



Julie Hasser, the new human resources director for Shawano County, glances over the agenda for the Feb. 28 meeting of the Shawano County Board of Supervisors. She was hired earlier in the month. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Shawano County gets new human resources director

All departments challenged to hire, retain staff of 500-plus employees

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

When you have more job openings than potential workers, it can make the job of attracting and retaining staff difficult.

Julie Hasser is up to the task.

The new director of human resources for Shawano County has nearly 20 years of HR experience in the private sector. This job in the public sector may be new to her, but Shawano County isn't.

"We know that finding talented, educated workers that we can hire to the open positions is an ongoing challenge," she said. "The other side of that is retaining our current employees."

By keeping current staffing intact, it saves the time and money needed to recruit, hire and train new staff.

"That's a big, big focus of mine — to get out and have a presence in each of our departments," she said. "We have just over 500 employees, and I want to get out there and have a connection with them, understand what are the dynamics of their job, what does the county want from their jobs, what do the taxpayers want from the people that we're paying. How do maximize that marriage of the two?"

Hasser, a Town of Richmond resident, started her new job Feb. 19. She was introduced to county supervisors at the Feb. 28 Shawano County Board of Supervisors meeting.

She is from the area, having spent most of her years in the Pulaski and Green Bay areas. She said she's familiar with the dynamics of Shawano County.

"You can say there's a difference in private and there's a difference in public," Hasser said. "There is, but in human resources not as much. And the reason is that everyone is a human being, and treating everyone that way is really important."

Hasser understands that the pool of potential employees has options — either with other municipalities or with the private sector. For workers, it's not always just wages and benefits.

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Legislative maps shuffle lawmakers

Incumbents affected in much of Shawano, Oconto counties, all of Menominee County

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

Area voters are likely to find different names on their ballots when they vote for their state Assembly and Senate representatives this fall.

When Gov. Tony Evers signed what he described as Fair Maps for Wisconsin on Feb. 19, he altered the political landscape in Oconto, Shawano and Menominee counties.

The newly drawn districts do not include two of Oconto County's three incumbent state senators and one of its Assembly representatives, and another representative is faced with the prospect of running for reelection against an incumbent Brown County representative and fellow Republican.

Oconto County is now part of four Assembly districts — the 4th, 6th, 35th and 36th — and two Senate districts — the 2nd and 12th.

Most of Shawano County is now in the 2nd District, and seven southwestern towns and the villages of Wittenberg, Tigerton and Birnamwood have been moved into the 29th Senate District, currently represented by Sen. Cory Tomczyk, R-Mosinee.

Menominee County, which was formerly part of the 12th Senate District, was moved into the 2nd Senate District, currently represented by Sen. Robert Cowles, R-Green Bay.

Two state senators whose districts included parts of Oconto County were moved into one district along with a third senator from De Pere. The 30th Senate District, which formerly reached from

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Voters turn out at the Red Springs Town Hall in 2018. Many area voters will find themselves in different legislative districts after new maps were ordered last month. FILE | NEW MEDIA

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Online claims of threats at Gresham school just a rumor.

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4 Shawano County Library branches to change hours

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Beginning April 1, several branches of Shawano County Library will have new hours of operation: Birnamwood, Bonduel, Tigerton and Wittenberg. “This change was made to offer additional library hours during the mornings when we see more patron traffic,” said Nancy Bell, library director. “Branches will be open mornings, afternoons and one evening past 5 p.m. each week as

well as their usual Saturday hours.”

- Birnamwood, 337 Main St.: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.
- Bonduel, 125 N. Washington St.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.
- Tigerton, 221 Birch St.: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednes-

day, Thursday and Friday; 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

- Wittenberg: 302 S. Cherry St.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

There will be no change to the hours of operation at the Mattoon branch and the main library in Shawano.

In addition to holiday closures, all branches will be closed April 23 and Oct. 22.

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Green Bay north to Marinette, is now entirely within Brown County and includes the residences of Cowles; Eric Wimberger, R-Green Bay; and Andres Jacque, R-De Pere.

Senate District 2

The 2nd Senate District, which has no incumbent under the new maps, was redrawn to include most of Oconto County south and east of Suring, along with all of Menominee County and parts of Shawano, as well as the villages of Bonduel, Bowler, Cecil and Gresham and 16 of Shawano County’s 25 towns.

The district also includes parts of Waupaca and Outagamie counties, including Little Chute, Seymour and neighborhoods in Appleton and Kaukauna.

Cowles has indicated an interest in moving so that he can run for reelection to the 2nd District, which contains much of the territory he has represented in the Senate since 1987.

The 4th Assembly District, which is part of the 2nd Senate District, includes the Oconto County towns of Abrams, Lena, Little River, Little Suamico, Maple Valley, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Pensaukee, Spruce and Stiles; the cities of Oconto and Oconto Falls; and the village of Lena. Current incumbents are state Reps. Elijah Behnke, R-Oconto, and David Steffen, R-Howard.

The 6th Assembly District, still represented by state Rep. Peter Schmidt, R-Bonduel, now includes Menominee County; the Shawano County portions of the 2nd Senate District; the Oconto County towns of Breed, Chase, Gillett, How, Morgan and Underhill; the city of Gillett; and the villages of Pulaski and Suring, as well as a portion of Waupaca County.

Senate District 12

The lines of the 12th Senate District, represented by Sen. Mary Felzkowski, R-Tomahawk, now include only seven northern Oconto County towns. Her district includes the 35th Assembly District, now represented by state Rep. Calvin Callahan, R-Tomahawk, and the 36th Assembly District, where state Rep. Jeffrey Mursau, R-Crivitz, is the incumbent.

“Although I still strongly disagree with the intent behind the Governor’s map to draw numerous sitting legislators out of their district — leaving thousands of Wisconsinites without proper representation — this map contained the least amount of change out of the four liberal-drawn maps that were recommended to the Supreme Court,” Felzkowski said in a statement. “As the maps change yet again, it is with a heavy heart that I say farewell to Menominee County and the Menominee Tribe, southern portions of Oconto County, townships in northern Shawano and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band.”

Only the Shawano County towns of Aniwa and Hutchins, and the villages of Mattoon and Aniwa and Mattoon, along with the Oconto County town of Townsend, remain a part of the 35th Assembly District.

District 36, also part of the 12th Senate District, now includes only the towns of Bagley, Brazeau, Doty, Lakewood, Mountain and Riverview in Oconto County. Mursau and Felzkowski previously represented all but the easternmost part of Oconto County.

Senate District 29

Tomczyk’s district was altered to include the Shawano County villages of

Wittenberg, Birnamwood, Tigerton and Eland as well as the towns of Almon, Birnamwood, Fairbanks, Germania, Grant, Morris and Wittenberg. That region is also part of the new 87th Assembly District, represented by Rep. James Edming, R-Glen Flora.

The Senate district encompasses areas of Marathon, Portage, Waupaca and Wood counties. The maps moved 85th Assembly District Rep. Pat Snyder, R-Schofield, into the 87th by a block and a half, but he has indicated he still plans to run for the 85th and move if he wins reelection.

Senate District 30

Wimberger was elected to represent the 30th Senate District and Behnke the 89th Assembly District; under the old maps, those districts extended north through eastern Oconto and Marinette counties to the city of Marinette.

Wimberger still lives in the new 30th, but the new 89th is entirely within Brown County.

Wimberger voted against the maps, which were developed after the new liberal majority of the state Supreme Court overturned the maps that were in effect for the 2022 elections.

“The court’s ruling is without foundation in the Wisconsin Constitution or state statute, and they simply declare new rules without referencing any state authority to do so,” Wimberger said. “In doing so, they effectively make the legislature an extension of the court. This is a judicial takeover of the Legislature that violates the principles of divided government, and I am simply not willing to give up without a fight. That’s why I voted no on adopting a court-induced map.”

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Gresham school ‘threat’ proves to be a rumor

School alerts families that children not in any danger

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The rumor mill in Gresham was working overtime after the sight of multiple law enforcement vehicles in the village Feb. 27 prompted parents to pull their children out of school after erroneously believing the police presence was connected to Gresham Community School.

Superintendent Newell Haffner said in a Feb. 28 phone interview that no threat was made against the school, and that classes went on without incident. He said he was first made aware of the rumors when a parent called the school office and said she was going to be taking her child out of school.

“There was a kid on their Snapchat that said something about a threat against the school,” Haffner said. “They’re tying it to activities from last night

here in Gresham. There were about 10 squad cars here last night dealing with something at about 5 o’clock.”

The incident in Gresham turned out to be an incident involving someone with a gun, according to a press release issued by the Stockbridge-Munsee Police Department. A person was taken into custody, according to the release, but no other details about the incident were revealed, although officials said the community was safe.

Haffner said several other families saw the Snapchat and called the school concerned about whether it was safe to send their children there. That prompted him to post to the school’s website and to Facebook about the rumor and that it was false.

The school called in the Stockbridge-Munsee Police Department to investigate, but there was nothing to substantiate that the

school was in any danger, according to Haffner.

“None of this is true,” he said.

Haffner also sent a letter home with students for parents to know what happened and that there’s no threat against the school.

“I told one parent when they called this morning that my kids were in school,” Haffner said. “That should tell you it is safe. I would not have anybody’s kids here if it wasn’t safe.”

Haffner noted that if any threats were made against the school that the police would have informed him, and then a decision would be made as to whether to cancel school as a precautionary measure.

“We came into school, assuming it was a normal day, and then all of a sudden the parent made the call,” Haffner said.

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“Wage is one thing, and it’s important to be competitive in that, but there are so many other factors,” Hasser said. “They have to come to work for 40 hours out of their week. They have to enjoy that. When they leave here, they have to leave feeling fulfilled, appreciated, that they want to come back. We don’t want them to go home and look for a different job.”

Hasser is appreciative of the current staff, noting that she recently spent time becoming familiar with the Department of Human Services. Staff there deal with a variety of issues, including aging, behavioral health, child support, community services, income maintenance and more.

“There are some very talented, very highly educated individuals that we have working for us,” she said. “They can do that job and use those talents in many other spots.”

The same can be said for other departments as well.

“Keeping them is really important,” Hasser said of the staff.

She said each department unique, and none more important than the others.

In addition to the hundreds of permanent full-time and part-time employees, there are all of the seasonal employees, mostly for the parks and highway departments. For the students who often fill these positions, they now have more options than in previous years.

Another significant area for Hasser to concentrate on is worker’s compensation and creating a safe work environment.

“Reducing work injuries, making sure that your employees are safe, whether it’s technology, when they’re walking, when they’re driving, when they’re out using the equipment ... creating that save environment for our employees is really, really important to me,” she said.

The county currently has more than a dozen openings to fill, and some jobs have multiple vacancies.

In early February, Marianne Peshek retired as director of the Women,

Infants and Children Program. There is also a need for a WIC nutrition educator.

The highway department is hiring for equipment operators and an asphalt paving foreman.

There is an opening for an office assistant in the clerk of courts office at the courthouse. A newly created office manager for the District Attorney’s Office is still open.

Corrections officers are needed at the jail.

The library is in need of a page.

Several openings exist in the Department of Human Services. They include case manager initial assessment, clinical therapist/social worker, economic support specialist and intervention services supervisors.

There is a need for a temporary assistant real estate property lister, as well as several summer employees with the highway department and with the parks department.

For more information on these positions or to apply, visit <https://www.co.shawano.wi.us>.

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LLPOA's challenge to land put into trust dismissed

Judge rules covenants don't supersede Restoration Act

BY KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

A federal judge has dismissed the Legend Lake Property Owners Association's legal challenge to a U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs decision to take 40 association properties, bought by a Menominee tribal member, into tribal trust.

According to the decision District Judge William Griesbach issued Feb. 6, in 2009, the LLPOA adopted restrictive covenants for the lots in and around the lake, which were intended to maintain property values and preserve the tax base of Menominee County.

The restrictive covenants were made binding upon all parties and their heirs. The covenants prohibited property in the association from being removed from the county tax rolls. Also, the properties are to remain subject to laws, regulations of the municipality and state of Wisconsin even if the property was transferred to a person not otherwise subject to those laws and regulations.

In 2017, Guy F. Keshena acquired 40 parcels, totaling 21.35 acres, within the Legend Lake development.

Keshena knew about the covenants when he purchased the properties, and he acquired them to convey the properties to the United States of America in trust for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

In 2018, the BIA's midwest regional director authorized the transfer of the properties into tribal trust status. The LLPOA appealed that decision,

which was subsequently upheld by the U.S. Department of Interior Board of Indian Appeals.

In its decision, the board concluded the trust acquisition criteria do not recognize the LLPOA's covenants, also the covenants are preempted by federal law and cannot render the regional director's decision "null and void."

Importantly, the Menominee Restoration Act made it mandatory to approve the tribe's petitions to take the properties into trust status.

Taking the properties into tribal trust exempts them from local and state taxes and zoning authority.

The Interior Board explained that the Menominee Restoration Act requires that property taken into tribal trust must be located in or adjacent to Menominee County and must be transferred by a tribal member.

The association appealed that decision to federal district court. It contended that it was harmed by the Interior Board's decision that removed significant amounts of land and resulted in the loss of dues and assessments it would have collected.

The association also argued that the Interior Board exceeded its authority in deciding whether the restrictive covenants were preempted by federal law because a federal agency doesn't have the authority to decide such constitutional questions.

The Department of Interior asked Griesbach to dismiss the suit.

Griesbach concluded that the board has the authority to review any

legal issues raised in trust acquisition cases, "except those challenging the constitutionality of laws or regulations." In this case, the judge found that the board didn't decide the constitutionality of a law or regulation.

Instead, he concluded that the board properly resolved the conflict between the association's restrictive covenants and the Restoration Act's mandate to take the properties into tribal trust.

Griesbach granted the government's motion to dismiss the association's lawsuit and denied the tribe's request to file a brief supporting the BIA's decision.

Steve Kastning, LLPOA president, wasn't ready to say if Griesbach's decision would be appealed but said the association will fully engage in protecting the lands owned by association members.

Kastning also said that he was concerned as the decision "sets a precedent" for further acquisition of association properties transferred into tribal trust status.

There remains between 1,650 and 1,750 properties in the association, but there have been more properties taken into tribal trust since the Guy Keshena acquisitions, Kastning said.

Kastning didn't know what financial impact the withdrawal of 40 properties has had on the association but there's an impact to the county, too.

"It's important to the county, because the Legend Lake Association is about 96% of Menominee County's tax base," he said Feb. 27.

Leaping into the world



Elaine Elizabeth Johnson joined an elite group of people by being born on Leap Day. The girl was born at 12:59 p.m. Feb. 29 at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano. Elaine's parents are Kelsey Corn and Tenoa Johnson. CONTRIBUTED

Bonduel officials prepare for second tax district

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

An existing tax incremental financing district is closing, and planning for a second one is underway in Bonduel.

Last month, the village board agreed to terminate Tax Incremental District (TID) 1 and allocate the 2025 increment for affordable housing. Also, trustees agreed to proceed with planning for a second TID.

"TID 1 was slated to close in 2024," said Michelle Maroszek, village clerk-treasurer. "Some of the area in TID 1 will be part of TID 2, but the boundaries have yet to be set."

The village will work with Ehlers, a municipal advisory firm serving Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado, Illinois and Kansas. Among Ehlers' services are assistance with economic development and redevelopment, financial management planning, and debt issuance and management.

The village's first TID covered much of the southern end of Bonduel to the KI and Kwik Trip area. It was created in 1996.

"It was distressed at one point," Maroszek said. "That's why, a few years back, we extended it four years, but that time is now up."

Ehlers' Brian Roemer

presented the state of TID 1 and closure plan to the plan commission in January.

Peter Thillman, Shawano County Economic Progress Inc. chief economic development officer, has been working with the village on ways to obtain more housing.

The village has paid off all the original project costs of the TID, and the extension would allow the 2025 increment to be used for affordable housing.

In addition, Thillman and Roemer discussed the creation of the new TID, which is expected to be done this year.

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Sommers recommended for Shawano sidewalk work

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano Field Committee is recommending to the Shawano Common Council on Feb. 29 that Sommers Construction Company handle the replacement of crumbling sidewalks in 2024.

Sommers, a company based in Shiocton, had the lowest bid out of five companies, asking for \$30,600 to do the work the city requested. The highest bid came from Highway Landscapers Inc., a company in Little Chute, for \$57,675.

"We go around the city, trying to get the worst of the worst, where the sidewalk has sunk down,"

said Scott Kroening, public works director. "We try to concentrate and focus a lot on Main Street and Green Bay Street, but we'll also try to get some of the side streets."

Shawano has about 41 miles of sidewalks within the city limits that it cares for, but only a small portion of sidewalks can be replaced each year. Kroening noted that all city sidewalks are inspected annually to see which ones need immediate replacement. The city takes on all the cost of replacing failed pieces of sidewalk, with no expense to property owners.

The city approved \$25,000 in its capital improvements budget to

replace sidewalk, which is lower than Sommers' bid. Kroening said he spoke with representatives from Sommers, and they agreed to work on the sidewalks for the budgeted amount, although that would mean less work than anticipated.

"They have done work here in the past," Kroening said. "They've done a lot of curb and gutter. They're usually here yearly all the time."

The bid will still need a recommendation from the Shawano Finance Committee, but it is likely the matter will be finalized at the council's meeting on March 13.

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Highway 117 project to get underway May 6

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Spring is in the air, and that means warmer weather, Easter bunnies, cookouts — and construction zones.

For Wisconsin residents, road projects are like death and taxes; there is no escaping them.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has several projects planned for 2024 in the area. Among the first to get going will be the reconstruction of Highway 117 through Bonduel.

Work is scheduled to begin May 6 and will eventually stretch from Express

Way to Mutzy Lane.

This work will consist of water and sewer repairs, replacement of the curb ramps and crossings, traffic light upgrades, and repaving of state Highway 117 through the village. Additional work will take place with the signals at County Road BE.

The tentative schedule has three phases.

First, from May 6 to June 5, there will be a complete road closure (impassable) on Highway 117 between Express Way and South Street.

Second, from June 6 to Aug. 13, the road will be completely closed (impass-

able) from South Street to County Road BE.

Finally, from Aug. 3-27, there will be flagged lane closures between County Road BE and Mutzy Lane.

Because this is a state project, village officials have little control over it at this time. Local officials said they sympathize with business owners and residents who will be affected by the project, but they ask for patience and understanding.

Questions can be directed to Jesse Rankin, municipal operations director, at 715-758-8779.

