



Judge William Kussel Jr. speaks to the attorneys involved in the Royce LaRock attempted homicide case on Feb. 8 in his courtroom. Kussel and his fellow judge, Katherine Sloma, have the largest caseloads among all the circuit court judges in Wisconsin.

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Justice could come faster in Shawano County

Two judges have largest caseloads among all Wisconsin Circuit Court justices

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

The wheels of justice turn slow, but Shawano County officials are hoping to see an increase in that speed with a few proactive steps.

Ethan Schmidt, Shawano County clerk of courts, told members of the Shawano County Public Safety Committee on Feb. 7 that having a third prosecutor in the district attorney's office is helping to make a dent in the caseload. Eventually, having a fourth prosecutor will contribute even more.

"January was a busy month as far as cases being filed," he said. "Not only did we have three jury trials, all three of them were two-day trials, so when we get that voucher report, probably in March or April, don't be shocked at the high jury

fees and expenses that we paid out."

In December, the county paid nearly \$21,400 for juror expenses, juror fees, witness fees, expert witness fees, witness expenses, psychological services, and testing and evaluations.

In January, the trials held were two for sexual assault crimes and one operating while intoxicated.

"We were able to get a lot of cases resolved, either jury trial or plea and sentencing," Schmidt said.

February looks just as busy.

"We have roughly 20 jury trials scheduled, and going out into the future, we have 181 cases currently set on the jury trial calendar," he said. "Not all of them hold, but with the DA's office being a little bit more fully staffed, I would expect that the adjournment requests will go down, and that we'll either have jury trials or

plea and sentencing."

Schmidt said that in the past few months, about 60% of jury trials were being settled with the other 40% getting adjourned, mostly at the request of the defendants.

But, he predicted the number of adjourned trials will decrease.

"The judges are really starting to buckle down," Schmidt said. "If the case has been set for trial — it's usually at a minimum three to six months when they request the jury trial that the jury trial happens — they're wanting to keep that going. They don't want to push it out.

"A couple times, too, they'll get the day before, it's settled out, put it on a plea and sentencing date 30 days out. Then, you get to that plea and sentencing, and it's

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Speed limit for ATVs, UTVs increased

County board asked to open northern segment of Wiouwash State Trail

By **KEVIN PASSON**
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Drivers of ATVs and UTVs now have the option of going faster on county highways, thanks to change in the law approved by the Shawano County Board of Supervisors in January.

The machines can now be driven at the posted highway speed instead of a maximum of 35 miles per hour, as was the case previously.

Supervisor Kevin Conradt said speed limits in the original ATV/UTV ordinance were in accordance with state law at the time, but now the state law has changed to posted limits.

Supervisor Jim Przybylski expressed concern over the lack of safety features on ATVs/UTVs compared to cars and trucks.

"Automotives have safety equipment — airbags, anti-lock brakes, anti-skid control, mirrors and signal lights — as standard equipment," he said. "ATVs and UTVs don't."

He also said adjoining counties have a speed limit of 35 mph indicated on their websites.

He noted that the state has recorded 11 deaths from 92 ATV crashes on public roads.

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The Shawano County ATV/UTV Riders are asking the Shawano County Board of Supervisors to open a northern segment of the Wiouwash State Trail for use by ATV and UTV operators. The part of the trail in question stretches from Wittenberg south to County Road SS in Split Rock. Businesses in Birnamwood, Wittenberg, Split Rock and Tigerton would benefit from the expansion, supervisors were told.

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Highway Commissioner Grant Bystol said drivers of UTVs, particularly those machines with unlocked rear differential, have requested to go faster, up to the 45 or 55 mph speed limit. He said safety issues arise when the UTVs are equipped to go faster but hold up traffic when they are required to driver slower than the rest of the vehicles on the roads.

Supervisor Mike Stupecky said that, as an avid UTV user, he feels safer traveling at the posted speed limit with the other vehicles on the road.

“As someone that rides a UTV quite a bit, I feel much safer in my UTV for not only myself but for vehicles around me if I’m going the posted speed limit,” Stupecky said. “If I’m going 35 in a 55, I am backing traffic up, and they’re going to want to pass me. It’s just common sense. I’d be totally for passing this. I think it’s safer for everyone on the roads.”

Other laws governing ATVs and UTVs on public roads are still in effect.

They must still be operated on the extreme right side of the roadway on the paved surface. All operators shall ride in single file.

Operators are required to have headlamps (white light) and tail-lamps (red light) turned on at all times. However, no off-road auxiliary lighting on ATVs or UTVs shall be used on county segments approved for ATV/UTV use.

No person younger than 12 can legally operate an ATV or UTV under any circumstances. All operators who were born after Jan. 1, 1988, and are over the age of 12 are required to complete an approved ATV/UTV Safety Course, and carry the safety certificate with them while riding on public lands.

All operators and passengers younger than 18 shall wear a helmet approved by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

New trail segment

In another ATV-related issue, Don Aanonsen, of Eland, representing the Shawano County ATV/UTV Riders, asked the board about opening a northern segment of the Wiouwash State Trail.

The club is following the four-step process outlined by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, with the final step being to work with the County Highway & Parks Committee and request to add ATV/UTV users to the county’s master plan.

“The final step was to talk with the county parks

and recreation committee and request a resolution to be drafted to allow ATV/UTV users to the master plan,” Aanonsen said.

When the original master plan was created more than 30 years ago, ATVs were not commonly used and UTVs had yet to built, he said.

“This request would certainly add more tourism to the western part of Shawano County,” Aanonsen said, pointing to economic benefits to businesses in communities like Tomahawk, Elcho and Crandon.

Businesses in Birnamwood, Wittenberg, Split Rock and Tigerton would benefit from the expansion. The part of the trail in question stretches from Wittenberg south to County Road SS in Split Rock. It includes a few stretches where riders must use the highway due to private land.

“The trail is very, very beautiful. It is not used very much,” he said. “It would be nice if we could use it.”

He said tentative plans have already been adopted for its use, and they include operating on the trail only in daylight hours, a 25 mph speed limit, and using it between May 1 and Oct. 31.

“This shouldn’t be one big brainstorm. It should be rather simple to do,” Supervisor Jerry Erdmann said. “This would definitely be a benefit to the western end of the county.”

Town Chairman Tom Kautza noted DNR approval was also needed. However, DNR officials are awaiting the outcome of some pending court cases that will set a precedent before taking action on applications like this.

The Wiouwash State Trail name is derived from the first two letters of the four counties it traverses: Winnebago, Outagamie, Waupaca and Shawano.

The trail is used by walkers, hikers, bikers, horseback riders and snowmobilers during the winter months. Two sections of the trail are complete: 24 miles from Aniwa south to Split Rock and 21 miles from Hortonville south to Oshkosh.

Parking is available in the communities of Birnamwood, Eland, Wittenberg and Tigerton. State Highway 45 runs through or parallel to these four communities in Shawano County. In Eland, the Wiouwash State Trail connects with the Mountain-Bay State Trail. The Mountain-Bay State Trail runs between Wausau and Green Bay.

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LaRock trial still to go on as scheduled

Settlement out of court not completely off the table, says defense attorney

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The trial for Royce LaRock, an attempted homicide suspect from Shawano, is still on for Feb. 26, although attorneys indicated during a Feb. 8 pre-trial hearing that a deal could be reached before then.

Defense attorney Carly Krueger said that she and District Attorney Greg Parker had traded witness lists and other items in advance of the trial but were in talks to settle the matter before the trial starts.

“I have had some conversations with the state this week about where we’re at in terms of negotiations, and I think, while that’s still on the table, we’re set for trial,” Krueger said.

Parker said the offer was extended to LaRock “some time ago,” and if it’s not agreed to by Feb. 15, the trial would be the only likely resolution of the case.

LaRock faces one count each of attempted first-degree intentional homicide with the use of a dangerous weapon, one count of aggravated battery with a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer.

According to the criminal complaint, Shawano police officers were dispatched April 25, 2023, to Acorn Street for a reported stabbing. When officers



Royce LaRock listens to his attorney following a pre-trial conference Feb. 8 in Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse. LaRock is scheduled to stand trial for attempted first-degree homicide and other charges later in February.

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arrived, a victim was allegedly laying at a neighbor’s front step with a stab wound to the stomach area, with intestinal protrusion from a stab wound. The victim allegedly said LaRock was the person who had stabbed him.

Law enforcement located LaRock about 30 minutes later on Richmond Street, where he allegedly told officers that he did not recall fighting with the victim but admitted to drinking alcohol beforehand. The knife of the alleged crime was found in the front yard of the residence.

When searching the scene, law enforcement

allegedly saw blood in the kitchen, on the inside of a screen door, on the driveway and also saw a trail of blood leading to the neighbor’s residence.

When interviewing LaRock, he allegedly had cuts and scrapes on his body that were consistent with running through the woods and being scraped by branches and bushes. LaRock allegedly told law enforcement that nothing had happened and that he was dropping the victim off at the residence and left. LaRock allegedly told law enforcement that he had anger issues but stated that he did not have a fight with the victim.

If convicted, LaRock faces up to 60 years in prison for attempted first-degree intentional homicide, \$50,000 in fines and 15 years for aggravated battery, \$10,000 and nine months for resisting or obstructing an officer and \$1,000 and 90 days for disorderly conduct.

LaRock is currently being held in the Shawano County Jail on a \$500,000 bond.

The trial is expected to take five days. A final pre-trial hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse.

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not resolved, and it’s back on the jury trial calendar.

“The only way that they’re taking the jury trial off the calendar is if you plead out the morning of your jury trial.”

Schmidt also said that when an office manager is hired for the DA’s office, the process may speed up even more.

Circuit courts have original jurisdiction in all civil and criminal matters within the state, including probate, juvenile and traffic matters, as well as civil and criminal jury trials.

The circuit courts are divided into branches with at least one branch in every county, with the exception of six counties that are paired off and

share judges. The paired counties are Buffalo and Pepin, Florence and Forest, and Shawano and Menominee. The first two pairs are each staffed by a single judge who travels between the courthouses; Menominee County is a federal reservation and both judges for this circuit are located in Shawano.

Judge Katherine Sloma and Judge William Kussel Jr. preside over the local courts — and the high caseloads that go with them. Schmidt said Shawano County should have more judges.

“We’re on the high end of a three-judge county and even caseload-wise, the low end of a four-judge county,” he said. “Back in

August, the state ... keeps track of caseloads, and both the judges in Shawano County were number three and number four in the state as far as caseloads. Starting Aug. 1, the number one and number two judges that had the highest caseload, their counties got an extra judge, so that means our judges are now number one and number two for highest caseloads in the state.”

One final step that can help speed up the judicial process is the use of an expanded digital audio recording (DAR) system. The DAR came into use in 2019 due to a shortage of court stenographers.

The system is only set up in the courtrooms; how-

ever, Schmidt said wiring for an expanded DAR system was expected to be installed in the County Board Room as well.

When a judge from another county presides over court in Shawano County, the local judge is bumped out of his or her courtroom.

“When we bump our judges out of their courtroom, they’re not able to hold court unless we find a stenographer for them,” Schmidt said.

Having the expanded DAR system will mean the local judge can continue to hold court and keep cases moving through the judicial system.

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DPI superintendent visits Bonduel High School

Underly gets chance to observe career programs

By **LEE PULASKI**
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Bonduel High School's assortment of career learning opportunities and programs were on full display Feb. 7 when Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Superintendent Jill Underly came to town.

Underly started off by seeing sixth and seventh grade students and high school AP students showing their circuit boards and what it's showing them about the computer sciences. She also talked with some students about their work in website branding, social media and promotional media.

The school also showed Underly its fairly new esports program, and then she saw the school's new gymnasium, which served as a backdrop for the superintendent as she recorded a message for the community about February being a month to observe career and technical education programs in schools.

"One of the best parts of my job is meeting the incredible students and educators doing innovative work across our state," Underly said in her recorded message. "Innovative and important work like CTE (career and technical education) opportunities you have here at Bonduel High School are so amazing. Students can explore their passions, develop their skills and literally see their futures begin to take shape."

The next stop for Underly was the school's well-established agriculture



Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction Jill Underly chats with Bonduel High School juniors Taylor Rank, center, and Isabella Roberts about their work with marketing design and website creation during her Feb. 7 visit to the school.

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program. She talked with students about their hive mentality when it comes to beekeeping and producing honey. Underly also got to see the greenhouse, which had a limited number of plants on display for the winter but had plenty of fish to see in the aquaponics display, as well as the program's vertical garden, which boasted plenty of lettuce for the state's education leader to see.

"I was telling the ag teacher that we hear a lot of good things about different school districts, and Bonduel is at the top," Underly said after she finished the tour. "It's really exciting to come and see first-hand all the exciting and different things, especially the opportunities the kids have in so many different pathways."

BHS also showed off its longstanding technical education programs. Underly got to see students talk about plumbing and welding, as well as see a demonstration of the CNC machine programs. Next door, Underly got to watch

students as they were putting together cabinets, furniture and other woodworking projects.

Wrapping up the 90-minute tour was a trip to the school library, where Underly sat down with high school students who work to help younger students at the middle and elementary levels in a variety of things, as well as learn about the school's youth apprenticeship program conducted by Bonduel and a consortium of other schools in the area.

Eric Ward, BHS principal, welcomed the opportunity for Underly to see that his school, even though it's smaller than many in northeast Wisconsin, offers a huge variety of career-oriented programs so that students can hit the ground running when they graduate high school.

"I think it's really exciting," Ward said. "I think we have a lot to show and a lot to showcase here in Bonduel. There's an awful lot to see, and I'm really proud of our teachers and our students and the work

that they do, so for the state superintendent to come in and see the hard work that we've done as a community."

For a school district with just under 700 students, there are plenty of different opportunities for exploring the career options available to ambitious workers with drive, but Ward believes there's always room for expansion.

"We're always looking to expand," Ward said. "With computer science and tech ed, we're always looking at that next thing. We want to grow our opportunities for our kids so they have every opportunity those big schools have. We compete really well that way."

To have career-oriented programs is "essential," in Ward's view, considering the demand currently for educated workers in what's considered the blue-collar industry.

"Whether you're getting a certification here, or whether you are going into the workforce, you'll have the skills when you leave



Tucker Bosman, a junior at Bonduel High School, shows off some of the woodworking projects he's putting together to Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction Jill Underly during her Feb. 7 visit to the school.

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Bonduel High School in order to take that next step in your career," Ward said. "These kids are going to see and experience many things when they are in high school that will prepare them for that next step."

Underly was impressed with how much BHS was accomplishing.

"We certainly want the kids to have these opportunities," Underly said. "We were glad to see the community support and administrative support behind the teachers and the kids."

Having that support makes all the difference, in Underly's view, when it comes to exposing students to the amazing careers they can be in right away or even a few years down the line.

"They're killing it here

at Bonduel," Underly said. "With small schools, they can definitely struggle because they're sharing kids, but the way that Bonduel has infused career and tech ed into everything — we were in a woodshop, but that could have been art, as well, and kids are using geometry and other skills like problem solving. That's the beauty of small schools. You have that freedom to be flexible and be interdisciplinary, too."

Underly was impressed with how BHS students engaged with her and were very kind and helpful when she inquired about their work.

"Coming here and seeing that was amazing and good to see," Underly said.

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Three to face off in Shawano County District 22 primary

Redistricting led to an area without incumbent

By **KEVIN PASSON**
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A vast majority of seats on a county board often only see one candidate — the incumbent — running for another term. Races are hard to come by for supervisory positions.

For residents of District 22 on the Shawano County Board, they not only have a race on their hands — they have a primary to boot.

Redrawing of the boundary lines of districts led to the formation of District 22 without any incumbent for the 2024 election cycle.

R. Raymond Rigsby, Anne L. Smith and Jerry Ahlers threw their hats in

the ring, and a primary will be held Feb. 20 to narrow the three candidates to two. The two winners will square off April 2 in the general election.

How rare is it to have a primary or even a contested race? Of the 26 other spots on the county board, only six have contested races this year.

District 22 includes the Town of Morris, Ward 2; Town of Seneca, Ward 1; Town of Grant, Ward 1; and city of Marion, Ward 4.

So, who are the candidates for District 22?

Ahlers is retired after decades of being self-employed, first as a farmer and then as the owner of Ahlers Seamless Gutter (which his son now operates).

He also spent about 20 years on the Tigerton and Marion school boards, having finally stepping aside a

few years ago.

"I care about taxpayer dollars," he said. "I don't really have any complaints on how the county is being run. I don't have any personal agenda. I'm just for the people."

He said communication can help solve a lot of issues. A lot of people get angry over certain issues, but if officials are up front and talk about the issues, much of that anger disappears.

"I don't want anyone to be afraid to talk to me. I want them to call me and talk to me. I don't care what it's about," he said. "I can always direct them to the right person if I don't know the answers."

Rigsby is originally from Alabama and served 24 years in the U.S. Army.

After moving to Shawano County, he did some substitute teaching, then

served a few years in permanent teaching jobs. The last two years, he's been a full-time teacher of fourth- and fifth-grade special education students in Gresham.

Remarried now, he has three children from his first marriage, and they are all teenagers.

He's spent nearly a decade as the town clerk in the Town of Seneca.

"I enjoy the board, working together to help the community," he said. "I enjoy learning about local government in Wisconsin and how it works."

Rigsby is a big believer in giving back to the community. He's also a member of the Gresham Lions Club and commander of Gresham's American Legion Post 390.

