



Rob and JoAnna Wyman talk with a customer in the opening minutes Feb. 29 at Once N Again before things got really busy as people from Birnamwood and elsewhere swarmed on the shop under new ownership.

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# Birnamwood shop helps keep old things thriving

Once N Again reopens under new ownership to big crowd of people

By **LEE PULASKI**  
City Editor

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

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

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

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

"It was available for sale, and we really

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

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## Legislative maps shuffle lawmakers

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

By **WARREN BLUHM**  
News Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Library hours changing in Tigerton, Wittenberg and Birnamwood.

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Ready for some yarns from the woods?

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**KATHLEEN MARSH**

In today's newspaper!



# 4 Shawano County Library branches to change hours

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

well as their usual Saturday hours.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Senate District 2

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

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

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

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

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

### Senate District 12

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

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

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

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

### Senate District 29

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

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

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

### Senate District 30

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

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

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

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

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Dozens of nooks filled with items from yesteryear provide quite a bit of nostalgia for customers at Once N Again. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

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like old things,” Wyman said. “We want to preserve them and see that they get to good homes.”

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

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

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

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

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



Plenty of goodies and raffle baskets were on display Feb. 29 for the reopening of Once N Again in Birnamwood. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

inquired as to whether she could bring stuff in again.

“That’s the fun of it, going out to find neat stuff,” Wyman said.

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

“This is wonderful. I expected busy, but I did not expect that busy,” Wyman said. “What a great showing of support. The previous owners were here 24 years, and when we made the deal, he joked that I needed to be here at least that long.”

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

“It’s nostalgia for sure, and probably because

they’re made better,” Wyman said. “They’re unique. Not everybody has it anymore because there’s less of them.”

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

“I don’t know. I’m pretty hard on myself,” she said.

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

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

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## Highway 117 project to get underway May 6

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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has several projects planned for 2024 in the area.

Among the first to get going will be the reconstruction of Highway 117 through Bonduel. Work is scheduled to begin May 6 and will eventually stretch from Express Way to Mutzy Lane.

This work will consist of water and sewer repairs, replacement of the curb ramps and crossings, traffic

light upgrades, and repaving of state Highway 117 through the village. Additional work will take place with the signals at County Road BE.

The tentative schedule has three phases.

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

Second, from June 6 to Aug. 13, the road will be completely closed (impassable) from South Street to County Road BE.

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

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

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

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# School board gets update on Act 20 requirements

Literacy coach notes legislature may push back start date

BY LEE PULASKI  
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An update on implementing Wisconsin Act 20 regarding literacy instruction shows there's some work ahead for public schools, according to a report Feb. 26 to the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board, but the big question is when everything will need to be in place. Act 20 requires all Wisconsin schools to provide

early literacy instruction that is based on science, which includes phonics, oral language development and vocabulary building, among other things. The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District is utilizing Science of Reading, which includes research on teaching reading through five basic concepts — phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Nicole Steigerwald, a literacy coach, told the board that one of the provisions for Act 20 is for early reading interventions for kindergarten through third grade students who are below the 25th percentile on reading assessments. She noted that the

interventions would not apply to 4-year-old kindergarten classes. "We will identify those kids, give them a plan that will include diagnostic assessments, which means we target where they're struggling, and then we will provide interventions," Steigerwald said. "We have to have all of this written down — what interventions we would provide, as well as progress monitoring to make sure they're making growth and a parent notification program." A universal screener will be picked by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for all schools in the state. According to Steigerwald,

the screener will do assessments for 4-year-old kindergarten students twice a year and for regular kindergarten through third grade three times per year. "That screener has not been picked yet," Steigerwald said. "We haven't even seen a tentative list, so we don't know if what we have will stay, or if we have to learn a new one." The district will have to provide professional development training for Science of Reading by July 1, 2025, according to Steigerwald. Three reading curricula are being developed by DPI, and Witt-Birn's existing program does not quite meet the curricula being developed, Steiger-

wald said. However, the local reading program is only off by a 10th of a point, so she's hopeful that the district wouldn't have to alter much to meet the standards. Steigerwald added the reading curricula eyed by DPI are not widely viewed by schools as the best of teaching reading. "They've gotten a lot of heat for not being culturally responsive in their books or in their lessons," Steigerwald said. "That also poses another risk we might not want to take." Nick Firari, Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School principal, noted that just because the local curriculum has not made the list does not mean that it's not

acceptable to DPI. "When they put it out there, they said you would have to supplement it specifically with some of the phonics pieces, which we have already implemented this year," Firari said. "We're doing that in the early grade levels." Steigerwald pointed out that the Wisconsin Legislature introduced a bill last week that would push back the implementation of Act 20. Instead of taking effect in 2024, the bill would implement the new reading requirements in 2025, she said. "Everything is very unknown as of right now," Steigerwald said.

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NICOLE STEIGERWALD, Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District literacy coach

# Shawano County gets new human resources director

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

BY KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-chief

When you have more job openings than potential workers, it can make the job of attracting and retaining staff difficult. Julie Hasser is up to the task. The new director of human resources for Shawano County has nearly 20 years of HR experience in the private sector. This job in the public sector may be new to her, but Shawano County isn't. "We know that finding talented, educated workers that we can hire to the open positions is an ongoing challenge," she said. "The other side of that is retaining our current employees." By keeping current staffing intact, it saves the time and money needed to recruit, hire and train new staff. "That's a big, big focus of mine — to get out and have a presence in each of our departments," she said. "We have just over 500 employees, and I want to get out there and have a connection with them, understand what are the dynamics of their job, what does the county want from their jobs, what do the taxpayers want from the people that we're paying. How do maximize that marriage of the two?"

Hasser, a Town of Richmond resident, started her new job Feb. 19. She was introduced to county supervisors at the Feb. 28 Shawano County Board of Supervisors meeting. She is from the area, having spent most of her years in the Pulaski and Green Bay areas. She said

she's familiar with the dynamics of Shawano County. "You can say there's a difference in private and there's a difference in public," Hasser said. "There is, but in human resources not as much. And the reason is that everyone is a human being, and treating everyone that way is really important." Hasser understands that the pool of potential employees has options — either with other municipalities or with the private sector. For workers, it's not always just wages and benefits. "Wage is one thing, and it's important to be competitive in that, but there are so many other factors," Hasser said. "They have to come to work for 40 hours out of their week. They have to enjoy that. When they leave here, they have to leave feeling fulfilled, appreciated, that they want to come back. We don't want them to go home and look for a different job."

Hasser is appreciative of the current staff, noting that she recently spent time becoming familiar with the Department of Human Services. Staff there deal with a variety of issues, including aging, behavioral health, child support, community services, income maintenance and more. "There are some very talented, very highly educated individuals that we have working for us," she said. "They can do that job and use those talents in many other spots." The same can be said for other departments as well. "Keeping them is really important," Hasser said of the staff.



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

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She said each department unique, and none more important than the others. In addition to the hundreds of permanent full-time and part-time employees, there are all of the seasonal employees, mostly for the parks and highway departments. For the students who often fill these positions, they now have more options than in previous years. Another significant area for Hasser to concentrate on is worker's compensation and creating a safe work environment.

"Reducing work injuries, making sure that your employees are safe, whether it's technology, when they're walking, when they're driving, when they're out using the equipment ... creating that save environment for our employees is really, really important to me," she said. The county currently has more than a dozen openings to fill, and some jobs have multiple vacancies. In early February, Marianne Peshek retired as director of the Women, Infants and Children

Program. There is also a need for a WIC nutrition educator. The highway department is hiring for equipment operators and an asphalt paving foreman. There is an opening for an office assistant in the clerk of courts office at the courthouse. A newly created office manager for the District Attorney's Office is still open. Corrections officers are needed at the jail. The library is in need of a page. Several openings exist in the Department of

Human Services. They include case manager initial assessment, clinical therapist/social worker, economic support specialist and intervention services supervisors. There is a need for a temporary assistant real estate property lister, as well as several summer employees with the highway department and with the parks department. For more information on these positions or to apply, visit <https://www.co.shawano.wi.us>.