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Survey: Bonduel area voters support \$15M referendum

Despite support, district officials decide to hold off planning

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The results of a survey from the Bonduel School District gauging whether voters would be interested in another referendum to upgrade facilities yielded positive results, but officials are going to wait to start planning for more improvements.

The November 2023 survey showed that 67% of 518 respondents would be in favor of a \$10 million referendum, with an estimated \$1.06 impact to tax rates. There was still a majority in favor on the question asking about \$15 million for a referendum, which is estimated to add \$1.60 to the tax rate with 53% saying yes. Only 41% said they favored a \$20 million referendum with an expected tax impact of \$2.14, while 36% favored a \$25 million referendum, which could add \$2.69 to the tax rate.

Of the 518 respondents, 143 were ages 65 and older. In the older category, 64% favored the \$10 million referendum, while only 41% favored a \$15 million referendum. After that, supported dipped to below 30%.

With younger and middle-aged adults, 69% favored a \$10 million referendum, and 58% said they would vote for a \$15 million referendum. Only 46% would go for a \$20 million referendum, and 39% would be willing to support a \$25 million referendum.

“We were particularly interested in some demo-

graphic groups,” Superintendent Joe Dawidziak said. “Ultimately, we feel we could go for a \$10 million or \$15 million referendum.”

Employee surveys were not included in the final total, but the 38 surveys filled out showed a majority of staff would favor any kind of referendum up to \$25 million. The \$10 million referendum received 89% favorability among employees, while the \$25 million referendum got 65% support.

The school district approved a \$12.5 million referendum in 2021, and at that time, the district believed the tax rate would increase by 16 cents per \$1,000 of equalized valuation, but instead the tax rate dropped by 89 cents. Taxes themselves increased due to property values going up sharply. With that, the district wondered if it had been too conservative when planning the previous referendum and decided to see where voters stood on doing more.

Despite the support for spending up to \$15 million to improve school facilities, district officials are pushing the pause button on pursuing another referendum, according to Dawidziak. He said the district didn’t want voters to experience referendum fatigue, especially with its operational referendum coming back around for another vote in April 2025.

“Historically, we’ve had an operational referendum with technology, which has been around \$150,000” per

year for a five-year period, Dawidziak said. “We kind of shifted our focus. We really had a discussion at the board level about whether the timing is right, and is this the right thing, and all that. We decided we were going to hold off.”

Dawidziak noted that it’s highly likely the district will look into the matter once the 2025 operational referendum gets approval. He said that the survey showed improvements to Bonduel Elementary School, renovating Sousa Hall, upgrading Bonduel High School’s career and technical education facilities and upgrading the high school’s agriculture facilities were high up on the list.

Dawidziak said he was pleasantly surprised that 64% of senior citizens favored a \$10 million capital referendum.

“That’s crazy good,” he said. “I’ve never seen that before.”

As for next year’s operational referendum, Dawidziak anticipates the \$150,000 price tag will go up. That amount has been the override request for decades, and the cost of technology, like everything else, has shot up since then, he said. An increase in enrollment is also a factor.

“After that happens, regardless of whether it passes or not, we would pick right back up again with the building referendum to gauge whether we think there’s still a level of support,” Dawidziak said.

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WEDC grant will help Bonduel build its future

State program will provide community with planning assistance

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

Bonduel is one of 10 rural Wisconsin communities that will get help meeting its biggest economic development needs and planning for its long-term goals.

Under the Thrive Rural program administered by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), each recipient will have access to up to \$25,000 in grants, two years of technical assistance in planning and grant writing and other services typically employed by larger communities.

WEDC’s Office of Rural Prosperity will partner with local economic development organizations to work with specific communities on projects

related to community development, small business development, housing and sustainable energy.

Shawano County Economic Progress Inc. (SCEPI) is working with Bonduel to attract more single-family and multi-family housing, revive its aging downtown and consolidate its municipal offices, which are scattered among multiple sites.

Local leaders believe the assistance will mark a turning point for the community.

“In this first year of the grant, we’ll be focusing on affordable housing and downtown rehabilitation,” said Michelle Maroszek, clerk-treasurer.

Building an economy for all means investing in the entire state, especially rural communities, said Missy Hughes, secretary and CEO of WEDC, the state’s leading economic development organization.

“Many of our smaller communities have big goals and big ideas, but they don’t have the staff

or the experience to connect to the resources that can make those plans a reality,” she said. “The aim of the Thrive Rural program is to help them build their economic development muscles so their communities will thrive.”

A May 2022 Shawano County Housing Market Study indicated 58.6% of the housing in Bonduel was single-family homes, with another 18.6% in buildings with five to nine housing units.

In comparison to the other villages in the study, Bonduel had the highest demand for owner- and renter-occupied housing.

The estimated total demand for new construction ownership units was 29 units based on a projected 51 additional owner-occupied households by 2030. The estimated total demand for new construction rental housing was 11 units based on the estimated 23 additional renter households by 2030.

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MICHELLE MAROSZEK, Bonduel village clerk-treasurer

Little Rapids donates \$10K to Boys and Girls Club

The Little Rapids Corporation Egan Family Foundation has partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Shawano by providing a \$10,000 donation.

This donation will help maintain essential activities and programming vital to the well-being and growth of the community’s youths.

“Our foundation was one of the charter donors, initially bringing the Boys and Girls Club to Shawano,” said Alysia Pillsbury, Little Rapids Corporations associate and Egan Family Foundation board director. “We are incredibly proud to see how the club has thrived in our com-

munity. It was such a joy to meet the kids and see, firsthand, how our donations are directly impacting lives.”

The Boys and Girls Club of Shawano serves as a cornerstone in the community, fostering relationships between children and caring, professional adults while offering enriching programs designed to improve academic, social and emotional skills. With the support of the Little Rapids Corporation Egan Family Foundation, the club aims to expand its reach, providing even more resources to the youths who walk through its doors.

“Boys and Girls Club of Shawano expresses their sincere gratitude for the continued support from the Little Rapids Corporation Egan Family Foundation. The support provides materials for STEM projects, BGC programming, social and emotional programming, and club incentives,” Kim Ikrcke, Boys and Girls Club of Shawano manager. “These funds support 58 club members in the after-school program held at (Olga) Brener (Intermediate) School.”

For information about the Boys and Girls Club of Shawano, go to <https://bgcblr.org/shawano>.

Arrest made for 3 recent reservation drug overdoses

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Correspondent

Three recent drug overdoses on the Menominee Reservation, one being fatal, were tied to a Keshena man who was indicted this week for fentanyl distribution.

According to the indictment, Warren J. Grignon, 41, allegedly sold fentanyl to three individuals on Dec. 23. One person, identified in the three-count indictment, died from using the fentanyl provided Grignon. The other two people also overdosed, were revived but sustained serious bodily injury as a result.

If convicted on all three counts, Grignon faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 60 years in prison and maximum penalty of life in prison.



WARREN GRIGNON

substance resulting in death and two counts of distribution of controlled substance resulting in serious bodily injury.

No new court dates for the case were set.

Grignon is currently detained in the Brown County Jail, according to online records.

In January 2009, Grignon was charged by complaint in federal court with assault and robbery in connection with a plan to take drug sales proceeds from Chelesa Brown.

Grignon was arraigned in federal court Feb. 29 on one count of distribution of controlled

According to the complaint, on Aug. 30, 2008, Grignon drove Brown, Clarabelle Teller and Marcus Boyd to Rabbit Ridge Road on the reservation where Brown, Teller and Boyd left Grignon’s vehicle and walked into the woods. There, Brown was beaten unconscious and robbed of \$100.

Brown was later treated for a broken jaw and other lacerations.

Although Grignon made an initial court appearance on Jan. 23, 2009, no other court proceedings were docketed in the case.

Teller and Boyd were both indicted on assault and robbery charges. Teller was sentenced on May 5, 2009, to 46 months in prison. Boyd was sentenced a month later to four years in prison.

Keshena man charged with assault

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Correspondent

A Keshena man was indicted this week in federal court on two counts of assaulting his domestic partner.

Arrelío R. Escalante, 36, allegedly punched and strangled, to the point of being unconscious, a woman with whom he had a domestic relationship.

The woman suffered serious bodily injuries including a broken nose and severe bruising.

On Feb. 27, Escalante was indicted with one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury and one count of domestic assault by strangulation.

Both offenses allegedly occurred on Feb. 8 on the Menominee Indian Reservation.

If convicted on both counts, Escalante faces a maximum of 20 years in prison followed by a term of supervised release.

No information regarding Escalante’s custody status or future court dates was available Friday.

The Menominee Tribal Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the case.

3 sign on as registered write-ins for 2 Shawano County Board seats

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

All Shawano County Board of Supervisor seats will have at least one candidate when the April 2 election rolls around.

Shawano County Board Chairman Tom Kautza announced Feb. 28 two registered write-ins are now seeking the District 16 seat. They are Curth Korth, County Road Y, Clintonville, and Lowel Hammett, Cloverleaf Lake, Clintonville.

Later in the week, Curtis Naja of Fairview Way in Shawano signed on as a registered write-in for the District 5 seat. The 5th and 16th District seats were the only two without an official candi-

date following the January deadline to turn in nomination papers. Shawano County Clerk Kara Skarlupka said the deadline to register as a write-in candidate is March 29.

OBITUARIES

Linda L. Kraemer, 81, of the Town of Belle Plaine, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024, at her home.

Linda Lee Kraemer was born Nov. 3, 1942, in Evanston, Illinois, daughter to the late Roy and Mary Jane (McMullen) Johnson. She was united in marriage to John R. Kraemer on July 20, 1963, in Park Ridge, Illinois. In 1984, the couple, along with their daughter, Deb, moved to the home on Pine Lake, which was owned by the family for many years.



They started a carpet business locally, and Linda later started work as a secretary at the Shawano

Chamber of Commerce in the late 1980s. Over the past few years, Linda discovered a deep relationship with Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior through the teaching and beautiful friendships at Zion Lutheran Church, Embarrass, and New Hope Church, Shawano. As a member of Zion Lutheran, Linda was active with the Ladies Aid, and many other groups ready to serve the church's ministry. Linda loved the Lord with her whole heart and served him well through

the years of caring for her husband, daughter and mother-in-law, Ruth Kraemer Bell. She loved her Red Hats and the many friends around the lake and beyond. She was bubbly and talkative, and loved to be social and visit with friends, whether it was at church or entertaining guests in her home. She cherished her neighbors on Pine Lake, and if she ever encountered a stranger, she'd get to know them without fail. She embraced Facebook and enjoyed keep-

ing up with her friends and family who lived far away. Her love of gardening kept her busy tending to her beautiful flowers and fresh vegetables in her large garden. She also loved to bake, known for her zucchini bread, and made delicious fudge at Christmas time. One of her favorite things to do was just to sit and enjoy God's creation at her home on the shore. Linda is survived by her daughter, Deb L. Olson; granddaughter, Lexie J. Olson; brother, Peter Johnson; brother-in-law,

David (Dottie) Kraemer. Linda was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; and a sister, Joanne Johnson. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 7, 2024, at Zion Lutheran Church in Embarrass. Interment took place at Graceland Cemetery in Clintonville. The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville, is assisting the Kraemer family with arrangements. An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

James G. Vandenberg, 91, of Bonduel, was taken into the Lord's hands on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024.

James was born in Green Bay on Aug. 29, 1932, son of the late George and Ida (Dingeldein) Vandenberg Sr. Jim graduated from Bonduel High School. On Sept. 24, 1955, Jim was united in marriage to Patricia A. Posselt at St. Paul Lu-



theran Church-Stony Hill, in Thornton. Patricia preceded Jim in death on

Aug. 4, 2012. In May 1956, Jim was drafted into the United States Army and served his country honorably and proudly. Jim's life revolved around farming and family, Jim and Patsy farmed together for many years. They always enjoyed bowling with friends in Friday night couples league, and later in their marriage, they found a lot of joy traveling together, including numerous trips to Hawaii. Jim was also a proud member of the

Town of Hartland Fire Department and the local civic association. He was a wonderful, quiet, and humble man and left an impact on everyone he met. A wonderful father, grandfather and great-grandfather will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. James is survived by two daughters, Susan (Bruce) Hein and Amy (Jerry) Younk; three grandsons, Adam Hagel, Tyler (Amy) Rasmussen and Justin (Tina) Rasmussen; seven great-grand-

children, Drew Hagel, Mya Hagel, Nathaniel Rasmussen, Eli Rasmussen, Ruger Rasmussen, Parker Rasmussen and Bailey Rasmussen; and a brother, David (Donna) Vandenberg. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; his parents; and a brother, George Vandenberg Jr. A funeral service for James was held Monday, March 4, 2024, at Frie-

dens Ev. Lutheran Church in Bonduel. Military honors and burial were held at the church cemetery following the service. Memorials may be directed to the church, the humane society or your local veterans organization. Jim's family would like to extend a special thank you to Carol Gehm, Eric Stuewer, Ross and Pam Berkahn, and ThedaCare at Home Hospice for everything they did. www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Dennis D. Owen passed away at his home in Wittenberg on his 70th birthday, Saturday, March 2, 2024, under the care of his family and hospice.

Dennis was born on March 2, 1954, in Oshkosh as the son of Luella (Niebauer) Owen and the late Austin Owen. He attended school in Oshkosh and enlisted in the United States Army at age 17. Dennis served from 1971 until 1974 and was stationed overseas



in Germany and Korea. He earned his GED from the Army and after his discharge obtained a master's

degree in mechanical engineering from University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Dennis worked at Oshkosh Truck for over 25 years prior to his retirement and was united in marriage to Carol (Menge) Hegewald on Dec. 7, 2021, in Shawano. Dennis looked forward to hunting trips to Canada with his buddies and enjoyed bowhunting closer to home near Waupaca for many years. He was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers and Wisconsin Badgers. Dennis also enjoyed shopping and could convince himself

to buy almost anything if it was a good deal, even clothing that was not his size. He was loved dearly by his family and friends and will certainly be missed. Survivors include his wife, Carol Owen; mother, Luella Owen; children, Stacy Owen-Wright, Brenda (James) Ashenbrenner, Michael Hegewald and Bill (Ashley) Hegewald; 14 grandchildren; three great-

grandchildren; a sister, Sheila (Duane) Feustel; and a brother, Kevin Owen. Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Austin Owen; a niece; and his in-laws, Alfred and Mildred Menge. Funeral services will be held Friday, March 8, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Tigerton with the Rev. Clifford Kessen officiating. Inter-

ment will follow at Union Cemetery in Tigerton with military honors conducted by members of the Tigerton American Legion Post 239. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Dennis' family would like to thank the Le Royer Hospice of Antigo for all of their assistance. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Myrna J. McKay, 82, of the Town of Belle Plaine, passed away Wednesday morning, Feb. 28, 2024, at the Greentree Health and Rehabilitation Center in Clintonville. Myrna Jean Bittorf was born on Sept. 1, 1941, in Sturgeon Bay as the daughter of the late Ewald and Erna (Benke) Bittorf. Myrna graduated from Shawano High School in 1959 and was united in marriage to James McKay on Nov. 10, 1960, in Memphis, Tennessee. Myrna spent 26 years

working as a cashier for 21st Century Genetics near Shawano. She was a faithful member of St. Martin Lutheran Church in Clintonville for many years. Throughout her life, Myrna did a little of everything but most of all enjoyed taking care of her home and being around her family. Survivors include sons, Jim (Kathleen) and Cory (Julie) McKay; grandchildren, Connie (Nate) Frey, Joshua (Jessica) McKay and Nathan Hewitt; and great-grandchildren, Aiden,

Kelsey, Daniel and Julia. Myrna was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James, in 2022; and a brother, Ottis Bittorf. A memorial service was held for Myrna on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home in Clintonville. Inurnment followed at the Friendship Cemetery in the Town of Belle Plaine. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established by Myrna's family. www.eberhardtstevenson.com



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Menominee Clans

website returns to CMN

The Menominee Clans website is coming home. Since the early 2000s, the original iteration of the site has resided on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's servers. On March 22, the public is invited to College of Menominee Nation to witness the relaunching celebration of the up-dated site under the care of CMN.

The Menominee Clans website is created based upon the research of the late Menominee culture keepers James F. Frechette Jr. and Mike Hoffman. Frechette is perhaps best known for his 11-foot-tall carving of the Ancestral Bear housed in the Menominee Cultural Museum. The carver, who passed in 2006, contributed all of the artwork for the site, including the images of his hand-carved wooden figures of many of the 34 Menominee clans, known as the Mamaceqtahsak.

Together with their UW-Stevens Point allies, Frechette and Hoffman created the site to share the teachings of both the Menominee clans and the Menominee names for places in Wisconsin. Both academic and accessible, the site was popular with scholars, community members and hobbyists.

Yet, in the words of Hoffman's widow, Karen Ann Hoffman, "The site's engine needed to be replaced" as technology has advanced considerably, making the once interactive features non-responsive.

In April 2022, Hoffman and UW-Stevens Point emeritus professor Ray Reser approached CMN to inquire about moving the site to the college's servers. While the files would not be difficult to transfer, the interactive maps and audio files needed to be updated along with both the resolution and presentation of the files the site housed.

CMN began transferring in earnest in the fall of 2022, with plans to add a second site to house K-12 curriculum for educators to use to share the site with the students in their classrooms. Frechette's son, Richard, and his niece, Dawn Wilber, joined Hoffman and CMN Chief of Staff Melinda Cook, website content manager Dylan Sabin and myself in drafting the curriculum and updating the work as part of the



This interactive map housed on the Menominee Clans website lists the Menominee place names, which are spoken aloud when one clicks upon them.



new Site Caretakers.

Richard Frechette explained, "I have been a site caretaker since the beginning, and I am honored to help maintain my dad's legacy at CMN."

Wilber added, "Reading through the teachings on the site with fresh eyes has reminded me of the wisdom of my uncle's teachings. I have used his site in my own classrooms, and you can hear his voice whenever you visit it."

Hoffman has been the steady voice for the transfer, connecting CMN to UW-Stevens Point and reminding the committee of the disciplined work James Frechette, Hoffman and their allies put into the site.

"Jim used to say, 'Everything you want to know (about the Menominee) is right there in the carvings. You just got to look,'" Hoffman said.

The new site caretakers at CMN will debut their work alongside the launch. Titled "Teaching the Clans Story," the new section will include interactive lesson plans for educators that house links, vocabulary and questions that can be used in K-12 classrooms. Intended to either build upon one another or stand alone, the lessons are intended to help students learn from the wisdom of the site.