He's also a big believer in governments working together to solve problems,

whether that's teaming up for grant applications or joining forces to improve the quality of life for residents.

"I'm 57 years old, but I don't want to slow down," Rigsby said. "I've had a lot of fun with the people I've met."

He knows both of his opponents, and he said if he is not voted in as supervisor, he would look forward to working with the person who is chosen.

Smith, a Town of Morris resident, is a retired teacher, having spent 24 years in the Bowler School District. She then worked as a substitute teacher in the Wittenberg-Birnhamwood School District and served eight years on the Bowler School Board.

"My two main reasons ... fiscal responsibility and learning about our communities," she said about

running for the board. "I can stay involved with my communities, learn more about government, and there's a need out there."

Smith is married to Tom Smith, who grew up in Caroline. They have three daughters, three sons-in-law and 11 grandchildren.

She has two major themes as her focus.

"To be fiscally responsible for any vote I cast while knowing the reasons for and expenditures the board is responsible for. As taxpayers, we also care where our tax dollars are going," Smith said. "To be knowledgeable and informed about our communities and the needs of the people in them. There are many things that can be overlooked at times, and hopefully, I can address some of those needs."

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Koepke begins duties as Shawano County agronomist

Focus will include expanding cover crop, no-till practices

By KEVIN PASSON
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Bill Koepke may be new to his job with Shawano County, but he certainly isn't new to the area. The new agronomist, who started his duties Jan. 15, grew up just north of Marion, where his parents farmed. "For the last two weeks, just trying to get the lay of the land," he told the Shawano County

Land Conservation Committee on Feb. 1. "Going through a lot of new employee training, stuff like that." An agronomist provides agronomic knowledge and leadership to growers while performing job duties such as field scouting, soil management and market analysis. Koepke attended University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and earned a land management degree. He spent the past seven years as a welder at Marion Body Works. "This job came up, and I thought it would be a good fit," he said.

"My main job here will be working with — we have a cost sharing grant through Edge Dairy (Farmer) Cooperative and Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance to try and implement cover crop and no-till rotation on 2,000 acres in Shawano County over the next three to five years." Planting cover crops and utilizing no-till practices help sequester carbon, reduce erosion and improve soil health and water quality. In August 2023, Fox-Wolf announced the launch of two Climate Smart Agriculture proj-

ects designed to foster sustainable agriculture farming practices. These projects total more than \$12.8 million in funding by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). "It's a big job, so we're going to just try and inform people," Koepke said. "We have some cost share money to help out with equipment costs and seed costs and things like that to try and get more acres in cover crop to prevent erosion." Koepke said he is also taking time to re-familiarize himself with other programs in which the

county is involved. "It's been awhile since I've been in the game," he said. "Going over some of the nutrient management plans we have access to from the last two years to try and identify some of the producers that I think will be a good fit for this program who are either already doing the practices and not getting paid, not getting cost share money for it, of they're only doing one of the two, or their farms are located in an area we think would be a good fit to try and implement these things."



Shawano County agronomist Bill Koepke talks with members of the Shawano County Land Conservation Committee on Feb. 1. Koepke, who grew up north of Marion, began his new county job in January. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

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Setup of county jail buildings discussed

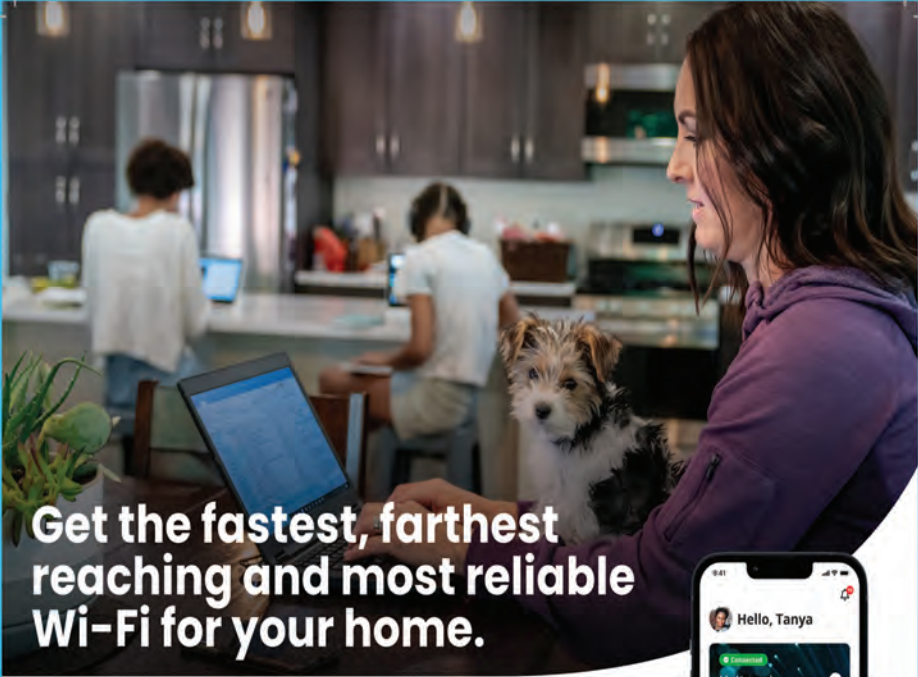
New technology, design features could mean better use of staff

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Future concerns and needs of Shawano County government buildings are being studied by an outside consultant, and among those discussions is the status of the Shawano County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff George Lenzner said he recently met with members of The Samuels Group to discuss the sheriff's department, jail and the Huber Work Release Center. "Because of where we are and where the Huber facility is, he did mention that you're wasting all the employees," he told members of the Shawano County Public Safety Committee on Feb. 7. "A better design, you wouldn't even need that many people working at the same time." Administrative offices and the jail are located at 405 N. Main St., while the Huber facility is three miles away at 1240 Engel Drive. Lenzner said jails today are designed very different from in years past. Today's plans integrate more tech-

nology and are designed to use fewer staff members at any given time. The work release center opened in 1998. Lenzner said the original Huber facility was in the upper level at the sheriff's department and jail. He said discussion flowed around whether all sheriff's department operations should be at one location to help reduce expenses, including necessary manpower. That would entail either moving the administrative offices and jail to the Huber facility site or moving Huber services back to the Main Street location. Shawano County's work release center is a medium security county jail. It houses adult male inmates who are sentenced for more than a year and for crimes that are serious in nature. In 2023, the Shawano County Board of Supervisors was presented with an in-depth study of the condition of the courthouse, heating plant, sheriff's department and jail. The current study will concen-

trate more on the special concerns and needs as opposed to the other study that focused on the state of the existing buildings. The 2023 study resulted in a conceptual proposal to build a new justice center as part of the jail to eliminate several safety issues, including walking inmates across the street from the jail to the courthouse. Responding to a committee member's question, Lenzner said the sheriff's department does not house juveniles. "That's a whole different ballgame when you get involved in juveniles," he said. "When they built the new jail, they talked about juveniles. Juveniles have to be separate. If you're taking care of juveniles, you can't take care of adults. It kind of almost has to be in a completely separate building." Many sheriff's departments have closed their juvenile facilities in recent years. "It's actually very hard for us to find a place to put a juvenile any more," he said.



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Carol A. Cieslak

Carol Anne Cieslak passed away Jan. 10, 2024. She was born in Granton to Molly and Louis Hahm on Dec. 15, 1943.

As the sixth of seven children, Carol had an austere childhood with her family moving several times. She put herself through school, starting in one-room schoolhouses before graduating from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1966, with a degree in medical technology. At UW-Milwaukee, Carol met the love of her life, Tom, whom she married in 1969.

Together, they raised two daughters in suburban Milwaukee and lived and worked there until 2001. At that time, they moved north to live full-time in the family cabin near Keshena. Tragically, Tom died just months after their move. Carol continued to work as a medical technologist in Shawano until her retirement 10 years ago. She passed quietly in her sleep after months of fighting with numerous infections and ailments.

Carol was a strong woman of faith who loved to cook, entertain and garden. Her yard features many beautiful trees that were planted for each family



member. Carol also loved to travel and was blessed to visit Alaska, Taiwan, China, Tibet, Peru, a number of Caribbean nations and many trips around the U.S.

She doted on her grandchildren and delighted in sharing about their latest accomplishments, foibles and cute stories. Being a long-time, avid Packers fan, few things delighted her more than watching her favorite team win.

Some of Carol's most cherished childhood memories involved visiting her aunt's rustic cabin in Wild Rose. As an adult, she and Tom worked very hard to give their own children and grandchildren the same idyllic memories that she had as a child. They spent every other weekend build-

ing their cabin, clearing their property and creating a retreat to enjoy a life of swimming, fishing and entertaining friends and family.

She is survived by two loving daughters, Jodi (Dan) Wabiszewski, of Madison, and Krista (Daniel) Weiss, of Omro; grandchildren, Silvie, Josie, Maddy, Portia and Cormac Weiss, and Emma Wabiszewski; siblings, Bill Hahm, of Gardena, California, and Marilyn (Jack) Pitsch, of Downers Grove, Illinois; and her brother-in-law, Bob Roewert, of Harbor City, California.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Tom; brothers, Charles and Palmer; sisters, Beverly Matkovich and Ethel Roewert; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Everyone who knew Carol will miss her generous and gentle spirit and warm smile.

A celebration of Carol's life and God's faithfulness is planned in the near future.

Memorial donations can be made to Heifer International at www.heifer.org/give, or the Sustainable Development Institute of the College of Menominee Nation at www.menominee.edu/giving/donations.

Judith A. Bartels



Judith A. "Judi" Bartels, 75, formerly of Shawano, passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, Jan. 28, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

Judi was born Jan 17, 1949, in Shawano, a daughter of the late Arleigh and Elnora (Carlson) Roloff. She attended St. James Grade School followed by Shawano High School where she graduated with the class of 1967. After high school, Judi attended beauty school in Green Bay, then became a hairdresser at Spurgeon's Department Store in Shawano.

On Jan. 16, 1971, Judi was united in marriage to Thomas J. Bartels at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano.

She continued working at Spurgeon's until her first daughter, Lisa, was born. Judi then stayed home to care for her family.

Judi was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano where she was active with the Emmaus Group and was the secretary at Sacred Heart Catholic School. She then worked for the Shawano School District as a computer aide at both the middle school and the high school.

Judi's family was incredibly important to her, and she strived to create family

traditions for her family to continue. Judi attended her grandchildren's activities as much as possible. She enjoyed reading, puzzles, cooking, baking and canning.

Her husband preceded her in death on Aug. 4, 2015.

Survivors include her loving daughters, Lisa (fiancé Joe Hurst) Andreas, of De Pere, and Danielle (Nat) Hoeper, of Oshkosh; her grandchildren, Carson and Ava Andreas, Cadence, Benjamin and Brooke Hoeper, and India and Kade Hurst; her brother, Jeff (Mary) Roloff, of Shawano; her brother-in-law, Larry Bartels, of Reedsburg; her sister-in-law, Lynn Bartels, of Reedsburg; her uncle, Jim Carlson, of Shawano; and several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Jim Bartels, and her sister-in-law, Joan Bartels.

A Memorial Mass for Judi will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano. The Rev. Edward Looney will be the celebrant. Inurnment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the church and continue until the time of Mass.

In lieu of flowers and plants, the family prefers memorials in Judi's name to the Shawano Community Schools Fine Arts or the Shawano County Humane Society.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com.

We would like to thank the staff at Bella Vista Assisted Living in Oshkosh, and Lexie, Angie and Niki from ThedaCare Hospice for the loving and compassionate care they provided to mom and our family throughout her illness.



Marian M. Pauly



Marian Mae Pauly, 93, passed away peacefully after a short illness, on Jan. 30, 2024, at Evergreen Health Services in Shawano.

Marian was born in Clintonville on Oct. 30, 1930, to James and Charlotte (Carpenter) Conlon. She graduated from Clintonville High School.

She married Edward O. Pauly on July 2, 1949, in Milwaukee. They liked being owners of several taverns in the rural Town of Maine (in between Shiocton and Leeman), Black Creek and Bonduel. They had good times playing cards with their friends and loved many dogs over the years. They enjoyed traveling the U.S., visiting and vacationing with family and friends. After retiring they were members of St. Jakobi Lutheran Church in Shawano. They shared 55 wonderful years together before Edward's death on March 6, 2005.

Marian was fortunate to

find her beloved partner, Earl K. Schmolinke. They were active members of Peace United Church of Christ in Shawano. They were fond of taking guided group bus tours and also following the Mollie B Polka Band. They shared many happy years of traveling together before his passing on Nov. 7, 2020.

Marian is survived by her only daughter, Marcha (Mike) Hill of Fort Collins, Colorado; two grandsons, Jamison (Liza) Hill of New

York, New York, and Shane (Corie) Hill of Oviedo, Florida; and five great-grandchildren, Conlon, Elena and Emma Hill of Oviedo, Florida, and Nikola and Alexander Hill of New York, New York. She is also survived by one sister, Kathleen (Conlon) Sieber of Burlington, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Erwin Conlon and Duane Conlon; and two sisters, Darlene Cather and Kim (Yvonne) Rusenko.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, please send a memorial to a charity of your choice, Peace UCC or Evergreen Health Services.

A sincere thank you to special friend Tammy Bredeck, Evergreen Health Services and Newcomer Funeral home. Condolences and special messages can be sent to Newcomer Funeral Home.

Renee Annette Drexler, born on Sept. 9, 1961, in Shawano to Clarence and Dolores Stuewer, died on Feb. 2, 2024, in Collinsville, Oklahoma.

She is survived by her husband, Jeff; and her children, Will Drexler, and his fiancée, Emily Franklin, and Claire Drexler and Kyle Luther.

Renee grew up in Bonduel and graduated high school there. She was an academic achiever, while excelling in various activities, playing the piano and modeling.

Renee and Jeff exchanged vows in February 1992 in Philomath, Oregon, and from that moment on, their journey together was marked by love, companionship and shared dreams.

Renee was a devoted mother, and her love for her children, Will and Claire, was evident in everything she did. She not only cared for her children but her extended family of Emily and



Kyle as well.

Her love of gardening was a testament to her nurturing spirit — whether it be tending her flowers or her vegetables, which she cleverly intermixed. Renee found solace and joy in being outdoors, basking in the warmth of the sun, and having at least one dog by her side. In addition to her green thumb, Renee was an accomplished quilter and crocheter.

Renee's faith played a central role in her life;

she was fulfilled by being a member of the church. Touching the recovery in the early 1990s, she and Jeff have fellowshiped with the local churches in Corvallis, Atlanta and Tulsa. Her spiritual journey with those in the body of Christ brought her comfort and peace.

Preceded by her parents, Renee is also survived by her siblings, Barb Brennan (Joe), Chris Pingel (Corvin), Robyn Moje (Rainer), along with nieces, nephews, cousins and a multitude of friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Renee Drexler's impact on the lives of those around her was immeasurable, leaving behind a legacy of love, resilience and creativity. We hold the memories of a remarkable woman who touched our hearts and spirits in profound ways.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center at www.gifts.mdanderson.org.

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Have to hand it to unspoken language on the farm

For years, I've been following my husband's direction. When I say that, I literally physically mean it. He uses hand signals. Quite often, we correspond without words. That doesn't mean we don't correspond with words. Oh, many times words are used, especially when hand signals don't necessarily cut the mustard.

Back in the day, I spent much of my time outdoors during harvest season in the tractor cab handling the chopping and baling duties. He'd be running full loads back up to our farm, unload and come back again. One day, he gave me spoken orders letting me know which field to chop. This was during the late summer when we were not only chopping moist hay for the silo but also had a field laying for dry-hay baling.

"Chop the field next to the house." Important side note: fields were on either side of the house.

Down the road I went, tractor pulling the chopper pulling the wagon. Making a wide turn into the field I thought I was supposed to chop, I set



Kay Reminger
Columnist

my chopper head down, shifted to low three and began following the row.

The thought crossed my mind, "Gee, this hay seems to be kinda dry to chop." Talking myself right out of that notion, I kept going. I wish I'd have listened to myself.

Presently, my husband came down with a tractor hauling an empty wagon to switch out with my full one. As I saw him come down, a corner of my eye caught a wild hand motion in a fashion which created a very pronounced "oh oh" moment deep in my gut.

I was on the wrong field. The wrong field. Merrily chopping the field not intended for moist silage hay but for dry baled hay. No wonder it seemed dry. His hand signal was quite loudly telling me without uttering a single word: "You're on the wrong field."

Years later, my tractor days have since been



Kay Reminger brings in some wood on a skidsteer as her cows observe from a nearby pen. Her skills were enough to prompt her husband to say, "You're a good little skidsteer driver."

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retired and I find myself sitting in our skidder, again dependent on hand signals. These days we are making wood, finding ourselves behind the eight ball, so to speak, with not a surplus of ready wood on hand, a travesty to this man of mine who on all accounts, is a provider. This is what he does. He provides. This year, he had a notion to enhance our early spring sap production by stringing sap

lines in our woods this winter, detracting him from our main wintertime focus, which is adding to our pile of wood.

We have a good buddy in the tree-felling business who brings us huge chunks of wood, which my husband sawed into smaller huge chunks of wood — still too big to manhandle up to the wood splitter, even if it was in the upright position.

So my job was to scoop the hunks onto the bucket of the skidder and bringing them up to him, he'd roll them onto the arm of the splitter. Splitting them into bite-sized pieces, he threw them back into my waiting upraised bucket. After filling the bucket, I'd haul them to our wood stove.