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# Beware hidden dangers of puffy coats, car seats

As the winter chill sets in, parents seek the perfect balance between warmth and safety for their little ones. Puffy coats, while a popular choice for insulation, come with an unexpected danger when combined with car seats.

Aspirus Health — in collaboration with insights from Dr. Jaime Oswald, Aspirus family medicine physician, and Safe Kids Wisconsin — aims to guide parents and caregivers in bundling and buckling their children up securely during the winter months.

Puffy coats, while they look like they are going to be really warm and keep your child safe in that regard, put a lot of space in between your child and the car seat straps.

“If you think that you’re cinching down those car seat straps, there’s actually this big gap where the puffy coat is sitting,” Oswald said.

According to Safe Kids Wisconsin, a puffy coat adds 4 inches of slack to car seat harness straps, which Oswald said, “causes a potential for your child to slide around in their car seat in the event of a car accident, which would defeat the purpose then of the car seat.”

To ensure warmth and safety during cold weather, Oswald recommends alternatives to puffy coats in car seats. Parents can opt for lighter, thinner layers, such as sweaters



Dr. Jaime Oswald, Aspirus family medicine physician, discusses how parents and caregivers can better bundle and buckle their children up securely during the winter months. CONTRIBUTED

that don’t compromise the snug fit of the car seat straps. Additionally, hats, gloves, boots and blankets provide warmth once the child is securely strapped in and can be an effective substitute for bulky outerwear.

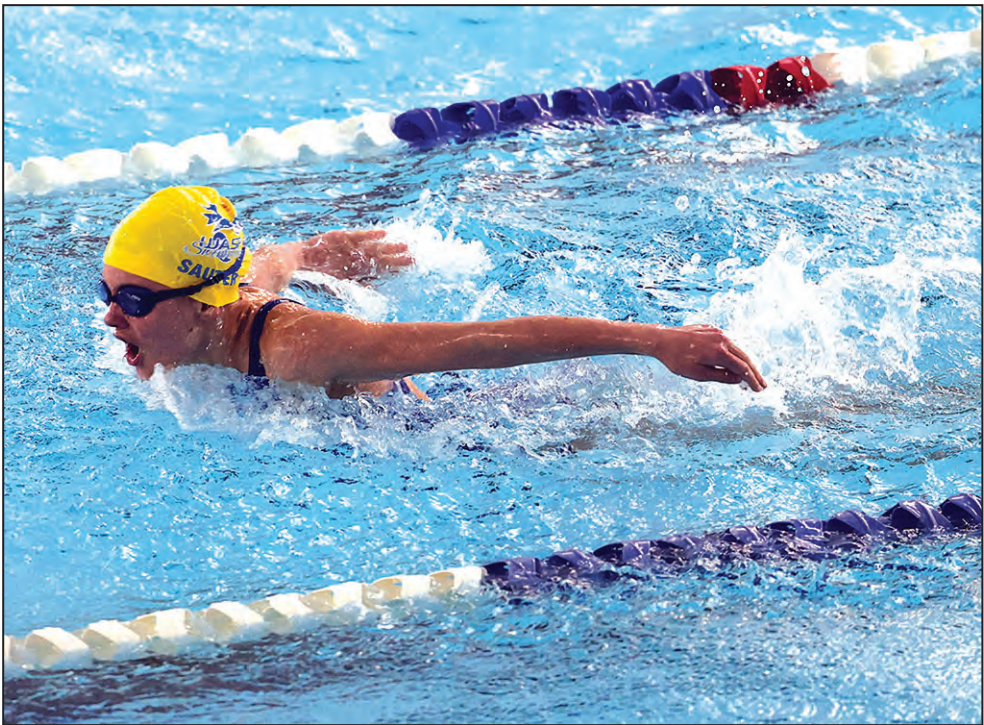
“A practical rule of thumb to use when trying to figure out if you’re dressing your kid warm enough for the cold weather is that they should be wearing what you’re wearing, plus a layer,” Oswald said.

She suggests parents dress their children in a manner similar to themselves, plus an additional layer. For instance, if a parent is wearing a jacket, the child can wear a jacket and a hat. This ensures that the child stays warm without compromising their safety in the car seat.

Aspirus Health recommends Safe Kids Wisconsin’s simple coat check to ensure the security of the car seat. After strapping the child into the car seat with the coat on, parents can remove the child without adjusting the straps, take off the coat and place the child back in the seat.

“If the straps still fit snugly, the layer is safe,” Oswald said. “But if the straps become significantly looser, the layer is too thick and poses a risk.”

By adopting alternative clothing options and following safety measures, parents can ensure their little ones are snugly secured, protected from both the cold weather and the unexpected dangers of puffy coats in car seats. For information on passenger safety, visit [www.aspirus.org/passenger-safety](http://www.aspirus.org/passenger-safety).



Rylee Crick earned four top five finishes at the regional championships in Fond du Lac in February. Her best finish was second place in the 50-yard breaststroke. She also swam in the 50-yard and 100-yard fly, as pictured. CHAD SAUTER

# WASP swimmers compete at regionals

## Three competitors earn variety of top 10 finishes

Three members of the Wittenberg Area Swim Program (WASP) competed in the regional championships in Fond du Lac on Feb. 16-18.

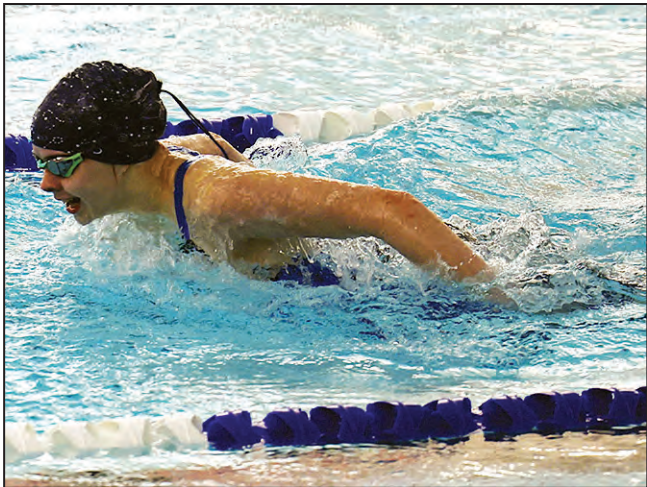
Each swimmer participated in several events, and each finished in the top 10 in at least one of her events.

Rylee Crick, 13, earned four top five finishes. Crick placed second in the 50-yard breaststroke in 35.74 seconds, fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:29.27, fourth in the 50-yard fly in 30.54 and fifth in the 100-yard fly in 1:12.26.

Crick also finished seventh in the 200-yard individual medley (IM) in 2:33.59 and 14th in the 50-yard freestyle in 29.1.

Aislyn Sauter, 11, had a pair of top 10 finishes, including fourth in the 50-yard breaststroke in 39.7 and 10th in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:32.53.

She also placed 14th in the 50-yard fly in 36.79, 18th in the 100-yard



Competing in the 50-yard fly, Aislyn Sauter was one of three members of the Wittenberg Area Swim Program to compete in the regional championships in February in Fond du Lac. All three placed in the top 10 in at least one of the events in which they competed. CHAD SAUTER

freestyle in 1:12.4, 21st in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:54.56, 24th in the 50-yard backstroke in 40.56 and 53rd in the 50-yard freestyle in 38.83.