The new section will also feature a short documentary about Frechette titled "Natamowekow," which was Frechette's Menominee name, meaning, "He Helps Someone, People." Billed as "a collaborative project" between James Frechette Jr. and Robert Kanyusik, the film "reflects James Frechette's deep commitment to his Menominee heritage ... (and) his determination to carry on Menominee practices in working with wood both in technique and in tribal tradition."

The film was selected for the 2023 Native Spirit Film Festival in the United Kingdom.

On March 22, CMN will officially welcome the Menominee Clans website home and debut it to the public. The web address will be <https://www.menominee.edu/tmcs>.

The community is invited to the ceremony in the Campus Commons building to hear speeches, witness a tour of the site, enjoy an honor song played by Junior Dowd and partake in refreshments. The ceremony will be held from 9:30-11 a.m., with the reception to follow.

It will be a homecoming fitting of the Menominee Clans website, and we hope the public will join us in honoring this momentous occasion.

Ryan Winn teaches communications, English and theater at the College of Menominee Nation. Visit www.menominee.edu for information about the school.

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Tungsten shot loads make turkey hunting new again

When it comes to bow-hunting, I'm old-school. I carry a vintage recurve bow (usually a Bear) with no sights and a feather-fletched carbon arrow tipped with some sort of fixed-blade broadhead. I may have a stabilizer, but that's it for tech.

When it comes to turkey hunting, I put the bow down and pick up a 3 1/2-inch chambered 12-gauge pump shotgun with some serious copper-coated loads, usually either No. 4 or No. 5 shot.

I've not had many birds in gun range the past few years (I did take a jake about two years ago), and did misjudge the yardage on a nice tom last year. Carrying around my mini-tank known as a Remington 870 Super Magnum just isn't fun, although that heavy gun certainly soaks up some of the recoil from those teeth-rattling loads.

I always say when it's no longer fun, it's time to go home and think of something else, so that's my plan this year.

If you read the outdoors magazines (you know, those things made of paper with staples down the spine), you've probably read of "sub-gauge" turkey hunting with tungsten shot. Sub-gauge is anything smaller than a 12 gauge. Grown men are dropping turkeys at 40 yards and



beyond with 20 and 28 gauge shotguns and even tiny .410s, thanks to this miracle shot that costs more than filling your gas tank.

I first became familiar with these sub-gauge turkey guns a few years ago as a volunteer for the Winnebago Strutters chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation in Neenah-Menasha.

I had the fun task of selecting the guns for our banquet at Scheels, and we were introduced to the single-shot Stevens 301, a little import than can be purchased in black or camouflage, and with or without a red dot sight. We chose the camo ones with dot sights for our dinner, but last year, I bought a black one in 20 gauge with a plain bead sight. It cost about \$200 and weighs under 6 pounds.

Then came buying the ammo.

As much as I was pleased with the gun's modest cost, I was dumbfounded by the tungsten costs. I bought one box each of Federal 3rd Degree (3-inch 20 gauge with 1 1/2



Columnist Ross Bielema tried three tungsten shot loads — from Federal, Browning and Hevi-Shot — in a new single-shot Stevens 301 shotgun that he bought to make turkey hunting a bit easier. The Browning 3-inch 20 gauge TSS load with a mix of No. 7 and 9 shot patterned the best at 35 yards.

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ounce of 5, 6 and 7 shot), Browning TSS 3-inch 1 1/2 ounce of 7 and 9 shot and Hevi-Shot Magnum Blend 3-inch 1 1/4 ounce of 5, 6 and 7 shot). One was around \$44 for five shells and the other two were \$28-\$35. Ouch.

Tungsten is up to 60% denser than lead, the gold standard, and even with small shot sizes, it can kill a turkey at amazing distances. Most hunters use

No. 4, 5 or 6 shot in lead (the smaller the number, the larger the pellet diameter), but with tungsten, smaller sizes from 5 to 9 are common (often a "matrix" or mix of shot sizes for a combination of wide patterns and more retained energy at a longer distance).

After years of hunting coyotes, bobcats, geese and turkeys with nothing smaller than No. 4 shot, and even as large as BB

on the predators, I can't yet wrap my brain around shooting 20-pound turkeys at 40 yards or more with No. 7 or 9 shot. I guess when I finally kill a gobbler with this new-fangled ammo, I'll believe it.

Where do you aim at a turkey? With a shotgun, I prefer to go with what the experts say: where the feathered neck meets the bare neck. This centers the pattern on the head and neck. If you aim only for the head, about half your pattern will shoot over the head (assuming your shotgun hits point-of-aim, which many do not).

One advantage of using a red dot sight is that you can adjust it so you can hit wherever your actual point-of-aim is. I suspect my bead sight is higher than where my gun is patterning. I'm seriously considering a red dot now, something I've never used on a shotgun before.

An Outdoor Life article talks about a scientific study on which vertebra in a turkey's neck is the best spot to aim at (no, you can't actually see it unless you have X-ray vision). I happened to be using the Winchester targets mentioned in the article and agree with the author that it's better to aim a bit lower. Read it at www.outdoorlife.com/hunting/where-to-shoot-a-turkey. There are lots of num-

bers on these boxes of TSS (Tungsten Super Shot). I noticed "18 G/CC" on the box of Federal 3rd Degree. This means 18 grams per cubic centimeter, a density about 60% greater than lead (meaning it is heavier and will in theory hold its energy at longer ranges). Read another article about tungsten shot at www.outdoorlife.com/guns/tungsten-super-shot-deadliest-bird-shot.

I tested one round of each brand I bought from 35 yards, using a plastic shooting rest. I counted the pellets in the head and neck of each turkey target, extending down into the imaginary bodies. The Browning load did the best, putting 77 pellets in the kill zone. Federal was next with 41, and Hevi-Shot came in third with 26.

I didn't flinch, but it was difficult to precisely aim with the large bead. The gun appeared to have all three patterns below point-of-aim, so a red dot might be worth it on this particular gun.

Be sure you pattern your shotgun before hunting, especially if you are shooting \$6-\$10 tungsten rounds. You just can't afford to miss too many times.

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Skipping party prompts Chinese zodiac research

The Republic of China has lost favor in America these days, and rightfully so. What is unfortunate is that it precludes appreciation of the rich culture developed by the Chinese people over thousands of years. One of my favorite books is “The Good Earth” by Pearl Buck. Pearl was an incredible storyteller who wrote many books recounting her experiences in mid-20th Century China. Her parents were missionaries there, and thanks to some extended trips back home to America, she grew up with a dual-culture background.

I wasn’t that lucky. We Sherwood dairy farm kids never got to travel to exotic locations, unless you count Hollandtown, my mother’s birthplace a few miles away. As Uncle Romy used to say, “Dem cows don’t milk demselves, ya know.” Nevertheless, I was able to travel wherever I wanted to go by reading, and China was



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

a popular destination on my see-the-world-through-books tour of enchanting places to visit.

I still enjoy following certain Chinese traditions, like celebrating the Chinese New Year, which was observed this year from Feb. 10-24. Unfortunately, during that time I was dealing with family health issues, including a killer head cold, and unable to make the party. During my confinement, I found solace by indulging in one of my other favorite aspects of Chinese culture: the Chinese zodiac.

Unlike the horoscope-based Roman zodiac, the Chinese zodiac doesn’t rely on heavenly constellations. Instead, it’s animal-based:

monkey, donkey, dog, horse, snake, etc. As I was doing my research, I was initially alarmed to discover that 2024 is the Year of the Wood Dragon. Dragon? As if things aren’t bad enough here on Planet Earth already.

Wait a minute. It’s not any old dragon; it’s the wood dragon, one of the good guys. This figure is formed by combining a generic dragon with the nourishing wood element. The wood dragon represents strength, authority, prosperity and good fortune, a character who brings forth evolution, improvement and abundance. Other dragon-born individuals are considered proud and arrogant, but the wood dragon is a humble soul. Even though wood dragons lead from a powerful position, they are savvy enough to know their limits and always consult trusted experts for advice on important matters.

It was encouraging to read that 2024 is the perfect time for revitalized beginnings that will form the foundations for long-term success. Wow. Let’s hope people everywhere are taking notice, or am I the only one who thinks a complete do-over is needed all around the world right now?

Case in point: If your family is welcoming a new baby this year, prepare for life with a wood dragon. You will find your child a highly intelligent, talented problem-solver who is self-assured, sociable and innovative. Get ready to raise a thinker and planner who can get stuff done, one who is creative with an insatiable desire for knowledge. Any brothers and sisters involved? Take heed. Sibling rivalry is a given where wood dragons are concerned. Grandparent alert: Be ready to attend lots of athletic events because

your wood dragons will be participating in all manner of sporting contests.

Sigh. Nothing is perfect, and neither is the wood dragon. Too often they follow their instincts instead of reasoning, which is when disaster will strike. Often unable to control their emotions, they have a tendency to be hot-headed and quick-tempered over trifles. They can also be quite pushy in an attempt to prove what they said is right. Without meaning to, they can hurt people close to them.

Thinking through all of this led me to check my zodiac status to see what 2024 has in store for me. I was born in the Year of the Dog; my sign is the horse. I am independent (agreed) and happiest when communing with nature (definitely). I’m destined to come into my fortune in advanced age. Except exactly how old “advanced” is was not defined. Come on — I am running

out of time here. The only other item of interest was that my first career choice should be writer, and I would be happiest married to a tiger, goat or dog.

Oh, dear. My husband, Jon, was born in 1940, another Year of the Wood Dragon. Like all wood dragon types, Jon is an honorable and lively character known for his captivating demeanor and distinct personality. Our Chinese zodiac signs are not at all compatible. This might explain why I have often thought I’ve got a dragon by the tail. Well, it’s too late to fix that now. We’re at almost 37 years of being happily married. Speaking of happy, I know I’m a bit late, but Happy Chinese New Year.

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

Cardiologist touts diet, exercise to combat heart disease

Prevea Health interventional cardiologist Dr. Simil Gala is pushing the importance of a balanced diet, regular exercise and implementing lifestyle changes to help prevent heart disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control



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States. It’s estimated that

and Prevention, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United

every four deaths are from heart disease and stroke, contributing to conditions which are among the leading causes of disabilities in the country.

Gala frequently shares the following diet, exercise disciplines and lifestyle choices to help combat and

prevent the disease:

- Exercise: Regular exercise, especially aerobic exercise, is beneficial for heart health. Aerobic exercise (walking, running, biking and swimming) increases your heart rate and breathing and in turn enhances the efficiency of your heart and lungs.

- Eat heart healthy food: Eating a balanced diet of nutrient-rich foods including fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins and healthy fats can help maintain a healthy heart. Try to limit unhealthy fat, excess sodium and cholesterol. Heart healthy fats to consider eating include

avocados, walnuts, olive oil, dark chocolate, eggs, salmon and tuna. Avoid unhealthy trans and saturated fats like bacon, whole milk, fried and highly processed foods.

- Quit smoking: Tobacco use is harmful to your health in multiple ways, including increasing heart rate and blood pressure. Quitting smoking and tobacco use has immediate and long-term benefits for cardiovascular health.

- Eliminate stress: Chronic stress can elevate blood pressure and contribute to unhealthy lifestyle choices. Managing your stress with activities such

as exercise and relaxation techniques can help reduce the risk of heart disease and promote overall well-being.

Yearly physical exams with a primary care physician or provider can also help in the early detection of and management of heart disease. For individuals with high risk factors such as tobacco use, obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes or a family history of heart disease, a visit with a physician or provider can also help assess an individual’s situation and potentially lead to a referral with a cardiovascular specialist if necessary.

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

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

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

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

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

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

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

GILLET: "The Wizard of Oz," 5 p.m., Gillett High School Auditorium, 208 W. Main St. Performed by students from Gillett Elementary School. Adults \$5, children \$2.

WITTENBERG: "The Case of the Motor-

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

KRAKOW: Mass and Polish Hearty Brunch and Desserts, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Casimir Church, 146 Park St. Mass celebration 9 a.m., serving brunch from 10 a.m. \$15, children 6-11 \$7, under 5 free. Concertina music. Closing event of Casimir Pulaski Days.

GILLET: "The Wizard of Oz," 2 p.m., Gillett High School Auditorium, 208 W. Main St. Performed by students from Gillett Elementary School. Adults \$5, children \$2.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

SHAWANO: Memory Cafe, 1-4 p.m., Aging and Disability Resource Center, W7327 Anderson Ave. RSVP required by or on March 8; call Johanna at 715-526-4708.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

SHAWANO: Chili to Go, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Peace United Church of Christ, 208 E. Maurer St. Quart of chili with crackers \$9. Raffle baskets and bake sale.

SHAWANO: Shawano Area Waterways Management (SAWM) board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shawano County Park, W5785 Lake Drive. Environmental consultant

coach Murders," doors open 5:30 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Crossroads Community Theatre dinner theater. \$40. Advance tickets only, available at Wittenberg Sentry or by calling 715-253-3525.

PULASKI: Big Casimir Dance, 6-11 p.m., Scolly's Hometown, 149 W. Pulaski St. Zander's Music Raymakers 6 p.m., Polka Mojo 7-11 p.m. \$20 admission, children under 10 free.

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OCONTO FALLS: "The Addams Family Musical," 7 p.m., High School Performing Arts Center, 210 N. Farm Road. Adults \$12, students \$8, https://trst.in/wgkDsN

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16

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

NAVARINO: Raised Garden Bed Workshop, 9-11 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. All parts come as a kit to put together or take with you. Single half-barrel garden \$75, double half-barrel garden \$125. Register at 715-758-6999 or www.navarino.org.

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Among the top five finishers in the WIHSBC state championships for girls individuals was Holly Orgeman (DCE/Wittenberg).

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Birnamwood's Orgeman takes second at state bowling meet

Birnamwood freshman Holly Orgeman, a bowler with the D.C. Everest/Wittenberg varsity girls bowling team, grabbed second place in the Wisconsin High School Bowling Club (WIHSBC) state meet at the Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley this past weekend.

Orgeman bowls in District 9 (Wausau area). The freshman earned the first seed after semifinal rounds and automatically advanced to the championship ground during match play.

In the championship match, Orgeman fell to Maggie Porter from Cambridge 246-191 to take second. Hartford Union's Natalie Hirsch took third, while Oostburg's Addison Kohl was fourth and Merrill's Marley Krueger was fifth.

In the qualifying round March 1, Orgeman rolled games of 216, 206 and 158 for a 580 series to finish fifth and earn a spot in the semifinals. Oconto Falls' Marissa Miller was 33rd out of 57 with games of 168, 176 and 165 for a 509. The top 14 girls moved onto semifinals.

In semifinals, Orgeman took first by bowling games of 216, 206, 158, 201, 193 and 231 for 1,205 pins.

On the boys' side, Stevens Point Area Senior High's Dayden Koback took first, while Neenah's Zachary Olson was second, Sheboygan Lutheran's Dalton Zeman was third, Antigo's Grant Praslowicz was fourth and Portage's Aiden Scoot took fifth.

For teams, Sheboygan Area Co-Op won the Division 1 girls state title, while Merrill/Tomahawk took first in Division 2 girls. Sheboygan South won the Division 1 boys state title and Baraboo took the title in Division 2.

Orgeman will now complete March 9 in the WIHSBC All-Star Challenge at Riviera Lanes in Green Bay with four other bowlers from D9.

Lena girls advance to state tourney

Wittenberg-Birnamwood loses to Xavier in sectional finals

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Lena's girls basketball team advanced to the state tournament with a 66-57 win over Pittsville in Antigo on March 2.

Madilyn Thomson scored 23 points, and Eva Brooks dropped in another 20 to lead the Wildcats. Also scoring were Kali Fischer with 11, Whitney Potter with six, and Hannah Thomson and Maddy Kushner, each with three.

Brooks had a stunning 20 rebounds, with Hannah Thomson and Madilyn Thomson each pulling down eight. Madilyn Thomson led her teammates with five assists and four steals.

Lena held a 27-22 half-time lead and pulled ahead a bit more with a 39-35 second half performance.

The state tournament will be held March 7-9 at the Resch Center in Green Bay.

On March 8, No. 1 Argyle/Pecatonica (26-1) will face off against No. 4 Albany/Monticello (25-3) at 9:05 a.m. About 15 minutes after that game, No. 3 Clear Lake (26-3) will take on No. 2 Lena (27-2).

The winners of the two games will face off in the championship final at 11:05 a.m. March 9.

Lena will make its fourth appearance at state and the first since 1991 when the Wildcats finished runner-up in Division 4. Their most notable result at state was being crowned the Class C champion in 1980. The Wildcats return to state for the first time in 33 seasons.

Semifinals



Madilyn Thomson of Lena eyes a shot against Wabeno/Laona's Rylee Yaeger early in the first half of their sectional semifinal game Feb. 29 at Green Bay Southwest. Thomson drew a foul on the play.

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The Lena Wildcats girls basketball team held off a scrappy Wabeno/Laona squad that forced 33 turnovers, 21 in the first half, to advance in a WIAA Division 5 sectional semifinal game played at Green Bay Southwest High School on Feb. 29.

The Rebels, second-place team in the Northern Lakes Conference, used tenacious defense to build

a 24-16 lead late in the first half and continued to hold off the Marinette & Oconto Conference champions, hanging on to a 31-24 advantage with 10 minutes left in the game.

Lena chipped away over the next six minutes and tied the score at 38 on Kali Fischer's layup as the clock ticked inside five minutes to go. Moments later, season scoring leader Eva

Brooks gave the Wildcats the lead for good with a clutch 3-pointer.

Madilyn Thomson led the Wildcats with 20 points, and Brooks scored 14. Also adding to the total were Kali Fischer with six, Karli Fischer with four, Whitney Potter with three and Alabama Lambert with one.

Thomson led her teammates with eight rebounds,

while Brooks pulled down seven. Kali Fischer recorded four assists, and Thomson had four steals.

The Wildcats (26-2) play Pittsville March 2 at Antigo for the right to advance to the state tournament. The Panthers (24-4), the second-place team in the Central Wisconsin Conference South Division, made it to the sectional final with a 45-38 victory over Athens on Feb. 29 in Merrill.

Witt-Birn

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's season came to an end with a 55-39 defeat at the hands of Xavier.

The sectional final was played at Brillion on March 2.

The Chargers ended the season with a 25-3 record.

In the WIAA Division 3 semifinal game Feb. 29 in Oconto Falls, Rory Salvesen scored 15 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and Melaina Granquist dropped in another 12 as Wittenberg-Birnamwood won a 43-41 nail-biter against Freedom.