During the process of driving up, splitting, filling and driving back, numerous hand signals were used: Come forward. Go sideways. Curl bucket down. Stop. The skid steer has an uncanny ability to crawl forward as it idles so as soon as he motions stop, I put the brake on (sometimes not as quickly as he'd like which initiates yet another more adamant hand signal). Waiting until he fills the bucket with split wood hunks, I drive it over to our wood stove, dumping it as closely as I can without disturbing the already stacked wood.

I can't help him split as the bucket is raised so high the door won't open. I'm stuck. Rather boring. So I bring my phone, and of course, then I'm not watching intently which constitutes an impatient, "Hey!" I considered stick-

ing my current read in my jacket but that would be a worse distraction than my phone.

My thoughts wander a bit and perhaps ponder what to have for supper. Watching the cows watch us takes up some time. Pretty soon I hear "Hey!" my daydream jarred and off I go carting our bounty. It's an exciting life.

Once in a while, I misread his hand signal, and then, to get his attention I lay on the horn. Very annoyingly successful. From his end this produces a loud, exasperatingly spoken "What?" It's a party out there.

Much later, relaxing after supper in our toasty wood-warmed farmhouse I unexpectedly hear, "You're a good little skid steer driver."

Lovely words and not one hand signal needed.

("Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken at the proper time." Proverbs 25:11)

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

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Description	Owners	Ctf. No.	Year Sold	Tax Year	Amount of Tax	Interest to 9/30/2024	Charges	Total
TOWN OF ALMON								
N 363' OF E 247.5' OF SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC 22 T28N R12E N8397 REGINA RD-RE-GINA CEMETERY PARCEL #002-22140-0010	BETHANY A SCHMUDE	11531	2021	2020	1,573.78	692.46	250.00	2,516.24
TOWN OF ANIWA								
W 428'OF N 278'OF S.E. 1/4 S.W.1/4 SEC.19 T.29 R.11 E PARCEL #006-19340-0010	MARK A LOW	11462	2021	2020	889.86	391.54	250.00	1,531.40
N 600'OF E 330'S.E. 1/4 S E 1/4 EX HWY 45 SEC.19 T.29 R.11 E. PARCEL #006-19440-0000	DONNA NORTON	11468	2021	2020	550.41	242.18	250.00	1,042.59
S.W.1/4 S.W.1/4 SEC.25 T.29 R.11 E. PARCEL #006-25330-0000	PATSY C PINGEL	11585	2021	2020	763.04	335.74	250.00	1,348.78
S.W.1/4 S.E. 1/4 SEC.26 T.29 R.11 E. PARCEL #006-26430-0000	PATSY C PINGEL	11595	2021	2020	726.86	319.82	250.00	1,296.68
S.E. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 EX E 209'OF N 418'SEC.26 T.29 R.11 E. PARCEL #006-26440-0010	PATSY C PINGEL	11598	2021	2020	1,077.11	473.93	250.00	1,801.04
PRT OF N.W.1/4 N.E. 1/4 & PRT OF N.E. 1/4 N.W.1/4 KNOWN AS LOT 1 CERT SUR REC V.15 P. 190 MAP #3577 SEC.30 T.29N R.11 E. PARCEL #006-30210-0010	SHIRLEY M NIEMUTH	11656	2021	2020	822.18	361.76	250.00	1,433.94
E 240'OF N 190'OF S 770' OF N.E. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 EX HWY 45 SEC.31 T.29 R.11 E. PARCEL #006-31410-0030	DALE MEVERDEN	11682	2021	2020	191.78	84.38	250.00	526.16
N.W.1/4 N.E. 1/4 SEC.35 T.29 R.11 E PARCEL #006-35120-0000	PATSY C PINGEL	11750	2021	2020	838.82	369.08	250.00	1,457.90
N.W.1/4 S.E. 1/4 SEC.35 T.29 R.11 E PARCEL #006-35420-0000	WILLIAM J PINGEL JR	11761	2021	2020	726.86	319.82	250.00	1,296.68
S.W.1/4 S.E. 1/4 SEC.35 T.29 R.11 E PARCEL #006-35430-0000	WILLIAM J PINGEL JR	11764	2021	2020	574.51	252.78	250.00	1,077.29
N.W.1/4 N.E. 1/4 SEC.36 T.29 R.11 E PARCEL #006-36120-0000	PATSY C PINGEL	11766	2021	2020	744.08	327.40	250.00	1,321.48
TOWN OF FAIRBANKS								
S.W.1/4 S.W.1/4 KNOWN AS LOT 1 CERT SUR REC V.16 P.156 MAP #3733 SEC.24 T.26N R.12E PARCEL #014-24330-0000	JAMES ASHENBRENNER BRENDA ASHENBRENNER	11571	2021	2020	799.73	351.88	250.00	1,401.61
TOWN OF GRANT								
SE 1/4 NE 1/4 EX HWY EX THAT PRT DES IN DOC #671688 SEC 34 T26N R13E NKA LOT 1 V20 CSM P262 MAP #4134 PARCEL #018-34140-0000	JOHN GRUNEWALD	11725	2021	2020	1,196.90	526.64	250.00	1,973.54
TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY								
COM AT PT 175'W OF NW COR LOT 7 BLK 2 ISSACSONS ADD VIL OF GREEN VALLEY TH 95'W 125'S TH 95'E TH N TO POB PRT OF N.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 SEC 25 T.27 R.18 E. PARCEL #020-25220-0050	ANN M ANDREWS	11582	2021	2020	672.17	295.76	250.00	1,217.93
TOWN OF HERMAN								
E 209' OF S 209' OF SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC 9 T27N R14E PARCEL #024-09130-0010	LESTER R HESS	11295	2021	2020	765.98	337.04	250.00	1,353.02
TOWN OF HUTCHINS								
S 330'OF S.W.1/4 N.E. 1/4 SEC.2 T.29 R.12 E. PARCEL #026-02130-0030	STEVEN J MAUS MARGARET RAGETH	11162	2021	2020	785.14	345.46	250.00	1,380.60
S 665'OF W 660'OF TH N.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 SEC.32 T.29N R.12 E. PARCEL #026-32220-0010	BARBARA H HAMMONS	11695	2021	2020	1,219.63	536.64	250.00	2,006.27
TOWN OF LESSOR								
PRT OF NE 1/4 NE 1/4 DES V659 P147 SEC 31 T25N R17E PARCEL #028-31110-0010	LORI F BLOCK	11667	2021	2020	50.17	22.07	250.00	322.24
TOWN OF MAPLE GROVE								
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 EX RD DES V363 P605 & V788 P461 SEC 25 T25N R18E PARCEL #030-25240-0000	RANDAL J GRACYALNY KIM M GRACYALNY MARGARET GRACYALNY, VENDOR	11584	2021	2020	465.17	204.67	250.00	919.84
TOWN OF MORRIS								
NW 1/4 FRAC NE 1/4 COM NE COR SD 40 TH S 1270.83' TH W 1320.84' TH N 1270.72' TH E TO POB & S 50' DES DOC 707256 EX THE E 50.01' DES DOC #707257 SEC 6 T27N R12E PARCEL #032-06120-0000	PETER KLINNER	11237	2021	2020	432.41	190.26	250.00	872.67
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 EX PRT DES V633 P293 & EX W 540.59' OF N 883.29' SEC 23 T27N R12E PARCEL #032-23240-0000	JASON A OHEARN	11551	2021	2020	1,220.13	536.86	250.00	2,006.99
TOWN OF NAVARINO								
VIL OF GALESBURG P F DOLANS ADD NKA LOT 1 V17 CSM P60 MAP #3813 SEC 25 T25N R16E SURVEY ON FILE #9006430PS PARCEL #034-55150-0090	PAO HER	11952	2021	2020	1,605.02	706.21	250.00	2,561.23
TOWN OF PELLA								
PRT N.W.1/4 FRAC N.E. 1/4 LYG N OF RIVER EX E 690'SEC 6 T.26 R.14 E. PARCEL #036-06120-0030	BRUCE L RICHTER	11239	2021	2020	168.38	74.09	250.00	492.47
TOWN OF RED SPRINGS								
W 6 ACRES OF SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC 9 T28N R14E AND W10988 LITTLE ROAD PARCEL #038-09140-0020	RHONDA S MADOSH	11298	2021	2020	2,354.85	1,036.13	250.00	3,640.98
TOWN OF SENECA								
PRT OF NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NKA LOT 2 CERT SUR REC V8 P399 MAP #2375 SEC 16 T27N R13E PARCEL #042-16410-0013	LYNN M KERSTEN	11421	2021	2020	1.94	0.85	250.00	252.79
SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SEC 16 T27N R13E NKA LOT 2 V18 P248 CSM #3973 PARCEL #042-16440-0000	LYNN M KERSTEN	11428	2021	2020	1,788.53	786.96	250.00	2,825.49
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC 21 T27N R13E PARCEL #042-21240-0000	LYNN M KERSTEN	11519	2021	2020	613.34	269.87	250.00	1,133.21
TOWN OF WASHINGTON								
PRT NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC 25 T27N R16E NKA LOT 9 V2 CSM P298 MAP #589 PARCEL #044-38210-0090	SCOTT L REINKE CAROLE REINKE	11784	2021	2020	2.56	1.13	250.00	253.69
S.E. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 EX RD DES V.610 P.78 SEC.26 T.27 R.16 E. PARCEL #044-39440-0000	JESSE MUELLER	11791	2021	2020	199.14	87.62	250.00	536.76
PRT OF NE 1/4 NE 1/4 AS DES V946 P154 SEC 35 T27N R16E PARCEL #044-40110-0001	JESSE MUELLER	11821	2021	2020	87.47	38.49	250.00	375.96
PRT OF N.E. 1/4 N.E. 1/4 N OF ROAD EX PRT DES IN V.914 P. 806 SEC.35 T.27N R.16 E. PARCEL #044-40110-0002	JESSE MUELLER	11822	2021	2020	308.95	135.94	250.00	694.89
N.E. 1/4 N.E. 1/4 SW OF RR SEC.35 T.27 R.16 E PARCEL #044-40110-0010	JESSE MUELLER	11823	2021	2020	5.58	2.46	250.00	258.04
NW 1/4 NE 1/4 N & E OF RR EX PRT DES V551 P690 PART DES IN V810 P645 SEC 35 T27N R16E PARCEL #044-40120-0001	JESSE MUELLER	11825	2021	2020	31.65	13.93	250.00	295.58
NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW OF RR & SE OF RD SEC 35 T27N R16E PARCEL #044-40120-0030	JESSE MUELLER JERRY BECKER, VENDOR PATTI BECKER, VENDOR	11826	2021	2020	29.77	13.10	250.00	292.87

SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC 35 T27N R16E PARCEL #044-40130-0000	JESSE MUELLER JERRY BECKER, VENDOR PATTI BECKER, VENDOR	11827	2021	2020	223.33	98.27	250.00	571.60
S.E.1/4 N.E.1/4 EX PRT SOLD IN DOC #556760 SEC.35 T.27N R.16 E. PARCEL #044-40140-0001	JESSE MUELLER	11828	2021	2020	122.83	54.05	250.00	426.88
PRT OF S.E.1/4 N.W.1/4 & PRT OF N.E.1/4 S.W.1/4 COM S 1/4 COR TH N 2131.21'TO POB; TH CONT N 448.52'TH W 1272.89' TH S 20.03'TH E 211.06'TH S 428.66'TH E 1058.15'TO POB SEC.35 T.27N R.16 E. PARCEL #044-40310-0003	JESSE MUELLER	11839	2021	2020	39.08	17.20	250.00	306.28
W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SEC 35 T27N R16E ACREAGE PER PLAT OF SURVEY PARCEL #044-40420-0010	JESSE MUELLER	11865	2021	2020	241.95	106.46	250.00	598.41
HIDDEN PINES PART N.E.1/4 S.W.1/4 & FRAC N.W.1/4 S.W 1/4 SEC.6 T.27 R.17 E. LOT 13 PARCEL #044-60150-0120	STEVEN J MATEKEL	11971	2021	2020	1,145.32	503.94	250.00	1,899.26
TOWN OF WAUKECHON								
NW 1/4 FRAC NW 1/4 2-26-16EX BROOK'S PLAT OF LIME KILN & EX W 49.5'OF S 231'N&E LOT 1 BROOK PLAT OF LIME KILN & COM SE COR LOT 3 SD PLAT TH ANG 14DEG 9'LF 269.2'TO POB TH ANG 108DEG30'LF 934.5'TH ANG24DEG45'RT246.6'TH ANG 4 DEG24'RT INTERS E LN SD40 TH S ON SD LN 500'MOL TH LF 82DEG30'260'MOL TH 95DEG LF 317.5'TH ANG17DEG18'LF TH S 2DEG W364'N BDY OLD 29 TH NW ALG N BDY OLD 26 TO POB PARCEL #046-02220-0000	JESSE MUELLER	11164	2021	2020	183.80	80.87	250.00	514.67
N.E.1/4 S.W.1/4 EX HWY DES V.795 P.127 AND EX CERT SUR REC V.8 P.310 SEC.2 T.26N R.16 E. PARCEL #046-02310-0010	JESSE MUELLER	11167	2021	2020	398.01	175.12	250.00	823.13
S.E.1/4 S.W.1/4 EX W 24'SEC 2 T.26 R.16 E. PARCEL #046-02340-0000	JESSE MUELLER	11170	2021	2020	359.77	158.30	250.00	768.07
NE 1/4 FRAC NW 1/4 EX V15 CSM P124 & EX THE S 33' RD SEC 3 T26N R16E PARCEL #046-03210-0010	JESSE MUELLER	11184	2021	2020	301.10	132.48	250.00	683.58
BROOKS PLAT OF LIME KILN SEC 2 T26N R16E LOTS 2 & 3 ACREAGE PER PLAT OF SURVEY PARCEL #046-40050-0000	JESSE MUELLER	11792	2021	2020	5.86	2.58	250.00	258.44
TOWN OF WESCOTT								
PRT OF S.E.1/4 S.E.1/4 THAT PRT LYG SE OF EDGEWOOD ROAD SEC.20 T.27N R.16 E. PARCEL #048-20440-0001	KLAYTON E KELLOGG LYDIA FELIZ	11508	2021	2020	294.37	129.52	250.00	673.89
COM NW COR N.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 TH S ALG SEC LN 285'TO POB TH CONT SD LN85'S TH E TO E BDY NW-NW-NW TH N 21'TH N85 DEG44'W TO POB S.30T.27R.16 PARCEL #048-30220-0040	DR R C SAMANTA ROY IN- STITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INCORPORATED	11659	2021	2020	2,251.98	990.87	250.00	3,492.85
N 140'OF S 290'N.W.1/4 N.W. 1/4 N.W.1/4 & TH PRT DES V. 664 P.739 SEC.30 T.27 R.16 E. PARCEL #048-30220-0050	DR R C SAMANTA ROY IN- STITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INCORPORATED	11660	2021	2020	6,461.45	2,843.04	250.00	9,554.49
S 150'OF N.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 N. W.1/4 EX PRT DES V.664 P. 739 SEC.30 T.27 R.16 E. AND N5654 ST 47-55 HWY PARCEL #048-30220-0060	MIDWEST PROPERTIES OF SHAWANO LLC	11661	2021	2020	3,839.72	1,689.48	250.00	5,779.20
ACHTEN'S FIRST ADDITION TO SUNSET VIEW SEC 24 T27N R15E LOT 7 BLK 3 PARCEL #048-40100-0060	BEIT MAMTAKIM CORPORA- TION OF USA INCORPORATED	11820	2021	2020	5,212.23	2,293.38	250.00	7,755.61
PARKWOOD ESTATES PART N.E. 1/4 & S.E.1/4 SEC.1 T.27 R. 16 E. LOT 66 PARCEL #048-70350-0690	DON W STIEGLBAUER	12098	2021	2020	174.34	76.71	250.00	501.05
WESCOTT ACRES PRT OF N FRAC 1/2 OF NE 1/4 DES V.427 P2 SEC 1 T27N R16E LOT 17 PARCEL #048-85150-0160	RODNEY A BORKENHAGEN	12224	2021	2020	132.48	58.29	250.00	440.77
WESCOTT ACRES PRT OF N FRAC 1/2 OF NE 1/4 DES V427 P2 SEC 1 T27N R16E LOT 18 PARCEL #048-85150-0170	RODNEY A BORKENHAGEN	12225	2021	2020	132.48	58.29	250.00	440.77
WESCOTT ACRES PRT OF N FRAC 1/2 OF NE 1/4 DES V427 P2 SEC 1 T27N R16E LOT 19 PARCEL #048-85150-0180	RODNEY A BORKENHAGEN	12226	2021	2020	128.78	56.66	250.00	435.44
VILLAGE OF ANIWA								
VIL OF ANIWA NE 1/4 NW 1/4 E 600' OF W 804' OF S 600 FT SEC 8 T29N R11E PARCEL #101-08210-0010	BEVERLY J FAUST	11281	2021	2020	51,099.17	22,483.64	250.00	73,832.81
VIL OF ANIWA OBERWIESER'S SUB-DIV BLK 26 LOT 4 BLK 2 PARCEL #101-70050-0140	SEAN LOCKE JULIE LOCKE	12015	2021	2020	535.87	235.79	250.00	1,021.66
VIL OF ANIWA OBERWIESER'S SUB-DIV BLK 26 LOT 7 & 8 BLK 2 PARCEL #101-70050-0170	SEAN LOCKE JULIE LOCKE	12018	2021	2020	308.89	135.91	250.00	694.80
VIL OF ANIWA ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 1-2 & 3 BLK 5 PARCEL #101-70100-0060	DIANE L SIBILIA CHARLES R JAMES	12060	2021	2020	12.32	5.42	250.00	267.74
VIL OF ANIWA ORIGINAL PLAT E 1/2 LOTS 5 & 6 BLK 5 PARCEL #101-70100-0070	DIANE L SIBILIA CHARLES R JAMES	12062	2021	2020	4.61	2.03	250.00	256.64
VILLAGE OF BONDUEL								
VIL OF BONDUEL WESTPHAL & LANGE'S PLAT 2ND ADDITION LOT 16 BLK 2 & LOT 17 V326 P111 PARCEL #107-85100-0340	TINA RADTKE	12217	2021	2020	1,133.02	498.53	250.00	1,881.55
VIL OF BONDUEL WHITNEE WOODS PLAT SEC 8 T26N R17E LOT 7 PARCEL #107-87100-0060	JAMES F HUTTER SUZANNE HUTTER	12234	2021	2020	669.49	294.58	250.00	1,214.07
VILLAGE OF BOWLER								
VIL OF BOWLER PRT S.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 COM 25'N & 33'E OF W 1/4 SEC COR TH E100'TH 128'TH W100'TH 128'TO POB SEC.31 T.28 R.13 E PARCEL #108-31230-0220	MERLE R MOEDE CINDY PUKALL MOEDE	11672	2021	2020	771.93	339.65	250.00	1,361.58
VILLAGE OF CECIL								
VIL OF CECIL FREEBORNS ADD LOT 6 BLK 1 SEC 20 T27N R17E PARCEL #111-50050-0060	ELLEN S KOEPPEN JORDAN KOEPPEN	11914	2021	2020	1,174.35	516.72	250.00	1,941.07
VILLAGE OF ELAND								
VILLAGE OF ELAND LULL & MYLREA'S ADD WAS LOT 1 & PRT LOT 2 V15 CSM P87 MAP #3527 SEC 31 T28N R11E NKA LOT 1 CSM MAP #4707 PARCEL #121-65050-0040	BRETT J ROEHL	11976	2021	2020	374.42	164.74	250.00	789.16
VILLAGE OF MATTOON								
VILLAGE OF MATTOON ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 4 & 5 BLK 18 PARCEL #151-70050-0300	GERALDINE T COX	12024	2021	2020	1,169.18	514.44	250.00	1,933.62
VILLAGE OF MATTOON ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 6 BLK 20 PARCEL #151-70050-0510	REBECCA L OSBORN	12028	2021	2020	1,064.41	468.34	250.00	1,782.75
VILLAGE OF MATTOON ORIGINAL PLAT E 60'LOTS 1 & 2 ALL LOTS 3-4 & 5 & LOT 6 EX E 28'BLK 22 PARCEL #151-70050-0580	RONALD K MONTEITH TREVOR D BURNS	12034	2021	2020	421.08	185.28	250.00	856.36
VILLAGE OF TIGERTON								
TH PRT OF S.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 KNOWN AS LOT 2 CERT SUR REC V.4 P.265 MAP #1211 SEC.9 T.26 R.12 E. & HWY ACCESS RESTRICT DES V.878 P.173 PARCEL #186-09230-0010	PERFORMANCE TORQUE CONV	11303	2021	2020	177.29	78.01	250.00	505.30
VILLAGE OF TIGERTON MILL SITE DES V.288 P.611 PRT S 1/2 S.W.1/4 SEC.9 T.26 R.12 E. PARCEL #186-65050-0020	PAMELA M WHITEWING JOHN A WHITEWING	11975	2021	2020	121.71	53.55	250.00	425.26
VIL TIGERTON ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 3 & 4 BLK 33 PARCEL #186-70050-1320	GARY L HARGROVE JODY L HARGROVE	12049	2021	2020	327.52	144.11	250.00	721.63
VIL. TIGERTON ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 34 EX S 10' PARCEL #186-70050-1360	BRIAN K JENSEN AMY JENSEN	12050	2021	2020	2,596.55	1,142.48	250.00	3,989.03
VIL. TIGERTON ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 3 BLK 34 EX S 10' PARCEL #186-70050-1370	BRIAN K JENSEN AMY JENSEN	12051	2021	2020	968.74	426.25	250.00	1,644.99

