



Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board member Rich Olson, right, asks a question about teacher training during discussion of the Title I plan at the Jan. 22 board meeting in the library at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School as board member Trevor Szutkowski listens.

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## Suzy Bogguss kicks off Rubber Soul concert series

T.G. Sheppard, Dion Pride and the Cactus Blossoms will also provide old-school country

By LEE PULASKI  
City Editor

Rubber Soul Productions is bringing to town some country music from yesteryear, a newer group with an older sound and even a second generation carrying on the country music tradition for its 2024 lineup.

Rubber Soul announced its lineup recently, with all of the concerts taking place in the auditorium at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, 400 W. Grand Ave. All shows begin at 4 p.m., with doors opening at 3 p.m.

First in the lineup is Suzy Bogguss, whom many country fans might remember from some of her hits in the 1990s, including "Hey, Cinderella" and "Outbound Plane." Bogguss, who will come to town Feb. 25, has six songs that were top 10 hits and three albums that were certified gold, along with one that made platinum.

"She continues to reinvent herself," said Rob Wyman with Rubber Soul. "She was a radio hit star in the '90s, and she's reinvented herself several times. She's done a jazz album, and she's done an Americana album. She continues to evolve as an artist, but she still stays true to traditional country, because she's just one of those artists that continues to stay relevant."

Bogguss has received the Horizon Award from the Country Music Association and was named Top New Female Vocalist from the Academy of Country Music. She'll

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Suzy Bogguss is well known for her country hits from the 1990s like "Outbound Plane" and "Hey, Cinderella," but fans will get to see her live and in person in February and see how she's reinvented herself over the years.

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# Witt-Birn schools updating their Title I literacy plan

Challenge is new legislation changing way teachers teach and getting universities to shift their curriculum

By LEE PULASKI  
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Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District is trying to figure out how to close its achievement gaps for math and literacy, and it plans to get community input about what needs to be done.

Nicole Steigerwald, one of the district's literacy coaches, presented Witt-Birn's Title I plan to the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board on Jan. 22 to show what's being done to even out test scores between the schools, socio-economic classes and races.

In the 2023 Forward exams facilitated by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the district is beating the state average in math scores but not in

literacy. Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School is exceeding the state average in both literacy and math, but Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School and Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School are behind the curve.

The action plan the district has developed will gather data on teacher reading instruction practices, determine teacher knowledge of foundational literacy practices and provide the materials needed to address skillful instruction. The plan will also analyze that data.

"Some of the main concerns that we had were our reading achievements, math fluency and test prep," Steigerwald said. "We decided we wanted to add all those into district initiatives this year, and one of our big initiatives is math fact fluency."

The district utilizes Science of Reading, which includes research on teaching reading through five basic concepts — phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

"The research shows the best way to (teach reading) is through science," Steigerwald said.

She added that the district is developing a plan for at least the next three years. She said the items in the plan would continuously change and evolve as the schools get closer to closing the achievement gaps.

One of the things suggested by teachers is teaching reading through typing, according to Steigerwald. She noted that should be started as early as possible instead of waiting until the third grade, the first grade to take state exams and be judged on how well they're learning.

"Many of these kids don't know how to type. I'm seeing that more and more and more," Steigerwald said. "I think we need to include that in our plan."

One challenge that Witt-Birn is facing is a growing number of non-English speakers. At the board meeting, it was announced that eight Spanish-speaking students recently enrolled in the district.

"We didn't feel it was fair for a non-speaking English student to come in and suddenly jump into Forward testing,"

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Finding solution to child care void difficult for the school district.

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ABOVE: The Cactus Blossoms will wrap up the 2024 Rubber Soul Productions concert series in April, showcasing how old-style country music can be kept alive even in the younger generations. CONTRIBUTED  
LEFT: Dion Pride, son of Charley Pride, will be performing some of his father's greatest hits when he joins T.G. Sheppard on stage in March. CONTRIBUTED

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be playing some of her classic songs as well as tunes from her new album, “Prayin’ for Sunshine.” Tickets for the show range from \$40 to \$60, depending on the seating. The next concert on March 17 has T.G. Sheppard as the headliner, with guest Dion Pride performing for the first half-hour of the show. Sheppard is ranked among the top 100 country artists of all time, according to Wyman, with 21 No. 1 hits, including “Last Cheaters Waltz,” “I Loved ‘Em Everyone,” “Do You Wanna Go To Heaven” and “Party Time.” “He got many of his big hits in the ‘70s and ‘80s,” Wyman said. “When people think of country music — traditional country music — it’s not what they’re hearing on the pop country radio of

today. I try to feature acts that do country that your grandma and grandpa remember. This is the Grand Ole Opry stuff, the kind of stuff that a lot of people in their 50s and 60s remember.” As for Pride, he’s the son of Charley Pride, member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, but the younger Pride doesn’t ride on his father’s fame, Wyman said. Pride is a remarkable songwriter and fluent on multiple instruments, including guitar, piano, drums and bass. “He’ll primarily play the songs that his dad made famous,” Wyman said. Tickets to see Sheppard and Pride are \$50 for the back row all the way up to \$70 for the really good seats. Wrapping up the concert series will be the Cactus Blossoms on April 28. With



T.G. Sheppard comes to Wittenberg in March, performing many of his country hits and showing why he’s one of the greatest country artists of all time. CONTRIBUTED

brothers Jack Torrey and Page Burkum taking the lead and another brother and two cousins comprising the rest of the band, the Cactus Blossoms utilize

classic country and old-school pop to get audiences’ adrenaline pumped up. “They’re from Minneapolis,” Wyman said. “They’ve got a very old sound for relatively young guys. They’ve been around for nearly 20 years, but they’ve got a vintage sound for what they’re offering.” The Cactus Blossoms first grabbed national attention with the album “You’re Dreaming.” The group got rave reviews from National Public Radio and the New York Times, who praised “the brothers’ extraordinary singing,” but really got noticed in 2018 when David Lynch recruited them to perform in the return of “Twin Peaks.” The Cactus Blossoms’ second album, “Easy Way,” prompted Rolling Stone to recognize the band’s “rock-solid, freak of genetics harmonies.”

“Out of the three acts, obviously, they’re the lesser known ones of the performers we’ve got in the lineup,” Wyman said. “This will give them some nice exposure, and hopefully give people who think there’s not any good new country music out there an opportunity to see that it’s out there — you’ve just got to work hard to find it.” This band will be the best deal of the three shows, with tickets ranging from \$30 to \$50. Season tickets will be available for those who want to see all three concerts, ranging from \$100 to \$150. For information, contact Wyman at 715-584-4203. For information, visit [www.rubbersoulproductions.com](http://www.rubbersoulproductions.com) or follow Rubber Soul Productions on Facebook.

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Steigerwald said. “We created a protocol about how to go about that assessment process.” Steigerwald said the ultimate goal is to have all third-grade students meeting or exceeding the state average for reading and math. “We had a number tied to that in the past, and so what we did is reworded it and took away the number so that we can reach the proficiency of the state,” Steigerwald said. “Not just for one year, but for consecutive years.” Plans are expected to change based on Act 20, new legislation passed by the state in December to revamp reading practices in school districts. Principals and literacy coaches expect to get new information in the next couple of months to determine what’s to be expected. The schools are also working to improve intervention systems in the classroom when students



Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School literacy coach Nicole Steigerwald lays out what the school district’s Title I plan will be during the Jan. 22 Wittenberg-Birnhamwood School Board meeting. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

fall behind, instead of relying on coaches to pull students out of class for the one-on-one work, according to Steigerwald. Teachers will need to pass the Foundations of Reading Test (FORT) to fully be able to implement Science of Reading education in the classroom, Steigerwald said. The problem

is that those pursuing education degrees have not received that training in college, so it will be necessary for district teachers to seek out FORT training events to get ready for the challenge ahead. “If they can’t pass the FORT, they can’t get a teacher license,” Steigerwald said, noting the FORT test will be required by 2025. “They are not being taught in undergrad what’s on that FORT test.” Nick Firari, principal for Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School, noted that CESA 8 has been offering FORT classes to help, and two of his new teachers were able to pass the test as a result of the training, but the challenge is getting the universities to provide that curriculum to teachers pursuing their bachelor’s degrees. “We were really impressed,” Firari said. “They were really happy with what they were able to take away from CESA’s

training. Going forward, anyone not trained in Science of Reading could go through that.” Board member Rick Olson was baffled that the legislation passed was so different from what universities taught. “Why is the university so disconnected — the education you’re getting there versus what’s really needed in the district?” Olson said. Steigerwald noted that conversations she had with two student teachers in the district revealed they were getting more information now than in the previous three years of college. She said she also saw the discrepancy when she helped her mother teach a course at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on kindergarten methods. “What they’re taught to teach is not necessarily best practice,” Steigerwald said.

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# Child care concerns plague school district

Plans with Homme Home fall through, but Rogowski seeking alternatives

By LEE PULASKI  
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Retaining staff is a challenge for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District, a similar issue for many districts throughout Wisconsin, and Superintendent Garrett Rogowski believes one key factor is the lack of child care in western Shawano County. Rogowski told the Wittenberg-Birnamwood

School Board on Jan. 22 that the district is trying to find a way to implement a child care program within the schools that would help keep teachers and other employees in the community long term. "There really is no access to viable child care for the Birnamwood and Wittenberg area to support areas with children," Rogowski said. "We have small pockets, but nothing easily accessible." The district thought it had a lead through the Homme Home for developing a child care program using a former nursing care wing as a facility to care for young children



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in the community, and Rogowski noted that it seemed "conducive" to providing those services. However, the facility has changed directors since Rogowski started talks with Homme. "They have repurposed it since then for something else," he said. "There doesn't seem to be significant interest on their part." Rogowski added that the district could continue

to pursue that possibility, but that would involve reaching out to Homme's board of directors, and he questioned if that board was fully aware of the talks between the home and the school district. "We're not giving up on that, but one thing I know is, as we talk about a child care center in the district, you're also talking about tax dollars," Rogowski said. "We have this notion, this idea, but like other districts, we're not looking to make money with this child care center, if it was to come to fruition. We also wouldn't want to lose money, and we don't want to put it on the backs of our taxpayers."

Having a child care facility would more directly impact local families already here, in Rogowski's view, but he believes that staff retention would also be a decent side effect. "When we do exit interviews when they decide to leave, it sometimes but not always has to do with having to take the children to Weston or somewhere west of here," Rogowski said. "Teachers foster good relationships with students, and it's always hard when they leave." The area is seeing growth with a new set of apartments being built in Wittenberg, Rogowski

said, so having child care available is vital to that continued growth. "Those are one-, two-, three-bedroom apartments that are probably going to attract families that could very well move in with children," Rogowski said. Ultimately, any plan for a child care facility will require partnerships with other entities, according to Rogowski, and he plans to continue to reach out and look for help. "We're actively considering that's something we want to do," Rogowski said. "We are exploring."

