out an assist in her minute on the court during the St. Cloud State women's basketball team's win over Sioux Falls on Jan. 21.

Litt has now played in 17 games this season.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bonduel grad Kara Troxel started and helped the Wisconsin Lutheran College women's basketball team to two wins last week.

Troxel posted 14 points, one rebound and one assist across 16 minutes played in the team's win over Marian on Jan. 18. She totaled seven points, four boards and one assist in 24 minutes against Concordia Chicago on Jan. 21.

Bonduel grad Carson Robaidek played four minutes in the WLC men's basketball team's win over Finlandia on Jan. 18. He grabbed a pair of rebounds while on the court.

St. Norbert College

Lena graduate Kennedy Marquardt and Oconto Falls graduate Emily Gonnering both represented the St. Norbert women's track and field team at two different events last week.

Marquardt ran on the 4x400 relay team that placed seventh in 4 minutes, 13.94 seconds at the Gladstein Invitational on Jan. 20-21.

Gonnering placed third in the weight throw with a toss of 12.59 meters and was sixth in the weight throw with a mark of 9.58 meters at the Lake Michigan Open on Jan. 21.

UW-Parkside

Pulaski grad Sheridan Flauger and the UW-Parkside women's basketball team won two games last week.

Flauger recorded 18 points, six rebounds, three steals, one block and one assist across 33 minutes in a win over Cardinal Stritch on Jan. 16. In 34 minutes and a tight win over Purdue Northwest on Jan. 21, Flauger contributed seven points, four boards, two assists and one steal.

Concordia University

Bonduel graduate Kalleigh Schroeder turned in a third-place finish in the long jump while representing the Concordia women's track and field team at the Karl Schlender Invitational on Jan. 21.

Schroeder earned her finish with a top jump of 4.78 meters.

Shawano grad Rachel Reed played 12 minutes in the Concordia women's basketball team's loss to St. Norbert on Jan. 18.

She grabbed a rebound and dished out an assist during her time on the court.

UW-Eau Claire

Suring grad Mitch Stegeman, Oconto Falls grad Autumn Canavera and Gillett grad Ryann Wagner all

competed for the UW-Eau Claire track and field teams during a triangular on Jan. 21.

Stegeman finished second in the men's 60 hurdles (8.61 seconds) and eighth in the high jump (1.9 meters).

Canavera ran in the women's 1-mile, taking eighth in 5:30.5. Wagner came in 32nd in the 1-mile run with a mark of 6:10.05.

University of Dubuque

Pulaski graduate Aaron Hawpetoss took part in two events for the Dubuque men's track and field team during the Moco Mercer Open on Jan. 21.

Hawpetoss placed 16th in the shot put with a top throw of 11.75 meters. He did not record a distance in the weight throw.

UW-Milwaukee

Shawano grad Isabel Roloff had a strong day of competition for the UW-Milwaukee women's track and field team at the John Tierney Classic on Jan. 21.

Roloff placed second in the 60-meter dash (7.82 seconds) and pole vault (3.3 meters). She took seventh in the 200 dash (27.37 seconds).

Bemidji State University

Shawano graduate Brooke Theis played double-digit minutes in both of the Bemidji State women's basketball team's games last week.

Across 13 minutes and a loss to Wayne State on Jan. 20, Theis posted two blocks and a rebound. Theis had three points, two steals and a block across 12 minutes during a loss to Augustana on Jan. 21.

Grand Canyon University

Witt-Birn grad Wyatt Dickman earned three top-five finishes while swimming for the Grand Canyon men's team during a triangular on Jan. 21.

Dickman placed third in the 400 IM (4:07.84) and was fifth in the 100 breaststroke (56.89) and 200 breaststroke (2:06.65).

UW-Platteville

Pulaski graduates Kayla Lipsey and Eian Ziemer each competed for the UW-Platteville track and field teams during a triangular on Jan. 21.

Lipsey earned third in the women's 60 hurdles (9.62 seconds), sixth in the long jump (4.76 meters) and eighth in the 200 dash (27.68 seconds).

Ziemer ran in the men's 60 (7.71) and 200 (24.98), placing 12th and 18th, respectively.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Joe Guenther named Shawano head coach

Pending formal approval, Dr. Joe Guenther will be the new head track and field coach at Shawano Community High School in the 2023 season.

Guenther replaces Erin Cornelius, who resigned after the conclusion of the 2022 season.

Guenther is a familiar face to the Hawks track and field program. He's been an assistant coach in the program since 2019, being primarily responsible for coaching the distance and middle-distance runners and relays. This past fall, he was the head coach of the Shawano Community Middle School cross-country program. He has also coordinated the Brener Running Club and the Shawano Summer Running Club since 2015.

"I am happy to continue help-



JOE GUENTHER

ing the Shawano track and field program in any way possible," said Guenther. "Going out for track as a freshman in high school was life-changing for me. I found a sport where everyone has a chance to participate. It's a sport where it was possible for someone to work hard in practices and then get the chance to prove themselves in the meets."

"We are excited to promote coach Guenther to the position of head track coach," said SCHS Activities Director Joel Wondra.

"Joe is a student-centered coach, and he is a great role-model for our student-athletes to learn from. We believe our athletes will have a great experience competing on a team coached by coach Guenther."

Guenther has experienced firsthand the powerful impact that interscholastic athletics can have on a young person.

"Running is a sport that teaches patience and the importance of hard work that allows us to achieve amazing things," said Guenther. "Learning to push myself on a track helped me excel in the classroom, and helped me develop skills that got me through college and medical school."

Guenther believes that the sport of track has something to offer for

any athlete.

"Track can be someone's passion and primary sport, or it can be complimentary to other sports. Athletes can develop greater speed and power through field and sprinting events and build endurance in distance events," said Guenther. "There really is a place for everyone. Working as a part of a team helps people push themselves harder, and is more fun than training alone. My hope is that we can get more kids involved and give them opportunities to discover what they are capable of."

Track practice begins on March 6, and Guenther is already working to finalize the team schedule and develop training plans with his assistant coaches for the season.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Shawano boys 8th, Oconto Falls 11th at invitational

Area girls wrestlers shine in Wausau

By **MORGAN RODE**
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Area wrestling teams and individuals turned in strong results across the state on Jan. 21.

Shawano and Oconto Falls sent boys teams to Sheboygan for the Herb Tyler Invitational. The Hawks took eighth place, while Oconto Falls was 11th.

Bonduel, Pulaski, Suring/Gillett and Oconto Falls all had girls place at the Wisconsin Challenge Series in Wausau.

Shawano

The Shawano boys accumulated 95 points to earn its eighth-place finish at the Herb Tyler Invitational.

Drake Herm and Caden Young led the team with second-place finishes at 138 and 170 pounds, respectively.

Herm won by pin in his first

match before two decision wins. He was defeated by major decision in the first-place match.

Young pinned his first opponent and then won by major decision. He was topped 5-3 in the title match.

Carson Herm (152) placed third for Shawano after going 3-1 on the day. All of his wins were by pin. Dane Hodkiewicz (106) placed fifth for the Hawks with a 4-1 record.

Three Shawano girls placed in the top six in Wausau.

Hatty Fritz (235) took third with a 3-1 record, with all three wins by pin.

Onna Hermann (120) had three pins on her way to a 3-2 record and fourth-place finish. Piper Novitski (138) went 2-2 to take sixth.

Oconto Falls

Garrett Ganter (106) and Cole Bozile (132) each placed first in their respective weight classes to help the Oconto Falls boys team earn 77 points for its 11th-place finish.

Ganter opened his day with two major decision wins before a pin in 3 minutes, 21 seconds in the first-

place match.

Cole Bozile pinned his first three opponents before claiming a 9-0 major decision win in the first-place match.

Hunter Bozile (126) was the third and final Panther to place at the invitational, coming in fifth. He won three decisions and by pin after dropping his opening match.

Taylor Whiting (107) was one of three girls competing in Wausau, and finished first in her weight class.

Whiting won three matches by pin and the other by technical fall.

Bonduel

All three Bonduel girls that competed placed in the top five.

Maddy Sokolski (138) won her weight class with a 4-0 mark. Three wins came by pin, with the other by decision.

Kaitlyn Kroening (100) went 3-1 to take fifth. Two wins came by pin, while the other was by major decision.

Hailey Berg (120) posted a 2-2 mark to claim sixth place. Her wins came by pin and decision.