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

KESHENA: Zumba Gold, 12:10-12:50 p.m. Omaeqnome-newak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Sponsored by the College of Menominee Nation and the Diabetes Prevention Program. Information: 715-524-3194 or edijafra@yahoo.com.

NAVARINO: Light Up the Night Torchlight Ski/Snowshoe, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Free admission with nonperishable food donation. Does not include rentals. NNC members \$5, non-members \$10, families \$20. 715-758-6999

OCONTO: Machickanee Players Theatre presents “Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein,” 7 p.m., Park Avenue Playhouse, 408 Park Ave. Tickets at www.MachickaneePlayers.com.

PULASKI: “Sister Act,” 7 p.m., Pulaski High School, Ripley Performing Arts Center,

1040 S. St. Augustine St. Tickets \$9, available at www.pulaskihs.ludus.com.

BOWLER: Corey Taylor with special guests, 7:30 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Corey Taylor with special guests Des Rocs and Jigsaw Youth. Doors open 6 p.m. Jigsaw Youth 7:30 p.m., Des Rocs 8:15 p.m., Corey Taylor 9:30 p.m. Ticket information at northstarcasinoresort.com or 1-800-952-0195.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

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

SHAWANO: Shawano Pathways Maple Hills Winter Hike, 9:30 a.m., Maple Hills Trails, N4270 State Highway 22 (about two miles south of Highway 29 Shell Station). Bring snowshoes if snow cover, boots and traction if not. Arrive 15 minutes early to get

gear on and register. Option of three guided hikes, approximate one, 1½ or two hours. Free, donations appreciated. For information, call Kevin at 715-584-6107.

LAKEWOOD: Wheeler Lake Association Ice Fishing Jamboree, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., McCauslin Brook Golf Course, 17067 Club House Lane. Meat, cash, and basket raffle party with live music by Steve Kelley and Jeff VanderHeiden.

TOWNSEND: Red Arrow Snowmobile ATV Club Winter Festival, 11 a.m., Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St. music, food, beverages, and raffles. All proceeds support grooming and maintaining snowmobile and ATV trails in the Townsend area.

ABRAMS: Machickanee Forest Candlelight Ski, 5:30-8 p.m., BlackBerry Ramble Trail, 6625 Timberline Road. Fires for cooking and warming at the trailhead. Hosted by Machickanee Cross-Country Ski Club.

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BOWLER: Joe Nichols, 8 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Doors open 7 p.m. Ticket information at northstarcasinoresort.com or 800-952-0195.

SUNDAY, FEB. 18

CAROLINE: Four Dams Snow Goers Run For Fun Vintage Ride, 1 p.m., Blue 52, W12850 County Road M. Registration begins 10 a.m. Bring your vintage sled and dress in vintage clothing; trophies awarded. Ride will be held even if trails are not open, snow permitting.

Food available.

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PULASKI: “Sister Act,” 2 p.m., Pulaski High School, Ripley Performing Arts Center, 1040 S. St. Augustine St. Tickets \$9, available at www.pulaskihs.ludus.com.

OCONTO: Machickanee Players Theatre presents “Frankenstein Unhinged,” 6 p.m., Park Avenue Playhouse, 408 Park Ave. Improvisational comedy featuring cast of “Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein” Suggested donation \$5.

MONDAY, FEB. 19

KESHENA: Running and walking program, 4:40-6:30 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road, Keshena. Infused water provided during the week, and a

family snack-making station is provided on Saturdays. Information: Chelsey Latender, 715-799-5431 or chelseyl@mtclinic.net.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

KESHENA: Zumba Gold, 12:10-12:50 p.m. Omaeqnome-newak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Sponsored by the College of Menominee Nation and the Diabetes Prevention Program. Information: 715-524-3194 or edijafra@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

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

CITY OF SHAWANO								
CITY OF SHAWANO S.W.1/4 N. W.1/4 KNOWN AS LOT 1 CERT SUR REC V.4 P.345 MAP #1263 SEC.30 T.27 R.16 E. PARCEL #281-30230-0000	DR R C SAMANTA ROY INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	11662	2021	2020	2,973.52	1,308.35	250.00	4,531.87
CITY OF SHAWANO N 12 RD OF W 10 RD S.W.1/4 N.W.1/4 SEC 30 T.27 R.16 E PARCEL #281-30230-0010	DR R C SAMANTA ROY INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	11663	2021	2020	1,695.50	746.02	250.00	2,691.52
CITY OF SHAWANO W 1/2 OF THE E 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 EX W 165' SEC 32 T27N R16E PRT LOT 1 & ALL LOT 2 V4 P83 CSM #1089 PARCEL #281-32120-0010	BEIT MAMTAKIM CORPORATION OF USA INC	11687	2021	2020	7,352.65	3,235.17	250.00	10,837.82
CITY OF SHAWANO PRT N.E.1/4 N.W.1/4 SEC.32 T.27 R.16 E. LOT 1 CERT SURVEY REC V.2 P.286 MAP #578 A/K/A LOT 2 CERT SUR V.4 P.154 MAP#1137 EX PRT S OF SANITARY DIST LINE PARCEL #281-32210-0120	DR R C SAMANTA ROY INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	11693	2021	2020	5,054.58	2,224.02	250.00	7,528.60
CITY OF SHAWANO PRT N.E.1/4 N.W.1/4 SEC.32 T.27 R.16 E. LOT 1 CERT SURVEY REC V.2 P.286 MAP #578 A/K/A LOT 2 CERT SUR V.4 P.154 MAP#1137 EX PRT N OF SANITARY DIST LINE PARCEL #281-32210-0121	DR R C SAMANTA ROY INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	11694	2021	2020	874.76	384.89	250.00	1,509.65
CITY OF SHAWANO S 1/2 OF N. W.1/4 N.W.1/4 KNOWN AS LOT 2 CERT SUR REC V.4 P.320 MAP #1247 SEC.33 T.27 R.16 E. & EXCHANGE OF PROP WITH CITY IN VOL.872 P.596 PARCEL #281-33220-0080	MIDWEST PROPERTIES OF SHAWANO LLC	11714	2021	2020	2,276.70	1,001.75	250.00	3,528.45
CITY OF SHAWANO PART OF THE S.E.1/4 OF THE N.E.1/4 THE E 340.14'W OF HWY N OF MILLS ST.& S OF RR EX CERT SUR REC V.7 P.339 SEC.25 T.27N R.15E KNOWN AS MEADOWGLOW CONDO'S PARCEL #281-39140-0020	MIDWEST PROPERTIES OF SHAWANO LLC	11788	2021	2020	5,742.73	2,526.80	250.00	8,519.53
CITY OF SHAWANO ARLINGTON ADDITION LOT 10 BLK 1 PARCEL #281-40300-0060	MIDWEST PROPERTIES OF SHAWANO LLC	11837	2021	2020	2,985.48	1,313.61	250.00	4,549.09
CITY OF SHAWANO ASSESSORS MAP LOT 3 BLK 33 TH W 60' PARCEL #281-40400-2770	WILBUR BUBOLZ JR	11853	2021	2020	543.39	239.09	250.00	1,032.48
CITY OF SHAWANO ASSESSORS MAP N 60' OF W 125' OF LOT 1 BLK 50 PARCEL #281-40400-4810	LARRY SUN	11861	2021	2020	838.96	369.14	250.00	1,458.10
CITY OF SHAWANO DANKS AND RICHMOND PLAT S 33' LOT 8 & S 33' LOT 9 BLK 2 E OF ALLEY PARCEL #281-45150-0240	DR R C SAMANTA ROY INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	11887	2021	2020	2,414.52	1,062.39	250.00	3,726.91
CITY OF SHAWANO DANKS AND RICHMOND PLAT LOT 1 & N 20' LOT 5 BLK 3 E OF ALLEY PARCEL #281-45150-0280	DR R C SAMANTA ROY INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	11888	2021	2020	1,637.42	720.46	250.00	2,607.88
CITY OF SHAWANO DANKS AND RICHMOND PLAT LOT 2 BLK 3 & S 20' OF N 40' OF LOT 5 BLK 3 E OF ALLEY PARCEL #281-45150-0290	DR R C SAMANTA ROY INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	11889	2021	2020	1,637.42	720.46	250.00	2,607.88
CITY OF SHAWANO FAIRVIEW ADDITION LOT 5 BLK 5 EX W 6 FT PARCEL #281-50100-0190	BRIAN E BORNHOFFER STEPHANIE BORNHOFFER	11926	2021	2020	2,150.42	946.18	250.00	3,346.60
CITY OF SHAWANO FAIRVIEW ADD PRT LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 8 COM AT SW COR LOT 1 TH NELY ALG N BDY RR 120'TH N PARA TO CLEVELAND ST 60'TH WLY TO PT ON E BDY SD ST 78'N BEG TH S 78'TO BEG PARCEL #281-50100-0410	TINA F GOUTY-YELLOW	11929	2021	2020	1,839.33	809.30	250.00	2,898.63
CITY OF SHAWANO LIEGS ADD LOT 11 BLK 4 PARCEL #281-65150-0380	FALON SPIEGEL A/K/A FALON SCHMELING JAMES H ZIERDEN, VENDOR	12000	2021	2020	1,277.99	562.32	250.00	2,090.31
CITY OF SHAWANO SAWYER AND ANDREWS PLAT LOT 4 BLK 5 PARCEL #281-75100-0290	TIMOTHY WAYNE BOURDON JR	12155	2021	2020	3,646.09	1,604.28	250.00	5,500.37
CITY OF SHAWANO SAWYER AND ANDREWS PLAT LOT 1 BLK 16 THE E 50' PARCEL #281-75100-0880	MIDWEST PROPERTIES OF SHAWANO LLC	12160	2021	2020	206.02	90.65	250.00	546.67
CITY OF SHAWANO SAWYER AND ANDREWS PLAT LOT 1 & PRT OF LOT 2 BLK 31 NKA LOT 1 V3 CSM P252 MAP #898 EX HWY DOC #731634 PARCEL #281-75100-2170	DR R C SAMANTA ROY INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY GAIL J EBERHARDT (VENDOR); AKA GAIL J ERICKSON (VENDOR) STEVEN F ERICKSON (VENDOR) 3RD DIMENSION HOLDINGS (VENDOR)	12170	2021	2020	5,452.48	2,399.09	250.00	8,101.57
CITY OF SHAWANO SAWYER AND ANDREWS PLAT LOT 3 BLK 31 A/K/A LOT 2 CERT SUR REC V. 3 P.252 MAP #898 PARCEL #281-75100-2180	DR R C SAMANTA ROY INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY GAIL J EBERHARDT (VENDOR); AKA GAIL J ERICKSON (VENDOR) STEVEN F ERICKSON (VENDOR) 3RD DIMENSION HOLDINGS (VENDOR)	12171	2021	2020	367.48	161.69	250.00	779.17
CITY OF SHAWANO SMALLEYS ADDITION LOT 5 BLK 28 PARCEL #281-75200-1880	JOHN J MILLER II	12192	2021	2020	116.64	51.32	250.00	417.96

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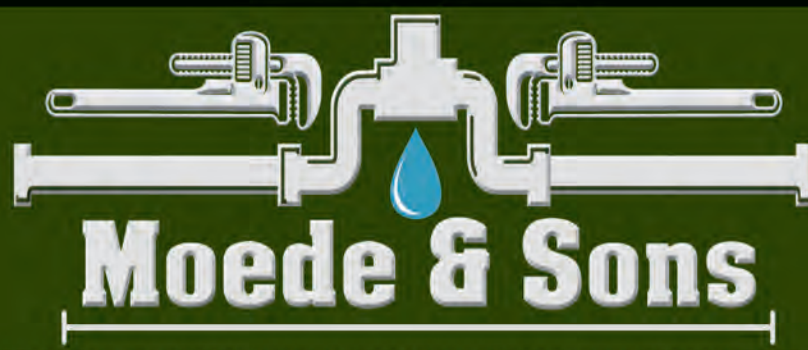


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Tigerton goes 4-for-4 in action last week

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

Sam Anheuser and James Brady each scored 14 points to help lead Tigerton over Lena 53-38 in non-conference action Feb. 10. Anheuser had four 3-pointers.

Brady pulled down 11 rebounds, and Anheuser had nine. Maverick Maas had a pair of assists, and Anheuser also led the team with six steals.

Tigerton led 33-23 at halftime and added another five points to their margin of victory with a 20-15 second half.

Lena was led by Caleb Schlosser's 15 points and Mason Belongia's 13. Mason Spice score three, Tyler Shallow had two, and Gonzolo del Val Arroyo had one.

Thursday, Feb. 8
Tigerton extended its wining streak to six games with a 62-46 win over Faith Christian Academy in non-conference action. The Tigers are now 15-4 overall.

It was another big night for Anheuser, who led Tigerton with 19 points, including a 3-point basket and 4-for-4 from the free throw line. Maas scored 14 points, including one triple and 5-for-7 from the line.

