



Hannah Yeager, Shawano Community High School's student representative to the Shawano School Board, glances at her notes as she tells the board Jan. 8 about students' concerns regarding Joel Wondra, athletics and activities director, and how programs at SCHS are being handled. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Peter Schmidt in support of GOP's medical cannabis bill

Felzkowski has reservations about distribution coming from state vs. private sector

By LEE PULASKI City Editor

Legislation that would legalize medical cannabis was brought forth by Republicans in the Wisconsin Legislature, but with a lot of restrictions that make the measure different from ones other states have passed. Smokeable cannabis for medicinal uses would not be allowed under the law, and the cannabis would only be available at five locations in Wisconsin run by the state. The medical cannabis would only be distributed to severely ill people with chronic diseases like cancer, and a doctor's diagnosis would be required, as well as a \$100 fee to get into the program. Rep. Peter Schmidt, R-Bonduel, stressed that the Republicans are not seeking to legalize marijuana, which he defined as the smokeable variety, but instead the cannabis that can be distributed by other methods, including gummies, concentrates, oils, tinctures and pills. "That's where some of the confusion is," Schmidt said during a phone interview Jan. 12. "The media is always saying its medical marijuana, and this bill is focusing on the cannabis part. When people think of the word 'marijuana,' they're thinking recreational or the smoking of it. We're focusing on the medical properties of cannabis." Thirty-eight states have legalized medical marijuana and 24 have legalized recreational marijuana. Schmidt noted that

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Discrimination claims levied against athletic director

Board's student rep claims girls not treated same as boys, club activities neglected

By LEE PULASKI City Editor

The Shawano School Board tabled the extension of all administrator contracts Jan. 8 after its student representative came forward with concerns about one of them. The board action, when and if it is taken, would extend the contracts for one year, keeping them with the district until June 30, 2026, instead of June 30, 2025. Hannah Yeager, appointed last June to be Shawano Community High School students' representative on the board, noted that a petition with at least 350 student signatures had been circulated in two school days asking for the contract renew-



JOEL WONDRA

al of the district's athletic/activities director, Joel Wondra, to be tabled because of a number of concerns. She added that coaches and parents have also signed the petition. Yeager levied a number of claims, including that Wondra allegedly discriminated against female athletes and sports. Yeager claimed athletic events were being booked far away with no notification of the opposing team and paying the referees to have the varsity and junior varsity compete with each other instead. She also claimed Wondra was booking away games far away without consulting coaches and resulting in the teams returning home late at night. Yeager also claimed buses were double or triple booked, resulting in teams of different sports riding together and being late for competitions. She noted that the "hoops program" came forward and offered to pay for another bus to help with the issue, "but we never saw it. Why?"

The softball, volleyball and girls basketball athletes have all asked to pick clean music to play at home games, but Yeager said they were told they would have to download the music themselves and purchase their own equipment to play the music. Yeager noted the discrimination was not limited to music and buses, however. She claimed that female wrestlers are becoming a source of pride for SCHS, but female showers are not being unlocked for them, and they had to change in a janitor's closet on one occasion because the locker rooms were locked. "This has become more of an issue this year than in years prior," Yeager said. "This has been heard (by administrators) in the last month with no changes." Yeager also asked for athletic codes of conduct to be evaluated on an annual basis. She noted that teams are not able to cut players because of the codes, but when athletes are ill for a Friday night game, they are benched for the following

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Rep. Peter Schmidt, R-Bonduel, looks over written testimony from a colleague during a public hearing for the Assembly Committee on Agriculture on Jan. 9. Schmidt and other Republicans are pushing for a restrictive bill that would legalize medical cannabis under few conditions. CONTRIBUTED

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Plea hearing scheduled for Pulaski man

Wilson accused of sexually assaulting child in Angelica

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Jeffrey Wilson, 65, a Pulaski man who is facing a charge of first-degree child sexual assault with a child under age 13, in relation to an incident in the Town of Angelica in July 2022, is expected to enter a plea in March.

Quinn Jolly, Wilson’s attorney, said the matter is close to a resolution with the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney’s office. A plea hearing was scheduled for 3:15 p.m. March 21 at Shawano County Courthouse Branch I, with a sentencing hearing expected to follow at a later date.

Wilson was charged July 26, 2022, in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court.

According to the criminal

complaint, a deputy was notified in July and met with the victim’s mother, who reported that her 6-year-old daughter had possibly been sexually assaulted. The mother alleged that her daughter had been to a family friend’s house and said that she did not want to go back, because Wilson had touched her “private area.”

The mother also alleged that her daughter had been to Wilson’s residence on numerous occasions, in-

cluding spending the night. The mother then stated that she did not want to answer any more questions.

In a supplemental report, a deputy reported that after talking with the mother, they learned that Wilson is a family friend and is known to the family as “Grandpa Jeff.”

In a Child Advocacy Center interview July 14, 2022, the victim told the interviewer that she was lying on Wilson’s lap

with a blanket on, when Wilson put his hand on the victim’s private area and started to rub.

In a one-party consent phone call between the mother and Wilson on July 22, 2022, Wilson allegedly denied the sexual contact at first. According to the criminal complaint, the conversation went back and forth before the mother allegedly asked for the truth. The criminal complaint states that Wilson took a deep breath

and admitted to the sexual contact. He allegedly told the mother that it was the only time it happened.

In an interview with Wilson on July 25, 2022, at his house, a deputy asked Wilson if he knew why the deputy was there to talk about the incident. Wilson allegedly said yes and that he had sexual contact with the victim. When asked why he did it, Wilson responded that he didn’t know why, according to the complaint.

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that Wisconsin’s bill will be the first where the state runs the distribution instead of the private sector. He said the Republicans decided to go that route because marijuana is still illegal under federal law, defined as a Schedule 1 substance.

“A lot of the people don’t understand that if we allow private pharmacies disperse the medical cannabis, they can get sued or taken to federal court,” Schmidt said. “We don’t want that.”

Having it state run means there won’t be state sales tax charged to people who get a prescription, according to Schmidt.

“Medicine should not cost an arm and a leg, and it should not be profits over the patient,” he said.

The requirements include patients being at least 18 years old, and caregivers have to be at least 21 years old, Schmidt said. Patients can have up to three caregivers designated to get the prescriptions if they are physically unable to travel to the distribution sites, locations still to be determined, to pick up the cannabis. The state will be selling it at

cost, he noted.

“We’re not making money,” Schmidt said. “Other states allow private businesses in the medical cannabis, and then they profit it and have a sales tax, and that encourages people to cut corners.”

Schmidt noted that there have been signs in both the Trump and Biden administrations that the federal government might someday legalize marijuana or allow states the choice to decide, but it’s uncertain if Wisconsin Republicans would allow full legalization.

“I can see in the future that it will eventually be removed,” Schmidt said. “When you have a substance with a federal ban, you can’t do research, so how can you understand these substances? By not legalizing drugs, you can’t legally research and develop cures for opioids and stuff. That’s why constituents in my district were forced to take opioids or break the law to get medical cannabis. With this bill, it will get more people away from addictive opioids.”

The bill also requires the state to get its cannabis



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from growers within Wisconsin, but the price will be steep for those who want to make the endeavor. Schmidt said getting a growing license from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will cost \$10,000, and renewing one will come with a \$50,000 price tag.

“That was an area where it was hard to find support, because it was all over the place,” Schmidt said. “This will make sure it’s grown in our state. You have to go through DATCP, and you have to pass a background check. You can’t be convicted of a crime; it has to be at least 10 years. It’s going to be really strict of who can grow it.”

Gov. Tony Evers expressed public support for the proposal in the state and national media, even though he prefers legalizing marijuana for full medical and recreational use. However, Schmidt



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said Evers’ support is wavering because of all the restrictions coming out.

“To me, I don’t think a lot of the people are all the way there (with legalizing recreational marijuana),” Evers said. “Other states have seen an increase in crime and abuse of the marijuana plants. (Evers) is lukewarm on it now because of the cost to get a permit and stuff. The penalties are very high, as well.”

Schmidt is expecting the state will have about 50,000 patients will apply.

“It’s a step in the right direction,” Schmidt said. “The governor, I know, wants more, but you’ve got to look at the big picture.”

Sen. Mary Felzkowski, R-Tomahawk, has previously crafted legislation for medical cannabis and tried for four consecutive legislative sessions to push it through. She declined to speak with NEW Media about the legislation and the need for medical cannabis in Wisconsin, but her

office submitted a written statement from the senator announcing she was still reading through the bill.

“I commend Assembly Republicans for introducing this legislation, and welcome the renewed attention towards providing access to this medication,” Felzkowski said in the press release.

Felzkowski, whose district includes Menominee County and parts of Oconto County and Shawano County, said that Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and his workgroup reached out to her “and ran me through their general proposal at a 10,000-foot view.”

“While some concepts in the bill sound incredibly well thought out, my concerns with several provisions, most notably the choice to require the state to directly dispense medical marijuana, instead of going the route of a proven, private-sector model of delivering this care, led to my decision to remain uninvolved in this particular legislation,” Felzkowski said. “I am a firm believer that private entities, run by those with expertise in this area of medicine, are more

efficient and more effective than any government agency. Taking this option off the table is the primary cause of my unease at this time.”

Despite her reservations, Felzkowski feels the fact that her fellow Republicans in the Assembly are moving the needle forward is a good thing.

“Any progress towards providing those in need with access to medical cannabis is something to be celebrated,” she said.

Rep. Calvin Callahan, R-Tomahawk, whose district includes the northwest segment of Shawano County, said he would not be supporting the bill at all, saying he’s siding with law enforcement agencies that have expressed concerns.

“I am in frequent communication with our local law enforcement in communities around the district, and this is not something they support,” Callahan said in his weekly email update. “I will continue to back our men and women in blue, and will not be supporting my colleagues’ proposal.”

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week, “which hurts the team.”

“I knew my role would involve me speaking for the betterment of the students, but never would I have thought that this would be such a concern,” Yeager said. “What I am about to bring forth to you is not a personal attack, or anything to do with my personal experiences, but to speak up for the student body.”

Yeager said the school’s programs are being run poorly, and students who are involved with clubs, athletics and other activities are “fed up” and that the programs are being “neglected” under Wondra’s leadership.

“Students in our school are talented, smart and

inspired by joining clubs, competing in competitions and playing sports on a Friday night, but we also need to see what’s missing,” Yeager said, adding that board members are probably unaware of what’s taking place with the National Honor Society, FFA, Future Business Leaders of America, Skills USA and other academic clubs that provide interested students with more learning beyond the classroom.

“These clubs are competing at state and national competitions almost every year, but he has yet to give any attention to it at all,” Yeager added. “That’s why all this information is new to some or all of you. This all needs to change.”

Also alleged was a claim that Wondra scheduled club photos for a certain time but then changed the time without informing students who might have been off campus at the time of the change.

“Seniors missed out being in their class photo, and officers of many other clubs missed their photos, as well,” Yeager said.

She also reported claims that teachers have been told by Wondra that he’s “given up on supporting and helping our co-curricular activities, such as clubs, even though that’s part of his job title.”

When petitions were being circulated, she noted the SCHS Culture Club’s entire membership came to

sign the petition.

“Think of all the clubs in our school,” Yeager said. “The culture club is one of many at SCHS.”

Yeager claimed that Wondra is not showing an air of respect for students and the programs they are in, which is resulting in a lack of pride at the school. She said she was coming forward because it was the right thing to do.

“Respect is earned by engaging in activities you direct,” she said. “Respect is earned by years of success. Respect is earned by showing how much you care, not by sitting there and counting down the days until retirement.”

Concerns were also brought up at the meeting

by community members. Stephanie Tomashek, who has a daughter involved with multiple sports, said she has had a few instances with Wondra that have her worried about students, as well — including being told Wondra was “too busy” to handle recruiting matters.

“Multiple things have been brought up, and nothing has been taken care of,” Tomashek said. “As far as athletics, the girls are not treated the same as the boys are, and things need to change. I’ll be honest. As a parent, I can’t wait until my daughter graduates because of a lot of things in this district.”

The board has until the end of January to decide

whether the administrative contracts are to be renewed. If they’re not, preliminary notices of non-renewal are sent out, opening up those administrators to seek out other employment.

The board usually discusses employment matters in closed session, but because the administrative contracts were not part of the planned closed session Jan. 8, the board could not take that action. A special board meeting may be called to address Wondra’s contract and would likely take place in closed session unless Wondra requested the matter be open to the public.

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Speeders on County BE present risk to children

Bonduel schools report one vehicle collision with student, one near miss as officials seek solution

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

School zones are a maximum of 15 miles per hour when there are children around, but folks driving along County Road BE in Bonduel are forgetting that.

The Bonduel School Board signed off Jan. 8 on the job description for crossing guards, and now Superintendent Joe Dawidziak is looking for volunteers to help keep track of the crosswalks at the public schools. If the crossing guards make a difference in keeping students safe, according to Dawidziak, the district will look at potentially making them paid positions.

The decision to find crossing guards comes on the heels of an incident the week before when an elementary student was hit by a vehicle. According to Dawidziak, camera footage shows that the students did everything right, including looking both ways for oncoming traffic and activating the flashing lights indicating someone was entering the crosswalk.

“On video, it looks really, really bad,” Dawidziak said. “In reality, it wasn’t that bad. The student was obviously hurt but was in school the next day and, to my knowledge, has been fine since.”

Dawidziak said the student did not suffer major injury and is back in school, but the incident occurred



A truck rolls past the crosswalk on County Road BE in front of Bonduel High School on Jan. 11. A Bonduel child was struck by a vehicle at this crosswalk during the first week of January, prompting school officials to look for volunteer crossing guards in the hopes of preventing another incident in the future.

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in spite of other steps taken during the school after another incident earlier in the fall when a dump truck came close to hitting two other students. He said those students also did everything right before starting to cross County BE.