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Wittenberg Area Swim Program 11 and over swimmers warming up are, from left, Aubrey Wierzba, Rylee Crick, Megan Gilmeister, Elizabeth Behnke, Maddi Suess, Serene Ostrowski, Kinley Maahs, Aria Frisch, Peyton Crick and Kaydence Crick. DANIELLE WIERZBA

## Wittenberg swimmers place 7th at Clintonville

Lucy, Audrey Wierzba capture 4 1st-place finishes in individual events

By KEVIN PASSON  
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Wittenberg, with 14 swimmers, placed seventh out of 12 teams at the Clintonville Area Swim Team Groundhog Meet. The team is coached by Kalee and Laura Gilmeister. Lucy Wierzba, 6, placed first in the 25-yard freestyle in 21.64 seconds, first in the 25-yard backstroke in 24.69 and first in the 25-yard breaststroke in 34.42. She also placed third in the 50-yard freestyle in 51.69. Audrey Wierzba, 11, finished first in the 200-yard breaststroke in 3:05.28. She also placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:27.6, fourth in the 50-yard breaststroke in 40.7 and sixth in the 100-yard individual medley in 1:21.37. Brinley Wierzba, 9, had the next best all-around day for Wittenberg. She placed second in the 25-yard fly in 22:32, third in the 25-yard backstroke in 24.29, fourth in the 25-yard freestyle in



Members of the Wittenberg Area Swim Program 10 and under relay team are, from left, Addison Fuller, Lucy Wierzba, Brinley Wierzba and Ayla Frisch. DANIELLE WIERZBA

17:01 and the 25-yard breaststroke in 25.01, and eighth in the 50-yard breaststroke in 55.28. Rylee Crick, 13, earned top-10 finishes in her four races. Crick placed fifth in the 50-yard breaststroke in 36.91, sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:22.72, seventh in the 100-yard freestyle in 1:03.32 and eighth in the 50-yard freestyle in 28.78. Ayla Frisch, 9, also earned a trio of top-10

finishes. She was seventh in 25-yard fly in 29.72 and 10th in both the 25-yard freestyle in 20:14 and the 25-yard backstroke in 28.85. Megan Gilmeister, 15, captured fourth place in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:32.12. She was also ninth in the 100-yard fly in 1:18.21 and 11th in the 50-yard fly in 34.07. Kaydence Crick, 11, touched in fourth place in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:13.01, as well as 10th place

in the 50-yard backstroke in 40.71. Crick was also 15th in the 100-yard individual medley in 1:32.59, 19th in the 50-yard breaststroke in 48.42 and 23rd in the 50-yard freestyle in 37.31. Elizabeth Behnke, 13, earned a fifth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle in 7:39.09 and a seventh-place spot in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:50.64. Behnke also finished 24th in the 50-yard backstroke in 45.24 and 29th in the 50-yard

freestyle in 33.64. Peyton Crick, 11, also earned a pair of top-10 finishes. She grabbed fifth place in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:39.91 and 10th in the 50-yard breaststroke in 43.6. Her efforts also earned her an 11th-place finish in the 100-yard individual medley in 1:30.48, a 12th-place finish in the 50-yard fly in 40.96 and a 17th-place position in the 50-yard freestyle in 34.68. Addison Fuller, 10, captured ninth in the 50-yard fly in 55.15 and 14th in the 50-yard freestyle in 46.33. Kinley Maahs, 11, placed 10th in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:56.92. She also swam to 22nd in the 50-yard breaststroke in 55:81, 23rd in the 50-yard backstroke in 49.97 and 32nd in the 50-yard freestyle in 42.96. Serene Ostrowski, 12, placed 13th in the 50-yard breaststroke in 44.43 and 21st in the 50-yard backstroke in 48.47. Maddison Suess, 13, finished 14th in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:35.29, 17th in the 50-yard breaststroke in 47.78, 23rd in the 50-yard backstroke in 42.02 and 34th in the 50-yard freestyle in 36 seconds.

Arya Frisch, 11, placed 22nd in the 50-yard backstroke in 49.71, 24th in the 50-yard breaststroke in 59.77 and 30th in the 50-yard freestyle in 41.46. The best finish for a WASP relay team was the 11-12 age group, 200-yard mixed medley relay team of Kaydence Crick, Aubrey Wierzba, Peyton Crick and Ostrowski. They placed sixth in 2:38.49. Brinley Wierzba, Ayla Frisch, Fuller and Lucy Wierzba placed seventh in the 10 and under mixed freestyle relay. Finishing in eighth place in the 200-yard freestyle relay in 2:06.86 were Rylee Crick, Suess, Behnke and Gilmeister. Fuller, Lucy Wierzba, Ayla Frisch and Brinley Wierzba placed ninth in the 10 and under mixed medley relay in 1:34.76. Two WASP teams placed 10th in the relays. Aubrey Wierzba, Arya Frisch, Ostrowski and Maahs completed the 11-12 age group, 200-yard mixed freestyle relay in 2:30.44. Suess, Rylee Crick, Gilmeister and Behnke swam the open 200-yard mixed medley relay in 2:27.20.

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# Mursau, Felzkowski author abortion compromise

State proposal would require final approval from voters

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Sen. Mary Felzkowski, R-Tomahawk, and Rep. Jeff Mursau, R-Crivitz, are among the authors of a Republican proposal to update Wisconsin's 175-year-old abortion law.

The proposed bill, Assembly Bill 975, would allow for abortions up until 14 weeks post-fertilization (12 gestational weeks).

This legislation employs a dual step process before it can become enacted into law. First, the bill must move through the legislative process in both houses and then be signed into effect by the governor. Following that, it must be ratified by voters this spring.

Mursau said that, when surveying folks in his district, the majority felt that 14 weeks was the most comfortable compromise on the matter.

"We introduced this legislation believing it is reflective of where the constituents of the Northwoods stand," Mursau said. "The Supreme Court decided that states have the authority to determine abortion regulations. In light of that ruling, I sup-



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port giving the voters in Wisconsin a voice on whether this strikes a reasonable balance on this important issue."

Felzkowski agreed that, after hearing from her constituents, it was important to let them have the final say instead of having lawmakers determine how strict abortions should be.

"Out of an abundance of respect for how sensitive this issue is, we would like to hear directly from the voters whether they agree that this is what they want the law to be — striking a balance between protecting life, and showing compassion and respect for women who find them-

selves in difficult situations," Felzkowski said.

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson chimed in on the issue Jan. 19, noting that, while AB 975 differed from his idea for a referendum, it did achieve the goal of letting voters determine the final tally.

"This bill is based on a number of surveys, polls, and laws existing in other states and countries which indicate that a consensus is forming around protecting life after 14 weeks," Johnson said. "The fact that 86% of abortions performed in Wisconsin occur before weeks 13-15 of gestation is further evidence of this growing consensus."

Johnson feels the plan would allow a woman's right to choose to a certain point, and then after the rights of the unborn child take precedence unless the mother's life is in jeopardy.

"The extreme position on abortion is backed by Democrats who have supported measures that allow abortion up to the moment of birth," Johnson said. "What the bill is proposing will allow the voters of Wisconsin to decide what a reasonable solution is to this profound moral issue."

# Witt-Birn teachers give language presentation

Ashley Hedtke and Jodi Mallak from the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District, along with expert guidance from Gretchen Lettau, a representative from the CESA 2 Language and Culture Center in Whitewater, had the opportunity to present at the state Wisconsin Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages conference held Nov. 4 in Verona.

Their presentation was called, "Translanguaging in the General Education Classroom in a Small Northern Wisconsin School District." The presentation contained information to help other smaller districts in Wisconsin with ways to incorporate a child's home language into their classrooms. Translanguaging is when a person that speaks more than one language uses the linguistic information they have in both languages to better build their academic knowledge in the classroom, maintain their home language and grow in the academic language of English.

Mallak and Hedtke shared their presentation with English Learner teachers from across the state. They shared their journey working with multilingual learners in the Witt-Birn EL



Ashley Hedtke, left, and Jodi Mallak recently presented at a conference information about translanguaging, a way to bring a student's home language into the classroom.

program. The focus so far has been on using translanguaging with Spanish and English. They shared examples from WBSD and how it is working as a district to incorporate culture, identity and language into the schools.

Hedtke is a fifth grade teacher at Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School. She resides in Tigerton with her husband and two sons.

Mallak is the K-12 EL teacher for the district. She also resides in Tigerton with her husband.

Hedtke and Mallak both share a love of teaching and of learning new ways to help their students to be successful. As WBSD's local English Learner population continues to grow, teachers are working even harder to make their lessons accessible to all students.

# Shawano County Board leaving airport behind

By KEVIN PASSON  
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The Shawano County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution and memorandum of understanding that will put the Shawano Airport in its rearview mirror in less than a year.

The county will transfer airport ownership and responsibility entirely to the city of Shawano effective Jan. 1, 2025, or upon final approval of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics, whichever occurs first.

"In short, it's pretty much that the county is out of the airport business, and the city is solely responsible for the airport," Board Chairman Tom Kautza said.

Supervisor Jerry Erdmann said the move was a long time coming. The city and county have long shared airport operating expenses.

"The county really gets nothing out of the airport. So why should we be involved with it or have a liability hanging over our head when we get nothing out of it?" Erdmann said. "This should have taken place years ago, and I'm

glad to see it's in front of the board now."

Supervisor Randy Young, whose district includes part of the city, disagreed that the county gets nothing from the airport.

"I think if a company like Aarrowcast, for example, uses the airport and it improves their business, if you have constituents in your area that work there, I think they directly benefit from that," Young said. "If the company's doing better because the airport's there, I think the employees benefit from that."

He is OK with the county contributing about \$60,000-\$65,000 each year, as well as around \$30,000 for capital projects when necessary.

"I just don't think it's a good idea to put it off on the city," Young said. "It seems to becoming a county against the city thing, and we all live in the same area. I think it's kind of a raw deal for the people in the city."

A fiscal note from Carrie Buntjer, county finance director, indicated the levy funding provided to the city for 2024 was \$66,066. This was for operations and capital, and this is the anticipated amount of the

levy transfer in 2025.

Young noted the airport is not within city limits, and he said everyone benefits from it. He said that just because city residents don't directly benefit from county-sponsored programs or services in other areas doesn't mean he or other supervisors should oppose them.

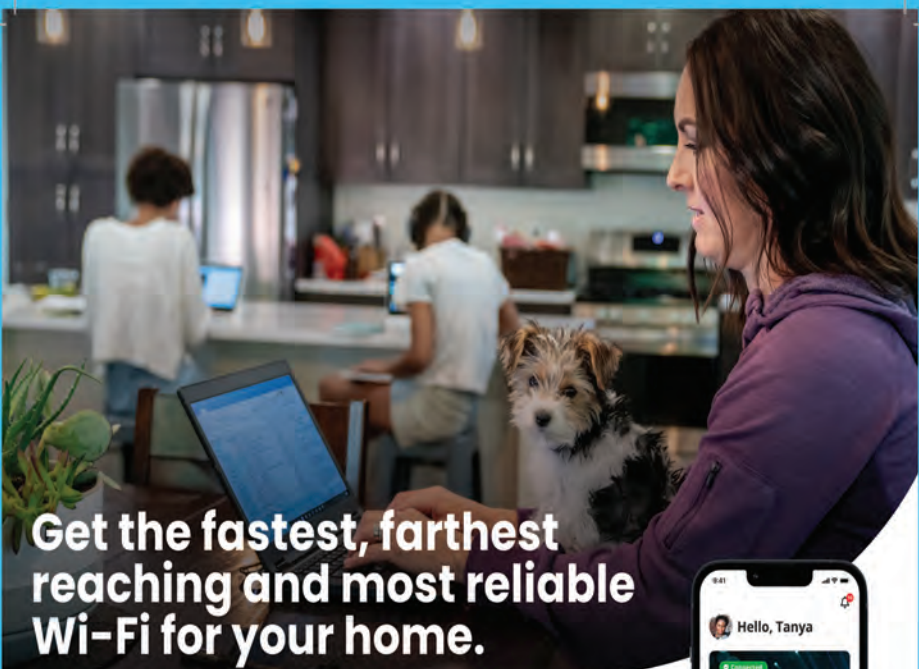
"We all vote for stuff that doesn't benefit our people directly," he said.

Kautza said it's not an us versus them situation.

"I don't look at this as the outlying areas of the county versus the city," he said. "I look like it as ... it's dollars and cents. What do you get out of it for what it does? It's a small handful that are using it, and I don't believe it's a good use of taxpayers' money."

Young said he's met with Shawano Mayor Bruce Milavitz and City Administrator Eddie Sheppard about the airport.

"What they've said is they're not jumping for joy to get it," Young said, "but they don't want it to go away. So, if they have to take it or it goes away, they'd be willing to take it."