Loghan Wanta pulled down nine boards, with Brady grabbing eight and Gavin Kielblock getting seven. Anheuser also had four assists, while he and Joey Zimdars each ran away with six steals.

Tigerton led by 14 at halftime and added another two points to their



A Bible verse and image of an eagle loom large over the Wolf River Lutheran basketball court as the Silver Eagles hosted the Tigerton Tigers on Feb. 6. The school was founded in 2014, with the current building constructed in 2017.

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margin of victory with a 28-26 second half.

Tuesday, Feb. 6
Four Tigers scored in double digits as Tigerton beat up on Wolf River Lutheran in a non-conference matchup in Shawano.

Tigerton was in command from the beginning, holding a 45-11 lead at the break.

Wolf River Lutheran was outscored 33-13 in the

second half.

Leading the scoring for Tigerton were Wanta and Brady, each with 11 points, and Anheuser and Kielblock, each with 10. Zimdars scored nine points, and Maas had a pair of triples contribute to his eight points.

Wanta led the team with six rebounds, Maas had three assists, and Anheuser grabbed six steals.

Monday, Feb. 5
Tigerton's 80-34 win over Stockbridge marked the most points by the Tigers this season.

The non-conference win was their fourth in a row.

Tigerton was in full control of the contest, leading 45-9 at the break. A 35-25 second half added to the lopsided margin of victory.

Brady paced Tigerton with 16 points. Zimdars scored 14, Wanta contributed 13, and Logan Drews added 10. Zimdars and Caleb Dahlstrom each had a pair of 3-pointers.

Drews pulled down eight rebounds, Anheuser contributed with three assists, and Zimdars nabbed a trio of steals.

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Tigerton guard Sam Anheuser (23) brings the ball up court with Wolf River Lutheran's Gunnar Majewski (12) trailing. Anheuser was one of four Tigers to score in double digits in Tigerton's 78-24 victory.

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Gillett tops Lena, Shawano defeats Green Bay East

Saturday, Feb. 10
Bonduel
Even when they're not battling conference opponents, Bonduel finds the win column with its latest victory a 76-63 triumph over Valders.

Race Anvelink led the Bears with 20 points, followed by Ryan Westrich with 19 and Noah Weier with 11. Colin Margelofsky scored eight, Cade Johnson and Quinn Wesenberg each had seven, Owen Springborn scored three and Sam Roberts had one. Anvelink and Weier each knocked down three 3-pointers, while Margelofsky and Westrich each scored on two of them, and Johnson, Springborn and Wesenberg each collected one.

Westrich led his teammates with 12 rebounds, Johnson and Margelofsky each had six assists, Johnson and Weier had recorded two steals.

Bonduel, 20-1 overall, led 41-29 at the half. The second half was closer with Bonduel coming out on top 35-34.

Gresham
The Wildcats were tamed by Florence, 81-45,

in non-conference action. Gresham is 1-18 overall.

Witt-Birn
Now at 10-10 overall, Wittenberg-Birnamwood lost 73-37 to Xavier in non-conference action.

Xavier dominated the game, leading 46-16 at the half and winning the second half as well, 27-21.

Jett Rogowski led the Chargers with 13 points.

Friday, Feb. 9
Gillett pounds Lena
Gillett more than doubled up on Lena as every player from both teams scored in the Tigers' 74-34 win over the Wildcats.

With a 39-22 lead at the break, Gillett continued cruising to the 40-point win with a 35-12 second-half performance.

Leading at the net for Gillett were Aydin Franti with 21 points, Ben Matczak with 20 and Jesse DeBauch with 17. Garrett Klein chipped in five, Thomas Carmody had four, Nathan Powell scored three, and Ryan Pensis and Tyler Slatky each had two.

For Lena, Caleb Schlosser led with 15 points, and Mason Belongia scored 13. Also scoring

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Shawano goes 2-1 at weekend tourney

Red Robins defeat Hawks 6-2 at Crawford Center

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

Shawano concluded its weekend play in Ashwaubenon with a 2-1 win over Sheboygan JV.

Despite 14 shots from Shawano and eight from Sheboygan, the game was scoreless until the third period.

The Hawks got on the board first with a goal by Gavin Hundt and assist by Karson Stoss at 12:52. Ninety seconds later, the game was tied at 1-1, only to see Shawano reclaim the lead another two minutes later. The final goal was scored by Josh Fiskien with a Cam Schroeder assist.

Tyson Lyons worked the net for the Hawks and made 11 saves.

Shawano was penalized four times for eight man-tes, while Sheboygan was called for three infractions and served six minutes.

Saturday, Feb. 10 Ashwaubenon JV 3 Shawano 1

Ashwaubenon JV was consistent with one goal scored in each period to grab a 3-1 win over Shawano.

Ashwaubenon scored first at 2:35 into the first period only to have Shawano's Gavin Hundt tie the game at 1-1 with an assist from Karson Stoss at 5:53.

One goal in the second period and another in the third sealed Shawano's fate.

The Hawks were not called for a single penalty, while Ashwaubenon was called for five infractions for 10 minutes.

Tyson Lyons recorded 34 saves, while Shawano attempted 22 shots.

Antigo 9 Rhineland 4

Antigo ended its regular season with a Great Northern Conference win over Rhineland, 9-4.

All-conference honors were announced Feb. 11.

Antigo's Brian Bunnell was named coach of the

year.

Forward Eli Kassler was named to the first team. Goalie Nolan Bunnell and forward Owen Dickman were named to the second team.

Friday, Feb. 9 Shawano 7 Notre Dame JV 4

Shawano edged Notre Dame JV by one goal in each period to earn a 7-4 win in Ashwaubenon.

Karson Stoss started the scoring for the Hawks with an unassisted goal t 3:07 in the first period. After Notre Dame tied the game at 1-1, Gavin Hundt scored at 10:30 with an assist from Michael Dillenburg to put Shawano on top 2-1.

A pair of power plays in the second period resulted in two goals of Notre Dame and a 3-2 lead. Stoss tied the game at 3-3 with another unassisted goal at 11:54 and then put Shawano up 4-3 with a hat trick at 12:57 with a Hundt assist. Hundt then lengthened the lead to 5-3 with a goal at 14:28 with assists from from Waylon Snider and Stoss.

The Hawks' lead extended to 6-3 midway through the third period on a short-handed goal by Blake Knope at 8:07. Not one to give up, Notre Dame scored at 9:12 to make it a two-goal game. However, Hundt notched his hat trick at 15:34 with Stoss assisting to seal the win for Shawano.

Shawano took 20 shots on goal. Tyson Lyons worked the net for the Hawks and made 16 saves against Notre Dame's 20 shots.

Notre Dame was penalized twice for four minutes, while Shawano doubled those numbers, getting called for four infractions for eight minutes.

Thursday, Feb. 8 Antigo 6, Shawano 2

Trailing 2-0 after the first period, Shawano fought back to tie the game at 2-2 going into the final



Shawano's Blake Knope (8) slaps a shot straight at Antigo goalie Nolan Bunnell (29). The Red Robins won 6-2 at the Crawford Center.

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period when Antigo burst through with four goals to capture a 6-2 win Feb. 8 at the Crawford Center.

Eli Kassler opened the night's scoring with a goal at 4:59 with an assist from Owen Dickman. Kassler scored his second goal of an eventual hat trick at 12:39 with Ian Brittenham assisting.

Not ready to roll over, the Hawks battled back in the second period. Blake Knope scored first at 2:02. Then, Karson Stoss scored at 4:02 with a Cameron Schroeder assist to tie the game at 2-2.

The third period saw Kassler get his hat trick, Liam Burt score twice and Antigo connect on three power plays to secure the win.

First, Brittenham and Dickman assisted on a Burt goal at 6:54. Richie Veriha scored the next two for the Red Robins – first at 10:23

with assists from Kassler and Brittenham and then at 10:45 with an assist from Trenton Walbeck. Kassler scored the final goal with Dickman assisting at 16:21.

Kassler's 57 goals this season lead all others in Wisconsin.

Nolan Bunnell stopped 36 Shawano shots, and Dylan Prochaska stopped 23 for the Hawks.

The teams were whistled for a total of 16 infractions.

The win moves Antigo's season record to 13-10 overall, while Shawano falls to 7-14.

Tuesday, Feb. 6 Antigo 13, Medford 3

Eli Kassler had a hat trick in the first period and another one during the combined second and third periods as Antigo downed Medford 13-3 on Feb. 6.

Owen Dickman accounted for another four goals for the Red Robins,

while Liam Burt added a pair and Collin Tiedemann had one – the first one of the game.

Antigo led 6-1 after the first period and 10-2 after the second period. The Red Robins blanked their guests 3-0 in the third period.

Tiedemann scored first at 4:52 with Parker Chaney and Trenton Walbeck getting assists. Medford tied the game at 1-1 two minutes, before Antigo rattled off five unanswered goals in four minutes' time.

Kassler and Burt assisted Dickman at 10:10, followed by Kassler scoring with help from Burt and Dickman at 11:48. Kassler and Chaney assisted Dickman on his second goal at 12:36. Kassler scored at 13:47 with help from Dickman and Burt, and them completed his first-period hat trick at 14:09 on assists from Dickman and Ian

Brittenham.

Antigo added four second-period goals in a three-minute span.

Dickman's hat trick came at 6:14 with assists from Kassler and Richie Veriha. Burt and Dickman assisted Kassler's goal at 6:34, and Kassler scored unassisted at 7:25. Dickman scored again at 8:57, this time with an assist from Kassler.

Medford scored twice after Antigo's barrage.

In the third period, Dickman and Burt assisted Kassler at 5:51 as Kassler completed his double hat trick. Dickman and Kassler assisted Burt on both of his goals, one at 8:59 and the second at 10:57.

Despite the lopsided score, the shots on goal were pretty even, with Medford taking 33 and Antigo taking 35.

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Nolan Bunnell stopped 36 Shawano shots, and Dylan Prochaska stopped 23 for the Hawks.

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Antigo's Eli Kassler (15) and Shawano's Blake Knope (8) battle for the puck in the Red Robins' 6-2 win over the Hawks. Kassler scored a hat trick before the night was done.

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WIAA approves D5 in girls volleyball

The Wisconsin Inter-scholastic Athletic Association Board of Control authorized the Tournament Series format to accommodate a fifth division of girls volleyball in 2024 and approved plans for a student leadership program at its January meeting on Jan. 31.

The board approved four recommendations originated and advanced

by the Volleyball Coaches Advisory Committees, including two that revamp the Tournament Series that expands to five girls' divisions next fall. The plan places the largest 116 enrollments of schools sponsoring girls volleyball in Division 1, and Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 will consist of the remaining schools divided equally.

To accommodate the

addition of four teams and three games, the state tournament will expand to Wednesday afternoon and evening with the boys volleyball quarterfinals. The boys semifinals games will be played Thursday afternoon with the championship game scheduled for Friday evening.

The girls Division 5 and the Division 4 semifinals are scheduled for Thurs-

day at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., respectively, with the girls Division 1 quarterfinals to be played Thursday at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The girls Division 1 semifinals are slated for Friday at 1 p.m. The girls Division 3 and Division 2 semifinals will be played Friday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., respectively.

The girls championships Saturday will begin with Division 5 at 9 a.m. fol-

lowed by Division 4 at 11:30 a.m., Division 3 at 2 p.m., Division 2 at 5 p.m. and Division 1 at 7:30 p.m.

One of the other two volleyball changes approved adds a fifth day (Sunday-Thursday) to the window that seed meetings may be scheduled, and the other requires teams to wear contrasting colors at the state tournament for the ease of identifying

teams unless the schools do not have uniforms of contrasting colors.

Soccer, football changes

The lone rule change in boys soccer permits tournament series games on a shared football and soccer natural-turf field if agreed upon by participating schools prior to the day of the game.

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Now is the time to enroll in a hunter education course

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages anyone considering hunting for the first time in 2024 to enroll in a hunter education course now before courses begin filling up in spring.

Many hunting incidents in Wisconsin involve hunters older than 40, decades after learning firearm safety rules in their hunter education courses. It may be time for veteran hunters to refresh these lessons.

As part of the program, hunter education graduates receive a certificate accepted in every U.S. state, Canada and Mexico. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, must have a hunter education certification to purchase a hunting license unless hunting under the Mentored Hunting Law.



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) offers multiple hunter education course options and locations, so hunters can choose the best format for how and where they'd like to learn.

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choose the best format for how and where they'd like to learn. More than 20,000 people take hunter educa-

tion courses in Wisconsin each year.

Traditional Course

Students attend a multi-

day, in-person course where students learn hunter responsibility and safety through lectures, demonstrations, group discussions, practical exercises and individual study. The students then take a multiple-choice exam and complete a hands-on, skills-based assessment based on information found in the printed student manual and taught during class.

Internet and Field Day

Students must enroll in an in-person field day course and then complete the online portion before attending the field day. Upon completing the online course, students will receive a field day voucher, which is required to participate in the in-person field day course in which they enrolled. Students

will reinforce what they learned online through hands-on safe firearm handling, demonstrations from experienced hunters and practical exercises. The students then take a multiple-choice exam and complete a hands-on, skills-based assessment.

Online-Only (Ages 18 and older)

The online-only course has the same general content as the other course options but is entirely online. Students work through online units, take multiple-choice quizzes and take a final multiple-choice exam. This course is specifically for students with prior hunting or firearms handling experience. It is only for those 18 or older.

For more information on courses, visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/>.

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were Mason Spice with three, Tyler Shallow with two and Gonzolo del Val Arroyo with one.

Pulaski

Pulaski sits at an even 8-8 in the Fox River Classic Conference following its 61-57 loss to Ashwaubenton.

Colin Schultz led the Red Raiders with 22 points, including three 3-pointers. Dylan Dorn scored 10 points, and Dixon Holewinski scored eight with the help of a pair of triples.

Joseph Mijal led his team with eight rebounds, Bryce Wotruba had four assists, and Schultz grabbed four steals.

Shawano

The Hawks improved to 5-7 in the Bay Conference following its 81-56 win over Green Bay East at home.

Logan Sipple led Shawano with 24 points, including a triple. Will Verkuilen added 16 points, including four 3-pointers, with Ryan Shanty and Crew Weisnicht each scoring 10. Anderson Schmidt's nine points including a pair of triples.

Shanty led the Hawks with eight boards, with Jacob Rogers pulling down seven, and Sipple and Isaac Welander each getting six. Shanty was also the leader with five assists and four steals.

Shawano held a comfortable 35-19 lead at the

end of the first half and outscored their guest 46-37 after the break.

Suring

Now with a three-game losing streak in the Marinette & Oconto Conference, Suring is 2-12 in league play following its 50-39 loss to Niagara.

Thursday, Feb. 8

Bonduel

Everyone on both teams scored in Bonduel's 80-58 win over Manawa to maintain a perfect 12-0 record in the Central Wisconsin East Conference. The Bears are 19-1 overall.

Ryan Westrich led Bonduel with 20 points, with Race Anvelink right behind him with 18 points and Cade Johnson collecting 10. Another nine points were recorded by Noah Weier, with Quinn Wessenberg getting five, and Owen Springborn and Sam Roberts each scoring two.

The Bears held a 37-30 first-half lead and then added fuel in the second half with a 43-28 score.

Bowler

Bowler is winless at 0-8 in the Central Wisconsin North Conference after its 53-41 loss to Northland Lutheran. Bowler is 1-18 overall.

Gresham

Gresham lost 59-42 to White Lake in a Central Wisconsin North Conference matchup. The Lakers outscored the Wildcats in each half, 27-18 before the break and 32-24 after the

break.

Marion

The Mustangs jumped out of the gate quickly against Rosholt and ran away with a 73-54 non-conference win.

Marion led 41-17 at the break, which was too much for Rosholt to come back against, even with the help of a 37-32 second half.

Marion is 13-8 overall.

Menominee Indian

Menominee Indian and Weyauwega-Fremont are at opposite ends of the Central Wisconsin East Conference, but you wouldn't know that by the final score of their most recent game.

At 2-10 in conference play, and Weyauwega-Fremont at 9-3, the Warhawks barely scraped by for a 75-74 win.

Oconto Falls

Oconto Falls was run over by the Clintonville Truckers, 71-32, in a non-conference game.

Clintonville dominated the first half and went into halftime with a 41-8 lead.

The Truckers manhandled the Panthers, 6-15 overall, in a 30-24 second half.

Witt-Birn

Wittenberg-Birnwood eked out a three-point victory over Amherst in Central Wisconsin East Conference action.

The Chargers won 50-47 and improved to 7-5 in the conference and 10-9 overall.

"Had a 10-point lead

with just over a minute to go and almost let it slip away," coach Garrett Rogowski said. "I thought our guys played a solid game, probably the best defensive effort in the last four games we played."

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Lena

A 64-37 loss to Oneida Nation marked Lena's eighth consecutive Marinette & Oconto Conference loss.

Oneida Nation led by 10 at the intermission and doubled up on Lena, 34-17, in the second half for the 27-point win.

Lena, 1-11 in conference action, and 4-14 overall, was led by Mason Belongia with 11 points and Tyler Shallow with nine.

Pulaski

Pulaski's 80-62 win over Fox River Classic Conference foe Green Bay Preble improved the Red Raiders' mark to 8-7, placing them fifth out of 10 teams.

Shawano

Shawano and New London may each have scored 26 points in the second half, but the Hawks' 36-11 first-half deficit was the difference in their Bay Conference loss.

The 62-37 defeat dropped Shawano to 4-7 in league play and 6-13 overall.