Once that incident occurred, Dawidziak reached out to the Shawano County Sheriff’s Department and asked for deputies to conduct periodic speed traps. He noted that one of the drivers on County BE the first week of January was clocked at 47 mph by

law enforcement. Dawidziak said he is reaching out to see if people are interested in watching the County BE intersection and also the Bonduel Elementary School crosswalk on Mill Street, and there appears to be interest.

“Nothing’s really happened yet,” Dawidziak said. “It’s scary to watch (the video), but from the beginning of the year until now, I’ve had multiple people say to me, ‘Hey, Joe, if you ever need somebody to do that, I’d be interested in volunteering.’”

Dawidziak posted information on Facebook about the incident, as well as Skylert, the district’s method of communicating with parents on various issues. He said he’s received an “influx” of ideas to examine what else can be done to slow down traffic and prevent any other students from being struck by vehicles.

The speed traps are expected to continue, but Dawidziak said that’s only effective for a short period of time, so it’s important to develop something long

term that will make the risk of a crash negligible.

“Some of the things we can do on our end is educating our students better about the crosswalk and proper protocol,” Dawidziak said, noting the students involved in the two incidents likely learned safety procedures from home, as the Bonduel public schools don’t have any organized training in place. “Just because you hit the button and the lights come on, you should still look out for traffic and you shouldn’t cross if there are cars coming.”

Even though there were one near incident and one actual collision, Dawidziak said he’s being told by parents and community members that there are other incidents of near collisions and witnessing other drivers mow through the area that he wasn’t aware of.

Reading from an email he received, the writer told him: “I was about 50 feet from the crosswalk. I saw a child almost by it, so I slowed down and stopped. The kid pressed the button and the crosswalk lights started to come on. To my surprise, the car behind me made a slight right to pass me and passed the crosswalk, luckily missing the child. I was so mad that, once the child completed his cross, tried to speed up and tooted my horn to get (the driver’s) attention. I wanted to get his license plate and call 911.”

“Parents are seeing it, too,” Dawidziak said after reading the letter. “We didn’t know about it. I think the idea of grabbing license plates is a good one and something I hadn’t thought of before.”

Local residents might be oblivious to the school zone because they’ve traveled that road so much when there weren’t students around, in Dawidziak’s view. However, he noted that there have been times where vehicles with out-of-state license plates have rushed through the zone, so it’s not just a local driver issue.

“That’s not unique to here,” Dawidziak said. “That’s really everywhere. Sometimes you’re just not thinking about it.”

Dawidziak said it’s possible the district might also talk with Bonduel village officials to determine if the crosswalks are in the right places or if something needs to be done to move them to safer intersections.

One suggestion Dawidziak received included setting up some red and blue flashing lights, similar to police vehicles but also trailers clocking how fast vehicles are driving to force them to slow down for fear there might be law enforcement ready to hand out tickets.

“It’s just normal human reaction. No one wants to get pulled over,” Dawidziak said.

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Referendum official after Shawano School Board vote

Question asking for \$800K more after finding out about pool liner costs, Safe Routes recommendations

By **LEE PULASKI**
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A referendum asking for \$54.5 million to be borrowed for capital improvements and expansion of school facilities is officially on the April election ballot after the Shawano School Board voted 5-1 on Jan. 8 to approve resolutions authorizing the general obligation bonds and proceeding with the election.

Originally, the Shawano School District was looking at estimates totaling \$53.7 million, but the price tag went up upon learning some added costs for work on the

pool at Shawano Community High School and addressing parking lot concerns at all of the schools.

Jody Andres, K-12 consultant for Hoffman Design, noted that there was some difficulty finding vendors that would put a liner on the pool, which is expected to extend the facility’s life. The liner is expected to cost just shy of \$500,000, according to Andres, and that would include fixing mechanical issues and replacing the deck around the pool.

“From what they tell us, it’s going to be a little bit tricky because of the system, but they felt they

could do that,” Andres said without naming the company that would be doing the work.

There will also be some work recommended by Safe Routes to School to make it easier for traffic around all of the schools. The recommendations by the organization could quash plans to relocate the SCHS football field from its current location next to Martzke Park to the land facing County Road B.

“East-west configurations aren’t the best for football fields or soccer fields or whatever events are there,” Andres said. “There are

some restrictions where a gas pipeline goes through and distances from the county highway, so it wasn’t really going to fit.”

In all, Andres is estimating that the pavement and improvements recommended by Safe Routes could total around \$3 million.

Board member John Arens feels Safe Routes’ recommendations don’t go far enough, especially when it comes to Hillcrest Primary School and Olga Brenner Intermediate School. He indicated as an example the warning lights at County B and Lincoln Street, which were

installed in 2023 to address concerns with pedestrians and the traffic on the county road.

“It blows my mind that Safe Routes to School doesn’t think we need the same kind of treatment at Hillcrest, or all those kids and families that walk to Brenner or any of those,” Arens said. “I can’t fathom the fact that it’s not really a safe route. Waukechon Street is not a safe route to school.”

Andres noted that 40% of the referendum funding is for maintenance of existing facilities. He added that just because the referendum

is for \$54.5 million does not mean the district has to spend that much.

Arens acknowledged the maintenance work is needed, in light of the age of most of the buildings.

“The majority of this referendum is for maintenance that has been deferred for 20 years,” Arens said. “It’s very important.”

Board member Frank Kugel was the lone vote opposing both resolutions, and board members David Cullen, Mike Musolf and Jeana Winslow were absent from the meeting.

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Police still seeking clues into remains found on reservation

By **KEVIN PASSON**
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Law enforcement officials are still seeking information about the remains of someone discovered on the Menominee Reservation nearly three months ago.

The Menominee Tribal

Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation are investigating human skeletal remains discovered Oct. 30, 2023.

That morning, the Menominee Tribal Police were notified that a hunter came across human skeletal remains in a rural wooded area on the

Menominee Indian Reservation. Forensic experts responded to the scene and determined the unidentified human skeletal remains belong to an adult male.

Based on characteristics of the skeleton, the individual is estimated to have been White and/or Native

American, between the ages of 23-33 at the time of his death and between 5-foot-7 and 6-foot-5 in height.

According to police, the condition of the remains suggests the individual has been dead for at least one year but possible up to 10 years.

To date, the individual remains unidentified.

Police said it is important to note the listed sex, age, race and stature for this unidentified individual are all estimates.

At this time there is no indication the remains match a known missing person from the Menomi-

nee Reservation or surrounding area.

Anyone who has any information to assist in this investigation is asked to call the Menominee Tribal Police Department tipline and leave a message at 715-799-5806.

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Lulu Lake drowning victim identified by sheriff's office

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

A 78-year-old man who was found dead at Lulu Lake early Christmas Day morning was identified as Karl E. "Butch" Barkow Sr., according to the Shawano County Sheriff's

Office. Coroner Brian Westfahl said Jan. 12 Barkow died from drowning. According to an earlier new release by the sheriff's office, concerned family members called the sheriff's office Dec. 24 saying Barkow was miss-

ing around 4:30 p.m. He went fishing on Lulu Lake that day and had not returned home. People found his vehicle near a boat landing and some ice fishing gear on the lake. Deputies and the Shawano Area Fire Depart-

ment found an open hole in the ice near the fishing gear. Rescue and recovery efforts stopped that night when it got too dark outside and restarted early Dec. 25. As a member of the Walleyes for Tomorrow, he loved mentoring chil-

dren about the outdoors and especially fishing. Barkow was a member of the Shawano Masonic Lodge 170, Walleyes for Tomorrow, Shawano Fish and Game Club, Shawano Gun Club, N.E.W. Beagle Club, Braw Bluebird Restoration of Wisconsin and

White Clay Lake Sportsman Club. Barkow is survived by his wife, Jean; two sons, Kevin (Tammy) Barkow and Karl Barkow Jr.; four grandchildren; and a brother. Funeral services were held Dec. 30.

OBITUARIES

Ronda L. Radtke, 78, of Marion, passed away Monday morning, Jan. 8, 2024, at the Greentree Health and Rehabilitation Center in Clintonville. Ronda was born on June 10, 1945, in New London as the daughter of the late Ernst and Marcella (Buss) Radtke. She graduated from Marion High School in 1963. The day after graduation, Ronda began working for Marion State Bank as a teller and retired after many years at the now Premier Community Bank, having worked in



bookkeeping and had also held the title of assistant vice president.

Ronda L. Radtke Marion residents will remember Ronda for the many years she served as the treasurer for the Greenleaf Cemetery in town. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Marion and enjoyed bowling in league at the Marion Rec in her younger years. Ronda loved to travel and spend time at the cottage on Pelican Lake in northern Wisconsin where she made lots of memories with friends and family. She enjoyed her "birthday club" get togethers with her friends. Ronda collected antiques and was an excellent decorator who always had her home looking nice for the holidays and change of seasons. She was an avid gardener, having so many beautiful flowers and actually looked forward to pulling weeds. Ronda was especially proud of her hosta garden and even made sure to label them all. She was a generous person who loved her family very much. Survivors include her brother, James "Jim"

(Jayne) Radtke; brother-in-law, Jack Lozier; niece and nephew, Kaylene (Lance) Tischauser and Tom (Sandy) Lozier; great-nieces, Taylor (fiance Doug Dicka) Tischauser and McKenzie Tischauser; a great-great-niece, Charli Dicka; and numerous other relatives and friends. Ronda was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Sharon Lozier and Carole Radtke. A memorial gathering of family and friends was held Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, at the St. John's Lu-

theran Church in Marion. Interment took place at Greenleaf Cemetery in Marion. Ronda's family would like to extend their appreciation to the staff at Greentree, ThedaCare at Home Hospice including Kristy Crum, and to Rita and Walker White for being great neighbors and watching out for Ronda over the years. The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory of Marion is assisting her family. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Carol J. Mandel Carol J. Mandel, 82, of New London, formerly of Shawano, passed away on Jan. 7, 2024, at St. Joseph Residence. Carol was born on Dec. 23, 1941, to the late Herbert and Adeline (Eiting) Nielsen in Kaukauna. She was a graduate of Kaukauna High School. After high school, she worked raising her family as well as working as a cook at several area restaurants. She also spent time volunteering at her kids' school. On Oct. 16, 1998, she married Henry "Hank" Mandel in Little Chute. Hank preceded her in death on Oct. 27, 2014. Carol loved cooking and baking. She enjoyed doing numerous types of crafts as well as crocheting and reading. She loved her home on Legend Lake as well as gardening and growing flowers. She will be sadly missed by her children and stepchildren, Todd (Andrea)



Williamson, of Charlotte, North Carolina, Pauline Ho, of Grand Chute, Julie (Gene) Wild, of the Town of Center, Mark (Lisa) Williamson, of Kimberly, and Scott (Sue) Mandel, Debra (Paul) Schmidt, Peter (Jean) Mandel, Pam Schmidt and Todd (Karen) Mandel, as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is further survived by siblings, Kathy Neuman, Jim (Diane) Niesen, Virginia Holbrook, Eileen (Peter)

Gossen and Jodi (Ken) Schott, as well as many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Hank; one son, Timothy "Willy" Williamson; one grandchild; sisters, Mary Jo Gellerman and Barbara Braun; and brothers-in-law, Sam Neuman and Ross Holbrook. A memorial service for Carol was held Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, at Wichmann Funeral Home of Appleton with Deacon Ray Ambrosius officiating. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Kaukauna at a later date. For more information and to express condolences, please visit www.wichmannfuneralhomes.com. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of St. Joseph Residence of New London and Moments Hospice for the wonderful care given to Carol.



Elmer W. Martens Elmer W. Martens, 101, of Shawano, passed away peacefully early Saturday morning, Jan. 6, 2024, at Oak Haven Assisted Living in Shawano, where he had been a resident for the past year. Elmer was born June 11, 1922, in Kewaunee County, a son of the late Herman and Ada (Kirchman) Martens. He moved to Shawano as a child, graduating from Shawano High School with the class of 1940. Following high school, Elmer was employed by the city of Shawano. On Nov. 8, 1947, Elmer was united in marriage to the former Ruth Bernhagen at Zion Lutheran Church in Embarrass. He then went to work for the Shawano County Highway Department for 37 years, retiring in 1978. Ruth preceded him in death on Nov. 23, 2012. Elmer was a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano where he served on the board of elders and the finance committee. He was also

Martens, of New London; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Roger Martens; his sister, Marilyn (Raymond) Zabel; and his stepmother, Ida (Gehm) Martens. A memorial service for Elmer will be held on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service of Shawano. Vicar David Kaiser will officiate. Inurnment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano. Visitation will begin at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service Inc. is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com. The family wishes to thank the staff at Oak Haven and Compassus Hospice for their compassion and care Elmer received.



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New Wolf River Dental facility gets council approval

Project gets interest from Hillcrest 1st grade, which utilizes wooded area

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Plans to build a new dental facility on Engel Drive are not only interesting for the city of Shawano, but local schoolchildren, as well.

The Shawano Common Council approved a development agreement Jan. 10 with Destiny Unbound LLC to build a new facility for Wolf River Dental, which currently operates out of Woodlawn Plaza. Destiny agrees to acquire 2.6 acres of land owned by the city to build the new dental clinic.

The property is located in the boundaries of Tax Increment Finance District 7. Under the terms of the agreement, city property is assigned a value of \$20,000 per acre, which means the total cost would be \$52,000. However, the city is providing a development incentive of \$40,000, based on the property's anticipated assessed value of \$2 million. The city is also providing a grant to cover the remaining \$12,000.