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| <b>COUPON</b><br><b>FUSSIE CAT FORMULAS</b><br><b>BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE</b><br>BUY ONE 2 LB. BAG-GET ONE 2 LB. BAG FREE ALL VARIETIES (\$7.99-\$9.99 value)<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24             | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>FROMM'S DOG &amp; CAT CANNED FORMULAS/ DOG TREATS</b><br><b>\$1.00 OFF</b><br>ALL VARIETIES<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                       | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>WORLD'S BEST CAT LITTER</b><br><b>\$2.00 OFF</b> EACH 6-7 LB. BAG<br><b>\$4.00 OFF</b> EACH 12-15 LB. BAG<br><b>\$6.00 OFF</b> EACH 24-28 LB. BAG<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                        | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>BLUE BUFFALO CAT FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> 7 Lb.<br><b>\$2.00 OFF</b> 3-5 Lb.<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                                  | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>RED BARN DOG FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$15.00 OFF</b> 22 LB. BAGS<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                    |
| <b>COUPON</b><br><b>FUSSIE CAT FORMULAS</b><br><b>BUY 3 CANS, GET 1 FREE</b><br>FREE ITEM MUST BE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                              | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>FROMM'S GOLD &amp; FOUR STAR FORMULAS FOR DOGS</b><br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> Each 12 Lb. bag or larger<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                 | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>EARTHBORN HOLISTIC CAT FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$3.00 OFF</b> EACH 5 LB. BAG<br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> EACH 14 LB. BAG<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                             | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>BLUE BUFFALO CANS AND POUCHES</b><br><b>\$1.00 OFF</b> Each 12 oz. Dog Formula<br><b>\$1.00 OFF</b> Each 5.5 oz. Cat Formula<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                           | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>RED BARN DOG FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$10.00 OFF</b> 4 LB. BAGS<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                     |
| <b>COUPON</b><br><b>ZIGNATURE DOG FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$2.00 OFF</b> Each 4 Lb. Bag<br><b>\$4.00 OFF</b> Each 12.5 Lb. Bag<br><b>\$7.00 OFF</b> Each 27 Lb. Bag<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24          | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>CANIDAE DOG FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$10.00 OFF</b> All Size bags 4lb-40lb Bags<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                        | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>EARTHBORN HOLISTIC DOG FORMULAS INCLUDING GRAIN FREE</b><br><b>\$3.00 OFF</b> EACH 4 LB. BAG<br><b>\$4.00 OFF</b> EACH 12.5 LB. BAG<br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> EACH 25 LB. BAG<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24 | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>ACANA DOG FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$10.00 OFF</b> EACH 25 LB. BAG<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                                                           | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>VITAL ESSENTIALS FREEZE DRIED OR FROZEN DOG AND CAT FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> EACH 14 OZ. OR LARGER<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24    |
| <b>COUPON</b><br><b>ALL WERUVA DOG &amp; CAT FORMULAS (INCL. CANS, POUCHES, &amp; CUPS)</b><br><b>BUY 3 GET 1 FREE</b><br>FREE PRODUCT MUST BE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24 | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>CANIDAE CAT AND DOG CANNED FORMULAS</b><br><b>BUY 3 CANS/CUPS, GET 1 FREE</b><br>Free item must be of equal or lesser value<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24       | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>ALL EARTHBORN DOG/CAT</b><br><b>BUY 3 CANS/TUBS GET 1 FREE</b><br>Free Product must be of Equal or lesser value<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                          | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>ALL ORIJEN AND ACANA DOG CANNED FORMULAS</b><br><b>BUY 2 GET 1 FREE</b><br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                                                | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>VITAL ESSENTIALS TREATS (ANY SIZE) AND RAW BAR</b><br><b>BUY 4 GET 1 FREE</b><br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                  |
| <b>COUPON</b><br><b>Chicken Soup for the Soul Dog Food</b><br><b>\$12.00 Off</b> Each 25-28 Lb. Bag All Formulas<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                        | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>TASTE OF THE WILD DOG &amp; CAT FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$3.00 OFF</b> EACH 14 LB. CAT BAG<br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> EACH 25-28 LB. DOG BAG<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24 | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>NUTRI SOURCE FREEZE DRIED RAW BITES AND SLIDERS</b><br><b>BUY 1 BAG GET 1 BAG FREE</b><br>FREE Bag item must be of equal or lesser value<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                 | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>DR. GARY'S BEST BREED DOG AND CAT FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$3.00 OFF</b> EACH 4 LB.<br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> EACH 12-13 LB.<br><b>\$7.00 OFF</b> EACH 26-28 LB.<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24 | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>AMERICAN NATURAL PREMIUM DOG FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> EACH 30-40 LB. BAG<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                              |
| <b>COUPON</b><br><b>Chicken Soup for the Soul Dog &amp; Cat Cans &amp; Dog Treats</b><br><b>BUY 3, GET 1 FREE</b><br>FREE PRODUCT MUST BE EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24         | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>FARMINA N&amp;D TOPICAL SELECTION DOG FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> ANY SIZE BAG<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                              | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>NUTRI SOURCE DOG FORMULA ALL VARIETIES INCLUDING GRAIN FREE</b><br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> EACH 26LB TO 40LB BAG<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                               | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>PURE VITA DOG FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> EACH 25 LB. BAG<br>ALL VARIETIES INCLUDING GRAIN FREE<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                  | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>AMERICAN NATURAL PREMIUM CHICKEN RECIPE WITH BARLEY</b><br><b>BUY ONE 12 LB. BAG - GET ONE 12 LB. BAG FREE</b><br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>NUTRI SOURCE CAT FORMULA</b><br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> EACH 15 TO 16 LB. BAG, ALL VARIETIES TO CHOOSE FROM<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                                    | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>PURE VITA CAT FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$5.00 OFF</b> EACH 15 LB. BAG ALL VARIETIES<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                                                          | <b>COUPON</b><br><b>ROYAL CANIN CAT FORMULAS</b><br><b>\$3.00 OFF</b> Each 6 lb. or 7 lb. Bag<br>No limit. Must present coupon. Coupon valid at Family Pet Food Center or Pulaski Warehouse. Coupon Expires 2/29/24                                      |



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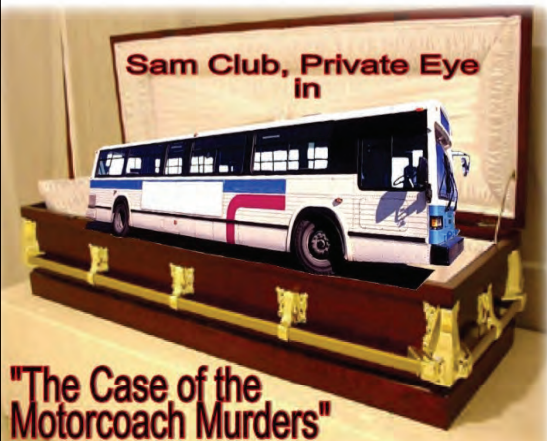
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# Trees in winter reveal what's beneath the leaves

One of my favorite things about the winter season is visiting the trees found in our backyards, parks and woodlands. The winter trees, though we often think of them as skeletons of their summer selves, possess a beauty, elegance and otherworldly presence.

Even in your own backyard, take a walk among the trees and give them a closer look.

Look at the bark, the perfect textures and imperfections and colors. Look at the lichens and mosses that may grow upon them. Look for the tiny cocoons or chrysalises of insects, moths and butterflies.

As you walk among your backyard trees, take a close look at the tips of each branch and twig. The leaf buds for the coming spring are already there. They are ready to burst open when the sap begins to rise with the warmth of spring.



The winter trees are waiting. Explore them in the backyard, a park or wildlife area and give them a closer look.

ROB ZIMMER



Rob Zimmer  
Columnist

As you walk among the trees of the forests and parks, make special note of different textures and coloration. These will help you identify many of the

trees of the forest. There are the birches, with their ruffled, feathery bark in pristine white, metallic gold, or salmon and orange. There are the shagbark hickories, with their long shards of curved and pliable bark in slate gray with black streaks. There are the beeches, with their elephant-skin bark, smooth and un-



Inspect the bark and the tree trunks more closely to discover miracles like these feathery lichens.

ROB ZIMMER

blemished, except for the telltale eyes that are always keeping watch in the forest. There are the red pines, with their flaky, reddish bark, as well as white pines with deeper, richer bark in thick, chunky segments. One of my favorites, the hackberry, features sculpted ridges and veins of three-dimensional beauty.

Of course, there are the conifers, the spruces, pines, fir, hemlock, white-cedar and juniper. Many of these are now tufted in snow, as we have finally received our first measurable snows of the season. The wildlife of winter can often be found among these trees — squirrels, songbirds, ruffed grouse, woodpeckers, owls, por-

cupines, whitetails and others that consider these sacred trees their life-blood during the long, cold winter. As winter lingers, become one with the trees and enjoy their winter magic. Rob Zimmer is a nature and garden author, public speaker and radio show host on WHBY. Readers can find him on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors](http://www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors).

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SATURDAY, FEB. 3

SHAWANO: Second annual Give Kids a Smile, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Walsh Dental, 657 N. Main St. Free dental evaluation and same-day treatment for children ages 6-14. No appointment needed. First come, first served basis. For information, contact Dr. Scarlett Young at 715-524-2581 at Walsh Dental Group.

SHAWANO: Snake Slayer Fishing Tournament and Meat Raffle, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bamboo Bar and Grill, W5884 Cedar Court. Must fish Shawano Lake only. Info and complete rules at Bamboo Bar Facebook page or 715-201-1158.

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

BONDUEL: Doubles Cribbage Tournament, noon to 4 p.m., Gehm's Club 117, 117 N. Cecil St. 24 spots available. \$30 per team. Pre-register by phone 715-758-2164 or stop in.

TOWNSEND: Far From Snoozin' Bed Races, 1 p.m., Wendt's Sandbar Resort, 16688 Nicolet Road. Five-person teams, \$25 per team, 100% payout, bed is provided. Registration begins at noon,

meat raffle during races, 50/50 raffle, DJ, food and beverages.

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

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

ABRAMS: Machickanee Forest Meet and Greet, noon to 3 p.m., Trailhead Machickanee Cross-Country Ski Club, 6625 Timberline Road. Meet club members and find out more about the trails and the club. Fires for warming and cooking.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

SHAWANO: Coffee Connections, 8-9 a.m., Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce, 1263 S. Main St. Guest speaker from Shawano School District.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

OCONTO: American Legion Post 74, 6 p.m., Crivello's Restaurant, 818 Main St., Oconto. Come early for social time and remain after for light buffet.

SHAWANO: "Hello Dolly," 7 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Tickets at [www.shawanotheater.ludus.com](http://www.shawanotheater.ludus.com). Information: 715-526-2175.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

KESHENA: Winter Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., College of Menominee Nation Cultural Learning Center, N188 State Highway 47-55, biweekly through April 19. Artisan Native crafts, hot food, baked goods and more. Sponsored by the college's Sustainable Development Institute.

OCONTO FALLS: Special

Education Awareness Night, 7 p.m., Oconto Falls High School Fieldhouse, 210 N. Farm Road, presented by OFHS Student Council and girls basketball team.

SHAWANO: "Hello Dolly," 7 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Tickets at [www.shawanotheater.ludus.com](http://www.shawanotheater.ludus.com). Information: 715-526-2175.

OCONTO: Machickanee Players Theatre presents "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein," 7 p.m., Park Avenue Playhouse, 408 Park Ave. Tickets at [www.MachickaneePlayers.com](http://www.MachickaneePlayers.com).

PULASKI: "Sister Act: The Musical," 7 p.m., Pulaski High School, 1040 St. Augustine St. Tickets \$9 at [pulaskihs.ludus.com](http://pulaskihs.ludus.com).

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

PULASKI: "Sister Act: The Musical," 2 p.m., Pulaski High School, 1040 St. Augustine St. Tickets \$9 at [pulaskihs.ludus.com](http://pulaskihs.ludus.com).

CECIL: Lunds Snowbirds Sweethearts Dance and Raffle, 7-11 p.m., Golden Sands Golf Course, 300 Nabor Road. Raffle ticket for entry or \$5 at the door. Music by Spark, Bang.

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# Giving and loving one another brings blessings

Running through the list of open dates, I was pleased at how many were already taken.

My heart, just before Christmas, was tender for those that didn't have food, much less a home to serve it in. So I was checking for needs at our local homeless shelter, Shawano Area Matthew 25, based on the scripture in Matthew 25:40 "...whatever you do for the least of these..." They're located at 105 E. Richmond St., Shawano, and open from November through April. For more information, check their website at [www.sam25.org](http://www.sam25.org).

I noticed Jan. 8 was open to bring a meal in to the approximately 12 guests housed there. Signing up, I felt an immediate rush of peace over me, and love for those I would be serving. Excited, I began to plan my menu.

I feel incredibly grateful to God. We have enough. We always have enough. Of everything. We are not rich financially, oh no, but rich in the blessings received straight from our Father God. So because of that, I look for ways to love on others.

Our daughter is on staff with Youth With A Mission, and within the organization, she's had the amazing opportunity to serve people worldwide. We can't physically do this, but she and her staff and students are willing, so we thankfully support them financially, allowing them full attention to the task at hand ... serving the least of these in Jesus' name.

Twice our daughter had the privilege of traveling to Africa and twice came back suffering culture shock; not from their poverty but from re-entry to the affluence of the United States.

"We live in a mansion, Mom! Compared to them, we live in a mansion!" she said.

Years ago, I cried out to my older sister, gone now close to eight months with the Lord, "Beth. Why weren't we born in a thatch roof hut, dirt poor



Fernanda, an adopted child with the Reminger family through Compassion International, sends drawings regularly showing her appreciation for the Remingers' help with the organization.



and scrounging for food and water every day?"

I'll never forget her quiet, yet fierce reply: "So we can help those who were, Kay."

It resonated so well with me that immediately I signed up to sponsor a

child through Compassion International. This was over 20 years ago. According to their website, [www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com), Compassion International is a "child-advocacy ministry pairing compassionate people with children living in extreme poverty to release the children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty."

Currently, we sponsor a little girl named Fernanda from Mexico, who writes letters through an

interpreter. Included are her hand-drawn pictures of brilliant yellow suns with glad faces, green leafy trees and smiling stick people. I pour over them in wonderment. I know I'm helping plus making her happy. Her pictures reflect her heart.