Aubrey Wierzba, 11, placed in the top 10 in four of the seven events in which she competed.

Wierzba finished second in the 50-yard breast-

stroke in 39.69, third in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:27.16, eighth in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:23.09 and ninth in the 100-yard IM in 1:19.41.

She also placed 11th in the 50-yard fly in 36.67, 14th in the 50-yard backstroke in 37.34 and 23rd in the 50-yard freestyle in 32.45.



## A CALL TO WORSHIP

Houses of worship can send their vital information, including physical addresses, days and times of services, names of leaders and contact information, to be placed in our online worship directory at [news@newmedia-wi.com](mailto:news@newmedia-wi.com). Put “WORSHIP DIRECTORY” in the subject line.



OBITUARIES

Ruben 'Hot Rod' Hoffman

Ruben "Hot Rod" Hoffman, 80, rode off into the sunset on Feb. 23, 2024, when he peacefully took his last breath.

Ruben was born Nov. 21, 1943, in Shawano. He was the son of the late Anton and Loraine (Pevonka) Hoffman. At the age of 14, he set pins at the local bowling alley in Gresham. After turning 17, Ruben started driving milk truck and hauled milk cans to Morning Glory in Shawano where he would unload them by hand. One year later, he started working for Hoffman Transit where he hauled grain, cattle, logs, wood chips and corn all over Wisconsin and out of the state. About eight years later, Ruben started working for Haupt Contract Carriers where he hauled cross country. After that, he drove for multiple other companies until retirement.

After retirement, Ruben drove part time for Hartleben Farms and Hoffman Transit. Over the years, he



accumulated millions of miles and got to see the entire country from behind a steering wheel.

In Ruben's free time, he enjoyed all kinds of hunting, fishing, spending time with friends and family, cooking maple syrup, driving anything with a motor and taking naps while driving in his sleep. He had multiple nicknames over the years such as, Hot Rod, Boobie and Grandpa.

Ruben is survived by his children, Windy (Henry) Perry and Derek

Linda L. Kraemer

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

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

They started a carpet business locally, and Linda later started work as a secretary at the Shawano Chamber of Commerce in the late 1980s.

Over the past few years, Linda discovered a deep relationship with Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior through the teaching and beautiful friendships at Zion Lutheran Church, Embarrass, and New Hope Church, Shawano. As a member of Zion Lutheran, Linda was active with the Ladies Aid, and many other groups ready to



serve the church's ministry. Linda loved the Lord with her whole heart and served him well through the years of caring for her husband, daughter and mother-in-law, Ruth Kraemer Bell.

She loved her Red Hats and the many friends around the lake and beyond. She was bubbly and talkative, and loved to be social and visit with friends, whether it was at church or entertaining guests in her home. She cherished her neighbors on Pine Lake, and if she ever encountered a stranger, she'd get to know them without fail.

She embraced Facebook and enjoyed keep-

Myrna J. McKay

Myrna J. McKay, 82, of the Town of Belle Plaine, passed away Wednesday morning, Feb. 28, 2024, at the Greentree Health and Rehabilitation Center in Clintonville.

Myrna Jean Bittorf was born on Sept. 1, 1941, in Sturgeon Bay as the daughter of the late Ewald and Erna (Benke) Bittorf. Myrna graduated from Shawano High School in 1959 and was united in marriage to James McKay on Nov. 10, 1960, in Memphis, Tennessee.

Myrna spent 26 years

working as a cashier for 21st Century Genetics near Shawano. She was a faithful member of St. Martin Lutheran Church in Clintonville for many years. Throughout her life, Myrna did a little of everything but most of all enjoyed taking care of her home and being around her family.

Survivors include sons, Jim (Kathleen) and Cory (Julie) McKay; grandchildren, Connie (Nate) Frey, Joshua (Jessica) McKay and Nathan Hewitt; and great-grandchildren, Aiden,

(Kim) Rasmussen; stepson, Craig (Jody) Montour; nine grandchildren, Spencer Perry, Parker Perry, Kara, Karis, Kayla, Arty, Alex, Andy and Cody; siblings, Jeanette Crow, James Hoffman, Rosie Buchbeger, Rachel Mola and Cheryl Ketchum; and special nephew, Chuck Natzke and his family. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life for Ruben will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Woodland in Gresham from noon until 4 p.m. A brunch consisting of his favorite foods will be served.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Homme Home of Wittenberg staff and nurses for all their wonderful care and friendliness that they have provided.

In his own words of how he would end every phone call: "That's all I know."

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ing up with her friends and family who lived far away. Her love of gardening kept her busy tending to her beautiful flowers and fresh vegetables in her large garden. She also loved to bake, known for her zucchini bread, and made delicious fudge at Christmas time. One of her favorite things to do was just to sit and enjoy God's creation at her home on the shore.

Linda is survived by her daughter, Deb L. Olson; granddaughter, Lexie J. Olson; brother, Peter Johnson; brother-in-law, David (Dottie) Kraemer.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; and a sister, Joanne Johnson.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 7, 2024, at Zion Lutheran Church in Embarrass. Interment took place at Graceland Cemetery in Clintonville.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville, is assisting the Kraemer family with arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Kelsey, Daniel and Julia. Myrna was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James, in 2022; and a brother, Ottis Bittorf.

A memorial service was held for Myrna on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home in Clintonville. Inurnment followed at the Friendship Cemetery in the Town of Belle Plaine.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established by Myrna's family. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Marlon Curtis White Wing "Huk nikcak" (The Child of The Chief), 71, of Shawano, died on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, at HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay.

Marlon was born on May 19, 1952, in Lyndon Station, the son of Raymond and Elizabeth (Stacy) White Wing.

In Marlon's younger years, he attended Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, Morningside University in Sioux City, Iowa, and the College of Menominee Nation in Keshena. Marlon enjoyed playing cards and cribbage, as well as reading about detective stories, Westerns, science, world events and local news. He loved

Marlon C. White Wing



traveling, especially to different casinos to play the slot machines and bingo.

Spending time with family was most important to Marlon and he had a great love for his Grandma Florence and Aunt Caroline's home-

made baking and cooking. Marlon is survived by his siblings, Errol "Sidney" White Wing, of Wittenberg, and Estelle "Scotty" White Wing, of Baraboo, along with many nieces and nephews.

Marlon was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Elijah "Tony" White Wing (The Chief), Martha "Mona" Neubert, Jeanette "Jinx" White Wing, Beverly "Bubbles" White Wing and Juanita "Nita" White Wing.

Services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024, at the Siga Funmaker Community Center in Wittenberg.

Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

Richard 'Dick' Hansen

Richard "Dick" Hansen, 87, of Wittenberg, died on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, at North Central Health Care in Wausau.

Dick was born on June 25, 1936, the son of Oscar and Bernice (Thomas) Hansen.

Dick married Linda Kay, and together, they had four children. They later divorced.

Dick attended Stevens Point College where he got his bachelor's degree in education. He later went

to UW-Madison, where he achieved his master's. Dick taught college prep English in Eagle River and Howard-Saumico. Dick was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing and working in the woods.

Dick is survived by four children, David Hansen, Daniel Hansen, Donald Hansen and Susan Dukes; four grandchildren, Crystal Stascak, Kimberly Hansen, Cody Hansen and Jordan Dukes; two great-grandchildren, Zander and Alex;

and two sisters, Mary and Sharon.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Dorothy.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024, at Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Wittenberg. Visitation will be on Friday from noon until the time of service at the funeral home.