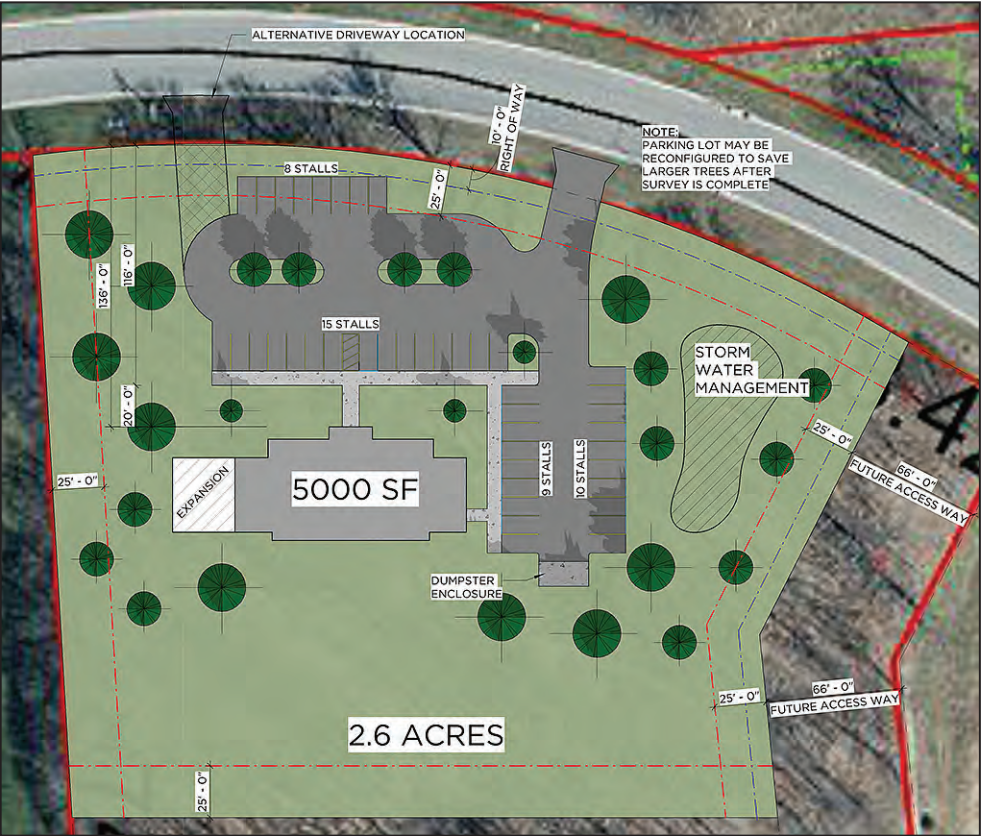
The agreement noted that Destiny is expected to invest about \$2.5 million into the property and construction of the building.

Destiny will be expected to begin construction by Sept. 30 to avoid quit claiming the property back to the city, and most of the work is expected to be completed by the end of 2024 to get an occupancy permit and be valued for tax purposes.

"Essentially, it's working out where we're providing the land, and they're agreeing to build the facility," said City Administrator Eddie Sheppard. "We are setting it up so it's not going to land lock the parcel. We've asked them to provide room — and they've done it in their site plan — so that if we ever wanted to put a road in there and put businesses behind there that wanted to be serviced, they could be reached. There are 4 1/2 acres left behind there on that parcel."

The new dental facility is being built adjacent to Hillcrest Primary School, which is where the children have an interest. Heather Schmidt, a first-grade teacher, wrote a letter to Sheppard urging him to make sure the wooded area across the street from Hillcrest is preserved.

"The woods have been



This architectural plan shows the basic design for the new Wolf River Dental facility on Engel Drive. CONTRIBUTED

a living classroom, providing hands-on experiences that go beyond traditional education," Schmidt wrote. "Our educators at Hillcrest/LEADS Primary School have seamlessly integrated this natural space into their teaching methods. This outdoor classroom has been an invaluable asset in cultivating a love for learning and a deep connection to the natural world."

Schmidt noted that

the woods have served as an "extraordinary playground" for the young children since Hillcrest opened its doors in 2010.

"The wooded area provides a unique environment that fosters creativity, imagination, and physical activity," she wrote. "Through unstructured play in nature, children develop essential skills such as problem-solving, teamwork and resilience, contributing to their over-

all well-being and growth."

Schmidt wrote that it's not just the children who benefit from the woods. It's of value to the entire community, she claimed.

"They are not merely a collection of trees; they are a sanctuary for children to escape into the wonders of nature, fostering a sense of wonder and curiosity that stays with them throughout their lives," Schmidt wrote. "Access to such green

spaces has been linked to improved physical and mental health, creating a lasting impact on the quality of life."

Sheppard noted that a couple of first-grade students attended a meeting of the Shawano Plan Commission where the dental facility was up for discussion, and they got their questions answered to realize the city did not plan to eliminate all of the trees.

"The goal is to keep that area as wooded as possible," Sheppard said. "(Destiny) is aware that some of it is currently in use by the first-graders for teaching moments. We were able to make a connection between the first-grade teacher and Dr. (Paul) Mantz, and they're really looking forward to working together to continue to let the kids use the woods and building some birdhouses and stuff like that."

Sheppard noted that Destiny is planning to move on site work shortly, which makes the end of 2024 deadline easily obtainable.

"They're very excited to get moving and get going," Sheppard said. "We expect to see some of their drawings and site building plans very soon."

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Shawano-born filmmaker brings comedy to town

'Hundreds of Beavers' combines silent films with slapstick comedy as it tells tale set in Wisconsin in 1800s

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

A film coming to Shawano Cinema on Jan. 29 is expected to bring about the nostalgia of black-and-white silent cinema, slapstick comedy and more as it focuses on Wisconsin life in the woods.

Produced by filmmaker Kurt Ravenwood, who grew up in Shawano as Kurt Raether, "Hundreds of Beavers" was made almost entirely in Wisconsin and focuses on drunken applejack salesman Jean Kayak, who has a thriving alcohol operation in the forest until it's sabotaged by some beavers.

"He's got to learn how to go from zero to hero and trap (the beavers) and live and survive in the wild," Ravenwood said. "Eventually he is successful, and then he's more successful, and the traps become more elaborate."

Kayak also falls in love with a woman from the local village and wants to marry her, according to Ravenwood, but her merchant father forbids it unless Kayak can bring 100 beaver furs.

"It's like Wile E. Coyote trying to catch the Road Runner," Ravenwood said, referencing a Looney Tunes cartoon series. "There's some twists and



Jean Kayak, played by Ryland Tews, finds himself surrounded by unhappy beavers in "Hundreds of Beavers," a film coming to Shawano Cinema on Jan. 29.

some surprises ... but it turns out that the beavers have some more things going on than meets the eye. They may have their own secret society, and they may be up to something."

The idea for the 107-minute film had its origins in 2018, according to Ravenwood, after Ravenwood saw a movie at the Milwaukee Film Festival called "Lake Michigan Monster" that involved "Beavers" screenwriters Mike Cheslik and Ryland Tews.

"It was one of the funniest movies I'd ever seen," Ravenwood said. "I was like, I really need to meet these guys."

When they pitched "Bea-

vers," which Ravenwood described as a "fur-trapping comedy set in the 1800s," he was skeptical that such a film would succeed but agreed to help raise the money to put it together.

"I knew it would be good and that I would like it," Ravenwood said. "I didn't know that it would find an audience. As a producer, you're putting a lot of investment into it and wanting to not only pay your investors back but also make enough money to do another movie. We want this movie to be successful so we can keep making films."

Ravenwood believes in what he calls "challenging cinema" and let aspir-

ing filmmakers find their voices, and so he soon saw that the potential for "Beavers" appealing to other people besides himself was growing.

"It's not a Marvel film," Ravenwood said. "It's not built on any sort of intellectual property. I don't have \$10 million in marketing to tell people about it. It kind of had to spread through word-of-mouth. Sitting on the other side of it, I've been blown away by how people are picking up on the film."

He added the film has already played at over 50 film festivals around the world.

The allure in "Beavers" is the physical comedy, in Ravenwood's view. Trail-

ers for the film show Jean Kayak avoiding the sharp tip of a beaver-chomped stump only to fall through a hole in the snow, and another one showing him slipping and falling on the ice as he's fleeing a screen full of beavers.

"It's bringing back a lot of the type of humor that I think is missing in cinema these days," Ravenwood said. "The kind of humor that the Zucker brothers did with 'Airplane' and 'Naked Gun,' the kind of physical comedy that you saw in Looney Tunes but even way back in Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton — those kind of old-school film comedies. I still think they're hilarious today."

All of the larger animals are played in people in mascot costumes, Ravenwood said. Besides the titular beavers, there are larger-than-life bunnies and wolves, as well. Smaller animals like frogs and squirrels were portrayed through puppets.

"What you get is this interesting weird mix of old-school comedy with a more modern humor sensibility, like you would see on TikTok," Ravenwood said. "It was more popular than I thought it would be, because when you look at TikTok, a lot of it is physical comedy, and people just like to watch mascots fall-

ing down on their face." Although much of his attention is on promoting "Beavers" as it shows in select theaters around the Midwest, Ravenwood is already looking toward his next film project. It doesn't have a title yet, but he describes it as "Rush Hour" meets vampires.

"In the 1970s Chinese Hong Kong cinema, there were these series of films about these Chinese vampires that worked very differently from the kind of vampires you're used to like Dracula and things like that," Ravenwood said. "They were fine with stakes and mirrors and water and sun, but they had these different roles. We were really inspired by that and thought, 'Oh, that's funny.' What if we did something where a European vampire hunter, Van Helsing, has to team up with a Chinese vampire hunter, and they have to learn the ways of each other's culture to fight these vampires."

"Hundreds of Beavers" will play at 6:45 p.m. Jan. 29 at Shawano Cinema, 1494 E. Green Bay St., Shawano. After the film, there will be a question-and-answer session with cast and crew members. Tickets are available at www.shawanocinema.com.

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Council approves \$2.5M in street projects for 2024

Over \$1.6M in additional work made possible by CDBG funds

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano Common Council signed off on bids Jan. 10 for over \$2.5 million in street reconstruction projects.

Dorner Inc. won the bid for the city's regular slate of street projects, working on South Lafayette Street from Sunset Avenue to West Lieg Avenue, East Fifth Street from North Main Street to North Hamlin Street, and another stretch of South Lafayette Street from West Lieg Avenue to West Wescott Avenue. All street projects will include new work on water mains and sanitary sewer infrastructure, but the Fifth Street project will also get storm sewer infrastructure. Dorner's bid was for \$891,977.50, beating out nine other bidders for the project, with the highest bid being over \$1.17 million.

The budget for the three roads was around \$925,000, according to City Administrator Eddie Sheppard.

Besides the regularly scheduled projects, the city is working on three more streets with the help of Community Development

Fifth Street from Main to Hamlin will be one of the roads in Shawano undergoing reconstruction in 2024. Six segments of road will be replacing asphalt and adding sewer and water infrastructure, but Fifth Street will also be getting infrastructure for the city's storm sewer system.

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Block Grant funds. David Tenor Corporation had the lowest bid at \$1.62 million, with six others companies bidding for the project, and the highest bid totaling over \$2.11 million. The CDBG funding will cover street and infrastructure work on South Franklin Street from West Stevens Avenue to West Lieg Avenue, South Lutz Street from East Zingler Avenue to East Lieg Avenue, and South Andrews Street from East Zingler Avenue to East Lieg Avenue.

"Of that, the city's portion is about \$640,000," Sheppard said, noting that the city received \$1 million in CDBG money for this

year. "We came in under budget by about \$5,000 — hit that one right on the head with the budget."

By getting the grant, the city is close to doubling what its usual street work is, according to Sheppard. He noted that the Lafayette and Fifth street projects were ineligible for the grant.

Sheppard noted that Tenor has worked with the city previously, and staff has been satisfied with the company's work.

"We're happy to work with those folks," he said. "They've always done a great job."

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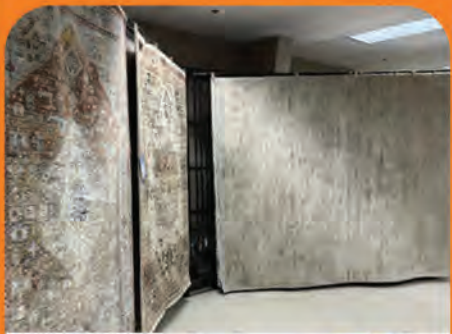
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Solutions for safe driving boil down to common sense

There's a common saying about small towns that states, "Blink and you'll miss it." However, that doesn't mean that vehicle operators should speed through a small town and be from one side to the other in the time it takes your eyes to close and open again.

Apparently, some folks cruising around Bon-duel didn't get the memo. That's why some careless driver hit a young child in the crosswalk on County Road BE. That's why a dump truck narrowly missed turning two more children into street pizza. That's why sheriff's deputies clocked one driver going 47 miles per hour near the crosswalk, more than 20 miles over the regularly posted speed limit and more than 30 miles over the limit when children are present.

Thankfully, no one has died crossing the road in that spot, but it shouldn't take near-misses and actual collisions for people to realize that speeding past schools is a stupid thing. It's prompted action from school officials, who have asked the Shawano County Sheriff's Department to do extra patrols and are looking at finding volunteers to be crossing guards, but there should be less need for those who obey the laws to step up and do something and more need for the leadfoots who don't pay attention to the speedometers to pay better attention to the vehicles they're operating.

While some might excuse an incident on a basic crosswalk, this one has flashing lights that come on when a pedestrian is ready to step off the sidewalk and into the road. Flashing lights were deemed a necessity in Shawano for the Mountain Bay Trail where it crosses at Green Bay Street and again at Main Street, not to mention the recent addition of lights at County Road B where it intersects Lincoln Street by Shawano Community High School. If the flashing lights couldn't prevent the collision in Bonduel, does this mean Shawano pedestrians are taking their lives into their hands? Sure looks like it.

What will it take to get people to slow down? The crossing guards are a good idea, although if drivers ignore flashing yellow lights, it's questionable if an adult in a yellow neon



Lee Pulaski
City editor

vest with a red stop sign will better catch their attention. It'll certainly reduce the risk, but it won't eliminate it.

We might need to take a cue from our friends in the railroad industry and consider some flashing red lights, not yellow, combined with gates going down. They certainly work when it comes to stopping traffic when trains are going by, as trying to mow down a crossing train is a one-way ticket to suicide. While there's not a 100% guarantee drivers will pay attention to the gates, they'll certainly do some spectacular damage to the vehicle.