Also scoring for the Chargers were Nora Bushman and Harper Rogowski with five points each, Faith Resch with four and Brie Ladika with two.

Granquist pulled down 13 of the team's 26 rebounds, Resch had three of the team's seven assists, and Salvesen recorded three of the Chargers' seven steals.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood (25-2) moved on to play Xavier on Saturday at Brillion for a chance to compete in the state tournament.

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Ice Bears fall in state championship game

Several players earn all-conference honors

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

The Bay Area Ice Bears had a dozen more shots on goal than the Central Wisconsin Storm but still came up one goal short in the WIAA state title game March 2.

The 4-3 loss started with a scoreless first period before the Ice Bears took a 1-0 lead at 4:04 in the second period on a goal by Addison Dahl and an assist from Julianne Bradford.

The Storm tied the game at 1-1 a minute later.

As the third period started, the Storm scored two more goals for a 3-1 lead. Pulaski sophomore Faye Brunke scored at 7:47 to make it 3-2.

However, Central Wisconsin took a 4-2 lead

at the 15-minute mark, with the Ice Bears' Hannah Von Haden scoring at 16:00 to end the scoring and Bay Area still trailing by a goal.

The Ice Bears were penalized six times for 23 minutes, while the Storm was called for eight infractions for 14 minutes.

The Bay Area Ice Bears were trying to repeat as state champions, after defeating Superior/Northern 3-0 in 2023.

Bay Area 5 St. Croix Valley 4

Pulaski sophomore Faye Brunke scored the winning goal as the Bay Area Ice Bears girls hockey team defeated St. Croix Valley Fusion 5-4 to advance to the state title game.

Trailing 4-2 midway through the second period, the No. 3 seed Ice Bears

scored once in the second and twice in the third to beat the No. 2 seed Fusion on Feb. 29.

The game, played in Middleton, opened with the Fusion taking a 1-0 lead at 4:02 in the first period, only to have the Ice Bears tie it a 1-1 just 12 seconds later on a goal by Hannah Von Haden with assists from Tiana Stindt and Addison Dahl. An Emily Bill goal with assists from Kristina Kruse and Claire Gerarden put the Ice Bears up 2-1, only to have it tied 2-2 before the period ended.

The Fusion scored twice in the first seven minutes of the second period to go up 4-2. Ava McDonald scored with assists from Pulaski junior Briana Anundsen and Stindt to

make it 4-3 in favor of St. Croix Valley at the end of the second period.

Von Haden scored with help from Julianne Bradford at 2:52 in the third to tie the game. Bradford assisted Brunke at 4:22 for the go-ahead and winning goal.

St. Croix Valley was penalized three times for six minutes, while Bay Area was called for five infractions for 11 minutes.

The Ice Bears recorded 33 shots on goal compared to 10 by Fusion players.

The victory advanced the Ice Bears to the state championship game against Central Wisconsin Storm, which defeated the Cap City Cougars 4-1 to make it to the title game.

All-conference honors

Also on Feb. 29, it was announced Bill and Bradford were named to the Eastern Shores first team

all-conference. Earning honorable mention were Brunke, Dahl, McDonald and Parker Bartholomaeus.

The Bay Area Ice Bears won the regular season conference championship with a record of 7-0.

Three Ice Bears were the recipients of the Eastern Shores Conference scholar athlete award. Winners of this award must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a senior.
- Must earn a varsity letter for two seasons in hockey during their career.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher through seven semesters.
- Must have zero athletic code violations during their high school career.

Honorees were Bartholomaeus, Sophie Gemiani and Brynn Osbahr.

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Bonduel boys capture regional crown

Saturday, March 2 Bonduel

Three players scored in double digits and six others also scored as Bonduel pounded Crivitz 82-40 in the regional finals.

Noah Weier led the Bears with 26 points, with Race Anvelink adding 14 and Ryan Westrich getting another dozen. For Weier, 24 of his points came in the first half.

Bonduel held a comfortable 52-20 lead at the half and went on to win the second half 30-20 for the lopsided win.

After losing its first game of the season, Bonduel has won 25 straight.

Gillett

A close game and a second-half comeback fell short for Gillett in its 62-59 loss to Lourdes Academy in the regional finals.

Jesse DeBacuh led the Tigers with 20 points, and Thomas Carmody scored 13.

Gillett (19-8) was led in 2023-24 by DeBauch with 22.1 points per game, followed by Franti with 17.1 and Ben Matczak with 14. DeBauch also led with 8.8 rebounds per game, while Matczak averaged 3.8. Franti averaged 5.3 assists per game, and DeBauch averaged 3.5.

Pulaski

Pulaski (15-12) saw its season end with a 77-59 loss in the regional finals

to Ashwaubenon.

This year, the Red Raiders were led by Colin Schultz with 18.5 points per game, Dylan Dorn with 11.1 and Joseph Mijal with 9.6.

Mijal led with an average of 4.8 rebounds per game, and Schultz had 4.6. Bryce Wotruba averaged 3.9 assists per game, and Ethan Schmidt had 2.4.

Tigerton

A 75-30 loss to Almond-Bancroft in the regional finals ended the season for Tigerton (22-5).

Almond-Bancroft controlled the game from the start with a commanding 39-16 first half and 36-14 second half.

Sam Anheuser led the Tigers with 11 points, including a trio of 3-pointers.

Loghan Wanta and James Brady each had five rebounds, Brady had three assists, and Wanta and Anheuser each had two steals.

Throughout the 2023-24 season, Brady led his teammates with an average of 12.6 points per game, followed by Maverick Maas with 10.4 and Joey Zimdars with 9.9.

Wanta led with 7.6 rebounds per game, and Brady collected 7.2. Anheuser had 2.1 assists per game, while Maas averaged 1.9.

Friday, March 1 Bonduel

After getting a bye

earlier in the week, No. 1 seed Bonduel pulled out a one-point win over No. 8 Valders, 65-64, in the WIAA Division 4 regional semifinals.

Ryan Westrich scored 22 points, with Noah Weier contributing another 12.

The Bears led 31-29 at halftime, but Valders hung in there, outscoring Bonduel 35-34 after the break.

Gillett

Jesse DeBauch scored 21 points and Aydin Franti added 20 as No. 3 Gillett downed No. 6 Oneida Nation 56-41 in the Division 5 sectional semifinals.

Gillett led 27-19 at the half and extended its lead with a 29-22 second half.

Marion

Marion's season ended in the regional semifinals with a 63-48 loss to Three Lakes. The Mustangs were seeded No. 7 while their opponents were No. 2.

Three Lakes led 30-28 at the half but had a much better second half, 33-20.

Marion (16-10) was led this season by Ryan Malueg with 17.1 points per game, Parker Miller with 15.6 and Enea Turrini with 11.3.

Parker Miller led the team with 10.8 rebounds per game, and Malueg had 9.3. Miller also led with 2.9 assists per game, and Turrini had 2.5.

Pulaski

Pulaski (No. 5) defeated

West Bend West (No. 4) 49-46 in the Division 2 regional semifinals.

The Red Raiders led 24-17 at the half, while West Bend West's 29-25 second half comeback fell short.

Tigerton

James Brady scored 15 points to lead No. 4 Tigerton over No. 5 Wabeno/Laona 49-39 in the Division 5 regional semifinals.

Six other Tigers scored, including Sam Anheuser with nine and Cameron Carlson with seven.

Brady led the team with 10 rebounds, while Loghan Wanta pulled down eight and Carlson had seven. Anheuser had four assists, while Ethan Carlson and Anheuser each had a pair of steals.

Witt-Birn

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood couldn't catch enough breaks as the team lost 75-57 to Waupaca in the regional semifinals.

The No. 5 seed Chargers (13-13) trailed No. 4 seed Waupaca 38-27 at the half and were outscored by another seven points in the second half.

For the season, Jett Rogowski led Wittenberg-Birnhamwood with 18.6 points per game, nearly three times more than Oliver Fraaza's 6.7. Marshall Fraaza averaged 4.7.

Oliver Fraaza pulled down an average of 5.2 rebounds per game, while Boone Schairer had 4.2. Rogowski also led with an average of two assists per game, while Oliver Fraaza recorded 1.3.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 Bowler

In its first game of in the Division 5 regional, No. 15 seed Bowler lost 83-13 to No. 2 seed Three Lakes.

Bowler finished the season with a 1-22 record.

Derek Schreiber led the Panthers with an average 11.3 points per game. He was followed by Chase Stevens with 5.2 and Brandon Slater with 4.

Gillett

Aydin Franti scored 23 points and Jesse DeBauch scored 21 as No. 3 seed Gillett defeated No. 14 seed Sevastopol 79-49 in Division 5 regional action.

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Gresham

The Division 5 regional matchup between No. 14 seed Gresham and No. 3 seed Pacelli ended the season for the Wildcats as they lost 94-28.

On the season, Bryson Nelson led Gresham with an average of 8.5 points per game. Kevin Miller averaged 7.6, and Wanbli Spotted War Bonnet averaged 7.1.

Miller averaged 7.6 rebounds per game, and Nelson was at 5.8. As for assists, Wyatt Nietzer had 1.9, and Spotted War Bonnet had 1.8.

Lena

The season ended for No. 13 seed Lena (5-20) with a 59-39 regional loss to No. 4 seed Niagara.

The Wildcats were led by Mason Spice's 17 points.

Spice also led the team with an average 12.9 points per game, followed by Caleb Schlosser with 7.4 and Tyler Shallow with 7.3.

Anthony Seefeldt averaged 7.7 rebounds per game, and Logan Graef had 6.9. Spice led Lena with 3.3 assists per game, while Shallow averaged 2.3.

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The Mustangs advanced to the second game in its Division 5 regional bracket after defeating Elcho 55-50.

The No. 10 seed Hornets led 25-16 at halftime, but the No. 7 Mustangs poured it on in the second half. The 39-25 advantage after the break was enough as the Mustangs earned the victory.

Menominee Indian

Menominee Indian's season ended with a 79-61 loss to Sturgeon Bay in the Division 2 opening regional game.

The Eagles, 3-21, were seeded No. 11, and Sturgeon Bay was No. 6.

With 11.1 points per game, Barron Waupoose led the Eagles in scoring. Kenew Awonohopay averaged 9, and Anikohsah Corn had 7.6.

Awonohopay led with 6.5 rebounds per game, and Corn had 5.6. As for assists, Awonohopay again led the way with 2.9, while Waupoose averaged 1.5.

Oconto Falls

The season ended for Oconto Falls after a 55-49 loss to Peshtigo in the first round of WIAA regional action.

The Panthers were led by JJ Pytleski's 13 points, including three 3-pointers, and Jameson Beaman's 11, including a pair of 3-pointers.

Beaman pulled down seven rebounds, and Alex Haines had six. Haines led with six assists, while Brady Bursa, Haines and Emerich Skarban each had two steals.

Team leaders in points per game were Beaman with 14.9, Haines with 11.8 and Pytleski with 6.6.

Haines averaged 6.6 rebounds per game, while Beaman had 5.4. Haines also led with 2.8 assists per game, while Bursa had 2.2.

Oconto Falls finished the season at 6-19.

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Pulaski advanced in Division 2 playoff action with a 78-43 dominating win over Green Bay Southwest.

The Red Raiders were seeded No. 5, while Green Bay Southwest was No. 12.

Shawano

The Hawks couldn't maintain their nine-point lead at the half, losing at the end to La Crosse Logan 52-50 in the first round of the WIAA Division 2 regional.

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son with an 8-17 record.

Logan Sipple led the Hawks with 17 points, while Will Verkuilen added 13. Crew Weisnicht added seven, Ryan Shanty scored five, Anderson Schmidt and Warner Beyer each had three, and Jerzy Broucker scored two.

Verkuilen connected on three 3-pointers, while Sipple and Weisnicht each had two. Getting one each were Beyer, Schmidt and Shanty.

Sipple also led Shawano with 10 rebounds. Shanty notched four assists, and Sipple, Broucker, Beyer and Weisnicht each had a steal.

Sipple led Shawano with an average of 20 points per game in the 2023-24 season, which was also the most among all Bay Conference players. Verkuilen averaged 11.2, while Weisnicht averaged 7.7.

Sipple also led the team with an average 5.1 rebounds per game, just a bit more than Weisnicht's 4.9. Verkuilen and Sipple each averaged 2.7 assists per game.

Suring

The 85-27 loss to No. 2 seed Lourdes Academy in regional action ended the season for No. 15 seed Suring (4-20).

For the 2023-24 season, Suring was led by Trent VanDenElzen's 8.6 points per game, Michael Bailey's 7.1 and Taylor Booth Stofregen's 5.6.

Tigerton

Tigerton's season continued after a 70-51 win over Tri-County in its Division 5 regional.

The No. 4 seed Tigerton controlled the game from the beginning with a 34-24 halftime lead over No. 13 Tri-County. They added to their margin of victory with a 36-27 second half.

Joey Zimdars led Tigerton with 24 points, including the team's only 3-pointer. Loghan Wanta and James Brady each scored 14 points.

Wanta had a huge night on the boards, pulling down 16 rebounds. Brady grabbed seven, Sam Anheuser had five, and Zimdars had four.

Cameron Carlson led the team with four assists. Cameron Carlson, Ethan Carlson, Zimdars, Anheuser and Gavin Kielblock each had two steals.

Witt-Birn

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood manhandled Tomahawk 75-33 in the first round of Division 3 regional action.

"Boys played well tonight," coach Garrett Rogowski said. "We got a lot of deflections defensively that led to easy baskets early in the offense."

Jett Rogowski set a blistering pace with 31 points, including five 3-point baskets. Zander Barke added 10 as the only other Witt-Birn player to hit double digits.

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Politicians can actually keep their promises

When Mike Gallagher first ran for Congress in 2016, one of his promises was that he would not be making his time as a representative forever. Gallagher touted his support for term limits, believing that serving the people should be a privilege and not a career, a welcome point of view for those who are tired of the same old folks populating the U.S. Capitol and running like a rickety barge.

Gallagher's not the first one who has promised this, as countless others who tout the need for constant political transfusions in Washington, D.C., claim they're going to only serve for a few years and then make way for some new people and new ideas. Then, lo and behold, those people are still walking the halls of Congress a few decades later.

The difference between those folks and Gallagher is that the latter kept his promise, a virtue sorely lacking in most levels of government. He recently announced he would not be seeking a fifth term in the 8th Congressional District, and in a statement he pointed out that "the Framers intended citizens to serve in Congress for a season and then return to their private lives. Electoral politics was never supposed to be a career and, trust me, Congress is no place to grow old."

When you think about it, we have term limits in place for the president of the United States, the top elected position in the land. They only get to serve in the office for two terms or a maximum of 10 years if a vice president or someone else in the succession line becomes president in the middle of someone else's term. The 22nd Amendment was crafted after Franklin Roosevelt was elected four times as president at a time when people felt having one person in power for too long was detrimental to the country.

We do this for the executive branch, but yet we let the representatives of the legislative branch continue to serve for decades. Many serve until they feel they're too old to keep up the same pace that they've done for 30 or 40 years, or in the case of Dianne Feinstein, she actually died while in office at age 90, being the oldest member of the U.S. Senate at that time.

Gallagher did a good job serving in Congress, but I personally wish he'd



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pushed more for term limits for all. He proved himself to be a man of integrity by keeping his promise not to make Washington a lifetime commitment, but apparently rules need to be laid down for the other 434 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and 100 members of the U.S. Senate to get in line.

It's easy to see why folks would want to remain in the federal government indefinitely. The salary for the rank-and-file members is \$174,000. To be a leader in the majority or minority party gets your pay bumped up to \$193,400, and if you become Speaker of the House, you get paid \$223,500. Getting that kind of pay makes it easy to consider staying in office forever.

It also explains why the politicians haven't come forward with any efforts to limit themselves. A Pew Research Center survey from last summer found 87% of respondents support congressional term limits. Some states have implemented term limits for elected state officials.

Folks might say that the way to limit politicians is for the people to vote them out of office. If the electorate took the time to research the candidates and their records instead of being spoon-fed through campaign commercials, that would be a good argument. However, the numbers show that over 90% of elections are often uncompetitive, and in the 2022 midterms, 100% of U.S. Senate incumbents got reelected.

Gallagher decided to choose integrity above all, which has caused many in the Republican Party to express disappointment because of what he's accomplished in eight years. The powers-that-be in the GOP want him to keep on trucking. However, he made a promise, and he's keeping it. Hopefully, he'll be replaced by someone with just as much integrity, and that person will carry the banner of term limits for all. Gallagher's time is up, and for others in Congress, it's past time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learn at Shawano schools open house

To the editor:

Two of the greatest and most important social institutions in America are the public schools and the church.

Most communities in America have a school and a church, usually more than one of each. These institutions have shaped a significant amount of our culture, as our right to worship and our right to an education are cornerstones of the American experience. Both schools and churches are deeply interested in helping people learn and work toward wholeness and better character. It makes sense for these two great institutions to work together to improve communities.

Churches can provide schools with the opportunity to deepen community involvement.

Churches can become advocates for schools. The church is a gathering of people that can have real and tangible impacts. And there is power in numbers, collective interest in solving problems, and communities that can enable and enlighten a widening circle of people.

Churches, by getting involved in schools, can show that communities can have meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships even in the brokenness of today's society. In our world of

brokenness and fractured community, these partnerships can be a glimpse into the kingdom of God.

It is with this in mind that I would like for you to consider participating in one of Shawano School District's "Impacting the Future, Shawano Referendum Community Open Houses." These open houses are designed to provide a clear message regarding SSD's future and information on the upcoming referendum out to our faith communities.

As a community faith leader, I want to encourage our community churches and people of faith to be salt and light, influencing change and once again becoming a voice in our community and a strong partner with our public schools. We can accomplish this by being informed of the facts versus being misled by the rumors. Let's lead our community in this long-term partnership with our public school system.

What to expect? Shawano School District leaders will be available to answer your questions pertaining to all aspects of the upcoming referendum from 5:30-7 p.m. March 18 at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano. Attendees can stop at different information tables and ask questions or go directly to the table they are seeking more information on.

For more information, please visit www.shawanoschools.com/page/referendum-2024.

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Together, we can make a difference and ensure a positive future for our public school students.

Pastor Michael McKinnies,
Shawano

District Attorney's office slows down justice

To the editor:

I write you with regards to your article about how "Justice could come faster in Shawano County." You are right, justice could come faster, but it will not under the current district attorney, Greg Parker.