Suring

Large deficits are often hard to overcome, and that proved to be the case for

Suring.

The Eagles were behind Coleman 33-12 as the first half ended. Coleman would go on to claim the second half as well, 26-21.

The loss dropped Suring to 2-11 the Marinette & Oconto Conference and 4-15 overall.

Monday, Feb. 5

Gillett

Gillett stayed competitive and close to Green Bay NEW Lutheran but couldn't pull ahead as the Tigers lost 75-68 in the non-conference game.

Half of Gillett's points were from Aydin Franti, who scored 34 points. Tyler Frank added 12. Also scoring were Ben Matczak with eight, Thomas Carmody with six, and Bradin Bjelland and Ryan Pensis, each with four.

Gillett was outscored 33-30 before the break and 42-38 after the break.

Menominee Indian

The Menominee Indian Eagles lost a non-conference game, 61-53, to the Wabeno/Laona Rebels. The Eagles dropped to 3-15 overall.

Oconto Falls

The Panthers earned their second North Eastern Conference win of the season in a 67-54 win over Denmark.

All seven Oconto Falls players scored, with Jameson Beaman leading the way with 22. JJ Pytleski scored 16, and Alex Haines had 12. Also scoring were

Emerich Skarban with seven, Grayson Cahak with six, Evan Yuma with three and Chase Cariveau with one.

Beaman connected on four 3-pointers, with Pytleski getting three and Cahak hitting two. Beaman also hit on six free throws, with Haines and Pytleski each getting five.

Haines controlled the boards with his 16 rebounds. Cariveau helped out with five assists, and Haines also had a pair of steals.

Oconto Falls won both halves of the game, 28-19 before intermission and 39-35 after the break.

Oconto Falls is 2-12 in conference action and 6-14 overall.

Witt-Birn

The Chargers sit at an even 9-9 overall after losing 77-68 to Pacelli in a non-conference game.

"We got down early and played with a deficit for the remainder of the game," coach Garrett Rogowski said.

Wittenberg-Birnwood trailed 43-31 at the half, and even though they outscored their hosts 37-34 after the break, it wasn't enough.

Jett Rogowski led the Chargers with 19 points. Keegan Schmid scored 12, while Marshall Fraaza and Hayden Miller each had 11. Nine of Miller's points came from 3-point field goals.

Stevens leads Bowler with 20 points, 20 rebounds

Friday, Feb. 9
Bonduel
Bonduel crushed Manawa 70-28 in Central Wisconsin East Conference action. The Bears improved to 13-0 in league play and 21-2 overall.
Bonduel was led by Hailee Thompson and her 19 points, including four triples, along with Ella Hischke with 14 and Audrey Weier with 10.
Juliana Jacobs led the Bears with eight rebounds, with Thompson and Weier each grabbing seven, and Hischke and Hailey Zernicke each with six. Hischke led with five assists and seven steals.
Bowler
Isabella Stevens scored 20 points, Paige Treptow knocked down 14 and Natalie Rickert had 12 as Bowler squeaked past Northland Lutheran 58-56 in Central Wisconsin North Conference action.
The other 12 points in the game came from Bertina Dodge with eight and Autumn Thieux with four.
Stevens also pulled down an incredible 20 rebounds and also led her team with five assists and five steals.
Bowler improved to 5-2 in conference action and 10-9 overall.
Gresham
The Wildcats had no trouble against White Lake, as Gresham pounded the Lakers 65-7 in a Central Wisconsin North Confer-

ence game.
Gresham improved to 7-0 in conference play and 16-4 overall.
Marion
The Mustangs dropped a non-conference game to Rosholt 38-15. Marion is 3-17 overall.
Menominee Indian
Menominee Indian fell a game behind Weyauwega-Fremont with a 48-42 loss in Central Wisconsin East Conference play.
The Eagles are now 5-7 in the conference and 8-13 overall.
Oconto Falls
A 5-2 overtime period was needed for Oconto Falls to claim a 43-40 North Eastern Conference win over Denmark.
Maddy Maloney led Oconto Falls with 12 points, and Amber Otto scored 10.
Otto pulled down nine rebounds, Rylie Shallow had five assists, and Shallow and Maloney each had three steals.
Oconto Falls led 15-13 at halftime, but Denmark's 25-23 second half showing knotted the score at 38-38 at the end of regulation time.
The Panthers are 9-8 in conference action.
Pulaski
Maggie Lardinois and Lily Urban each scored six points to lead Pulaski in the Red Raiders' 46-19 loss to Ashwaubenon in Fox River Classic Conference action.

Pulaski trailed 23-7 at the break and was outscored 23-12 in the second half.
The Red Raiders are 9-8 in conference play and 11-12 overall.
Wittenberg-Birnamwood
Melaina Granquist knocked down three 3-pointers and scored 22 points in Wittenberg-Birnamwood's 69-26 win over Amherst.
Rory Salvesen added another 19 for the Chargers, Harper Rogowski scored 11, and Faith Resch had 10.
The Chargers led 42-6 at intermission and went on to outscore their hosts 27-20 in the second half.
Granquist also led her team with nine rebounds, and Salvesen led with five assists and six steals.
Wittenberg-Birnamwood improved to 11-2 in conference play, having won its last six conference games.
Thursday, Feb. 8
Gillett
Cilena Guns led all scorers with 17 points and Emily Soper added 11 in Gillett's 43-41 victory over Coleman in Marinette & Oconto Conference action.
Also scoring for the Tigers were the other four players: Mia Soper with seven, Maggie Kaczmarek with four, and Lily Hansen and Sophie Limberg, each with two.
Coleman held an 18-16

lead at the break, with Gillett coming from behind with a 27-23 second half to capture the two-point win.
Gillett improved to 8-6 in the conference and 12-9 overall.
Lena
It was no contest for Lena in their 61-20 clobbering of Wausaukee in a Marinette & Oconto Conference game.
Eva Brooks led all scorers with 25 points, more than all of Wausaukee players combined. Madilyn Thomson scored another 15. Brooks connected on a pair of 3-pointers.
Brooks also led with 13 rebounds and four assists. Thomson had six steals.
At 14-0 in conference play and 21-1 overall, Lena dominated Wausaukee with a 35-8 first half and 26-12 second half.
Shawano
Leah Nordin scored 30 points and Abby Bystol added 11 as Shawano downed Seymour 63-54.
The Hawks improved to 5-6 in the Bay Conference and 15-7 overall.
Tuesday, Feb. 6
Bonduel
Another game and another win for Bonduel.
The Bears crushed Weyauwega-Fremont 78-33 in a Central Wisconsin East Conference game.
Bonduel improved to 12-0 in conference play and 20-2 overall.
Gresham

All five Gresham girls and all seven Niagara girls scored in a low-scoring non-conference game at Niagara.
Madolyn Haffner's 10 points led the Wildcats in their 31-26 win. Lexi Badmoccasin-Barnes scored eight points, Janay Pecore-Kirkland added six, Jocelyn Cerveney scored five and Jesse Jensen added two.
Gresham posted a slim one-point lead at the half and enlarged that with a 16-12 score after the break.
Marion
Marion dropped to 2-6 in the Central Wisconsin North Conference following a 53-26 loss to Northland Lutheran at home.
The Mustangs are 3-16 overall.
Chargers clip Eagles
Rory Salvesen lit up the scoreboard with 39 points, including a trio of triples, as Wittenberg-Birnamwood slammed Menominee Indian 66-47 in a Central Wisconsin East Conference contest.
Melaina Granquist also scored 10 in the victory.
Granquist led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with nine rebounds, Brie Ladika had four assists, and Salvesen nabbed eight steals.
The Chargers improved to 10-2 in the conference and 19-2 overall. The Eagles fell to 5-6 in league play and 8-12 overall.
Pulaski
The Red Raiders came

from behind to notch a 61-56 Fox River Classic Conference win over Green Bay Preble.
Olivia Sprangers led Pulaski with 20 points, with Maggie Lardinois contributing 11.
Green Bay Preble led 25-21 after the first half, but Pulaski fought back to a 40-31 second half and the five-point win.
The win moved the Red Raiders to 9-7 in conference play and 11-11 overall.
Monday, Feb. 5
Lena
Lena lost its first game of the year, a non-conference matchup against Crandon.
Now 20-1 overall, Lena was beaten by two points, 56-54. Crandon led 33-26 at the half, and even though Lena won the second half 28-23, it wasn't enough for the win.
Eva Brooks led the Wildcats with 25 points, including three 3-pointers. Kali Fischer scored 13 points, and Madilyn Thomson added 12. The other four points were scored by Whitney Potter.
Thomson led her team with 11 boards, seven assists and two steals.
Menominee Indian
After a three-game winning streak in the Central Wisconsin East Conference, Menominee Indian lost a non-conference battle to Oneida Nation, 61-56.

Six Shawano wrestlers advance to sectionals

Six members of the Shawano boys wrestling team will advance to sectional action following a successful round of regional wrestling Feb. 10 at Green Bay Preble.
Moving on for the Hawks will be Dane Hodkiewicz, Owen Montour, Drake Herm, Carsen Herm, Drew Chelberg and Connor Chelberg.
Drake Herm earned his 100th win during his first-round win. He won his bracket in quick fashion with two quick pins.
"Drake has been wrestling really well during the second half of the season," coach Mike Homan said. "We are excited to see him

wrestle next weekend at sectionals."
Carsen Herm also placed first and finished with two pins.
"Carsen wrestled a great tournament today and will look to finish well next weekend at the sectional tournament," Homan said.
Hodkiewicz and Connor Chelberg each placed third.
"Dane wrestled tough matches and earned his third-place finish. He continues to do great things on the mat," Homan said. "Connor wrestled well during the day and earned a tech fall in his third-place match."

Owen Montour and Drew Chelberg each placed fourth.
"All six of the wrestlers will look to place in the top 2two next weekend to move onto the state tournament," Homan said.
Finishing in fifth place were Dylan Gartner, Kody Popelka, Mason Theis and Brayen Biovin. Taking sixth were Alex Montour, Austin Stickney and Marcus Cicero.
The team as a whole placed fourth.
The Shawano girls team will also compete at sectionals next weekend with the first-place finishers moving on the state tournament.

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One football recommendation approved by the board changes the verbiage for the football playoff awards.
The round formerly identified on the Level 3 plaques will be changed to "Sectional Champions," which will be presented to the winner of the third-round game. The former Level 4 game will now be identified as the "State Semifinals" with only medals still being presented following the semifinal

games.
Student Leadership Group
Plans for a WIAA Student Leadership Group were approved. The student-athletes will serve as ambassadors for their peers and the WIAA while learning more about athletic leadership and the sports industry, as well as providing the membership with a student-athlete voice for advancing the purpose of education-based athletics.

The launch of the initiative will begin with nominations of student-athletes to serve on the leadership team beginning in March with the first meeting of the group in May.
School principals or athletic directors may nominate one current sophomore and junior to be a prospective member of the committee next year. After the first year of the initiative, all student-athletes will serve two-year terms.

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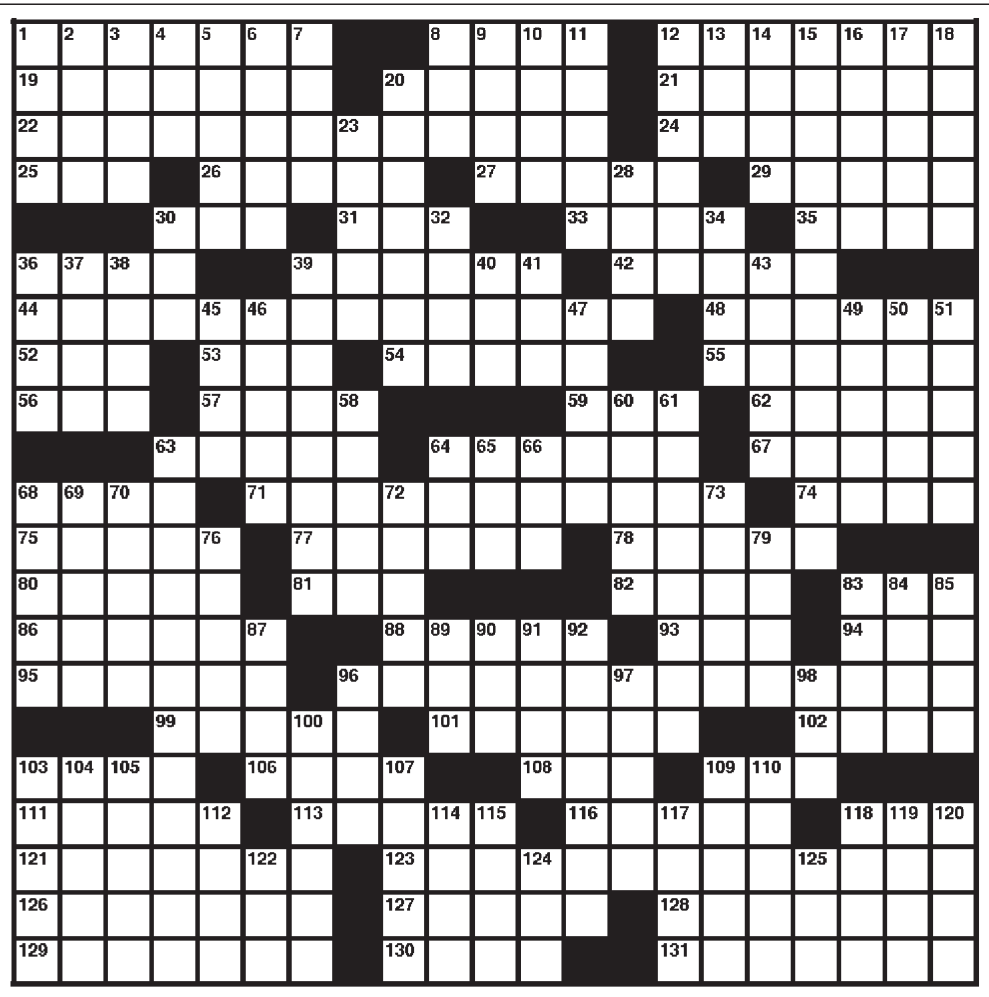
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Field's 'Friend of the Family' has complex plot

When I selected "A Friend of the Family" by Stuart Field I had no idea how tangled the plot could be. I can't really do justice to all the nuances of the parallel plot lines, so I will offer a thumbnail sketch.

The Freeman family, Jake, Abby and their daughters Danni and Melanie are fairly typical. Danni is outgoing and friendly, while Melanie keeps to herself. The day after receiving elaborate costume masks as birthday gifts, Melanie begins having nightmares and behaving strangely.

After she mutters the words, "They are going to die and I'm going to take satisfaction in it," Melanie is taken to Dr. Hicks for therapy. Soon Hicks suggests that Melanie go into care in his clinic, Larksford House.

Years go by with Melanie becoming more and more withdrawn. Her world has shrunk to a small, locked room, her books, and a view of the fountain and pond.

Along the way, she had been befriended by a woman named Karen. Karen knew how to pick locks and more about the huge building without detection. Karen visited Melanie and taught her much about real life and how to survive in the institution. It was Karen who suggested Melanie wear her mask at all times. It would hide her true emotions and give her a small sense of control in her life.

Once Dr. Hicks passed away, his son took over



Jan Jones
Columnist

and things at Larksford took on a sinister air. Then Toby Washington arrived. Toby is a young American nurse eager to learn more about how to best care for long-term mental patients.

To everyone's great surprise, Toby connects with Melanie, causing her to speak and interact with him. Young Dr. Hicks is thrilled. Maybe Toby could be the key to making his research successful.

Toby is not surprised to learn that the entire clinic is equipped with cameras and monitored day and night. None of them realize that Melanie has been seeing flashes of her former life or that she is carefully plotting her escape and revenge.

The parallel story focuses on solving several horrific murders. In each case the husband and any males in the house is killed quickly, but each mother and daughter are tortured, brutally raped and slowly killed. All the female victims have short, blond hair, blue eyes and an athletic build. The killer is careful leaving no trace evidence to work with.

Five years ago, DCI Richard Platt's wife and daughter had been attacked but left alive. The traumatized women were taken to a psychiatric hospital for care, but within a

AT A GLANCE

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day, Platt's daughter had hanged herself and his wife was nearly catatonic. Platt is still angry that he'd been sent to a far-off crime scene and not there when the attack happened. The shattered man is still determined to catch the person dubbed "the family killer."

He and his partner, DC Dave Elford, continue to work the older cases with the help of a PC Sommers. She was in London when the killer attacked her family. She, too, is determined to find the cruel killer.

With their three different points of view, they piece together tiny clues to create a picture of how the killer chose his or her victims and carried out the crimes.

Toby is doing his own investigation into Larksford and Dr. Hicks, and what he finds is terrifying. Just as the police and Toby seem to be closing in on a suspect, Melanie takes the first steps of her revenge.

I turned the page fully expecting to find the answers but instead found a blurb encouraging me to read book two, "Not a Friend of the Family." I hate cliffhangers. Since I invested so much time in this book, I am compelled to find the second and get to the bottom of it all.