The suggestion made by some about catching the license plates and reporting the incidents to law enforcement is a good one, too, but it will be dependent on deputies being able to track down the vehicles, obtain proof about who was driving the vehicle at the time, and getting the courts to prosecute. Courts are still playing catch-up since the coronavirus pandemic, so it might be months before justice is served, especially if someone is struck, so what do we do as an alternative?

Superintendent Joe Dawidziak has a good idea about educating students about proper things to do at a crosswalk as a pedestrian. Unfortunately, the students involved in the two incidents did everything right. It's the adults who need a refresher course, and finding a way to get them to come out for it would not be an easy task.

In the end, it all comes down to common sense. As drivers, we're always responsible for watching the road and making sure we drive at a safe speed. It shouldn't take flashing lights or deputies on patrol or barriers to make us realize that we should slow our roll when we approach schools. Sadly, there are too many people paying too little attention.

It'll be the children who pay the price.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Border crisis needs more than hope

To the editor:

Let's do more than hope 2024 will improve the crisis at the U.S. southern border. Let's get our Congress to actually do it.

For many, building "a big, beautiful wall" has long been the battle-cry for a quick, simple solution. Think again.

During the Trump administration, 458 miles of wall were completed — 52 new, the remaining 406 replaced existing sections with taller, hollow-steel bars. Unfortunately, an inexpensive power tool can easily cut through it, allowing smugglers to transport immigrants whenever the border patrol has their backs turned. As it stands, the Mexicans haven't paid a penny as Trump promised; U.S. taxpayers have — \$15 billion so far.

To protect his 1,200-mile Texas border, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott built a spare-no-expense 1,000-foot mid-river razor-wire

OPINION PAGE POLICY

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floating-buoy barricade. After some drownings within the first week, it was recalled and outlawed by court order.

Abbott's newest stunt is transporting immigrants by the bus-load or plane-full to cities across the country that have Democratic mayors, such as Denver, Chicago and New York. Herded immigrants are literally dropped off unannounced in the middle of the night in sub-freezing temps in T-

shirts and sandals.

We need to better understand and work toward a genuine cure for this crisis. That requires looking 2,000-plus miles further south to Central and South America where the vast majority of these immigrants are coming from. In some places, inflation rates are 500 times that of our country. With rampant crime, overwhelming poverty, unemployment and political corruption, thousands leave their home-

land daily attempting an escape to a new and better life.

Better security at our border remains our problem. Fixing the ills of South and Central America is a bigger task that must involve all the nations of the Western Hemisphere and perhaps the world. That requires more than fiery bully-pulpit rally speeches — it requires leadership and diplomacy.

The border problem has been with us and growing worse for decades. Currently, Senate Democrats have a good-faith effort on the table, and the Biden administration is working with the Mexican government to spearhead remedies. Will Republicans work with, or just fight against it?

From a national security standpoint and to avoid a bigger humanitarian catastrophe than it already is, status quo politicking on this issue must stop. When our political parties brainstorm together, America does its best — for us and the world.

Steve Parks, Bowler

GUEST COLUMN

Enbridge won't decommission Line 5

This year, let's make and fulfill a New Year's resolution to save the Great Lakes and decommission Line 5.

Line 5, owned and operated by Canadian company Enbridge, carries crude oil across Wisconsin, Michigan, and through the Great Lakes. Despite the journey this oil takes on Wisconsin and Michigan's soil and waterways, there is little to no gain for Wisconsinites. Yet, we face an alarming environmental crisis because of Line 5. This crisis is not a matter of if. It is a matter of when. Yet, Enbridge refuses to decommission the line or cease trespassing on tribal land.

Built in 1953, Line 5 was constructed to operate for only 45 years. Seventy-one years post-construction, it runs 22 million gallons of oil daily through Wisconsin, Michigan, and the Great Lakes via the straits of Mackinac, where Lake Michigan and Huron meet. This eroding pipeline has spilled over 30 times since 1968, putting the Great Lakes at risk.

While Line 5 risks everyone relying on the Great Lakes, Wisconsinites must understand how Enbridge disrespects and disregards the tribal lands and waters that the pipeline crosses. With petroleum deposits originating in Alberta, the oil travels from the Alberta Clipper to Line 5 in Superior, Wisconsin.

This crosses into the Bad River Band of Lake Superior



Gracie Waukechon
Guest columnist

Chippewa's Reservation. However, the easements allowing Enbridge to use tribal land expired over a decade ago. The Band filed a lawsuit in 2019, and Judge William Conley ordered Enbridge to halt the oil passage on the reservation within three years. Enbridge has yet to leave tribal land. Following flooding in May 2023, the eroding pipeline became an even greater danger to the reservation.

Even after this lawsuit, Enbridge threatens Bad River's waterways. In 2020, Enbridge counter-proposed to reroute next to tribal land. However, this would continue to impact the tribe negatively, as it would operate on rivers flowing into the reservation. When the pipeline breaks, the oil will flow into the reservation, poisoning the water, wild rice beds, and biodiversity.

Yet, it is not only the Bad River Band whose sovereignty and stewardship of the land are violated by Enbridge. The Bay Mills Indian Community of Michigan holds a spiritual, historical, and cultural connection to the Straits of Mackinac, the birthplace of the Anishinaabe origin story. The inevitable oil spill will be detrimental to

the community's cultural, agricultural, economic, and spiritual survival.

Over 60 tribes across the Midwest and Canada, including the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, have united to protect treaty rights, sovereignty, and the Great Lakes. Survival as tribal people is interwoven with the water and land on which we have lived for thousands of years. Contamination of the Great Lakes will sever present and future tribal people from the water we have thrived on long before European contact.

The organization 350 Wisconsin, oceanographers, environmental scientists, tribal nations, Earthjustice, the Native American Rights Fund, and even Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel all agree that this will become the worst inland oil spill that North America has ever seen. It will devastate Wisconsin and Michigan's water, recreation, commerce, and biodiversity.

When profit is valued above clean water, safe biodiversity, and tribal sovereignty, it is morally reprehensible and an inevitable environmental crisis. Enbridge is already responsible for the worst inland oil spill in US history. One million gallons of oil from the ruptured 6B pipeline polluted Michigan's Kalamazoo River in 2010. This left residents unhoused, water polluted, and wildlife

decimated.

Days before, Enbridge assured the public that the pipeline was secure. Enbridge believes we benefit from Line 5, yet it is merely a hazardous shortcut for another nation's profit. Is this worth the risk of another catastrophic spill? Shouldn't clean water prioritize fossil fuels, a dwindling energy source?

More importantly, do we want to risk this with our Great Lakes — 20% of the world's freshwater source?

I urge all Wisconsinites to stand with the Bad River Band, the Bay Mills Indian Community, 350 Wisconsin, the Native American Rights Fund, and all other Midwestern and Canadian individuals, native and non-native, that rely on the Great Lakes and hold a respect for the natural world that fossil fuel profits cannot replace. Line 5 puts every living creature relying on the Great Lakes in danger. So, as we move forward into 2024, let's all follow through on a New Year's resolution to protect our water. If we cannot care for our waterways, we cannot care for Netaenawemakanak — all of our relations.

For more information on what you can do to save the Great Lakes and stop Line 5, visit 350wisconsin.org or oilandwaterdontmix.org.

Gracie Waukechon, who lives in Bonduel, is a member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and a descendant of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

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OUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Building a Brighter Future for Health Care in Wisconsin

The New Year marks an exciting milestone for the health and well-being of the people of Wisconsin.

Froedtert Health and ThedaCare announced our plans last spring to come together as one organization, taking the best of two leading Wisconsin-based health systems to create something new and reinvent the future of health care in our state. We now take an important step forward in that journey by officially launching our combined health system.

As a combined organization, we are poised to help the people of Wisconsin live their unique, best lives. In partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin, we will cover every aspect of care delivery, providing better and more seamless access to integrated, high-quality care, and serve as a proactive partner in health to help keep people well. From our shared commitment to clinical excellence to our strengths in community health and academic medicine, we can build a brighter future for Wisconsin.

As a Wisconsin-based and led health system, we know our communities and their unique health needs, and we have the right resources, expertise and understanding of our local communities to have a positive, lasting impact. We have come together to ensure we can meet the needs of our communities today, while developing new, creative solutions to improve the health of generations to come.

With our new health system launched, we will begin the thoughtful, deliberate process to shape how our new organization looks and feels, all intended to make things even better for the people we serve. As we create something new, you can continue seeing your trusted providers and accessing health care services as you always have.

We are honored to serve you and care for our communities in Wisconsin, and we look forward to sharing updates on our progress and the inspiring benefits Wisconsinites will experience through our combination.

With gratitude,

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Menominee actresses star in new Disney series ‘Echo’

Cox has lead role in five-episode streaming event

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Alaqua Cox is back on the screen, this time in her own series on Disney+. Cox, the 26-year-old Menominee Nation actress who starred with Jeremy Renner in the Marvel series “Hawkeye” on Disney+, now has her own spinoff series, “Echo.” It is also available on Hulu until April 9.

All five episodes of the gritty, action-packed drama series dropped last week. The streaming event spotlights Maya Lopez (Cox) as she is pursued by Wilson Fisk’s (Vincent D’Onofrio) criminal empire. When the journey brings her home, she must confront her own family and legacy. “No bad deed goes unpunished” is the tagline for the series.

This marks the first Marvel Studios series to drop all entirely bingeable episodes at once. In “Hawkeye,” which was released in 2021, Cox, from Keshena, made history as the first live-action Native American Marvel superhero for her role as Maya Lopez, aka Echo.



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The studio was on the lookout for a young, athletic Native American actress who’s deaf to play the role as a conflicted villain to Renner’s Avengers character Hawkeye. “I remember there was a tweet that said, ‘Female,

Native, athletic and smart,’” Cox said in a promotional video. “Everyone texted me, ‘This is you!’ “Now they’ve given me my own show. There’s so much confidence and trust they have in me.” Cox had no acting expe-

rience but took a shot and landed the role. “This is our chance to uplift Indigenous voices and let the world know that we’re still here,” Cox said. Co-workers and co-stars welcomed her with open arms.

“I remember when I arrived on set, it just felt like home to me,” Cox said. “I’m normally very shy, but all the crew were able to learn sign language. To have that support from co-workers along the way, it just feels very powerful.

Having this opportunity means so much to me. It’s been such an amazing experience.” Richie Palmer, executive producer, said Cox is a star. “She really shows everybody why she is Echo,” he said. “Alaqua’s amazing,” D’Onofrio added. “She has this calm, intense quality about her.” Several Menominee and Mohican people from Wisconsin also were cast as background characters in the series. Cox’s cousin from Menominee, Darnell Besaw, 10, plays a young Maya Lopez in four episodes. She also was in “Hawkeye.” Cox, who was born deaf, grew up in Menominee County and attended the Wisconsin School for the Deaf in Delavan. She also has a prosthetic leg but performs many of her own stunts. Cox is Menominee and Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican, but her character is Choctaw, a tribal nation that has a reservation in Oklahoma.

“I just can’t believe that the Native American community can have a Native American superhero,” Cox said. “Echo” is rated TV-MA. kpaddon@newmedia-wi.com

Pulaski water costs expected to exceed \$15.3M

Village will finance most of the project with Safe Drinking Water Loan from Department of Natural Resources

By KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

The cost to bring water to Pulaski from the Green Bay Water Utility is an estimated \$15.3 million, according to a construction application filed last month with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. The project could pump up overall water rates by 218%, staff at Robert E. Lee Engineering estimated. Efforts to get current water rates locally were unsuccessful. However, a February 2022 PSC order authorized charging average residential customers \$92.15 quarterly for using 10,000 gallons of water. Village Board President Keith Chambers expected a new rate request would

be filed when the project nears completion. An increase for any individual customer would depend on the project’s actual cost, the amount of return on equity the PSC authorizes and water usage. Chambers acknowledged that the project comes with a hefty price tag, but bringing water from Lake Michigan was the least expensive option that Lee Engineering consultants researched. “Dollars and sense-wise, this is the best,” Chambers said. “I think it would have been a 259% increase if we went with Central Brown County Water Authority (as a wholesale supplier) and if we corrected our own problems, it would have been over 400%.”

Pulaski’s two wells don’t produce enough water to meet the volume that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires to fight a significant fire if one well was inoperable. Expansion and development in the village has increased the daily demand volume, and the water produced is often discolored by high concentrations of iron and manganese, according to the Lee Engineering application. The project would pipe water from a distribution station in Hobart at the intersection of North Overland Road and Centerline Drive. A booster station will be built on the north side of state Highway 29 and on the west side of County Road U to

provide sufficient pressure to pump the water to Pulaski. The path of the 10-inch water main would continue north on County Road U until the intersection with the Mountain Bay Trail, which ties into the Pulaski distribution system. Part of the path parallels the route of a sewer line that connects the village to a regional wastewater treatment plant in Green Bay. Some existing main in the village near the path of the pipeline that has experienced several costly breaks in recent years would be replaced during the project. The village will finance the project with a \$12.17 million Safe Drinking Water Loan the DNR of-

fers at 2.14% for 20 years. The loan has a \$1.6 million principal forgiveness provision, according to the application. The Green Bay Water Utility is offering a \$1.6 million grant, which Chambers said was probably an incentive the utility offered to seal the deal. Annual operating expenses are estimated at \$533,250 which includes \$475,500 to purchase water from the GBWU at \$2.44 per 1,000 gallons. Also, \$20,000 for labor, \$20,000 for fuel for the pumps and \$13,500 in general maintenance. That expense would be offset by the village closing its two wells and a ground storage reservoir while retaining the water tower for storage and pressurization.

“Yes, we could become totally dependent on Green Bay for water,” Chambers said. The line from Hobart would cross the town of Pittsfield, which would pay Pulaski a conveyance fee if it ties into it. Chambers believes the town intends to do that, but the arrangements aren’t currently in place, he said. DNR and PSC approval are also pending. The project has largely been designed but not bid yet. Chambers expects that to occur soon. It would take about 18 months to complete construction. Depending on equipment and contractor availability, Pulaski residents could be drinking Green Bay water by late 2025, according to the application.