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Pulaski

Twelve Pulaski girls were in action in Wausau, with fifth placing.

Leah Kapla (126) and Marna Andre (235) each placed second for the Red Raiders.

Kapla won two matches by pin and another by decision before being pinned in the first-place match. Andre went 2-1, with all three matches ending in pin.

Noelle Manning (165) and Ellie Neosh (185) each placed sixth. Manning's two wins were by decision, while Neosh had a pin.

Ellie Nygren (126) placed eighth, also pinning an opponent on the day.

Suring/Gillett

Two of the three Suring/Gillett girls competing in Wausau placed.

Shylah Hisey (165) came in fourth with a 1-2 mark. Her win was by pin.

Parker Zahn (145) took sixth with a 2-2 record, with both wins by pin.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gresham 55

Menominee Indian 44

Gresham pulled away in the second half to pick up a Central Wisconsin Conference crossover win over Menominee Indian on Jan. 17 in Gresham. The Wildcats outscored the Eagles 29-20 in the final 18 minutes of play.

Maddie Haffner knocked down seven field goals and four free throws to score 20 points for Gresham. Janay Pecore-Kirkland added 10 points.

Chloe Bohl and Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes each chipped in six points for the Wildcats.

Mariah Fish led Menominee Indian with 16 points. Emma Komaneikin hit three 3-pointers to finish with nine points, while Ashlee Corn had eight points.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bonduel 59

Witt-Birn 48

Bonduel knocked off Wittenberg-Birnamwood in a CWC-East clash on Jan. 20 in Bonduel.

Ryan Westrich led a quartet of Bonduel players in double figures with 15 points. Noah Weier added 13 points.

Charlie Tauchen chipped in 11 points for the Bears, while Colin Margelofsky hit three 3-pointers and finished with 10 points.



Gresham's Jessa Jensen, left, looks for an open teammate while being defended by Menominee Indian's Lena Waukau during a CWC crossover game on Jan. 17 in Gresham.

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Michael Miller tallied 12 points to lead Witt-Birn offensively. Oliver Fraaza added 11 points, while Mason Meverden had 10.

Tigerton 53

Bowler 46

Tigerton outscored Bowler 30-23 in the second half to claim a CWC-North clash on Jan. 20 in Tigerton.

Colby Wanta tallied 17 points, 10 steals and three assists to lead Tigerton. Ryder Graham had 12 points.

Asher Michaelis chipped in seven

points, eight boards and four assists for the Tigers. Sam Anheuser and Joey Zimdars each scored six points.

Gillett 64

Suring 32

Gillett doubled up Suring in a Marinette & Oconto Conference clash on Jan. 17 in Suring.

Jesse DeBauch converted 11 field goals and scored 25 points for Gillett. Austin VandeCorput tallied 13 points, while Tyler Frank had 11.

Ashtyn Edwards led Suring

High team scratch games: Golfside 762, Farmall Fanatics 730, Brother's 677.

High individual scratch games: Brad Weisnicht 287, Jeff Arndt 268, Carson Malueg 268, Dave Hackbarth 267, Mark Schachtschneide 267, Brian Schultz 259, Jeremy Pederson 256, Dave Druckrey 247, Zack Ruehle 246, Todd Schertz 246.

High team scratch series: Golfside 2,063, Farmall Fanatics 2,001, Brother's 1,977.

High individual scratch series: Carson Malueg 754, Brad Weisnicht 730, Mark Schachtschneide 723, Jeremy Pederson 720, Brian Schultz 715, Todd Schertz 694, Jeff Arndt 649, Dave Druckrey 644, Don Pedersen 643, Zack Ruehle 639.

Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Rightway Propane	34	18
Schairer Farms	31	21
Stadler Farms	21	31
M and J Harvesting	18	34

High team scratch games: Schairer Farms 604, Rightway Propane 563, Stadler Farms 555.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 204, Susan Zeinert 169, Tricia Schairer 166, Darcy Hille

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with 12 points. Trent VanDenElzen chipped in seven points.

Menominee Indian 74

Bonduel 66

Menominee Indian outscored Bonduel 45-35 in the second half to claim a CWC-East battle on Jan. 17 in Keshena.

Isaiah Moss hit nine shots and five free throws to score 24 points for Menominee Indian. Lloyd Reevis buried five 3-pointers and had 23 points.

Kenehsaeh Waukau contributed 14 points for the Eagles, while Barron Waupoose tallied nine points.

Bonduel was paced by Cade Johnson, who made three 3-pointers and scored 19 total points. Ryan Westrich had 14 points, while Noah Weier had 12. Charlie Tauchen chipped in seven points, while Brodie Hartmann and Race Anvelink had six points each.

Niagara 61

Lena 50

A 40-point second half wasn't enough for Lena in an M&O setback to Niagara on Jan. 17 in Lena.

Reed Hosking led Lena with 15 points, while Anthony Seefeldt tallied 10 and Mason Spice nine. Spice made three 3-point baskets.

Logan Graef tallied eight points for the Wildcats. Caleb Schlosser added seven points.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Chet and Emil's	10	6
Banner Banks	10	6
Cady Home	7	9
Star Campsite	5	11

High team handicap games: Cady Home 748, Chet and Emil's 711, Banner Banks 709.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 213, Jen Duranceau 205, Tracy Anderson 191, Alicia Schinzel 177, Christy Clark 166, Cindy Mortenson 159.

High team handicap series: Cady Home 2,074, Chet and Emil's 2,072, Banner Banks 2,053.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 587, Jen Duranceau 532, Tracy Anderson 516, Christy Clark 468, Alicia Schinzel 466, Cindy Mortenson 426.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Clark Construction	9	3
Chet and Emil's	8	4
Kautza Excavating	7	5

White Insurance	7	5
Schmidt Schulta	4	8

High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,080, Kautza Excavating 1,000, Clark Construction 1,000.

High individual scratch games: Jeremy Praslowicz 280, Brian Rew 279, Jared Szews 266.

High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 3,010, Clark Construction 2,833, Kautza Excavating 2,821.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 747, Doug Kunst 654, Dan Rew 641.

Lakeshore Masters — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Golfside	112	32
Farmall Fanatics	100 1/2	43 1/2
Dearco Distributors	84	60
Brother's	82 1/2	61 1/2
Launching Pad	76 1/2	67 1/2
Bamboo	69	75
Lakeshore Lanes	66	78
Northern Advantage	64 1/2	79 1/2
Full Service Tents	54	90
Pin Pricks	54	90
Rosie's Railway	52	92
Shawano Auto Sales	49	95

162, Carol Schairer 162.

High team scratch series: Schairer Farms 1,758, Rightway Propane 1,674, Stadler Farms 1,600.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 567, Susan Zeinert 466, Darcy Hille 458, Tricia Schairer 450.

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
Karcz Lending	9	3
Kropf's Meat	9	3
CWAA	8	4
TLC Auto Body	6	6
Kessen Auto Body	6	6
Chet and Emil's	5	7
Rew Motors	3	9
S and M Tool	2	10

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,138, Karcz Lending 1,090, CWAA 1,011.

High individual scratch games: Dave Schmidt 254, Brandon Trzebiatowski 244, Tyler Krull 233.

High team scratch series: Karcz Lending 3,051, S and M Tool 3,015, CWAA 2,854.

High individual scratch series: Adam Karcz 809, Stephan Miller 623, Doug Kunst 612.