Always, a grateful note is tucked along. Her economically challenged family receives food and support, and she attends classes teaching her how beloved she is and secure

is her hope for the future through the saving grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through the cross and his resurrection. All of this for a modest monthly sponsorship.

When we serve, we never look down on those who do not have; asking no questions. It reminds me of the Bible verse Luke 14:7-14, where Jesus taught when we give a feast, invite those that cannot repay and blessings will be great, for God will reward us at the time when all godly people rise from death.

The night my husband and I took supper to the homeless shelter, it was misty, foggy, and we didn't know if it was going to freeze or not. We pulled up to the door and, ringing the bell, there was no answer. Immediately, I felt a sense of dread and self-doubt. Did I get the wrong night?

Quickly checking their website, I was directed to a cell phone number and calling, let the gal know who I was and had the night meal outside their door. We found out the doorbell didn't work.

Getting inside, we brought in our meal and, placing it on the counter, began to uncover the food. In the meantime, the attendant was placing my chocolate chip cookies

onto a large, ornate floral platter. Tears pricked behind my eyes and threatened to spill over. That simple act of dignity and special treatment profoundly touched my heart. She had ultimate compassion for these guests who were simply down on their luck at the moment, but all of us are God's children and deserve to be treated with respect.

We spoke to a few gathered there. One fella especially had such a look of gratefulness, and again, my tears surfaced. I wanted to hug him. We mentioned we were farmers and pretty much everything we brought was homegrown. His hungry smile lit up the room.

Loving your neighbor as yourself shows how much we love Jesus. Kindness, respect, help and dignity given to our fellow earth-dwellers blesses him.

("Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 12:30-31)

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

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## Expansion on track for July opening



Expansion and renovation of Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood is moving full-speed ahead to an anticipated July ribboncutting. Jeff Musson, Rhinelander, is the project architect. RJM Construction, Black Creek, is the general contractor using local subcontractors LumberJake's Painting, Smith Concrete, DAMA Plumbing, and Chimney Mechanix.

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## Applications open for Tri-County United Way Community Impact grants

Tri-County United Way (TCUW) has opened the application for its 2024 Community Impact grant process.

This year, TCUW invites new and existing partners to apply for funding focused on basic needs in their communities. TCUW serves Oconto County, among others.

Community Impact funding is open to any registered 501(c)(3) health and human services nonprofit organizations that align with TCUW's mission and funding priorities. The application is at <https://www.tcunitedway.org/apply>. The grant cycle will close at 5 p.m. March 4. All TCUW grant awards will be capped at \$5,000.

TCUW funded programs are chosen from a competitive application process. Approval will be based on the merits of the program, community need and available funds. Funding is made possible by the financial contributions of community investors through TCUW's annual campaign.

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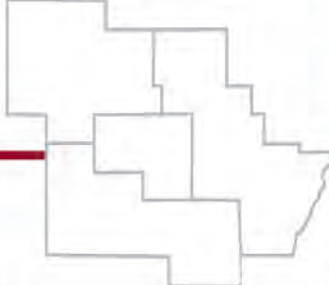
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OBITUARIES

Susan M. Patrikus

Susan "Sue" M. Patrikus, 71, of Shawano, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at the Bellin Hospital in Green Bay following complications from aneurysm surgery in March 2023.

Susan Margaret Schuettpelz was born in Oconto County on Nov. 9, 1952, to the late Henry and Irene (Holl) Schuettpelz. She graduated from Shawano High School in 1971. After graduation, she moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota,



where she lived with family and served as a live-in

housekeeper taking care of children. For over 45 years, Sue was the office manager and secretary for several businesses in Shawano, including the Shawano County Department of Community Programs and Montour Heating and Air Conditioning.

She married Jerry Patrikus on July 26, 1986, at St. Rose Catholic Church in Clintonville. After retirement, Sue traveled with her husband and family, checking off her bucket list. They

visited places like Alaska, Europe, Hawaii, and most recently to the Biltmore House in Ashville, North Carolina.

Sue is survived by her husband, Jerry; siblings and in-laws, Ken and Rachel DeCoster, Jean Frost, Wayne and Bev Harbath, Jerome and Verna Schuettpelz, Ken and Mary Ladwig, Curt Schuettpelz, Neil and Sheila Zastrow, Rochelle Netzel, Loren Schuettpelz, Len and Gail Heling, Paul and Joanne Schuettpelz,

Jeff and Terri Schuettpelz, and Lew and Tammy Schuettpelz; 31 nieces and nephews; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews; cousins; and friends.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Irene Schuettpelz; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joe and Selma Patrikus; a brother, LuAllen Schuettpelz; a sister, Kristi Schuettpelz; a brother-in-law, Mike Net-

zel; a sister-in-law, Ruth Schuettpelz; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Sue's funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 29, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory. Interment will take place at St. Rose Cemetery in Clintonville in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, Sue's family prefers memorials be made to the local Lions Club of your choice.

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Lawrence D. Prickette

Lawrence D. Prickette, 89, of Cecil, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

James A. Borchardt

James A. Borchardt, 83, of Clintonville, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Jean L. Handrich

Jean L. Handrich, 84, of the Town of Larrabee, passed away Jan. 24, 2024.

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# Kassler scores eight goals in two games

Shawano hosted the Northwest Icemen co-op team Jan. 27 and lost the battle 5-2.

## Antigo 7, Waupun 1

Eli Kassler and Owen Dickman each scored a hat trick as the Antigo/Wittenberg-Birnamwood co-op team defeated Waupun 7-1 on Jan. 25.

Dickman assisted Kassler on Antigo's first goal at 15:30 in the first period to give the hosts a 1-0 lead.

It was all Antigo in the second period. Kassler scored at 3:28 with help from Liam Burt and Jack Siegman. Dickman scored at 10:47 with help from Kassler, and Kassler scored third goal at 13:42 with Burt assisting.

Waupun scored its only goal at 2:06 in the third period. And, Antigo responded with three more goals.

Kassler assisted Dickman at 5:41, Parker Chaney assisted Burt at 11:46, and Dickman nabbed his third goal at 13:35.

Each team was penalized once for two minutes.

The Red Robins had 28 shots on goal, while the visiting Warriors had 33. Nolan Bunnell notched the 32 saves for the Red Robins.

## Shawano 8, Medford 5

Shawano/Bonduel had three more shots on goal than Medford and also ended up with three more goals as the Hawks beat the Raiders 8-5 on Jan. 25.

Shawano held a 2-1 lead after the first period as they jumped out to an early 2-0 lead. Max Huntington scored at 5:11 with a Byrcen Madison assist. Then, at 8:36, Cam Schroeder scored with a Karson Stoss assist.

Shawano went up 3-1 after Blake Knope scored at 4:27 in the second period. A Medford goal made it 3-2, but Shawano score three unanswered goals.

Knope assisted on a Josh Fisksen goal at 7:08. Aidan Beaulieu assisted on a Stoss goal at 9:21, and Stoss scored again at 13:22 with help from Cam and Wyatt Schroeder.

Medford scored toward the end of the second period and at the start of the third to make it 6-4. But, Shawano answered with two third-period goals. First, Knope scored at 2:40. Then, Beaulieu was assisted by Stoss for a goal at 8:29. Medford scored one last time at 12:19.

Shawano had 34 shots on goal, compared to 31 for Medford.

The Raiders spent 29 minutes in the penalty box on 10 infractions. Shawano was called for eight penalties and served 16 minutes.

Kaiden Thornborrow recorded 29 saves for the Hawks.

## Antigo 7 Rhineland 3

Antigo broke the game open with four goals in the third period to defeat Rhineland 7-3 on Jan. 23.

Eli Kassler scored five goals for the Red Robins, including a pair in the first period. The first one was unassisted, while Owen Dickman and Jack Siegman assisted on the second to give Antigo a 2-1 lead.

Each team scored once in the second period, with Dickman lending a stick to Kassler for his third goal of the game.

The Hodags scored once in the final period, but Antigo's four goals proved to be enough for the win.

Liam Burt scored at 22:31 with assists from Kassler and Dickman. Dickman and Ian Brittenham assisted Kassler for this fourth goal, and then Kassler added his fifth with an assist from Burt. Finally, Dickman scored on an assist from Kassler.

The Hodags were called for eight penalties for 16 minutes, while Antigo was called six times for 12 minutes.

Rhineland notched 40 shots on goal compared to Antigo's 27. Nolan Bunnell had 37 saves for the Red Robins.

## Saturday, Jan. 20 Shawano 6 Chequamegon 1

Chequamegon/Phillips/Butternut led Shawano/Bonduel 1-0 for about 10



Players from both team scramble for control of the puck in front of the Shawano goal Jan. 27 at the Crawford Center. Shawano lost 5-2 to the Northwest Icemen.

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minutes in the first period, but that would be the only score for the visitors. Shawano bounced back with three goals within one minute toward the end of the period and added another three goals in the game to capture a 6-1 win.

Trailing 1-0, Shawano's Josh Fisksen scored at 14:42 with help from Aidan Beaulieu and Cam Schroeder. At 15:21, Blake Knope put Shawano on top 2-1 with a goal and assists from Fisksen and Beaulieu. Just 21 seconds later, Hunter Jones scored with an assist from Jeremy Helmuth, and Shawano held a 3-1 lead at the end of the period.

Knope scored at 12:50 in the third period, with help from Gavin Hundt, to put Shawano up 4-1.

Waylon Snider and Fisksen assisted Jones for

a goal at 7:05 in the third period to put the Hawks up 5-1. Beaulieu scored Shawano's final goal at 15:50.

Shawano managed to come up with the win despite being shorthanded quite often as the team was penalized 15 times for 30 minutes. Chequamegon was called for six infractions for 12 minutes.

Shawano skaters placed 35 shots on goal, while Chequamegon had 22. Tyson Lyons had 21 saves for the Hawks.

## Viroqua 8, Antigo 4

Owen Dickman recorded a hat trick, but Viroqua's five-goal second period spelled defeat for the Antigo/Wittenberg-Birnamwood co-op team in its 8-4 loss.

Dickman scored first with an Eli Kassler assist at 4:01 in the first period to give the visitors a 1-0 lead.

Just four minutes later, Antigo trailed 2-1, but a second goal by Dickman tied the game at 2-2 going into the second period.

Viroqua rattled off three goals in the second period before Dickman's third goal was notched at 7:49. Two more goals by the Blackhawks gave them a 7-3 at the end of the period.

Viroqua added its eighth goal early in the third period. Antigo's final push came at 14:05 with a goal by Liam Burt and an assist by Ian Brittenham.

Antigo had 17 shots on goal. Nolan Bunnell recorded 45 saves as Viroqua had 53 shots on goal.

Antigo was penalized five times for 12 minutes, while Viroqua was called for four infractions for eight minutes.

## Friday, Jan. 19 Antigo 7 West Salem 5

Eli Kassler scored five goals, including a hat trick in the third period, to lead Antigo over West Salem 7-5.

In a back-and-forth first period, Kassler score twice, and the team were knotted at 2-2. Richie Veriha assisted Kassler on his second goal.

No scoring happened in the second period, but the final period was wild with eight goals scored.

It was back-and-forth again for the first 13 minutes, as the Panthers took a 3-2 lead only to have Liam Burt score with a Kassler

assist to tie the game at 3-3. West Salem regained the lead, and Kassler tied it with help from Owen Dickman.

Once again, West Salem retook the lead, only to have Kassler tie it at 5-5 at 13:15.

Antigo would pull out the win with a Veriha goal at 14:46 with help from Kassler and Dickman. The final goal, an unassisted score by Kassler, came at 16:49.

In all Antigo notched 34 shots on goal, while West Salem had 20. Nolan Bunnell had 15 saves for the Red Robins.

## Thursday, Jan. 18 Shawano 3 Waupaca JV 1

Shawano/Bonduel traveled to the Waupaca Expo Center and returned home with a 3-1 victory.

After a scoreless first period, Shawano scored a pair of goals in the second period. Hunter Jones scored at 2:12 with help from Jeremy Helmuth and Max Huntington. Then, at 13:44, Karson Stoss scored with assists from Cam Schroeder and Blake Knope.

Waupaca scored just 51 seances into the third period to make ti 2-1, but Stoss' goal at 14:49, with an assist from Schroeder, sealed the win.

Kaiden Thornborrow saved all 27 shots that came his way, while Shawano's players recorded 34 shots on goal.



Shawano's Blake Knope (8) battles Cameron Janz (24) of the Northwest Icemen on Jan. 27 at the Crawford Center.

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# Shawano's valiant effort comes up short

Bonduel, Gresham, Lena play to perfection in their respective conferences

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano stayed within striking distance of Xavier on Jan. 27 but couldn't quite strike as the Hawks lost 62-52 in the Bay Conference matchup.