I used to be an assistant district attorney under Parker from 2018 to 2021. We all remember articles in the last few years pointing out how justice was delayed for victims in very significant cases. I hold my breath when I see articles like that because I fear the victims may never get justice. The DA takes too long to charge out cases. As a case proceeds from charging to ultimately a trial, victims and witnesses may lose interest in participating, witnesses may become incapacitated or, worst-case scenario, deceased.

It is hard enough getting the stars to align in a significant case so that you have a jury trial with all the witnesses the prosecution needs to prove its case. The Shawano County District Attorney's Office has a problem in making charging decisions, and the delays in these decisions affects the

evidence available in those cases.

When the state gets put in situations like this, the DA's office is forced to make plea deals they otherwise would not make. I watched as a 2017 arson case from Tigerton got pled out to a misdemeanor and a \$150 fine in May 2023.

As your article mentions, our two judges are the most overburdened in the state. Our DA's office is failing our judges. Cases are not getting settled in Shawano and Menominee counties.

I can tell you from my experience in multiple different offices that Shawano County and Menominee County are not places where crime happens any more or less than any other place in Wisconsin. The problem is that the DA's office is not using its discretion properly, charges out more cases than it needs to, and focuses its efforts on sending people to jail when that is not all prosecutors do to keep our community safe.

Not only is your money being spent on the wrong people, it is being spent on pointless hearings with no progress being made on cases.

We need to prosecute cases the right way, using everything available to us. My mission, should the people elect me, is simple: Bring the office into the 21st century, using all technology available to us and using proper discretion to resolve cases.

Alec Ballo, Hammond

GUEST COLUMN

Immigrant influx does not rise to 'crisis'

Headlines scream "crisis," but is Whitewater, Wisconsin, drowning in an immigration flood? Not quite. While a recent influx of new residents, primarily from Nicaragua and Venezuela, has drawn local attention, labeling it a "crisis" ignores the bigger picture and risks wasting precious resources.

Firstly, let's address the elephant in the room: Wisconsin's overall immigration picture is actually shrinking. Since 2010, the state's foreign-born population has grown by a mere 3%, lagging behind the national average of 23%. Whitewater itself saw a similar trend, with immigrant growth hovering around 5% in the same time frame.

So why the sudden fuss? While the numbers remain modest, the rapid arrival of a concentrated group in a small town like Whitewater can feel jarring. However, framing this as a crisis paints a misleading picture. The reality is far more nuanced.

Many newcomers are asylum seekers fleeing brutal conditions in their



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Guest columnist

home countries. They arrive exhausted, traumatized and desperate for a safe haven. They often speak little English and lack social networks, leaving them vulnerable and in need of support. Labeling them a "problem" not only dehumanizes them but also ignores the moral imperative to offer refuge. It's also impossible to ignore the ongoing and historic actions of the United States that have significantly contributed to the instability of Nicaragua and Venezuela.

U.S. involvement in Nicaragua dates back to the early 20th century, marked by interventions and support for dictatorships perceived as favorable to American interests. In the 1980s, the Reagan administration openly funded and armed the Contra rebels, a right-wing insurgency

aimed at overthrowing the democratically elected Sandinista government.

In Venezuela, the U.S. government accused Maduro of authoritarianism and corruption, imposing multiple rounds of economic sanctions that have crippled the Venezuelan economy and contributed to hyperinflation and widespread shortages. These sanctions, while ostensibly targeting state officials, have disproportionately impacted ordinary Venezuelans, forcing them to come to the belly of the beast for a better life.

The vast majority of immigrants simply seek a chance to work and build a better life. In fact, many fill crucial low-wage jobs ignored by American citizens, contributing to the local economy.

The proposed solution — a hefty federal grant requested by the police department — raises further questions. Throwing money at the issue without a comprehensive understanding of the needs and realities

of the immigrant community risks creating more problems than it solves. Instead, resources should be directed toward integration and support services, helping newcomers navigate the legal system, learn English and access critical health care.

Instead of painting a picture of fear and crisis, Whitewater should embrace this "issue" as an opportunity. Newcomers bring fresh perspectives, cultural diversity and a much-needed workforce. Integrating them successfully requires empathy, understanding and proactive measures — not panic-stricken pronouncements and wasteful resource allocation.

Remember, fear-mongering headlines don't tell the whole story. Look beyond the hype, embrace the opportunity and let's build a Whitewater and a state where everyone, regardless of origin, has the chance to thrive.

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SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 3

Deputies responded to 28 incidents, including property theft on Welhaven Road in the Town of Lessor; animal bite on Round Lake Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine; one 911 call; two crashes.

March 2

Deputies responded to 23 incidents, including assisting with a fire on River Bend Circle in the Town of Belle Plaine; drugs on Moh He Con Nuck Road in the Town of Bartelme; trespassing on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; operating while intoxicated at 22 Shell, N4543 State Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; one crash.

March 1

Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including criminal damage on Cherry Lane in the Town of Wittenberg; operating without a license on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; weapon offense on County Road CC in the Town of Waukechon; operating while intoxicated

on state Highway 156 in the Town of Lessor; ATV problem on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two crashes, one involving deer.

Feb. 29

Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on County Road D in the Town of Almon; assisting with a fire on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; lost property at an undisclosed location in the Town of Pella; operating without a license on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; one 911 call; one traffic hazard.

Feb. 28

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including a warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; suspicious vehicle at Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School, 337 Main St., Birnamwood; property theft at Witt-Birn Townline Road in the Town of Wittenberg; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; three crashes.

Feb. 27

Deputies responded to 24 incidents, including harass-

ment on state Highway 156 in the Town of Lessor; warrant attempt on West Rollman Street in Bowler; operating without a license on Balsam Row Road in the Town of Wescott; property theft on Belle Plaine Avenue in the Town of Belle Plaine; drugs on Pioneer Road in the Town of Wescott; two deer-related crashes.

Feb. 26

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including fleeing and pursuit on County Road VV in the Town of Red Springs; trespassing on state Highway 187 in the Town of Navarino; bail jumping on Washington Street in the Town of Wescott; property damage on Ash Road in the Town of Richmond; animal bite on Smalley Street in the Town of Wescott; assisting with a fire on Maple Road in the Town of Aniwa; lost property on Old D Road in the Town of Almon; four 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; two crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 3

Officers responded to 18

incidents, including reckless driving at Shawano Skate-board Park, 137 E. Elizabeth St.; assisting with a fire on South Franklin Street; drug offenses on East Richmond Street; sexual assault at an undisclosed location; vehicle crash with property damage on Woodlawn Drive.

March 2

Officers responded to 22 incidents, including a restraining order violation on West Picnic Street; warrant arrest on East Richmond Street; found property on Hill Street; drug offenses at an undisclosed location; vicious animal on South Lincoln Street; found property at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; warrant arrest on West Green Bay Street; reckless driving on South Sawyer Street; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; assisting with a fire on Industrial Drive.

March 1

Officers responded to 18 incidents, including two shoplifting incidents at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; property theft at Mimi's Closet, 105 N. Airport Drive;

warrant attempt on East Richmond Street; drug offenses at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.

Feb. 29

Officers responded to 24 incidents, including drug offenses at an undisclosed location; juvenile runaway at an undisclosed location; drug offenses on state Highway 22 in Cecil; harassment at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.; soliciting on Mountain Bay Trail Drive; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; soliciting on Engel Drive; tobacco problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; fraud at Aldi, 1253 E. Green Bay St.; tobacco problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; threatening at Safe Haven, 380 Lakeland Road; death investigation at an undisclosed location; weapon offense on Military Road; warrant attempt on East Green Bay Street.

Feb. 28

Officers responded to 26 incidents, including a vehicle crash with property damage

on East Richmond Street; reckless driving on South Main Street; found property at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; traffic hazard at East Green Bay Street; reckless driving at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; juvenile problem at Olga Brener Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; vehicle crash on South Lutz Street; warrant arrest at People's Express South, 716 S. Main St.

Feb. 27

Police report not received by press time.

Feb. 26

Officers responded to 27 incidents, including drug offenses at an undisclosed location; bail jumping at an undisclosed location; found property at Dunkin Donuts, 1209 E. Green Bay St.; fraud at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.; property theft on East Green Bay Street; traffic hazard on Waukechon Street; vicious animal on West Second Street; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location.

COURT NEWS

• Robert F. Block, 36, Bonduel, pleaded no contest Dec. 12 to battery to emergency medical care providers, two counts of criminal damage to property, two counts second-degree recklessly endangering safety, 17 counts of felony bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and a misdemeanor charge of resisting or obstructing an officer. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced him Feb. 27 to three years in prison, followed by four years of extended supervision, and scheduled a restitution hearing for March 13. The sentence is to be served consecutively to a Menominee County sentence in which he pleaded no contest to possession of amphetamine with intent to deliver.

• Larry D. Gretzon, 40, a former Birnamwood man serving time in a Maryland prison, pleaded no contest Jan. 12 to possession of methamphetamine, two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. On Feb. 28, Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on four years of probation with conditions.

• Eric J. Nelson, 43, Gastra, Michigan, pleaded no contest March 1 to misdemeanor charges of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. The THC charge was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Sloma levied fines and fees totaling \$1,997.50.

• Marlin A. James, 47, Shawano, pleaded no contest March 1 to substantial battery intending bodily harm. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed on two years of proba-

tion with conditions.

• Steven A. Dubeau, 34, Shawano, was charged Feb. 26 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor counts of discharging a firearm within 100 yards of a building, endangering safety by the use of a dangerous weapon and criminal damage to property. Sloma set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 9.

• Ernest G. Weihbrecht, 49, Pulaski, was charged Feb. 26 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture methamphetamine and three counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 6.

• Scott P. McKeever, 61, Bonduel, was charged Feb. 26 with two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 12. In a separate case, McKeever was charged Feb. 29 with three more counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 12.

• Dshawn M. Peterson, 17, Neopit, was charged Feb. 27 with battery or threat to a law officer, possession of narcotic drugs, 13 counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor charges of possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting or obstructing an officer and attempted criminal damage to property. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 4.

• Dawn L. Oshkeshequoam, 50, Green Bay, was charged Feb. 27 with possession of narcotic drugs, six counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 4.

• Arita F. Powless, 42, Keshena, was charged Feb. 28 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, six counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 5.

• Kimberly A. Olsen, 40, Mattoon, was charged Feb. 29 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety and three misdemeanor counts of child neglect. Sloma set a \$10,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for April 9.

• Darius A. Wilber, 18, was charged March 1 with two counts of throwing or discharging bodily fluids at a public safety worker or prosecutor and misdemeanor charges of operating a firearm while intoxicated, possession of THC, resisting or obstructing an officer and attempted criminal damage to property. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 8.

• Stacy A. Valley, 43, Shawano, was charged March 1 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture methamphetamine and two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 9.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Belle Plaine, Shawano County
Citation ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12

SECTION I-TITLE AND PURPOSE

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Belle Plaine's Citation Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Town of Belle Plaine, or its designees, to issue citations for violations of Town of Belle Plaine ordinances, including ordinances with statutory counterparts.

SECTION II-AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Belle Plaine, Shawano County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under s. 66.0113, Wis. Stats., to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION III-ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, provides authority for the town to issue citations for violations of the Town of Belle Plaine ordinances, including ordinances with statutory counterparts.

SECTION IV-SUBDIVISION AND NUMBERING OF THIS ORDINANCE

This ordinance is divided into sections by uppercase Roman numerals. Sections may be divided into subsections designated by uppercase letters. Subsections may be divided into paragraphs designated by numbers. Paragraphs may be divided into subdivisions designated by lowercase letters; Subdivisions may be divided into subdivision paragraphs designated by lowercase Roman numerals. Reference to a "section" "subsection" or "subdivision" includes all divisions of a referenced section, subsection, paragraph, or subdivision.

SECTION V-COVERAGE

A. Except as provided in subsections D and E (and F if applicable), the form for citations to be issued in the Town of Belle Plaine by the town board, or its designees, for violations of the Town of Belle Plaine ordinances shall be as provided in this subsection and shall include the following:
1. The name and address of the alleged violator.
2. The factual allegations describing the alleged violations.
3. The time and place of the alleged violations.
4. The number of the ordinance violated.
5. A designation of the offense in a manner that can be readily understood by a person making a reasonable effort to do so.
6. The time at which the alleged violator may appear in court, and a statement describing whether the appearance is mandatory.
7. A statement that in essence informs the alleged violator of all of the following:
a. That the alleged violator may make a cash deposit of a specific amount to be mailed to a specified official within a specified time.
b. That is the alleged violator makes a cash deposit, he or she need not appear in court unless appearance is mandated by the court or he or she is subsequently summoned.
c. That if the alleged violator makes a cash deposit and does not appear in court, he or she either will be deemed to have entered a plea of no contest and submitted a forfeiture, plus costs, fees and surcharges imposed under chapter 814, Wis. Stats., not to exceed the amount of the deposit, or will be summoned into court to answer the complaint if the court does not accept the plea of no contest.
d. That if the alleged violator does not make a cash deposit and does not appear in court at the time specified, the court may issue a summons or a warrant for the defendant's arrest or consider the nonappearance to be a plea of no contest and enter judgment under s. 66.0113 (3)(d), Wis. Stats. or the municipality may commence an action against the alleged violator to collect the forfeiture, plus costs, fees, and surcharges imposed under chapter 814, WIS. stats.
e. That if the court finds that the violation involves an ordinance that prohibits conduct that is the same or similar to conduct prohibited by state statute punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, and that the violation resulted in damage to the property of or physical injury to a person other than the alleged violator, the court may summon the alleged violator into court to determine if restitution shall be ordered s. 800.093, Wis. stats.
8. A direction that if the alleged violator elects to make a cash deposit, the alleged violator shall sign an appropriate statement that accompanies the citation to indicate that he or she read the statement required under s.66.0113 (1) (b) 7., Wis. Stats., and shall send the signed statement with the cash deposit.
9. Any other information as may deemed necessary.
B. The town of Belle Plaine adopts the following schedule of cash deposits that are required for the various Town of Belle Plaine ordinance violations, which includes for each listed violation the costs, fees and surcharges imposed under chapter 814, Wis. Stats: each ordinance that can impose a citation will have the costs listed in the ordinance.
C. The town board names the following Shawano Municipal Clerk of Court to whom cash deposits are to be made and requires that receipts shall be given for the cash deposits and a copy sent to the Town of Belle Plaine.
D. If the action for a violation of a municipal ordinance is to be in municipal court, the citation used shall be in compliance with s.800.02 (2), Wis. stats. The service of the citations in municipal court shall conform with s.800.01, Wis. stats. the officers authorized to use citations for municipal court actions are: town Chairperson, Supervisor#1 and Supervisor#2. The citation for any violation to be heard in municipal court shall contain substantially all of the following information:
1. The name, address and date of the defendant.
2. The identification of any permit issued to the defendant, or license number of the defendant, if applicable.
3. The violation alleged, the name and place of the occurrence, a statement that the defendant committed the violation, the ordinance violated, and a description of the violation in language that can be readily understood.
4. A notice to appear at a date, time, and place for the court appearance, and a statement as to whether the appearance is mandated by the judge.
5. Provisions for the amount of a deposit and stipulation in lieu of a court appearance, if applicable.
6. Notice that the defendant may make a deposit and thereby obtain release if an arrest has been made.
7. Notice that the defendant may, in writing, prior to the court appearance enter a plea of not guilty.
8. Notice that, if the defendant makes a deposit and fails to appear in court at the time fixed in the citation, the defendant is deemed to have entered a plea of no contest and submits to a forfeiture, plus costs, fees, and surcharges imposed under Ch. 814, Wis. stats., not to exceed the amount of the deposit. The notice shall also state that the court may decide to summon the defendant rather than accept the deposit and plea.
9. Notice that if the defendant does not make a deposit and fails to appear in court at the time fixed in the citation, the court may issue a summons or a warrant for the defendant's arrest or may enter a default judgment against the defendant.
10. Any other pertinent information.

SECTION VI-SUBDIVISION AND SERVICE OF CITATION

A. Town of Belle Plaine Town Board designated the Town Chair or any other person approved by the Town Board to serve any citations for the Town of Belle Plaine upon issuance. Any person specifically authorized by the Town Board to issue citations by the Town Board of the Town of Belle Plaine may also serve such citations.

SECTION VII-RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS

The adoption and authorization for use of a citation under this ordinance does not preclude the Town Board of the Town of Belle Plaine from adopting any other ordinance or providing for the enforcement of any other law or ordinance relating to the same or any other matter. The issuance of a citation under this ordinance does not preclude proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter. Proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter does not preclude the issuance of a citation under this ordinance.

SECTION VIII-SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION IX-EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective on publications or posting.
ADOPTED by a vote of _____ for, and _____ against on this 12th day of February 2024
By the Town Board of Belle Plaine

Town Chair
Attested to this 12th day of February 2024

Clerk

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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice All-Stor Self Storage - Shawano located at N5857 Hwy 47-55N/4844 Waukechon St/1003 Waukechon St., Shawano WI 54166 intends to hold a Auction of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www.storageauctions.com on 3/28/2024 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Nelson Curtis unit #9; Saleda A Byerly unit #B-17; Richard/Jodee Pahl units #D-25 & #G-24. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.
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NOTICE OF STORAGE UNITS AUCTION

Gresham Self Storage located at W10129 Cherry Rd / W10711 Upper Lake Dr, Gresham, WI 54128 is holding a public auction for the contents of Karrie A Skenandore and Amber Shepard storage unit to satisfy the owner's lien at public auction to the highest bidder. The auction will be located at www.StorageTreasures.com. Bidding ends on 3/23/24 at 12:00pm CST. Contents of the units are general household and personal items. Tenants may satisfy their indebtedness any time prior to the auction.
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Rob and JoAnna Wyman talk with a customer in the opening minutes Feb. 29 at Once N Again before things got really busy as people from Birnamwood and elsewhere swarmed on the shop under new ownership.

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Birnamwood shop helps keep old things thriving

Once N Again reopens under new ownership

BY LEE PULASKI
City Editor

They say that people never really miss something until it's gone.

For folks in Birnamwood, that something is Once N Again, a second-hand antiques shop at 393 Main St. that was owned for 24 years by Carl and Darlene Slagle. Now, JoAnna Wyman and her husband, Rob, have bought the business and, after a month, reopened it Feb. 29.

While Wyman was expecting decent business on her first day, even she was surprised that the line was so long at the cash register, which decided it wasn't going to work that day, leaving her and her husband to use the calculator on a cellphone to ring customers up.