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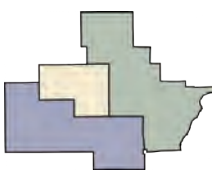
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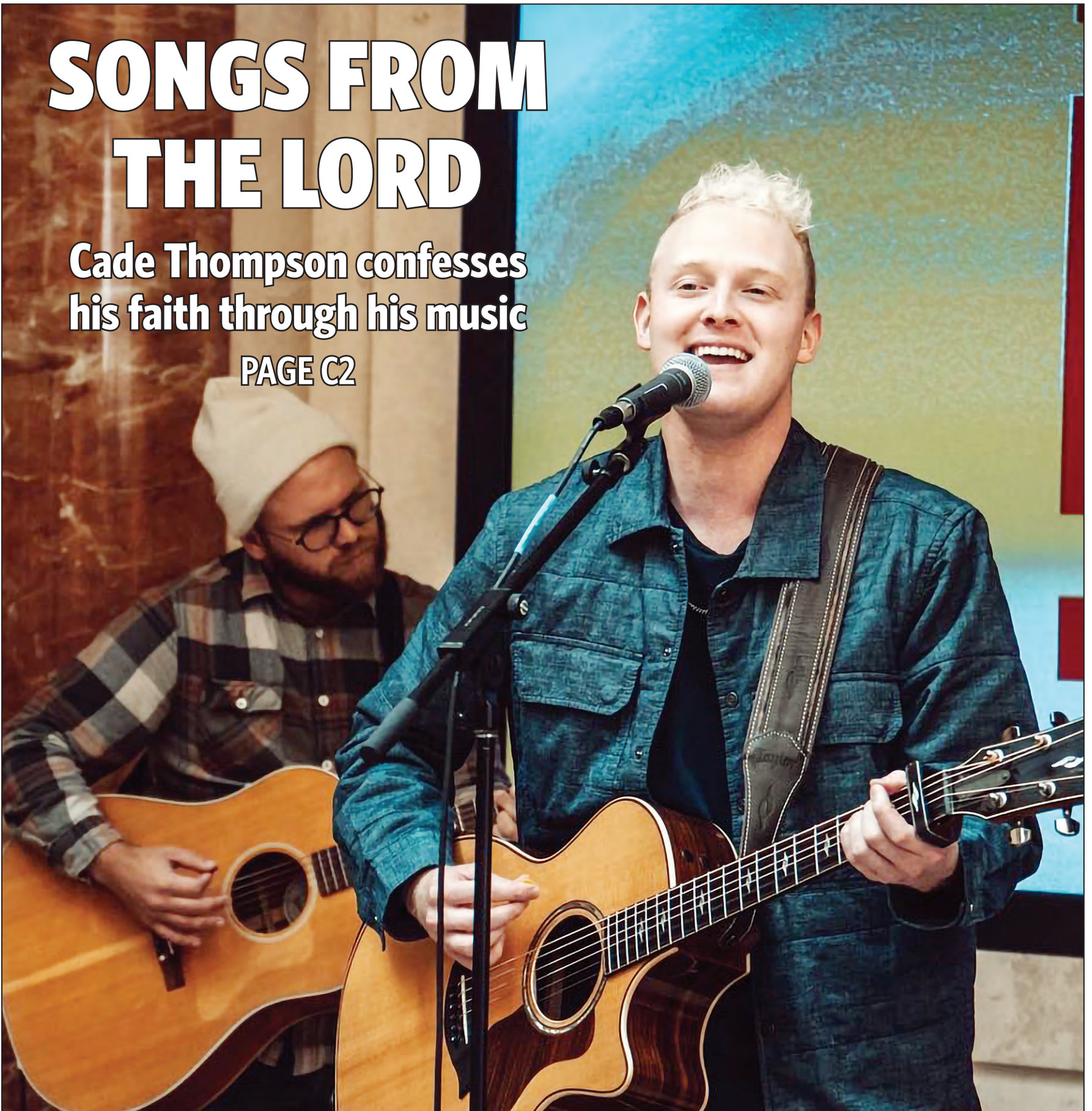
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SONGS FROM THE LORD

Cade Thompson confesses
his faith through his music

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Cade Thompson, shown in a performance in 2022, will bring his contemporary Christian music ministry to Sacred Heart Catholic School on Feb. 3 for a private concert in celebration of National Catholic Schools Week.

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Music keeps singer grounded with God

Cade Thompson to perform at Sacred Heart in February, inspire others to keep faith

Anyone curious about how deep Cade Thompson's relationship with God goes can find out with the latest single he released on Jan. 20, titled "Empty Room."

That song, along many of the other ones that the contemporary Christian music artist has in his repertoire, will be performed in a private concert Feb. 3 at Sacred Heart Catholic School in celebration of National Catholic Schools Week. Thompson will be making a return trip to Wisconsin later in the month as he performs at the Grand Theater, 401 N. Fourth St., Wausau, at 7 p.m. Feb. 26.

For Thompson, the music is more than his passion. It's his ministry.

Thompson spent his early years in Missouri, and he recalled how the church was very much his world.

"I grew up listening to Christian radio and Christian music, and I think, at an early age, I saw the power of Christian music," Thompson said. "At a young age, it was putting these truths into my life and pointing me to Jesus where I really came to know Him and my faith became real."

Thompson became active in his youth worship team during his middle school years, which helped set his mind toward music as a ministry. He noted that music alone can be powerful, but using it in league with preaching the Gospel can lead to life changes.

"I just started to write songs out of scripture, and I had no idea what I was doing," Thompson said. "I was just trying to stay faithful in those moments, and I saw later that those songs could touch people in a very special way. That's what led me to write music, and that's what led me to write Christmas music, specifically."

He added that he never takes it for granted when he steps onto a stage or interacts with an audience.

Thompson described his music as an "upbeat, energetic style" and he tries to use the stories of his life to explain that God is everywhere.

"I have had the awesome opportunity to be touring and traveling since I was 16 years old," Thompson said. "Therefore, I've gotten to meet a lot of people and heard a lot of different stories. That's what really inspires the music I make, seeing how God is in the middle of it all. That's why I'm excited to be with my friends in Wisconsin to share those stories."

"Sometimes you just need that extra push to know that you're making an

impact out there. Every night, it seems like there's a new story about how God is working, and that's how I keep on going."

There can be different energy in different settings, according to Thompson, like what kind of reaction he'll get from Sacred Heart students versus the audience when he visits Wausau a few weeks later.

"I believe every venue is so special and something that's so near and dear to my heart," Thompson said. "I was raised in a public school setting, and I saw the power of being a light to my friends."

In "Empty Room," Thompson talks about how God takes the emptiness and turns it into a "holy place" where he can be inspired to create. He notes that the "stage and lights" was not the ultimate goal of his Lord, but that his heart was made good by his work.

"It's a really special song about getting back to being a special place with God," Thompson said. "Me and my middle school years, writing music in my empty room, shaped a lot of my heartbeat that led me into my high school years, where I found my foundation to be a light that led me to moving to Nashville, Tennessee, when I was 18 years old and signing a record deal. It started me with in the empty room."

Thompson signed a deal in 2019 with Red Street Records, an independent label founded by Jay Marcus, one of the members of Rascal Flatts. In February 2020, he was on a roll with his first single, "Provider," and starting to tour before the COVID-19 pandemic brought the dream to a halt.

"It was pretty wild," Thompson said. "I was writing a lot of songs, and I was so excited when I put my first song out to radio in February 2020. I had no idea, of course, that a month later COVID would hit. It was wild to be touring and then, in a moment, everything stops."

Thompson said he went back home for a few months to regroup, but it wasn't long before he was back in Nashville, finishing up his debut record, "Bigger Story," which came out in September 2021. That album includes the song "Every Step of the Way," which earned Thompson his first Top 20 Billboard single.

"It's really special because a lot of the songs on that first record I had written in 2019 before the pandemic, and I never knew that I would need some of those messages personally ...

during those dark times."

Thompson is working on his second album, which will be coming out April 14, and that will include "Empty Room" and several other singles he has released recently.

The up-and-coming singer-songwriter has high hopes for the future now that the dark times of the pandemic seem very far behind.

"I really hope to be part of the next wave of Christian music," Thompson said. "I hope to be someone who can reach people in the future the way others reached me at a young age. Wherever the Lord takes me, I'm ready."

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Cade Thompson has always heard the song of the Lord in his heart, and he has turned the inspiration into one successful contemporary Christian album with a second one due out in the spring.

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The cast of "White Christmas" gathers onstage at the Nancy Byng Community Theater in Abrams. Abrams Spotlight Productions presented nine sold-out shows of "White Christmas" in December and is gearing up for its 20th season, starting with "Gypsy" March 16-19 and March 23-26.

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Abrams theater announces 20th season

Theater trying to increase sponsors to raise \$30K for roof renovation project

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. will present two musicals and an original comedy in its 20th anniversary season.

The ASPI season opens with the musical "Gypsy" March 16-19 and March 23-26. "Gypsy" is the tale of an ambitious stage mother fighting for her daughters' success, while secretly yearning for her own. Tickets are on sale now at www.abramstheater.com or by calling the box office, 920-826-5852.

ASPI also seeks volunteers to construct sets, sew costumes, work backstage and fulfill other roles. To volunteer, contact the box office.