Abby Bystol and Leah Nordin each scored 13 points for Shawano, which trailed 30-24 at the break. Xavier added another four points to its margin of victory with a 32-28 second half.

The Hawks dropped to 2-6 in conference action and 12-7 overall.

**Friday, Jan. 26**  
**Bonduel**

Bonduel can do no wrong as the Bears stayed perfect at 10-0 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference after beating Amherst 52-28. The Bears are 17-2 overall.

**Gillett**

The Tigers scratched their way to a 42-35 win over Niagara and improved to 7-5 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference.

Cilena Guns led Gillett with 17 points. Joining her on the scoreboard were Audrey Pate and Maggie Kaczmarek with eight points each, Emily Soper with six and Clara Shaal with three.

Gillett led 19-18 at the break and extended their lead with a 23-17 second half.

**Gresham pounds Marion**

Gresham sits at 5-0 at in first place in the Central Wisconsin North Conference after a 64-10 rout of Marion. The Mustangs are 2-5 in conference action.

**Menominee Indian**

Ayanna Smith scored 21 points and Urijih Reeves added 16 to lead Menominee Indian to a 45-42 come-from-behind victory over Manawa.

Anisa Peters scored seven points and Natalie Peters had one to make up the points for the Eagles.

Trailing 24-19 at the half, Menominee Indian battled back after the break to a 26-18 second-half score and three-point win.

The Eagles improved to 4-5 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference.

**Oconto Falls**

Oconto Falls went up against Marinette & Oconto Conference leader Marinette and returned home with a 50-34 loss.

The Panthers are 7-5 in conference action. The team trailed 19-12 after the first half and lost the score after the break 31-22.

**Wittenberg-Birnamwood**

Wittenberg-Birnamwood is on a three-game winning streak with its 62-25 pounding of Iola-Scandinavia.

The Chargers wasted little time in jumping out



Brie Ladika (10), Melaina Granquist (42) and Rory Salvesen (20) spread out to play defense against Shiocton on Jan. 23. Wittenberg-Birnamwood won 65-26, with the team in second place in the Central Wisconsin East Conference.

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to a 36-11 first-half lead. A 26-14 second half only compounded the misery for the hosts.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood improved to 8-2, good enough for second place in the Central Wisconsin East Conference.

**Thursday, Jan. 25**  
**Bowler**

A non-conference loss to Pittsville dropped Bowler to 9-7 overall. Pittsville controlled the first half 29-14 and ran away with it in the second half with a 41-17 score to give them a 70-31 victory.

**Gillett**

Gillett doubled up on Wausaukee for a 48-24 Marinette & Oconto Conference win. At 6-5, Gillett is in a three-way tie for second place along with Niagara and Oneida Nation.

**Lena**

It's now 11 games in the Marinette & Oconto Conference and 18 games overall for Lena, as the team remained perfect in 2023-24 with a 76-64 win over Crivitz.

Leading 38-25 at the break, Lena let up a little in the second half as Crivitz outscored the Wildcats 39-38.

Eva Brooks set the pace for Lena with 23 points. Madilyn Thomson scored another 19, and Whitney Potter added 17. The other points came from Hannah Thomson with five and Maddy Kushner its two.

Brooks grabbed 15 boards, with Madilyn Thomson pulling down eight more and Potter getting seven. Madilyn Thomson led with eight assists, and Brooks had six. Brooks also led with three steals, with Hannah Thomson collecting two and Madilyn Thomson getting one.

**Menominee Indian**

The Eagles bounced



Rory Salvesen (20) battled a pair of Shiocton players as she shoots in the Jan. 25 game. Salvesen led the Chargers with 18 points in the 65-26 win.

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back from a loss to Bonduel to defeat Shiocton 55-53.

Menominee Indian is now 3-5 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference and 6-10 overall.

**Pulaski**

Pulaski scored 12 points in each half against Green Bay Southwest, and although that resulted in a close first half, it was nowhere for the second half.

Green Bay Southwest held a 16-12 lead at the break and outscored the

Red Raiders 31-12 after intermission to notch the 47-24 Fox River Classic Conference win.

All seven Pulaski players scored, and they were led by Ellie Mangold's five points.

Pulaski fell to 7-5 in conference action.

**Tuesday, Jan. 23**  
**Bears beat Eagles**

Bonduel's winning ways continued with a 67-37 win inn Central Wisconsin East Conference action.

**Bowler tops Marion**

Bowler dumped on Marion 60-16 in a Central Wisconsin North Conference game. Bowler improved to 4-1, while Marion fell to 2-4.

**Gresham**

Gresham maintained its first-place hold in the Central Wisconsin North Conference with a 58-40 win over Northland Lutheran.

The Wildcats are 4-0 in league play and 12-4 overall.

**Lena**

Lena stifled Niagara 20-8 in the second half to capture a 22-point win, 44-22, over Niagara.

The Wildcats sit atop the Marinette & Oconto Conference with an 8-0 mark. The team is also undefeated overall with a 17-0 record.

Lena held a 24-14 first-half lead that only got bigger as the clocked ticked away in the second half.

**Oconto Falls**

Oconto Falls defeated Fox Valley Lutheran 43-38 in a North Eastern Conference matchup. The Panthers improved to 7-4 in conference action and 11-5 overall.

**Pulaski**

Maggie Lardinois and Olivia Sprangers each scored 13 points to lead Pulaski over Sheboygan North 47-40 in a Fox River Classic Conference matchup.

Lily Urban added nine points, Ashley Servais had eight, and Ellie Mangold scored four as all five girls added to the victory.

Pulaski led 24-16 at the break, which was enough of a lead as Sheboygan North outscored the Red Raiders by one point in the second half.

Pulaski improved to 7-4 in the conference.

**Shawano**

Shawano dropped to 2-5

in the Bay Conference and 12-6 overall with its 38-36 loss to Menasha.

"Got to play as a team to win close ball games," coach Ryan Koenig said. "Defense was superb tonight."

**Wittenberg-Birnamwood**

The Chargers returned to their winning ways with a 65-26 win over Shiocton. Wittenberg-Birnamwood improved to 6-2 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference, good enough for second place.

Rory Salvesen led the Chargers with 18 points. Harper Rogowski added another 17, and Faith Resch scored 13.

Melaina Granquist led with 10 rebounds, Nora Bushman had three assists, and Resch nabbed 10 steals.

**Monday, Jan. 22**  
**Bonduel**

The Bears improved to 8-0 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference and 15-2 overall with a 71-16 dominating win over conference cellar dweller Iola-Scandinavia.

Bonduel held a commanding 29-2 lead at the break and outscored their guests 42-14 after the intermission.

**Gillett**

Gillett is back at .500 with a 5-5 Marinette & Oconto Conference mark after beating Oneida Nation 40-32. Gillett is also 8-8 overall.

**Suring**

Suring's losing streak extended to six games with a 41-31 loss at Wausaukee in Marinette & Oconto Conference action.

Suring trailed 18-15 at the break and was outscored 23-16 in the second half.

Bunny Cramer led the Eagles, 2-8 in conference action, with 13 points.



# Bears hit triple digits in win over Kewaunee

## Sipple scores 34 points, including five 3-pointers, in Shawano's loss to West De Pere

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

### Friday, Jan. 26 Bonduel

In a high scoring affair, Bonduel hit triple digits as the Bears defeated Kewaunee 101-75.

Noah Weier led Bonduel with 35 points, just one more than Ryan Westrich's 34. Race Anvelink scored 13, with Cade Johnson sinking 10 and Colin Margelofsky getting nine.

The non-conference win improved Bonduel's overall mark to 15-1.

### Gillett

After losing earlier in the week to conference leader Crivitz, Gillett bounced back with a 68-44 win over Oneida Nation.

Jesse DeBauch led the Wildcats with 24 points, including a pair of triples. Aydin Franti scored 14, and Ben Matczak contributed 13. Each of them scored one 3-pointer.

Bradin Bjelland and DeBauch each recorded six rebounds, and Franti had eight assists and five steals.

Gillett, 9-2 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference, led 24-15 at the half and continued their dominance with a 44-29 second-half performance.

### Lena

Lena suffered through another disappointing loss to end their week. This time it was a 71-26 defeat at the hands of Niagara.

Lena is now 1-9 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference and 4-11 overall.

### Oconto Falls

Jameson Beaman scored 17 points, including a pair of triples, and Alex Haines scored 13, but Oconto Falls failed to come out on top, losing 67-48 to Marinette in a North Eastern Conference game.

Marinette led 27-19 after the first half and extended their lead with a 40-29 second half.

Haines led the Panthers with nine rebounds. He and Evan Yuma each had two assists, while Chase Carriveau, JJ Pytleski, Grayson Cahak and Isaac Bramer each had one steal.

Oconto Falls dropped to 1-11 in conference action.

### Pulaski

Three Red Raiders scored in double digits as Pulaski triumphed 63-28 over Green Bay Southwest.

Dixon Holewinski led the team with 13 points, followed by Colin Schultz with 12 and Joseph Mijal with 10.

Holewinski also led Pulaski with eight rebounds, Bryce Wotruba led with four assists, and Dylan Dorn and Bohdan Schmidt each had four steals.

Pulaski was up 30-18 at halftime, and they executed a 33-10 second half to more than double up on their hosts.

Pulaski improved to 6-6 in the Fox River Classic

Conference.

### Shawano

Logan Sipple scored 34 points and Shawano gave its all against Bay Conference leader West De Pere but still came up short 71-63.

Sipple's point total included five 3-point plays. Anderson Schmidt added 10 points for Shawano.

The Hawks, 3-6 in the conference, were beaten in each half, by three points before the break and by five after the break.

Sipple and Ryan Shanty each had six rebounds, and Will Verkuilen had four assists and just as many steals.

### Suring

Trent VanDenElzen scored 23 points to lead Suring over Wausaukee 64-53.

Taylor Booth Stoffregen scored another 17 points, with Michael Bailey adding 14. Trent Thomson sacred six, and Quinn Thomson scored four.

Suring, 2-9 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference, led 30-27 at halftime and added eight points to its margin of victory with a 34-26 second half.

### Wittenberg-Birnhamwood

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood snapped a three-game losing streak with a 56-46 win over Iola-Scandinavia.

"We played with great energy tonight," coach Garrett Rogowski said. "Got up early and executed well on both ends of the floor."

Jett Rogowski led the Chargers with 13 points, and Casey Kielman scored 10, including a pair of triples.

Oliver Fraaza and Boone Schairer each pulled down five boards, and Jaden Clark and Marshall Fraaza each had three assists and two steals.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood, 5-4 in Central Wisconsin East Conference action, posted a commanding 35-17 lead at the half. Iola-Scandinavia outscored their hosts 29-21 after the break, but the victory was never really in doubt.

### Thursday, Jan. 25 Bonduel

Four Bonduel players scored in double digits and all 10 players found the basket in the Bears 68-45 win over Amherst.

Race Anvelink led the attack with 15 points, followed by Ryan Westrich with 13, and Quinn Wensenberg and Cade Johnson each with 10. Also scoring were Colin Margelofsky with six points, Noah Weier with five, Sam Roberts with four, Owen Springborn and Charlie Tauchen each with two, and Carter Moesch with one.

Bonduel held a five-point lead at the half, then broke things open in the



Jett Rogowski led the Chargers with 13 points, as Wittenberg-Birnhamwood snapped a three-game losing streak with a 56-46 win over Iola-Scandinavia.

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second half with a 37-19 advantage.

The Bears improved to 9-0 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference and 14-1 overall.

### Marion beats Gresham

Marion remained tied for the conference lead while Gresham is still without a Central Wisconsin North Conference win, after the Mustangs topped the Wildcats 77-55.

Marion held a commanding 49-28 first half lead, and although the second half was much closer, 28-27 in favor of the Mustangs, Marion improved to 5-2 in league play, and Gresham dropped to 0-5.

Marion was led by Ryan Malueg with 28 points, including seven triples. Sam Gueths and Parker Miller each scored 18.

Miller led the Mustangs with 15 rebounds, and Malueg

snagged 11. Miller also led with six assists. Gueths and Enea Turrini each recorded two steals.

### Menominee Indian

The Eagles pulled out a three-point over Manawa to improve to 2-7 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference. Menominee Indian's 62-59 win was the third overall the season.

### Tigerton

Tigerton stayed tied with Marion for the lead in the Central Wisconsin North Conference after the Tigers defeated White Lake 50-29.

James Brady led Tigerton with 11 points, followed by Joey Zimdars with 10. Sam Anheuser scored nine points, Maverick Maas and Cameron Carlson each scored eight, and Loghan Wanta connected for four points.

Wanta led with six rebounds, Anheuser had

six assists, and Carlson and Anheuser each had three steals.