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Menominee Clans

website returns to CMN

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



new Site Caretakers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ryan Winn teaches communications, English and theater at the College of Menominee Nation. Visit [www.menominee.edu](http://www.menominee.edu) for information about the school.

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# Tungsten shot loads make turkey hunting new again

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Then came buying the ammo.

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



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

ROSS BIELEMA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Skipping party prompts Chinese zodiac research

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

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



**Kathleen Marsh**  
Columnist

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Cardiologist touts diet, exercise to combat heart disease

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

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PULASKI:

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

OCONTO:

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

WITTENBERG:

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

PULASKI:

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

KRAKOW:

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

GILLET:

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

MONDAY, MARCH 11

KESHENA:

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TUESDAY, MARCH 12

SHAWANO:

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

SHAWANO:

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

SHAWANO:

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

KRAKOW:

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

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

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## Birnamwood's Orgeman takes second at state bowling meet

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Lena girls advance to state tourney

## Wittenberg-Birnamwood loses to Xavier in sectional finals

BY KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-chief

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Semifinals



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thomson led her teammates with eight rebounds,

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

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

### Witt-Birn

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

The sectional final was played at Brillion on March 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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# Ice Bears fall in state championship game

## Several players earn all-conference honors

BY KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-chief

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

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

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

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

However, Central Wisconsin took a 4-2 lead

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

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

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

### Bay Area 5 St. Croix Valley 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### All-conference honors

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

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

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

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

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- Must earn a varsity letter for two seasons in hockey during their career.
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Honorees were Bartholomaeus, Sophie Gemiani and Brynn Osbahr.

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# Bonduel boys capture regional crown

## Saturday, March 2 Bonduel

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

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

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

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

### Gillett

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

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

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

### Pulaski

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

to Ashwaubenon.

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

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

### Tigerton

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Friday, March 1 Bonduel

After getting a bye

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

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

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

### Gillett

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

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

### Marion

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

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

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

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

### Pulaski

Pulaski (No. 5) defeated

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

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

### Tigerton

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

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

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

### Witt-Birn

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

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

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

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

## Tuesday, Feb. 27 Bowler

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

Bowler finished the season with a 1-22 record.

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

### Gillett

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

Ben Matczak scored 14 points, and another five players also scored for Gillett.

### Gresham

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

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

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

### Lena

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

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

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

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

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### Menominee Indian

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

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

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

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

### Oconto Falls

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

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

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

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

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Oconto Falls finished the season at 6-19.

### Pulaski

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

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

### Shawano

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son with an 8-17 record.

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

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

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

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

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

### Suring

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

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

### Tigerton

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

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

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

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

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

### Witt-Birn

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

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

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

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# Politicians can actually keep their promises

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Learn at Shawano schools open house

#### To the editor:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, please visit [www.shawanoschools.com/page/referendum-2024](http://www.shawanoschools.com/page/referendum-2024).

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

**Pastor Michael McKinnies,**  
Shawano

### District Attorney's office slows down justice

#### To the editor:

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

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

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

evidence available in those cases.

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

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

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

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

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

**Alec Ballo, Hammond**

## GUEST COLUMN

# Immigrant influx does not rise to 'crisis'

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

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

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

Many newcomers are asylum seekers fleeing brutal conditions in their



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Guest columnist

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

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

aimed at overthrowing the democratically elected Sandinista government.

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

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

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

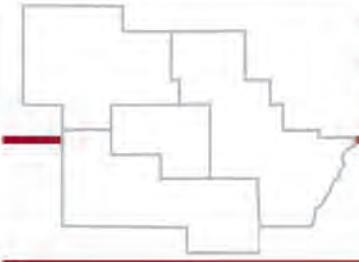
of the immigrant community risks creating more problems than it solves. Instead, resources should be directed toward integration and support services, helping newcomers navigate the legal system, learn English and access critical health care.

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

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

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# Aspirus seeks participants for cardiovascular disease trial

Aspirus Research Institute is seeking participants for a clinical study that has the potential to improve future treatment options for people living with cardiovascular disease.

If you have had a heart attack or stroke, or have poor circulation, you may be eligible for the study.

The REDEFINE 3 Study will look at the safety and potential benefits of cagrilintide and semaglutide (CagriSema) on cardiovascular events, like heart attack and stroke, in people living with cardiovascular disease. During the study, researchers will track cardiovascular events (heart attack, stroke or heart-related deaths) as well as changes in body weight and A1C.

Participants may qualify if they:

- Had a stroke, heart attack or have poor circulation (peripheral artery disease).
- Are 55 years of age or older.
- Are considered overweight or living with obesity (BMI greater than 25).
- Have type 2 diabetes.
- Can have chronic kidney disease.



Interventional cardiologist German Larrain, MD, is the REDEFINE 3 Study principal investigator for Aspirus Research Institute. Participants are being sought for a clinical study that has the potential to improve future treatment options for people living with cardiovascular disease. CONTRIBUTED

ney disease.

- Can attend regular clinic visits and receive phone calls over 4-4½ years, depending on study start date.

The study sponsor, Novo Nordisk, expects the study to last up to four and a half years and enroll 7,000 participants in the United States and across the world.

“We are honored to be selected and participate in this important clinical trial that applies the latest research discoveries to help advance medicine,”

said Aspirus study principal investigator interventional cardiologist German Larrain. “Study participants can know they are helping others by contributing to this important research.”

All patients enrolled in the study will be followed closely for up to four and a half years. There are no costs associated with participation, and patients are reimbursed for all study-related visits.

For more information, visit [aspirus.org/redefine3](https://aspirus.org/redefine3) or call Aspirus Research Institute at 715-847-2273.

# St. Luke's completes affiliation with Aspirus

## Aspirus now 19 hospitals strong across three states

St. Luke's, based in Duluth, Minnesota, has officially completed its affiliation with Wausau-based Aspirus Health.

The expanded health system now operates 19 hospitals and 130 outpatient locations with nearly 14,000 team members, including 1,300 employed physicians and advanced practice clinicians, across northeastern Minnesota, northern and central Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The system will operate headquarters in Wausau and maintain a corporate office in Duluth.

The combined system will collaborate in clinical care, sharing medical knowledge and resources to improve care coordination and increase patient access. This is expected to improve patient outcomes, provide more cost-effective services and advance the overall quality of health care.

“We are proud to welcome St. Luke's and Lake View to the Aspirus family,” said Matt Heywood, Aspirus Health president and CEO. “Our collective strengths will improve health for our communities, and we look forward

to what the future holds for our patients, staff and all who rely on our system for excellent care. Our combined team can now begin working together as champions for the future of health in our communities.”

“Today is a historic day,” said Dr. Nicholas Van Deelen, St. Luke's co-president. “From our founding in 1881, St. Luke's has built a legacy as a patient-focused organization above all else. We are proud to join Aspirus Health to advance services and access in our region. Our like-minded cultures and values are rooted in serving people. The completion of our affiliation will benefit our employees, partners and the communities we serve for generations to come.”

“We see our affiliation with Aspirus Health as a continuation of our mission and passion to care for our patients and communities,” added Eric Lohn, St. Luke's other co-president. “Together, we are stronger, and we will grow and transform to meet the changing needs of our communities.”

Aspirus and St. Luke's have worked diligently since announcing a letter of intent to affiliate last summer, including sign-

ing a definitive agreement, completing due diligence and participating in a public forum with the Minnesota Attorney General's office in Duluth last fall. The affiliation has satisfied all necessary governmental notices, waiting periods and approvals, and completed the Minnesota Attorney General's review process.

“We appreciate the support this affiliation received from all officials involved,” Heywood said.

Heywood will continue to serve as president and CEO of Aspirus Health, and Van Deelen and Lohn will continue to serve as co-presidents of St. Luke's.