"Lustful Youth," a two-act comedy written by Mike Eserkahn, will be performed June 8-11 and June 15-18. A fast-paced farce, "Lustful Youth" tells the story of a television statistician who is contractually obligated to write an evening soap opera. With the help of his muse, he pieces together an out-of-control romp known as "Lustful Youth." Eserkahn, the artistic director of Comedy City in De Pere, is an ASPI performer and director.

In the final show of 2023, youth will be the featured performers in the musical "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.," scheduled Nov. 30, Dec. 1-3 and

Dec. 7-10. The show takes the audience on a fantastic musical adventure with a magical car.

Season tickets for the 2023 shows are now available at www.abramstheater.com or 920-826-5852. All performances take place at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Abrams.

ASPI has an exciting goal for its 20th season. By the end of 2023, ASPI seeks to obtain 100 new Spotlight Sponsors: Silver (\$100), Gold (\$250), Platinum (\$500), or Corporate (\$950 per show). With the help of its sponsors, the theater hopes to raise over \$30,000 for a new roof for its facility,

a 100-year-old former church.

All sponsors receive early access to tickets and recognition in show programs. Gold and Platinum sponsors receive two or four tickets, respectively, to each show. To become a Spotlight Sponsor with a tax-deductible donation, visit www.abramstheater.com and click "Support."

Formerly St. Louis Catholic Church, the theater is available for community events, family gatherings, and weddings. For information, call 920-826-5852, email theater.aspi@gmail.com or visit www.abramsspotlightproductions.com.

Pileated woodpecker enlivens winter landscape

Our suet feeder has a new guest, a pileated woodpecker. This is a surprise as we normally see and hear this bird working away at our old apple tree or one of the nearby utility poles and filling the yard with its determined drilling as it chisels away at old wood.

The bird cuts a dashing figure with its bright red crest and three white stripes on its neck that set off the black feathers of its wings and back. The male has a red cheek stripe which the female lacks. This woodpecker is large, nearly the size of a crow, hard to miss if it is in your neighborhood.



CATHY CARNES

According to "What's it Like to Be a Bird" by David Allen Sibley, these woodpeckers are engineered for a life of climbing, drilling and probing to find food in old trees. You've likely seen the long, rectangular holes carved by this woodpecker. Its excavations are made by strong blows from its stout bill delivered by a long flexible neck that puts real force into the drilling — think about wielding a hammer to pound a stubborn nail.

The toes, arranged with two facing forward and two back, allow it to tightly grip tree bark. Its stiff tail acts as a prop, holding its body out from the tree trunk. Those tree-burrowing insects haven't much of a chance when pursued by this well-equipped woodpecker.

While its long, stout bill is an excellent excavating tool, its very long and flexible tongue is what's used to seek out and procure food. The tip of the tongue is barbed, sticky and so flexible that it can follow twisting tunnels in which it traps prey against the walls and pries them from their hiding places deep within the tree.

According to the The Cornell Lab All About Birds (AAB) website, the pileated woodpecker's favored meal is carpenter ants. They also eat other ants, beetle larvae, termites, flies, spruce budworm, caterpillars, cockroaches and grasshoppers. Wild fruits and nuts are on their menu when available including hackberries, blackberries, sumac berries, poison ivy, holly, dogwood, crabapples and elderberry. Occasionally, they



A female pileated woodpecker, identifiable by not having a red stripe on its cheek, is shown excavating a cavity in search of insects in a mature tree in Manitowoc.

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We love hearing the call of the pileated woodpecker — its loud, high wuk-wuk-wuk notes rise in pitch and speed, then quickly fade to a sudden stop. According to the AAB website, this call indicates alarm or can draw attention to a territorial boundary. We're happy to think that our yard may be part of a well-guarded pileated woodpecker territory.

In addition to hearing their calls, you may also hear their drumming. According to Sibley, woodpeckers drum on trees to communicate. The pileated's slow, rolling drumming lasts about 3 seconds. In late winter, males drum to establish and defend a territory. Both sexes drum as part of their courtship rituals and either sex may drum to solicit mating, to call a mate or when there is an intruder near a nest. Listen for the drumming come late winter and spring.

According to the AAB website, pileated woodpecker pairs are faithful, staying together on their territory all year-round. They typically excavate their nest cavity in large dead trees. The entrance is rectangular in shape and the cavity from 10-24 inches deep and lined with wood chips, making a secure, cozy home for the one brood of three to five young they raise per year.

Pileated woodpeckers can be found year-round in most of the eastern United States, southern Canada, the Rocky Mountains of Idaho and in some of the Pacific Northwest. They inhabit a variety of mature deciduous or mixed deciduous woodlands across the country — including the majestic western hemlock stands of the Northwest, beech and maple forests of New England and cypress swamps of the Southeast. They also make their homes in woodland patches and large trees found in and around sub-

urban areas, habitats present in many of our neighborhoods.

Alan Haney in his book, "Jewels of Nature," likens the Midwest population of pileated woodpeckers to that of our forest history. The pileated became rare with the logging of the forest in the early 1900s, but then populations expanded as the forest recovered. Their numbers have increased by a factor of four since the 1960s and continue to increase, making it all the more likely that some will be living near you.

Listen and watch for the pileated woodpecker; they add a dash of color and awe to gray wintry days and are a joy to hear and see.

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Field Office and, prior to that, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch in Buffalo, New York. As endangered species coordinator for the USFWS, she helped conserve and recover federally listed threatened and endangered species in Wisconsin.

Power of 'yes' rakes in dough for library

After writing two acknowledgment letters for big donations to the Lakes Country Public Library Building Fund, I realized that the bulk of my time this past year has been spent in pursuit of money. Not personal income — money needed to renovate and expand Lakewood Library. How on earth did this happen? I'm supposed to be retired, relaxing in a rocking chair.

Now agreeing to be the point person on fundraising for the library project was not a hasty decision. Raising at least \$800,000 would definitely be a formidable challenge. Should I? Could I? What if I failed? Maybe I should just say no. When I dither like this, asking the Almighty for a direct answer is not my style. Nope, I ask for a sign.

A few days later, I made a wrong move while picking apples and fell. Hard. My head bounced off a rock. I lay there dazed for a minute. Gingerly checking myself, I concluded I wasn't badly hurt. I got up slowly and made my way to the house, fetching an ice pack for the rising bump on the back of my head. I took an ibuprofen and watched for signs of a concussion. A few days passed; the pain and bump subsided. I rejoiced; I was one lucky lady. I pondered, was that the sign? Had God spared me because...? It sure seemed like it. I said yes, fired up my PC and



KATHLEEN MARSH

got to work. People scoffed; it wasn't possible to raise that kind of money in northern Oconto County. Had I known the price tag would double, I would never have said yes, but we don't know what we don't know. By the time the guess-timate came in, I was all in. The process includes long meetings that challenge the backside, phone calls that last until your ear goes numb, interminable hours on the computer and crushing disappointments when you get a no.

A project this big requires big money, typically in the form of government funding or foundation grants. I started there. At first, it did not go well. Out of the gate, there were two smaller nos, then the big one. Oconto County Board denied our request for ARPA funds. That was a very dark day. I called my daughter, choking back tears.

"I can't do this, Jina. I've let everyone down."

She listened as I vented, then shared a piece of great advice: "Mom, they didn't say no; they just didn't say yes — yet." Next came

the admonition I used on her when things didn't go her way — pick yourself up, dust yourself off and start all over again. Four trips to Oconto later with my building expansion committee co-chair, Tom Thielke, the board said yes to a \$300,000 ARPA grant.

It's true; success breeds success. We got sizable grants from the Bond Foundation, WPS and the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation. We doubled a \$10,000 match, then \$20,000, and have a new \$15,000 one going. Private donations ranging from \$5 to \$10,000 have come in each week since May. The largest was our Christmas miracle. Sen. Tammy Baldwin notified us we would receive \$500,000 in federal funding.

Yes! We haven't scored the touchdown yet, but we're in the red zone.

Every contribution counts, even the coins deposited in our donation box by the little ones who come to story time, but there is one that especially touched my heart. I promised to keep the donor anonymous so I'll call her Starr.

Starr is a bright, serious young woman who works at a busy retail establishment where customers need purchases delivered just right. Her schedule varies; she earns \$20 an hour. She told me that due to

sensory processing difficulties, she needs a quiet, comfortable, secure place to read, study, learn; you know, a place like a library. When Starr said she was donating \$5,000, I was speechless, which my husband, Jon, will tell you doesn't happen all that often.