For Wyman, the hustle and bustle of operating Once N Again was a welcome change after being a stay-at-home mom in recent years.

"It was available for sale, and we really like old things," Wyman said. "We want to preserve them and see that they get to good homes."

Birnamwood residents and visitors were eager to answer the call, with some purchasing more than \$100 in items ranging from windowpanes to antique Coke bottles to classic dishware and more.

"It was time for me to go back to work and a really good opportunity," said Wyman, who lives in Elderon. "I wanted to see it continue."

Wyman has been a pa-



Customers quickly filled up Once N Again on Feb. 29 after the shop had been closed for nearly a month while new owners JoAnna and Rob Wyman transitioned things over.

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tron of Once N Again for many years, and she and her husband have gone to flea markets constantly, seeking out classic items that could still be useful.

"We've both been thrifting and rummaging for a long time," Wyman said. "We frequented this shop quite often before (buying it). In fact, this is my son's favorite store."

Once N Again works with dozens of vendors, who bring in their refurbished stuff for Wyman to sell. Wyman noted that she has some items in the shop, but the vast majority of it comes from other people. She even had a customer who was a vendor for the Slagles who inquired as to whether she could bring stuff in again.

"That's the fun of it, going out to find neat stuff," Wyman said.

Wyman appreciated that people were coming in en masse to purchase items.

"This is wonderful. I expected busy, but I did not expect that busy," Wyman said. "What a great showing of support. The previous owners

were here 24 years, and when we made the deal, he joked that I needed to be here at least that long."

Wyman knows that, even in a world where people like to buy shiny and new things, the classics still win out for plenty of people.

"It's nostalgia for sure, and probably because they're made better," Wyman said. "They're unique. Not everybody has it anymore because there's less of them."

When asked if it was better to work for herself than someone else, Wyman laughed.

"I don't know. I'm pretty hard on myself," she said.

Purchases can only be made by cash or check, the same as when the Slagles previously operated the shop.

Hours for Once N Again are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call 715-297-5487.

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"The previous owners were here 24 years, and when we made the deal, he joked that I needed to be here at least that long."

JOANNA WYMAN, new owner for Once N Again

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Lakeland Storage, 722 Waukechon St, Shawano, WI 54166.
Bidding will take place on www.Storagetreasures.com starting March 26, 2024, at 10AM - March 26, 2024, at 11AM.
Bidding is on the complete contents of the unit.
Owner- Kimberlee Oshkeshequoam Contents- clothes, toys, boxes, totes, bags, misc.
Owner- Dolly Crowe Contents- propane tanks, tents, coolers, lawn mower, boxes, totes, misc.
Owner- Dolly Crowe Contents- clothes, lamps, chairs, bags, boxes, misc.
Owner- John Kasning Contents- bikes, recliner, outdoor tools, chairs, misc.
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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS
2024 CITY OF SHAWANO
HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA) PAVEMENT PROGRAM
ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES
Remove Existing Asphalt Pavement 12,500 S.Y.
Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Pavement 12,500 S.Y.
24" Concrete Curb & Gutter Replacement 200 L.F.
Concrete Sidewalk/Driveway Replacement 550 S.F.
Miscellaneous Storm Sewer & Catch Basins
Bids will be received by the City of Shawano in the office of the Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, Wisconsin, until 10:00 AM Local Time on March 22, 2024, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by calling the Department of Public Works at (715)526-3512 or by email: mpleshek@cityofshawano.com. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms provided in the Contract Documents.
Owner requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for this project in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.29(2). Qualifications shall be delivered to the DPW office, not less than 5 days prior to the bid deadline. The Owner's decision as to the qualifications shall be final.
A Certified Check or Bid Bond payable to the City of Shawano in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee, that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance and Payment Bond, and the Insurance Certificate(s) within ten (10) days after the receipt of the Notice of Award by the City. The City of Shawano Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding, or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interest of the City.
No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled opening of bids without the consent of the City.
Published by the authority of the City of Shawano, Wisconsin.
BY: Bruce Milavitz, Mayor
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
Scott Kroening, Public Works Director
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case Number - 24 PR 12
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELOISE S. CAPPEL
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/09/1946 and date of death 03/24/2023, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 706 W Summit St, Wittenberg, WI 54499, USA.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate 05/22/2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI 54166, USA.
Form completed by:
Attorney Kelly J. Schwab
43 W 6th Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54902, USA
Phone: (920) 230-4582
Bar Number: 1032042
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STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE TRIBAL COURT
Mohican Nation
Stockbridge-Munsee Community
Case No. 2023-CS-0025
CIVIL SUMMONS
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Child Support Agency
And
Lydi V. Vale,
Petitioners,
Bret J. Dodge,
Respondent.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a Civil Complaint/Petition has been filed against you in this office.
YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER to the Complaint/Petition within Twenty (20) days of the date this Summons and attached Complaint were served upon you. The answer must be filed with the Tribal Court at the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Offices at N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler, WI 54418, and a copy must be delivered or sent to the Petitioner or his/her attorney.
IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER the complaint within the Twenty (20) days of the date you were served, a JUDGMENT may be entered, and the plaintiff may be awarded the relief asked for in the complaint.
DATED: December 20, 2023
Aiyannah King
Stockbridge-Munsee
Deputy Tribal Clerk
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03/08/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT
WAUPACA COUNTY
Case No. 23FA91
PUBLICATION NOTICE
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF
Petitioner
Sadie Samantha Hill
and
Respondent
Jay Jerrold Hill
The State of Wisconsin to the above named Respondent
You are notified that this matter is set for a final contested divorce hearing. Before: Judge Raymond S. Huber
Location: Waupaca County Circuit Court Branch III
Date: March 11th, 2024. Time: 9:30 am
Failure to appear will result in the Court entering a Judgment of Divorce on all issues in your absence.
Judge Raymond S. Huber
Waupaca County Circuit Court, Branch III
January 8th, 2024
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
AMENDED SUMMONS
Case No. 23CV000201
LVNV FUNDING LLC vs.
PAUL BREITZMAN
Defendant.
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO: PAUL BREITZMAN
W1435 NAUMAN RD
CECIL, WI 54111
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
Within Forty (40) days after March 1, 2024, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY, 311 N MAIN ST, SHAWANO WI 54166 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective address listed above. If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin February 12, 2024
KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY: /s/JASON D. HERMERSMANN
State Bar No. 1049948
Attorney for the Plaintiff
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2024PR14
In the matter of the estate of Elmer W. Martens a/k/a Elmer William Martens
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 06-11-1922 and date of death 01-06-2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 132 Oak Court, Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 7, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
/s/ Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar
02-26-2024
Atty. Thomas J. Martell
117 North Main Street, PO Box 237
Shawano, WI 541667
715-201-3364
Bar No. 1003597
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03/08/24, 03/15/24
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE TRIBAL COURT
Mohican Nation
Stockbridge-Munsee Community
Case No. 2023-GA-0006
CIVIL SUMMONS
Artisan and Truckers Casualty Company
Petitioner,
Lonnie Delabue,
Respondent.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a Civil Complaint/Petition has been filed against you in this office.
YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER to the Complaint/Petition within Twenty (20) days of the date this Summons and attached Complaint were served upon you. The answer must be filed with the Tribal Court at the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Offices at N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416, and a copy must be delivered or sent to the Petitioner or his/her attorney.
IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER the complaint within the Twenty (20) days of the date you were served, a JUDGMENT may be entered, and the plaintiff may be awarded the relief asked for in the complaint.
DATED: December 14, 2023.
Brittany A. Kroening
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Clerk
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022PR89
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HAROLD J. DRYJA
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 4/8/1924 and date of death 01/19/2014, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W248 La Fuente Court, Krakow, WI 54137.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 20, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
/s/ Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar
02-29-2024
John D. McNally
Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin & Brown LLP
330 E. Kilbourn Avenue, Suite 1170,
Milwaukee, WI 53202
414-271-1440
Bar No. 1010988
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03/01/24, 03/08/24, 03/15/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24PR11
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA C. NEWMAN
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/31/1946 and date of death 09/21/2023, was domiciled in Brevard County, State of Florida, with a mailing address of 3905 Essex St. Titusville, FL 32796.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 28, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
/s/ Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar
02-21-2024
Attorney Michael A. Maas
Heritage Law Firm, LLC
2050 Riverside Drive
Green Bay, WI 54301
920-785-8570
Bar No. 1061377
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Patriots put pen to paper



Joe Dillenburg, senior vice commander for VFW Post 2723, congratulates the winners of the 2023-24 Patriots Pen Essay Contest, from left, Sophia Koehler, third place; Molly Hanson, second place; Allora Haberland, first place. The winners are all seventh grade students at Shawano Community Middle School. The theme of this year's contest was, "How Are You Inspired By America?" The contest is a worldwide competition that gives students in grades 6-8 the opportunity to write a 300- to 400-word essay expressing their views on democracy while competing for worthwhile awards and prizes.

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With winter comes increased chances of skin drying out

As winter's chilly embrace envelops the area, so does a flurry of skin issues.

The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) notes one of the most common conditions affecting people of all ages is dry skin. It is also known as xerosis, and the season's cold air and indoor heating are just a couple of the culprits stripping the skin of its natural moisture.

"We often see a significant increase in patients complaining of dry skin during the winter, and it can lead to discomfort and various skin problems," said Katie Boerst, Theda-Care nurse practitioner.

Several factors contribute to dry skin during the winter.

Cold outdoor air combined with indoor heating systems can drastically reduce the humidity levels in your home. This dry environment can cause moisture to evaporate from your skin, leading to dryness.

While a hot shower may be tempting on a cold winter morning, it can actually strip your skin of its natural oils, exacerbating dryness.

Using harsh, perfumed soaps or overusing soap can damage the skin's protective barrier, making it more prone to dryness.

Neglecting to moisturize regularly can leave your skin without the protective barrier it needs to retain moisture.

The cold, dry wind can further deplete the skin's natural oils and lead to increased dryness and irritation.

Prevention is often the best strategy to combat dry skin.

"To maintain healthy skin, it's essential to be proactive with it," said Boerst. "Start by adapting your skincare routine to the season."

Here are some addi-

tional tips:

- A humidifier can help maintain an optimal level of humidity in the air, preventing your skin from drying out.
- Instead of hot showers, opt for lukewarm water, which is less likely to strip your skin of essential oils.
- Use a gentle, fragrance-free cleanser to avoid damaging your skin's protective barrier.
- Apply a rich, hy-poallergenic moisturizer immediately after bathing or showering to lock in moisture. Look for products with ingredients like hyaluronic acid, ceramides or glycerin, which can help repair the skin's natural barrier, often compromised with dry skin.
- Staying hydrated from the inside out is crucial. Drink plenty of water throughout the day to help maintain your skin's moisture balance.
- Wear clothing made from natural, breathable fabrics, like cotton and silk. These materials are less likely to irritate your skin.

• When going outside, wear gloves, scarves, and hats to shield your skin from the cold wind and reduce moisture loss.

In most cases, dry skin can be effectively managed with home remedies. However, there might come a time when you need professional attention.

"If you experience severe itching, cracking, fissuring or inflammation of the skin that doesn't improve with at-home treatments, you might have an underlying skin condition, like eczema or psoriasis, and you may need prescription medications to find relief," Boerst said. "Healthy, moisturized skin is essential for your overall well-being, so make it a priority during the winter months."

JR Machine hires 2 to executive team

JR Machine in Shawano added two veteran executives to its leadership team to support its growth.

David Verhoff was named executive vice president, and Matt Shambeau joined the company as operations manager.

"David and Matt are tremendous fits for their new roles, not only because of their unique backgrounds, but also their commitment to putting customers first," said Parker Tumanic, JR Machine president. "They play vital roles in providing our customers with the no-fail, mission-critical parts they require, delivered on-time."

Verhoff brings more than 25 years of experience in engineering operations, lean manufacturing, and sales develop-



DAVID VERHOFF

ment to JR Machine. He is responsible for business development and standardizing JR Machine's sales process, while building on JR Machine's focus and commitment to put customer needs first. His experience working at companies of various sizes, from Fortune 500 to small privately held businesses, gives him unique insight into the various needs and challenges faced by JR Machine's diverse customer base.

Verhoff was previously president of Basin Precision Machining. He has also held leadership roles at JARP Industries, Ideal Products, Inc., and



MATT SHAMBEAU

sin-Madison.

Shambeau has 15 years of manufacturing experience, including more than 10 years in purchasing. He will be responsible for revising JR Machine's procurement and job quoting processes to support the company's lean manufacturing practices, while working with JR Machine's business partners and suppliers on cost-savings initiatives. He ensures JR Machine has a steady supply of superalloys such as Inconel and Monel, which

are increasingly used in space exploration, green energy, and other emerging industries.

Shambeau was previously the purchasing manager at Marion Body Works, and a senior buyer at Gamber-Johnson. He earned an associate degree in supply chain management from Fox Valley Technical College.

The new hires come at a time JR Machine is experiencing significant growth fueled by growing demand from customers in space exploration, green energy, and others that rely on precision parts machined from nickel-based superalloys. JR Machine will soon be installing new DMG MORI equipment that expands the part size available to customers from 10 inches in diameter to 18 inches.

Updated fish consumption info issued

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), announced the online publication of the 2024-2026 Choose Wisely booklet, which outlines guidelines for safe fish consumption.

Fish are full of important nutrients like omega-3s and are a great source of lean protein; however, they may also contain pollutants from their environment and the food they consume that can cause health risks for humans.

To address this, DNR fisheries staff routinely sample fish from areas with suspected pollution or contamination as well as from heavily fished areas. Based on the levels of contaminants found, like polychlorinated biphe-

nyls (PCBs), mercury and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), experts are able to determine the amount of fish that is safe to consume over a person's lifetime to avoid negative health impacts.

"We test for contaminants in fish from a number of locations each year and use those new results, along with past testing, to update the advice for those newly tested waters," said Sean Strom, DNR environmental toxicologist. "It's important for anglers who frequently eat fish to be aware of advisory updates."

This updated version of the Choose Wisely booklet identifies new advisories for Wisconsin waterbodies that have either elevated or decreased levels of contaminants, including:

- Removing of PFOS-based guidance for Black Earth Creek (Dane County) and the mercury-based guidance for Kentucky Lake (Vilas County) based on additional monitoring that showed consistently low enough levels to rescind the advisories.
- Adding a PFOS-based advisory for the Hat Rapids Flowage on the Wisconsin River (Oneida County).
- New PFOS-based consumption advice for all species in the Moen Chain of Lakes (Oneida County).
- Modifications to consumption advice for certain species of Lake Michigan fish.
- Adding a PFOS-based advisory for the La Crosse River from Angelo Pond to the Neshonoc Dam, including Perch and Ne-

shonoc lakes (Monroe and La Crosse counties).

The DNR encourages the public to follow the safe-eating guidelines outlined in the Choose Wisely booklet to reduce the risk of exposure to unwanted contaminants.

"When you follow Wisconsin's fish consumption advice, you are still able to enjoy the many health benefits from eating fish while limiting your contact with contaminants that can build up in them," said Dr. Sheryl Bedno, DHS chief medical officer for environmental and occupational health.

Waterbody-specific consumption advice can be found in the updated online booklet and by using the DNR's online query tool at <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/fishconsumptionadvisoryquery>.

CREP applications now open through DATCP

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's is reminding agricultural producers and private landowners to apply for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

Enrollment opened Jan. 12 and applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until July 31 or until the acreage cap is met.

CREP is a state and federally funded land management resource for landowners and producers wanting to set aside agricultural land located along streams, lakes and wetlands from production. By enrolling in CREP, landowners benefit from the financial incentive and flexible nature

of the program and have reduced financial risk by mitigating issues such as nutrient loss and crop damage from frequent flooding on their marginal agricultural lands.

The program offers two conservation practice options: 15-year agreements and perpetual easements. Those in 15-year agreements receive upfront and annual rental payments with the ability to re-enroll when their contract expires. Land enrolled in perpetual easements receive a significantly higher upfront payment in addition to annual payments, with potential for selective land use activities to be allowed for 15 years.

Additionally, there is no minimum acreage

enrollment requirement, giving landowners the ability to implement conservation practices and maintain the agricultural property tax benefits on these enrolled portions while keeping the rest in production.

In 2023, an estimated total of 75,986 pounds of phosphorous, 40,882 pounds of nitrogen and 37,706 pounds of sediment runoff were reduced from Wisconsin waters because of the 654 miles of stream and shoreline buffered by CREP. This contributed to the overall environmental health of the state and allows producers to improve the land, water and wildlife habitat quality on their property.

Since the program's in-

ception in 2001, the state has contributed a total of \$21.9 million to landowners in cost-share and incentive payments. The majority of CREP eligible counties in Wisconsin had their federal soil rental rates increase this year, resulting in higher federal and state payouts to landowners who enroll land in CREP in 2024.

The Wisconsin CREP project area consists of all or part of 53 Wisconsin counties. Lands within these areas are eligible for enrollment if they were actively cropped or grazed for four out of the six years prior to 2019 and are within 150 feet of an eligible waterbody, or within 1,000 feet for the Northern and Southern Grassland project areas.



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REPORTER/NEWS EDITOR

NEW Media is seeking a bright and energetic reporter who has aspirations to be a news editor someday, as one of our staff members is pondering retirement. We seek talented journalists who can seize someone's attention with carefully developed words, eye-catching photographs and captivating videos in a fast-paced news environment where digital comes first.

The reporter/editor candidate would spend much of their time covering Oconto County, although occasionally a story could take them to Shawano County or Menominee County. Editors also work with freelancers to help out with stories when needed and seek out potential writers to add to the papers' richness.

NEW Media tells the local stories that are ignored by other media outlets and provide the facts that are covered up by the keyboard gossips on social media. We're seeking someone versatile in what they cover, can turn stories around quickly, and can sniff out stories on their own. While the office is a base of operations, we want someone who'll be out in the community gathering the news.

All are welcome to apply, including recent or pending college graduates. Photography and copy editing skills are a must, and experience with shooting and editing videos could bring you to the front of the line. Experience laying out pages is also helpful, but we can train in-house.

Send a resume, cover letter explaining why you want the job and four to six samples of your work to editor Kevin Passon at kpasson@newmedia-wi.com.



SPORTS EDITOR

NEW Media is looking for a sports editor to immediately manage its three publications in northeast Wisconsin — the Shawano Leader, the Oconto County Times Herald and the Wittenberg Enterprise and Birnamwood News. We need someone with a love of sports who knows where to take our coverage in the future.