As part of the affiliation, Aspirus commits to:

- Honor all physician, labor and union contracts.
- Invest at least \$300 million over eight years to fund St. Luke's strategic projects.
- Implement the Epic electronic medical record platform and other standard systems to promote integration and efficiency within 24 months.
- Expand Aspirus Health Plan into St. Luke's service area within two years, subject to regulatory constraints and timelines.

### VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 10 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

**You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing or online at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://MyVote.wi.gov).**

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter, or you may apply for an absentee ballot online at [myVote.wi.gov](https://myVote.wi.gov). Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://MyVote.wi.gov).

**Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail**

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: 5 pm on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, March 28, 2024.

**Note:** Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

**Voting an absentee ballot in person**

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

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No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.  
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# Jacque announces his candidacy for Congress

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

State Sen. Andre Jacques announced his campaign for Congress on March 4 during a Green Bay radio show.

Jacques, R-De Pere, joins former state Sen. Roger Roth, R-Appleton, as the only announced candidates for the seat now held by U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher, R-Green Bay. Gallagher announced Feb. 10 that he won't run for a fifth two-year term in Congress. Jacques's announcement potentially sets up an Aug. 13 Republican primary.

"Living in and representing the northeast portion of the state has af-



ANDRE JACQUES

Jacques said. "I'm proud of my record delivering conservative wins and fighting back against liberal policies that would harm our state."

Jacques served four two-year terms in the state Assembly before being elected to the state Senate in 2018. A married father of six, he is currently serving his second four-year term as a state senator representing the 1st Senate

forded me the opportunity to meet many neighbors who have become friends,"

District. The recent redistricting moved his home into the 30th Senate District, but the next District 1 election is not scheduled until 2026.

Other potential candidates for 8th Congressional District include Alex Brusewitz, a Republican consultant who was born in Wisconsin but currently lives in Florida, and Democrat Kristin Lysterly, a De Pere doctor.

The 8th Congressional District covers all of Shawano, Oconto, Menominee, Brown, Calumet, Door, Kewaunee, Marinette, Outagamie and Waupaca counties and a portion of Winnebago County.

## Leaping into the world



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

## Little Rapids gives \$10K to Boys and Girls Club

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

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

"Our foundation was one of the charter donors, initially bringing the Boys and Girls Club to Shawano," said Alysia Pillsbury, Little Rapids Corporation's associate and Egan Family Foundation board director. "We are incredibly proud

to see how the club has thrived in our community. It was such a joy to meet the kids and see, firsthand, how our donations are directly impacting lives."

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

more resources to the youths who walk through its doors.

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

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

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



SPORTS EDITOR

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

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

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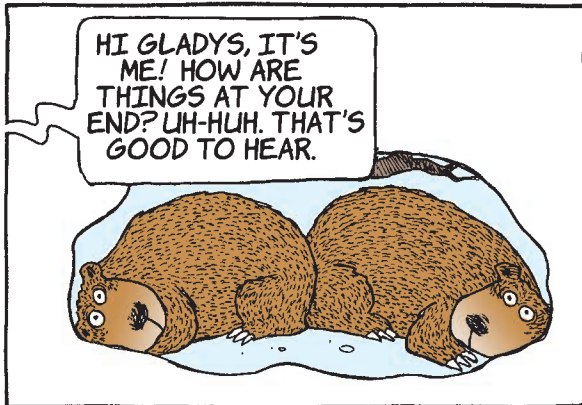
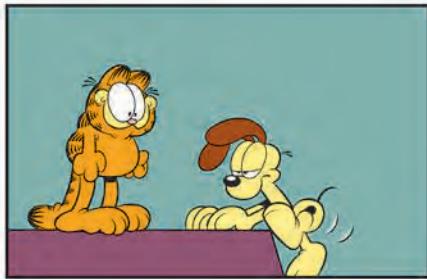
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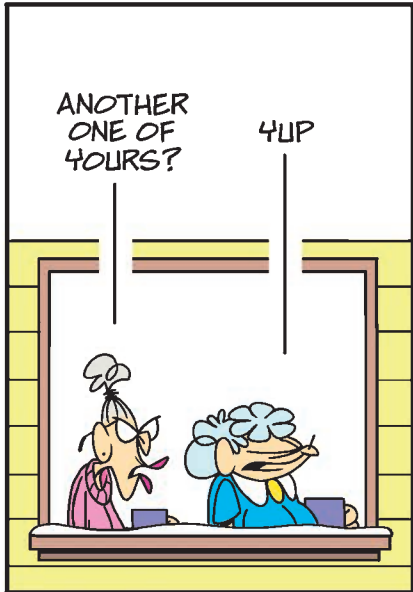
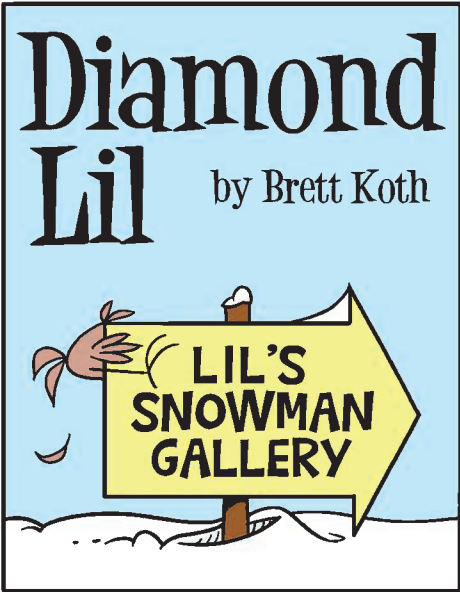
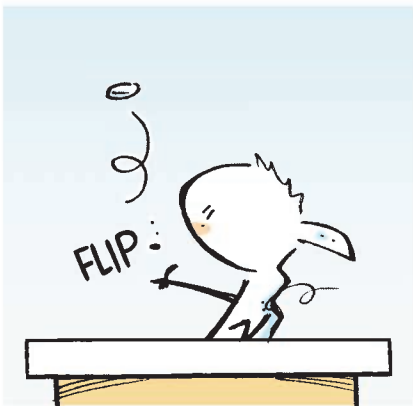
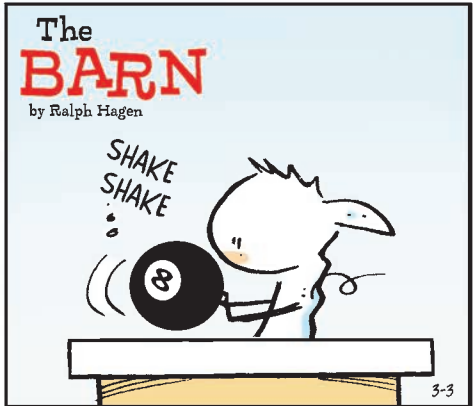
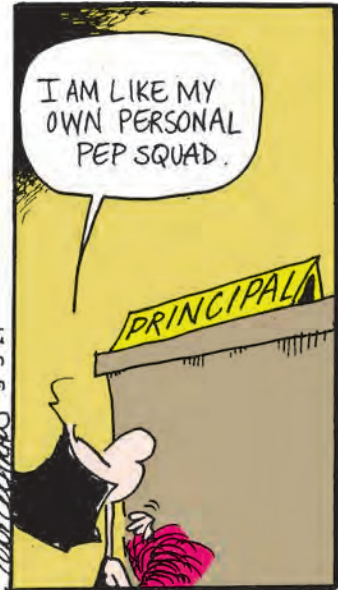
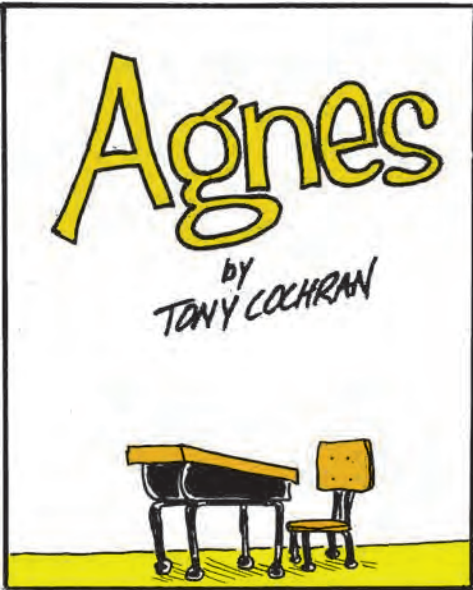
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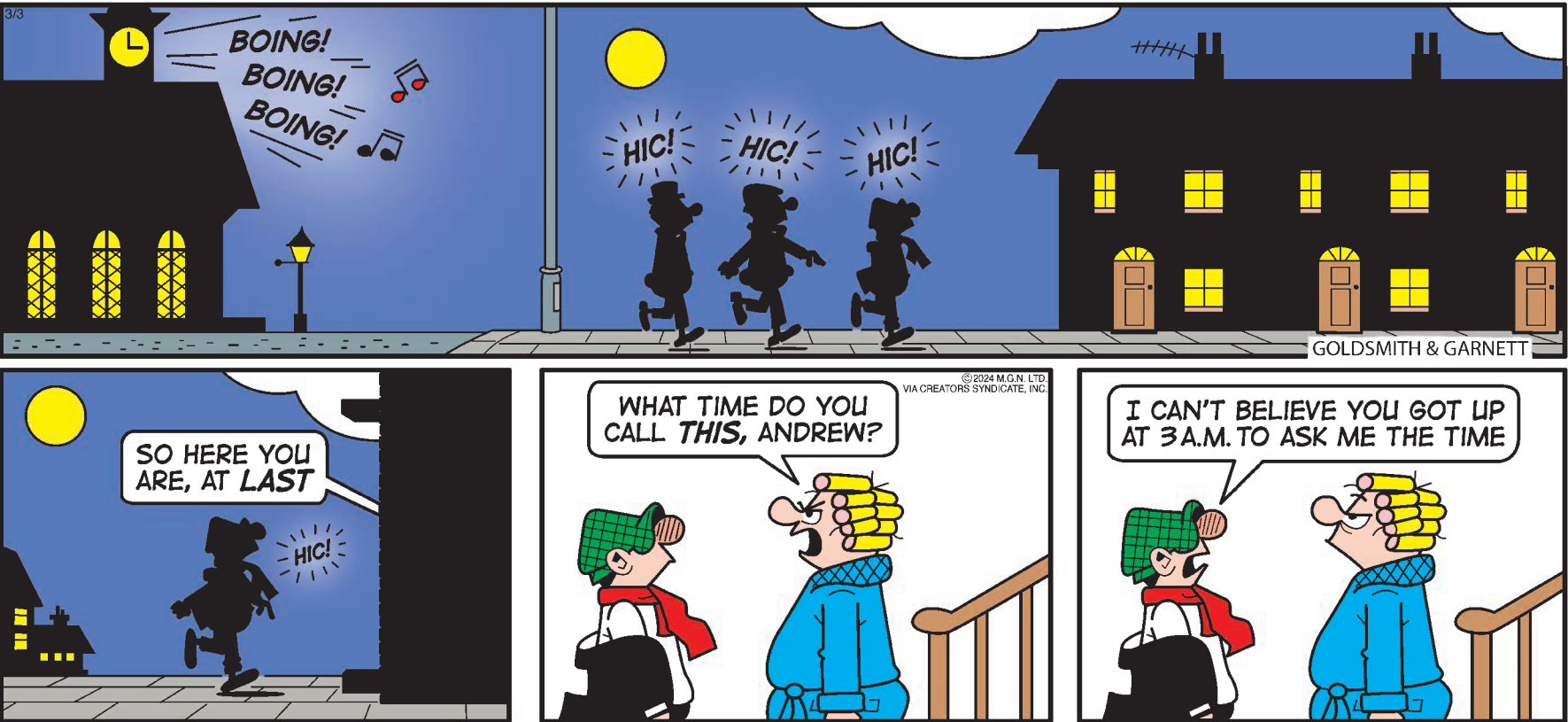