Tigerton controlled the game with a 27-16 first half and 23-13 second half.

### Wittenberg-Birnhamwood

A strong second half propelled Wittenberg-Birnhamwood to a 67-36 Central Wisconsin East Conference win Weyauwega-Fremont.

"We got off to a slow start tonight but found a way to go up five in the first half," coach Nick Mechelke said. "We made a handful of adjustments for the second half and played almost a perfect second half."

The Chargers led 25-20 at the break, but after finding their groove in the second half, outscored their hosts 42-16 for the win.

Every player scored for Wittenberg-Birnhamwood,

with Rory Salvesen leading the way with 26, and Melaina Granquist connecting for another 16. Kit Stewart contributed eight more, Brie Ladika scored six, Harper Rogowski and Faith Resch each had four, and Avia Brie had three.

The victory put the Chargers at 7-2 in conference action and 14-2 overall.

### Tuesday, Jan. 23 Bowler

In a non-conference matchup, Bowler was on the losing end, dropping a 79-48 decision to Pittsville.

Pittsville more than doubled up on the Panthers, 43-21 in the first half, and extended their winning margin with a 36-27 second half.

### Gillett

Jesse DeBauch led all scorers with 27 points, but Gillett came up just short in its 73-68 loss to Crivitz.

Aydin Franti added 16 more for Gillett, and Ben Matczak scored 12. Thomas Carmody scored six, Bradin Bjelland had four, and Brandon DeBauch scored three.

Crivitz' five-point first half of 35-30 was the margin of victory as each team scored 38 points in the second half.

Gillett fell to second place with an 8-2 mark in the Marinette & Oconto Conference, while Crivitz improved to 9-1 and sits atop the standings.

### Gresham

A 61-47 non-conference loss to Rosholt left Gresham at 0-14 overall.

### Lena

Lena remains winless in 2024 after its sixth consecutive loss, a 44-32 defeat at the hands of White Lake. The non-conference loss left Lena with a 4-10 overall record.

### Oconto Falls

The Panthers' boys basketball wasn't as successful as the girls team against Fox Valley Lutheran as they boys lost 63-41.

Oconto Falls was dominated in the first half and trailed 40-14 at the break. A 27-23 second half scoring advantage wasn't anywhere close enough to be a comeback.

While seven players scored, Jameson Beaman was the only one to hit double digits as he scored 11, including three triples.

Beaman also led the team with three rebounds, while Grayson Cahak and Easton Engel each had two assists, and Alex Haines had two steals.

Oconto Falls fell to 1-10 in conference action and 4-12 overall.

### Pulaski

Sheboygan North scored an even 100 points in its 100-64 win over Pulaski.

Pulaski fell to 5-6 in the Fox River Classic

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# Hawks take third at home wrestling invite

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano placed third out of more than 30 teams at its home wrestling invite on Jan. 26.

“They did a great job battling tonight,” coach Mike Homan said. “Most brackets had 16 girls in them. It was good just to place in the top eight. We had all girls but one finish in the top eight. The girls really battled hard tonight.”

Onna Hermann placed second. Caitlyn Moede, Courtney Schenk and Lily Tomas all placed third. Maddie Moesch took fifth, and Adalyn Barkley finished in sixth place.

“Maddie did a great job to place fifth,” Homan said. “Onna wrestled well

in her finals match and just came up short to a tough opponent. Caitlyn did well to place third in a tough bracket. Adalyn continues to improve and get better with each match. Her sixth-place finish was a good improvement.

“Courtney lost a match in round two that she should have won, but she kept on advancing, and in the third-place match, she wrestled a state tournament champion from Bayport and came away with a fall in the first period. Lily Tomas did a great job placing third as she continues to improve and learn.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood placed 12th.

Brooke Huffman finished in first in her class,

and Brenna Marsh placed fifth in hers. Megan Bresnahan went 0-2.

## Shawano 18, Green Bay United 0

There were not enough matches for a full dual, but for the Shawano girls who did wrestle, they came out on top 18-0 over Green Bay United at Green Bay West on Jan. 25.

Jenna Moede started off with a pin.

“She took a nice single leg attack and then found a tight half-nelson early into the first period,” coach Mike Homan said.

Caitlyn Moede wrestled two matches. She won both of them by fall.

“She continues to do a great job and works hard in practice,” Homan said.



Shawano's Lily Tomas was one of three teammates to place third at the Shawano invite Jan. 26.

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“Caitlyn is wrestling well as we move into the end of the season.”

Adalyn Barkley at 138 also had two matches and

earned one decision and one fall.

“She has just started wrestling this year and continues to improve all of the

time,” the coach said. “She keeps getting better and works to improve her skills. We are excited to see what she can do in the future.”

## Shawano boys defeat Green Bay United

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano's boys wrestlers continue to score big and are gearing up for a conference title this year.

On Jan. 25, Shawano defeated Green Bay United 63-15 at Green Bay West. At 5-0 in the conference and 12-4 overall, the Hawks are on the brink of notching their sixth straight conference title. The team was scheduled to play against Xavier on Feb. 1.

The Jan. 25 meet started with forfeits and 106 and 113

pounds, then at 120, Alex Montour won a tight match 10-9.

Austin Stickney earned a fall at 126. Owen Montour, Kody Popelka and Drake Herm all earned forfeits from 132-144.

At 150, Marcus Cicero was pinned, at 1:57. Carsen Herm earned a fall, at 165, Drew Chelberg earned a fall in the first period with a near side cradle.

“We dropped a close decision 9-7 by Mason Theis at 175,” coach Mike Homan said.

At 190, Connor Chelberg earned a fall; At 215, Shawano dropped another match by fall, and at 285, Brayen Boivin earned a fall.

“The team did everything they needed to do to come away with a win,” Homan said. “I thought we wrestled some good matches tonight. Brayen Boivin was able to earn his first varsity win. He stepped in at 285 tonight due to an injury and did a good job. I like the way he has been working in practice the last few weeks.”

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ence and 8-7 overall.

### Shawano

The Hawks won their third Bay Conference game with a 75-55 victory over Menasha.

Logan Sipple scored almost half of Shawano's points, as he dropped in 37 on the night. Crew Weisnicht added 19, and Will Verkuilen scored 11.

Shawano held a slim 36-33 lead at the half but then turned up the heat, outscoring their guests 39-22 in the second half.

Shawano improved to 3-5 in league play and 5-11 overall.

### Suring

Suring's 1-9 Marinette & Oconto Conference record puts them in last place. The latest loss is a 89-47 defeat at the hands of Oneida Nation.

### Tigerton

Loghan Wanta and Joey Zimdars each scored nine points, but it was nowhere near enough as Tigerton lost 60-36 to Northeast Wisconsin Christian Homeschoolers Athletic Association (NEWCHAA) in a non-conference game.

NEWCHAA held a slim 29-25 lead going into halftime but then exploded for a huge 31-11 second half to seal the win.

### Monday, Jan. 22

#### Pulaski

Ashwaubenon proved to be too much for Pulaski in its 72-52 win over the Red Raiders.

Colin Schultz and Bohdan Schmidt each scored 10 points for Pulaski, and each had a pair of 3-pointers as part of their total.

Schultz also led the team with six boards. Nathan Josie led with five assists and two steals.

Pulaski, trailed 37-21 at the half and was outscored 35-31 after the break.

### Friday, Jan. 19

#### Tigerton trounces Bowler

James Brady scored 19 points in Tigerton's



Boone Schairer scored four points as Wittenberg-Birnhamwood topped Iola-Scandinavia 56-46 in a Central Wisconsin East Conference matchup.

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dominating 69-9 win over Bowler.

Maverick Maas scored another 12 for the Tigers, and Cameron Carlson added 10.

Tigerton led from the beginning and held a commanding 37-6 lead at the break. A 32-3 second half cemented what was already a blowout win.

## 100 wins and counting



Oconto Falls senior wrestler Garrett Ganter earned his 100th varsity win Jan. 5 at The Duffy Invitational in Port Washington. Ganter beat Lodi wrestler Drew Lochner in sudden victory overtime to collect his 100th win. Ganter is the son of Jason and Jamie Ganter, of Abrams.

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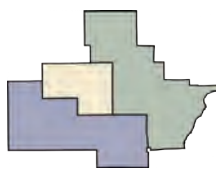
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## What about the children — when the parents work?

It used to be that one person in the family could work to put food on the table and a roof over the family's head. Those days are long gone, however, and both parents have to work to afford mortgage payments, trips to the grocery store, electricity and more.

With both parents working their tushies off, it often creates a conundrum when school is done for the day. It's not always possible for parents to work different schedules so that at least one of them is home at the same time the school bus drops the children off. That means sending kids to a child care facility until one of the parents gets off from work.

That'd be a good thing — if there were enough facilities. There aren't, though, and that makes it very difficult for the working class when they're required to be at a job eight or more hours per day. Not everybody works from home now that the pandemic's over — except for farmers, of course — and not every workplace is cool with letting the rugrats hang out until the five o'clock that's somewhere actually gets here.

Growing up, I had to watch my younger sister when my mother went back to work full-time, because one paycheck was not enough to keep us solvent. However, society today frowns on children ages 10 and 11 being left to handle the younger kids while the parents are at work. Thus, the need for child care.

The need is so great that the schools are trying to fill that void, too. The Shawano School District is proposing having part of Hillcrest Primary School be dedicated to child care as part of its spring referendum. The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District is also looking at developing a child care facility as it grapples with the issue of keeping staff in western Shawano County and not losing people to places where child care is more abundant.

So how do we fix the situation? Unfortunately, adjusting our economy so both parents aren't required to work to afford a home, food and more doesn't seem likely or even feasible. Therefore, things need to shift to providing more child care facilities.



Lee Pulaski  
City editor

Of course, things look bleak, according to Gov. Tony Evers' latest State of the State address. He noted that the Child Care Counts program is coming to a close in terms of federal funding, and without continued investments, more than 2,100 child care programs will come to a close, leaving over 87,000 children without someone to watch over them.

Evers took \$170 million in emergency state funding to keep the program up and running for a while longer, but that money will eventually run out, which means the ball is in the Wisconsin Legislature's court to find a solution.

In the meantime, the schools are picking up the slack when they already have the enormous task of educating children for seven or eight hours a day, and then having to watch over them in the early mornings or late afternoons. That works for school districts that can afford it, but what about the districts that can't?

Where does the ultimate solution lie? Do we storm our municipal governments and task them with finding a solution? Do we hope that the state government can put aside party politics and come up with a plan? Do we get desperate and ask the federal government to resolve the issue?

Then there's the question of what the solution will be. Should the schools be the solution? Should we send the kids to the area libraries, which would be a good idea if the libraries could afford to be open every day that parents are working? Should there be a recruitment effort to get more people into the child care business and maybe make it simpler for them to get the training they need to handle a dozen or so hyperactive munchkins?

It's clear we've got a problem. The solution is not so clear. Hopefully someone more qualified than I can take this problem and help it to evaporate.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Anonymous letter writers are cowards

#### To the editor:

I received my third anonymous cowardly letter in the mail a couple of weeks ago.

What makes this one different is instead of addressing just me, the coward also asked that my freedom of speech be stopped and that the Oconto County Times Herald be denied their freedom of the press, asking them to stop printing my letters to the editor.

My letters are timely, of local interest and different from the cowards they are signed. I stand by every

word I have printed. I challenge the writer of this letter to do the same. Come out of the shadows and write a letter and sign your name to it.

In the second from last line in this two-page letter, the author writes this gem: "We hope someone on the board this spring has the stones to propose dual sports to learn from this and make better guidelines and allow dual sports again." This is incredible.

Are they saying now that the Suring Public School District should have dual sports? I also am calling on the school board to allow for dual sports, but not in spring, but now so a deserving student can finish his

career out. Who would be hurt if Trent was allowed to compete?

They have called me to be banned from the school. They have called my son, Trent, lazy for going over and above. It is incredible the attacks on our character.

Dual sports started in Suring in 2000 when Isaiah Houska was in track and WIAA-sanctioned golf. I believe the multiple years of participating in dual sports gave Isaiah the skills to run one of the larger employers in Oconto County. Also, Klint Hischke when he participated in track and qualified for sectionals in golf. There are some very ambitious girls that play

varsity basketball and club volleyball.

Trent has won many awards in both wrestling and basketball during his time as a dual sport athlete. Yet the writer of this bogus letter says he couldn't have because Suring sports are on bottom of the conference. Proving they need change. Writer also states other schools don't allow wrestling and basketball to happen at the same time. This is false. I know of Coleman and Bay Port athletes that have. Is it rare? Yes. Is it something to be applauded? Yes. Not harassed or limited. Remember it is for the children.