The sports editor will determine which games out of over a dozen school districts in three counties will be covered. During the school year, the editor will find local athletes to profile. The editor will also cover the local water ski team, the Shawano Ski Sharks, as well as coordinate coverage for the Shawano Speedway. Another duty for the editor will be to oversee and edit the layout of sports pages each week and make sure stories get on our website in a timely manner in accordance with our mantra of digital first. The sports editor will also oversee our Green & Gold Express, a seasonal publication covering the Green Bay Packers, along with hunting sections in the fall.

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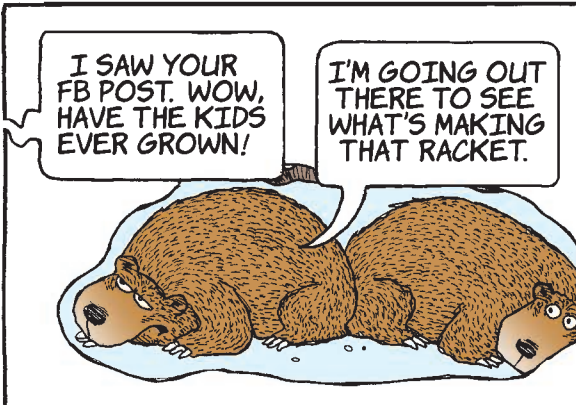
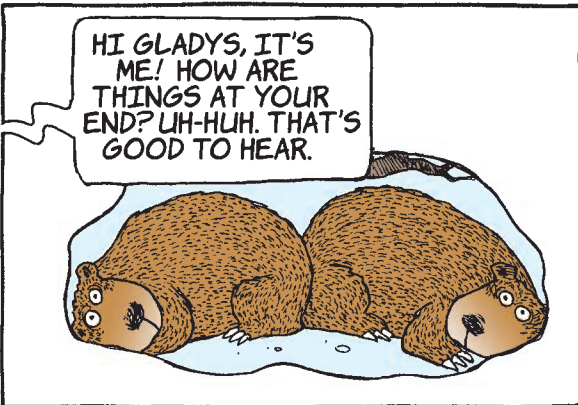
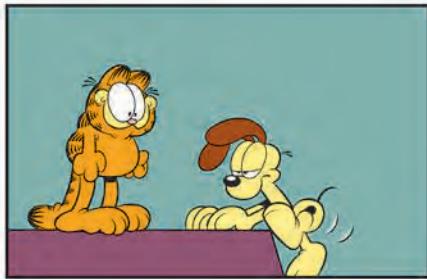
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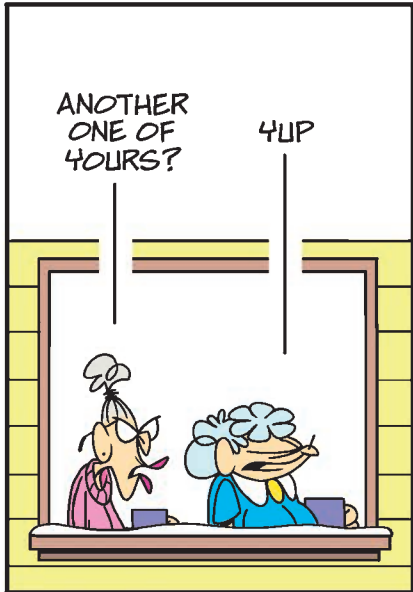
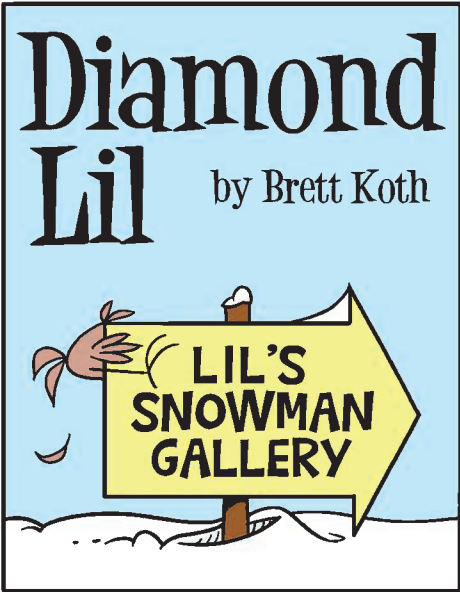
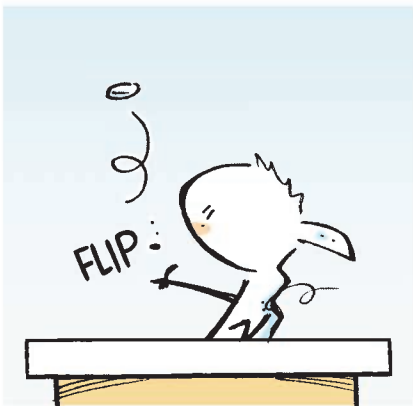
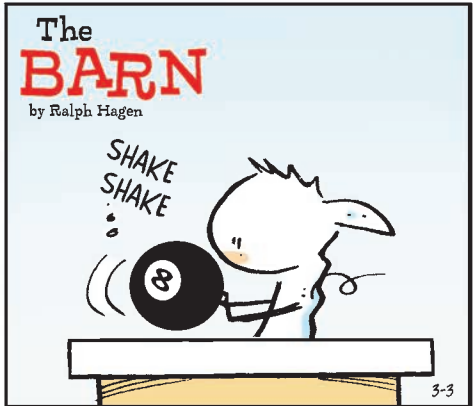
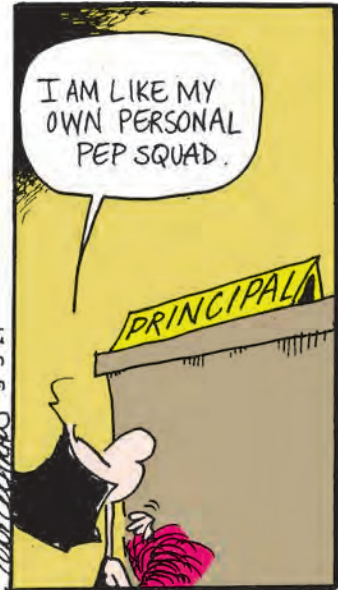
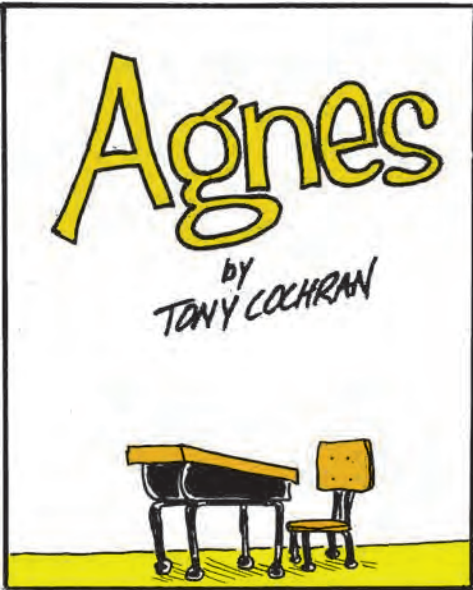
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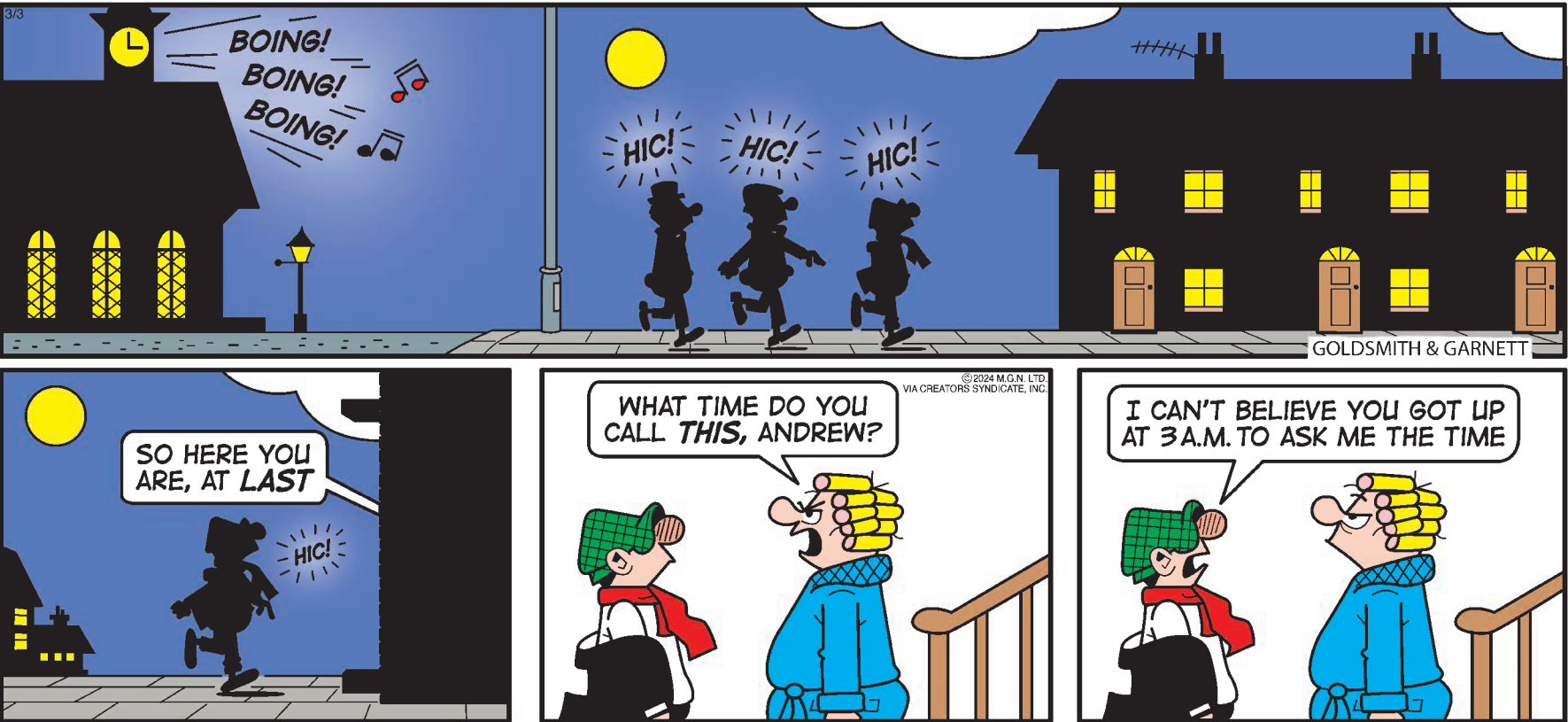






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2023 RESULTS BALLOT #1

BEST OF

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Best Goods:

☐ Appliances - Heins Appliance

☐ Carpet/Flooring - Floors Unlimited/Carpet One

☐ Farm and Feed Store- Tractor Supply Company

☐ Flower Shop - Lisa's Flowers From the Heart

☐ Furniture/Home Accessories - Senzig's Fine Home Furnishings

☐ Grocery Store- Charlie's County Market

☐ Gift Store/Antiques - Bottle House Antiques

☐ Hardware - Qualheim's True Value

☐ Health Food - Staff of Life

☐ Jewelry - Martin's Jewellers

☐ Women's Clothing - Dreier Pharmacy & Gift Shoppe

☐ Paint Store - Dearco Glass, Paint & Decorating

☐ Pet Grooming & Boarding - Pink Shears Pet Grooming

☐ Plant/Nursery - Shawano Lawn & Stone Company

Best Services:

☐ A/C & Heating - Knope Heating & Air Conditioning

☐ Attorney - James E. Aschenbrenner, Greenhill Aschenbrenner Law LLC

☐ Bank - Bonduel State Bank

☐ Butcher/Meat Shop - Pingel Processing

☐ Child Care/Daycare - Bullfrogs and Butterflies Childcare Center

☐ Chiropractor - Verkuilen Chiropractic & Wellness Center

☐ Credit Union - CoVantage Credit Union

☐ Dentist - Walsh Dental Group

☐ Electrician - Raddant Electrical Service, Inc.

☐ Fitness Center - Total Fitness

☐ Gas Station/C-store - Kwik Trip-Shawano

☐ Hair Salon/Barber - Fusion Salon

☐ Insurance Agency - Hometown Insurance Agency

☐ Massage - Verkuilen Chiropractic & Wellness Center

☐ Pharmacy - Dreier Pharmacy & Gift Shoppe

☐ Plumber - Moede & Sons, Inc.

☐ Real Estate Company - Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group

☐ Retirement Community - The Cottages Senior Living and Memory Care

☐ Travel Agency - First Class Travel

☐ Veterinarian - Specialized Veterinary Care of Shawano

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2023 RESULTS BALLOT #2

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Best Thing To Do:

☐ Casino - North Star Mohican Casino Resort

☐ Cheese Factory - Belle Plaine Cheese

☐ Happy Hour/Night Spot - Classics Restaurant & Lounge

☐ Hotel/Motel/Resort - Shawano Four Seasons Hotel

☐ Live Music - Classics Restaurant & Lounge

☐ Museum- Shawano Historical Society Heritage House, Heritage Park

☐ Golf Course - Shawano Lake Golf Course

☐ Campground - Shawano County Park

Best Vehicle Services:

☐ ATV Store - Caroline Motorsports

☐ Auto Body Repair - Shawano Auto Sales

☐ Auto Parts Supply Store - NAPA Hometown Auto Parts

☐ Boat Dealer/Maintenance - American Marine & Motorsports Super Center

☐ Car Dealer - Buss Automotive, Inc.

☐ Vehicle Service Center - Auto Select, Shawano

☐ Tire Store - Pomp's Tire

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You've chosen

the Best!

This special edition is a compilation of the Best Businesses of the region as voted by our readers. The section includes best food and dining best goods, best things to do, best outdoor activities, best services, and best vehicle services.

Many of the businesses listed have been part of the community for many years, and some are new to the area. Regardless, we're proud of their commitment to the community, and their continued support of the Wolf River/Shawano County, Wittenberg-Birnamwood, and Oconto County regions.

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2023 RESULTS BALLOT #3

BEST OF

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Best Food/Dining:

☐ Bakery - Fannita's Bakery

☐ Bar - Stubborn Brothers Brewery

☐ Breakfast - Farm Inn' on Main

☐ Burger - The Pad

☐ Coffee House - Beans & Books Coffeehouse, LLC

☐ Dessert - Luigi's Pasta & Pizza

☐ Dinner - Classics Restaurant & Lounge

☐ Family Restaurant - Shawano's Cafe

☐ Fast Food - Culver's of Shawano

☐ Fish Fry - Dixon's Torchlight

☐ Ice Cream - Dairy Queen Grill & Chill

☐ International - El Tequila Mexican Restaurant

☐ Lunch - Shawano's Cafe

☐ Pizza - Luigi's Pasta & Pizza

☐ Sandwich - The Lighthouse Bar & Grill

BEST FOOD AND DINING

— Bakery

Fannita's Bakery
128 S. Main St.
Shawano, WI 54166
715-526-6600
Owners: Fannita Badalamenti and Alfonso Bommarito
Fannita's Bakery is open Tuesday through Friday 5:15 am to 4:00 pm and Saturdays 5:15 am to 2:00 pm. We serve donuts and breads made fresh daily and never frozen. We also have cookies, cupcakes, coffeecakes, kringsles, bars, and much more. We also sell cakes and cheesecakes by the slice. Specialty orders can be accommodated with a few days notice. Our mission is to make sure our customers are happy and satisfied with our products and that they keep coming back for more.

— Bar
Stubborn Brothers Brewery

220 South Main Street,
Shawano WI, 54166
(715) 201-0859
Owner(s): Aaron and

Erik Gilling
Stubborn Brothers Brewery is a full service bar and restaurant located at 220 S Main St in Shawano WI. This bar offers an extensive farm to fork lunch and dinner menu, 24 craft beers made on site, a wide range of liquor options, live music, outdoor beer garden in the summertime and so much more! It's always a good time over here. Open Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Locally focused, family-oriented, and the freedom to explore; because great beer has no rules. We came together to make the community stronger, to support Wisconsin farmers, and to follow our passion. It just happened to be beer. Dedicated to preserving the earth, using sustainable practices and helping improve the world of beer from harvest to bottle.

— Breakfast
Farm Inn on Main
123 N Main St,

Shawano, WI 54166
(715) 524-4916
We're glad you're here! We hope you will enjoy your visit to our Farm Inn' on Main Restaurant and Bakery when you come to experience our friendly staff, delicious meals, and farm-style atmosphere! From our homemade farm style dishes and fresh baked goods, to the large portions that we are known for there is much to love about Farm Inn' On Main!! See you soon!

— Burger
The Pad DBA (West Shore Partners LLC)
221 North Airport Rd
Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-4098
Owners: Dan and Nancy Hanyzewski
The Pad prides itself on having the very best burgers in Wisconsin. It also works hard to provide its loyal patrons with homemade daily specials Monday through Saturday, 11 am to close. We specialize in

serving large parties, celebrations of life, and special party gatherings. The Pad's mission is to ensure that every customer feels appreciated, valued and important. The Pad offers a very clean and welcoming environment and pays attention to the customers needs and requests. **The Pad, a great place to land.**

— Coffee House
Beans & Books Coffeehouse LLC
1235 E. Green Bay St.,
Shawano
715-524-2233
Beans & Books Coffeehouse LLC has been locally owned and operated since 2004 at 1235 East Greet Bay Street. Karen and Jim Benishek purchased the business in 2016 from Sheri and Mark Schultz. In 2019 the square footage doubled to allow for more seating, a meeting room and expanded book store. In April 2022 Beans & Books expanded again, adding a second location in the

Shawano Business Improvement District at 215 N. Main Street. The second location, Beans & Books Espresso, has a condensed menu, seating, a meeting room, new books and gifts in a renovated downtown building. Both locations offer a full espresso bar and made-from-scratch bakery.

— Dessert
Luigi's Pasta and Pizza
607 S. Main St.
Shawano
715-524-4791
Owners: Domonic and Sal Badalamenti
Luigi's Pasta and Pizza, now in our 28th year of business, strive to prepare the food served with our customers' well-being in mind. Luigi's is always aware of preserving the environment and working efficiently, and wish to conduct all relations built truthfully and courteously. We work hard, with humility and thankfulness, and wish to share our

success with God, our employees, and community. We serve traditional pizza, pasta dishes, Sicilian dishes along with popular American entrees, appetizers and Italian salads. The menu includes prime rib on Friday and Saturday, fresh fish specials and 2 daily lunch and dinner specials. Beverages include a plethora of alcoholic and non-alcoholic options, including dozens of wines, and traditional cocktails. We feature 24 continuously rotating tap lines. We offer pick-up and delivery.