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Best Thing To Do:

☐ Casino - North Star Mohican Casino Resort

☐ Cheese Factory - Belle Plaine Cheese

☐ Happy Hour/Night Spot - Classics Restaurant & Lounge

☐ Hotel/Motel/Resort - Shawano Four Seasons Hotel

☐ Live Music - Classics Restaurant & Lounge

☐ Museum- Shawano Historical Society Heritage House, Heritage Park

☐ Golf Course - Shawano Lake Golf Course

☐ Campground - Shawano County Park

Best Vehicle Services:

☐ ATV Store - Caroline Motorsports

☐ Auto Body Repair - Shawano Auto Sales

☐ Auto Parts Supply Store - NAPA Hometown Auto Parts

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

☐ Car Dealer - Buss Automotive, Inc.

☐ Vehicle Service Center - Auto Select, Shawano

☐ Tire Store - Pomp's Tire

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the Best!

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

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

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Best Food/Dining:

☐ Bakery - Fannita's Bakery

☐ Bar - Stubborn Brothers Brewery

☐ Breakfast - Farm Inn' on Main

☐ Burger - The Pad

☐ Coffee House - Beans & Books Coffeehouse, LLC

☐ Dessert - Luigi's Pasta & Pizza

☐ Dinner - Classics Restaurant & Lounge

☐ Family Restaurant - Shawano's Cafe

☐ Fast Food - Culver's of Shawano

☐ Fish Fry - Dixon's Torchlight

☐ Ice Cream - Dairy Queen Grill & Chill

☐ International - El Tequila Mexican Restaurant

☐ Lunch - Shawano's Cafe

☐ Pizza - Luigi's Pasta & Pizza

☐ Sandwich - The Lighthouse Bar & Grill



**BEST FOOD AND DINING**

— **Bakery**

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

— **Bar**  
**Stubborn Brothers Brewery**

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

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

— **Breakfast**  
**Farm Inn on Main**  
123 N Main St,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**--Ice Cream  
Dairy Queen Grill & Chill**  
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Shawano, WI  
715-526-5730

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**— Lunch & Family  
Restaurant**  
Shawano’s Cafe  
W7389 River Bend Rd,  
Shawano WI  
715-201-1122

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BEST SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

— **Chiropractor & Massage Verkuilen Chiropractic & Wellness Center**  
Dr. Carrie VerKuilen  
Dr. Jennifer Skibba  
1401 E. Elizabeth Street Shawano, WI 54166 715-524-6720  
Hours: Mon-Fri 8AM - 6PM  
Closed Sat & Sun  
The Verkuilen Chiropractic and Wellness Center is committed to providing you with quality chiropractic care. We take a conservative approach to health care. As a new patient to our clinic, we will do a review of your chief complaint, a case history and perform a physical examination. The doctor will then perform a necessary, detailed examination of your spine and specific orthopedic and neurological tests needed to determine the severity and nature of your problem. X-rays may be taken if there is clinical need.