Mike Van Den Elzen, Suring

### GUEST COLUMN

## Domestic violence increases, funding drops

In 2022, domestic violence claimed 96 lives in Wisconsin. That's one death every 3.8 days, and an increase of 20% from 2021. This is unacceptable and completely avoidable. We have the power to protect survivors and prevent domestic violence.

As a champion for survivors of domestic violence, I know we can do more to aid in the prevention of horrific abuse toward women, children and other marginalized groups in our community. While our state sits on a nearly \$4 billion surplus, we have the funds to make violence against women and others preventable, treatable and prosecutable. Most importantly, we know that we will save lives.

While no piece of legislation can ever erase the trauma of violence, no one should experience barriers to justice and support during the most difficult times of their lives. It is the role of the government to step up and provide for a safer, more compassionate path so that people can heal. So that victims become



Melissa Agard  
Guest columnist

survivors.

Together with Sen. Jesse James, Rep. Sun Conley and Rep. Patrick Synder, I introduced legislation to fund victim services and domestic violence services in Wisconsin at the level previously proposed by Gov. Tony Evers, giving the Wisconsin Legislature one more opportunity to do the right thing. The legislation would also provide grants to Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) that provide multidisciplinary approaches to investigating child abuse while also working with law enforcement to interview child victims in a friendly manner and environment.

Concerns about funding for services that address domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and neglect, and sexual abuse for children are prevalent in the discussions that I've had

with local law enforcement. They rely on these essential survivor and victim services to assist in providing care and compassion to those affected.

Most service providers historically obtained their funding through the federal Victims of Crime Act Fund (VOCA). This fund receives the fees and fines from victims' federal court cases. However, the U.S. Department of Justice recently announced that Wisconsin could expect a nearly 40% drop in funding in 2024. This is unacceptable to the victims of terrible crimes who need help in our state.

Wisconsin's Office of Crime Victim Services said the drop in funding this year would only allow for 52 of the current 135 VOCA programs statewide to receive necessary support. Decreasing access to victim services will lead our state backwards and harm those dealing with the trauma of domestic or sexual abuse.

This is why it is so important that we increase funding for the Wisconsin Department of Justice to

award grants to organizations that provide services to victims of sexual assault. It will also increase grants awarded from the Department of Children and Families to organizations that provide domestic violence services and increase funding contracts to CACs. The bill provides funding for a new CAC in Ozaukee County to increase access to support for survivors of child abuse.

Conversations about domestic and sexual violence are difficult, but we must take meaningful steps to protect Wisconsin's victims and survivors, while preventing future violence. With comprehensive legislation, we can create a safer Wisconsin, where violators and assailants are held accountable, services are available for victims to become survivors and where every survivor is heard and believed.

Wisconsin's victims and survivors deserve better.

Melissa Agard is a state senator representing Madison and former Senate Democratic leader.



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# ‘An Early Grave’ rolls three mysteries into one

When I selected Rober McCracken’s “An Early Grave,” I wasn’t expecting three intriguing mysteries rolled into one, but that’s what I got.

DI Tara Grogan looks more like a teenager than an experienced police officer but her inner strength more than makes up for her size. Ten years ago, the corpse of a newborn baby was found in a shallow grave beneath an oak tree. The child was dubbed “Baby Isis,” the case was never solved and a small plaque now marks the place he was found.

A few years later Callum Armour and his friend Jian are rushing to finish their work on detecting deliberate food contamination before Callum must leave to pack for a week away with his wife Tilly and daughter Emily. He has no way of knowing that his wife and child have been pushed into the path of an oncoming train. As he waits at the train station, he discovers a card offering sympathy for the death of his wife, The police rule the death accidental, but Callum knows it was murder.

Years later, Callum lives in squalor refusing to wash or clean up the house that once belonged to his parents. Area ‘toughs’ throw all manner of refuse at his house, break windows and spray it with graffiti. Callum is so deep in his misery that he doesn’t bother to react.

As the story opens DI Grogan and her team are on Treadwater Estates, investigating the death of a young woman in a house only doors away from



where Callum lives. As Tara questions him, she is certain that he knows more than he is willing to share and eventually sees that he’ll share information about the dead girl only if Tara agrees to help him investigate the death of his wife and daughter as well as the deaths of two college classmates.

Tara doesn’t believe Callum’s claim that James Kingsly murdered his family and the others, but she goes along with his theory in order to get information on the girl’s death. It is a torturous ordeal. Little by little Tara learns that the girl was Audra. She was Lithuanian and worked at a local hotel. Apparently, she is earning extra cash by participating in making pornographic films.

As she struggles to find leads to the murder Tara finds herself more and more entangled in Callum’s theories. Eventually, they work together and a picture begins to emerge. Callum, Tilly, Georgina, Peter, Jian, Charlotte, Anthony and James were all students and friends at Oxford.

During a ski trip to Austria James simply walked out of the pub and disappeared. Callum is convinced that something happened that night to trigger James to reappear and begin killing people in that friend circle. Tara’s first priority is finding Au-



dra’s killer. Using intuition and careful observation she flushes out the culprit. That capture also solves Callum’s vandalism problem. Sadly, the death toll now includes Tilly, Peter, Jian and Charlotte.

A reunion offers her the chance to confront those she considers possible suspects. A question-and-answer time with the uber-successful Georgina soon reveals more than expected. In short, while still in college Georgina gave birth, then killed and buried the child. James was certain it was his baby and used the knowledge to blackmail Georgina. He didn’t realize how far she would go to protect her empire.

Georgina had no qualms about pushing Tilly’s car onto the tracks, or killing Peter, Jian and Charlotte. When the confrontation happens, they learn that the baby had been Callum’s. In his attempt to disarm Georgina, both she and Callum drown. Tara is pleased to be pregnant with Callum’s baby and ready to take on whatever comes, setting up book two in the series.

## PUBLIC RECORD

### SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

**Jan. 28** Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including an alarm at Bowler School, 500 S. Almon St., Bowler; four 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one crash.

**Jan. 27** Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including a failure to report to jail at the Huber Work Release Center, 1240 Engel Drive, Shawano; assisting with a fire at Kersten Lumber, 295 U.S. Highway 45, Birnamwood; trespassing on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; animal bite on Glacier Trail in the Town of Pella; alarm at Dollar General, 309 N. Genesee St., Wittenberg; alarm at Dollar General, 243 S. Cecil St., Bonduel; three 911 calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

**Jan. 26** Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including operating without a license on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; property theft on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; gas drive off on South Cecil Street in Bonduel; warrant on state Highway 156 in the Town of Lessor; controlled burn on U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood; two 911 calls; eight reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; two crashes.

**Jan. 25** Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; controlled burning on Roosevelt Road in the Town of Herman; criminal damage on North Meyer Street in Cecil; drugs on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; operating while intoxicated on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; one 911 call; two reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; three crashes, one involving deer.

**Jan. 24** Deputies responded to 25 incidents, including operating without a license on state Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland; operating without a license on County Road M; fleeing and pursuit on County Road R in the Town of Washington; operating without a license on South Main Street in Shawano; four 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two crashes.

**Jan. 23** Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including a scam on Porter Road in the Town of Waukechon; bad check at Star Campground in the Town of Almon; threatening on Ebert Street in Gresham; two 911 calls; one traffic hazard; one reckless driving incident; three crashes.

**Jan. 22** Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including fleeing and pursuit on Basswood Road in the Town of Richmond; operating while intoxicated on South Elm Street in Bonduel; harassment at the Huber Work Release Center, 1240 Engel Drive, Shawano; warrant at the Menominee Tribal Jail, 3293 Wolf River Road, Keshena; found property on County Road Q in the Town of Almon; one reckless driving incident.

### SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Jan. 28** Officers responded to 14 incidents, including reckless driving on North Main Street; harassment on East Fifth Street; weapon offense on South Lafayette Street.

**Jan. 27** Officers responded to 19 incidents, including drug offenses at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; trespassing at Charlie’s County Market, 521 S. Main St.; harassment at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; property theft at Aldi, 1253 E. Green Bay St.; threatening at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.

**Jan. 26** Officers responded to 21 incidents, including drug offenses on South Union Street; noise on South Water Street; sex offender public notice at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; vehicle crash on County Road B; property theft on South Bartlett Street; traffic hazard on Waukechon Street.

**Jan. 25** Officers responded to 19 incidents, including drug offenses on North Main Street; drug offenses at People’s Express South, 716 S. Main St.; vehicle crash with property damage at the Crawford Center, 251 Waukechon St.; found property at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; weapon offense at Charlie’s County Market, 521 S. Main St.; juvenile problem at Olga Brenner Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.

**Jan. 24** Officers responded to 12 incidents, including bail jumping on South Washington Street; assisting with a fire on Olson Street; vehicle crash with property damage at Pizza Hut, 1209 E. Green Bay St.

**Jan. 23** Officers responded to 19 incidents, including traffic hazard on South Airport Drive; hit-and-run at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; harassment at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; drug offenses on East Green Bay St.; intoxicated person at American Marine, 830 E. Green Bay St.; drug offenses on East Richmond Street.

**Jan. 22** Officers responded to 15 incidents, including drug offenses on West Picnic Street; intoxicated person at the VFW Clubhouse, 202 W. Lieg Ave.; shoplifting at Charlie’s County Market, 521 S. Main St.; drug offenses on South Franklin Street; threatening at Charlie’s County Market, 521 S. Main St.

## COURT NEWS

• William J. Turner, 29, New London, pleaded no contest Jan. 26 to battery or threat to a law officer. Judge William Kussel Jr. withheld sentencing and placed him on probation for two years with conditions.

• Phillip J. Albers, 28, Neenah, pleaded no contest Jan. 24 to misdemeanor charges of battery, disorderly conduct and two counts of bail jumping. Two felony bail jumping counts were dismissed in a plea agreement. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions including 30 days in county jail.

• Garth L. Banuelos, 36, Wittenberg, pleaded no contest Nov. 6 to second-degree recklessly endangering safety, 16 counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, three misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and two counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing Jan. 25 and placed him on four years of

probation with conditions including about 330 days in county jail. He was given credit for 100 days already served.

• Clayton E. Thunder, 47, pleaded no contest Jan. 24 to two counts of possession of methamphetamine, victim intimidation, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), two counts of felony bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of battery. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed him on five years probation with conditions including 120 days in county jail and 120 hours of community service. He was given credit for 667 days already served.

• Robin D. Lutz, 60, Antigo, pleaded no contest Jan. 24 to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (seventh offense), felony bail jumping, and a misdemeanor charge of operating while revoked. Sloma sentenced him to five years in prison, followed by five years of extended supervision. He was given credit for 631 days

already served.

• Darius D. Peters, 31, Keshena, pleaded no contest Jan. 23 to possession of narcotic drugs and felony bail jumping. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on two years of probation with conditions.

• Gary T. Baxter, 34, Shawano, pleaded no contest Nov. 20 to possession with intent to deliver heroin and maintaining a drug trafficking place. Sloma sentenced him Jan. 25 to five years in prison followed by four years of extended supervision, consecutive to sentences he is already currently serving. He was given credit for 598 days already served.

• Mitchell A. Waukau, 20, Shawano, pleaded no contest Jan. 22 to two counts of possession of narcotic drugs, taking and driving a vehicle without the owner’s consent, felony bail jumping, misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him

on four years of probation with conditions including at least 120 days in jail and 120 hours of community service. He was given credit for 256 days already served.

• Nathan M. Teller, 32, Keshena, pleaded no contest Jan. 24 to misdemeanor charges of bail jumping and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. A felony charge was dismissed in a plea agreement. Kussel levied fines and forfeitures and sentenced him to 60 days already served in county jail.

• Michelle L. Lanser, was charged Jan. 22 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia to make methamphetamine, and two counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Feb. 5.

• Melaya A. Sexton, 33, Shawano was charged Jan. 22 with possession with intent to deliver non-narcotics and misdemeanor charges of possession of cocaine, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and a \$1,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for March 5.

• Joseph A. Andrus, 27, Oconto Falls, was charged Jan. 22 with three counts of felony bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (second offense) and operating while his license was revoked. Kussel set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 26.

• Hannah E. Hoffman, 17, Shawano, was charged Jan. 23 with three counts of battery or threat to a law officer, three counts of felony bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct, and misdemeanor charges of battery and resisting or obstructing an officer. In a separate complaint, she was charged with additional felony counts of battery or threat to a law officer and bail jumping. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and sched-

uled a preliminary hearing for Feb. 9.

• Caitlynn J. Testolin, 31, Oconto Falls, was charged Jan. 24 with three counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$1,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 28.

• Chevaughn L. Schanadore, 22, Neopit, was charged Jan. 24 with possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for March 26.