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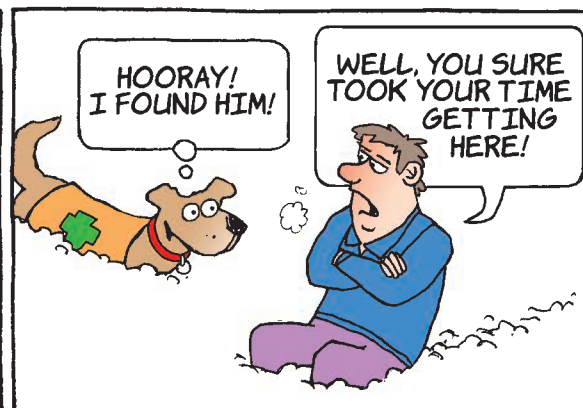
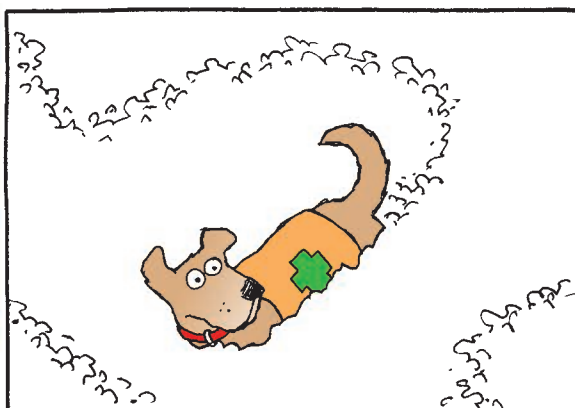
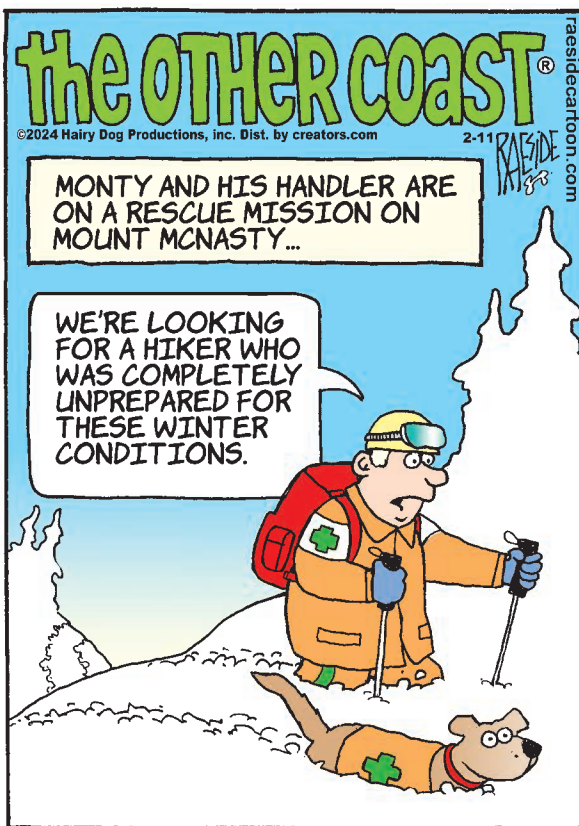
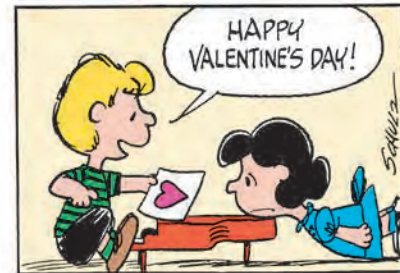
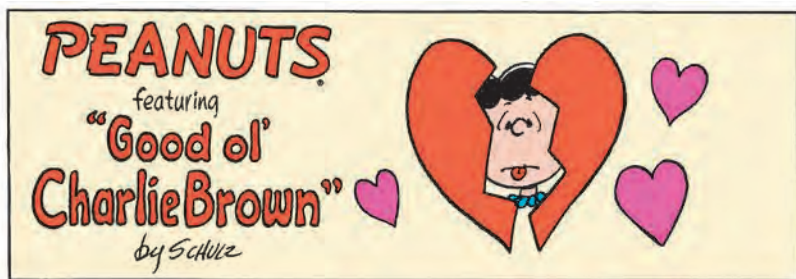


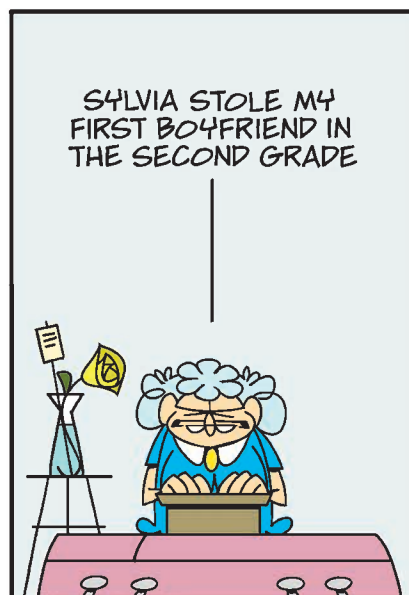
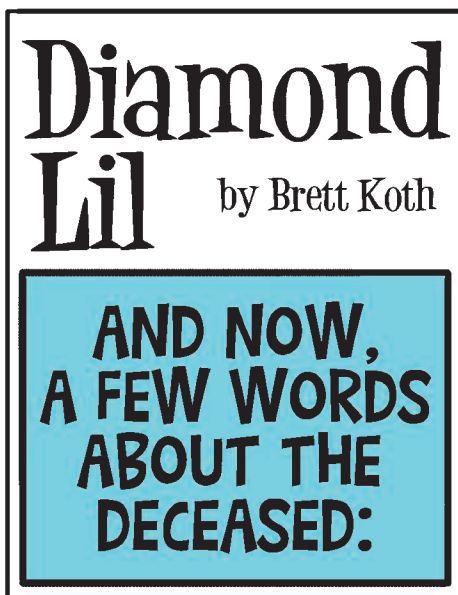
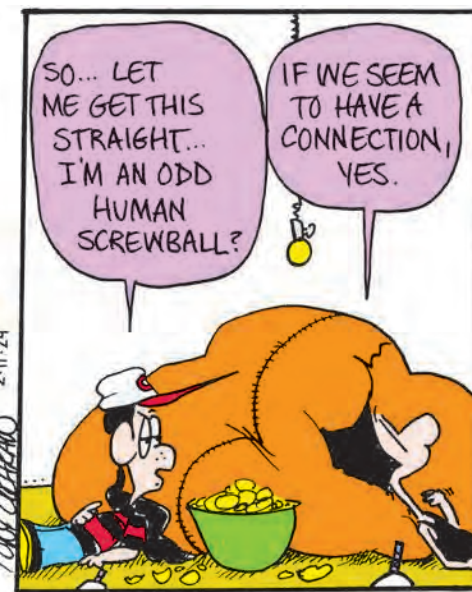
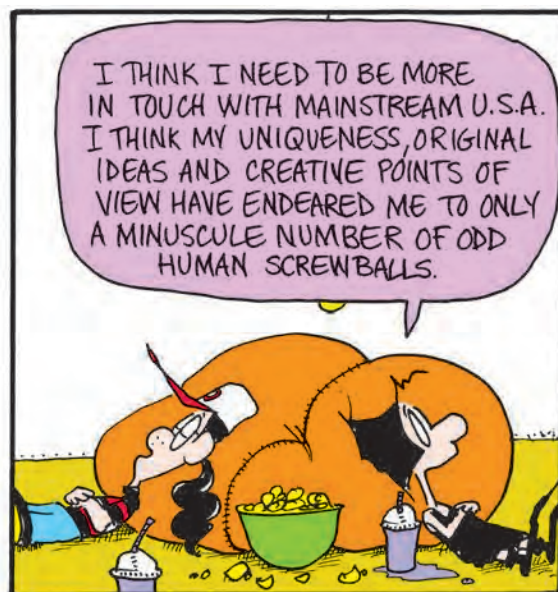
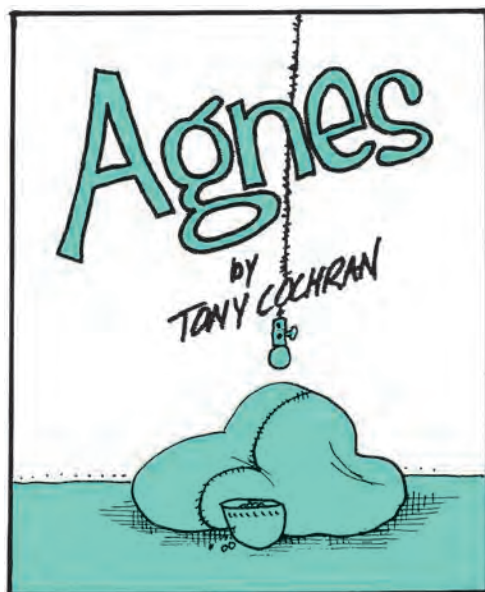
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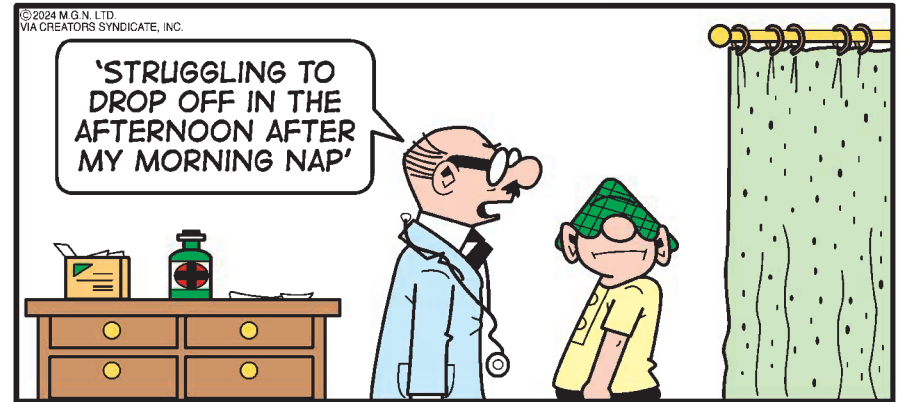
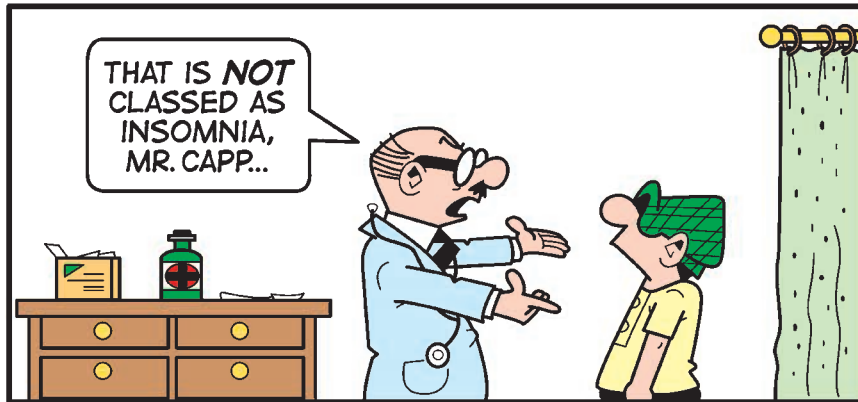
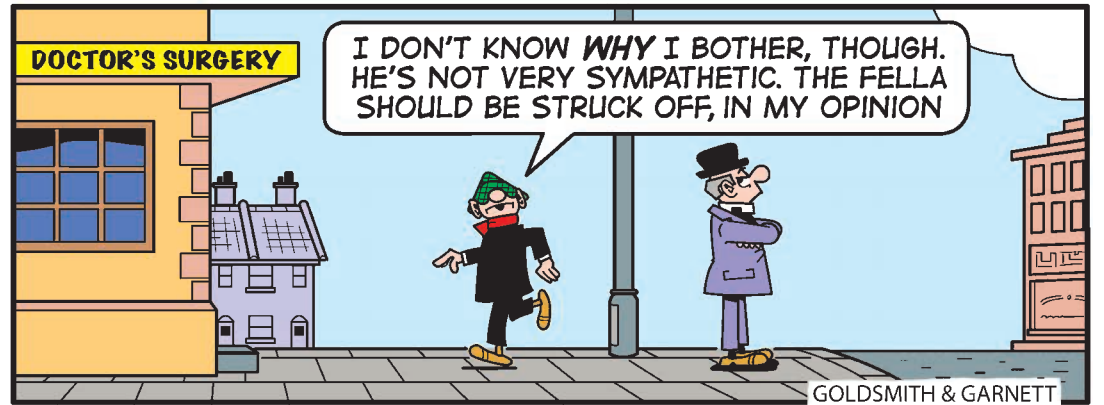
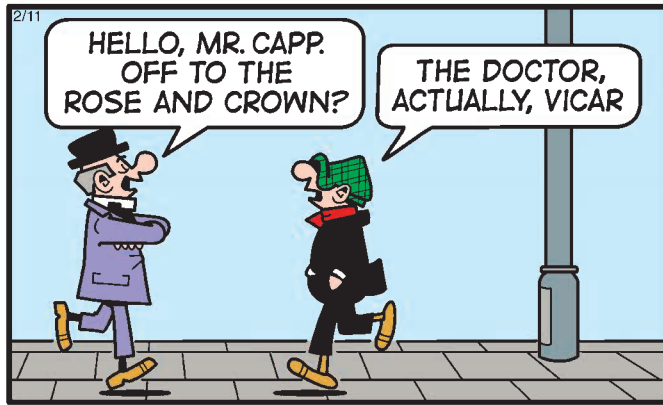
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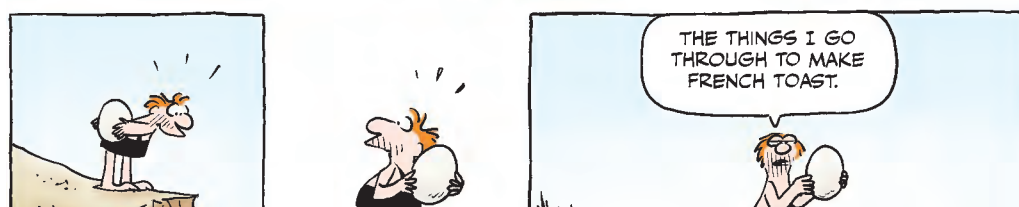
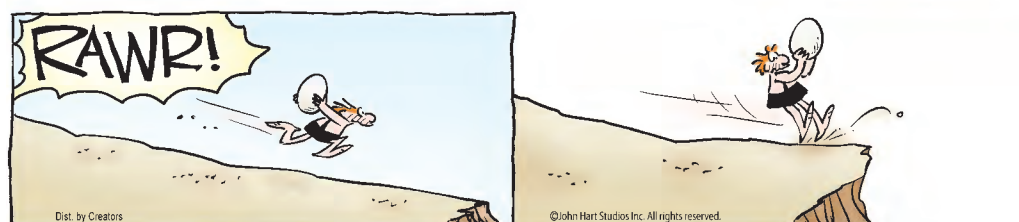
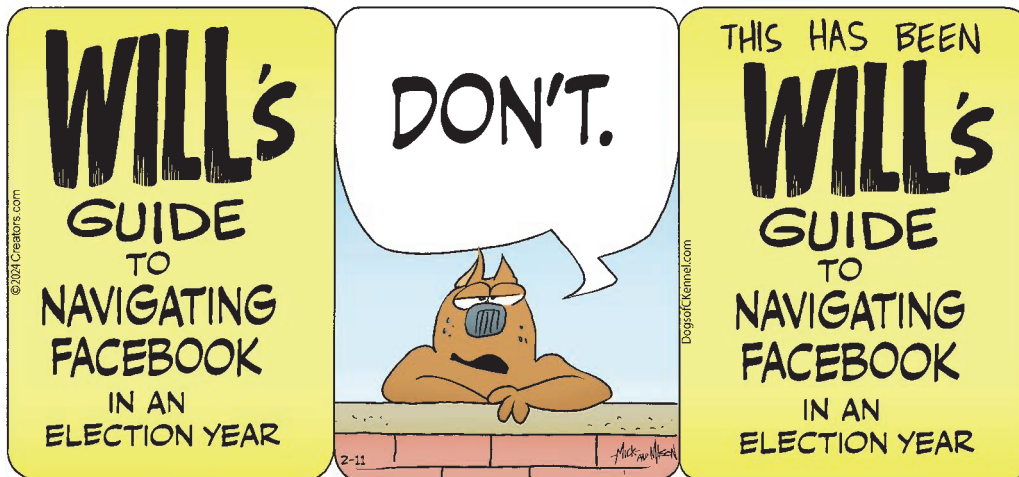
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Through their own words and photos, FFA members describe the work they've been doing in the local chapters based

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National FFA Week always runs from Saturday to Saturday and encompasses Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday. This year, the week kicks off on Feb. 17 and culminates on Feb. 24.

The National FFA board of directors designated the weeklong tradition, which began in 1948, recognizing Washington's legacy as an agriculturist and farmer.

A group of young farmers founded FFA in 1928, and the organization has been influencing generations that agriculture is more than planting and harvesting — it involves science, business and more.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 945,000 student members as part of 9,163 local FFA chapters in all 50 states,

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The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop

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FFA is a lifetime activity. Tim and Adam Wierzbowski flip cobs of corn on a grill in Washington Park during the Wittenberg-Birnamwood FFA Alumni Corn Roast in Wittenberg last summer.

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Month by month, Shawano FFA stays busy

By MADISYN WEINIG
Shawano FFA Reporter 2023-2024

Our Shawano FFA Chapter has many events throughout the year for members to participate in. Many of these events are planned by the 2023-24 officer team, which includes five juniors, our president, Anna Majeski; vice president, Brynn Hannes; secretary, Hannah Yeager; treasurer, Kendra Strebel; and reporter, Madisyn Weinig, as well as one senior, the sentinel, Maddie Krueger.