— **Credit Union CoVantage Credit Union**  
911 E. Green Bay Street – Full-Service Branch  
604 South Main Street – Drive Up Branch  
715-524-8200  
CoVantage Credit Union is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative. CoVantage offers a full

range of loan products including vehicle loans, mortgages, commercial loans, credit cards; and deposit products including free checking, money market accounts, certificates, IRAs, and health savings accounts. Other free convenience services such as debit cards, online/mobile banking, and financial counseling are available for members. CoVantage offers early morning drive-up service at our Main Street branch from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Lobby hours at our Green Bay Street branch are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday; Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The Green Bay Street branch also has drive up hours from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Residents of the Wolf River Region can open an account or apply for a loan through www.covantagecu.org, at the branch, or over the phone. CoVantage gives back to the communities in which they belong and has contributed to groups such as Safe Haven, Shawano Area Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, United Way, and many other civic and community-based organizations. Another way CoVantage gives back is by returning its surplus earnings to its members through their patronage program. In 2021, \$5 million was returned to savers and borrowers. There are two components to the member patronage program: a savings bonus, which provides an additional dividend based on total interest earned during the year; and a loan interest rebate, which returns a portion of the interest paid on loans. Last year was the 41st

consecutive year of providing this unique form of member value to borrowers. CoVantage Credit Union’s mission is to welcome all regardless of wealth; provide outstanding value and exceptional service; work with members experiencing financial challenge; and remain financially strong. CoVantage will treat all members and potential members with respect and dignity and in a fair and impartial manner. The credit union stresses the importance of financial thrift and strives to assist members during times of financial difficulty and hardship. The credit union has a variety of products and services for those with modest means. In fact, CoVantage has never had a minimum loan amount. The credit union has always attempted to provide the amount of credit the member needed, no matter how low.

— **Dentist Walsh Dental Group**  
657 N. Main St., Shawano, WI 54166 715-524-2581  
Owner: Dr. Ashley Walsh DDS  
Walsh Dental Group is a general dental practice seeing patients of all ages. We provide comprehensive dental care including preventive services, fillings, same-day crowns, extractions, dentures, implants and Botox®. The office is open Monday through Thursday 7:00am to 4:00pm. Drs. Ashley Walsh, Scarlett Young, and John Dahlie, along with their extremely knowledgeable team of dental professionals are happy to answer any of your dental questions and will provide your entire family exceptional dental care. Walsh Dental Group is a hard-working, caring group of professionals dedicated to providing compassionate, high quality dentistry through education and innovation.

— **Electrician Raddant Electric Service, Inc.**  
W7859 County Road MMM, Shawano 715-526-6758  
Owner: Rich Raddant  
Raddant Electric has provided the Shawano community and surrounding area with electrical service for the past 30 years and is a member of the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce and Wolf River Builders Association. They provide residential and commercial electrical wiring, trouble shooting and repair service, sign repair, trenching, and have an aerial bucket truck for the hard to reach jobs. Raddant Electric is also your local dealer for Generac home stand-by generators, providing you with continued power in the event of a power outage. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a 24 hour emergency service. Closed Saturday & Sunday. Their family of electric contractors with a staff of seven employees provides quick and efficient electrical service, with courtesy, professionalism, and integrity in all aspects of their service from the initial phone call through the completion of your job. They were also named “Small Business of the Year” in 2009 from the chamber.

— **Fitness Center Total Fitness**  
116 N. Main St., Shawano 715-526-2899  
Owners: Jean Darling  
Hours: of operation: Mon-Fri 5:15 am-7:30 pm, Sat 7:00 am-11:00 am, Sunday closed. Total Fitness is locally owned and operated serving the community for seventeen years. Our employees strive to be available for clients’ needs on a daily basis and are staffed all hours of operation for customer assistance. Total Fitness prides itself in its group fitness exercise classes, which are included in membership, as  
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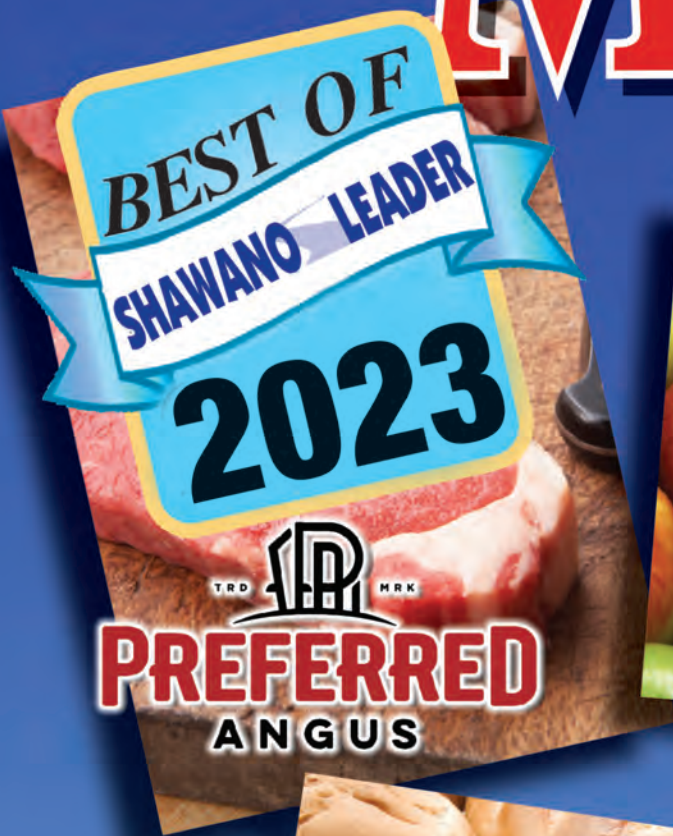
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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #1



Best Goods:

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

Best Services:

- ☐ A/C & Heating -Stewart's Heating & Cooling, Oconto
- ☐ Child Care - Sunshine Child Center, Gillett
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- ☐ Credit Union - N.E.W. Credit Union, Oconto Falls
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- ☐ Tax Service - Vorphal Business Services, Oconto Falls
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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #2



Best Thing To Do:

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

Best Outdoor Activities:

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

Best Vehicle Services:

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

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2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #3



Food/Dining:

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



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**2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #1**

**Best Goods:**

- ☐ Flower Shop - Billy's Wittenberg Floral
- ☐ Grocery Store - Wittenberg Sentry Foods
- ☐ Hardware Store -Wittenberg True Value
- ☐ Tile/Flooring - Woodstock Flooring & Design Center

**Best Services:**

- ☐ A/C & Heating - A. Groshek Heating & Cooling
- ☐ Chiropractor - Long Chiropractic Center
- ☐ Credit Union - CoVantage Credit Union
- ☐ Dentist - Szmanda Dental Center
- ☐ Insurance Agency - American Family Insurance, David Cooper
- ☐ Optometrist - Family Vision Center, Wittenberg
- ☐ Pharmacy - Gwidt Pharmacy
- ☐ Real Estate - Smart Move Realty
- ☐ Veterinarian - Wittenberg Veterinary Services

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**2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #2**

**Best Thing To Do:**

- ☐ Bowling Alley - T & C Lanes, Wittenberg
- ☐ Casino - Ho-Chunk Gaming
- ☐ Happy Hour - Straight Home Bar & Grill
- ☐ Live Music - Jungle's on Main, Gresham
- ☐ Meat Market - Nueske's Applewood Meats
- ☐ Night Spot - Jungle's on Main, Gresham

**Best Outdoor Activities:**

- ☐ Bait/Tackle Shop - Wittenberg Shell Station
- ☐ Golf Course - Maple Hills Golf Course
- ☐ Lawn/Garden - Jim's Lawn Care LLC

**Best Vehicle Services:**

- ☐ Auto Body Repair - Kessen Auto Body & Sales, Birnamwood
- ☐ Auto Parts Supply Store - NAPA Auto Parts, Wittenberg
- ☐ Car Dealer - Kessen Auto Body & Sales, Birnamwood
- ☐ Vehicle Service Center - Beversdorf's Garage

— **Plumber**  
**Moede & Sons Inc.**  
610 E. Center Street  
715-524-4211  
Owners:  
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— **Real Estate**  
**Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group**  
105 S. Washington St.,

Shawano  
715-526-6148  
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The Agents at Coldwell Banker work on behalf of their customers and clients to help them realize their real estate needs. Our office has 13 full-time agents and is open Monday-Saturday or by appointment. Thank you to all of our past customers and clients for taking time to vote for us. We appreciated you!  
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— **Retirement Community**  
**The Cottages Senior Living and Memory Care**  
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751 & 747 E Highland Dr.  
Oconto Falls, WI  
920-848-3458  
www.thecottagescare.com  
"The Cottages Senior Living and Memory Care specialize in providing the best care and compassion to our residents. Our senior living apartments are designed to help our seniors live as independently and

happy as possible; while providing any assistance that they need. Our Memory Care specializes in providing help and assistance to those individuals who are diagnosed with any form of dementia. We pride ourselves in helping the whole person when it comes to caring for our residents; as well as helping their loved ones walk through the dementia journey together with their loved one."