I asked if she was serious.

"Yes," she replied. "The only stipulation is that you use the money to furnish and equip one of the new study rooms for people with sensory issues."

I told her we could make that happen, then asked if she'd be willing to serve as a consultant. "Yes!" Starr exclaimed, clearly experiencing the joy that comes from doing something extraordinary to help others.

I've always been told, "Give until it hurts." That's fine, but why not be like Starr? Whatever the charity or cause, give until it helps. Just say yes.

Want to learn more? Visit lakes-countrylibrary.org. To contribute, send a check to LCPL-BEC, 15235 State Highway 32, P.O. Box 220, Lakewood, WI 54138. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated.

Kathleen Marsh is a lifelong educator, writer and community advocate. She has published eight books, four on the history of Townsend, where she and husband Jon are happily retired on the beautiful Townsend Flowage.

COLLEGE NOTES

Southern New Hampshire University

Logan Klein, of Lena, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's fall 2022 president's list.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a grade-point average of 3.7 or above for the reporting term are named to the president's list.

Marquette University

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

- Bonduel: Brianna Mott
- Cecil: Jared Wondra
- Shawano: Autumn Gull
- Sobieski: Taylor Williquette

To make the dean's list, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the fall 2022 semester and have no disqualifying grades.

Upper Iowa University

Upper Iowa University has announced Isabelle Bergsbaken, of Oconto, has made the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester.

To be honored, the undergraduate must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade-point average and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Harding University

Nicole Thornock, of Shawano, is one of more than 400 students who received diplomas and were recognized as Harding University graduates for fall 2022 during a commencement ceremony on Dec. 17, 2022.

Thornock received a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Western Technical College

The following local residents were named to the Western Technical College president's list of high

distinction for the fall 2022 term.

Shawano: Rebecca Charles

Pulaski: Chase Reinke

Oconto Falls: Elizabeth Ausloos

To be included on the president's list, students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and carry six or more credits in an associate's degree or technical diploma program.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Students were named to Wisconsin Lutheran College's dean's list for the fall 2022 semester.

Pulaski: Kara Troxel, Connor Heezen, Trevor Stiede

Bonduel: Leah Schmidt

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must carry a semester grade-point average of 3.6 or higher.

University of Iowa

Lilie Wainio, of Pulaski, and Neely

Goerlinger, of Clintonville, were named to the University of Iowa dean's list for the 2022 fall semester.

Students who achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of graded coursework during a given semester and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list.

Northern Illinois University

Northern Illinois University has announced its fall 2022 dean's list. Hailey Kofoid and Hannah Kofoid, of Oconto Falls, made the list.

To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences or Visual and Performing Arts.

Shotgun brings home turkeys, tragedy

It was the most difficult gun I've ever cleaned.

Now, I've probably cleaned guns 5,000 times over the years, and it's never a fun task, but most of the time, it's just tedious, not difficult.

The only problem I had was removing the barrel of the 20 gauge Browning Gold Hunter, a semi-auto camouflage shotgun owned by a friend. I went to YouTube and quickly found that I was doing everything right, but just needed to work it out of the receiver.

The difficult part was removing the gun from the case and getting up the courage to look at it in the first place.

This shotgun, once shared by a father and son during many happy and even humorous turkey hunts, was last used by the son to take his own life.

After the funeral, the boy's father — an acquaintance who is married to one of my wife's best friends — pulled me aside and asked if I would be willing to clean the gun for him. I said sure, although I was not certain I would be able to do what I promised.

Originally, the plan was for me to retrieve the gun from the police department that was holding it. The 26-year-old boy lived alone, and of course, the police had to investigate the suicide, retaining the gun as part of their case.

Dad was able to get the gun from the police station. It was in a case when I picked it up from him.

The gun sat in a corner of the



ROSS BIELEMA

even the bore was shiny and showed no powder residue. Dad didn't ask the police about the gun's condition, and I certainly didn't ask him.

The process of getting up the courage to wipe down and lubricate this infamous but otherwise ordinary looking hunting tool was doubly difficult for another reason. In 2012, one of my best friends took his own life with a .38-caliber revolver. I wasn't aware of his past history of suicide attempts, although I did know he was going through a divorce and hadn't seen his youngest son in nearly a year. His family asked if I wanted the gun and I said no.

Craig Johnson was a classmate who had grown up with me in my small hometown. At one time, I had been a bully to him and in later years, regretted it. We came to be great friends, taking trips together and sharing a few deer hunting adventures in Wisconsin. Craig was never a hunter, but he did get a non-resident license one year. When he went to the van for a break less than two

kitchen for days. I didn't know what I would find when I opened the case and was relieved to find no evidence of its horrific last use. I suspect the police had cleaned the gun, because

hours after legal shooting time started, I shot a nice doe. I still remember him looking at that still-warm doe, thumping on her neck like it was a prize horse and saying, "That's a beauty!" It was a special moment.

Craig was a brilliant metallurgical engineer who helped run his own metal fabrication plant with his two brothers. He loved science fiction, and I remember him breathlessly telling me about this new movie coming out that was sort of a cops-and-robbers-in-space tale called "Star Wars."

I sat next to him in the theater, watching laser cannon barrels moving in and out amid the now world-renowned sound effects during one of the battle scenes. "Lasers don't have recoil," he whispered as I stuffed popcorn in my mouth. "And there's no sound in space because there's no oxygen."

Thanks, Craig.

I told that story at his funeral.

Guns often get a bad rap for "causing" crimes and death. Someone recently coined the terms "gun deaths" and "gun crimes." Of course, we never say, "car deaths" or "alcohol deaths." According to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 45,979 suicides in 2020 and firearms were used in 24,292 of those cases. I certainly don't blame the gun, but it is an efficient and more certain way to kill something, whether you are saving a life or taking your own life.

What we need to do is start having a dialogue about suicide. The pan-

demic and some of our government's responses to it have created a generation of fearful, confused and, in some cases, unstable young people. Masking, isolation and "social distancing" for school-aged kids has now been seen to have been the absolute worst way to deal with a virus that largely ignored those under age 20.

I was grateful to hear the minister discuss suicide frankly at the young man's funeral, offering suggestions to watch for it and where to go for help. Sadly, those most hurting often don't speak up and ask for help. It's our job to not only watch for it, but look for it. Ask questions of those you love and get involved in their lives. Watch for triggering events, such as an injury, a broken relationship, money problems and the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

The quick help for anyone is to dial 988, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. www.suicide.org offers a list of state suicide support groups, including Survivors of Suicide in Shawano.

Guns have almost always represented happy memories for me, but they can be misused. The best thing you can do is to keep your guns locked up or otherwise out of the reach of children and anyone who is despondent. It takes only seconds to lock up your firearms, but it could save the life of a loved one.

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"I was grateful to hear the minister discuss suicide frankly at the young man's funeral, offering suggestions to watch for it and where to go for help."

ROSS BIELEMA, NEW Media columnist

Puffy coats can be dangerous in car seats

Puffy coats may be a well-insulated option for warmth, but they can also pose as a safety hazard for little ones in car seats. Aspirus Health wants to help parents and caregivers learn how to bundle and buckle their kids up safely this winter.

According to Safe Kids Wisconsin, a puffy coat adds 4 inches of slack to car seat harness straps. The extra padding might feel snug to the child when they're tightly



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between keeping little ones warm

buckled in, but the extra material will compress in a crash and loosen the harness, which greatly increases the risk of injury to the child.

"The trick is to find the perfect balance between keeping little ones warm

and safe in their car seats," said Amanda Tabin, Safe Kids and injury prevention coordinator at Aspirus Health. "Consider dressing them in thin layers, hats, mittens, socks or boots, and using the coat or a blanket over the straps of the car seat."

Try Safe Kids Wisconsin's simple coat check to ensure your car seat is secure and there is nothing bulky between the child and the straps:

- Put the coat on the child.
- Sit them in the car seat. Buckle

and tighten the harness.

- Without loosening the harness, unbuckle it and remove the child from the car seat.