Workshop from UW-Extension in Antigo looks at intricacies of renting farm land

The process of renting farm land is the focus of a workshop being conducted in Antigo on Jan. 22. The workshop will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Antigo Town Hall, located at W9291 state Highway 64, Antigo. If in doubt about weather issues for the meeting, contact the Langlade

County Extension office at 715-627-6236. University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension is providing the opportunity for owners of farmland and agricultural producers to find out about land rent realities and options. This free, in-person workshop is sponsored by the Extension

offices of Langlade, Marinette, Oconto, and Shawano counties. Registration is not required. Crops/soils educator Scott Reuss will lead the discussion of the details that farmers should consider when negotiating a farm rental contract, and why having a contract is important. He will

also detail some of the advantages and disadvantages of different types of annual or multi-year leasing contracts. Current data regarding land rental rates in the multi-county area will be shared and discussed, as well. Although a written contract is not a legal requirement, it does al-

low for protections for both parties and allows the producer involved to more readily access crop insurance and governmental programs, according to Reuss. Many different things can go into a contract, but the most important center on timing, payment processes, restrictions, and opportu-

nities for flexibility when unusual cropping conditions occur. For information, contact Reuss at 715-732-7510 or scott.reuss@wisc.edu. For those unable to attend, another good source of farmland leasing information can be found at <http://www.aglease101.org>.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SATURDAY, JAN. 20
WITTENBERG: "The Art of the Quilter X — Sew Bee It," 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. More than 40 quilts on display; People's Choice awards and Award of Excellence to be given.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21
WITTENBERG: "The Art of the Quilter X — Sew Bee It," 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. More than 40 quilts on display; People's Choice awards and Award of Excellence to be given.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24
GILLET: Veterans Breakfast, 8:30-10 a.m., Spirits of Gillett LLC, 145 N. McKenzie St.

SURING: Veterans Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Randy's Place Bar and Bowl, 235 Peshtigo Brook Road.

NAVARINO: Wednesday Winter Walks Series, 9-10 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Slow-paced exploration of one of the center's trails. Weekly through January. Cost: One hike \$5 members, \$10 non-members; entire series: \$15 members, \$30 non-members. Register at navarino.org or 715-758-6999.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26
NAVARINO: Light Up the Night - Torchlight Ski/Snowshoe, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Free with nonperishable food item. Does not include rentals. Without food donation, \$5 members, \$10 non-members, \$20 family. Register by calling 715-758-6999 or visit www.navarino.org.

SATURDAY, JAN. 27
GRESHAM: Lions Club 64th

annual Fishing Derby, W10821 Upper Red Lake Road. \$600 in cash prizes; fish must be entered by 4:30 p.m. Fish Cash Prizes presented at 5 p.m. Cash raffle drawing at 6 p.m., \$500 first prize. Food, music, beverages available in heated shelter. Giant show kites on the ice. Music by Drive West 4 p.m.

SHAWANO: Walleye and Bass Tournament, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court. Complete rules at Bamboo Bar Facebook page or call 715-201-1158.

WITTENBERG: The Art of the Quilter X — Sew Bee It, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. More than 40 quilts on display; People's Choice awards and Award of Excellence to be given.

LAKEWOOD: Paul Bunyan Snow Fun Day, 2-7 p.m., Waubee Lake Lodge, 18398 Waubee Park Lane. Paul Bunyan Snowmobile Club hosts meat and prize raffles, 50-50 raffles throughout the day, fisheree and kids' fishing derby (7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; fish any lake), and a poker run.

OCONTO FALLS: Wild Game Banquet, 4-8 p.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road. Potluck dinner 5:30 p.m., seminar speaker James "Bear Man" VanSteenhouse 6:30 p.m. Wildlife replica displays, youth Nerf gun range 4-5:30 p.m. with prizes. Sponsored by Hillside Assembly.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28
WITTENBERG: The Art of the Quilter X — Sew Bee It, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. More than 40 quilts on display; People's Choice awards and Award of Excellence to be given.

Gardeners need to make resolutions

The New Year has arrived, and what a better time than now to begin dreaming of gardening in 2024. It is time for some New Year's resolutions to help make your garden dreams come true.

Each year, as new plant and seed catalogs begin to arrive in January, I love to make a list of gardening goals for the new year. So many new plants to try. So many new ways to grow. So many additions. So many changes. It's all part of the ever-changing world of gardening. It's a joy to create these lists and come up with garden dreams in the middle of the coldest season.

Need help coming up with some gardening goals for this year? Here are some of my suggestions.

It's easy to be captivated by regal monarch butterflies now, in the heart of winter. It's a great time to make a resolution to bring more nectar and host plants to your property to give them a helping hand.

Of course, the various native milkweeds are must-haves in the garden as they provide a host for monarch caterpillars.

Swamp milkweed is by far my favorite, as it is not as aggressive as common milkweed yet still grows tall and showy. Orange milkweed, often called butterfly weed, is



Extend the growing season and provide a great source of pollen and nectar for bumblebees and butterflies by including annuals that bloom late in the season, such as this purple heliotrope.

ROB ZIMMER



Rob Zimmer
Columnist

another excellent choice for our area, especially for properties that are dry and sandy.

Great nectar plants for monarchs include perennials that are native to our area such as blazing stars, aster, Joe-pye weed, black-eyed Susan, goldenrod and others. Many annuals also offer a great nectar source

for monarchs, especially Mexican sunflower, zinnia, cosmos and purple heliotrope.

Another goal for many gardeners is to provide nectar and pollen sources for our many species of native bees, including the bumblebees. One species of bumblebee, the rusty-patched bumblebee is actually considered endangered in Wisconsin and gardeners are thrilled to find them dancing among their blossoms.

For pollinators, including the bumblebees, native plants are always the best. Just about any native wildflower will do. Bumblebees also love many annuals, such as zinnias, heliotrope, sunflower, salvia and many others.

Growing edible plants is another resolution many gardeners make each year. Growing edible plants has never been easier. It's possible to grow delicious greens, root crops, fruits and vegetables even without a garden plot.

More and more gardeners are discovering the joys of growing in containers. Explore growing edible plants in containers by doing an online search or visiting your local garden center to see what they provide for herbs,

tomatoes, root crops, even bush crops such as blueberries, raspberries and more.

Another New Year's resolution for gardeners is to extend the growing season beyond the traditional Labor Day timeframe. Adding perennials, annuals and shrubs that bloom well into October, even into November is a rewarding and satisfying gardening journey.

In addition to the beauty and ornamental value, plants that bloom until Halloween or beyond are also excellent sources of food, nectar and pollen for birds, butterflies, bees and more. In fact, this is the time of year that many of these species need this precious resource the most.

Include berry-producing shrubs, annuals and perennials that bloom throughout October into November and extend your growing season by months.

These are just a few gardening goals for the New Year. Enjoy creating resolutions of your own to expand on your beloved hobby.

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

It's the little helps that make a big difference

When Molly, our yellow lab, was still with us, she and I would take daily walks down our road. Unless it was snowing or raining or bitter cold, we'd be out there at daybreak. She enjoyed the walks, and intuitively knew when it was time to hit the road.

Sadly, we lost her just before Christmas 2021. I haven't felt comfortable on the road since. She, while not being a watchdog so to speak, nevertheless watched out for me. If she paused, growling, or quickly turned her head, distracted from her mission of leading me straight down the road, I knew I had to take notice; something was up.

One day when I was out in the cow yard helping my husband separate animals, they were getting feisty, and Molly sensed I was in danger. She bolted through a spot in the gate and nipped at their heels. Presently, a swift kick toward her shoulder sent her squealing back toward the house in a fright. Checking her over thoroughly, we discovered no wound. She just got a good scare. I felt wonderment at her bravery, though. She'd stuck up for me.

So without her comforting companionship, I resigned myself to our treadmill, a dreadful boring task. That spring, because my husband knew I missed my outdoor walks and wanting to bless me, had mowed a stretch, making a path next to our old Black Angus pasture, going all the



way down the hill to the bottom field. Serene and quiet, it's just perfect for a solo walk. Appreciating his help, I've established a habit of going out just after breakfast, even on chilly winter mornings.

One morning, just as I was rounding the barn heading toward my path, I heard, "Hey. Can you watch the gate for me?"

Throughout our farming years I was forever on-call to lend a helping hand. I think that should have been included in the wedding vows: "To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, and you, Kay, flexible and trustworthy for every farm task that will most definitely arrive, till death do you part."

Kidding aside, he does stuff for me, I do stuff for him, those little helps. It's the way we roll after 44 years of marriage.

So that day, while he drove the skidder up the barn hill to get a big round cornstalk bale, I unlatched the gate to the heifer barn. Usually he does this while the girls are out for recess, locked up in a partition just behind their barn. Despite having the same animals



Heifers move outside the barn prior to receiving fresh bedding.

KAY REMINGER

for only a time, they learn quickly to scurry through one gate and hang around while their main barn is getting a thorough cleaning. I imagine the ones that are here longer help the newbies learn and in turn, as time goes on, those help the next group coming in.

This day, my husband was in a rush and noticing they needed bedding. With me so close by, he took advantage. Guarding the gate, I watched him approach. The bale was precariously perched on the skidder bucket. He was taking care and slowly driving it toward the barn but the road was bumpy and that thing was teetering. I thought, if that big bale would flip off and

land on me I'd be squashed flatter than a bug under a shoe.

It didn't. I wasn't, but it crossed my mind.

Driving the bale over to the back end of the barn, he used the edge of the skidder bucket to break through the netting holding the whole thing together. The heifers, in anticipation of a fresh bed, were kicking up their heels and running around and around, tails flying. Laughing to myself, I thought, such a simple act made them so giddy. Oh, how they love fresh bedding.

Getting out of the skidder, my husband undid the rest of the netting and,

crawling back in, used the skidder to spread the bale out over the entire back end of the barn. Their feeding area was full of fragrant silage, just fed out. The girls are well cared for.

Using the skidder, my husband then went on to finish bedding the cows. In their barn, they get a sand bed, which is there to help them lie down and get up easier. These cows are all pregnant, awaiting delivery of a new calf in due season and they need extra pampering.

Our skidder is a very helpful piece of equipment on the farm. By conveniently switching out buckets, my husband can easily finish farm chores. We have

one bucket for cleaning and bedding, and one bucket solely for feeding.

Helping each other with tasks, taking the time to forge a path to walk after my faithful companion left us, laying down fresh sand or cornstalk bedding for the animals entrusted to our care, it's the little helps that are so appreciated, by both man and beast.

("Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8)

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

Rotary Club marks 100th anniversary

A century of "Service Above Self," the Rotary International motto, was recently celebrated by the Shawano Rotary Club.

Rotary is known for its local and international goals.

Locally, club projects have included improvement of Shawano recreation with projects at Kuckuk, Franklin and

Sturgeon parks, along with support of school projects and student scholarships.

Internationally, the local club has helped eliminate polio, provide clean water and shelter to areas hit by natural disasters and actively support local physician Dick Stoughton during his years in Zimbabwe.

The club is currently

led by President Cap Wallrich, a fourth generation of his family to be a member. His son, Aaron, served as president a couple years ago. The current treasurer is Paula Wegner, while the secretary is J.R. Habeck.

The club has provided three or four scholarships to graduating high school seniors for more than two decades. At least

six of those recipients have become physicians, according to information provided by their families.

The current Rotary District governor, Julia Wallace, attended the local event held at the Curt and Martha Knoke home and urged the club to work on improving mental health resources in the area.



Some of those attending the 100th birthday party of the Shawano Rotary Club include, from left, William Kussel, Paula Wegner, Todd Dobberstein, Colleen Dobberstein, J.R. Habeck, Caspar Wallrich, District Governor Julia Wallace, Dennis Pillsbury, Alysia Pillsbury and Aaron Wallrich.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Owen Dickman scored both goals against Tomahawk, but it wasn't enough as the Antigo/Wittenberg-Birnamwood co-op hockey team lost 5-2. CONTRIBUTED

Shawano, Antigo hockey teams each come up short

A disastrous five-goal second period spelled defeat for Shawano/Bonduel as they ended up losing 9-3 to Northland Pines on Jan. 11.

The teams battled to a 2-2 tie after the first period with Shawano's goals coming from Karson Stoss and Gavin Hundt (with an assist from Stoss).

Trailing 8-2 halfway through the third period, Blake Knope scored a third goal for the Hawks. A final ninth goal by the Eagles came at 10:59 in the third period.

Tyson Lyons worked

the entire game between the pipes and made 14 saves 23 shots on goal. Shawano/Bonduel had 25 shots on goal.

Both teams were penalized 12 minutes, with Shawano called for five infractions and Northland Pines for six.

Tomahawk 5, Antigo 2

The Antigo and Wittenberg-Birnamwood co-op boys hockey team lost 5-2 to Tomahawk, thanks to a three-goal second period by the Hatchets.

Tomahawk took a 1-0 lead early in the first

period. But, toward the end of the period, Wittenberg-Birnamwood's trusty Owen Dickman scored on a power play to even the score.

Antigo trailed 4-1 going into the third period when Dickman scored again, with help from Eli Kassler.

Tomahawk, leading 4-2, added a final goal at 16:57.

Antigo was penalized five times for 10 minutes, while Tomahawk served 12 minutes on six infractions.

Antigo only managed 11 shots on goal, while Tomahawk had 65 shots.

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Shawano boys defeat New London 42-31

Shawano's boys wrestling team improved to 10-4 following its 42-31 win at New London on Jan. 11.

The dual started with the 150-pound match. Shawano lost that one but gained points back when Carsen Herm pinned Owen Ross. Shawano then earned a decision at 165 pounds when Drew Chelberg defeated Phoenix Fletcher 9-3.

Unfortunately, the Hawks found themselves in a 21-9 deficit after dropping matches at 175, 190 and 215.