— **Travel Agency**  
**First Class Travel**  
139 N Main Shawano  
715-526-4585  
Owner: Julie Bartz  
First Class Travel is a full service travel agency with a focus on groups, River cruising and custom curated garden vacations. Storefront office hours are generally Monday-Thursday 10-4pm although many days Julie works from home, so it is best to call for an appointment to meet in person.  
Having been in business since 1995, Julie has traveled to over 79 countries and all 7 continents making her the most experienced and well traveled agent in the area. Her passion for travel is matched only

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**2023 RESULTS - BALLOT #3**



**Food/Dining:**

- ☐ Bar - Straight Home Bar & Grill
- ☐ Burger -Straight Home Bar & Grill
- ☐ Dessert - Lisa's Smart Shop Bakery
- ☐ Dinner - Taco John's
- ☐ Fish Fry - Rachel's Roadside Bar & Grill
- ☐ Lunch -Taco John's
- ☐ Pizza - T&C Lanes
- ☐ Sandwich - Hula Hut



by her commitment to providing exceptional service to her clients, many who have worked with Julie since 1985. Julie's first hand knowledge of the world is the extra touch to make your vacation the best it can be.

— **Veterinarian  
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**BEST THINGS TO DO**

— **Casino  
North Star Mohican  
Casino Resort**  
W12180 Co Rd A,  
Bowler, WI 54416  
715-787-2536  
Owner(s):  
Stockbridge-Munsee  
Band of Mohican  
Indians  
North Star Mohican  
Casino Resort is a  
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Wisconsin. Our  
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team members, and surrounding communities.

— **Cheese Factory  
Belle Plaine Cheese**  
N3473 Wisconsin Ave.,  
Shawano  
715-526-2789  
Owners: Don and  
Diane Brandl  
Hours: Mon.-Fri.  
8:30am to 4pm, Sat.  
8:30am to 3pm.  
Don and Diane Brandl,  
along with some help  
from their daughter,  
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cheese retail store for  
45 years. Don has over  
50 years of experience  
in the cheese business.  
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of cheese with fresh  
curds available daily.  
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cheese boxes to ship  
or to pick up. Belle  
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— **Hotel / Motel /  
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201 N. Airport Road,  
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Shawano, WI 54166,  
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evenings.

— **Museum  
Shawano Historical  
Society  
Heritage House,  
Heritage Park**  
524 N. Franklin Street  
Shawano, WI 54166  
E-mail:office@  
shawanohistory.com  
Phone: (715) 526-3323  
Shawano County  
Historical Society/  
Heritage Park began  
organizing September  
6, 1940. After 21 years  
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museum buildings  
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County history. We  
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ACTIVITIES**

— **Golf Course  
Shawano Lake Golf  
Course**  
W5714 Lake Drive,  
Shawano  
715-524-4890  
Hours: 7am-6pm  
Sunday-Monday.  
Shawano Lake  
Golf Course (nick-  
named "Shalagoco" or  
simply the Shal) was  
established in 1922 and  
is one of Wisconsin's  
oldest courses. The  
Shalagoco is a public  
course that features  
18-holes; 6231 yards  
spread over 120 acres  
of rolling, tree-lined  
fairways with finely  
manicured greens. The  
course rating is 68.6  
(63.6 gold tees) with  
a slope of 123 (111  
gold tees). It represents  
a true mix of beauty  
and challenge for your  
golfing pleasure. The  
facility also contains an  
8 tee driving range, a  
putting green and a  
sand bunker practice  
area. The Shalagoco has  
a full bar and restaurant  
with banquet facilities  
making the Shalagoco  
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Owners: residents of Shawano County  
Shawano County park provides recreational areas in the county for tourists and local residents. These services are provided at county parks, boat landings, recreation areas and on the state trails. Our mission is to provide clean, safe and diverse recreational opportunities throughout the county for residents and visitors alike.

**BEST VEHICLE SERVICES**

— **ATV Store**

**Caroline Motorsports**  
12698 County Rd M,  
Caroline  
715-754-4485

— **Auto Body Parts Supply NAPA Hometown Auto Parts**  
1200 E. Green Bay St.  
Shawano WI 54166  
715-524-6272  
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— **Auto Body Repair Shawano Auto Sales**  
939 E Green Bay St.,  
Shwano 715-526-3020

— **Boat Dealer/ Maintenance American Marine &**

**Motorsports Super Center**  
830 & 1100 E. Green Bay St.  
Shawano  
715-526-4300 or 866-955-BOAT  
www.americanmarina.com  
Managers: Greg Seymour, Jeremy Buenning  
American Marine & Motorsports Super Center is a full service dealership providing a huge selection of pontoon boats, fishing boats, ski boats, cuddy cabin "big water boats," outboard motors, ATVs, scooters, go-karts, open and enclosed trailers, docks and boat lifts, and more. They also have a fully staffed parts, service, and accessory department and an on-water marina on Shawano Lake that handles gas, oil, accessories, rentals and service. Hours of operation run Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. They've invested over 30 years in the pursuit of excellence in the boating and powersports industry. They are enthusiasts

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— **Car Dealer Buss Automotive, Inc.**  
1255 E. Green Bay Street  
Shawano, WI  
715-524-0444  
www.bussautos.com  
Owners: Rory Buss and Ron Buss  
Buss Automotive sells new Chevrolet vehicles and all makes of used vehicles. We service all makes and models. Our technicians and staff are constantly being trained by General Motors. It is a family owned business operated for 31 years

by brothers who were born and raised in Shawano and grew up in the auto industry. Hours of sales operations run Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am to 1 pm. Service hours are Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm. Saturday by appointment. Their Christian faith, dedicated employees, customer loyalty, quality of their products and services, and being one of the few dealerships that General Motors is investing in makes Buss Automotive the best in the business.

**Vehicle Service Center Auto Select**  
1229 E Green Bay St.,  
Shawano 715-524-8266

— **Tire Store Pump's Tire**  
126 N. Andrews St.,  
Shawano, WI 54166  
Phone: 715.526.2178  
Overview of Business: Pump's Tire Service can handle any tire need that comes your way.

We sell and service everything from small lawn tractor tires to passenger car tires, light truck tires, medium truck tires, farm tires, and much more. We also perform many automotive services. We are open Monday through Friday 8:00am - 5 pm, closed Saturday and Sunday. Mission: Pump's Tire Service has been doing business since 1939. Throughout the years, Pump's has continued to offer its customers quality products and unparalleled service at a fair price. With over 90 locations throughout the Midwest, you're never far from friendly hometown service.

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