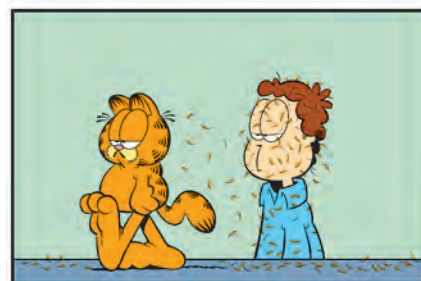
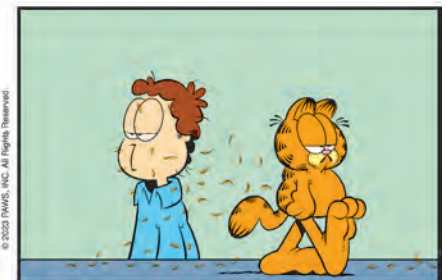
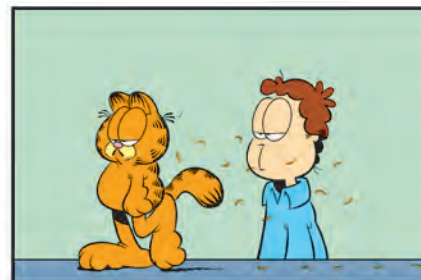
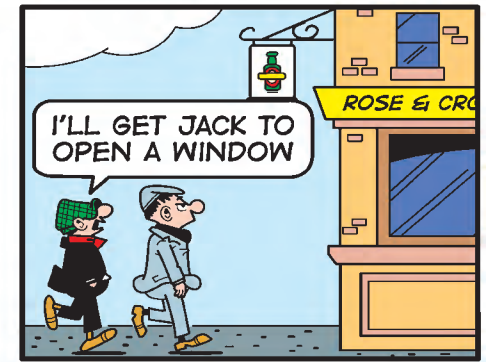
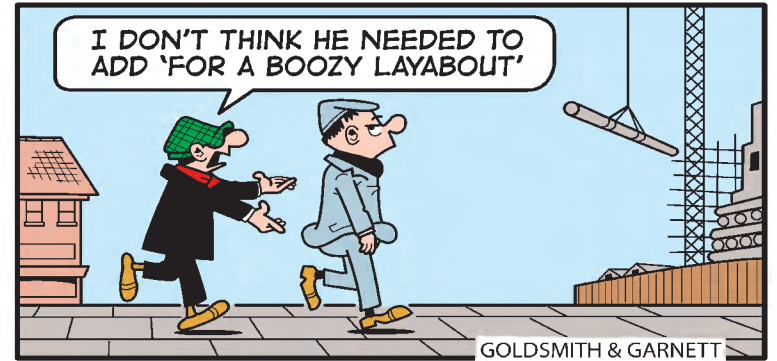
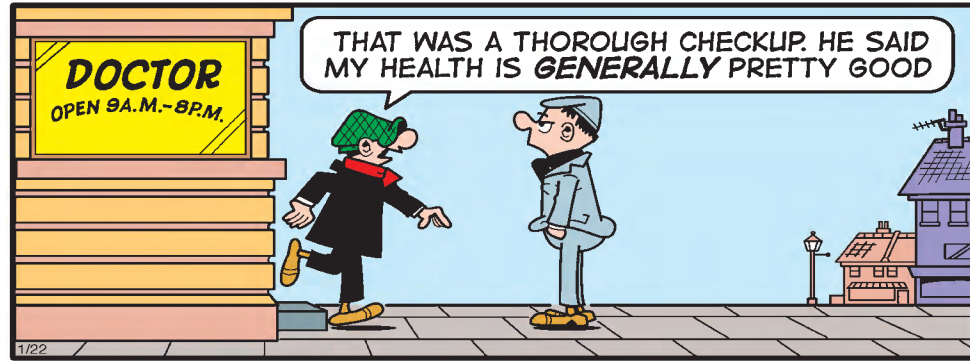
- Take the coat off.

- Strap your child back into the car seat without adjusting the straps. If the harness is too loose, the coat is too thick to wear under the harness.

For information about keeping children safe in the car, visit www.aspirus.org/passenger-safety.

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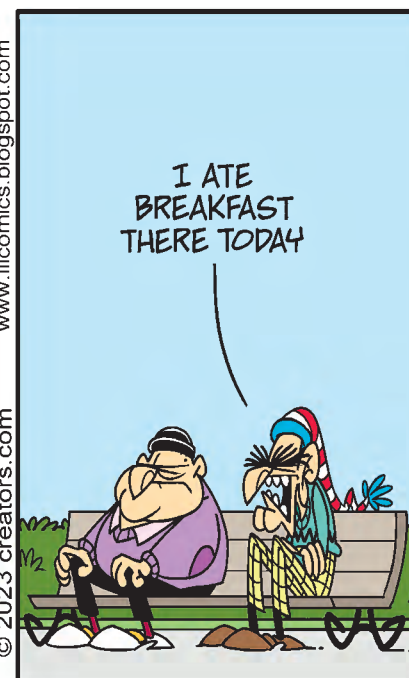
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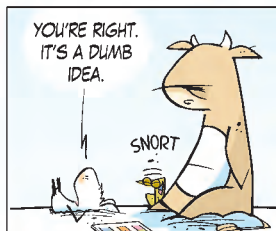
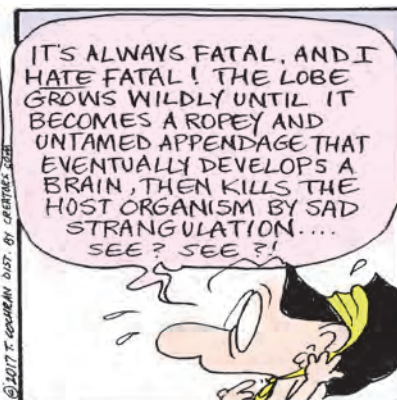
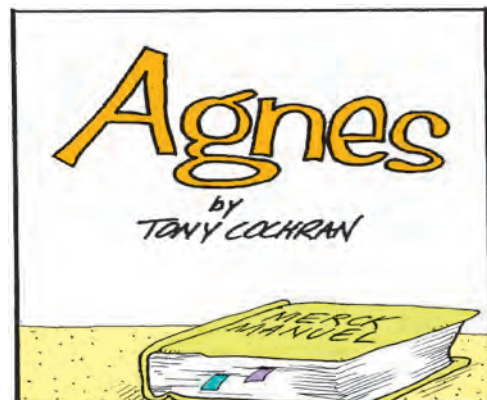
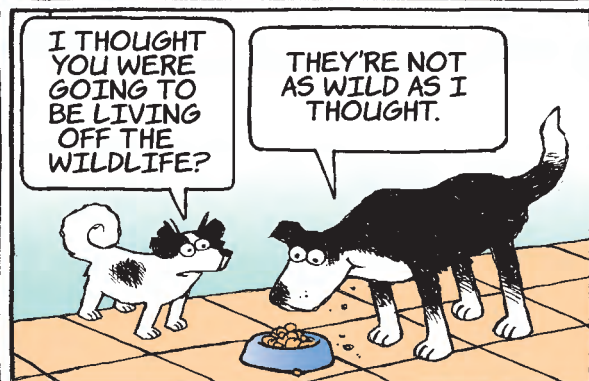
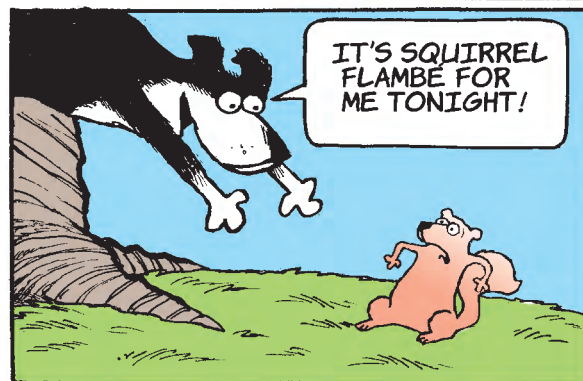
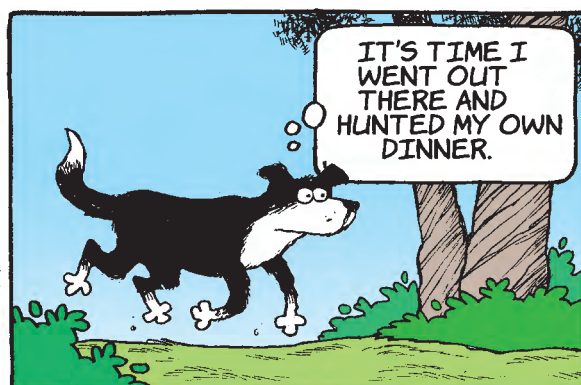