"At 285, Kia Waukau came up with a big win 1-0," coach Mike Homan said. "He earned an escape in the second period and had a tough ride during the third period to earn the win."

Shawano received forfeits at 106 and 113 to bring the score to 24-21; however, after losing matches at 120 and 126, Shawano was behind again, 31-24.

"We had three weights left to go, and we knew we needed to wrestle well to earn a victory," Homan said.

Owen Montour wasted no time in his match. He had a quick takedown and near fall to start the match. In the second period, he secured a pin in 2:19.

After that, Cody Popelka received a forfeit at 138 that allowed Shawano to take the lead 36-31.

Drake Herm was up last at 144. He wasted no time in getting a lead and ultimately scoring a fall in 39 seconds. That secured the dual win.

"We had many kids step up tonight and wrestle well," Homan said. "Kia (Waukau) had a big match at heavyweight that stopped the momentum for New London and got it back in our favor. Carsen (Herm) and Drew (Chelberg) did what they needed to earn us some needed points."

"Owen (Montour) is a great young wrestler and has a bright future. Drake (Herm) just continues to be dominant and helps to rally the group around him."

Shawano improved its record to 3-0 in conference duals.

Shawano girls beat New London 18-9

Shawano's girl wrestlers are back at, winning 18-9 in a dual meet at New London on Jan. 11.

"We started with an exhibition match at 132 that had Breleigh Thornock earning a fall in 5:29," coach Mike Homan said. "It was a back-and-forth match, and Breleigh did a great job securing the pin at the end."

The next match was Jenna Moede at 114. She wrestled Sophia Hull-Riggs and earned a fall in 1:42.

The next match was at 120 when Onna Hermann took on Thressa Voight.

"The match was close in the first minute as both girls battled for position," Homan said. "Onna scored a takedown in the first period and chose to go neutral in the second period. Just into the second period, she scored a takedown and finished the match with a fall in 3:12."

Caitlyn Moede wrestled Berkley Reimer at 126 during the next match. Caitlyn scored 3 takedowns in the first period. Shortly into the second period, she secured a fall in 2:20.

Next up was Adalyn Barkley vs. Eve Hedtke at 138.

"It was a great match going back and forth," Homan said. "Adalyn built up a three-point lead going into the third period but was defeated by fall in 4:38."

The last match of the night was Courtney Schenk taking on 2023 state champion Hailie Krueger.

"Courtney wrestled a great match and fought hard the whole time," Homan said. "She lost the match by final score of 11-1 but did some really good things in her match."

"It is great to see all of the girls work hard and continue to do good things on the mat."

Snowmobilers: Sled safe this winter season

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding snowmobilers to operate within their limits, stay sober and ride only on designated trails this season.

In the early months of 2023, there were 16 fatal snowmobile crashes, with 10 involving alcohol. Alcohol affects your risk perception and reaction time. If you choose to consume alcohol, wait until after you've safely returned home.

"Excessive speed, alcohol use and inexperience contribute to snowmobile crashes. Remember to ride responsibly and look out for yourself and others. Sober riding is always the best policy," said Lt. Jake Holsclaw, DNR off-highway vehicle administrator. "Snowmobiles and drinking don't mix. Making the smart choice and abstaining from alcohol can save your life. Impairment of any kind, either by drugs or alcohol, can have tragic consequences."

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Gillett easily defeats Coleman, Suring

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Jesse DeBauch led with 26 points, followed by Ben Matczak with 20 and Aydin Franti with 18.

Bonduel

Noah Weier scored 12 points, including two free throws with 10.2 seconds remaining, to lead Bonduel as the Bears downed Iola-Scandinavia 50-49.

Iola-Scandinavia led 28-19 at the break, but Bonduel fought back to win the second half 31-21 and the game.

Bonduel remains atop

the Central Wisconsin East Conference with a 6-0 mark. The team is 11-1 overall.

Gillett crushes Suring

Gillett rolled over Suring 67-36 and mood into a three-way tie for first place in the Marinette & Oconto Conference. Gillett, Coleman and Crivitz are 5-1.

Gillett had control of the game from the beginning, leading 38-22 at the half and outscoring their guests 29-14 in the second half.

Jesse DeBauch led the Tigers with 29 points. Aydin Franti scored 15, and Ben Matczak added another 14.

For the Eagles, Michael Bailey was the top scorer with 10 points.

Lena

Lena was no match for Coleman, losing 64-37. Lena dropped to 1-5 in Marinette & Oconto Conference standings and 4-6 overall.

Menominee Indian

Menominee Indian fell to 1-4 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference standings with its 71-45 loss to Shiocton.

The Eagles have a record of 1-5 in league play and 2-10 overall.

Tigerton defeats Marion

Tigerton handed

Marion its first Central Wisconsin North Conference loss of the season with a 62-46 win.

The Tigers are 3-2 in conference action and 7-3 overall. The Mustangs are 3-1 and 9-5, respectively.

Oconto Falls

Oconto Falls remains winless in the North Eastern Conference after its 87-41 defeat at the hands of Freedom.

Freedom's first half total of 51 was enough for the win, as they led 51-20 at the break. A 36-21 second half piled on to the margin of victory.

Alex Haines and Jameson Beaman each scored 10 points for Oconto Falls.

Beaman led the team with seven rebounds, Brady Bruska had three assists, and Emerich Skarban had a pair of steals.

Oconto Falls is 0-8 in league play and 2-10 overall.

Pulaski

The Red Raiders barely challenged De Pere, losing 80-44 in a Fox River Classic Conference game. Pulaski is 3-4 in conference action and 6-5 overall.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood

Wittenberg-Birnamwood lost 67-41 to Weyauwega-Fremont in Central Wisconsin East Conference action. Both teams,

along with Shiocton, are 4-2 in league play.

Marion

A strong sound half by Manawa powered them over Marion 61-40.

Manawa held a 22-20 edge at the half, but a 39-20 second half proved too much for the Mustangs.

Ryan Malueg led Marion with 12 points, including three triples, with Parker Miller adding 11 and Enea Turrini scoring 10.

Miller led the team with 14 rebounds, and Malueg had 11. Turrini had four assists, and grabbing two steals each were Jackson Krohn, Sam Gueths, Malueg and Miller.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lena stays perfect in conference play

Snow and high winds cancelled most games Jan. 9 and Jan. 12, with most of them rescheduled.

Bonduel

Bonduel improved to 13-2 overall with a 52-23 win over Manawa on Jan. 11.

Gillett

Gillett is even at 4-4 in

the Marinette & Oconto Conference after its 63-26 thrashing of St. Thomas Aquinas Academy.

Pulaski

The Red Raiders fell to 5-3 in the Fox River Classic Conference with a 64-36 loss to De Pere.

Ellie Mangold led Pulaski with 12 points.

Pulaski was behind by 13 points at the break and was behind by another 15 in the second half.

Bonduel beats Oconto Falls

Four Bears scored in double digits as Bonduel defeated Oconto Falls 76-47 in a non-conference game.

Elisa Huschke led with

17 points. Audrey Weierand Hailey Zernicke each scored 15, and Hailee Thompson added 10.

Lena crushes Suring

Suring did not score in double digits in each half as they were crushed by Lena 56-16.

The Wildcats pounced on Suring 21-9 in the first

half and extended their lead with a bruising 35-7 second half.

Eva Brooks led the team with 16 points, while Madilyn Thomson added 10.

Brooks also set the pace with seven rebounds, and she and Thomson each had four assists. Brooks also had five steals.

Lena stayed perfect at 8-0 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference standings and is 13-0 overall. Suring dropped to 2-6 and 4-11, respectively.

Marion

Marion was destroyed 56-16 by Manawa in a non-conference game.

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• Cody W. Lawe, 26, Green Bay, pleaded guilty Jan. 9 to felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of possessing illegally obtained prescription drugs and disorderly conduct. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed Lawe on probation for two years plus probation.

• Sarah N. Ebertsch, 41, Wausau, pleaded guilty Oct.. 24 to felony charges of possession of narcotic drugs and bail jumping. Sloma sentenced her Jan. 8 to two years in prison followed by two years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Karen M. Bero, 60, Shawano, pleaded no contest Jan. 10 to possession an electric

weapon. Sloma levied a \$500 fine plus other fees and court costs for a total of \$2,608.

• Sunday D. Dixon, 37, Neopit, pleaded no contest Jan. 11 to possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed Dixon on three years of probation with conditions, beginning with 90 days in county jail. She was given credit for 45 days already served.

• Matthew W. Netzel, 39, Birnamwood, pleaded no contest Jan. 12 to possession of methamphetamine, two counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of resist-

ing or obstructing an officer and two counts of disorderly conduct. Sloma levied fines and sentenced Netzel to 240 days in county jail, with credit for 24 days already served.

• Chad J. Kessen, 50, Bowler, pleaded no contest Dec. 18 to intentionally subjecting an individual at risk to abuse, victim intimidation, false imprisonment, three counts of felony bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine, and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and an ignition interlock device violation. Sloma sentenced him Jan. 12 to two years in prison and four years of extended supervision.

• Violet L. Dixon, 36, Neopit,

was charged Jan. 8 with possession of methamphetamine, six counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 25.

• Caitlynn J. Testolin, 31, Oconto Falls, was charged Jan. 8 with possession of paraphernalia to manufacture, compound, convert, produce or store methamphetamine, six counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of fraudulent use of a financial transaction card and misappropriating identity information to obtain money. Sloma set a \$3,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 28.

• Duran S. Teller, 37, Green Bay, was charged Jan. 8 with two counts of felony bail jump-

ing and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 26.

• Matthew P. Urbanczyk, 29, Tigerton, was charged Jan. 8 with battery or threat to a law officer, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), four counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and a misdemeanor charge of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 12.

• Cheyenne S. Grant, 25, Bowler, was charged Jan. 9 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of cocaine and possession of THC. Sloma set a \$1,500 signature bond and scheduled a scheduling conference for Feb. 20.

• Andrew R. Robinson, 22, Caroline, was charged Jan. 10

with five counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of battery. Sloma set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 18.

• Justin T. Okimosh, 31, Shawano, was charged Jan. 11 with two counts of battery or threat to a law officer and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense), operating while revoked, possession of THC and disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 22.

• Jeremy M. Knutson, 45, Bonduel, was charged Jan. 12 with resisting arrest, 10 counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of battery, resisting or obstructing an officer, and disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 22.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 14
Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including property damage at Wayne's Place, 108 E. Green Bay St., Bonduel; harassment on Primrose Lane in Tigerton; property damage on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; six crashes.

Jan. 13
Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including harassment on Spruce Road in the Town of Angelica; warrant on Fischer Street in Gresham; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; nine crashes.

Jan. 12
Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including trespassing on Basswood Road in the Town of Richmond; five 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; 18 crashes, two involving deer.

Jan. 11
Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; repossession on Fourth Street in Mattoon; assault on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; burglary on North Cecil Street in Bonduel; bail jumping on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; one 911 call; two reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; six crashes.

Jan. 10
Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including a weapon offense at Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg;

harassment on Lawn Road in the Town of Wittenberg; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; four crashes.

Jan. 9
Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including an ATV problem on Spruce Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; 16 crashes.

Jan. 8
Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including a repossession on Cedar Road in the Town of Lessor; trespassing on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; animal bite on Phoebe Lane in the Town of Aniwa; repossession on Fairview Way in Shawano; one 911 call; one traffic hazard; four crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 14
Officers responded to 21 incidents, including a traffic hazard on East Green Bay Street; harassment on Aspen Court; assisting with a fire on Oak Court; vehicle crash on East Richmond Street.

Jan. 13
Officers responded to 17 incidents, including reckless driving at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; traffic hazard on Waukechon Street.

Jan. 12
Officers responded to 17 incidents, including repossession on East Division Street; traffic hazard on South Franklin Street; property damage on Birch Hill Lane; vehicle crash on Tristan Drive; reckless driving at McDonald's, 1202 E. Green Bay St.; vandalism on East Center Street; vehicle crash with injury on Green Bay Court.

Jan. 11
Officers responded to 22 incidents, including operating while intoxicated at Sharona's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; traffic hazard on Waukechon Street; threatening at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; child abuse or neglect on East Lieg Avenue; bail jumping on South Sawyer Street; drug offenses on Waukechon Street.

Jan. 10
Officers responded to 14 incidents, including harassment at Safe Haven, 380 Lakeland Road; truancy at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon Street; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; special response team request at an undisclosed location; vehicle crash with injury on South Airport Drive.

Jan. 9
Officers responded to 16 incidents, including reckless driving at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; found property at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.; drug offenses on South Main Street; death investigation on Prospect Circle; vehicle crash on Lakeland Road; reckless driving on South Lafayette Street; vehicle crash with property damage on Waukechon Street.

Jan. 8
Officers responded to 19 incidents, including a juvenile returned home at an undisclosed location; three truancy calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; attempted theft at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; property theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

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Representatives from Bank First, Jim Reif Builders, the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce and the Shawano community attend the ribbon cutting ceremony Jan. 10 at Bank First in Shawano. CONTRIBUTED

Bank First revitalization in Shawano complete

Bank First has completed its newly remodeled office space located at 835 E. Green Bay St. in Shawano.

“We are excited to announce the renovation in Shawano is complete,” stated Jim Meyer, Bank First market president. “Our renovated office space not only showcases our commitment to innovation but also provides a welcoming environment for our valued customers to carry out their banking transactions.”

Bank First partnered with Jim Reif Builders, Inc. on the revitalization project, which began in June 2023. The renovation was expressly designed to enhance and elevate the banking experience for Bank First’s valued customers and was comprised of

several key enhancements.

The interior has undergone a major transformation, featuring contemporary design and a layout optimized for customer comfort and convenience. In addition, the new layout creates a more functional space for the bank’s employees to better serve customers.