• Marnie M. Frechette, 48, Keshena, was charged in separate complaints Jan. 26 with two counts of possession of methamphetamine, four counts of felony bail jumping, five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and a \$3,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 19.





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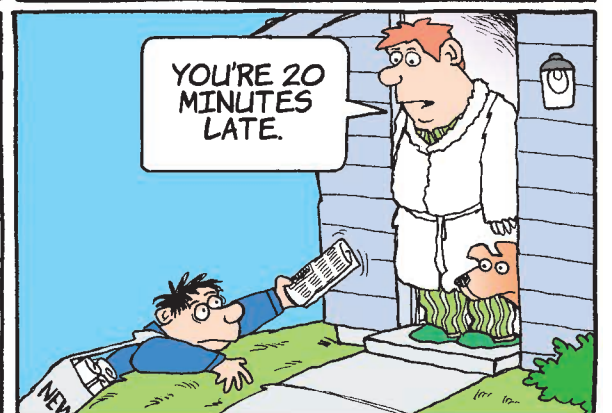
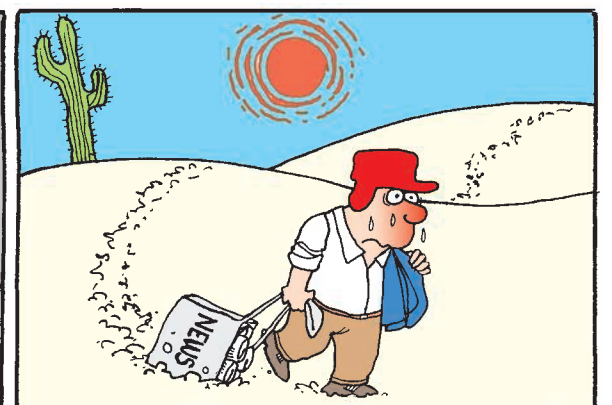
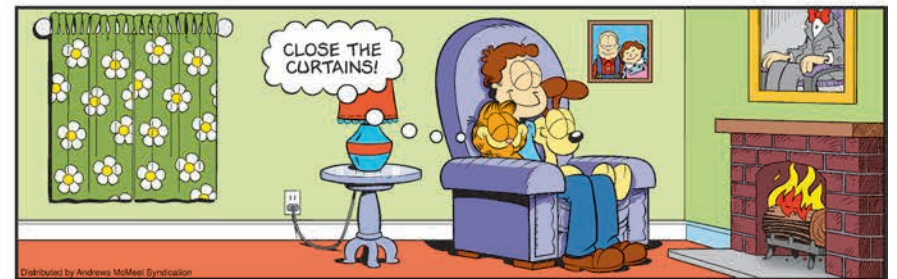
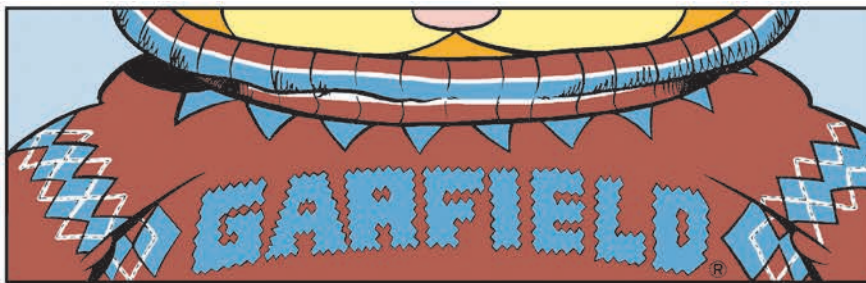
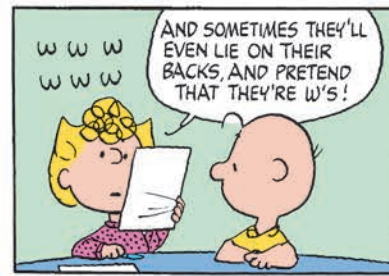
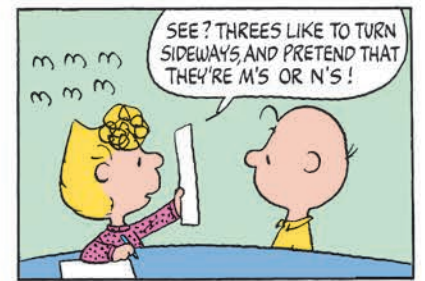
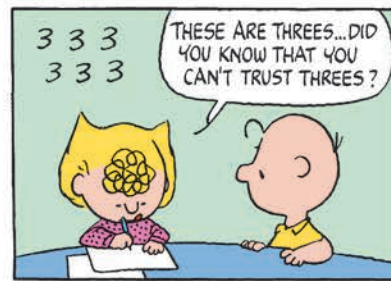
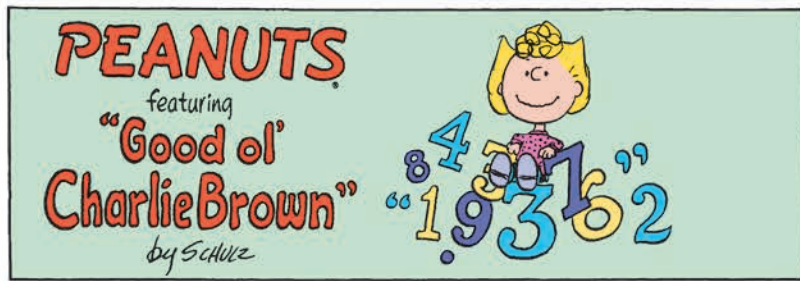
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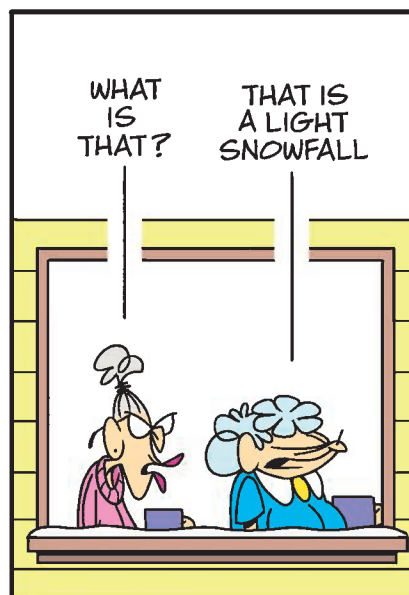
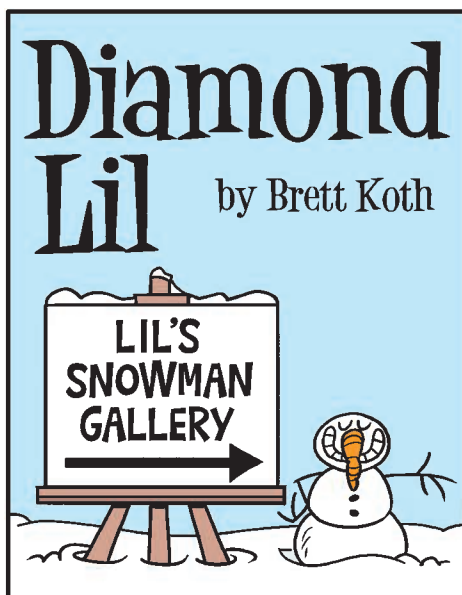
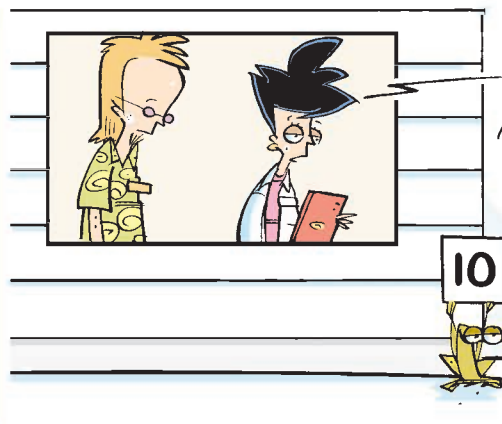
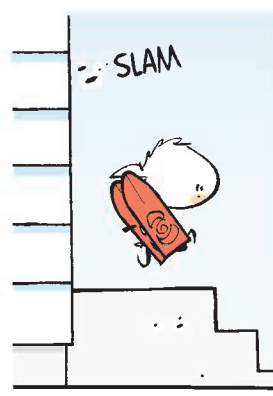
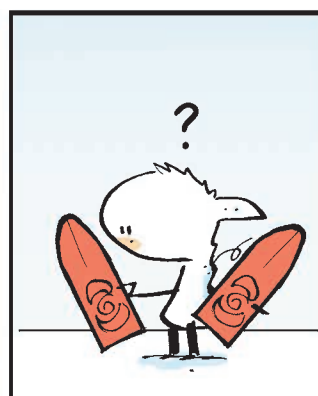
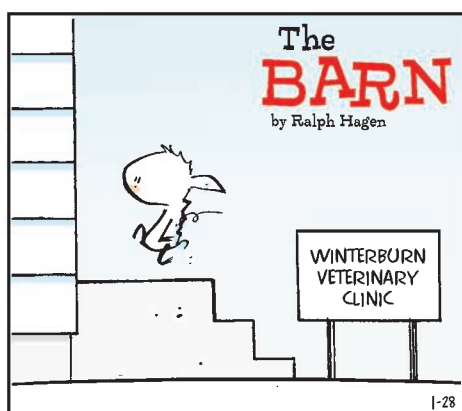
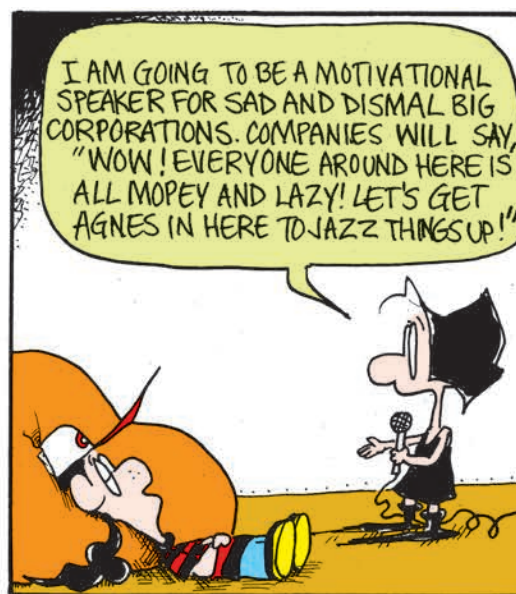
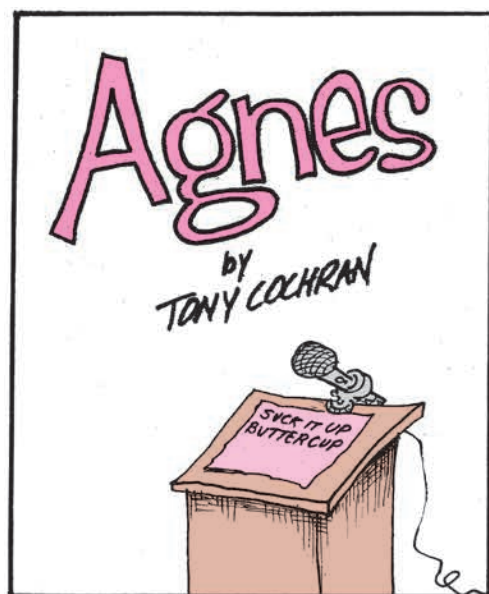
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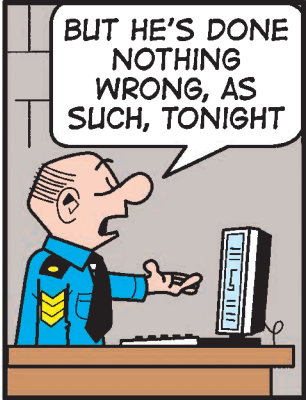
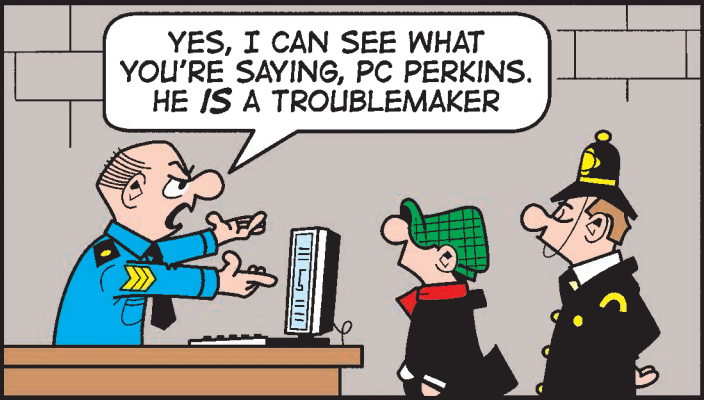






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