Dinner/Happy Hour/ Night Spot
Classics Restaurant & Lounge
W6026 Lake Dr.,
Shawano WI
715-524-8711

— Fast Food
Culver's of Shawano
1220 E. Green Bay St.,
Shawano WI 54166
(715)526-2002
Owner: Brian Lovelien
Fast-food chain
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**--Fish Fry
Dixon’s Torch Lite**
1276 E Green Bay St.
Shawano, WI
715-526-5680

**-- Sandwich
The Lighthouse Bar & Grill**
W6440 Gumaer Rd.,
Shawano
715-526-5600
Owners: Jeff and Tammy Stachowiak
Open Mon thru Sat-
11am-9pm.
The Lighthouse serves food daily, specializing in hamburgers and, of course, fish fries. Food is always cooked fresh and made to order. The Lighthouse will host parties, meetings, and receptions of all sorts. All food can be made for carry out or called ahead. *(Closed Thursdays October through May)*

**--Ice Cream
Dairy Queen Grill & Chill**
1005 E. Green Bay St.,
Shawano, WI
715-526-5730

**— International
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Mexican Restaurant**
1240 E. Green Bay St.,
Shawano
715-524-5282
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**— Lunch & Family
Restaurant**
Shawano’s Cafe
W7389 River Bend Rd,
Shawano WI
715-201-1122

BEST GOODS

**— Appliances
Heins Appliance**
707 S. Washington St.,
Shawano
715-526-5120
www.heinsappliance.com
Owners: Brian Heins, Chris Matson
Heins Appliance is a full service retail appliance store providing both new sales to replace current household appliances or repair existing appliances. Their team does in-home deliveries and installation of new appliances as well as in-home repair of existing appliances. For the past 47 years, it has been Heins Appliance’s mission to provide a place where people can solve their home appliance needs fairly, accurately, and honestly.

**—Carpet and
Flooring
Floors Unlimited/
Carpet One**
1350 E. Green Bay St.
Shawano
715-524-2381
www.carpetone.com
Owners: Tim and Deborah Coffey
Open to the Shawano community for 40 years, Floors Unlimited and Carpet One offers carpet, vinyl, tile, wood, laminate, cork, and bamboo flooring with expert installation, as well as many remnants in our fully stocked outlet store. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sunday. Being a part of Carpet One (with 1,000 store buying power) saves their customers on every type of flooring they desire. The seven employees and six subcontractors really care about the customer. They strive every day for exceptional customer service. With Floors Unlimited and Carpet One, the customer can expect fair dealing, fair prices, and a staff that really cares.

**— Flower Shop
Lisa’s Flowers From the Heart**
126 E Green Bay St.,
Bonduel 715-758-6758

**—Farm and Feed
Store
Tractor Supply Co.**
1313 E. Green Bay St.,
Shawano
715-526-2938
We are your neighborhood rural lifestyle store, providing pet supplies, livestock feed, tools, lawn and garden supplies, outdoor equipment, workwear and boots and more. Hours: 8am-8pm Mon.-Sat., 9am-7pm Sunday.

**Furniture/Home
Accessories
Senzigs Fine Home
Furnishings**
1482 E. Green Bay St.
Shawano
715-526-6196
www.senzigs.com
Owners: Todd and Wendy Senzig
Senzig’s is a full service retail furniture, bedding, and accessory store displaying electronics and appliances for every room in your home. It is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, closed Sundays. Professional delivery and set-up as well as room lay-out and design available. Financing is available to qualified buyers. Senzig’s wants to provide each of their customers with the best selection of up-to-date furnishings and accessories for their home at the most affordable prices. They strive to provide a friendly atmosphere and listen to learn their customer’s wants and needs.

**— Grocery Store
Charlie’s County
Market**
521 S. Main Street,
Shawano
715-524-2523
Charlie’s County Market offers the finest and largest selection of fresh meats in Shawano, complimented by a large selection of specialty cheeses, ready to eat foods, fresh dairy, discount liquor and exclusive

signature products under the labels of Mum’s Best, Uncle Elmer’s, Cook Shack and Charlie’s Pride. Charlie’s County Market is open daily 7 am to 10 pm. Charlie’s County Market strives to provide their customers with a clean, friendly and safe atmosphere to grocery shop, while providing them with honest values and the best quality available.

**— Gift Store/Antiques
Bottle House
Antiques**
701 S. Main St,
Shawano WI 54166
(715) 853-8722
Owners: Dan & Diane Hartwig
Bottle House Antiques is a shopping venue where individual vendors, presently 40 plus, sell their antiques, collectibles, vintage, and repurposed items. New pieces are added weekly so our visitors have something new to see every time they stop by! We are open Tuesday thru Sunday 10-5 and Monday 1-5. Bottle House Antiques hopes that all customers: ***Love the Hunt, Enjoy the Find!!***

**— Hardware
Qualheims True
Value**
1345 E. Green Bay St.
2023 hours:
Monday – Saturday
7AM – 8PM
Sunday 8AM – 5PM
As iconic as a specific local beverage or the Wolf River itself, Qualheims True Value has been a fixture in the Shawano community since 1979. Currently with 2nd generation owner, Willis Qualheim, the future of Qualheims has never been brighter. Set on the current 7.3 acre, cross functional, lot, we offer a wide variety of products and services. Year round you can find our Rental center to help with your do-it- yourself needs or professional contracting equipment. Our full-service shop provides warranty work on any of your home power equipment. Live animals? You bet: Fish, reptiles, and small mammals plus all you need to keep them

living. Besides these services, we offer a full selection of retail products, ranging from the common household tools, to the unique farm equipment. From Mid-April until the end of summer we are known for our landscape center. With 3, 100’ greenhouses, a children’s garden, shade garden, and Koi pond, we know that you will find everything you need for your home’s beautification needs. Check out our new selection of annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, trees, shrubs and vegetables. Our staff is excited for the opportunity to assist you in your endeavors to create your perfect summer oasis or the right herb garden for unbeatable freshness: garden to kitchen!

**— Health Food Store
Staff of Life**
212 E. Green Bay St.
Suite G, Shawano
715-524-2226
Owner: Holly Montoure and Miranda Hoyer
Staff of Life is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. We stock a large range of whole foods, natural supplements, Christian items, bulk spices, teas and more.

**— Jewelry
Martin Jewellers**
148 S Main St,
Shawano, WI 54166
Phone: (715) 526-2030
Martin Jewellers was established in 1960 and is a family-owned independent jewelry store. We pride ourselves on outstanding customer service in our sales and our repair services. Our staff is well trained, has decades of experience and we do not sell on commission, so you are assured the best value on every piece you purchase. In house repairs are completed by our talented team of goldsmiths utilizing our state-of-the-art lasers and old fashioned artistic torch skills. We offer custom designs, repairs,

appraisals, trophies and engraving and clock repair. We also purchase old gold and gems and use gold credit on new purchases or repairs. We are proud to be part of this community and contribute to dozens of nonprofits and fundraisers every year. We appreciate your trust in us and we look forward to meeting all your jewelry needs in the coming year.

**— Paint Store
Dearco Glass, Paint &
Decorating**
1495 E. Green Bay St.,
Shawano, WI 54166
715-526-2126
Owners: Jeff & Down Knope
Dearco Paint, Glass & Decorating is the paint store with so much more. Dearco offers high quality paints and stains but also carries a full line of glass, mirrors, Graber window treatments and custom picture framing. Dearco also specialize in automotive glass replacements as well as screen and window repairs. Dearco is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., closed on Sundays. Dearco strives to be Shawano’s destination store for knowledge and advice for your painting, staining and glass projects. We try to offer specialty products that you won’t find in the big box and home center stores while still offering competitive prices.

**— Plant/Nursery
Shawano Lawn &
Stone Co.**
950 S. Waukechon St
Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-2550
Owner: Pat Bohm
Shawano Lawn and Stone has muptiple products and service divisions. The garden center supplies a wide variety of shrubs, perennials and trees, as well as bulk supplies such as topsoil, mulches, gravel and decorative stone. We have landscape supplies for do-it-yourselfers, fertilizers, grass seed,

and soil amendments, pots and cement statuary. The gift shop sells seasonal indoor and outdoor gifts such as gazing balls, spinners, memorial benches/plaques and flags. The landscape service side of the business includes projects such as patios, retaining walls, new lawns, planting beds, maintenance and tree plantings, resolution of drainage issues, and shorelines, among many other services. We also do irrigation installation and modifications to existing systems. In the winter we offer snow plowing services. Shawano Lawn and Stone endeavors to have the highest quality plant and tree stock available. We offer unique types of indoor and outdoor décor that is hard to find in larger big box stores. We are able to extend the kind of knowledge, creativity, out-of-the box thinking and expertise for, not only our landscape projects, but also horticulture knowledge and assistance at the garden center that is difficult to receive at a big box store. Whatever your experience is with Shawano Lawn and Stone, whether it be a purchase at the garden center or a landscape project, we want it to be a happy and positive experience.

BEST SERVICES

— **A/C & Heating Knope Heating and Air Conditioning**
1473 E. Green Bay St., Shawano
715-524-4215
Owner: Kort Knope
Knope Heating and Air Conditioning provides residential and commercial service of HVAC, residential and commercial new construction, and add-on and replacement of existing equipment. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with 24 hour emergency service, closed Saturday and Sunday. Celebrating over 73 years in 2021! Knope Heating and Air

Conditioning strives to help families and businesses maintain and purchase quality and efficient products at an affordable price with outstanding service.

— **Attorney James E. Aschenbrener Greenhill Aschenbrener Law LLC**
110 S. Main Street Shawano, WI 715-524-6258
Greenhill Aschenbrener Law LLC provides legal services involving estate planning, real estate, probate, business law, asset protection and elder law. Two chief goals we have for clients are to “Avoid Probate” and “Protect Assets from the Nursing Home.” Founded by the late Attorney Arnie Greenhill, the firm continues with Attorney James Aschenbrener and his legal secretary, Elsie Greenhill. We strive to provide an enjoyable and successful experience for our clients. We are located at 110 S. Main Street, Shawano. We are remodeling the building next door at 114 S. Main Street and have combined the buildings so we can hire more staff to better serve the Shawano community. We are grateful and thankful to our clients, contacts and referrals. Call us at 715-524-6258, email us at greenhilllaw@outlook.com, or stop in to set up an appointment.

— **Bank Bonduel State Bank**
130 N Cecil St., Bonduel, WI 715-758-2141

— **Butcher/Meat Shop Pingel Processing**
W9248 Cty.. Rd. A Shawano WI 54166 715-851-8281
Pingel Processing, located 8 miles west of Shawano in Red River, is a full-service meat market owned and operated by Dallas and Dani Pingel. At Pingel’s you’ll find a meat case filled with hand-trimmed steaks, a freezer full of bratwursts ranging in flavor from Beer to

Mac-n-Cheese, and coolers stocked with numerous different artisan sausages, hickory-smoked bacon, and lots of other meaty treats. Pingel Processing also has their own line of homemade pizzas - including one made with sauerkraut. They specialize in crafting small-batch wild game sausage and offer custom meat processing and in-season wild game processing too.

— **Child Care / Daycare Bullfrogs & Butterflies Childcare Center**
201 Eberlein Park Dr., Shawano 715-524-5437

— **Chiropractor & Massage Verkuilen Chiropractic & Wellness Center**
Dr. Carrie Verkuilen Dr. Jennifer Skibba
1401 E. Elizabeth Street Shawano, WI 54166 715-524-6720
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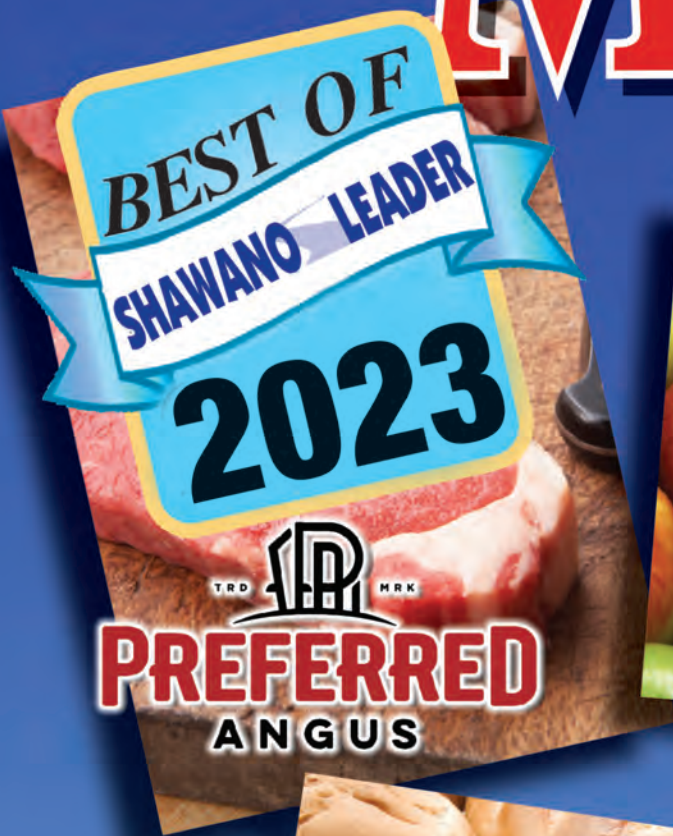


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We would like to than all of our readers and subscribers for your participation on our “Best of the Region 2023” promotion. You filed out the ballots and chose your favorite businesses. It is always exciting for us to be able to contact our customers and inform them that they have been chosen “Best Of” by you. It is a reward well deserved.

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We urge you to continue to patronize these and all of the other local businesses in the Wolf River/Shawano Region, the Wittenberg-Birnamwood Region, and the Oconto County Region.



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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #1



Best Goods:

- ☐ Flower Shop - The Flower Shoppe, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Grocery Store - Iverson's Piggly Wiggly, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Hardware Store- United True Value, Oconto Falls

Best Services:

- ☐ A/C & Heating -Stewart's Heating & Cooling, Oconto
- ☐ Child Care - Sunshine Child Center, Gillett
- ☐ Chiropractor - Bayshore Chiropractic, Oconto
- ☐ Credit Union - N.E.W. Credit Union, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Dentist - Ronald W. Ristow DDS LLC, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Electrician - Hillberg Electric, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Insurance Agency - Oconto Falls Insurance
- ☐ Gas Station/C Store - Gillett Shell
- ☐ Hair Salon/Barber - Firehouse Hair Salon, Gillett
- ☐ Pharmacy - Oconto Falls Pharmacy
- ☐ Plumber - United Plumbing & Heating, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Real Estate Company - Gina Cramer Realty, LLC, Suring
- ☐ Retirement Community - The Cottages At Meadowlands, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Tax Service - Vorphal Business Services, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Veterinarian - Hometown Veterinarian Clinic, Oconto Falls

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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #2



Best Thing To Do:

- ☐ Bowling Alley - Lena Lanes, Lena
- ☐ Cheese Factory - Springside Cheese, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Happy Hour - Club 32, Gillett
- ☐ Live Music - The Garage, Oconto
- ☐ Meat Market - Pat's Market, Gillett
- ☐ Night Spot - The Garage, Oconto

Best Outdoor Activities:

- ☐ Bait/Tackle Shop - North Shore Bait Company, Oconto
- ☐ Golf Course - River Island Golf Club, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Lawn/Garden - United True Value, Oconto Falls

Best Vehicle Services:

- ☐ Auto Body Repair - Lambrecht's Service Garage, Gillett
- ☐ Auto Parts Supply Store - Kozak's Car Quest, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Car Dealer - Lot of Deals, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Vehicle Service Center - Lambrecht's Service Garage, Gillett
- ☐ Tire Store - Bergmann's Service Station, Gillett

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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #3



Food/Dining:

- ☐ Bar - The Garage, Oconto
- ☐ Breakfast - Jo-Jo's Diner, Lena
- ☐ Burger - Sandy Corners Bar & Grill, Gillett
- ☐ Coffee House - Milk & Honey Cafe, Oconto Falls
- ☐ Dessert - OJ's Midtown Restaurant, Gillett
- ☐ Dinner - Bavarian Inn, Lena
- ☐ Family Restaurant - Em's Restaurant, Gillett
- ☐ Fish Fry - Club 32, Gillett
- ☐ Lunch - Em's Restaurant, Gillett
- ☐ Pizza - Spirits of Gillett
- ☐ Sandwich - Wooden Shoe Bar & Grill, Lena

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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #1

Best Goods:

☐ Flower Shop - Billy's Wittenberg Floral

☐ Grocery Store - Wittenberg Sentry Foods

☐ Hardware Store -Wittenberg True Value

☐ Tile/Flooring - Woodstock Flooring & Design Center

Best Services:

☐ A/C & Heating - A. Groshek Heating & Cooling

☐ Chiropractor - Long Chiropractic Center

☐ Credit Union - CoVantage Credit Union

☐ Dentist - Szmanda Dental Center

☐ Insurance Agency - American Family Insurance, David Cooper

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☐ Real Estate - Smart Move Realty

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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #2

Best Thing To Do:

☐ Bowling Alley - T & C Lanes, Wittenberg

☐ Casino - Ho-Chunk Gaming

☐ Happy Hour - Straight Home Bar & Grill

☐ Live Music - Jungle's on Main, Gresham

☐ Meat Market - Nueske's Applewood Meats

☐ Night Spot - Jungle's on Main, Gresham

Best Outdoor Activities:

☐ Bait/Tackle Shop - Wittenberg Shell Station

☐ Golf Course - Maple Hills Golf Course

☐ Lawn/Garden - Jim's Lawn Care LLC

Best Vehicle Services:

☐ Auto Body Repair - Kessen Auto Body & Sales, Birnamwood

☐ Auto Parts Supply Store - NAPA Auto Parts, Wittenberg

☐ Car Dealer - Kessen Auto Body & Sales, Birnamwood

☐ Vehicle Service Center - Beversdorf's Garage

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139 N Main Shawano

715-526-4585

Owner: Julie Bartz

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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #3

Food/Dining:

☐ Bar - Straight Home Bar & Grill

☐ Burger -Straight Home Bar & Grill

☐ Dessert - Lisa's Smart Shop Bakery

☐ Dinner - Taco John's

☐ Fish Fry - Rachel's Roadside Bar & Grill

☐ Lunch -Taco John's

☐ Pizza - T&C Lanes

☐ Sandwich - Hula Hut

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