Bank First is committed to reduce its environmental footprint while ensuring a modern and efficient workspace. The newly renovated office incorporates energy-efficient enhancements such as an updated HVAC system and LED lighting. Additionally, eco-friendly materials for carpet, tile, and office furniture were selected during the design process. Following the

bank’s standard practice, its Shawano office also includes a water bottle filling station, effectively eliminating the need for single-use plastic water bottles.

The bank celebrates and embraces the arts by featuring the works of local artists in its newly constructed and renovated offices. This not only supports talented community artists, but also infuses the beauty of local communities within its facilities.

Bank First hosted a renovation celebration with a ribbon cutting event Jan. 10, offering guests the opportunity to explore the newly renovated office, view the artwork on display, and mingle with employees.

For information, visit www.bankfirst.com.

4 Challenge Academy grads come from Shawano, Keshena

With a festive holiday atmosphere, the Wisconsin Challenge Academy celebrated the graduation of its 51st class during a Dec. 16 ceremony at Baraboo High School.

The graduating class featured 98 cadets from 33 counties, including four cadets from Shawano and Menominee counties. Local graduates were Aaliyah Pyatskowitz, Christian Norman and Gunnar Majewski, all of Shawano, and Peter Hawpetoss, of Keshena.

This fall, the Wisconsin National Guard Challenge Academy celebrated 25 years of helping young adults in jeopardy of not graduating high school learn the values, skills, ed-

ucation and self-discipline to successfully transition to adulthood. The Challenge Academy is a free, voluntary program with two phases — a 22-week residential phase at its Fort McCoy campus, and a 12-month post-residential phase where cadets, with the guidance of mentors, put their action plans into effect.

Cadets are immersed in a highly structured environment at Fort McCoy. During their residence at the Challenge Academy, cadets work outside their comfort zones to develop their physical and mental capacities, their abilities to work with peers and colleagues, and their skills

to resolve challenges and problems.

Cadets typically start their days at 5:20 a.m. and end at 9 p.m. Outside distractions such as TVs, cell phones, video games and the internet are eliminated to help cadets focus on their academic and personal objectives.

Each graduate of the program earned his or her high school equivalency diploma and a minimum of seven free, fully transferable college credits.

Upon graduation, each graduate is assigned a mentor who will help each cadet follow their post-graduation plans to achieve education, employment and life goals.

NWTC Health Sciences creates XR lab

Through a \$300,000 grant from Achieving the Dream and the Brave of Heart Fund to address shortage of nurses and systemic inequalities in nursing pathways, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College launches its first Health Sciences Extended Reality Lab.

This state-of-the-art facility will revolutionize the way nursing education is delivered and experienced,

offering students a dynamic and immersive learning environment. NWTC was selected among 10 community colleges nationwide to further develop sustainable solutions that accelerate and increase enrollment and completion of nursing credentials.

“Extended reality provides an innovative platform to enhance students’ clinical skills, critical thinking and patient care

techniques. It’s truly the wave of the future in health care education, and it’s happening here,” said NWTC Dean of Health Sciences Scott Anderson. “This facility represents our ongoing commitment to training highly skilled and adaptable professionals who can meet the growing demands of the health care industry.”

Shawano Area Writers seeking youth entries

The Shawano Area Writers is calling for entries for the 18th annual George Putz Memorial Student Writing Contest.

Every student in grades 1-12 who lives or goes to school in either Shawano or Menominee counties is encouraged to submit entries in fiction, nonfiction and poetry categories. There is no entry fee.

Students compete for a chance to win cash prizes and a Certificate

of Achievement. Students can submit as many entries as they would like. The contest deadline is April 6. All entries are judged anonymously by an independent panel of writers.

For more information about the Putz Student Writing Contest and scholarship program, go to www.shawanoareawriters.org or call contest coordinator John J. Mutter Jr. at 715-524-4520.

Keshena school receives \$15K grant from TC Energy

Keshena Primary School has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from TC Energy’s social impact program, Build Strong.

The grant will support the school’s social emotional learning (SEL) efforts for Menominee families and students.

“We are so excited for the opportunity to bring more resources to the students and families of the Menominee Indian School District,” said Superin-

tendent Wendell Waukau. “This funding will allow us to offer additional SEL programming, which is both popular and impactful with our families.”

KPS regularly offers SEL Family Nights, an initiative that gives families and their students the opportunity to learn, grow and develop together while also addressing individual needs to build and maintain healthy relationships.

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Place: Circuit Court Branch 2
311 N Main St Shawano, WI 54186
Date: February 20, 2024
Time: 8:15 am
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by
publication as a Class 3 notice for three
(3) weeks in a row prior to the date of
the hearing in the Shawano Leader, a
newspaper published in Shawano County,
State of Wisconsin.
BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED BY: January 5, 2024
Electronically signed by Hon. William
Kusel

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal
Administration)
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case Number - 2023PR000118

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF TRAVIS D. STUECK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for
informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth
03/05/1952 and date of death
10/19/2023, was domiciled in Shawano
County, State of Wisconsin, with a
mailing address of 4370 County Rd E,
Shawano, WI 54186, USA.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against
the decedent's estate 04/23/2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano
County Courthouse, 311 N Main St,
Shawano, WI 54186, USA.

Form completed by:
Attorney Michael A. Maas
2050 Riverside Dr, Green Bay, WI 54301,
USA
Phone: 9207858570
Bar Number: 1061377
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service in Wisconsin from \$13.50 -
\$21.50 and business service from \$19.00
- \$35.50. Other taxes, fees, and
surcharges may apply. Frontier offers
single party service, touch tone, toll
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(where available) and is limited to one
discount per household. In addition to
Basic Lifeline, individuals living on
federally recognized Tribal Lands who
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The key to top 4-H honors in Caroline



Megan Suehring, right from the Shawano County UW-Extension office, was a guest at the Caroline Aces 4-H Club December meeting to present Makenna Jannusch with the 4-H Key Award, which is the top award a 4-H member can earn. Suehring also presented six Caroline 4-H members with record book completion and achievement certificates. Members also decorated cookies for the Marion police and fire departments.

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Shawano School District partners with Care Solace

Understanding the profound impact of untreated mental health conditions, Shawano School District is partnering with Care Solace, a social purpose organization focused on removing barriers in accessing mental health care.

The collaboration provides school district families and staff with access to Care Solace’s care coordination services at no cost. The district will use Care Solace to support its commitment to ensuring accessible mental health care. This initiative demonstrates the district’s dedication to building a resilient community, where everyone has equal opportunities to thrive.

“The Shawano School

District strives to foster a nurturing environment where mental health is a priority,” Superintendent Kurt Krizan said in a press release. “This partnership with Care Solace exemplifies our commitment to providing comprehensive support, ensuring that every student can thrive emotionally and academically.”

As a central hub of care, Care Solace streamlines communication and coordination to connect individuals with the right resources and appropriate level of care. Individuals seeking mental health care now have a trusted companion to rely on.

With a team of more than 500 dedicated Care

Companions, Care Solace will connect the district to over 370,000 licensed mental health and substance use treatment providers. Through a human-centered and technology supported approach, these Care Companions navigate the fragmented mental health care system on behalf of individuals, helping them find the perfect fit for their unique needs and insurance requirements. Multilingual Care Companions are available anytime, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility for the entire community.

For more information about utilizing Care Solace’s services, go to www.caresolace.com/site/shawanosd.

Best of Wolf River Region

SHAWANO LEADER

2023

Readers Poll

Deadline: January 22, 2024

BALLOT #2

Best Thing To Do:

☐ Casino

☐ Cheese Factory

☐ Happy Hour/Night Spot

☐ Hotel/Motel/Resort

☐ Live Music

☐ Museum

☐ Golf Course

☐ Campground

Best Vehicle Services:

☐ ATV Store

☐ Auto Body Repair

☐ Auto Parts/Supply Store

☐ Boat Dealer/Maintenance

☐ Car Dealer

☐ Vehicle Service Center

☐ Car Wash

☐ Tire Store

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Name

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Phone Email

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No purchase necessary to win.

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2023

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BALLOT #3

Best Food/Dining:

☐ Bakery

☐ Bar

☐ Breakfast

☐ Burger

☐ Coffee House

☐ Dessert

☐ Dinner

☐ Family Restaurant

☐ Fast Food

☐ Fish Fry

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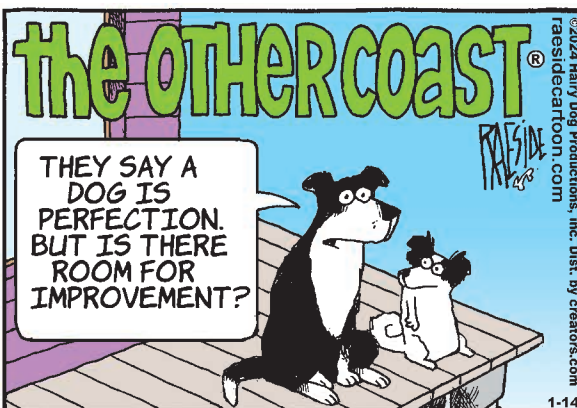
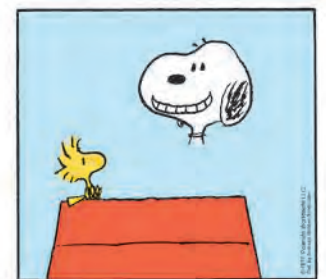
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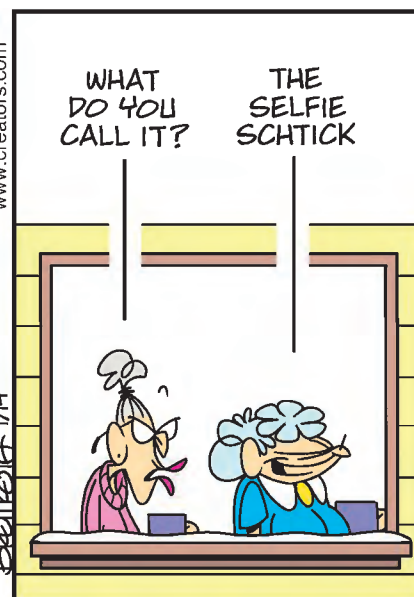
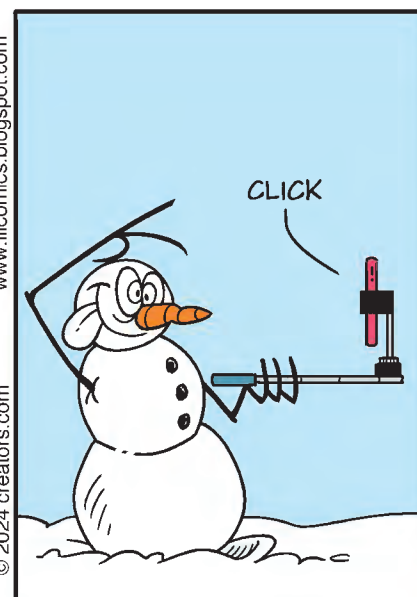
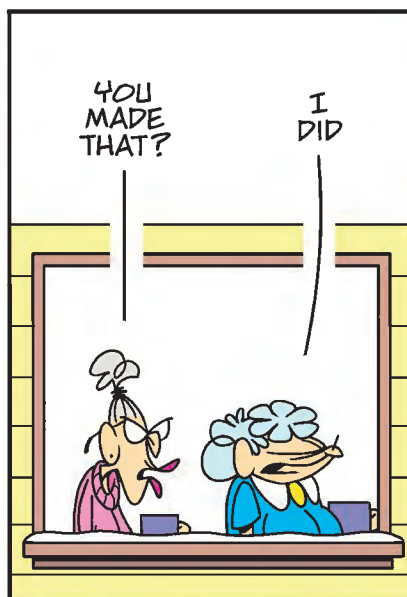
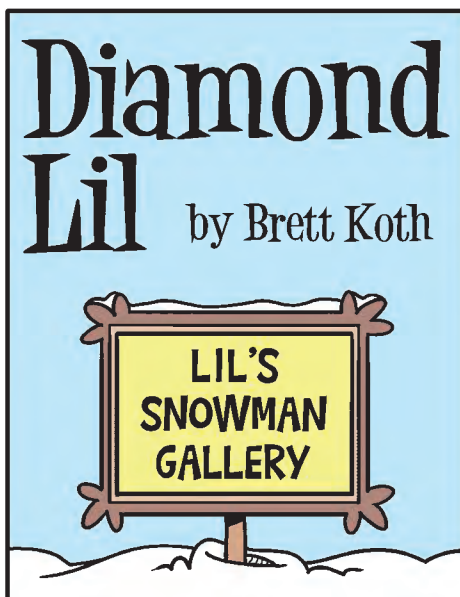
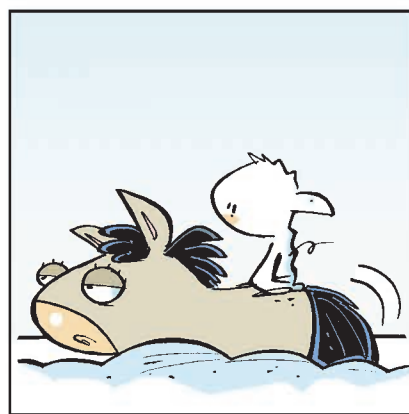
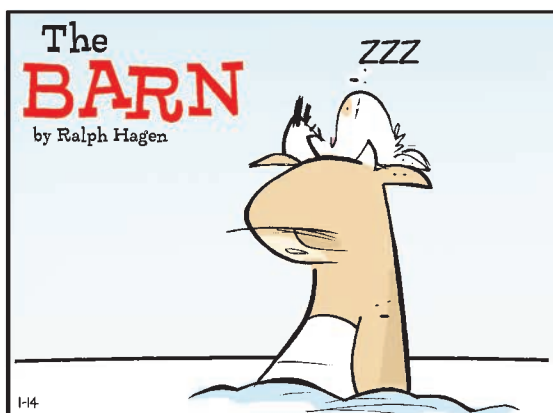
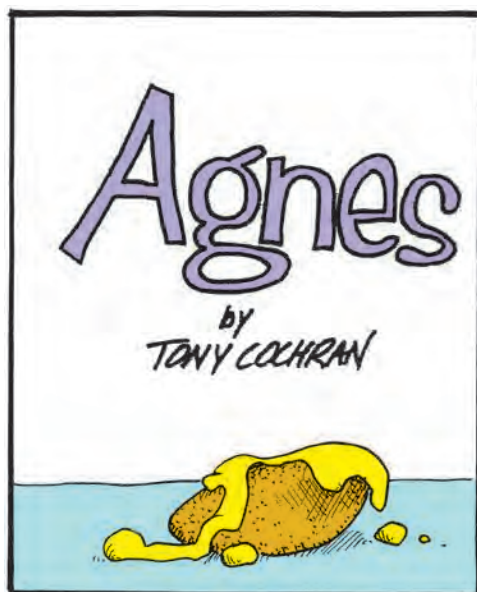
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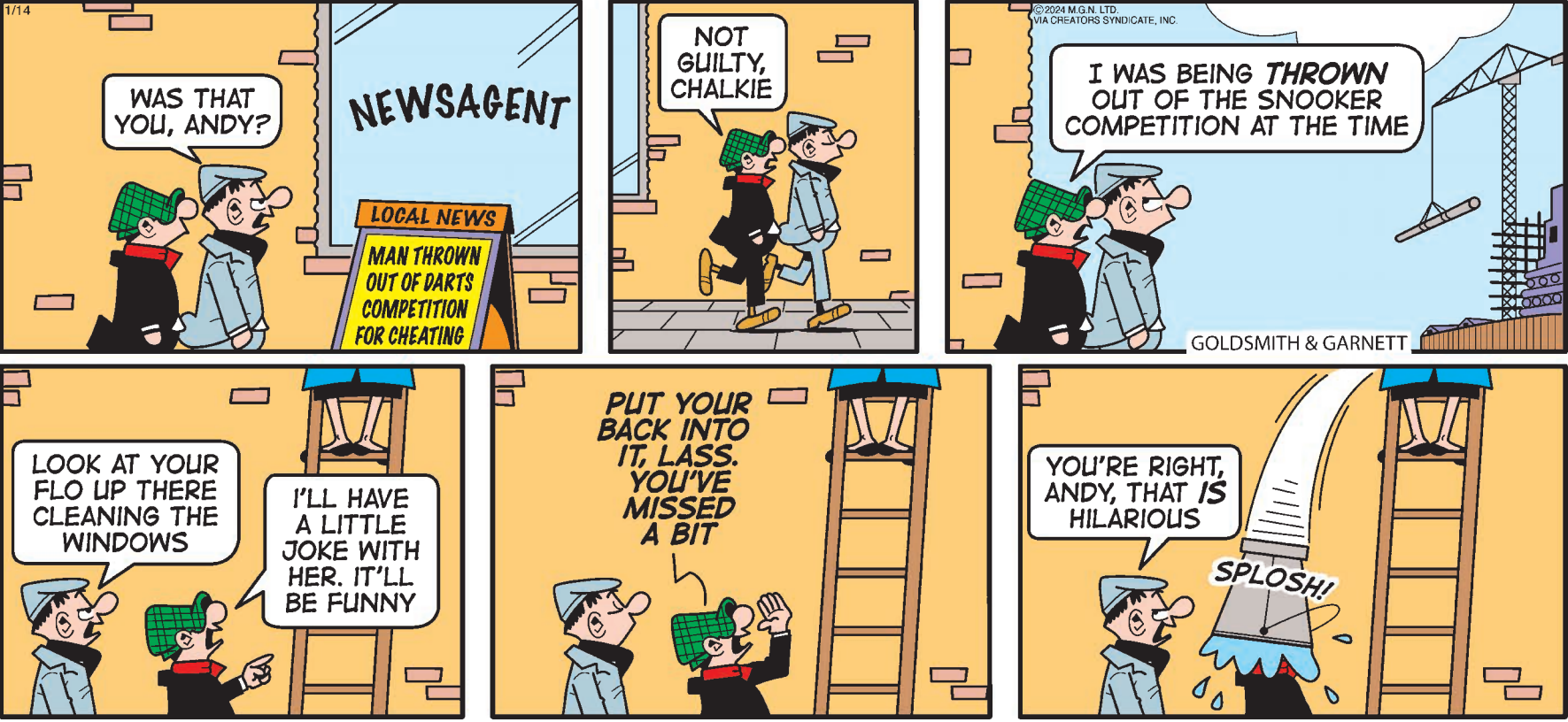
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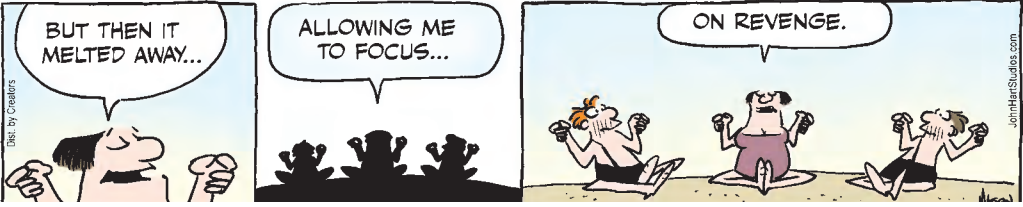
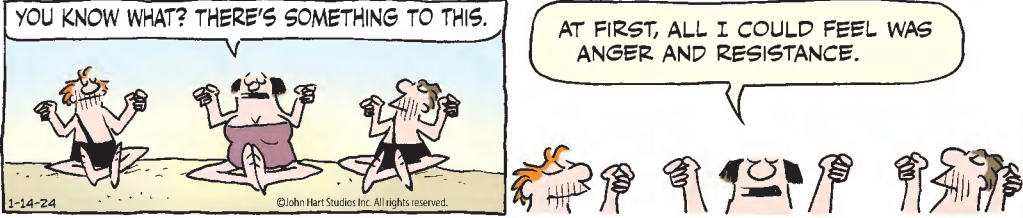
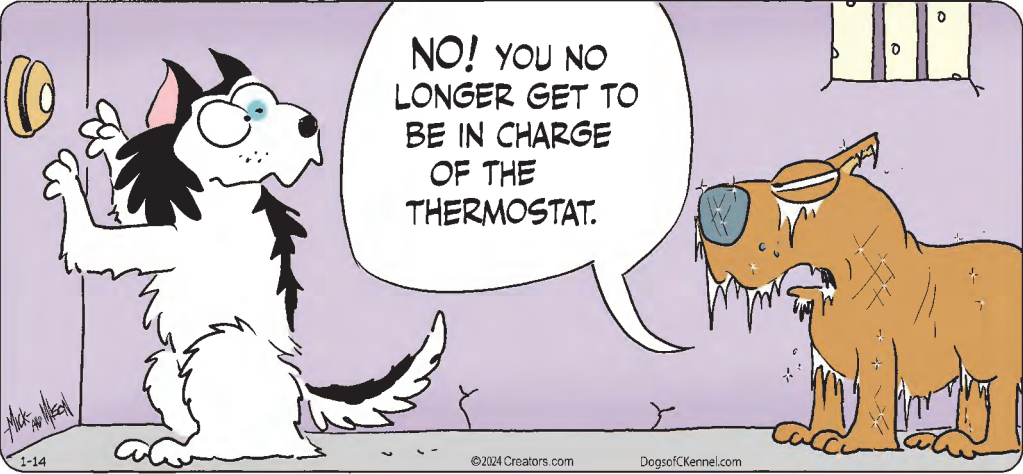


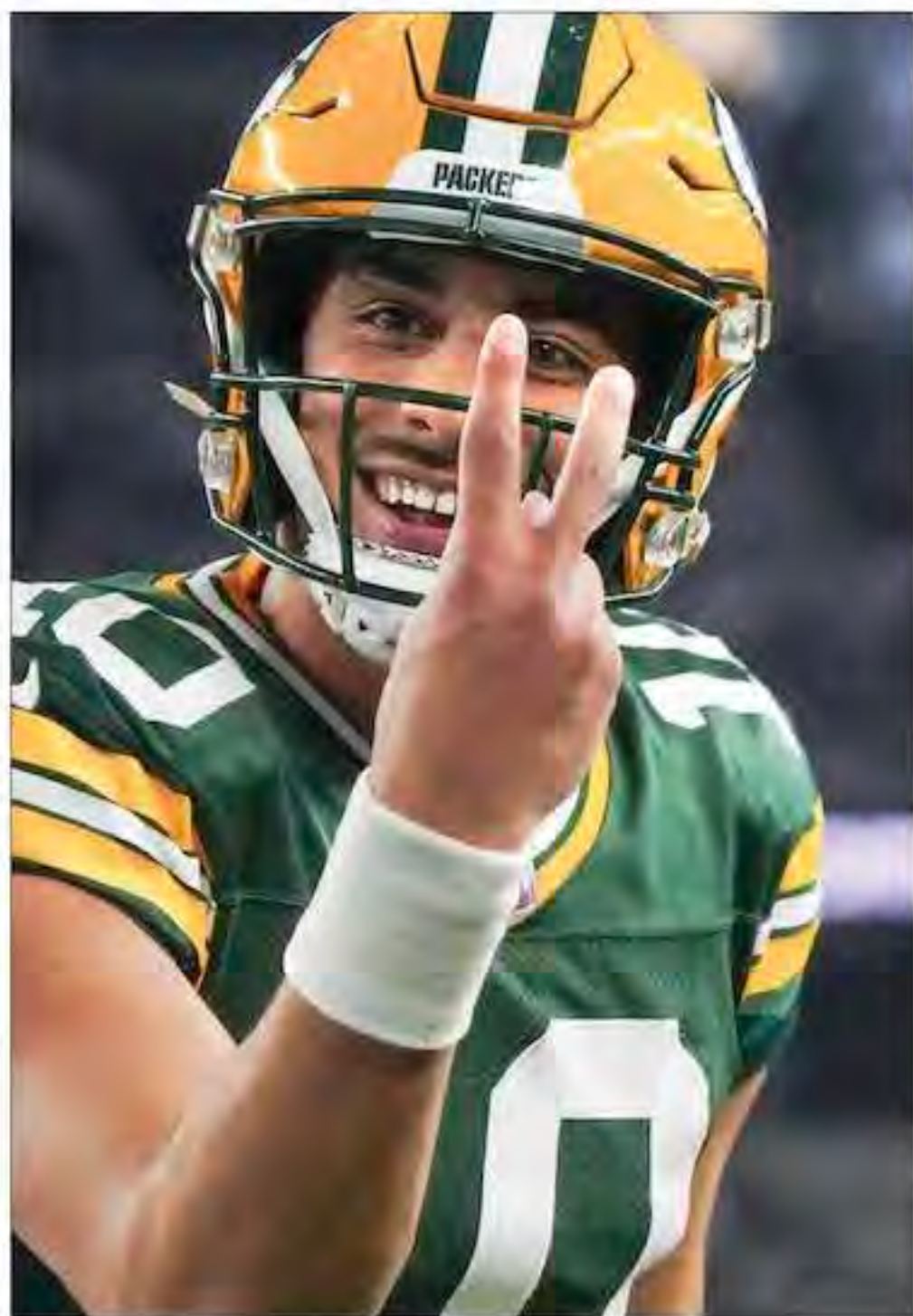
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At left, Jordan Love signals the completion of his second of three touchdown passes against the Dallas Cowboys during Wild Card Weekend. He completed 16 of 21 passes for 272 yards. He was not intercepted, did not fumble and was not sacked in the 49-22 win that sends the Packers to San Francisco for the Divisional Round game. Above, before Sunday's playoff game in Dallas, Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones got to talk to one of his football idols, legendary Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith. Jones proceeded to have one of those vintage Smith games. Jones carried 21 times for 118 yards and three touchdowns. If Aaron Rodgers owned Chicago, Jones owns Dallas. In four career games against the Cowboys, he's rushed for 488 yards and nine touchdowns.

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Green Bay stuns Dallas to move on in playoffs

Packers tie franchise records for points in a playoff game

By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Jordan Love and Aaron Jones combined for six touchdowns as the Green Bay Packers tied a franchise record for points in a postseason game with its 49-22 victory over the Dallas Cowboys in Dallas on Jan. 14.

"It feels fine to be in the locker room. It is a great environment to be in," said Love after the victory. "I can't say enough about how proud I am of everyone in the locker room. It has been a long season. We have been counted out a lot of the season - just the way everybody keeps bullying, keeps comparing, keeps getting better and putting on great performances like tonight. It is a great feeling."

Love certainly lived the part of a franchise quarterback in his first playoff start as the fourth-year pro completed 16 of 21 passes for 272 yards and three touchdowns. In total, Love finished with a 157.2 passer rating.

As has been the case for most of his career, Jones continued to gash the Cowboys' defense on the ground. Jones finished the game recording 21 carries for 118



Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott is hit again by Green Bay defenders in the Wild Card Weekend game Sunday. The No. 7 seed Packers defeated the No. 2 seed Cowboys 49-22.

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yards and three touchdowns. Those three rushing touchdowns tied Ryan Grant's mark for most rushing touchdowns in a

playoff game in Green Bay history.

"I think that was the key for us coming into this game was to run the ball well

and I think we did that," said Love. "Getting started, the O-Line, like I said, played great and Aaron Jones had an awesome night. I think the run game - the way we were running the ball - opened up everything else, and I think it was able to keep the pass rush down a little bit. It was a great game by the O-Line and the running backs."

As for the receiving game, Romeo Doubs was the main beneficiary of Love's big day, as the Nevada alum recorded 21 yards and one touchdown on six receptions. In another historic performance for Green Bay, this was Doubs' first career 100-yard game.

Rookies Luke Musgrave and Dontayvion Wicks rounded out Love's three touchdown passes.

"We are playing all together as one," said Jones, on his success against Dallas and the past few weeks. "The blocking unit - they are doing their thing up front making it easy for me to pick and choose what hole I want to run through."

Aside from 16 points from the Cowboys in garbage time, the Green Bay Packers' defense once again was at the top of

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