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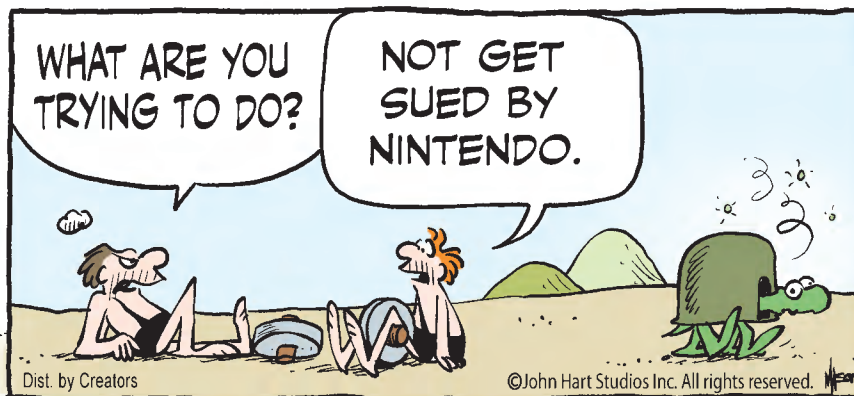
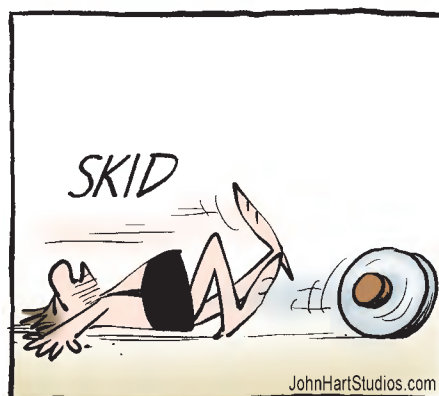
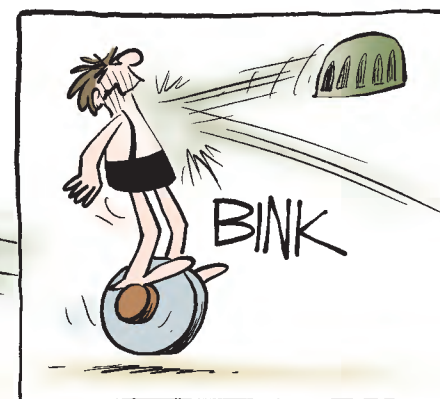
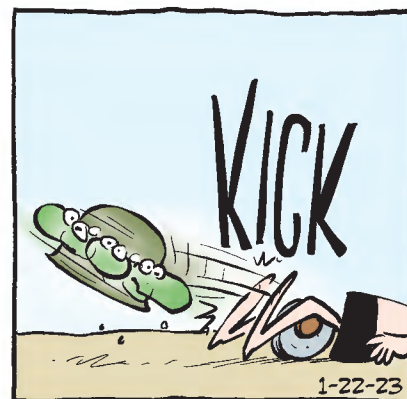
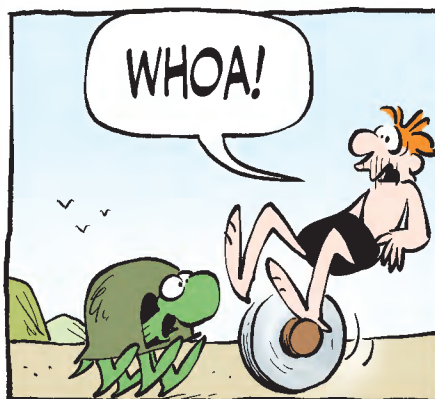
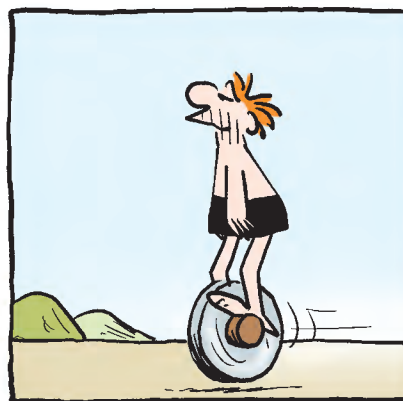


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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

'Lady in Black' topic for Oconto speakers series

The Oconto County Historical Society will present "The Lady in Black" in its monthly speaker series program on Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 915 Park Ave., Oconto.

This true story has elements of mystery, suspense. Intrigue, romance and the ever familiar love triangle. The story centers around Rose Sharp, owner of the Enquirer, an Oconto newspaper, and the assault of Patrick Lynch, by a woman wearing a black fascinator or veil. The events unfold, finding Sharp accused, arrested and brought to trial. The outcome of the trial will be revealed at the program.

"The Lady in Black" is based upon material from the newspapers of the day, and put in a scrapbook by Lulu Sissons, of Oconto. Hugh Murphy read the articles in the scrapbook with great interest. Murphy gave the scrapbook to attorney James Martineau. After reading the material in the scrapbook, Martineau edited it from a lawyer's standpoint, and then passed the material back to Murphy, with a suggestion to make it into a story.

Murphy wrote "The Lady in Black," and the story appeared in installments in the Oconto County Reporter in 1965. In 1969, Duane Eberft adapted the story into the version that will be presented.

Program presenters will be Susie Groll, Loreli Dickinson, Kitty Werner, Peter Stark and Bob Klozotsky.

The program is free. Light refreshments will be served.

Wild game banquet coming to Oconto Falls

Hillside Assembly will be holding its annual wild game banquet Jan. 28 at Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

The dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. with the featured seminar speaker, James VanSteenhouse, also known as "The Bear Man," at 6:30 p.m. The doors open at 4 p.m.

Anyone who arrives at 4 p.m. can tour the gym and see the display of replicas of huge white tail deer. This year, Western Mounts including grizzly bear, elk and moose will be featured. New this year will be a youth Nerf gun range from 4-5:30 p.m.

VanSteenhouse, a retired CEO of Interline Mortgage Services LLC, is an avid archery hunter around



Susie Groll, who will be one of the presenters for "The Lady in Black" at the next Oconto County Historical Society presentation Feb. 2, portrays Oconto newspaper owner Rose Sharp at a previous event next to Sharp's cemetery headstone.

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the world. He grew up on a farm in Michigan, hunting with a shotgun and rifle. In September 2015, he was attacked by a grizzly while on an archery moose hunt, and it changed his life forever.

Canned goods are being accepted for the local food pantry. For information, call 920-855-2962 or go to www.hillsideassembly.com.

Webinar series to look at topics about forage

Focus on Forage is a free, 4-part webinar series being offered by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension.

The four sessions in the series will highlight research-based information and on-farm strategies to optimize forage yield, quality, and profitability in Wisconsin. The series is presented live every other Wednesday in February and March, from 12:30-2 p.m.

The four Focus on Forage topics are:

Feb. 1: Corn Silage, featuring disease management, optimizing corn silage economics, as well as corn

silage budget projections for 2023.

Feb. 15: Alfalfa, featuring herbicides' effect on stand establishment, pest management, fertility management, and the 2022 results of the Wisconsin Alfalfa Yield and Persistence project.

March 1: Alternative Forages and Pastures, with presentations on nitrogen decision-making, pasture management and renovation, and optimum utilization of alternative forages in beef production.

March 15: Forage Storage Management, will feature inoculant decision-making, hay storage, baleage inoculant study results, and silage management.

Registration is required prior to the webinar of choice, at <https://extension.wisc.edu> or search for "Wisconsin Extension Agriculture Virtual Education". You can register for any, or all four, of the Focus on Forage events there. After registering, a zoom link will be emailed to registrants.

For information, contact Scott Reuss at 715-732-7510 or scott.reuss@wisc.edu.

Ambrosius hired for Shawano's Bank First

Bank First has announced the addition of David Ambrosius to its team.

Ambrosius recently joined Bank



DAVID AMBROSIOUS

First as a retail banker with over six years of mortgage lending experience. In his new role, Ambrosius will be responsible for developing new and enhancing existing retail banking relationships in the bank's Shawano market.

Ambrosius is active in the community and serves as the head boys basketball coach at Shawano Community High School. He graduated from St. Norbert College with a bachelor's degree in business administration and management. Ambrosius lives in Shawano and, during his free time, enjoys playing golf and spending time outdoors.

Family donates books to Lakewood library

To help raise awareness about the 11 Native American tribal groups that call Wisconsin home, Mountain residents Ted Hughes and Carol Lee Saffioti-Hughes recently donated books to the Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood.