The FFA school year starts in September, with the annual steak fry. This event is held each year for members to pay their dues and socialize with other members of the chapter. Moving into October, we started the second annual year of Socktober. This event is held to raise socks for homeless shelters and schools within the community. This year the event raised 511 pairs of socks.

Another activity that was held was homecoming float building. This year the club chose to decorate the float with our chapter theme of “Expand your Roots with Shawano FFA.” Another event in October is the Trunk or Treat event at Olga Brener, where we decorate a vehicle and hand out string cheese to trick or treaters. Closing out October, we get the annual fruit and kringle fundraiser.

To start out November, we have members go into fifth-grade art classes to teach them about Christmas trees and have them decorate ornaments for the Christmas tree in the high school commons. The tree is put up at the end of the month, and after the hard work is done, we treat our members to a pizza social.

Staying in the holiday spirit, December starts with members going into classes at Hillcrest and Sacred Heart to teach children about reindeer and help them make reindeer food. Shortly after, we held Milk and Cookies with Santa. This event is a community event held at The Naborhood Park for kids to come and see Santa and enjoy milk and cookies.

To start off the new year, we hold many work nights for our members to come and work on State Degrees, American Degrees and Proficiencies. These applications are due throughout February, and we want to make sure that our members have adequate time and resources to finish their applications.

Another event in February is Walsh Dental’s Giving Kids a Smile Event. We send members to help with this event. This year National FFA Week is Feb. 17-24. Members work hard to plan activities and dress-up days for the school to participate in. During this week, we will also have treats for our members, teachers and students. To close out FFA Week, the chapter officers help out with the FFA Alumni Wild Game Feed, which is held at Shawano County Park.

In March, regional CDEs (Career Development Events) take place. A CDE is a group of four individuals who compete in a contest related to an agricultural career. Members work hard to study their topic area throughout the year and this contest shows how they rank against others in the area, if they qualify for the state competition it is held at the end of April.

At the beginning of April, we hold a Drive your Tractor to School Day. We are also looking to have members of the community participate in this event by driving tractors around the elementary schools to show children the machinery. A final event that is held in April is Kids Safety Day. This is held at Olga Brener for children to learn about safety in different careers.

Finally, at the end of the FFA year in May, we hold an awards night for members and their families to celebrate their achievements and accomplishments throughout the year. This is also where the 2024-25 officer team will be announced and installed to start their year of planning and service on the officer team. We are looking forward to coming events and are excited to see where our younger members will take the chapter.



Members helping to pack string cheese that is handed out at the Trunk or Treat event. From left, Addyson Kust, Brooklyn Koenig, Aiden Kern and Camden Kern.

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Shawano FFA held a Greenhand Day for all freshman who were interested in or wanted to check out what FFA is. The day was filled with different activities led by our advisers and chapter officers. Here, Freshman were challenged to make Kool-Aid blindfolded with only the help of one person. This was meant to teach them about the importance of communication. From left, are Claire Wegner, Kyera Williams and Harper Rettke.

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Shawano FFA members and officers helping to set up the Christmas tree in the high school commons. The tree and other decorations are set up at the end of November and left up until the end of December for the school and community members to enjoy. From left, Levi Wendorf, Kendra Strebel, Kenley Kelliher and Brynn Hannes.

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Oconto Falls High School FFA meetings have been moved to the school's Performing Art Center as membership surges past 100 members, 22% of the school's student population.

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Oconto Falls FFA membership outgrows agriculture class meeting room

In the past year, the Oconto Falls FFA Chapter had many exciting accomplishments and participated in many events. During the summer Executive FFA Officer Retreat, the students decided that the goals for 2023-2024 would be: enthusiastic opportunities, inclusion and increase active participation.

Some notable accomplishments include 12 of our chapter members earning Greenhand Degrees, eight earning Chapter Degrees and one, our very own chapter president, Abigail Roskom, earning her State Degree.

Three members, Mika, Megan and McKenna, attended the Washington Leadership Conference. Our chapter had members attend the State Convention as chapter delegates and one participant in the State FFA Band. Members also participated in other FFA leadership workshops and conferences.

The chapter organized an Elementary Ag Night where students with their parents and moved through stations. FFA members at both Washington Middle School and Oconto Falls High School led them in activities such as fishing, planting seeds and making pine cone bird treats. Students even had the chance to witness a student making jams and jellies, which they could eat on a gourmet grilled cheese. They earned stamps for each activity completed, which they recorded in a booklet to qualify for prizes.

Another new elementary student project was Farm Boots Ag Literacy Night where elementary school students and their families moved through stations to listen as FFA members read pages of a book about different types of footwear ag workers wear and discussed it with them.

Every June, our chapter collaborates with the three other county FFA chapters to help at the Breakfast on the Farm, last year held at Kohls Dairy Farm in Gillett, which had 4,500 attendees.

The year wrapped up with our annual holiday fundraiser, featuring fruit and local agribusiness products. This year's sale set a record for products sold and profit earned help support premier leadership, personal growth and career success thanks to the support of our community and business partners.

FFA advisers are Walter Taylor, Hallie Rehn and Mariah Markhardt.



Natalie and Margaret Rieth prepare their steer for the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Beef show. Their mom is providing feedback as they work on the animal.

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The Oconto Falls FFA executive officer team for 2023-24 is, from left, Ben Adams, reporter; Lillian Holley, vice president; Mika Tassoul, sentinel; Destiny Vandevoort, vice president; Olivia Wagner, secretary; Kara Philhower, parliamentarian; Abigail Roskom, president; Jadya Weslow, vice president; and Isabelle Blazek, historian. CONTRIBUTED



FFA members at Oconto Falls High School are thankful for this year's holiday fundraiser, which surpassed \$40,000 in gross sales. Profits support student learning to achieve premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Members sold fruit from MinnTex Citrus, and our chapter is proud to offer items from local agribusinesses like Meatski's Meats, Springside Cheese, Pete's Mustard and Big Dees Honey Farm. CONTRIBUTED

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A very busy year for Lena FFA

The 2023-24 Lena FFA officer team consists of President Anthony Seefeldt, Vice Presidents Mackenzie Vorpahl and Nadia Shallow, Secretary McKenna Garrigan, Sentinel Kyriana Bergevain, Reporter Lily Ann Greetan, Treasurer America Thomas, junior adviser Logan

Graef, and adviser Roberta Windus.

The Lena FFA has been very busy throughout the year. Members attend State and National FFA Convention, judge dairy cattle at the World Dairy Expo, volunteer at the WPS farm show in the information booths, and volunteer

in the education area of Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm. For fun, the members attend regular meetings, where we have game nights, movie nights, cookouts and fun activities. As a group, we attend various events such as Disney on Ice, Monster Trucks or a Green Bay Gamblers game.

The Lena FFA Alumni and FFA Supporters are a vital support group to the Lena FFA. Without their support and dedication, the activities we do would not be possible.

The Lena FFA Would also like to thank Peshtigo Veterinary Clinic LLC, Zoetis Industry Support

Program with Valley Vet Clinic SC for their generous donations. Mark your calendars for 9 a.m. to noon April 20 when Lena FFA, along with Valley Vet, will be hosting a vaccination clinic for dogs and cats in the Lena Agriculture Room.

The Lena FFA officers

have planned a very exciting FFA week. The officers will be promoting dress-up days, Money Wars with donations being donated to a local student in need of medical assistance, our annual Ag Olympics, coloring contest, and sponsoring an FFA emblem hunt and daily FFA trivia.



Lena FFA members attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis are, from left, Macy Herald, Alabama Lambert, Grace Madson, America Thomas, Lillyan Neta, Anthony Seefeldt, Logan Graef, Kaelyn Cook, Kenna Garrigan, Kenzie Vorpahl and Laila Collar.

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Sam Peterson exhibits his dairy animal at the Oconto County Fair.

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Grace Seefeldt takes part in the formal show at the Oconto County Fair.

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Payton Berger, the Wittenberg-Birnamwood FFA officer team treasurer, checks out turkeys to take to the food pantry.

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This school year has been busy for the Witt-Birn FFA. Starting off the year, our officer team wanted to plan events that would benefit the local communities. Since then, we have hosted three major events that have helped expand our outreach to our community. We donated apples to our school cafeteria, hosted The Gobbler Gallop, which supported donating to the food pantry, and donated fruit to the local fire stations. These projects have been an amazing way to give back to our community.

In September, we teamed up with Rock Ridge Orchard to donate apples to our school lunch program. We made four donations throughout the fall, totaling 12 bushels of Cortland apples and nine bushels of Ruby Macintosh. This donation ensured the school had fresh apples to serve during lunch time. Our officer team enjoyed being able to benefit the school, while also working with a small business from central Wisconsin.

Nov. 11 and the weeks leading up to it was by far the busiest time for our officer team, but no matter how much work it took, that day made it all worth it. On Nov. 11, our FFA teamed up with 17 amazing sponsors to host the first annual Gobbler Gallop. The Gobbler Gallop was a 5k run around the town of Wittenberg. Any donations that we received and all entry fees went to purchasing Thanksgiving dinners to give to the Wittenberg Food Pantry. In total, we donated 50-plus Thanksgiving dinners and \$3,800 to the pantry. Our runners were ranked by age, and awards were given to the winner of each age group. We had a warming station in the pavilion where hot chocolate, coffee, and donuts were served. While the officer team mingled with the runners everyone, expressed how much they enjoyed the run and how they hope we will continue to do it.

Lastly, before Christmas break a few officers took fruit from our fruit sale in November to four surrounding fire stations. We wanted to thank the local firefighters for always keeping the community safe. Donating to local businesses is something that our FFA really enjoys doing and hopes to continue.

Overall, so far we have accomplished so much and can't wait to see what the rest of the school year brings.

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community: Wittenberg-Birnamwood FFA



ABOVE: The Wittenberg-Birnamwood FFA chapter officer team, after the Gobbler Gallop, from left, are Vivian Resch, Lillian Fischer, Adrianna Quade, Payton Berger, Ava Medo, Matthew Nousen, Jonas Bushman, Matthew Christain and Gracyn Uttecht, and in the front row Korey Nousen.

RIGHT: The officer team donated apples to the school lunch program. From left, are Vivian Resch, Lillian Fischer, Payton Berger, Korey Nousen, Matthew Nousen, Jonas Bushman, Lauri Klumppan, Kandice Miller and Lois Anderson.

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Gresham FFA chapter involved in diverse activities

Gresham FFA has numerous upcoming activities planned and participated in many notable activities for the 2023-24 school year, led by this year's FFA officers: senior Jocelyn Cerveny as president, senior Bryson Nelson as vice president of student development, sophomore Allie Cerveny as vice president of chapter development, sophomore Emily Jensen as vice president of community development, senior Abigail Hohensee as secretary, sophomore Cody Mehlberg as reporter, junior Jefferson Hoffman as student adviser, and Jeff Zobeck as the adviser.

The summer before the school year started, the officer team and Mr. Zobeck, with two additions, Porter Hoffman and Kaidyen Zaitz, traveled to Madison for the Wisconsin State FFA Convention at the Alliant Energy Center in the middle of June. They were able to attend workshops, connect with other FFA members, attend sessions and enjoy fun activities.

Also, before the beginning of the school year, two FFA officers Jocelyn Cerveny and Bryson Nelson were able to attend WLC (Washington Leadership Conference) for a week in July. This conference allowed them to learn about the history of Washington, D.C., and gain leadership experience all while connecting with FFA members from all over the nation.

Starting at the beginning of the school year in September, the officer team was able to attend a leadership conference in Seymour and develop greater leadership skills. The officer team then planned an exciting community event, a

Haunted Barn on Oct. 14. Many FFA members contributed and participated in the success of this event, which raised a great amount of food for the local food pantry in Gresham and some money for Gresham FFA.

FFA members were then able to take a trip to the World Dairy Expo in Madison, which was a great learning experience about the importance of the dairy world. At the end of October and going into November, the officer team and Mr. Zobeck, with an addition, Griffin Hoffman, traveled to Indianapolis for The National FFA Convention and Expo. During this trip, they toured a buffalo farm, a boar genetics farm and a candy factory. They also were able to attend a concert, sessions, and build new relationships through other fun experiences.

Gresham FFA has already had a few Blue and Gold Nights, one, in particular, was a service project in December where they helped wrap presents for Christmas is For Caring. Two blood drives were already run by Gresham FFA, and they plan to have another one before the end of the school year. For the rest of the school year, some activities that are planned include exciting events for FFA Week, donkey basketball, WPS Farm Show in Oshkosh, touring Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center in Manitowoc, roadside cleanup, and Plow Days.

The Gresham FFA officers, along with Mr. Zobeck, are proud of their accomplishments and excited for what the future holds for Gresham FFA.



Gresham FFA members who attended World Dairy Expo included, from left, Jocelyn Cerveny, Abigail Hohensee, Jacob Hohensee, Luke Jensen, Jessa Jensen and Bryson Nelson. CONTRIBUTED



Representing Gresham FFA at the Washington Leadership Conference are Jocelyn Cerveny, left, and Bryson Nelson. CONTRIBUTED

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Gresham FFA members attending the 2023 Wisconsin FFA Convention included, front row, from left, Allie Cerveny, Emily Jensen, Jocelyn Cerveny and Abigail Hohensee. Back row, from left, are Cody Mehlberg, Porter Hoffman, Kaidyen Zaitz, and Jefferson Hoffman. CONTRIBUTED

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Suring FFA is having another successful year

The Suring FFA chapter has been very busy with its program of activities to promote student leadership, strengthening agriculture and building communities.

In May, our chapter hosted our annual Ag Education Day that included a petting zoo and various ag education related stations for Suring Elementary and St. John Lutheran students.

In June, our chapter with other FFA chapters participated in the Neighborhood Dairy Distribution service project, which provided numerous dairy products to community members, we participated in the Breakfast on the Farm ag education activities and we helped the Breed Sportsman assemble bicycles for their annual Fourth of July celebration.

Eight Suring FFA members attended the FFA State Convention held in Madison and had the opportunity to watch Macie Reed receive her State FFA Degree. We toured Two Guernsey Girls Dairy in Freedom and LaClare Family Goat Creamery in Malone. Throughout the summer, numerous members participated in many livestock shows, the Wisconsin State Fair and the Oconto County Fair.

In July, the newly installed officers went to Spur of the Moment Ranch for our officer retreat. Officers discussed new ideas for the following year and upcoming events. Tessa Losurdo, Kaley Thompson and Maddie Hatfield attended the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., where members are provided a premiere leadership experience.

The Suring Labor Day Celebration provided many opportunities for service, fundraising and fun.

Our annual Haunted Forest took place in October. Over 60 members participated in the fun of scaring, concessions or group leading. We also held a food drive for the Suring School Food Pantry.

We continued our Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest for our entire student body.

In November, we sent eight members to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Lots of tours, member bonding and fun. In December, the chapter has a large fruit sale that many community members generously support. We had another successful sale.

The Suring FFA and Ag Education program has a long history at Suring Public School. The FFA chapter was chartered in 1947. The school currently has 82 members and their adviser is Mary E. Smith. The many programs and activities of Suring FFA would not be possible without the help of our Suring FFA Alumni and the Suring Community. Thank you!



ABOVE: Morgan Dryja and Bunny Cramer help an elementary student hear the heartbeat of a rabbit during Ag Education Day.

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LEFT: Suring FFA Officers 2023-24 are Ginger Gerndt, secretary; Bunny Cramer, treasurer; Birdee Cramer, parliamentarian; Hailey Huguet, sentinel; Tessa Losurdo, president; Chloe Schroeder, reporter; Georgia Gerndt, vice president and Chase Schindel, vice president.

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Gillett FFA builds relationships in the local community

By HOPE SOPER
Special to NEW Media

The Gillett FFA has been strengthening agriculture and promoting community growth for many years.

The FFA has been a thriving club with 50-plus members. These students have attended conferences like the Fall Leadership Workshop to sharpen their leadership skills and grow as people.

FFA has opened many new doors for Gillett members as they have had opportunities to travel to places like Madison and experience the World Dairy Expo and Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention and Expo.

The Gillett chapter strives to help grow its community. One of these events is the annual Holiday Dinner, when the elderly are invited to have a home-cooked meal and visit with members. It always puts a smile on someone's face and is a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Another event they put on yearly called "Farmer Appreciation," where they put together five-gallon pails with Glazers Donuts, milk, and other snacks. They then

deliver the buckets to local farmers and thank them for all their hard work.

Members always lend a hand and volunteer at various community events like Breakfast on the Farm and the town clean up.

The Gillett FFA always wants to spread the word about FFA and get others involved. They plan exciting events, including FFA Week activities and Partners in Active Learning Support, a mentoring program for elementary schoolers.

Many members of the Gillett FFA are currently getting ready for the Leadership Development Events and Career Development Events competitions and working on submitting their Supervised Agriculture Experience proficiency application. These competitions help students expand their knowledge of agriculture and help them prepare for a career.

The Gillett FFA is a thriving club that offers many opportunities and benefits students in many ways. Getting involved provides ways to help serve your community, prepare for the future, and grow relationships.



Kylee Stelzer of Suring FFA leads the grand champion beef market steer into the auction ring during the 2021 Sale of Champions at the Oconto County Youth Fair in Gillett.

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