Their contribution was made to honor the memory of their daughter and sibling, Autumn Grace Hughes, who died in a tragic car accident.

"Grace was only 2 at the time, but she was already a lover of books and being read to," said Ted Hughes. "We want to bring that enthusiasm for learning via the printed word to other children."

The Hughes are consulting with library director Katie Essermann to help build a collection, keeping with the spirit of Act 31, which mandates teaching accurate information about Wisconsin tribes, their past, present, and future. Previously, the Hughes helped Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in purchasing books and other learning materials. After retiring in Mountain, they decided to continue to bring their quest to make relevant learning materials about Native Americans more readily accessible.

"These books are available for parents and other adult readers, children, and young adults," said Carol Lee Saffioti-Hughes. They have often been written by tribal members and are grouped by grade level so that appropriate choices can be made. In addition, teachers may find that some of these books, though not readily available with tight school budgets, can be used in the classroom."

For information or to contribute, contact library director Katie Essermann at www.lakescountrylibrary.org or visit www.wisconsinfirstnations.org.

NWTC starts Shawano scholarship fund program

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College has launched a long-term scholarship endowment available to residents of the greater Shawano area.

The scholarship endowment is created by donations through the NWTC Foundation. Through every donation, the invested earnings will be used to provide an annual scholarship fund, creating ongoing aid to greater Shawano area residents. For example, if the foundation receives \$2 million in donations, \$100,000 of that will be awarded in scholarships annually.

"We are excited for this truly unique opportunity to provide a



Carol Lee Saffioti-Hughes, left, of Mountain, stands with Lakes Country Public Library director Katie Essermann as they hold some of the books about Native Americans that Saffioti-Hughes and her husband recently donated to the library.

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permanent legacy for generations to come," said Crystal Harrison, director of the NWTC Foundation. "This endowment is designed to change the lives of the Shawano community where every dollar stays local."

The scholarship endowment is available to all current and prospective students residing in the greater Shawano area. Qualifying applicants facing financial and economic barriers are encouraged to apply. The scholarship endowment currently has more than \$150,000 in pledged donations.

"NWTC is part of this community, and we want to create access to higher education and pathways to high-paying careers in the Shawano area for generations to come," said Jeanie Otto, regional manager of NWTC campuses in Shawano and Oconto Falls. "This scholarship endowment helps us to ensure that is possible."

For information or to donate, visit www.nwtc.edu/give.

Student writing contest opens up for entries

Shawano Area Writers has announced that the 17th George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest is now open for entries. All students, first

grade through high school, who live or go to school in either Shawano or Menominee counties are welcome to submit entries in fiction, non-fiction, and poetry categories.

Students compete for a chance to win a cash prize and a certificate of achievement. There is no charge for entries, and students can submit as many entries as they would like. The contest deadline is April 3. All entries are judged by an independent panel of writers.

Through the years Shawano Area Writers, a nonprofit organization, has given away thousands of dollars to winning student writers. A couple of years ago, the group also began giving out a \$2,000 scholarship for a graduating senior.

For information about the writing contest and scholarship program, go to www.shawanoareawriters.org or call John Mutter Jr. at 715-524-4520.

Shawano library gets East Asia books grant

The Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has announced that Shawano Public Library is one of the winners of the recent East Asia in Wis-

consin Library Program competition.

Grants have been awarded to public libraries throughout Wisconsin, enriching their collections with new titles that will enable patrons to deepen their understanding of East Asia — which includes China, Japan and Korea. Over \$14,000 in funding will be distributed to 19 libraries, representing 10 of the state's 14 library systems.

This is the third year of the competition, which generated a wide variety of programming when it was launched in 2020.

"This program started out as a way to make use of our federal grant in the midst of a pandemic," said Laurie Dennis, assistant director for CEAS. "When everything else shut down, libraries found ways to keep serving their communities, and so we were able to continue to provide resources and spread knowledge about East Asia through the East Asia in Wisconsin Library Program. Now the program has become an integral part of our center's mission, and we look forward each fall to reading the proposals from Wisconsin librarians."

Glime receives Lena Lions Club award

Russ Glime was presented the Lion of the Year Award for 2022 at the Lena Lions Club's January meeting.

The award is in appreciation for all Glime does for the club and the



RUSS GLIME

community. He was born and raised in Lena and graduated from Lena High School. He earned an associate degree in civil technology from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. He worked as an

engineering specialist for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for over 35 years.

Glime has been a member of the Lena Lions for 10 years, where he has served as secretary, dairy fest dual chairman, fish fry chairman and raffle chairman.

Glime is a 15-year member of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Glime has also been a member of the Lena Knights of Columbus for eight years, where he has served as grand knight, deputy grand knight and recorder.

Glime is a father to three sons and has grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, playing cards, telling jokes, following his grandchildren's activities and spending time with family.



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WATER LOG: For which you'll stay dry

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ACROSS

- 1 Homer Simpson shout
4 Weather map line
10 Went separate ways
16 Jamaican pop music
19 "... he drove out of sight"
20 Be generous
21 Help make possible
22 Furnace fuel
23 Gives up an effort
26 GI entertainment group
27 Utmost height
28 Mandela's native language
29 Washer cycle
31 NY Mets' division
34 Goes (for)
37 Apprehension
38 Draw near
41 60 Minutes reporter
43 Twine fiber
46 Annoy repeatedly
48 Expanse of land
51 S&L holding
52 Software download
55 Wastes time and energy futilely
59 Monopolize
60 Minimal musical groups
62 Serengeti scavengers
63 Convention address
65 "Are you in ___?"
67 Puts forth, as force
69 Shape of many a chalet
72 Embossed art
74 Pulitzer composer Ned
76 Sunday shopping ban
77 Home-building bird
78 Kiribati's capital
80 Old-school "Cool!"

- 81 Some Louvre works
85 Subject to a fine, say
87 Long haul
88 "Barbary" beast
90 Watches films online
93 ER roles
94 Guitar range
96 Can't help but
97 Provides new gear for
99 Bend forward and downward
101 Toy truck giant
104 Disposable injection units
108 Some rideshares
111 Seasonal songs
113 Top-speed run
114 Defensive walls
117 Stuck together
120 Bring to ruin
121 Orbital path
122 Starts moving in earnest
127 Tool and ___ company
128 Father of the Titans
129 Moon of Jupiter
130 One in a flock
131 ___ in "Stockholm"
132 Packing a punch
133 Gyrocompass inventor
134 Blog feed format: Abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Render harmless
2 Ancient prophet
3 NASCAR topper
4 Passports, for short
5 Cry audibly
6 Cameo stone
7 Spot for a soak
8 Dumas swordsman
9 Hershey brand

- 10 Fried rice morsel
11 Your choice of
12 Hoarse voice
13 Air Force aerobat, familiarly
14 Church dignitary
15 Some farm machines
16 Warns of danger
17 Warm greeting
18 Natural balm
24 Remove by percolation, as soil
25 Creator of Mickey and Minnie
30 "... to please"
32 Hunk of bacon
33 Synagogue scroll
35 Backing for plaster
36 Animated ogre
39 Assent
40 Suburban London county
42 Metallic fabric
44 In years past
45 Chicken portion
47 More reasonable
49 Playfully evasive
50 Of sound quality
52 Accessorize
53 Blender setting
54 Combines several's supplies
56 Divination deck
57 Sandal features
58 Far from enjoyable
61 Set of furniture
64 Armour's Spam rival
66 Freezing temperatures
68 Immunization fluid
70 Defeated in chess
71 Star Wars series beasts
73 Latte foam

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- 75 Posh residence
76 Make more alkaline
79 Bard's title spouses
82 Tax-deferred plan
83 Take a timeout
84 Kept secret
86 Inheritors
88 Workout target
89 Butter portion
91 A third of tri-
92 Very short distance

- 95 Japanese noodles
98 Swaggering walk
100 Invigorates
102 Brewery hardware
103 WWII side
105 More microscopic
106 Funds long-term
107 Paving pieces
109 Photocopy, for short
110 Fender guitar, for short
112 Dawn

- 114 Stationer's stock
115 Contralto solo
116 ___ qua non (essential thing)
118 To be, to Henri
119 Cabinet cover
123 Convent member
124 Big Ben clock setting: Abbr.
125 Visa statement abbr.
126 Caribbean isle

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